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The political experience of CIO MPs: are they any different?

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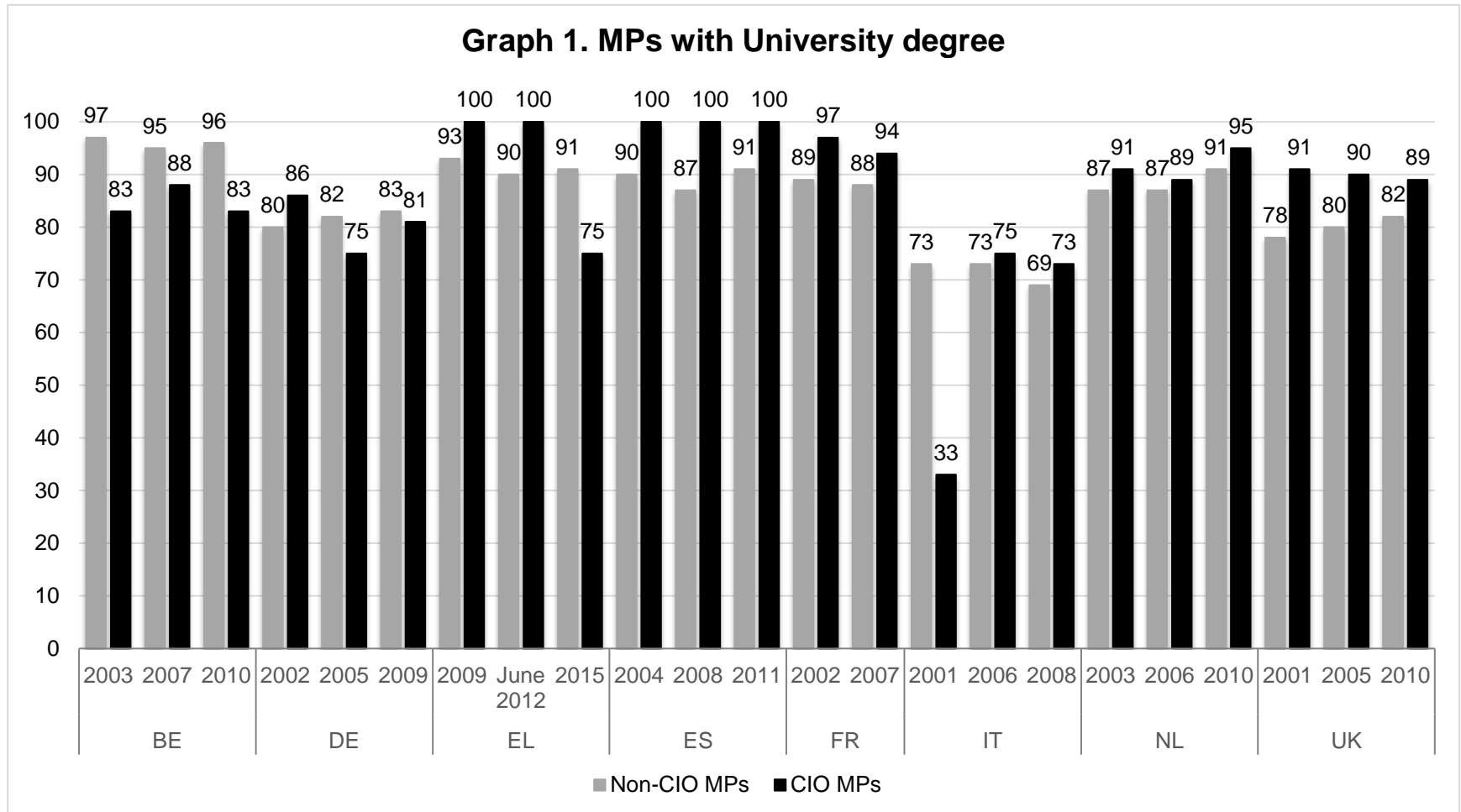
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MPs' educational background

-**CIO MPs** = similar or even larger percentages with **university degree**.

-But larger differences in Belgium (2003-2010), Italy (2011), and Greece (2015).





MPs' professional occupation

4 main sectors of professional activities characterize MPs' profiles:

- Legislators and public sector senior officials (30%);
- Private sector managerial positions (14%);
- Lawyers (10%);
- Other occupations (16%).

Substantial differences between CIO and non-CIO MPs in Western Europe but most **particularly in Southern European countries.**

	1 st most frequent occupation (in %)	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	2 nd most frequent occupation (in %)	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs
DE	Legislators and public sector senior officials	26	19	Other managers, chief executives and private sector senior officials	21	15
EL	Other professional occupations	26	50	Lawyers	21	0
ES	Legislators and public sector senior officials	24	10	Lawyers	18	0
IT	Other managers, chief executives and private sector senior officials	88	80	Lawyers	9	16
FR	Legislators and public sector senior officials	25	22	All other occupations	15	0
NL	Legislators and public sector senior officials	74	67	Other managers, chief executives and private sector senior officials	18	21
UK	All other occupations	60	48	Other managers, chief executives and private sector senior officials	19	23



MPs' career within the party

In Germany & the Netherlands, CIO MPs' party membership is **shorter**.
 In Greece (and, to a lower extent, in the UK and Spain), it is **longer**.

-Similar or larger representation of **CIO MPs in regional & national leadership positions** (but Greece & the Netherlands).

-Yet, quasi systematic lower representation of CIO MPs in the **local party leadership** (but Belgium & the Netherlands)

	Local party leadership position (%)		Regional party leadership position (%)		National party leadership position (%)		Party membership (average years)	
	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs
BE	12	12	0	0	22	21	N.A.	N.A.
DE	29	17	19	18	21	20	23	16
EL	3	0	4	0	33	63	21	26
ES	25	10	20	0	28	67	18	21
FR	60	49	0	0	5	9	22	20
IT	20	10	10	7	21	24	7	6
NL	6	8	0	0	22	10	14	8
UK	47	36	2	2	12	12	26	28

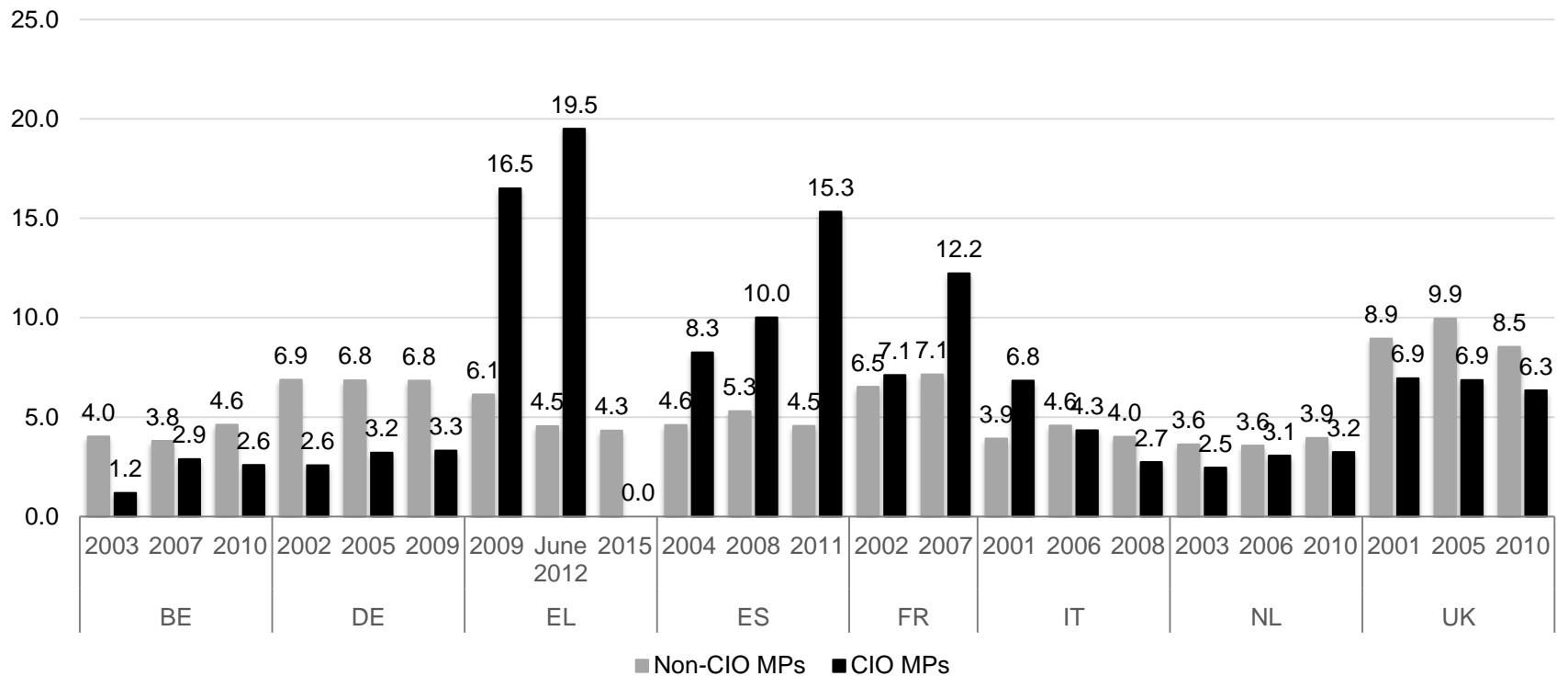


MPs' prior average experience in national Parliament

-Non-CIO MPs have in general longer previous experience as MP.

-Except in Southern European countries (Greece, Spain and Italy in 2001) and to a lesser extent **France**.

Graph 2. Average years of prior national experience as national MPs





MPs' prior office at local, regional and European levels

-**Except in France and Belgium**, two countries with a deeply rooted political culture of “*cumul des mandats*”, **CIO MPs present less local prior exp.**

-This pattern of **reduced prior experience of CIOs extends to the regional level** (albeit less developed in regionalized countries). **One exception: France.**

-In comparison to non-CIO MPs, **CIO MPs hold more frequently a mandate at the EU level in Belgium, France** and, to a lesser extent, in the **UK.**

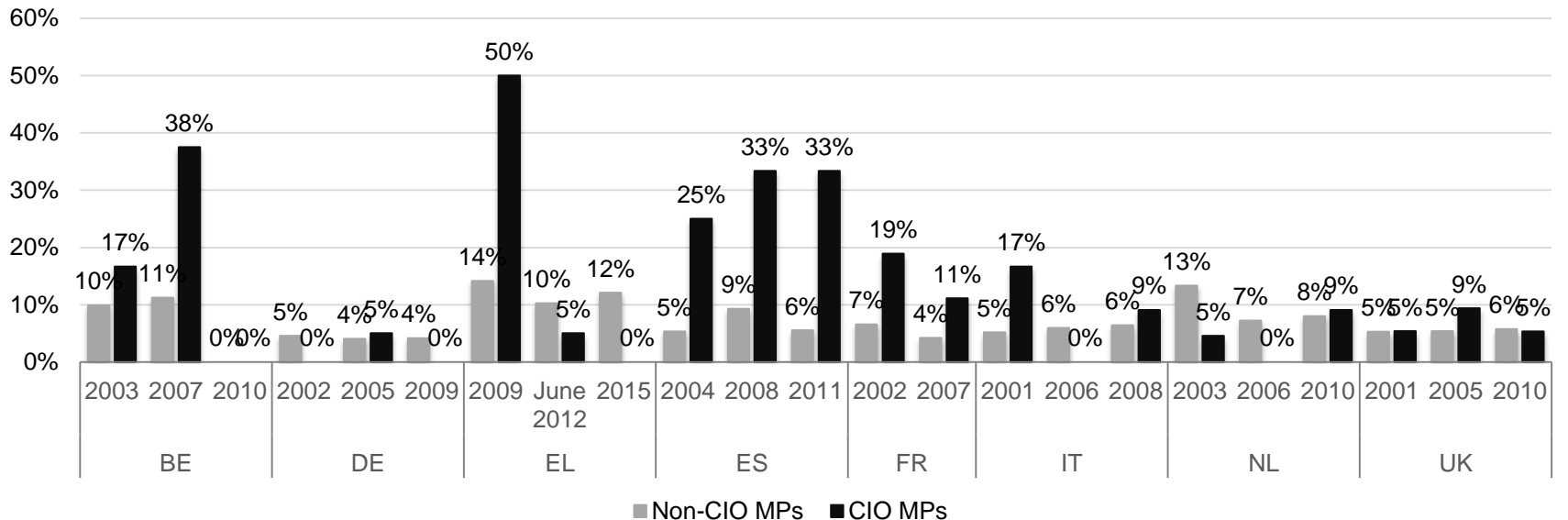
	Local prior office (%)		Regional prior office (%)		EU prior office (%)	
	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	Non-CIO MPs	CIO MPs	Non-IO MPs	CIO MPs
BE	77	72	28	25	3	10
DE	55	39	19	14	1	2
EL	27	25	21	0	3	0
ES	48	40	23	20	2	0
FR	76	76	39	49	4	11
IT	41	28	17	3	3	0
NL	43	27	20	8	1	0
UK	49	39	4	4	2	5



MPs' past position in the national Cabinet

- Taking into account past positions, **CIO MPs are frequently called into a national cabinet.**
- They served as national cabinet members in **similar frequency than non-CIO MPs in the UK, the Netherlands.**
- Actually, they serve **more frequently than non-CIO MPs in Belgium, Spain, France, Italy and Greece (2009).**

Graph 3. Percentage of MPs serving the national cabinet in the past





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