

The True European Voter (TEV)

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 entity is the so-called COST Action ISO806 – The True European Voter. It includes the following subcommittees:

[The Advisory Board](#), which oversees the Action and advises the Action Chair, the Management Committee and the Training School Chair.

[The Management Committee](#), which elects several other officials, plans the Workshops, Training Schools and conferences, evaluates and monitors the progress of the Action, prepares the annual reports, and so on.

[The Working Groups](#): There are three working groups, namely History, Data, and Methods.

These have different leaders who plan specific WG activities. There is also an [Action Think Tank](#) connected to the Data WG. The Methods WG is responsible for [the Training School](#), an annual methodology school for young scholars within electoral research.

[The Steering Committee](#), which plans and reviews the activities of the Action.

For full information on how these bodies relate to each other, please refer to this [organizational chart](#).

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

The project takes place between 2009 and 2014. The main intention was to build on the achievements of the European Voter project to advance the knowledge of the imperfections of electoral democracy in Europe, and to come up with sound conclusions and policy recommendations.

Internet links to the website of the responsible organization.

<http://true-european-voter.eu>

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

The project is in its first round. There is no information on future rounds yet.

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

The project will construct a micro-level database which integrates the datasets of 17 country-specific National Election Studies conducted over the past 50 years, and collect macro-data for these 17 countries over 50 years and integrate the two datasets. Amongst other subjects, the data sets will include information on the degree of consolidation of electoral systems, the stability of voter alignments, the structure of party organisation and properties of the system of political intermediation.

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

Since the surveys are country-specific, so are the samples and the data collection methods employed.

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

A preliminary data set is already available on their website. The full database is available from late 2015 or 2016.

Questionnaires, English version

These are country-specific.

The countries included in the different rounds

Full participants: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom

In addition, Serbia has an intention to participate and there are a few non-COST participants.

Cumulative file of the various rounds

Not relevant.

Publications based on data

[The True European Voter Working Papers](#)

[The True European Voter Bibliography](#)

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of the True European Voter Project.