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Clicking and voting: Agendas of Voting Advice Applications (VAA) for the European elections 2019

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Appendix:

As outlined before, we decided to limit our database to the maximum of one VAA per EU-member state (exception: Belgium two editions of the same VAA because different parties candidate in Flanders and Wallonia). The Appendix should enable us to see which VAA was the basis for our calculations; if identified we added also information on other VAA editions for the EP elections 2019. Furthermore, we added a short information about the originators of the VAAs because they might already explain some of the variation we observed. This information is based on the self-descriptions of the VAAs/organisations.

It is interesting to observe that three more or less big networks are to be identified: the VoteMatch-Network (initiated by ProDemos, NL and bpb, DE), a group around the Preference Matcher consortium and a third one connected to the team of kieskompas. Not all surveyed VAAs are attributable to one of these networks, but within the networks similarities in structure and theses are to be observed.

Austria

The Austrian Wahlkabine (<https://wahlkabine.at/eu2019>) is developed by an editorial team made up of people with proven expertise in political science, political journalism and methodology, e.g. political scientists from the universities of Vienna and Innsbruck and from journalists of the newspaper Kurier. We did not include the VoteMatch-Network member VAA neuwal barometer in our analysis.

Belgium (Flanders and Wallonia)

The VAAs from Belgium we used for our study were published under the name Stemtest (<https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/kies19/stemtest/>). There were single editions for the European, national and regional elections which were held on the same day. The Stemtest was developed for the public broadcaster VRTNWS by Stefaan Walgrave, Antwerp University.

Bulgaria

The Bulgarian VAA (www.glasovoditel.eu) was developed by the Centre for Liberal Strategies (NGO) and the NGO ProDemos. The Voter project is based on the Dutch method transferred by ProDemos, therefore Glasovoditel is member of the VoteMatch-Network. There was also a VAA by the Preference Matcher consortium offered, which we did not include in our analysis.

Czech Republic

The VAA VolebníKalkulačka.cz (<http://kohovolit.eu/en>) is created by the Czech-Slovak Non-profit organisation kohovolit. They are also responsible for the sister application VolebnáKalkulačka.sk, together they are member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Cyprus

Choose4Cyprus.eu was the Voting Advice Application run on Cyprus. Vasiliki Triga chaired the team; they cooperated closely with app developers from the Preference Matcher consortium (University of Zurich/Cyprus University of Technology).

Denmark

The Danish Kandidattest EP valget 2019 (<https://www.dr.dk/nyheder/politik/ep-valg/kandidattest>) was published by DR (Danish Broadcasting Corporation), which is Denmark's oldest and largest electronic media enterprise. The candidate test is created in collaboration between DR and Altinget. Altinget is member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Finland

We use the Finnish Vaalikone (<https://vaalikone.yle.fi/eurovaalit2019?lang=fi-FI>) EP-elections edition for our study. The VAA is offered by the Finnish public broadcaster Yleisradio Oy, the lead designer was Aki Kekäläinen. Vaalikone is member of the VoteMatch-Network and has been offered in Finnish, Swedish, Russian and English.

France

The French VAA Vote & Vous was available under <https://www.vote-et-vous.fr/europeennes-2019.html>. Vote & Vous is a non-profit organization committed to the aim of civic education and cooperates closely with the Dutch ProDemos. Therefore, they are member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Germany

The German Wahl-O-Mat (www.wahl-o-mat.de) offers editions for regional, federal and European elections since 2002. It is a project of the bpb (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung); usually young voters (up to 25) are invited to co-author the theses, therefore they get support by a team of scientists. The bpb is co-founder of the VoteMatch-Network.

Greece

In Greece the VAA was available at <http://www.votematch.gr/>. The initiative HelpMeVote / VoteMatch is an academic project that is not assigned to any political party, movement or media. They are member of the VoteMatch-Network. There was also a VAA by the Preference Matcher consortium offered, which we did not include in our analysis.

Hungary

The Vokskabin methodology (<https://www.vokskabin.hu/en/>) is based on the approach of the Austrian Politikkabine (politikkabine.at). The questions were developed by scholars and researchers from Hungary's Andrassy University [Andrassy Egyetem] and Eötvös Lóránd University [Eötvös Lóránd Tudomány Egyetem]. Vokskabin is member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Ireland

The Irish VAA WhichCandidate (<http://www.whichcandidate.ie/>) is developed by scholars of the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Limerick. The project is supported by the Irish Times.

Italy

As the major Italian VAAs CabinaElettorale and VoiSieteQui did not offer an edition for the EP elections 2019, we decided to use the May 2019 edition of i-side with (<https://italia.isidewith.com/political-quiz>) which is an open project that started in 2012. Interested persons can hand in new questions on rolling basis. Because it is not EP-elections specific, we decided to exclude it from Europe-wide calculations and see it mainly as a reference point.

Latvia

The Latvian VAA Partiju Skirotava (<https://www.lsm.lv/velesanas2019/partiju-skirotava>) is run under the domain of the Latvian public broadcaster LSM and was developed by a team at

the University of Latvia. It is offered in a Latvian and a Russian language version and asks its users to imagine themselves getting a MEP.

Lituania

Mano blasas (<http://www.manobalsas.lt/testas/testas.php?tst=20>) is the VAA offered by the Institute of International Relations and Political Science of the Vilnius University (VU TSPMI) with different cooperation partners. The EU-election edition was co-created by KiesKompas. The online-newssite DELFI.lt was the media partner.

Luxembourg

The VAA smartwielen (<https://smartwielen.lu/en/home>) is an offer of the independent foundation Zentrum fir politesch Bildung, founded in 2016, in five languages (we used the English version for our calculations). It was developed in cooperation with the University of Luxembourg and the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research. Smatwielen is member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Netherlands

The StemWijzwer (<https://eu.stemwijzer.nl/#intro>) is a well-established Voting Advice Application in the Netherlands, currently run by the foundation-merger ProDemos – House for Democracy and the Rule of Law, one of the initiators of the VoteMatch-Network. In addition to the Dutch version, it offers an English translation. Another well-established tool in the Netherlands is named kieskompas but has not been included in our analysis.

Poland

The VAA Latarnik Wyborczy (<https://latarnikwyborczy.pl/>) is created by the non-governmental educational foundation Centrum Edukacji Obywatelskiej, member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Romania

Votul Meu (<http://www.votulmeu.com/#!/>) is the VAA created by the romanian university think tank Centrul pentru Studiul Democrației (CSD). The team was supported by app developers from the Preference Matcher consortium (University of Zurich/Cyprus University of Technology). More VAA-like applications have been summarised by <https://www.openpolitics.ro/alegeri-europarlamentare-2019-instrumentele-de-informare/> but not included in our analysis.

Slovakia

The VAA VolebnáKalkulačka.sk (<http://kohovolit.eu/en>) is created by the Czech-Slovak Non-profit organisation kohovolit. They are also responsible for the sister application VolebníKalkulačka.cz, together they are member of the VoteMatch-Network.

Spain

The VAA TU VOTO (<https://tuvoto.eu/>) is offering election-specific editions since 2015. Its services for the European Elections 2019 have been offered in Spanish and the three regional languages of the country. The organisation tecpol. (tecnopolítica) is the main author while supported by the consulting company ideograma. and with scientific collaboration with the Think Tank CIDOB (Barcelona Center for International Affairs). Another VAA has been created by Elecciones.es (member of the VoteMatch-Network), a third one by the Preference Matcher consortium, but both have not been included in our analysis.

Sweden

The Valkompassen (<https://www.aftonbladet.se/valkompassen/>) is mainly run by the publisher house AFTONBLADET and was created in cooperation with the Dutch KiesKompas with scientific collaboration of the University of Gothenburg. Another VAA has been the Altingets valkompass Europaparlamentsvalet 2019 (member of the VoteMatch-Network) but not been included in our analysis.

United Kingdom

The VAA WhoGetsMyVoteUK (<http://www.whogetsmyvoteuk.com/#!/>) is a scientific project by a couple of universities and research centers led by Oxford Brookes University. The team was supported by app developers from the Preference Matcher consortium (University of Zurich and Cyprus University of Technology). For our analysis we chose the England-version of the VAA. There have probably been also other VAAs on the EU-Elections 2019 in the United Kingdom.