

## **Free Elections, Political Parties and the Emergence of Competitive Party Systems in Eastern Europe / Founding Elections in Eastern Europe (1989-2002)**

**The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.**

The project FEE was organized by the [Social Science Research Center Berlin](#) (WZB) and financed by the [Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#).

**A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey**

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**Internet links to the website of the responsible organization**

The website of the [Social Science Research Center Berlin](#)

There is no specific website for the FEE.

**The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.**

This project is a gathering of independent national surveys regarding elections in Eastern Europe in the time period 1989 – 2002.

**f) A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey**

The project concentrated on the emerging and formation process of democracy in Eastern Europe.

**An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used**

This varies from country to country. Documentation and further information is included with the dataset which may be found by [ordering a CD-ROM](#) from GESIS or ZACAT, alternatively downloading it via FTP. Both procedures require registration and cost money.

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### **An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.**

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### **Questionnaires, English version**

This varies both from country to country and from survey to survey. See the points above on documentation.

### **The countries included in the different rounds**

The election surveys are gathered from Albania, Belarus, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

### **Cumulative file of the various rounds**

Not relevant. This is a gathering of independent national election surveys.

### **Publications based on the data**

There is no such list. However, the WZB offers book series based on the data. The series are named "Founding Elections in Eastern Europe" and are edited by Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Charles L. Taylor. For a list of all ten volumes, please [click here](#).

### **Analytical summary...**

### **Sources**

All information is extracted from the following three sources:

[GESIS' list of cross-national survey programmes based on population samples](#)

[GESIS' web page: "Election Studies from Eastern Europe"](#)

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