

CODEBOOK
MEASURING EUROPEAN UNION INVOLVEMENT IN POLICY-MAKING
OVER TIME:
A NEW INDEX OF EUROPEANISATION

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This dataset, “\EUcompetencies_expertlevel.dta”, presents a measure of European Union (EU) involvement in policy-making over time: an index of the Europeanisation of policy. Our project started with the basic assumption that politics and policies within the EU are structured along two dimensions: pro- and anti-integration and a left-right cleavage. Using an internet survey targeting academic experts in individual EU policy areas, we constructed a dataset that provides information on two areas: first, the distribution of authority between EU institutions and national authorities across time and across policy fields; and, secondly, an assessment of the ideological content of EU legislation.

The expert survey was completed by 245 experts in nine policy areas, corresponding to the nine configurations of the Council of the European Union. Within these nine policy areas, most experts picked a narrower sub-area to fit their field-specific knowledge. A total of 28 narrower subfields were included. Fieldwork was completed over the course of 10 months in 2014-2015.

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SECTION A: GENERAL

id_s = The id we have assigned to each questionnaire

completed = partly or fully completed questionnaire

0 = Partially completed survey

1 = Completed survey

citizenship1 = First country of citizenship of respondent

citizenship2 = Second country of citizenship of respondent (if any)

List of country codes

11 = Sweden

12 = Norway

13 = Denmark

14 = Finland

15 = Iceland

21 = Belgium

22 = Netherlands

23 = Luxembourg

31 = France

32 = Italy

33 = Spain

34 = Greece

35 = Portugal

41 = Germany

42 = Austria

43 = Switzerland

51 = Great Britain

52 = Northern Ireland

53 = Ireland

54 = Malta

55 = Cyprus

61 = United States

62 = Canada

63 = Australia

64 = New Zealand

71 = Japan

72 = Israel

73 = Sri Lanka

74 = Turkey

75 = Albania

76 = Armenia

77 = Azerbaijan

78 = Belarus

79 = Bosnia-Herzegovina

80 = Bulgaria

81 = Croatia

82 = Czech Republic
83 = Estonia
84 = Georgia
85 = German Democratic Republic
86 = Hungary
87 = Latvia
88 = Lithuania
89 = Macedonia
90 = Moldova
91 = Montenegro
92 = Poland
93 = Romania
94 = Russia
95 = Serbia
96 = Slovakia
97 = Slovenia
98 = Ukraine
113 = South Korea
171 = Mexico
181 = South Africa
201 = Brazil
202 = Colombia
203 = Singapore
204 = Taiwan

Irexpert = Expert's own left-right ideological self-placement

0 = Left
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10 = Right

benchmark1 = Benchmark question: Europeanisation of European trade policy at present

1 = the most Europeanised
2 = very Europeanised
3 = about average
4 = Europeanised to a small degree
5 = the least Europeanised

benchmark2 = Benchmark question: Left-right identification of the Services Directive

0 = Left
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10 = Right

benchmark3 = Benchmark question: left-right identification of the GMO Directive

0 = Left
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10 = Right

benchmark4 = Benchmark question: libertarian-authoritarian identification of the directive referring to the right of citizens and their families to move and reside freely

0 = Libertarian
:
10 = Authoritarian

benchmark5 = Benchmark question: libertarian-authoritarian identification of the Tobacco Products Directive

0 = Libertarian
:
10 = Authoritarian

mpolicy = The broad policy area that the expert chose as their area of expertise

1 = Economic and Financial Affairs
2 = Competitiveness
3 = Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs
5 = Environment
6 = Agriculture and Fisheries
7 = Transport, Telecommunications, Energy
8 = Education, Youth and Culture
9 = Justice and Home Affairs
10 = Foreign and Security policy

spolicy = The detailed policy area that the expert chose as their area of expertise within the broad policy area

100 = Economic and Financial Affairs (general)
101 = Monetary Policy
102 = Macroeconomic Policy
103 = Taxation
200 = Competitiveness (general)
201 = Competition
202 = Industry
203 = Internal Market: Goods and Services
204 = Internal Market: Capital Flows
205 = Internal Market: Persons/workers
206 = Regional Policy
300 = Employment and Social Policy
304 = Health and Consumer Protection
301 = Work Conditions

302 = Labour-Management Relations
303 = Social Welfare
305 = Public Health
306 = Food Safety
500 = Environment (general)
501 = Climate Change
502 = Nature and Biodiversity
600 = Agriculture and Fisheries (general)
601 = Agriculture
602 = Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
700 = Transport, Telecommunications, and Energy (general)
701 = Transport
702 = Telecommunications
703 = Energy
800 = Education, Youth and Culture (general)
801 = Education and Research
802 = Cultural Policy
900 = Justice and Home Affairs (general)
901 = Justice and Property Rights
902 = Citizenship and Immigration
903 = Police and Public Order
1000 = Foreign and Security Policy (general)
1001 = Defense and Military Affairs
1002 = Diplomacy
1003 = External Trade
1004 = Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
1005 = Development Aid

balance = Overall balance of policy-making authority in the selected policy area

1 = EU institutions have greater authority than national
2 = EU and national have equal
3 = National have greater but EU institutions exert substantial influence
4 = National have greater and EU institutions have little influence
5 = Other – open ended text responses coded in variable **balance_other**

balance_other = Open ended responses on the overall balance of policy-making authority in the selected policy area above

softlaw = Impact of 'soft law' and social learning on Europeanisation of policy in the selected policy area

1 = Very important
2 = Somewhat important
3 = Not really important
4 = Not at all important

comparison = Compared to other policies selected policy more/less Europeanised

- 1 = the most Europeanised
- 2 = Very Europeanised
- 3 = Average
- 4 = to a small degree
- 5 = the least Europeanised

generalid_lr = Overall selected policy area leaning ideologically (left/right)

- 1 = Strongly to the left
- 2 = Somewhat to the left
- 3 = Center
- 4 = Somewhat to the right
- 5 = Strongly to the right
- 6 = Not applicable

generalid_libauth = Overall selected policy area leaning ideologically (libertarian/authoritarian)

- 1 = Strongly libertarian
- 2 = Somewhat libertarian
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Somewhat authoritarian
- 5 = Strongly authoritarian
- 6 = Not applicable

pace = Future pace of Europeanisation in the selected policy area

- 1 = Similar as before
- 2 = Faster than before
- 3 = Slower than before

crisis = Impact of the economic and financial crisis on the Europeanisation of the selected policy area

- 1 = slowed down
- 2 = intensified
- 3 = little/no impact

spillover = dummy variables indicating whether Europeanisation of the selected policy area has had Europeanisation implications for additional policy areas (e.g. through "spillover" or issue-linkage / dynamics). The numbers at the end of the variable name indicate the general and detailed policy codes of the affected policy areas.

spillover100 = spillover - Economic and Financial Affairs (general)

spillover101 = spillover - Monetary Policy

spillover102 = spillover - Macroeconomic Policy

spillover103 = spillover - Taxation

spillover200 = spillover - Competitiveness (general)

spillover203 = spillover - Internal Market: Goods and Services

spillover204 = spillover - Internal Market: Capital Flows

spillover205 = spillover - Internal Market: Persons/workers
spillover206 = spillover - Regional Policy
spillover201 = spillover - Competition
spillover202 = spillover - Industry
spillover300 = spillover - Employment and Social Policy
spillover304 = spillover - Health and Consumer Protection
spillover301 = spillover - Work Conditions
spillover302 = spillover - Labour-Management Relations
spillover303 = spillover - Social Welfare
spillover306 = spillover - Food Safety
spillover500 = spillover - Environment (general)
spillover501 = spillover - Climate Change
spillover502 = spillover - Nature and Biodiversity
spillover600 = spillover - Agriculture and Fisheries (general)
spillover601 = spillover - Agriculture
spillover602 = spillover - Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
spillover700 = spillover - Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (general)
spillover701 = spillover - Transport
spillover702 = spillover - Telecommunications
spillover703 = spillover - Energy
spillover800 = spillover - Education, Youth and Culture (general)
spillover801 = spillover - Education and Research
spillover802 = spillover - Cultural Policy
spillover900 = spillover - Justice and Home Affairs (general)
spillover901 = spillover - Justice and Property Rights
spillover902 = spillover - Citizenship and Immigration
spillover903 = spillover - Police and Public Order
spillover1000 = spillover - Foreign and Security Policy (general)
spillover1001 = spillover - Defense and Military Affairs
spillover1002 = spillover - Diplomacy
spillover1003 = spillover - External Trade
spillover1004 = spillover - Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
spillover1005 = spillover - Development Aid
spilloverNo = spillover - No major implications for other policy areas

SECTION B: ASSESSING EUROPEANISATION OF POLICY OVER TIME

eudegree1 = variables indicating the degree of Europeanisation of primary legislation in each selected policy area by Treaties

0 = No Europeanisation

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10 = Completely Europeanised

eudegree1_rome = Degree of Europeanisation - Treaty of Rome

eudegree1_sea = Degree of Europeanisation - Single European Act

eudegree1_maastricht = Degree of Europeanisation - Maastricht Treaty

eudegree1_amsterdam = Degree of Europeanisation - Amsterdam Treaty
eudegree1_nice = Degree of Europeanisation - Nice Treaty
eudegree1_lisbon = Degree of Europeanisation - Lisbon Treaty

eudegree2 and eudegree3 = variables indicating the degree of Europeanisation of secondary legislation in the selected policy area by 5-year intervals. Each variable corresponds to the respective 5-year period. Note that due to 11% of survey respondents evaluating this question on a yearly basis, their responses have been coded in two alternative ways: 1) **eudegree2** = 5-year means where the closest *whole value* to the mean is assigned as the score. 2) **eudegree3** = 5-year *exact means* for those respondents, i.e. mean responses of 5-year periods for those respondents have decimals.

0 = No Europeanisation
:
10 = Completely Europeanised

Version 1

eudegree2_1957_60 = Degree of Europeanisation 1957-1960
eudegree2_1961_65 = Degree of Europeanisation 1961-1965
eudegree2_1966_70 = Degree of Europeanisation 1966-1970
eudegree2_1971_75 = Degree of Europeanisation 1971-1975
eudegree2_1976_80 = Degree of Europeanisation 1976-1980
eudegree2_1981_85 = Degree of Europeanisation 1981-1985
eudegree2_1986_90 = Degree of Europeanisation 1986-1990
eudegree2_1991_95 = Degree of Europeanisation 1991-1995
eudegree2_1996_2000 = Degree of Europeanisation 1996-2000
eudegree2_2001_05 = Degree of Europeanisation 2001-2005
eudegree2_2006_10 = Degree of Europeanisation 2006-2010
eudegree2_2011_14 = Degree of Europeanisation 2011-2014

Version 2

eudegree3_1957_60 = Degree of Europeanisation 1957-1960
eudegree3_1961_65 = Degree of Europeanisation 1961-1965
eudegree3_1966_70 = Degree of Europeanisation 1966-1970
eudegree3_1971_75 = Degree of Europeanisation 1971-1975
eudegree3_1976_80 = Degree of Europeanisation 1976-1980
eudegree3_1981_85 = Degree of Europeanisation 1981-1985
eudegree3_1986_90 = Degree of Europeanisation 1986-1990
eudegree3_1991_95 = Degree of Europeanisation 1991-1995
eudegree3_1996_2000 = Degree of Europeanisation 1996-2000
eudegree3_2001_05 = Degree of Europeanisation 2001-2005
eudegree3_2006_10 = Degree of Europeanisation 2006-2010
eudegree3_2011_14 = Degree of Europeanisation 2011-2014

eudegree_acts = Open ended responses on the key acts of EU secondary legislation that have contributed the most to the Europeanisation of the selected policy area.

SECTION C: ASSESSING THE IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT OF EU LEGISLATION

scalechoice = ideological scale chosen to evaluate EU legislation in policy area

1 = Left-right scale

2 = Libertarian-authoritarian scale

Please note that 11% of respondents were not given a choice but only the left-right scale due to a technical issue with the survey software.

lrscale1 = Rating of the overall left-right ideological direction of primary legislation in selected policy area by treaty. Please note that non-applicable responses have been coded as missing.

0 = extreme left

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10 = extreme right

lrscale1_rome = Left-right ideology of legislation - Treaty of Rome

lrscale1_sea = Left-right ideology of legislation - Single European Act

lrscale1_maastricht = Left-right ideology of legislation - Maastricht Treaty

lrscale1_amsterdam = Left-right ideology of legislation - Amsterdam Treaty

lrscale1_nice = Left-right ideology of legislation - Nice Treaty

lrscale1_lisbon = Left-right ideology of legislation - Lisbon Treaty

lrscale1_compact = Left-right ideology of legislation - Fiscal Compact Treaty

lascale1 = Rating of the overall libertarian-authoritarian ideological direction of primary legislation in selected policy area by treaty. Please note that non-applicable responses have been coded as missing.

0 = strongly libertarian

:

10 = strongly authoritarian

lascale1_rome = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Treaty of Rome

lascale1_sea = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Single European Act

lascale1_maastricht = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Maastricht Treaty

lascale1_amsterdam = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Amsterdam Treaty

lascale1_nice = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Nice Treaty

lascale1_lisbon = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation - Lisbon Treaty

Irscale2 and **Irscale3** = variables indicating the overall left-right ideological direction of secondary legislation in selected policy area by 5-year intervals. Each variable corresponds to the respective 5-year period.

Note that due to 11% of survey respondents evaluating this question on a yearly basis, their responses have been coded in two alternative ways: 1)

Irscale2 = 5-year means where the closest *whole value* to the mean is assigned as the score. 2) **Irscale3** = 5-year *exact means* for those respondents, i.e mean responses of 5-year periods for those respondents have decimals. Please note that non-applicable responses have been coded as missing.

0 = extreme left

:

10 = extreme right

Version 1

Irscale2_1957_60 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1957-1960

Irscale2_1961_65 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1961-1965

Irscale2_1966_70 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1966-1970

Irscale2_1971_75 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1971-1975

Irscale2_1976_80 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1976-1980

Irscale2_1981_85 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1981-1985

Irscale2_1986_90 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1986-1990

Irscale2_1991_95 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1991-1995

Irscale2_1996_2000 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1996-2000

Irscale2_2001_05 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2001-2005

Irscale2_2006_10 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2006-2010

Irscale2_2011_14 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2011-2014

Version 2

Irscale3_1957_60 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1957-1960

Irscale3_1961_65 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1961-1965

Irscale3_1966_70 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1966-1970

Irscale3_1971_75 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1971-1975

Irscale3_1976_80 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1976-1980

Irscale3_1981_85 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1981-1985

Irscale3_1986_90 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1986-1990

Irscale3_1991_95 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1991-1995

Irscale3_1996_2000 = Left-right ideology of legislation 1996-2000

Irscale3_2001_05 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2001-2005

Irscale3_2006_10 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2006-2010

lrscale3_2011_14 = Left-right ideology of legislation 2011-2014

lascale2 = variables indicating the overall libertarian-authoritarian ideological direction of secondary legislation in selected policy area by 5-year intervals. Each variable corresponds to the respective 5-year period.

Note that 11% of survey respondents did not evaluate this question. Please note that non-applicable responses have been coded as missing.

0 = strongly libertarian

:

10 = strongly authoritarian

lascale2_1957_60 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1957-1960

lascale2_1961_65 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1961-1965

lascale2_1966_70 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1966-1970

lascale2_1971_75 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1971-1975

lascale2_1976_80 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1976-1980

lascale2_1981_85 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1981-1985

lascale2_1986_90 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1986-1990

lascale2_1991_95 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1991-1995

lascale2_1996_2000 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 1996-2000

lascale2_2001_05 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 2001-2005

lascale2_2006_10 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 2006-2010

lascale2_2011_14 = Libertarian-authoritarian ideology of legislation 2011-2014

ideology_acts = Open ended responses on the most ideologically charged acts of EU secondary legislation in the selected policy area.

SECTION D: ASSESSING THE DOMESTIC IMPACT OF EUROPEANISATION OF POLICY

countrypace = pace at which Europeanisation of selected policy proceeded across countries

1 = Very similar

2 = Mostly similar

3 = Moderate differences

- 4 = Large differences
- 5 = Very large differences

mosteu = Dummy variables indicating that the country or countries stand out as the most Europeanised, using the average speed of Europeanisation across countries as a baseline. The dummy variables were recoded from an open-ended question.

Derived variables

- mosteuSweden_** = Most Europeanised Sweden
- mosteuDenmark** = Most Europeanised Denmark
- mosteuFinland** = Most Europeanised Finland
- mosteuBelgium** = Most Europeanised Belgium
- mosteuNetherlands** = Most Europeanised Netherlands
- mosteuLuxembourg** = Most Europeanised Luxembourg
- mosteuFrance** = Most Europeanised France
- mosteuItaly** = Most Europeanised Italy
- mosteuSpain** = Most Europeanised Spain
- mosteuGreece** = Most Europeanised Greece
- mosteuPortugal** = Most Europeanised Portugal
- mosteuGermany** = Most Europeanised Germany
- mosteuAustria** = Most Europeanised Austria
- mosteuUK** = Most Europeanised UK
- mosteuIreland** = Most Europeanised Ireland
- mosteuMalta** = Most Europeanised Malta
- mosteuCyprus** = Most Europeanised Cyprus
- mosteuBulgaria** = Most Europeanised Bulgaria
- mosteuCroatia** = Most Europeanised Croatia
- mosteuCzechRepublic** = Most Europeanised Czech Republic
- mosteuEstonia** = Most Europeanised Estonia
- mosteuHungary** = Most Europeanised Hungary
- mosteuLatvia** = Most Europeanised Latvia
- mosteuLithuania** = Most Europeanised Lithuania
- mosteuPoland** = Most Europeanised Poland
- mosteuRomania** = Most Europeanised Romania
- mosteuSlovakia** = Most Europeanised Slovakia
- mosteuSlovenia** = Most Europeanised Slovenia
- mosteuNo** = Most Europeanised Not applicable

leasteu = Dummy variables indicating that the country or countries stand out as the least Europeanised, using the average speed of Europeanisation across countries as a baseline. The dummy variables were recoded from an open-ended question.

Derived variables

- leasteuSweden_** = Least Europeanised Sweden
- leasteuDenmark** = Least Europeanised Denmark
- leasteuFinland** = Least Europeanised Finland

leasteuBelgium = Least Europeanised Belgium
leasteuNetherlands = Least Europeanised Netherlands
leasteuLuxembourg = Least Europeanised Luxembourg
leasteuFrance = Least Europeanised France
leasteuItaly = Least Europeanised Italy
leasteuSpain = Least Europeanised Spain
leasteuGreece = Least Europeanised Greece
leasteuPortugal = Least Europeanised Portugal
leasteuGermany = Least Europeanised Germany
leasteuAustria = Least Europeanised Austria
leasteuUK = Least Europeanised UK
leasteuIreland = Least Europeanised Ireland
leasteuMalta = Least Europeanised Malta
leasteuCyprus = Least Europeanised Cyprus
leasteuBulgaria = Least Europeanised Bulgaria
leasteuCroatia = Least Europeanised Croatia
leasteuCzechRepublic = Least Europeanised Czech Republic
leasteuEstonia = Least Europeanised Estonia
leasteuHungary = Least Europeanised Hungary
leasteuLatvia = Least Europeanised Latvia
leasteuLithuania = Least Europeanised Lithuania
leasteuPoland = Least Europeanised Poland
leasteuRomania = Least Europeanised Romania
leasteuSlovakia = Least Europeanised Slovakia
leasteuSlovenia = Least Europeanised Slovenia
leasteuNo = Least Europeanised Not applicable

agenda= A series of dummy variables for the country or countries identified as agenda-setters by shaping the content of EU laws and policies in the selected policy area.

agendaSweden = Agenda-setters Sweden
agendaDenmark = Agenda-setters Denmark
agendaFinland = Agenda-setters Finland
agendaBelgium = Agenda-setters Belgium
agendaNetherlands = Agenda-setters Netherlands
agendaLuxembourg = Agenda-setters Luxembourg
agendaFrance = Agenda-setters France
agendaitaly = Agenda-setters Italy
agendaSpain = Agenda-setters Spain
agendaGreece = Agenda-setters Greece
agendaPortugal = Agenda-setters Portugal
agendaGermany = Agenda-setters Germany
agendaAustria = Agenda-setters Austria
agendaUK = Agenda-setters UK
agendaIreland = Agenda-setters Ireland
agendaMalta = Agenda-setters Malta
agendaCyprus = Agenda-setters Cyprus
agendaBulgaria = Agenda-setters Bulgaria

agendaCroatia = Agenda-setters Croatia
agendaCzechRepublic = Agenda-setters Czech Republic
agendaEstonia = Agenda-setters Estonia
agendaHungary = Agenda-setters Hungary
agendaLatvia = Agenda-setters Latvia
agendaLithuania = Agenda-setters Lithuania
agendaPoland = Agenda-setters Poland
agendaRomania = Agenda-setters Romania
agendaSlovakia = Agenda-setters Slovakia
agendaSlovenia = Agenda-setters Slovenia
agendaNo = Agenda-setters No consistent agenda-setters

disadvantage = A series of dummy variables for country or countries identified as particularly disadvantaged by legislation passed in the selected policy area

disadvantageSweden = Particularly disadvantaged Sweden
disadvantageDenmark = Particularly disadvantaged Denmark
disadvantageFinland = Particularly disadvantaged Finland
disadvantageBelgium = Particularly disadvantaged Belgium
disadvantageNetherlands = Particularly disadvantaged Netherlands
disadvantageLuxembourg = Particularly disadvantaged Luxembourg
disadvantageFrance = Particularly disadvantaged France
disadvantageItaly = Particularly disadvantaged Italy
disadvantageSpain = Particularly disadvantaged Spain
disadvantageGreece = Particularly disadvantaged Greece
disadvantagePortugal = Particularly disadvantaged Portugal
disadvantageGermany = Particularly disadvantaged Germany
disadvantageAustria = Particularly disadvantaged Austria
disadvantageUK = Particularly disadvantaged UK
disadvantageIreland = Particularly disadvantaged Ireland
disadvantageMalta = Particularly disadvantaged Malta
disadvantageCyprus = Particularly disadvantaged Cyprus
disadvantageBulgaria = Particularly disadvantaged Bulgaria
disadvantageCroatia = Particularly disadvantaged Croatia
disadvantageCzechRepublic = Particularly disadvantaged Czech Republic
disadvantageEstonia = Particularly disadvantaged Estonia
disadvantageHungary = Particularly disadvantaged Hungary
disadvantageLatvia = Particularly disadvantaged Latvia
disadvantageLithuania = Particularly disadvantaged Lithuania
disadvantagePoland = Particularly disadvantaged Poland
disadvantageRomania = Particularly disadvantaged Romania
disadvantageSlovakia = Particularly disadvantaged Slovakia
disadvantageSlovenia = Particularly disadvantaged Slovenia
disadvantageNo = No member states have been disadvantaged

convergence = Agree or disagree with statement for the selected policy area:
“Some say that the Europeanisation of domestic policy has resulted in a gradual convergence of the positions of mainstream political parties.”

- 1 = Strongly disagree
- 2 = Somewhat disagree
- 3 = Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 = Agree
- 5 = Strongly agree
- 6 = Not applicable

obstacle = Greatest obstacles to Europeanisation of policies in the selected policy area

- 1 = Eurosceptic political parties
- 2 = National governments
- 3 = Unfavorable public opinion
- 4 = Bureaucratic inefficiencies
- 5 = Policy area already fully Europeanised
- 6 = No major obstacles
- 7 = Other – – open ended text responses coded in variable

obstacle_other

obstacle_other = Open ended responses on the greatest obstacles to Europeanisation of policies in the selected policy area