

Online Appendix to Goldberg, van Elsas & de Vreese ‘Mismatch? Comparing elite and citizen polarisation on EU issues across four countries’

Table A1: Operationalization of variables

Variable	Operationalization
<i>General EU</i>	<p>GENERAL POSITION ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION</p> <p>Original CHES wording for party level: <i>How would you describe the general position on European integration that the party leadership took over the course of 2017?</i></p> <p>Adapted survey wording for citizen level: <i>What is your overall position towards European integration?</i></p> <p>7-point answer scale ranging from <i>strongly opposed</i> (1) to <i>strongly in favor</i> (7)</p>
<i>EU asylum</i>	<p>COMMON EU POLICY TOWARD ASYLUM SEEKERS</p> <p>Original CHES wording for party level: <i>Consider EU policy toward asylum seekers. Some political parties support the development of a common policy on asylum seekers across EU member states. Other parties oppose this. Where did the leadership of the following parties stand in 2017?</i></p> <p>Adapted survey wording for citizen level: <i>Now, we would like to hear your opinion about two EU policies: We start with EU policy toward asylum seekers. Some political parties support the development of a common policy on asylum seekers across EU member states, whereas other parties oppose this. What is your personal opinion about this?</i></p> <p>7-point answer scale ranging from <i>strongly opposed</i> (1) to <i>strongly in favor</i> (7)</p>
<i>EU budget</i>	<p>EU ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY POLICY</p> <p>Original CHES wording for party level: <i>Consider EU economic and budgetary policy. Some political parties support greater EU authority over member states’ economic and budgetary policies. Other parties oppose it. Where did the leadership of the following parties stand in 2017?</i></p> <p>Adapted survey wording for citizen level:</p>

Turning to EU economic and budgetary policy. Some political parties support greater EU authority over member states' economic and budgetary policies, whereas other parties oppose it. What is your personal opinion about this?

7-point answer scale ranging from *strongly opposed* (1) to *strongly in favor* (7)

sophistication POLITICAL SOPHISTICATION (EU)

Binary variable recoded out of 3 EU knowledge items:

(1) *How many member states does the European Union have?*

Answer options: 25, 26, 27, 28*, 29, DK

(2) *Who is currently the president of the European Commission?*

Answer options: Jean-Claude Juncker*, Martin Schulz, Donald Tusk, José Manuel Barroso, Frans Timmermans, DK

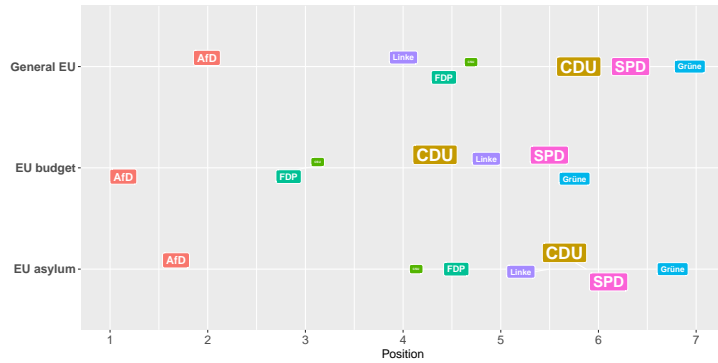
(3) *Which country's budget plan has recently been rejected by the European Commission?*

Answer options: Italy*, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Estonia, DK

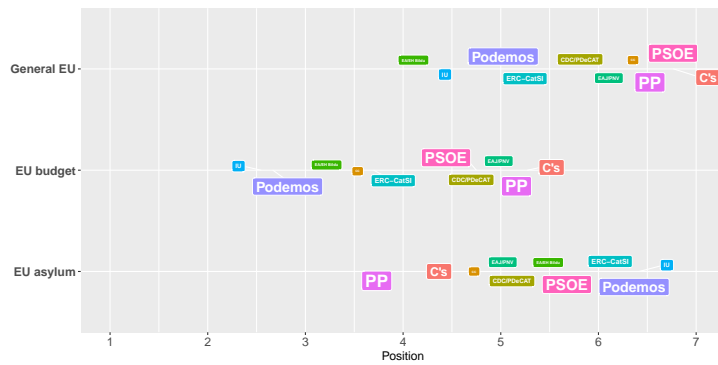
Answer options were randomized; '*' is the correct answer

Two or three correct answers recoded as high political sophistication (1), one or no correct answer recoded as low political sophistication (0).

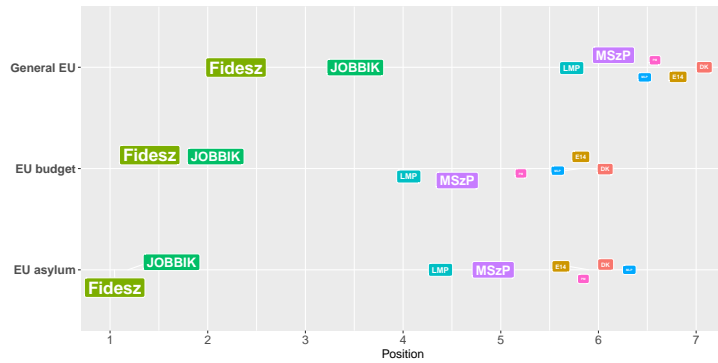
Figure A1: EU party positions across four countries (size of labels equals vote shares)



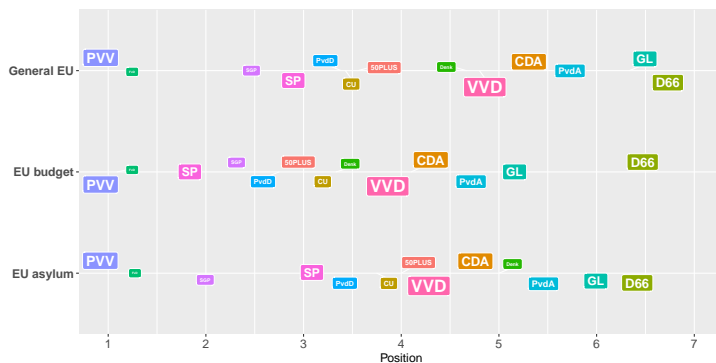
(a) Germany



(b) Spain



(c) Hungary



(d) Netherlands

Figure A2: Citizen and party level EU polarisation according to level of sophistication (excluding respondents having answered the middle option (4))

