

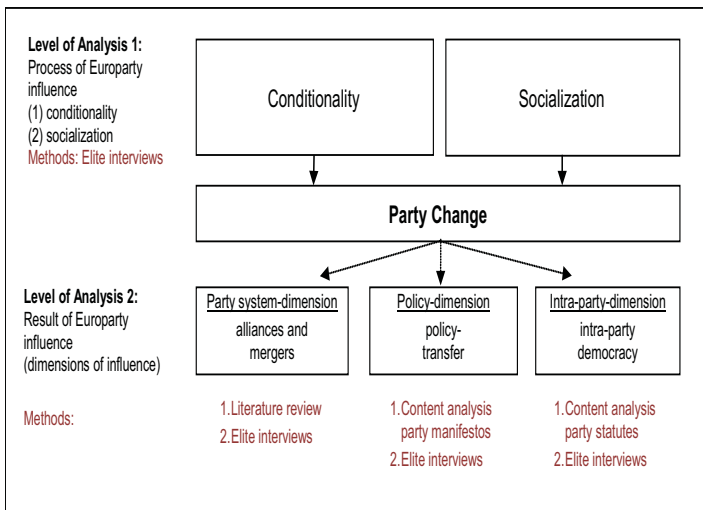
# B2.4 Europarties Heading East. The Influence of Europarties on Central and Eastern European Partner Parties



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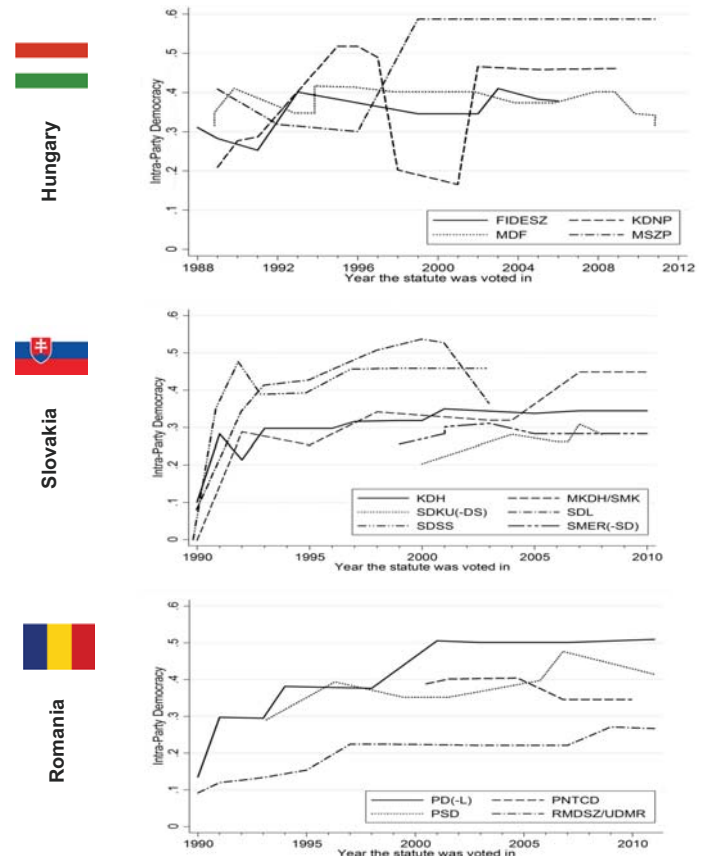
Research Questions	Cases / Period	Methods / Data
<p>The Eastern enlargement of the EU is accompanied by the enlargement of the European party federations ("Europarties"). Until this time, Europarties exclusively consisted of West European member parties. During enlargement, Europarties have searched for CEE partner parties on which they are expected to have exerted influence in terms of a "West-Europeanization".</p> <p>The project aims to answer the following research questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do Europarties exert influence on CEE partner parties? → See theoretical model, level of analysis 1</li> <li>What are the precise results of Europarty influence on the side of CEE partner parties? → See theoretical model, level of analysis 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Europarties</b> The project concentrates on the two largest and most powerful Europarties, the Party of European Socialists (PES) and the European People's Party (EPP).</li> <li><b>Partner Parties</b> As case studies, the partner parties from Hungary, Slovakia and Romania are selected.</li> <li><b>Period of Investigation</b> The study covers the entire period from 1988 up to 2012.</li> </ul>	<p>For answering the research questions a "mixed-methods-design" is used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Content analysis of party manifestos (Manifesto-Project Database)</li> <li>Content analysis of party statutes (see von dem Berge et al. 2013)</li> <li>Analysis of party documents (archival work)</li> <li>Elite interviews with representatives of Europarties and CEE partner parties</li> </ul>

## Theoretical Model / Research Design



## Preliminary Findings

The figures illustrate the development of Intra-Party Democracy (IPD) within CEE parties from 1988 to 2012 according to data gained through content analysis of party statutes on the **intra-party dimension** (see von dem Berge et al. 2013). The figures show an overall increase of IPD, which can be expected due to processes of democratic consolidation and Europeanization.



## Publications

**Monographs**  
 Berge, Benjamin von dem, Thomas Poguntke, Peter Obert and Diana Tipei (2013): *Measuring Intra-Party Democracy: A Guide for the Content Analysis of Party Statutes with Examples from Hungary, Slovakia and Romania*. Heidelberg: Springer.

**Journal Articles**  
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Berge, Benjamin von dem, and Thomas Poguntke (In Press): *Europäisierung nationaler Parteien und europäische Parteien*. Oskar Niedermayer (Ed.): *Handbuch Parteienforschung*. Berlin: Springer VS.