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Introduction

Reference Guide

Parties and Elections in Germany and Austria is a comprehensive reference guide to elections, governments and political parties in Germany and Austria:

- Basic data of more than 60 political parties (all major parties and several minor parties): Founding years, political orientations, affiliations to political parties at European level, European Parliament groups, political internationals and other transnational organisations, official internet presences.
- Chronological history of political parties: Origins, predecessors, historical predecessors, name changes, important mergers and splits [dissolved parties are usually not listed].
- Federal parliamentary elections since 1945.
- Federal governments since 1945: Heads of states, heads of governments, government parties [acting office-holders are usually not listed].
- State elections and state governments since 1945.
- Elections to the European Parliament since 1979.
- German Democratic Republic: Parliamentary elections, governments and government parties since 1949.
- The interwar period (1918-1945): Federal parliamentary elections, federal governments and government parties.

The main chapters about Germany and Austria are divided as follows:

A) Parties

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|-------------|--|
| ○ Party | Name |
| Foundation | Founding year |
| Orientation | Political classification |
| Affiliation | Memberships in political parties at European level, political internationals and other transnational organisations |
| EP Group | Memberships in parliamentary groups in the European Parliament |
| Website | Official internet presence |
| Chronology | Origins, predecessors, name changes, mergers and splits |

- B) Federal parliamentary elections
- C) Elections to the European Parliament
- D) Federal governments

The following chapters about the states, the GDR and the interwar periods are each divided into two subdivisions (elections and governments).

The reference guide is the second in a series and is related to the reference guide *Parties and Elections in Europe*. Latest election results are always available on the corresponding website of *Parties and Elections in Europe* (www.parties-and-elections.eu).

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Abbreviations

Est.	Establishment
[]	Note
+	Merger, accession
–	Separation, withdrawal
»	Transition, affiliation
#	Renaming
From ... to	Temporary change [merger, separation, renaming, et al.]
Renamed as ...	New name [originally ... : former name]
Evolved into ...	Successor (reorganisation) [preceded by ... : predecessor]
→	See
...	Not specified
S.	Seats
SMC	Single Member Constituency
Prov.	Provisional government
Splinter group	A faction that has broken away from its parent organisation
MP/MEP	Member of Parliament/European Parliament