

# European Election and Parties

## Dimension - Politics

Associated Key Factor:

### Political attitudes

#### Data Source:

Parties and Elections in Europe

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<http://www.parties-and-elections.de/indexe.html>

#### General Availability:

Reporting unit: Number of seats and % of seats

Reporting level:

Reporting period: Every election

Data available from 1945 to 2003

#### Availability by country:

1985 - 1994: Austria

### The indicator:

The results of parliamentary elections in European countries since 1945.

### Description

Results of number of seats and percentage of seats particular parties have gained during election years in European countries.

### How is it measured?

Official election data on number of seats and percentage of seats each party has gained.

### What are the advantages of the indicator?

Data available for every election since 1979 for all EU 27 countries. It provides information on length of term of chamber representative and the full list of parties for each country.

### What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

There is no easy accessible information on the political direction of each party (e.g. left/right wing, centre)

### What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

Indicates national variations over time of political dominance of parties.

### The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

|  | Transport Impact         | External Determining Variable | Intermediate Variable    | Contextual Information              |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Greater power for European level of decision making          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A reorientation of European transport policy                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Decentralization and effects on regional passenger transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |