

Coalition Governments in Western Europe

This comparative dataset was collected for *Coalition Governance in Western Europe* (2021), edited by Torbjörn Bergman, Hanna Bäck, and Johan Hellström. It provides detailed information on important aspects of government formation, coalition governance, and government termination

All data were meticulously collected by experts on coalition politics in their respective country using standardized coding instructions and interview guidelines. Specifically, the data were gathered from official documents (government, administration, and parliament) and party documents (election manifestos, coalition agreements), by conducting semi-structured interviews with (former) staff and cabinet members as well as a systemic analysis of media reports.

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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. All these concepts are largely congruent with those applied in the previous volume on Western Europe to maximize consistency across datasets. 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),
- the corresponding variable name (where applicable) in the dataset on *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining: The Democratic Life Cycle in Western Europe* (Strøm et al. 2008), here called ‘Old name - WE’.
- and the corresponding variable name in the dataset on *Coalition Government in Eastern Europe* (Bergman et al. 2020) (where applicable), here called ‘Old name - CEE’.

These sections are organized on a table-by-table basis following the structure of the country chapters in *Coalition Governance in Western Europe*. 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.

General Definitions

Government coalition: Defined as a multi-party government where more than one party is represented in the cabinet with full voting right.

Party: Defined as running in the relevant parliamentary election under a distinct label and/or forming an independent parliamentary party group (PPG) consisting of three or more MPs after the election (disregarding national rules of recognizing and privileging PPGs).

Coalition party: Defined as a political party that has a minimum of one seat with full voting right in the cabinet (i.e. the Prime Minister, Vice Prime Minister, cabinet minister).

Change of cabinets: A change of cabinet is recorded when any of the following events occur:

- Any change in the set of parties holding cabinet membership.
- Any change in the identity of the Prime Minister.
- Any general election.

Non-partisan and “caretaker” cabinets: Non-partisan cabinets (if existent) are in the dataset. However, no new cabinet is defined when a regular cabinet has resigned but remains in office as an acting cabinet.

Please note that ministers present in multiple ministries have only been coded for a single ministry, and as such the number of coded portfolios might not match the recorded number of ministries.

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General information on the cabinets

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
country_id	Country			v001x	v001x
cab_id	Cabinet ID	First two digits: country Second two digits: cabinet		v002x	v002x
cab_name	Cabinet		Name of the PM consecutively numbered with Roman figures	v003x	v003x
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	v004x	v004x
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	v005x	v005x
form_decade	Decade by date of formation	90: 1990s 100: 2000s 110: 2010s			v006x
cab_duration_max	Maximum possible cabinet duration	measured in days	Defined as: remainder of the parliamentary term when cabinet assumes office until (a) next constitutionally mandated parliamentary elections (b) next constitutionally mandated presidential elections if it is required or customary for governments to resign at that time	v041y	v007x

cab_duration_days	Cabinet duration	measured in days	Defined as: time period between cabinet's first and last day in office	v179y2	v008x
cab_duration_relative	Relative cabinet duration		Defined as: share of potential duration the cabinet was in office	v179y	v009x
cab_composition	Cabinet composition	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM		v011x
cab_party <u>X</u>	Cabinet party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v011x_party <u>X</u>
cab_num_parties	Number of cabinet parties			v051y	v013x
cab_coalition	Coalition	0: no 1: yes		v049y	v014x
cab_majority	Cabinet majority (50% + 1) seat	0: no 1: yes		v056y	v015x
cab_surplus	Cabinet surplus majority	0: no 1: yes		v058y	v016x
		1: Min	Minority coalition cabinet: Holds less than 50 % plus one seat in parliament. Single-party minority cabinets are likewise coded as 'Min'		
govtype	Government type	2: Maj	Single-party majority cabinet: Holds 50% plus one seat in parliament. Is not a coalition.		vXXXx_v058y2
		3: Mwc	Minimal winning coalition: Is turned into a losing coalition by the subtraction of any of the coalition parties, i.e., if it loses a coalition party it holds less than 50 % plus one seat.		

		4: Sur	Surplus majority coalition: Can lose a coalition party and still be winning, i.e. control 50 % plus one seat or more in the parliament
		5: Non	A non-partisan cabinet, e.g. appointed by a president to hold an election
post_election_cab	Post-electoral cabinet	0: No 1: Yes	
support_parties	Support parties	See party codebooks.	vXXXXx_v1
support_party <u>X</u>	Support party <u>X</u>	See party codebooks.	vXXXXx_v1_party <u>X</u>
techno_maj	Technocrat ministry majority	0: No 1: Yes	
techno_pm	Technocrat PM	0: No 1: Yes	
techno_remit	Broad policy remit	0: No 1: Yes	A cabinet without a broad policy remit is considered a caretaker cabinet.

The political parties and the party system (lower chamber)

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
prox_election	Proximity to election: lower chamber	1 (FE): Cabinets immediately following an election and ended by the next election.		v019x	v019x
		2 (F): Cabinets immediately following an election.			
		3 (N): Cabinets neither immediately following an election nor ended by the next election.			
		4 (E): Cabinets ended by an election.			
elecdate	Election date	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	Date of most recent parliamentary election: (a) two-round elections: date of second round (b) elections held over several days: date of last day		vXXXx_v6
num_parties	Number of parties in parliament		All parties according to the definition of 'party' given above, excluding 'others'.	v042y	v083x
largest_party	Largest party in parliament	See party codebooks.			
largest_party_incab	Largest party in parliament in cabinet	0: No 1: Yes			
minority_sit	Minority situation in parliament	0: no 1: yes	No single party holds 50% plus one seat or more of parliamentary seats		vXXXx_v047y
seats_party <u>X</u>	Party seats lower chamber: Party <u>X</u>				v020x_party <u>X</u>
seats	Total number of seats: lower chamber			v139y	v046x

cab_strength_lower	Cabinet strength: lower chamber			v047x
cab_strength_out	Cabinet strength at date out: lower chamber			v047x_out
cab_seatshare	Cabinet seat share		v050y	v048x
enpp	Effective number of parliamentary parties: lower chamber		All legislators subsumed under 'others' treated as one single party (minimum fragmentation) v043y	v049x
dim_first_median	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber			v045x
dim_first_median_2nd	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'	
dim_first_label	First policy dimension (label)			
dim_second_median	Party of the median legislator: second policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'	v050x
dim_second_median_2nd	Party of the median legislator: second policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'; only coded if a second median party exists	v050x_2nd
dim_second_label	Second policy dimension (label)			
dim_third_median	Party of the median legislator: third policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'	
dim_third_label	Third policy dimension (label)			

The political parties and the party system (upper chamber)

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
prox_election_upper	Proximity to election: upper chamber	1 (FE): Cabinets immediately following an election and ended by the next election. 2 (F): Cabinets immediately following an election. 3 (N): Cabinets neither immediately following an election nor ended by the next election. 4 (E): Cabinets ended by an election.			v052x
upper_seats_party1 – upper_seats_party63			Please consult the party codebooks for the corresponding Party-IDs		v053x_party1 - v053x_party22
upper_seats_party <u>X</u>	Party seats upper chamber: Party <u>X</u>				v053x_party <u>X</u>
upper_seats_total	Total number of seats: upper chamber				v078x
cab_strength_upper	Cabinet strength: upper chamber				v079x
cab_strength_upper_out	Cabinet strength at date out: upper chamber				v079x_out
upper_enpp	Effective number of parliamentary parties: upper chamber		All legislators subsumed under 'others' treated as one single party (minimum fragmentation)		v080x
upper_dim_first_median	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; upper chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'		v081x
upper_dim_second_median	Party of the median legislator: second policy dimension; upper chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'		v082x

Bargaining over government

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
form_duration	Number of days required for cabinet formation	measured in days	Time period between 'Date out' of previous cabinet and 'Date in' of current cabinet.	v167y	v095x
barg_total_duration	Total bargaining duration	measured in days	Time period between the first day of the first (potentially inconclusive) bargaining round and the last day of the successful bargaining attempt.		v095x_total_dur
barg_fail_rounds	Number of inconclusive bargaining rounds			v168y2	v084x
barg_success_parties	Parties involved in successful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks			v085x
barg_success_duration	Duration of successful bargaining round	measured in days			v085x_dur
barg_success_party1 - v085x_party9					v085x_party1 - v085x_party6
barg_success_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in successful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v085x_party <u>X</u>
barg_fail1_parties	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks			v086x
barg_fail1_parties	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days			v086x_dur
barg_fail1_party1 – barg_fail1_party17					v086x_party1 - v086x_party9
barg_fail1_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v086x_party <u>X</u>
barg_fail2	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks			v087x
barg_fail2_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days			v087x_dur

barg_fail2_party1 - barg_fail2_party8			v087x_party1 - v087x_party8
barg_fail2_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	v087x_party <u>X</u>
barg_fail3	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	v088x
barg_fail3_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days	v088x_dur
barg_fail3_party1 - barg_fail3_party7			v088x_party1 - v088x_party7
barg_fail3_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	v088x_party <u>X</u>
barg_fail4	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	v089x
barg_fail4_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days	v089x_dur
barg_fail4_party1 - barg_fail4_party7			v089x_party1 - v089x_party3
barg_fail4_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	v089x_party <u>X</u>
barg_fail5	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	
barg_fail5_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days	
barg_fail5_party1 - barg_fail5_party7			
barg_fail5_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	
barg_fail6	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	
barg_fail6_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days	
barg_fail6_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	

barg_fail7	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	
barg_fail7_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days	
barg_fail7_party1 - barg_fail7_party8			
barg_fail7_party <u>X</u>	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	
form_invest_pro	Final vote of investiture: pro		v270x
form_invest_con	Final vote of investiture: contra		v271x
form_invest_abs	Final vote of investiture: abstentions		v272x

Coalition agreements and conflict management mechanisms

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
coal_agree	Coalition agreement	0: N – No written coalition agreement			
		1: PRE – Pre-electoral written coalition agreement			
		2: POST – Post-electoral written coalition agreement		v169y2	v097x
		3: IE – Written coalition agreement in the case of coalitions formed during the parliamentary term (not immediately following elections)			
coal_agree_public	Agreement public	4: PRE, POST – Pre- and post-electoral written coalition agreement			
		0: no			v098x
coal_elec_rule	Election rule	1: yes			
		0: no			v099x
coal_conf	Conflict management mechanisms	1: yes			
		IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time			
		CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants			v100x
		CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members			

		Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties’ parliamentary groups		
		PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians		
		PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members		
		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.		
coal_conf_mech1	CMM: Mechanism 1	1: IC		v100x_mech1
coal_conf_mech2	CMM: Mechanism 2	2: CaC		v100x_mech2
coal_conf_mech3	CMM: Mechanism 3	3: CoC		v100x_mech3
coal_conf_mech4	CMM: Mechanism 4	4: Parl		v100x_mech4
coal_conf_mech5	CMM: Mechanism 5	5: PCa		v100x_mech5
coal_conf_mech6	CMM: Mechanism 6	6: PS		v100x_mech6
		7: O		
		IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time		
		CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants		
coal_conf_common	CMM used for most common conflicts	CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members	v176yt	v101x
		Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties’ parliamentary groups		

		PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians		
		PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members		
		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.		
coal_conf_common_mech1	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 1	1: IC 2: CaC		v101x_mech1
coal_conf_common_mech2	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 2	3: CoC 4: Parl		v101x_mech2
coal_conf_common_mech3	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 3	5: PCa 6: PS		v101x_mech3
coal_conf_common_mech4	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 4	7: O		v101x_mech4
coal_conf_common_mech5	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 5			v101x_mech5
coal_conf_common_mech6	CMM used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 6			v101x_mech6
		IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time		
coal_conf_serious	CMM used for most serious conflicts	CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants	v178yt	v102x
		CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members		

		Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties' parliamentary groups	
		PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians	
		PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members	
		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.	
coal_conf_serious_mech1	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 1	1: IC 2: CaC	v102x_mech1
coal_conf_serious_mech2	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 2	3: CoC 4: Parl	v102x_mech2
coal_conf_serious_mech3	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 3	5: PCa 6: PS	v102x_mech3
coal_conf_serious_mech4	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 4	7: O	v102x_mech4
coal_conf_serious_mech5	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 5		v102x_mech5
coal_conf_serious_mech6	CMM used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 6		v102x_mech6
personalunion	Personal union	0: no 1: yes	vXXXx_v2
personalunion_party1	Exception to personal union: Party 1	See party codebooks	vXXXx_v2_party1
personalunion_party2	Exception to personal union: Party 2	See party codebooks	vXXXx_v2_party2
personalunion_party3	Exception to personal union: Party 3	See party codebooks	vXXXx_v2_party3
personalunion_party4	Exception to personal union: Party 4	See party codebooks	vXXXx_v2_party4

personalunion_party5	Exception to personal union: Party 5	See party codebooks		vXXXx_v2_party5
personalunion_party6	Exception to personal union: Party 6	See party codebooks		vXXXx_v2_party6
exclagenda	Issues excluded from agenda	0: no 1: yes 1: yes always 2: yes, except explicitly exempted 3: no, except explicit policies 4: no		vXXXx_v3
coal_disc_leg	Coalition discipline in legislation	1: yes always 2: yes, except explicitly exempted 3: no, except explicit policies 4: no	v171y	v103x
coal_disc_parl	Coalition discipline in other parliamentary behaviour	1: yes always 2: yes, except explicitly exempted 3: no, except explicit policies 4: no	v171yt	v104x
coal_free_appointment	Freedom of appointment	0: no, i.e. ministerial posts are subject to coalition approval/veto 1: yes 0: no explicit agreement 1: on few selected policies		v105x
coal_policy	Agreement on policies (coalition agreement)	2: on a variety of issues, but not comprehensive 3: comprehensive policy platform	v170y3	v106x
coal_junmin	Agreement on junior ministers	0: no 1: yes		v107x
coal_noncab	Agreement on non-cabinet positions	0: no, i.e. left to the discretion of parliament or individual ministers		v108x

1: yes

Coalition agreements

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
coal_size_agreement_doc1	Size of agreement	approximate number of words		v169y9	v109x
coal_size_agreement_doc2	Size of agreement; additional agreement number 1	approximate number of words			v109x_doc2
coal_size_agreement_doc3	Size of agreement; additional agreement number 2	approximate number of words			v109x_doc3
coal_genrules_doc1	General rules	in %		v169y10	v110x
coal_genrules_doc2	General rules: additional agreement number 1	in %			v110x_doc2
coal_genrules_doc3	General rules: additional agreement number 2	in %			v110x_doc3
coal_polspec_doc1	Policy specific procedural rules	in %		v169y11	v111x
coal_polspec_doc2	Policy specific procedural rules: additional agreement number 1	in %			v111x_doc2
coal_polspec_doc3	Policy specific procedural rules: additional agreement number 2	in %			v111x_doc3
coal_distoff_doc1	Distribution of offices:	in %		v169y12	v112x
coal_distoff_doc2	Distribution of offices: additional agreement number 1	in %			v112x_doc2
coal_distoff_doc3	Distribution of offices: additional agreement number 2	in %			v112x_doc3
coal_distcomp_doc1	Distribution of competences	in %		v169y13	v113x
coal_distcomp_doc2	Distribution of competences: additional agreement number 1	in %			v113x_doc2

coal_distcomp_doc3	Distribution of competences: additional agreement number 2	in %		v113x_doc3
coal_pol_doc1	Policies	in %	v169y14	v114x
coal_pol_doc2	Policies: additional agreement number 1	in %		v114x_doc2
coal_pol_doc3	Policies: additional agreement number 2	in %		v114x_doc3

Portfolio allocation and ministerial structure

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
num_ministries	Number of ministries			v059y	v216x
num_ministers	Number of cabinet members			v060y	v217x
junmin	Information on junior ministers	<p>1: there are no junior ministers according to the definition given below</p> <p>2: all junior ministers are from the same party holding the portfolio</p> <p>3: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios and we have information for all of them</p> <p>4: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios and we have information for some of them</p> <p>5: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios but we have no information on any of them</p>			v115x_jun_min
deputy_party <u>X</u>	Deputy PM party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v115x_deputy_party <u>X</u>
portfolio1_party1 - portfolio60_party1			Please consult the Appendix A of this Codebook for the corresponding portfolios		v115x_portfolio1_party1 - v115x_portfolio47_party1
portfolio <u>Y</u> _party <u>X</u>	Party <u>X</u> holding portfolio <u>Y</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v115x_portfolio <u>Y</u> _party <u>X</u>
jm_portfolio <u>Y</u> _party <u>X</u>	Party <u>X</u> junior minister portfolio <u>Y</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks			v116x_portfolio <u>Y</u> _party <u>X</u>

Termination events

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
term_disc	Discretionary termination	0: No 1: Yes			
term_tech_regelec	Regular parliamentary election	0: no 1: yes		v217y2	v218x
term_tech_const	Other constitutional reason	0: no 1: yes		v217y31	v219x
term_tech_death	Death of PM	0: no 1: yes		v217y32	v220x
term_disc_earlyelec	Early parliamentary election	0: no 1: yes			v221x
term_disc_enlarge	Voluntary enlargement of coalition	0: no 1: yes			v222x
term_disc_voluntary	Other voluntary reason	0: no 1: yes			vXXXx_v5
term_disc_cabdefeat	Cabinet defeat in parliament	0: no 1: yes		v217y23	v223x
term_disc_conflict_pol	Conflict between coalition parties (policy)	0: no		v217y24	v224x

		1: yes		
term_disc_conflict_pers	Conflict between coalition parties (personnel)	0: no	v217y25	v225x
		1: yes		
term_disc_conflict_parties	Conflict between coalition parties: Parties involved	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		v226x
		0: no		
term_disc_intra	Intra party conflict		v217y27	v227x
		1: yes		
term_disc_intra	Intra party conflict: Party involved	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		v228x
		L – Conflict in national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) (NB: This is conflict contained in the leadership.)		
		NL – Conflict between united national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) and non-leaders (party activists, party congress delegates, backbench MPs, regional leaders, etc.)		
term_disc_intra_conflict	Intra party conflict: Type of conflict			v229x
		LNL – Conflict in national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) including grass-roots mobilization (i.e. conflict is not confined to the top level)		
		0: no		
term_event_nonparlelec	Non-parliamentary elections			v230x
		1: yes		
		0: no		
term_event_popshock	Popular opinion shock		v213y	v231x
		1: yes		

term_event_intnat	International or national security event	0: no 1: yes	v214y	v232x
term_event_econ	Economic event	0: no 1: yes	v215y	v233x
term_event_pers	Personal event	0: no 1: yes	v216y	v234x
term_ministry	Ministry involved			v236x
term_descr	Description of dominant policy area			v237x

Institutions

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	Old name WE	Old name CEE
inst_bicam	Bicameralism	0: no 1: yes		v124y2	v300x
inst_posparl	Positive parliamentarism	0: no 1: yes		v126y	v301x
inst_convote	Constructive vote of no-confidence	0: no 1: yes		v129y	v302x
inst_pmpower	PM powers				v303x
pmpower_formcab	Formal cabinet decision rule	0: no 1: yes 1: unanimity 2: majority			v303x_power1
pmpower_formcab_rule1	Type of actual decision rule 1	3: consensus defined by PM (by way of summarizing cabinet debate) 4: consensus defined by head of state (by way of summarizing cabinet debate) 1: unanimity 2: majority			v303x_power1_rule
pmpower_formcab_rule2	Type of actual decision rule 2	3: consensus defined by PM (by way of summarizing cabinet debate) 4: consensus defined by head of state (by way of summarizing cabinet debate)			

pmpower_minappoint	PM right to appoint ministers	0: no 1: yes 1: yes, PM alone	v303x_power2
pmpower_minappoint_rule	Type of actual appointment right	2: yes, through formal act carried out by head of state 3: no, head of state has discretionary powers 4: other	v303x_power2_rule
pmpower_mindismiss	PM right to dismiss ministers	0: no 1: yes 1: yes, PM alone	v303x_power3
pmpower_mindismiss_rule	Type of actual dismissal right	2: yes, through formal act carried out by head of state 3: no, head of state has discretionary powers 4: other	v303x_power3_rule
pmpower_minaccount	Ministers' parliamentary accountability	0: direct 1: via PM only 2: via vote of no confidence against full cabinet only	v303x_power4
pmpower_pmjurisdiction	PM formal right to determine jurisdiction of ministries	0: no 1: yes	v303x_power5
pmpower_pmsteering	PM steering or coordination rights vis-à-vis cabinet ministers	0: no 1: yes	v303x_power6
pmpower_pmagenda	PM full control over agenda for cabinet meeting	0: no 1: yes	v303x_power7

pmpower_pmoffice	Regular bureaucratic structure in PM's office designed to monitor departmental affairs	0: no 1: yes		v303x_power8
pmpower_pmoffice_rule1	Description of structure 1	1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other		v303x_power8_rule1
pmpower_pmoffice_rule2	Description of structure 2	1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other		v303x_power8_rule2
pmpower_pmoffice_rule3	Description of structure 3	1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other		v303x_power8_rule3
pmpower_pmoffice_rule4	Description of structure 4	1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other		
inst_seminpres	Semi-presidentialism	0: no 1: yes	v137y	v304x
inst_comment	Comments			v305x

Appendix A: portfolio codes (portfolio1 - portfolio60)

Code	Portfolio Name
	Austria
1	Chancellor
2	Finance
3	Foreign Affairs
4	Interior
5	Defense
6	Justice
7	Social Affairs
8	Health and Environment
9	Health and Consumer Protection
10	Environment (Youth and Family)
11	Family and Consumer Protection
12	Trade and Commerce
13	Construction
14	Economic Planning
15	Transport and National Industry
16	Education (Arts and Sports)
17	Science
18	Agriculture
19	Food
20	Electrification
21	Women
22	Economic Affairs and Labour
23	Public Services
24	Health
25	Family and Youth
26	Economic Affairs
27	Art, Culture, Constitution and Media
27	Without Portfolio
28	Without Portfolio
	Belgium
1	Prime Minister
2	Finance (and Budget)
3	Foreign Affairs
4	Interior
5	Economy, Energy Planning
6	Defense
7	Justice
8	Education

- 9 Social Affairs, Pensions
- 10 Labor Employment, Equal Opportunity
- 11 Health and Family
- 12 Public Works, Housing and Infrastructure
- 13 Transports, Telecom
- 14 Agriculture, PME
- 15 Middle Classes
- 16 Trade, Aid
- 17 Culture
- 18 Scientific policy
- 19 Civil Service
- 20 Environment
- 21 Institutional Reforms
- 22 Brussels
- 23 Wallonien
- 24 Flanders
- 25 French Community
- 26 Flemish Community
- 27 Regional Economy
- 28 War Recovery
- 29 Immigration, integration

Denmark

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 5 Economy
- 6 Taxation
- 7 Interior
- 8 Defense
- 9 Education
- 10 Church
- 11 Culture
- 12 Agriculture/Foods
- 13 Fisheries
- 14 Trade and Industry
- 15 Housing
- 16 Public Works
- 17 Labor
- 18 Social Welfare
- 19 Health
- 20 Environment

- 21 Energy/ Climate
- 22 Greenland
- 23 Research
- 24 Public Salaries and Pensions
- 25 Economic coordination
- 26 Communication
- 27 Gender Equality
- 28 Integration and Foreigners
- 29 Family and Consumer
- 39 No Portfolio (coordination)
- 40 No Portfolio (Nordic cooperation)
- 41 No Portfolio (foreign trade)
- 42 No Portfolio (development aid)
- 43 No Portfolio (Europe)
- 44 No Portfolio (gender equality)
- 45 No Portfolio (public innovation)
- 46 No Portfolio (elderly)

Finland

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Interior
- 5 Social Affairs
- 6 Trade and Industry
- 7 Justice
- 8 Defense
- 9 Education
- 10 Agriculture
- 11 Public Works and Transport
- 12 Labor
- 13 Supply
- 14 Environment
- 15 Ministers at the Prime Minister's Office
- 16 Without portfolio
- 17 Without portfolio
- 18 Without portfolio
- 19 Without portfolio
- 20 Without portfolio
- 21 Without portfolio
- 22 Without portfolio
- 23 Without portfolio
- 24 Without portfolio

France

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance and Economy
- 3 Foreign Office
- 4 Interior
- 5 Justice
- 6 Defense
- 7 Budget
- 8 Consumer
- 9 Education
- 10 Public Works
- 11 Industry
- 12 Agriculture
- 13 Labor
- 14 Health
- 15 Housing
- 16 European Affairs
- 17 Cooperation
- 18 Overseas Territories
- 19 Veterans
- 20 Parliamentary
- 21 Culture
- 22 Energy, electric and Atomic Power
- 23 Post and Telecommunication
- 24 Research and Technology
- 25 Planning
- 26 Information, Communication
- 27 Training
- 28 Social Affairs
- 29 Transports
- 30 Equipment
- 31 Environment
- 32 Sea
- 33 Youth and Sport
- 34 Leisure
- 35 Civil Service
- 36 Women
- 37 Commerce
- 38 Universities
- 39 Tourism
- 40 Algeria
- 41 Administrative Reforms

- 42 Refugees
- 43 Foreign Trade
- 44 Nationalisation or Privatization
- 45 Security
- 46 Francophony
- 47 Senior Citizens
- 48 City
- 49 Humanitarian action
- 50 School teaching
- 51 Local liberties or territorial units
- 52 Family
- 53 Chance equality
- 54 Social and solidarity economy
- 55 Food industry
- 56 Delegated Minister to the Foreign minister
- 57 Delegated Minister to the Justice Minister
- 58 Delegated Minister to the Interior Minister
- 59 Without Portfolio
- 60 Without Portfolio

Germany

- 1 1. Federal Chancellor
- 2 2. Finance
- 3 **3.** Foreign Affairs
- 4 4. Interior
- 5 5. Economic Affairs
- 6 6. Environment
- 7 7. Defense
- 8 8. Transport
- 9 9. Family Affairs
- 10 10. Labor and Social Affairs
- 11 11. Food, Agriculture and Forestry
- 12 12. Justice
- 13 13. Science and Education
- 14 14. Post and Telecommunications
- 15 15. Construction and Housing
- 16 16. Expellees, Refugees and War Invalids
- 17 17. Intra-German Affairs
- 18 18. Federal Council and Federal States
- 19 19. Economic Cooperation
- 20 20. Federal Treasurer
- 21 21. Health
- 22 22. Chairman of Federal Defense Council

- 23 23. Research and Technology
- 24 24. Women and Youth
- 25 25. Marshall Plan Affairs
- 26 26. Without Portfolio

Greece

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign
- 4 Interior
- 5 Ministry of State (Govt Co-ord)
- 6 National Economy
- 7 Defense
- 8 Health, Welfare and Social Insurance
- 9 Justice
- 10 Education and Religion
- 11 Culture
- 12 Public Order
- 13 Macedonia-Thrace
- 14 Aegean
- 15 Agriculture
- 16 Environment, City Planning and Public Works
- 17 Industry, Energy and Technology
- 18 Labor
- 19 Trade
- 20 Tourism
- 21 Transport and Communications
- 22 Merchant Marine
- 23 Administrative Reform and E-Governance
- 24 Ministry of State
- 25 Ministry of State
- 26 Minister Without Portfolio
- 27 Alternate
- 28 Alternate
- 29 Alternate
- 30 Alternate
- 31 Alternate
- 32 Alternate
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- 41 Alternate
- 42 Alternate
- 43 Alternate
- 44 Alternate
- 45 Alternate
- 46 Alternate

Iceland

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Industry
- 6 Commerce
- 7 Fisheries
- 8 Social Affairs
- 9 Education
- 10 Environment
- 11 Agriculture
- 12 Health and Social Security
- 13 Ecclesiastical Affairs
- 14 Communications/Transportation
- 15 Statistics
- 16 Aviation
- 17 Energy

Ireland

- 1 Taoiseach
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 4 Tanaiste
- 5 Industry/Enterprise
- 6 Agriculture
- 7 Health
- 8 Social Welfare
- 9 Environment
- 10 Labor/Employment
- 11 Education

- 12 Transport/Communications
- 13 Defence
- 14 Trade/tourism
- 15 Gaeltacht
- 16 Lands
- 17 Other

Italy

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Interior
- 5 Justice
- 6 Budget
- 7 Economy
- 8 Defense
- 9 Education
- 10 Public Works
- 11 Agriculture
- 12 Transportation
- 13 Communications
- 14 Industry
- 15 Labor
- 16 External Trade
- 17 Merchant Marine
- 18 State Participation
- 19 Health
- 20 Tourism
- 21 Culture
- 22 Environment
- 23 University and Research
- 24 African Colonies
- 25 Aviation
- 26 Military Marine
- 27 Post-war Assistance
- 28 Social Solidarity
- 29 South Italy (Without Portfolio)
- 30 Public Administration (Without Portfolio)
- 31 Parliamentary Affairs (Without Portfolio)
- 32 Sport (Without Portfolio)
- 33 Science and Research (Without Portfolio)
- 34 Special Office (Without Portfolio)
- 35 Regional Policy (Without Portfolio)

- 36 Youth (Without Portfolio)
- 37 Environment (Without Portfolio)
- 38 Culture (Without Portfolio)
- 39 Europe (Without Portfolio)
- 40 Civil Defense (Without Portfolio)
- 41 Urban Areas (Without Portfolio)
- 42 Immigration (Without Portfolio)
- 43 Family (Without Portfolio)
- 44 Women (Without Portfolio)
- 45 Institutional Reforms (Without portfolio)
- 46 Implementation of Government Programme (Without Portfolio)
- 47 Innovation and Technology (Without Portfolio)
- 48 Simplification of Legislation (Without Portfolio)
- 49 Tourism (Without Portfolio)

The Netherlands

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Interior
- 6 Education
- 7 Social Work
- 8 Public Health
- 9 Housing
- 10 Defense
- 11 Navy
- 12 Transport
- 13 Public Works
- 14 Agriculture
- 15 Social Affairs
- 16 Colonies
- 17 Economics
- 18 Without Portfolio
- 19 Without Portfolio
- 20 Without Portfolio
- 21 Without Portfolio

Norway

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign

- 4 Justice
- 5 Industry
- 6 Environment
- 7 Defense
- 8 Trade
- 9 Oil/Energy
- 10 Communications (Transportation)
- 11 Health/Social Affairs
- 12 Agriculture
- 13 Church/Education
- 14 Local Government
- 15 Consumer Affairs/Government Administration
- 16 Culture
- 17 Family
- 18 Fisheries
- 19 Foreign Aid
- 20 Wages/Prices, Labor
- 21 Without Portfolio
- 22 Without Portfolio
- 23 Without Portfolio
- 24 Without Portfolio
- 25 Without Portfolio
- 26 Without Portfolio
- 27 Without Portfolio

Portugal

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Interior
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Planning and Coordination
- 6 Industry/energy
- 7 Defense
- 8 Social Affairs
- 9 Agriculture/Fishery
- 10 Education
- 11 Employment
- 12 Justice
- 13 Trade/tourism
- 14 Transport
- 15 Housing
- 16 Administrative Reform

- 17 Environment
- 18 Youth
- 19 Parliamentary Affairs
- 20 European Integration
- 21 Sea
- 22 Culture
- 23 Public Works
- 24 Health
- 25 Economy
- 26 Higher Education
- 27 Deputy PM (Junior Ministers only)

Spain

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance (in charge of state budget)
- 3 Foreign
- 4 Interior (in charge of national police force)
- 5 Justice
- 6 Defence
- 7 Public Works/ Development
- 8 Education
- 9 Labour
- 10 Industry
- 11 Agriculture
- 12 Commerce
- 13 Presidency
- 14 Economy
- 15 Transportation & Communications
- 16 Health
- 17 Culture
- 18 No Portfolio
- 19 No Portfolio
- 20 No Portfolio
- 21 Territorial Administration
- 22 Universities & Research
- 23 Public Administration
- 24 Social Matters
- 25 Environment
- 26 Science
- 27 Housing
- 28 Equality
- 29 Energy, Tourism & Digital Agenda

Sweden

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Health and Social Affairs
- 6 Labor and Equality Affairs
- 7 Environment
- 8 Education
- 9 Industry
- 10 Defense
- 11 Housing
- 12 Transport and Communications
- 13 Agriculture
- 14 Economy
- 15 Interior
- 16 Foreign Trade
- 17 Civil Affairs/Local Government
- 18 Cultural affairs
- 19 Integration and equality affairs
- 20 Infrastructure
- 21 Without Portfolio
- 22 Without Portfolio
- 23 Without Portfolio
- 24 Without Portfolio
- 25 Without Portfolio
- 26 Without Portfolio
- 27 Without Portfolio
- 28 Without Portfolio
- 29 Without Portfolio

The United Kingdom

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance (in charge of state budget)
- 3 Foreign
- 4 Interior (in charge of national police force)
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Justice
- 6 Business
- 7 Defence
- 8 Work and Pensions
- 9 Energy and Climate Change

- 10 Education
- 11 Health
- 12 Communities and local government
- 13 Transport
- 14 Environment, Food and Rural
- 15 International Development
- 16 Northern Ireland
- 17 Scotland
- 18 Wales
- 19 Culture
- 20 Treasury Chief
- 21 Leader of Lords
- 22 Without Portfolio

Croatia

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Justice
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 4 Deputy Prime Minister
- 5 Health and Social Affairs
- 6 Labor and Equality Affairs
- 7 Environmental and energy
- 8 Education
- 9 Industry
- 10 Defense
- 11 Transport and Communications
- 12 Agriculture
- 13 Economy
- 14 Interior
- 15 Foreign Trade
- 16 Public administration
- 17 Cultural affairs
- 18 Expatriates
- 19 Maritime affairs
- 20 Science and technology
- 21 Information
- 22 Reconstruction/Construction and spacial planning
- 23 Tourism
- 24 War veterans

- 25 European integration
- 26 Entrepreneurship and crafts
- 27 Regional development
- 28 Social policy
- 28 State property
- 29 Without Portfolio
- 30 Without Portfolio
- 31 Without Portfolio
- 32 Without Portfolio
- 33 Without Portfolio
- 34 Without Portfolio
- 35 Without Portfolio
- 36 Without Portfolio