

Environmental Politics Expert Survey
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*****Introduction*****

This dataset consists of data on the positions of political parties on various environmental scales in 25 European countries. The expert survey was administered between June and July 2024 to 285 experts on political parties and environmental politics. It is being made public for research use.

The *EPES expert-level.csv* files provide raw data at the respondent level. Note that in the expert-level dataset, responses from Latvia, Slovenia and Portugal are excluded due to the low number of responses gathered from these countries.

The *EPES party-level.csv* files provide averaged expert positioning for each party.

*****Methodological information*****

The survey was conducted using *Qualtrics*. The data was compiled and cleaned using R, in Rstudio, Version 2024.04.2+764 (2024.04.2+764).

*****Variable codes*****

id = identifier for each unique respondent.

countryname = identifier for each country.

job_category = Self-reported job category for each respondents.

respondent_genlr = general left-right self-positioning of respondents.

Respondent_party = most recent party voted for of respondent.

Respondent_expertise = multi-choice research expertise.

Party = unique identifier for each party

Eastwest = Central and Eastern Europe = 0, Western Europe = 1.

econlr

Please place the parties on an economic left-right scale reflecting their stances on issues such as privatisation, taxes, regulation, and the welfare state. Parties on the economic left want government to play an active role in the economy. Those on the economic right want a reduced role for government.

0 – Extreme left ... 10 – Extreme right

Q2 = galtan

What are the parties' views on social and cultural values? Parties with libertarian or post-materialist values emphasize personal freedoms, for example abortion rights, divorce, and same-sex marriage. Traditional or authoritarian values instead emphasize tradition, order and stability.

0 – Liberal / post-materialist ... 10 – Conservative / traditional

Q3 = people_vs_elite

Consider the parties' positions on a scale of the people vs. elected representatives. Some political parties take the position that 'the people' should have the final say on the most important issues, for example, by voting directly in referendums. At the opposite pole are political parties that believe that elected representatives should make the most important political decisions.

0 – Elected office holders should make important decisions ... 10 – 'The people' should make important decisions

Q4 = eu_position

How would you describe the general position on European integration that the parties' leaderships take?

0 – Strongly oppose integration ... 10 – Strongly favor integration

Q5 = immigration

What are the parties' overall stances on immigration policy? Some parties are strongly in favor of immigration, while others are strongly opposed to it.

0 – Strongly oppose immigration ... 10 – Strongly favor immigration

Q6 = genlr

Place the parties on a **general** left-right scale. What are their overall ideological stances?

0 – Extreme left ... 10 – Extreme right

Q7 = genenvi

Overall, how important do the parties deem environmental issues, including both international climate change mitigation and more local environmental issues?

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q8 = climate_change

At the same time, parties may be concerned with many kinds of environmental issues. How important do the parties consider each of the following:

Mitigating climate change and reducing carbon emissions through international agreements

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q9 = localenvi

Resolving local environmental issues (e.g. reducing water and air pollution)

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q10 = envinat

Preserving the country's natural environment to protect the national identity

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q11 = animalrights

Protecting and enhancing animal rights

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q12 = localagri

Assisting local agricultural and food production

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q13 = renew

Increasing renewable energy production

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q14 = green_social_justice

Ensuring that environmental reforms are affordable for poorer people

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q15 = environmental_democracy

Making environmental policy subject to democratic decision making

0 – Not important at all ... 10 – Very important

Q16 = climate_action

Are the parties generally against climate action or generally in favor of climate action? For example, a party might be against governmental climate action because it does not believe that climate change is real or man-made, because its consequences are considered inevitable or natural, or because other interests precede environmental ones.

0 – Generally against climate action ... 10 – Generally in favor of climate action

Q17 = local_vs_global

In their environmental policy, do the parties focus on local issues or international ones? A local focus might mean that the party is mainly concerned with pollution or nature within the country's own borders, whereas an international focus might mean that the party is mainly concerned with environmental cooperation at the EU level or international climate change mitigation in general.

0 – Local focus ... 10 – International focus

Q18 = individual_vs_collective

Who or what do the parties hold responsible for environmental protection?

Environmental policies can target individuals by aiming to change consumption patterns, or they can target collectives by regulating industries, production of goods or supply chains.

0 – Individuals ... 10 – Collectives

Q19 = nongrowth_vs_growth

Do the parties agree with economic policy that centers around continuing growth, or have they adopted policies promoting non- or zero economic growth? For example, parties might emphasize new technologies that would allow for green economic growth or, alternatively, promote non- or zero-growth policies that abandon the pursuit of further economic growth altogether.

0 – Non-growth ... 10 – Growth

Q20 = envi_nationalism

Do the parties emphasize national identity when defending the local natural environment? For example, an environmentally nationalist party might consider national identity as integrally linked to local landscapes, and link a defense of this environment to a defence of national identity. Conversely, a party that is not environmentally nationalist might not emphasise the importance of national heritage and identity when discussing environmental issues, and instead focus on other considerations.

0 – Not environmentally nationalist ... 10 – Environmentally nationalist

Job_category

Are you a.... (phd student, post-doc, research fellow, professor, other...)

Respondent_genlr

Place yourself on a general left-right scale. What is your overall ideological stance?

0 – Extreme left ... 10 – Extreme right

Respondent_party

Please indicate the party you voted for in the most recent national election

Respondent_expertise

Please indicate your research expertise (multiple answers are possible)

Countries, party identifiers and full party names				
	Party ID	Party name	Party name	Party name in English
Austria	82	ÖVP	Österreichische Volkspartei	Austrian People's Party
	83	SPÖ	Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs	Social Democratic Party of Austria
	84	FPÖ	Freiheitliche Partei Österreich	Freedom Party of Austria
	85	Grüne	Die Grünen – Die Grüne Alternative	The Greens – The Green Alternative
	86	NEOS	NEOS - Das Neue Österreich und Liberales Forum	NEOS - The New Austria and Liberal Forum
Belgium	87	N-VA	Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie	New Flemish Alliance
	88	VB	Vlaams Belang	Flemish Interest
	89	PS	Parti Socialiste	Socialist Party
	90	CD&V	Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams	Christian Democratic and Flemish
	91	PTB / PVDA	Parti du travail de Belgique / Partij van de Arbeid van België	Worker's Party of Belgium
	92	Open Vld	Open Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten	Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats
	93	MR	Mouvement Réformateur	Reformist Movement
	94	Vooruit	Vooruit	Onward
	95	Ecolo	Écologistes Confédérés pour l'organisation de luttes originales	Confederate Ecologists for the Organisation of Original Struggles
	96	Groen	Groen	Green

Bulgaria	1	GERB	Граждани за европейско развитие на България	Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria
	2	PP-DB	Продължаваме промяната – Демократична България	We Continue the Change – Democratic Bulgaria
	3	Възраждане	Възраждане	Revival
	4	DPS	Движение за права и свободи	Movement for Rights and Freedoms
	5	BSP	Българска социалистическа партия	Bulgarian Socialist Party
	6	ITN	Има такъв народ	There Is Such a People
	7	Зелено движение	Зелено движение	Green Movement
Croatia	8	HDZ	Hrvatska demokratska zajednica	Croatian Democratic Union
	9	SDP	Socijaldemokratska partija Hrvatske	Social Democratic Party of Croatia
	10	DP	Domovinski pokret	Homeland Movement
	11	Most	Most	The Bridge
	12	M!	Možemo! – politička platforma	We Can! – Political Platform
Czechia	13	ANO	ANO	YES
	14	STAN	Starostové a nezávislí	Mayors and Independents
	15	ODS	Občanská demokratická strana	Civic Democratic Party
	16	SPD	Svoboda a přímá demokracie	Freedom and Direct Democracy
	17	KDU-ČSL	Křesťanská a demokratická unie – Československá strana lidová	Christian and Democratic Union – Czechoslovak People's Party

	18	TOP 09	Tradice Odpovědnost Prosperita	Tradition Responsibility Prosperity
	19	Pirati	Česká pirátská strana	Czech Pirate Party
	20	PRO	Právo Respekt Odbornost	Law Respect Expertise
	21	Zelení	Strana zelených	Green Party
Denmark	97	A	Socialdemokratiet	Social Democrats
	98	V	Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	Left, Denmark's Liberal party
	99	M	Moderaterne	Moderates
	100	F	Socialistisk Folkeparti	Socialist People's Party
	101	I	Liberal Alliance	Liberal Alliance
	102	Æ	Danmarksdemokraterne	Denmark Democrats
	103	C	Det Konservative Folkeparti	Conservative People's Party
	104	Ø	Enhedslisten – De Rød- Grønne	Red-Green Alliance
Estonia	22	RE	Eesti Reformierakond	Estonian Reform Party
	23	EKRE	Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	Conservative People's Party of Estonia
	24	KE	Eesti Keskerakond	Estonian Centre Party
	25	E200	Erakond Eesti 200	Estonia 200
	26	SDE	Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	Social Democratic Party
	27	I	Isamaa	Fatherland
	28	EER	Erakond Eestimaa Rohelised	Estonian Greens
	Finland	105	Kok	Kansallinen Kokoomus
106		PS	Perussuomalaiset	Finns Party
107		SDP	Sosiaalidemokraatit	Social Democratic Party
108		Kesk	Suomen Keskusta	Centre Party
109		Vas	Vasemmistoliitto	Left Alliance
110		Vihr	Vihreä Liitto	Green League

France	111	RN	Rassemblement National	National Rally
	112	RE	Rnaissance	Renaissance
	113	LFI	La rance Insoumise	France Unbowed
	114	LR	Les Républicains	The Republicans
	115	PS	Parti Socialiste	Socialist Party
	116	LÉ	Les Écologistes – Europe Écologie Les Verts	The Ecologists – Europe Ecology The Greens
Germany	117	SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Social Democratic Party of Germany
	118	CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands	Christian Democratic Union of Germany
	119	GRÜNE	Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	Alliance 90/The Greens
	120	FDP	Freie Demokraten	Free Democratic Party
	121	AfD	Alternative für Deutschland	Alternative for Germany
	122	CSU	Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern	Christian Social Union in Bavaria
Greece	123	ND	Νέα Δημοκρατία	New Democracy
	124	SYRIZA	Συνασπισμός Ριζοσπαστικής Αριστεράς	Coalition of the Radical Left
	125	PASOK-KINAL	Πανελλήνιο Σοσιαλιστικό Κίνημα- Κίνημα Αλλαγής,	PASOK – Movement for Change
	126	KKE	Κομμουνιστικό Κόμμα Ελλάδας	Communist Party of Greece
	127	EL	Ελληνική Λύση	Greek Solution
	128	NIKI	Δημοκρατικό Πατριωτικό Κίνημα "Νίκη"	Democratic Patriotic Movement "Niki"
	129	Οικολόγοι Πράσινοι	Οικολόγοι Πράσινοι	Ecologist Greens
Hungary	29	Fidesz	Fidesz – Magyar Polgári Szövetség	Fidesz – Hungarian Civic Alliance
	30	DK	Demokratikus Koalíció	Democratic Coalition

	31	KDNP	Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt	Christian Democratic People's Party
	32	MSZP	Magyar Szocialista Párt	Hungarian Socialist Party
	33	Momentum	Momentum Mozgalom	Momentum Movement
	34	Mi Hazánk	Mi Hazánk Mozgalom	Our Homeland Movement
	35	Jobbik	Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom	Movement for a Better Hungary
	36	Párbeszéd	Párbeszéd Magyarországért	Dialogue for Hungary
Ireland	130	Fianna Fáil	Fianna Fáil – An Páirtí Poblachtánach	Fianna Fáil – The Republican Party
	131	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin	Sinn Féin
	132	Fine Gael	Fine Gael	Fine Gael
	133	Comhaontas Glas	Comhaontas Glas	Green Party
	134	na Daonlathaithe Sóisialta	na Daonlathaithe Sóisialta	Social Democrats
Italy	135	FdI	Fratelli d'Italia	Brothers of Italy
	136	PD	Partito Democratico	Democratic Party
	137	M5S	Movimento 5 Stelle	Five Star Movement
	138	Lega	Lega	League
	139	FI	Forza Italia	Forward Italy
	140	IV	Italia Viva	Italy Alive
	141	Europa Verde	Europa Verde	Green Europe
Latvia	37	JV	Jaunā Vienotība	New Unity
	38	ZZS	Zaļo un Zemnieku Savienība	Union of Greens and Farmers
	39	LRA	Latvijas Reģionu apvienība	Latvian Association of Regions
	40	LZP	Latvijas Zaļā partija	Latvian Green Party
	41	NA	Nacionālā apvienība	National Alliance
	42	S!	Stabilitātei!	For Stability!
	43	LPV	Latvija pirmajā vietā	Latvia First
	44	PRO	Progresīvie	The Progressives

	45	S	Sociāldemokrātiskā Partija "Saskaņa"	Social Democratic Party "Harmony"
Lithuania	46	TS-LKD	Tėvynės sąjunga – Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai	Homeland Union
	47	LVŽS	Lietuvos valstiečių ir žaliųjų sąjunga	Lithuanian Farmers and Greens Union
	48	DP	Darbo Partija	Labour Party
	49	LSDP	Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija	Social Democratic Party of Lithuania
	50	LP	Laisvės partija	Freedom Party
	51	LRLS	Liberalų sąjūdis	Liberals' Movement
	52	DSVL	Demokratų sąjunga „Vardan Lietuvos“	Union of Democrats "For Lithuania"
	53	LRP	Lietuvos regionų partija	Lithuanian Regions Party
Netherlands	142	PVV	Partij voor de Vrijheid	Party for Freedom
	143	GL-PvdA	GroenLinks-PvdA	GreenLeft-Labour Party
	144	VVD	Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie	People's party for Freedom and Democracy
	145	NSC	Nieuw Sociaal Contract	New Social Contract
	146	D66	Democraten 66	Democrats 66
	147	BBB	BoerBurgerBeweging	Farmer-Citizen Movement
	148	CDA	Christen-Democratisch Appel	Christian Democratic Appeal
Poland	54	PiS	Prawo i Sprawiedliwość	Law and Justice
	55	PO	Platforma Obywatelska	Civic Platform
	56	PL2050	Polska 2050	Poland 2050
	57	NL	Nowa Lewica	New Left
	58	PSL	Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe	Polish People's Party
	59	Konfederacja	Konfederacja Wolność i Niepodległość	Confederation Liberty and Independence

	81	Zieloni	Zieloni	The Greens
Portugal	149	CDS-PP	CDS - Partido Popular	CDS – People’s Party
	150	PPD/PSD	Partido Social Democrata	Social Demcoratic Party
	151	CH	Chega	Enough
	152	IL	Iniciativa Liberal	Liberal Initiative
	153	PEV	Partido Ecologista “Os Verdes”	Ecologist Party “The Greens”
Romania	60	PSD	Partidul Social Democrat	Social Democratic Party
	61	PNL	Partidul Național Liberal	National Liberal Party
	62	USR	Uniunea Salvați România	Save Romania Union
	63	AUR	Alianța pentru Unirea Românilor	Alliance for the Union of Romanians
	64	UDMR	Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România	Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania
	65	SOS RO	S.O.S România	S.O.S Romania
	66	PV	Partidul Verde Verzii	Green party
Slovakia	67	Smer	Smer – sociálna demokracia	Direction – Social Democracy
	68	PS	Progresívne Slovensko	Progressive Slovakia
	69	Hlas	Hlas – sociálna demokracia	Voice – Social Democracy
	70	Slovakia	Slovakia	Slovakia
	71	KDH	Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie	Christian Democratic Movement
	72	SaS	Sloboda a Solidarita	Freedom and Solidarity
	73	SNS	Slovenská národná strana	Slovak National Party
	74	Hnutie Republika	Hnutie Republika	Republic Movement
Slovenia	75	GS	Gibanje Svoboda	Freedom Movement
	76	SDS	Slovenska demoratska stranka	Slovenian Democratic Party
	77	NSi	Nova Slovenija – Krščanski demokrati	New Slovenia – Christian Democrats

	78	SD	Socialini Demokrati	Social Democrats
	79	Levica	Levica	The Left
	80	Vesna	Vesna – zelena stranka	Vesna – Green Party
Spain	154	PP	Partido Popular	People’s Party
	155	PSOE	Partido Socialista Obrero Español	Spanish Socialist Workers’ Party
	156	Vox	Vox	Vox
	157	Sumar	Sumar	Unite
	158	VQ	Verdes Equo	Greens Equo
	Sweden	159	S/SAP	Socialdemokratiska arbetarparties
160		SD	Sverigedemokraterna	Sweden Democrats
161		M	Moderata Samlingspartiet	Moderate Party
162		V	Vänsterpartiet	Left Party
163		C	Centerpartiet	Centre Party
164		KD	Kristdemokraterna	Christian Democrats
165		MP	Miljöpartiet de Gröna	Green Party
United Kingdom		166	CON	Conservative and Unionist Party
	167	LAB	Labour Party	Labour Party
	168	REF	Reform UK	Reform UK
	169	LDM	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Democrats
	170	GPEW	Green Party of England and Wales	Green Party of England and Wales