

Candidate Selection and Parliamentary Activity in the EU's Multi-Level System: Opening a Black-Box

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Table A1: Classification of EP Committees

More Powerful Committee	Less Powerful Committee
Budgets (BUDG)	Constitutional Affairs (AFCO, AFCP)
Culture and Education (CULT)	Foreign Affairs (AFET)
Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)	Human Rights (DROI)**
Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)	Security and Defense (SEDE)**
Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)	Agriculture (AGRI)
Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)	Budgetary Control (CONT)
Industry, Research, and Energy (ITRE)	Development (DEVE)
Legal Affairs (JURI)	Woman's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)
Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)	International Trade (INTA)
Transport and Tourism (TRAN)	Fisheries (PECH)
	Petitions (PETI)
	Regional Development (REGI)
	Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM)*
	Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (CRIS)*

Classification from: (Yordanova, 2009, p. 256). *Committees have been classified by the authors,

**Are sub committees of AFET.

Table A2: Overview expert interviews conducted by phone

Interview Number	Description
Interview_01	MEP of the Green Party in Germany, February, 21 th , 2019
Interview_02	MEP of the Green Party in Germany, March, 7 th , 2019
Interview_03	MEP of the Green Party in Germany, February, 20 th , 2019
Interview_04	MEP of the Liberal Party in Germany, January, 29 th , 2019
Interview_05	MEP of the Christian Democratic Party in Germany, February, 5 th , 2019 (written answers to questionnaire)
Interview_06	MEP of the Social Democratic Party in Germany, February, 28 th , 2019
Interview_07	MEP of the Social Democratic Party in Germany, March, 20 th , 2019
Interview_08	MEP of the Socialist Party in France, April, 11st 2019
Interview_09	MEP of the Union, Progreso y Democracia in Spain, May, 23th 2019

Table A3: Parties that strongly/oppose European Integration (Eurosceptic)

Country	Party
Bulgaria	Attack
Greece	Communist Party of Greece
Denmark	Danish Peoples Party (Dansk Folkeparti)
Denmark	Folkebevægelsen mod EU
Austria	Freedom Party of Austria (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs)
France	National Front (Front National)
Hung	Jobbik (Jobbik Magyarországért Mozgalom)
Italy	Lega Nord
The Netherlands	Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie
United Kingdom	United Kingdom Independence Party

Table A4: The effect of candidate selection on activities in the EP (2009-2014)

Model:	A1	A2	A3	A4
Dep.Var.:	Speeches	Written Questions	Opinions	Reports
Exclusive Selection	0.163*** (0.032)	-0.129*** (0.035)	-0.186** (0.063)	-0.195* (0.090)
Closed List	0.334** (0.108)	-0.326** (0.114)	-0.0759 (0.173)	-0.144 (0.178)
Share in National Opposition	-0.532*** (0.149)	0.604*** (0.171)	0.178 (0.234)	-0.441 (0.356)
Eurosceptic	-1.228*** (0.339)	1.296*** (0.333)	-1.177+ (0.613)	-0.662 (0.526)
Party Size	-0.0227*** (0.005)	0.0206*** (0.005)	0.0183* (0.007)	0.0104 (0.011)
Female	0.0164 (0.077)	-0.0514 (0.083)	0.429* (0.176)	-0.0951 (0.157)
Committee Power	-0.188* (0.084)	0.144 (0.089)	-0.0613 (0.150)	0.663*** (0.151)
Committee Chair	-0.273 (0.298)	0.00868 (0.249)	-0.0311 (0.391)	1.424* (0.557)
Com. Chair * Power	-0.00350 (0.350)	-0.0663 (0.325)	1.418* (0.610)	-1.176* (0.591)
EP Leadership	1.190*** (0.225)	-1.175*** (0.240)	-0.344 (0.341)	-0.857* (0.341)
Participation Rate	0.0185*** (0.005)	-0.0166** (0.006)	-0.00252 (0.011)	-0.0215 (0.014)
Seniority	0.0603+ (0.036)	-0.0627 (0.038)	-0.161* (0.077)	0.0722 (0.073)
Age	-0.00388 (0.004)	0.000415 (0.004)	0.0190** (0.007)	0.0148* (0.007)
EPG Left-Right Position	0.110*** (0.030)	-0.107*** (0.032)	-0.0345 (0.051)	-0.0888 (0.058)
Constant	-1.296** (0.494)	1.017+ (0.556)	-4.093*** (1.004)	-2.170 (1.370)
N	457	457	457	457
Ll	-203.4	-196	-38.39	-41.45

Note: Coefficients of **Fractional Logit Models**. DVs: shares 0-1. Standard errors are in parentheses. leg.: legislative; Significance levels: + $p < 0.10$; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table A5: The effect of nomination and list placement decision on activities in the EP (2009-2014)

Model:	A5	A6	A7	A8
Dep.Var.:	Speeches	Written Questions	Opinions	Reports
Excl. Nomination	4.562 (2.909)	-2.932 (2.719)	-1.228** (0.455)	-0.537 (0.500)
Excl. Decision List Placement	7.576* (3.015)	-6.004* (2.846)	-0.332 (0.457)	-1.012* (0.502)
Closed List	6.205 (5.684)	-4.646 (5.888)	0.0985 (0.491)	-0.447 (0.539)
Share in National Opposition	-13.16** (4.028)	13.24*** (3.746)	0.202 (0.688)	-0.933 (0.755)
Party Size	-8.461 (6.462)	8.052 (5.972)	-0.524 (1.161)	-0.459 (1.274)
Eurosceptic Party	-0.321+ (0.182)	0.181 (0.165)	0.0339 (0.024)	0.0377 (0.026)
Female	-0.448 (1.590)	-0.133 (1.583)	0.967* (0.382)	-0.279 (0.420)
Committee Power	-3.125+ (1.619)	2.089 (1.611)	-0.150 (0.392)	1.316** (0.431)
Committee Chair	-2.161 (6.523)	-4.549 (6.508)	-0.000983 (1.607)	5.793** (1.766)
Com. Chair * Power	-3.605 (7.786)	2.711 (7.761)	6.803*** (1.917)	-4.447* (2.106)
EP Leadership	20.06*** (3.433)	-17.30*** (3.417)	-0.336 (0.823)	-1.818* (0.904)
Participation Rate	0.248** (0.086)	-0.164+ (0.085)	-0.00523 (0.020)	-0.0581** (0.022)
Seniority	0.783 (0.802)	-0.754 (0.796)	-0.368* (0.183)	0.347+ (0.201)
Age	-0.0699 (0.078)	-0.0249 (0.078)	0.0413* (0.018)	0.0346+ (0.020)
EPG Left-Right Position	0.407 (0.720)	-0.0899 (0.667)	-0.0828 (0.125)	-0.141 (0.137)
Constant	46.01*** (10.529)	45.32*** (10.373)	1.623 (2.191)	6.112* (2.406)
N	456	456	456	456
L1	-1924.7	-1921.8	-1258.4	-1301.3

Note: Coefficients of multilevel linear regression models with random effects at the level of the national party and at the EU member state. The two main IVs: nomination and decision list placement are **dummy variables** with the value of 1 if exclusive and 0 if inclusive. Standard errors are in parentheses. leg.: legislative; Significance levels: + $p < 0.10$; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table A6: The effect of nomination and list placement decision on activities in the EP (2009-2014)

Model:	A9	A10	A11	A12
Dep.Var.:	Speeches	Written Questions	Opinions	Reports
Excl. Nomination 2	5.336 (4.175)	-2.955 (3.873)	-1.911** (0.598)	-1.276+ (0.707)
Excl. Decision List Placement 2	6.878+ (3.566)	-5.910+ (3.341)	-0.143 (0.483)	-0.626 (0.571)
Closed List	3.650 (6.342)	-3.015 (6.207)	0.447 (0.507)	-0.103 (0.599)
Share in National Opposition Party Size	-14.63** (4.945)	15.03** (4.587)	0.210 (0.755)	-1.084 (0.893)
Eurosceptic Party	-6.031 (6.618)	6.211 (6.151)	-0.360 (1.120)	-0.330 (1.324)
Female	-0.255 (0.202)	0.167 (0.184)	0.0138 (0.025)	0.0161 (0.030)
Committee Power	-0.194 (1.721)	-0.609 (1.705)	1.237** (0.396)	-0.243 (0.469)
Committee Chair	-3.295+ (1.727)	2.464 (1.710)	-0.397 (0.400)	1.348** (0.473)
Com. Chair * Power	-2.201 (7.204)	-5.922 (7.151)	0.622 (1.698)	7.030*** (2.008)
EP Leadership	-3.092 (8.371)	3.499 (8.307)	6.223** (1.976)	-5.766* (2.337)
Participation Rate	20.26*** (3.473)	-17.60*** (3.439)	-0.257 (0.791)	-1.899* (0.936)
Seniority	0.226* (0.090)	-0.165+ (0.088)	0.0130 (0.020)	-0.0642** (0.023)
Age	0.667 (0.840)	-0.696 (0.829)	-0.381* (0.183)	0.327 (0.216)
EPG Left-Right Position	-0.0879 (0.083)	-0.00653 (0.082)	0.0385* (0.019)	0.0417+ (0.022)
Constant	-0.382 (0.788)	0.532 (0.729)	-0.116 (0.124)	-0.178 (0.146)
Constant	54.20*** (11.794)	39.47*** (11.438)	0.968 (2.219)	6.973** (2.624)
N	404	404	404	404
L1	-1708.1	-1702.7	-1097.9	-1165.6

Note: Coefficients of multilevel linear regression models with random effects at the level of the national party and at the EU member state. The two main IVs: nomination and decision list placement are dummy variables with the value of 1 if exclusive. **Nomination/decision by individual members is coded as missing.** Standard errors are in parentheses. leg.: legislative; Significance levels: + $p < 0.10$; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table A7: The effect of candidate selection on activities in the EP (2009-2014) (DV: **Share of All activities, including motions and written declarations**)

Model:	A13	A14	A15	A16
Dep.Var.:	Speeches	Written Questions	Opinions	Reports
Exclusive Selection	5.469*** (1.460)	-1.579 (1.029)	-0.332* (0.154)	-0.435* (0.173)
Closed List	8.997+ (5.200)	-2.578 (5.025)	-0.218 (0.419)	-0.406 (0.475)
Share in National Opposition	-15.14*** (4.476)	6.139* (2.962)	0.156 (0.623)	-1.016 (0.709)
Euroceptic	-5.562 (7.310)	11.82* (4.802)	-0.506 (1.043)	-0.268 (1.192)
Party Size	-0.306 (0.207)	0.104 (0.120)	0.0424+ (0.022)	0.0353 (0.024)
Female	-0.242 (1.646)	-0.766 (1.440)	0.861* (0.341)	-0.274 (0.396)
Committee Power	3.895* (1.678)	4.782** (1.467)	0.0154 (0.349)	1.364*** (0.406)
Committee Chair	-12.87+ (6.737)	-7.991 (5.943)	-0.130 (1.431)	4.424** (1.663)
Com. Chair * Power	8.948 (8.051)	5.533 (7.066)	6.375*** (1.708)	-3.248 (1.984)
EP Leadership	20.42*** (3.549)	-14.52*** (3.094)	-0.401 (0.732)	-1.613+ (0.850)
Participation Rate	0.249** (0.089)	-0.133+ (0.077)	0.000665 (0.018)	-0.0530** (0.020)
Seniority	-0.254 (0.833)	-0.630 (0.714)	-0.266 (0.164)	0.345+ (0.190)
Age	-0.178* (0.081)	-0.0727 (0.070)	0.0322* (0.016)	0.0300 (0.019)
EPG Left-Right Position	0.561 (0.809)	0.0220 (0.528)	-0.0509 (0.112)	-0.141 (0.126)
Constant	29.11* (11.511)	40.54*** (9.461)	0.883 (1.997)	5.889* (2.305)
N	456	456	456	456
L1	-1941.4	-1875.9	-1206.0	-1274.1

Note: Coefficients of multilevel linear regression models with random effects at the level of the national party and at the EU member state. Standard errors are in parentheses. leg.: legislative; Significance levels: + $p < 0.10$; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

Table A8: The effect of candidate selection on activities in the EP (2009-2014)

Model:	A17	A18	A19	A20
Dep.Var.:	Speeches	Written Questions	Opinions	Reports
Exclusive Selection 2	3.302* (1.350)	-2.315+ (1.272)	-0.539** (0.168)	-0.467* (0.183)
Closed List	4.401 (5.711)	-3.100 (5.917)	0.00202 (0.463)	-0.227 (0.506)
Share in National Opposition	-12.75** (4.150)	12.87*** (3.882)	0.235 (0.691)	-0.988 (0.755)
Euroceptic	-7.772 (6.698)	7.350 (6.221)	-0.576 (1.163)	-0.342 (1.272)
Party Size	-0.282 (0.189)	0.147 (0.172)	0.0360 (0.024)	0.0345 (0.026)
Female	-0.580 (1.585)	-0.00256 (1.577)	0.961* (0.382)	-0.268 (0.421)
Committee Power	-3.094+ (1.618)	2.056 (1.610)	-0.157 (0.392)	1.333** (0.431)
Committee Chair	-2.121 (6.506)	-4.560 (6.490)	0.00185 (1.607)	5.793** (1.769)
Com. Chair * Power	-3.692 (7.769)	2.753 (7.742)	6.765*** (1.916)	-4.382* (2.109)
EP Leadership	19.86*** (3.427)	-17.05*** (3.410)	-0.357 (0.822)	-1.783* (0.905)
Participation Rate	0.238** (0.086)	-0.155+ (0.085)	-0.00559 (0.020)	-0.0573** (0.022)
Seniority	0.771 (0.802)	-0.760 (0.797)	-0.374* (0.183)	0.368+ (0.201)
Age	-0.0693 (0.078)	-0.0244 (0.078)	0.0419* (0.018)	0.0333+ (0.020)
EPG Left-Right Position	0.540 (0.742)	-0.223 (0.691)	-0.0658 (0.122)	-0.179 (0.133)
Constant	45.00*** (11.031)	45.66*** (10.845)	2.162 (2.246)	6.527** (2.466)
N	456	456	456	456
L1	-1925.8	-1922.7	-1258.5	-1302.0

Note: Coefficients of multilevel linear regression models with random effects at the level of the national party and at the EU member state. Standard errors are in parentheses. (**Exclusive Selection is coded differently**: values 2 and 3 are swapped, indicating a higher importance of the nomination stage). leg.: legislative; Significance levels: + $p < 0.10$; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.