The Party Political Make-Up of EU Legislative Institutions, 1979-2004

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Please note that various sources have been used which differ in their definition of what constitutes a new cabinet/government and who is a member of it (e.g., junior ministers).

Missing values are marked in the seperate data sheets and summarized in the missing value sheets

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Coding Rules

Commission

1. CMP data from the latest national election before the investiture of the Commission. Latest available value from expert judgements.
2. Independents are ignored
3. For half-years in which the Commission changed, the value of the Commission which was longer in office is used.

Council

1. Cabinets as defined by Müller/Strom (1997), Woldendorp et al (2000) and EJPR year book.
2. Values are weighted by the number of ministers in the cabinet (Woldendorp et al (2000) and EJPR year book, unless otherwise indicated).
3. In cases of changes in government, the respective year is assigned the value of the cabinet that was in office for the longest period. If there have equal times in office, the values for the later government are assigned to the whole period.
4. CMP Values for the latest election before the investiture of the cabinet are used. Latest available value from expert judgements.
5. Independents are ignored.

European Parliament

1. Weighted mean (seats for national party delegations)
2. For half-years in which the EP changed, the value is used for the EP that was longer in office.

Changes

Version 1.0 (June 2008) to 1.01 (January 2009):

Belgium

-(new) Martens II (23 January 1980) added
-Numbering of Martens government changed subsequently
-Martens IV – date of investiture changed to 22 October 1980
-Eyskens I (6 April 1981) added
- values for Belgium 1980-1, 1981-1, 1981-2 changed (CMP Left-right, CMP Europe)

Italy

-Andreotti IV (20 March 1979) added
-Spadolini II (23 August 1982) added
-Fanfani V (investiture: 11 December 1982) added
-Fanfani VI (17 April 1987) added
-Berlusconi I (11 May 1994) added
-values for Italy 1979-I, 1982-I, 1983-I changed (CMP Left-Right, CMP Europe)

Luxembourg

-number of Santer governmemts adopted to Mueller/Strom (2000)