

Party Government in Europe Database (PAGED) – Basic party dataset

This comparative dataset builds on previous datasets (Andersson et al 2020, Bergman et al 2019, Bergman et al 2021, Hellström et al 2021, Strøm et al 2008), and has been updated in-house to mid-2023.

The dataset provides detailed information on parties represented in parliament in 28 European countries from 1945 (or their democratic transitions) up to June 1st, 2023. The parties are nested in the cabinets present in the PAGED basic dataset.

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Structure of the codebook

The codebook is structured as follows: The first section briefly defines the basic theoretical concepts used to collect the data. To maximize consistency across datasets, all these concepts are largely congruent with those applied in the previous datasets on *The Representative Democracy Data Archive*. The following sections then each contain detailed information on

- the name of the variable as it is defined in the dataset,
- the label briefly describing the variable,
- the attached value label,
- relevant additional information on specific coding decisions (where applicable),

For several variables such as the partisan composition of the cabinet or the allocation of portfolios the information is given using party abbreviations and/or party-IDs. Please refer to the corresponding *Party codebook* for further information. For additional information on coding and definition of most of the variables please see *Notes on Coding Principles* for further information.

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General information on the cabinets

| Variable | Label | Value Label/Format | Additional Information |
|------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| party_id | Party ID | Party IDs; see party codebook | |
| party_abbr | Party abbreviation | Party abbreviation; see party codebook | Only lists the latest abbreviation used by a specific party. For a more exhaustive list, consult the party codebook |
| country_id | Country | | |
| country_name | Country name | | Country name in English |
| country_id_iso | Country numeric ISO code | | ISO 3166-1 standard |
| cab_id | Cabinet ID | First two digits: country Second two digits: cabinet | |
| cab_name | Cabinet | | Name of the PM consecutively numbered with Roman figures |
| date_in | Date in | DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014) | First day in cabinet life according to official criteria defined as: (a) date that PM/cabinet was appointed by head of state (b) date of investiture vote in parliament (c) date of general election |
| date_out | Date out | DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014) | Last day in cabinet life defined as: (a) day of cabinet resignation (b) day of general election |
| cab_composition1 | Cabinet composition | Party abbreviations; see party codebook | List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM |
| cab_composition2 | Cabinet composition | Party IDs; see party codebook | List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM |
| pm_party | Party of Prime Minister | 0: no 1: yes | Date of most recent parliamentary election: (a) two-round elections: date of second round (b) elections held over several days: date of last day |
| elecdate | Election date | DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014) | |

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| largest_party | Largest party in parliament | 0: no 1: yes | Largest party in term of seats. |
| seats_party | Party seats lower chamber | | |
| seats | Total number of seats: lower chamber | | |
| upper_seats_party | Party seats upper chamber | | |
| upper_seats_total | Total number of seats: upper chamber | | |
| median_party_first | Party of the median legislator: first dimension | 0: no 1: yes | |
| median_party_second | Party of the median legislator: second dimension | 0: no 1: yes | |
| others | Other minor parties and independents | 0: no 1: yes | |
| partyfacts_id | Partyfacts ID | Partyfacts Party ID | The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Partyfacts database (Bederke et al. 2023). |
| manifesto_id | Manifesto Project Party ID | Manifesto Project Party ID | The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Manifesto Project (Lehmann et al. 2023). |
| ches_id | Chapel Hill Expert Surveys Party ID | Chapel Hill Expert Surveys Party ID | The corresponding party ID—if any—in the Chapel Hill Expert Surveys (Jolly et al. 2022). |
| family | Manifesto Project Party Family | | |