**Europarties Pledges Commission Priorities (EpPCP) Project Codebook**

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**ID**

an unique number assigned to each entry in the dataset

**Text**

Text of the pledge/policy priority as identified by the researchers. See discussion of coding procedures in article.

**Document**

ALDE/ELDR = Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party/the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party

EGP = European Green Party

EPP = European People's Party

PES = Party of European Socialists

Annual Policy Strategy

Speeches and Letters

Working Program

**Year**

The year when the document was issued/published

**DocumentYear**

A combination variable populated with information from columns Document and Year

APS 06 = Annual Policy Strategy 2006

APS 07 = Annual Policy Strategy 2007

APS 08 = Annual Policy Strategy 2008

APS 09 = Annual Policy Strategy 2009  
EGP 04 = European Green Party 2004

EGP 09 = European Green Party 2009

ELDR 04 = Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party/the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party 2004

ELDR 09 = Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party/the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party 2009

EPP 04 = European People’s Party 2004

EPP 09 = European People’s Party 2009

PES 04 = Party of European Socialists 2004

PES 09 = Party of European Socialists 2009

S&L 10 = Speeches and Letters 2010

S&L 11 = Speeches and Letters 2011

S&L 12 = Speeches and Letters 2012

S&L 13 = Speeches and Letters 2013

WP 06 = Work Programme 2006

WP 07 = Work Programme 2007

WP 08 = Work Programme 2008

WP 09 = Work Programme 2009

WP 10 = Work Programme 2010

WP 11 = Work Programme 2011

WP 12 = Work Programme 2012

WP 13 = Work Programme 203

**DocumentType**

Entries are one of each category

Annual Policy Strategy

Party Programmes

Speeches and Letters

Work Programmes

**Overlap\_APS\_06**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Annual Policy Strategy issued in 2006

**Overlap\_APS\_07**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Annual Policy Strategy issued in 2007

**Overlap\_APS\_08**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Annual Policy Strategy issued in 2008

**Overlap\_APS\_09**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Annual Policy Strategy issued in 2009

**Overlap\_APS\_06\_09**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: Overlap\_APS\_06, Overlap\_APS\_07, Overlap\_APS\_08, Overlap\_APS\_09

**Overlap\_WP\_06**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2006

**Overlap\_WP\_07**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2007

**Overlap\_WP\_08**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2008

**Overlap\_WP\_09**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2009

**Overlap\_WP\_06\_09**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: Overlap\_WP\_06, Overlap\_WP\_07, Overlap\_WP\_08, Overlap\_WP\_09

**Overlap\_S&L\_10**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Speech or Letter issued in 2010

**Overlap\_S&L\_11**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Speech or Letter issued in 2011

**Overlap\_S&L\_12**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Speech or Letter issued in 2012

**Overlap\_S&L\_13**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Speech or Letter issued in 2013

**Overlap\_S&L\_10\_13**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: Overlap\_S&L\_10, Overlap\_S&L\_11, Overlap\_S&L\_12, Overlap\_S&L\_13

**Overlap\_WP\_10**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2010

**Overlap\_WP\_11**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2011

**Overlap\_WP\_12**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2012

**Overlap\_WP\_13**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge overlaps with at least one policy priority listed in Work Programme issued in 2013

**Overlap\_WP\_10\_13**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: Overlap\_WP\_10, Overlap\_WP\_11, Overlap\_WP\_12, Overlap\_WP\_13

**A\_ELDR\_2004**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the ELDR 2004 election platform

**A\_EPP\_2004**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the EPP 2004 election platform

**A\_PES\_2004**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the PES 2004 election platform

**A\_EGP\_2004**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the EGP 2004 election platform

**A\_Pol\_Group\_04**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: A\_ELDR\_2004, A\_EPP\_2004, A\_EGP\_2004, A\_PES\_2004

**A\_ELDR\_2009**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the ELDR 2009 election platform

**A\_EPP\_2009**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the EPP 2009 election platform

**A\_PES\_2009**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the PES 2009 election platform

**A\_EGP\_2009**

=1 if the topic and direction of the pledge shares the policy intent and direction with an election statement contained in the EGP 2009 election platform

**A\_Pol\_Group\_09**

= if at least one of the following variables is coded as =1: A\_ELDR\_2009, A\_EPP\_2009, A\_EGP\_2009, A\_PES\_2009

**Policy\_Area**

Entries correspond to a policy area code from the CAPIC project, available at <http://www.policyagendas.eu/>

1=Macroeconomics

2=Civil Rights, Minority Issues, Civil Liberties

3=Health

4=Agriculture and Fisheries

5=Labour and Employment

6=Education

7=Environment

8=Energy

9=Immigration

10=Transportation

12=Law and Crime

13=Social Policy

14=Regional and Urban Policy and Planning

15=Banking, Finance, and Internal Trade

16=Defence

17=Space, Science, Technology and Communications

18=Foreign Trade

19=International Affairs and Foreign Aid

20=EU Governance and Government Operations

21=Public Lands, Water Management, and Territorial Issues

23=Culture and Media

**OLP**

= 1 if the policy area of the pledge falls under the ordinary legislative procedure of the European Parliament

**Commission\_Portfolio**

= 1 if the party that issued the pledge subsequently controlled the Commission portfolio associated with that policy area