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Release Notes

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Remarks

- Changes listed as "General" apply to all PPEG data sets.
- Changes listed under "Parliamentary Elections" apply to the data sets "Parliamentary Elections", "Governments" and "Combined Data".
- Changes listed under "Presidential Elections" apply only to the data set "Presidential Elections".
- Changes listed under "Governments" apply to the data sets "Governments" and "Combined Data".
- The PPEG database comprises all political parties that have secured at least one seat in the national lower chamber. This means that a party's election results are retrospectively included. For example, if a party secures a seat for the first time in the fifth election it has contested since its founding, we add the party's vote share for all five elections. These updates are not listed in this document.

General

- Update of links to Manifesto Project dataset (2025a release)
- Various fixes and harmonization of party and alliance names
- Harmonization of names of presidential candidates and prime ministers

Parliamentary Elections

- New parliamentary elections: Albania (May 2025), Australia (May 2025), Austria (Sep. 2024), Azerbaijan (Sep. 2024), Belgium (Jun. 2024), Bolivia (Aug. 2025), Bulgaria (Jun. 2024, Oct. 2024), Canada (Apr. 2025), Croatia (Apr. 2024), Czech Republic (Oct. 2025), Dominican Republic (May 2024), El Salvador (Feb. 2024), France (Jun. 2024), Georgia (Oct. 2024), Germany (Feb. 2025), Ghana (Dec. 2024), Iceland (Nov. 2024), India (Jun. 2024), Ireland (Nov. 2024), Japan (Oct. 2024), Lithuania (Oct. 2024), Mauritius (Nov. 2024), Mexico (Jun. 2024), Moldova (Sep. 2025), Netherlands (Oct. 2025), North Macedonia (May 2024), Norway (Sep. 2025), Panama (May 2024), Portugal (Mar. 2024, May 2025), Romania (Dec. 2024), South Africa (May 2024), South Korea (Apr. 2024), Trinidad and Tobago (Apr. 2025), USA (Nov. 2024), United Kingdom (Jul. 2024), Uruguay (Oct. 2024), Venezuela (Jun. 2025)
- Add missing parliamentary election: Venezuela (Dec. 2020)
- Update of election data: Azerbaijan (Feb. 2020), Bolivia (Oct. 2020), Croatia (Jul. 2020), France (Jun. 2022) Georgia (Mar. 2004, May 2008, Oct. 2012, Oct. 2016), India (Apr. 2009, Apr. 2014, May 2019), Japan (Oct. 2021), Switzerland (Oct. 2015), United Kingdom (Dec. 2019)
- Update of total vote count: Israel (Nov. 2022)
- Update of seat count: Malta (Mar. 2022)
- Update of valid vote count in second tier: Moldova (Feb. 2019)
- Update of vote count in second tier: Georgia (Oct. 2012, Oct. 2016), Ukraine (Jul. 2019)
- Improved documentation of electoral alliances: France (Jun. 2022), Georgia (Nov. 2003, Oct. 2016), Ireland (Feb. 2020), Serbia (Dec. 2023), Spain (Jul. 2023)

Presidential Elections

- New presidential elections: Azerbaijan (Feb. 2024), Bolivia (Aug. 2025), Croatia (Dec. 2024), Dominican Republic (May 2024), El Salvador (Feb. 2024), Finland (Jan. 2024), Ghana (Dec. 2024), Iceland (Jun. 2024), Ireland (Oct. 2025), Lithuania (May 2024), Mexico (Jun. 2024), Moldova (Oct. 2024), North Macedonia (Apr. 2024), Panama (May 2024), Poland (May 2025), Romania (May 2025), Russia (Mar. 2024), Slovakia (Mar. 2024), South Korea (Jun. 2025), USA (Nov. 2024), Uruguay (Oct. 2024), Venezuela (Jul. 2024)
- Fixed spelling for several presidential candidates

Governments

- New government data: Albania (Sep. 2025), Australia (May 2025), Austria (Mar. 2025), Azerbaijan (Sep. 2024), Belgium (Feb. 2025), Bulgaria (Apr. 2024, Aug. 2024, Jan. 2025), Canada (Mar. 2025, May 2025), Croatia (May 2024), Cyprus (Jan. 2024), Czech Republic (Oct. 2024), Dominican Republic (Aug. 2024), El Salvador (Jun. 2024), Estonia (Jul. 2024, Mar. 2025), France (Jan. 2024, Sep. 2024, Dec. 2024, Sep. 2025, Oct. 2025), Georgia (Feb. 2024, Nov. 2024), Germany (Nov. 2024, May 2025), Ghana (Jan. 2025), Guatemala (Jan. 2024), Iceland (Apr. 2024, Oct. 2024, Dec. 2024), India (Jun. 2024), Ireland (Apr. 2024, Jan. 2025), Israel (Mar. 2024, Jun. 2024, Sep. 2024, Jul. 2025), Japan (Oct. 2024, Nov. 2024, Oct. 2025), Lithuania (Dec. 2024, Sep. 2025),

Mauritius (Nov. 2024), Mexico (Oct. 2024), Moldova (Nov. 2025), Montenegro (Jul. 2024), Netherlands (Jul. 2024, Jun. 2025), North Macedonia (Jan. 2024, Jun. 2024), Norway (Jan. 2025, Sep. 2025), Panama (Jul. 2024), Peru (Mar. 2024, Apr. 2024, Sep. 2024, Mar. 2025, Oct. 2025), Portugal (Apr. 2024, Jun. 2025), Romania (Dec. 2024, Jun. 2025), Russia (May 2024), Serbia (May 2024, Apr. 2025), South Africa (Jun. 2024), South Korea (Apr. 2024, Dec. 2024, Mar. 2025, May 2025, Jul. 2025), Trinidad and Tobago (Mar. 2025, May 2025), USA (Jan. 2025), Ukraine (Jul. 2025), United Kingdom (Jul. 2024), Uruguay (Mar. 2025), Venezuela (Jan. 2025, Jun. 2025)

- Add missing cabinets: Georgia (Oct. 2022), North Macedonia (Feb. 2023), Venezuela (Jan. 2021)
- Update of cabinet data: Colombia (Aug. 2022), Guatemala (Jan. 2020), Montenegro (Oct. 2023), Peru (Dec. 21, 2022), Venezuela (Jan. 2019)
- Update of number of ministers per party: Lithuania (Dec. 2020), USA (Jan. 2023)
- Update of party of Prime Minister: Armenia (Nov. 1999), Montenegro (Oct. 2023), Ukraine (Dec. 2008)
- Update of inauguration date: Albania (Sep. 2021)