

Annex E MEDem Distributed Services: participating institutions

MEDem's services will be located at a Headquarters Office and at six competence centres distributed across seven institutions in five countries, as follows. [This list is provisional and liable to change before the application is made to ESFRI in August 2017.]

E.1 MEDem Head Office. Participant: University of Gothenburg

Research on elections and representative democracy has a long tradition at the University of Gothenburg, with its center at the Department of Political Science that also holds a chair in Electoral Studies (currently professor Henrik Ekengren Oscarsson). Already from its inception in 1956, the main focus of the program was the systematic empirical analyses of the well-being of representative electoral democracy, carefully guided by normative democratic theory. The back-bone of the research on elections and representative democracy are the election surveys, carried out at the time of every national election, referendum and European Parliamentary election since 1956, one of the most impressive longitudinal series of data on electoral behavior in the world. The data sets are among the most popular at the Swedish National Data Service (SND), extensively used by researchers in a number of disciplines, coming from all Swedish universities, and from many other countries, including the major universities in USA. In 2014, 388 copies of the studies were distributed to researchers. The SNES data are an integrated part of a number of international databases together with other national election studies, Since 1995, Sweden is part of the co-operation project "The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems" (CSES) that coordinates national teams of election researchers around the world. www.cses.org. The Swedish Election studies are however just one node in the election research conducted at the University of Gothenburg, which also houses Parliamentary studies – in total 10 studies to date. Furthermore, since 2002, the Swedish National Election Studies has carried out a number of campaign panel studies. In later years the election research group have contributed to the establishment of the Laboratory of Opinion Research (LORE). Devoted to data collection through web questionnaires, LORE provides qualified consultation on web-based research and design of instrumentation as well as data collection and data processing. In addition to a continuing longitudinal Citizen Panel, LORE runs a Politician Panel and a Journalist Panel.

Apart from the Swedish Election Study Program the Department of Political Science at University of Gothenburg also hosts the Quality of Governance Institute (QoG) and the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) institute why the department has vast experiences of leading and administrating large international research networks.

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Main tasks within the project

Two faculty members at UniG, Prof. Maria Oskarson and Prof. Henrik Ekengren Oscarsson, will play important roles in the Steering Committee (WP9), and in the concluding package WP10. Prof Maria Oskarsson will play a key role in WP9 (the Steering and Management Committee) and Prof Henrik Ekengren Oscarson in WP2 (voters survey).

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Professor **HENRIK EKENGREN OSCARSSON** (born 1972) holds the chair in Political Science, Electoral Studies at the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg. He is the head of the Swedish National Election Studies Program since 2011. His research interest focus on electoral reform, opinion formation and electoral behavior, with a special interest in spatial modelling of voting behavior and party competition, and in developing Consideration Set Models of voting behavior. Many European party systems are currently undergoing a fundamental change as economic divisions of left and right is being challenged by a cultural dimension. The fundamental societal change causes stress to parties, candidates, interest organizations, and the institutions of representative democracy that calls for adaptive strategies.

Professor **MARIA OSKARSON** (born 1958) has been associated to the Swedish Election Study program since the 1990s. Her research focus is mainly linked to social and political cleavages in Sweden and Europe. She participated in several comparative research project on political behavior such as “Electoral Change” (Franklin, Mackie & Valen 1992) and “The European Voter” (Thomassen 2005). She has also long experience of academic administration and leadership in various capacities, both related to departmental duties as well as educational. She has been on the board of CERES (Consortium for European Research with Election Studies) since the start in 2011. She is also chair of the board for the Swedish parts of European Social Survey and SHARE, both ERICs, appointed by the Swedish Research Council and University of Umeå.

E.2 Competence Centre for Media Studies. Participant: Universiteit van Amsterdam

The *Universiteit van Amsterdam* (UvA) is a member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU), and as such it is one of Europe’s leading academic institutions. It is over 350 years old, and the social science faculty is the largest in the Netherlands. The scientific study of democracy has been one of its core concerns since its foundation.

Two research institutes at the UvA will participate in MEDem: the Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR) and the Amsterdam Institute for Social Sciences Research

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(AISSR). Scholars from the Departments of Political Science and Communication Science figure prominently in both national and international academic communities: they attract a high share of funding from the Dutch National Science Foundation (NWO). The faculty also employs a group of administrative research officers who are experienced in co-ordinating and managing multi-disciplinary international research projects.

Main tasks within the project

Two faculty members at the UvA, Prof. Wouter van der Brug and Prof. Claes de Vreese, will play important roles in scientific steering (WP7) and management (WP9). Prof Van der Brug will play a key role in WP2 (voter studies) and Prof De Vreese will play a key role in WP4 (the media study).

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Claes de Vreese is Professor and Chair of Political Communication and Program Group Director of Political Communication & Journalism at The Amsterdam School of Communication Research *ASCoR*, Department of Communication Science, University of Amsterdam. He is a member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW) and he is listed as one of the most prolific communication science scholars in Europe. He directs the UvA Research Priority Area Communication, as well as the Center for Politics and Communication. Finally, he is Adjunct Professor of Political Science and Journalism at the University of Southern Denmark. His research interests include comparative journalism, the effects of news, public opinion and European integration and effects of information and campaigning on elections referendums and direct democracy. His research is funded by several science foundation grants, including Veni and Vici grants from the Dutch Science Foundation, as well as and ERC consolidator grants. He has received awards for research from the International Communication Association, the Danish Science Foundation, and the Norwegian Holberg Foundation.

Wouter van der Brug is Professor and Chair of Politics at the Department of Political Science at the UvA. He is also an Honorary Professor at the University of Copenhagen. He is Chair of the Dutch Association for Electoral Research, chair of the NWO ESS-Neth committee and Board member of the European Elections Studies group. His research interests focus on comparative research in collective political behaviour, in particular electoral behaviour, right-wing populism, political communication, political trust and support, and political parties. He publishes regularly in various high ranked international journals. In 2007 he co-authored *The Economy and the Vote* (Cambridge University Press, with Cees van der Eijk and Mark Franklin). He recently co-edited two volumes: *The Politicisation of*

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Migration (2015, Routledge; with Gianni D'Amato, Joost Berkhout and Didier Ruedin) and *(Un)intended Consequences of European Parliamentary Elections* (2016, Oxford University Press; with Claes de Vreese).

E.3 Competence Centre for Mass Studies. Participant: University of Copenhagen

With its more than 530 years, the University of Copenhagen is one of the oldest universities in Northern Europe. Its Department of Political Science has 130 employees being one of the largest political science department in Europe ranking 6 in Europe according to QS 2017 ranking. The Department has been part of the teams conducting the Danish National Election Study since its start in 1971. The Centre for Voting and Parties is an indebted centre in the department which has lead the national election study since 2013 together with Department of Political Science, Aarhus University. The Danish Election Study also cooperate with “The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems” (CSES) that coordinates national teams of election researchers around the world. www.cses.org. The candidate survey has also been led by the department since its establishment in 2011. Numerous of project in electoral research spring from the vibrant environment of the department. E.g. the Danish turnout project, The Danish party membership study, the Danish school election project, The Danish campaign study many of which are embedded in international cooperation and publications.

Main tasks within the project

Professor Kasper M. Hansen, University of Copenhagen will play important roles in the Steering Committee (WP9), and play a in a key role in mass survey team (WP2). The department will house WP2 and the competence centre under the MEDem project on the condition that the Department incurs no additional costs nor assumes any future obligations with regards to the possible costs associated with project. The department will pursue additional funding in order to cover future data collection.

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Professor Hansen, Ph.D. University of Copenhagen has been part of the Danish election study team since 2005 and PI since 2011. He has published extensively in major top journals (46+ articles in peer reviewed journals) on election and electoral behavior along with a number of peer reviewed books. See <http://www.kaspermhansen.eu/>. Professor Hansen will be backed by professor Rune Stubager, Ph.D. Århus University who also is part of the Danish Research team conduction the election studies and former PI of the election study. Stubager has published in comprehensively international top journals and including books at leading university presses.

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E.4 Competence Centre for Elite Studies. Participants: Social Sciences Institute of the University of Lisbon and University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) / CIES-IUL (Centre for Sociological Studies and Research)

The *Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa* is an internationally renowned multidisciplinary university institution that produces knowledge concerning individuals and the societies that they have succeeded in creating and whose operation is guided by scientific and ethical principles as well as by the idea of social responsibility.

It is within the scope of this Vision of the Institute and the values underlying it - scientific autonomy, intellectual openness, diversity, and institutional cooperation - that the ICS's Mission and major goals are defined:

- Research, published in nationally and internationally renowned journals and books and disseminated in networks and scientific meetings;
- Postgraduate programmes, framed within the research themes, the projects underway and international cooperation networks;
- Outreach, with particular importance being granted to the Observatories on Portuguese Society and research which affects public policy, not forgetting our readiness to respond to requests for studies from private and public bodies.

The research that ICS undertakes and which constitutes our Mission focuses on contemporary societies and is currently organized into the following research areas: Environment, Territory and Society; Power, Society and Globalization; Empires, Colonialism and Post-Colonialism Societies; Regimes and Political Institutions; Socio-political Attitudes and Behaviours; Identities, Cultures, Vulnerabilities and Life course, Inequality and Solidarity: practices and policies. The disciplinary areas involved in this project are: Social and Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Human Geography, History, Social Psychology, and Sociology.

Within the scope of its research projects and as an Associate Laboratory of FCT (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia), the ICS also undertakes activities supporting the scientific community, including activities in the field of knowledge infrastructures such as the library, the archives, and the databases (Social Surveys and Political Surveys), as well as in the field of publications: *Análise Social*, *Imprensa de Ciências Sociais* and Working Papers; it also undertakes projects intended to disseminate scientific knowledge to a non-academic audience.

Currently, the Institute has about 90 researchers and 150 postgraduate students and is engaged in 60 research projects. Close to sixty per cent of its activities are financed from its own funds, which are obtained on a competitive basis.

ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) is a public university established in 1972 pursuing teaching, research and community service activities. With more than 9000 students enrolled in undergraduate (46%) and postgraduate (54%) programs, 450 teachers and 240 non-teaching staff, the University is proud to be one of the most dynamic and innovative universities in the country producing, transmitting and transferring knowledge to society according with the highest international standards. It is a research oriented university with a multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approach, that includes eight research units, six laboratories (Digital Fabrication Laboratory, Laboratory of Social and Organizational Psychology, Communication Sciences

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Laboratory, Image Laboratory, Computer Laboratory, and Telecommunications Laboratory), as well as the Departments and Schools that are the main organizational structures of the Institute (see www.iscte.pt). The research units are centres with high quality and national merit and with significant contributions of international relevance in their research areas.

The strategic objectives of ISCTE-IUL are: innovation, quality, internationalization and development of an entrepreneurial culture in the main scientific fields of Business Studies & Economics, Social Sciences & Public Policy, and Information and Technologies & Architecture.

The University plays a major role in educating qualified specialists and personnel, whose cultural, scientific and technical skills enable them to contribute to sustainable development both at the national and the global level.

ISCTE-IUL has a considerable experience in international cooperation and is currently focused on developing a coherent international strategy to promote global profile and international competitiveness. The international strategy seeks to maintain the highest standards of teaching, learning and research. Moreover, it has now a long tradition in the application of research to create solutions for the social, political and economic problems of citizens in Portugal, Europe and worldwide. The international recognition of ISCTE-IUL's excellence in R&D and innovation in the areas above mentioned, has been demonstrated by the strong cooperation with more than 100 international entities, running more than 150 scientific projects and publishing more than 950 international scientific papers with peer review per year.

ISCTE-IUL has wide experience in training and mentoring researchers, in project management and quality processes services, having central support offices and specialized teams that support project management and quality management of services, such as the projects' office, the research support office, the evaluation office, and the quality planning and finance department, which are articulated with stakeholders needs.

CIES-IUL (Centre for Sociological Studies and Research) is a R&D unit of ISCTE-IUL in the area of social sciences dedicated to studying contemporary social problems from a multidisciplinary perspective. CIES-IUL's main scientific domain is sociology, developing relevant activity in the fields of public policy, political science, communication, education, modern and contemporary history and social work.

CIES-IUL's activity is characterised by a demanding articulation between basic research and applied research mainly directed at the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies in various sectors and areas of intervention. The Centre's research and scientific production, fosters diversity and the crossing of intensive and extensive approaches, aimed at deepening the analytical relationship between the study of social, political and historic macro-processes and associated social, cultural and spatial micro-dynamics.

At CIES-IUL, innovative research projects are developed in the production of knowledge and in methodological rigor funded through competitive calls, as well as applied research and knowledge-transfer activities, based on consolidated scientific competencies. The Centre is involved in numerous projects promoted by national and European institutions, and in international scientific research programmes and cooperation networks. In the field of political science, CIES-IUL has research projects that have been embedded in several research networks like the Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS), the Parliamentary Elites of Latin America (PELA) survey, the Comparative Agendas Project, the European Election Study and the European Social Survey, among others.

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Its team of 258 members includes 119 researchers, 65 associate researchers and 74 research assistants and their activities are organized in six research groups: I - Inequalities, Migrations and Territories; II - Knowledge Society, Competences and Communication; III - Family, Generations and Health; IV - Politics and Citizenship; V - Work, Innovation and Social Structures of the Economy and VI - Modern and Contemporary History, and two Observatories.

Research and advanced training are systematically combined at CIES-IUL, namely through the scientific and administrative coordination of 4 PhD programmes (Sociology, Public Policy, Communication Sciences and Social Work) and its association with 3 other (Urban Studies and two FCT programmes: in Communication Studies and in History: Change and Continuity in a Global World). The PhD programme in Political Science, located at ISCTE-IUL (Department of Political Science and Public Policies), is related with both CIES-IUL and CEI-IUL (Centre for International Studies).

In the editorial field CIES-IUL publishes since 1986 the scientific journal *Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas* [Sociology, Problems and Practices], www.sociologiapp.iscte.pt that is indexed by several international databases such as SCOPUS, Thomson Reuters SciELO Citation Index, Scielo, Latindex, Sociological Abstracts and EBSCO Publishing. Since 2010 CIES-IUL has its own publisher, Mundos Sociais that publishes the journal and refereed social sciences' academic books. Since its foundation in 1985, CIES-IUL has continuously developed programmes for the promotion of scientific culture in different areas of the Portuguese society.

Main tasks within the project

One member of the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Professor Pedro Magalhães, will be a member of the Steering Committee of MEDEM and therefore involved in Workshop 10; Professor Marina Costa Lobo, also from the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon will be involved in Workpackage 2 (Design of the Voter Study); One member from the *CIES-IUL (Centre for Sociological Studies and Research)*, Professor. André Freire, will be the coordinator for the Elite Competence Centre and involved in Workpackage 3 (design of Candidate Survey).

In strong articulation with the FORS social science databank in Lausanne, Switzerland (see <http://forscenter.ch/en/>), which has been archiving the Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS) ever since its foundation, the centre will prepare the comparative (merged) dataset and associated documentation to be archived in FORS (and also in the major social science databank associated with MEDEm, GESIS in Germany).

In strong articulation with the CCS Steering Committee, responsible government structure of the network, help the CCS Steering Committee to prepare the new modules of the CCS survey, namely module III, 2018-2019 onwards.

In order for the MEDEm infrastructure to go beyond what the founding members have been doing separately, namely studying voting behaviour (NES and CERES) and studying elite behaviour and attitudes in the performance of their campaigning and political representation tasks (CCS), the centre will promote the creating of a common module of questions that are included both in the mass (post electoral) surveys and in the elite surveys, and that will allow the study of political representation or a comparative scale that is without precedent (except for the PIREDEU voter and candidate surveys, but in this later case only for the 2009 European elections). This task will be performed in strong articulation with the CCS Steering Committee and with the CERES Steering

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Committee. The resulting data will provide scholars, especially in Europe, with the means to study political representation in national elections in an equally unprecedented fashion.

In strong articulation with the CCS Steering Committee and with the MEDEm Steering Committee, and independently of future common modules of questions across the mass and elite surveys, plan and operationalized the desirable future harmonization of all the variables (and questions in the questionnaires) across the mass and elite surveys done under the umbrella of MEDEm.

In strong articulation with the CCS Steering Committee and with the MEDEm Steering Committee, as well as the other Steering Committee of the founding partners of MEDEm, plan the collection of relevant contextual data to be connected with both the elite and mass surveys to be done under the umbrella of MEDEm, and that will provide invaluable datasets for the comparative multi-level study of political representation.

In strong articulation with the CCS Steering Committee, as well as the MEDEm Steering Committee, reflect about and plan and operationalize further innovative ways to study political elites and political representation (the linkages between elites and masses).

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Marina Costa Lobo is a Political Science Principal Researcher with Habilitation, at the Social Sciences Institute of the University of Lisbon. Her research has focused on electoral behaviour and in particular on leader effects. She is co-director of the Portuguese Election Study since 2001. She is the Director of the Observatory for the Quality of Democracy at the University of Lisbon. Recent publications include *Personality Politics? The role of Leader Evaluations in Democratic Elections* (edited with J. Curtice at Oxford University Press). She has published in edited Volumes at Oxford University Press, Sage, and Routledge, among others, as well as academic articles in *Political Research Quarterly*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics* and *South European Society and Politics*. In 2015, she won an ERC Consolidator Grant to study the politicisation of the EU before and after the Eurozone crisis.

André Freire is Associate Professor with *Agrégation / Habilitation*, Head of the Doctoral Program in Political Science at ISCTE-IUL (University Institute of Lisbon), and senior researcher at CIES-IUL. In terms of international research networks, Freire has been participating in several (CSES, CCS, PARTIREP, PARENEL, EES, among others), both as researcher and as coordinator (e.g. member of the Steering Committee in the CCS, since 2009). And he has directed several research projects in Portugal, namely about electoral behaviour (co-director of the PNES, 2001-2005), and political attitudes, political reforms, and political representation (director of several MP e candidate surveys since 2007). See for example: <http://er.cies.iscte-iul.pt/> He has published (in different languages) several books, book chapters, and papers in academic journals about left-right (mass and elite) ideology, electoral behavior, political attitudes, political institutions, political elites and political representation. His latest six articles on those topics appeared in *Communist & Post-Communist Studies*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, *Transfer – Revue of Labour and Research*, *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics and Policies*, and *South European Society & Politics*. Freire has acted as external expert (for scientific and technical purposes) for FCT (Portuguese Science Foundation), A3ES (Agency for Accreditation and Audit in Portuguese Higher Education), Portuguese Parliament, National Electoral Commission (CNE), Ministry of Internal Affairs (DGAI-MAI), Council of Europe, EU – COST Actions, among others.

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Pedro C. Magalhães is a research fellow at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon. He has published extensively in international academic journals and books on the topics of electoral behaviour, political attitudes, political culture, and survey research, including journals such as *American Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Comparative Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Experimental Economics*, *Electoral Studies*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, and many others, and has edited volumes or contributed chapters to volumes published by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and Routledge, among others. He is currently working on projects using both observational and experimental data on political support, the economy, and procedural fairness in governance. Since 2002, he has been one of the principal investigators of the Portuguese Election Study. He directed the Catholic University Center for Public Opinion Polls and studies between 2005 and 2009, and has been a member of the Planning Committee of modules 4 and 5 of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems project.

E.5a Competence Centre for European Parliament Election Studies. Participant: University of Mannheim

The University of Mannheim is one of Germany's smallest state universities and is yet among the most successful German universities. This success is the result of its commitment to a distinct profile with the social and economic sciences as its core. The university has pursued this strategy with determination and consistency over the past 15 years and thereby gained even more international visibility. The fact that the new editorial team of the *American Political Science Review* (APSR) is now located at the University of Mannheim is just one outstanding example of this development. Key dimensions of the university's success are its research excellence across its core subjects, its transdisciplinary approach to research and teaching, its international recognition and competitiveness, its focus on the promotion of early career researchers, and its lean administrative structure.

The Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) was founded in 1989 as an interdisciplinary institute of the University of Mannheim. It is the largest university-based research institute in the German social sciences, steadily building its internationally leading position. More than 80 MZES scholars explore European social and political developments. The MZES is closely associated with the University's School of Social Sciences. The MZES conducts social science research on the development of European societies and their political systems from both a comparative and an integration perspective. The Centre has a strong analytical-empirical and comparative tradition, contributing to theoretical developments and to substantive knowledge. It adopts cross-national comparative and multi-level integration approaches, and combines perspectives from sociology and political science. With its specific profile the MZES holds a unique and leading international position. The MZES also employs a group of administrative research officers who are experienced in co-ordinating and managing multi-disciplinary international research projects.

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The study of European Parliament elections has been a central pre-occupation of researchers now located at MZES since the inception of such elections in 1979.

Main tasks within the project

Prof. Harald Schoen will play an important role in the Steering Committee (WP9), and in the concluding package WP10. He will also play a key role in WP7 (the European Parliament Elections study) and WP2 (voters survey), also ensuring the integrity of data collected in those two WPs.

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Harald Schoen is Professor and holds the chair in Political Science, Political Psychology at the School of Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim and is the Head of the Research Department “European Political Systems and their Integration” of the MZES. He has directed a number of research projects funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG) and is a principal investigator of the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES). Schoen has published numerous articles in international peer-reviewed journals and dozens of other articles and chapters. His most recent co-edited volume, *Voters and Voting in Context*, will be published this year by Oxford University Press.

E5b Competence Centre for Manifesto Studies. Participant: WZB Berlin Social Science Center

The WZB Berlin Social Science Center conducts basic research with a focus on problems of modern societies in a globalized world. The research is theory-based, problem-oriented, often long-term and mostly based on international comparisons. Research areas include: education, work, life chances; markets and choice; society and economic dynamics; international politics and law; dynamics of political systems; and migration and diversity.

Around 160 German and international researchers work at the WZB, including sociologists, political scientists, economists, legal scholars and historians. As a non-university research institute, the WZB is member of the Leibniz-Association. The WZB closely cooperates with Berlin universities. Its research directors also hold chairs at universities in Berlin and beyond. The research unit “Democracy and Democratization” and its predecessors “Institutions and Social Change” and “Democracy: Structures, Performance, Challenges” have a strong focus on elections, parties, and political representation. Among others, the research unit hosts two big research projects, long-term funded by the German Science Foundation: the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES, election studies funded 2009-2017) with the modules post-election survey and candidate survey which both include international components, namely the German CSES-module (Comparative Study of Electoral Systems) in the election study and the German Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS); and

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the manifesto project MARPOR ((Manifesto Research on Political Representation, funding 2009-max. 2021).

Main tasks within the project

One senior researcher, Prof. Bernhard Weßels, will play an important role in the coordination between the University of Mannheim and the WZB, and will also play his role in the steering committee (WP9) and in co-coordinating the German module of the candidate survey (WP 2), and will play a key role in WP5 (Manifesto). In addition, a fellow of the MARPOR project will support the work regarding WP5.

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Bernhard Weßels is deputy director of the research unit “Democracy and Democratization” at the WZB and Professor of Political Science at Humboldt-University, Institute of Social Sciences. He was PI of numerous research projects including PIREDEU, funded by the European Commission, German CSES election studies since 1998, director and PI of the GLES project at the WZB and the MARPOR project. He was and is involved in comparative research networks like the European Election Study Group, the Comparative Candidate Survey, the Comparative Study of Electoral System (steering committee member 1998-2014), and the European Social Survey. He has widely published on elections, electoral behaviour, and political representation nationally and internationally in books and journals.

E.5c Competence Centre for Data Post-processing and Dissemination. Participant: GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences is the largest infrastructure institution for the Social Sciences in Germany. With more than 300 employees in two locations (Mannheim and Cologne) GESIS provides substantial, nationally and internationally relevant research-based infrastructure services. Its research and services are organized into five scientific departments that have specialisations in survey design and methodology, survey data collection and documentation, improving the accessibility of official statistics for the social sciences, data management, archiving and dissemination, computational social sciences, and software-based knowledge tools.

GESIS has recently become the main host institution for the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES), a multi-component study also including a strong longitudinal perspective. GLES involves the electoral research community at large and has now become part of the integrated data collection

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infrastructure established at GESIS. This is hosting further significant survey data collection efforts such as the German General Social Survey ALLBUS, and the German parts of the “European Social Survey” (ESS) and International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). This allows easy transfer of expertise and sharing some structures between those studies.

GESIS also has extensive experience with large-scale comparative surveys, such as the CSES, the ISSP, the European Values Study, and related projects. Those projects are supported at GESIS by the Research Data Center “International Survey Programs”, which is a joint organisational structure at GESIS carried by the data collection and the archiving units.

Furthermore, GESIS is a key member of the established European infrastructures ESS, and “Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives” (CESSDA). It is contributing methodology expertise, archiving, and training services not only for German data but also, as mentioned above, directly at the international level for various ongoing survey programmes to those ERICs. Additionally, GESIS currently hosts the CSES secretariat (together with the University of Michigan) and the ISSP secretariat.

Main tasks within the project

GESIS will have two main roles in the MEDem infrastructure, and potentially a number of complementary and auxiliary functions:

Firstly, through its role as hosting institution for collecting data on electoral processes in the framework of the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES), GESIS will act as the main data collection node for German national data and contribute these data to the data integration process.

Secondly, GESIS will host the operative unit of MEDem that is responsible for integrating, archiving, and disseminating the integrated, multi-dimensional European data provided by the various MEDem Competence Centres. This will build on GESIS’ extensive experience in supporting similar comparative projects as listed above. GESIS will further contribute to the technical quality monitoring of the data outputs of the competence centres.

Thirdly, GESIS will provide part of the institutional (and even technical) linkage and support the knowledge transfer from and into related Social Science infrastructure projects, such as ESS ERIC and CESSDA ERIC. The inclusion of the MEDem data into the GESIS Data Archive systems automatically inserts the same data into the international cataloguing and access systems of CESSDA.

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Oshrat Hochman (PhD) is the acting head of the department Monitoring Society and Social Change and its Team International Social Survey Programs at GESIS. She is thus responsible for the national

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data collection and documentation of several national and international survey programs including the GLES, the German General Social Survey (ALLBUS), the CSES, and the ISSP. She has published on anti-immigrant sentiment, immigrants' integration, and comparative survey research.

Alexia Katsanidou is the director of the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Cologne. She holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Essex, and has been awarded a Max Weber post-doctoral fellowship at the EUI. Her research focuses on individual political behaviour and party politics in European and EU politics. She has offered her expertise through membership in advisory boards to benefit the research community data archiving and data management in data collection projects and Voting Advice Applications (EUandI, European Election Study), and on infrastructure issues (SEEDS Project, re-establishment of the Austrian Data Archive). She has worked as member of the CESSDA Board of Directors, the IFDO Board, the academic advisory board of the Czech and now also the Austrian data archives. She is also an active academic on political conflict in democratic societies working currently on issues of Europeanization and environmental attitudes. Katsanidou's work has been published in leading academic journals such as the European Journal of Political Research, the European Union Politics, Acta Politica etc.

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E.6 Competence Centre for Contextual Data. Participant: Sciences Po (Paris)

Sciences Po (Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Sciences Po, Paris, France) is one of the leading research universities in social sciences in Europe. It has ranked in the top-five departments in political science worldwide according to QS for several years, and has a long history of studying elections, especially from a macro-perspective. Sciences Po is also the location of the French national election study since the developments of these studies.

Three research centres are associated in the project: the *Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics* (especially involved with comparative projects), the *Centre for political*

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research of Sciences Po (the centre in charge of national elections studies), and the *Centre for Socio and Political Data* (the methods and data centre of Sciences Po). All these centres participate in the MEDem project. They have altogether about one hundred fellows and a substantial technical and administrative staff.

Main tasks within the project

Two faculty members at Sciences Po (Prof. Foucault and Sauger) will play important roles in the Steering Committee (WP9), and in the concluding package WP10. Prof. Sauger will play a key role in WP6 (Contextual data).

Profile of staff member(s) involved:

Two main staff members are participating to the project.

Martial Foucault is Professor of political science and director of the *Center for political research of Sciences Po*. After having held a position at the *Université de Montréal*, Foucault came to Sciences Po to reinforce the electoral research pole of Sciences Po. He has led several research programmes in Canada and France and has published widely in different fields of political science (electoral behaviour, public policy, and comparative institutions mainly) in top-ranking journals in both economics and political science.

Nicolas Sauger is Professor of political science at the *Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics*. He is also Secretary General of the French political science association and member of the Scientific advisory board of the European social survey. Sauger is also a specialist of electoral behaviour, political parties and electoral systems. He has published in these fields in top-ranking journals in Europe and the US.