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# Pathways Project Workshop

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### *Project Goals and Approach*

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# Our focus: representation

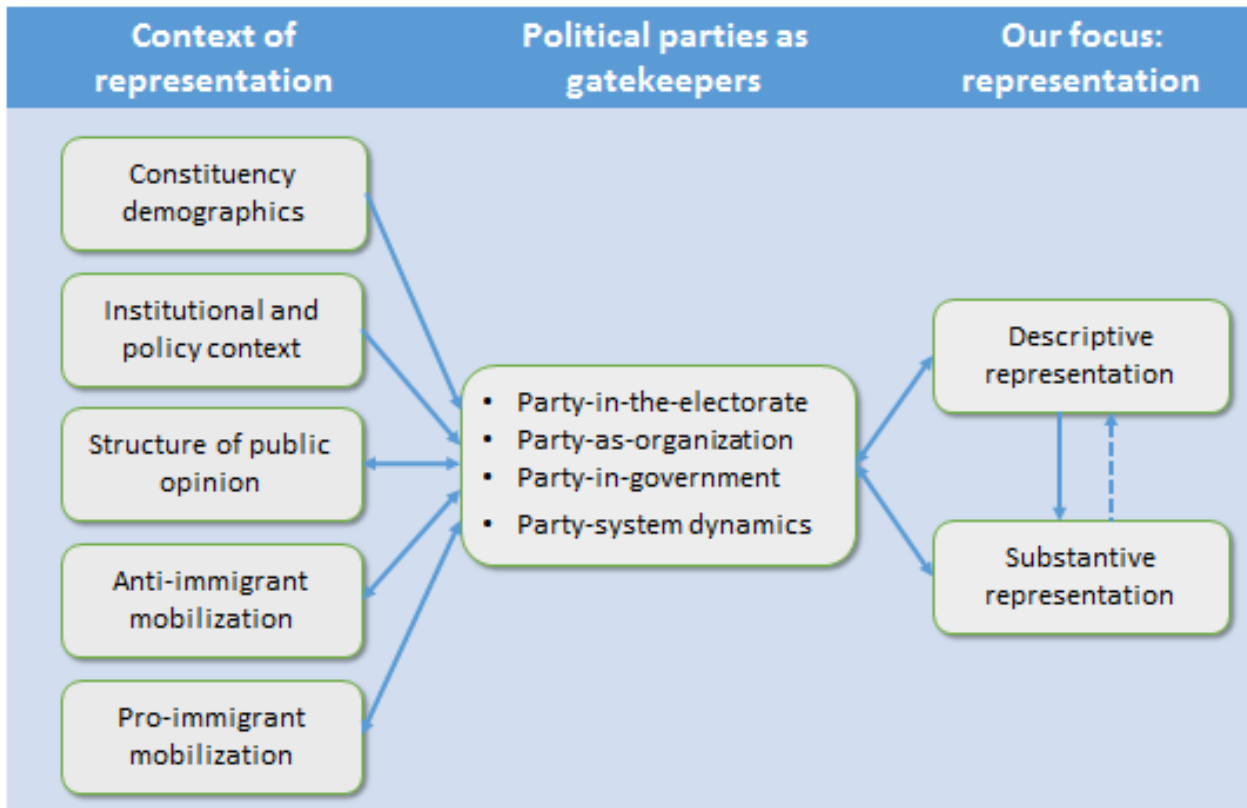
*To what extent does the composition of a representative body reflect the composition of the population it claims to represent (“standing for”)?*

“Descriptive”  
representation

*To what extent are the representatives’ activities responsive to the preferences of the represented (“acting for”)?*

“Substantive”  
representation

# Explaining differences: The *Pathways* approach



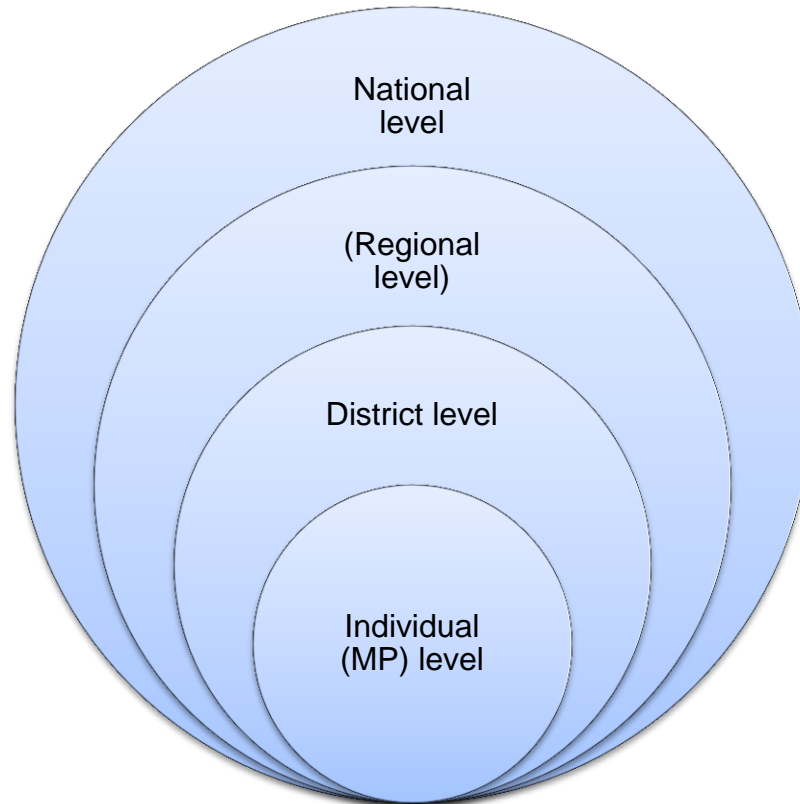


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# Sample and window of observation

	Country		National level	Regional level
1	France	Original PATHWAYS	1993–2012	Last complete legislative term (2010-2015)
2	Germany	Original PATHWAYS	1990–2013	Last complete legislative term (~2006-2014)
3	Greece	Original PATHWAYS	1990–2015	Last complete legislative term (2010-2014)
4	Italy	Original PATHWAYS	1992–2013	Last complete legislative term (~2005-2014)
5	The Netherlands	Original PATHWAYS	1994-2012	Last complete legislative term (2011-2015)
6	Spain	Original PATHWAYS	1993–2015	Last complete legislative term (~2007-2012)
7	United Kingdom	Original PATHWAYS	1992–2015	Last complete legislative term (2007-2011)
8	Belgium	Additional	1991–2014	Last complete legislative term (2009-2014)

# Multi-level research design



# Data collected

## National level

- Institutional variables, including electoral system
- Policy variables
- Party (system) variables
- Public opinion
- Mobilization

## Regional level

- Institutional variables, including electoral system
- Policy variables
- Party (system) variables
- Public opinion
- Mobilization

## District level

- Institutional variables, including electoral system
- Demographic variables
- Party (system) variables
- Mobilization

## Individual level

- Immigrant origin MPs (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> generation)
- Matching sample of MPs without immigrant origin
  - *Biographical data*
  - *Electoral data*
  - *Legislative behaviour*



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