

# The Selection and Deselection of Political Elites (SEDEPE) Codebook version January 2010

## Section A: Identifiers

### 01 v.01: COUNTRY CODE (mention list) – TO BE EXPANDED

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| 036 | Australia      |
| 040 | Austria        |
| 056 | Belgium        |
| 100 | Bulgaria       |
| 124 | Canada         |
| 191 | Croatia        |
| 196 | Cyprus         |
| 203 | Czech Republic |
| 208 | Denmark        |
| 233 | Estonia        |
| 246 | Finland        |
| 250 | France         |
| 276 | Germany        |
| 300 | Greece         |
| 348 | Hungary        |
| 352 | Iceland        |
| 372 | Ireland        |
| 376 | Israel         |
| 380 | Italy          |
| 392 | Japan          |
| 410 | Korea          |
| 428 | Latvia         |
| 440 | Lithuania      |
| 442 | Luxembourg     |
| 470 | Malta          |
| 528 | Netherlands    |
| 554 | New Zealand    |
| 578 | Norway         |
| 616 | Poland         |
| 620 | Portugal       |
| 642 | Romania        |
| 643 | Russia         |
| 703 | Slovakia       |
| 705 | Slovenia       |
| 724 | Spain          |
| 752 | Sweden         |
| 756 | Switzerland    |
| 792 | Turkey         |
| 826 | United Kingdom |

### 02 v.02: CABINET CODE

[first digits=country code, second digits=cabinet code starting with 001; e.g. 036-002]

### 03 v.03: CABINET NAME

[family name of PM; if PM was more than one legislative period in office or change in party composition call them X1, X2 etc.]

- 04 v.04: TYPE OF GOVERNMENT**  
1 single-party majority government  
2 single-party minority government  
3 minority coalition government  
4 minimal winning coalition government  
5 oversized coalition government  
6 technical  
7 caretaker  
99 not known
- 05 v.05: NAME OF MINISTER**  
[family name, first name; if same name for different people then call them X1, X2, ...]
- 06 v.06: PARTY MEMBERSHIP AT TIME OF APPOINTMENT**  
**[coder provides party lists]**  
88 Not applicable (if not a member of a party)

*Section B: Characteristics of the appointment*

- 07 v.07: DATE OF ENTRY TO MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT**  
[ddmmyyyy; 99999999 if not known]
- 08 v.08: DATE OF EXIT FROM MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT**  
[same as above]
- 09 v.09: MINISTERIAL POSITION**  
1 Minister in the cabinet (full minister)  
2 Minister outside the cabinet / Minister of State  
3 Vice Minister (when he/she can vote substituting the Minister)  
4 Junior Minister (delegated undersecretary with no vote in cabinet)  
5 other (leave a note saying what this is)
- 10 v.10: OFFICIAL NAME OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT**  
[use literal English translation of the full name]

**11 v.11: MINISTERIAL POLICY AREA**

[code the policy area covered by the ministry; if more than one policy area is covered use also following variables; e.g. if it is the Ministry of Family, Youth and Women code 11=17, 12=24, 13=41; if more than three policy areas are covered code only the three most important ones, ideally starting with the most important one, than the second, than the third]

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | PM or equivalent                        |
| 2  | Vice or deputy PM                       |
| 3  | without portfolio                       |
| 4  | finance / treasury / budget             |
| 5  | economy                                 |
| 6  | justice                                 |
| 7  | foreign affairs                         |
| 8  | defence                                 |
| 9  | interior                                |
| 10 | agriculture                             |
| 11 | fisheries, sea                          |
| 12 | industry                                |
| 13 | commerce                                |
| 14 | social affairs                          |
| 15 | health                                  |
| 16 | labour, employment                      |
| 17 | family, youth                           |
| 18 | transport                               |
| 19 | construction, housing, urbanization     |
| 20 | environment                             |
| 21 | research, technology                    |
| 22 | culture                                 |
| 23 | foreign trade                           |
| 24 | posts, telecommunications               |
| 25 | sports                                  |
| 26 | foreign aid                             |
| 27 | civil service                           |
| 28 | public works                            |
| 29 | energy                                  |
| 30 | planning, land management               |
| 31 | regional affairs                        |
| 32 | war veterans, refugees and repatriation |
| 33 | relations with parliament               |
| 34 | education                               |
| 35 | information                             |
| 36 | leisure, tourism                        |
| 37 | consumer affairs                        |
| 38 | food                                    |
| 39 | women (gender–equal opportunities?)     |
| 40 | European affairs                        |
| 41 | other                                   |
| 99 | not known                               |

**12 v.12: MINISTERIAL POLICY AREA (optional)**

[same as above]

88 Not applicable (if only one portfolio)

**13 v.13: MINISTERIAL POLICY AREA (optional)**

[same as above]

88 Not applicable (if only one portfolio)

- 14 v.14: PRIMARY REASON FOR EXIT FROM APPOINTMENT**  
 [if there was more than one reason for exit from the ministerial post use also following variables. If there were more than three reasons for exit consider only the three most important ones, starting with the most important one, than the second, than the third]
- 0 Non politically relevant reasons (death, illness)
  - 1 End of government: end of legislature
  - 2 End of government: early elections
  - 3 End of government: other cases (during legislative term)
  - 4 Party of minister leaves government
  - 5 Personal error
  - 6 Departmental error
  - 7 Consequence of sexual scandal
  - 8 Consequence of financial scandal (personal/related to private business)
  - 9 Consequence of financial scandal (related to party/political financing)
  - 10 Low personal performance within the government
  - 11 Policy disagreement between the minister and chief executive
  - 12 Policy disagreement between the minister and his/her own party
  - 13 Other controversy
  - 14 Other reason for forced resignation / PM (minister leaves for another position in or out of government without personal controversy but in the general context of a reshuffle initiated by PM, see v. 45 for coding of this next position;)
  - 15 Other reason for forced resignation / own party (minister leaves for another position in or out of government without personal controversy but in the general context of a reshuffle of party delegation in government, see v. 45 for coding of this next position;)
  - 16 Other reason for unforced resignation (minister leaves for another high position in or out of government without controversy, see v. 45 for coding of this next position;)
  - 99 Not known
- 15 v.15: SECONDARY REASON FOR EXIT (optional)**  
 [same as above]
- 88 Not applicable (if only one reason for exit)
- 16 v.16: TERTIARY REASON FOR EXIT (optional)**  
 [same as above]
- 88 Not applicable (if only one reason for exit)

*Section C: Personal background and profile of individual*

- 17 v.17: SEX**
- 1 male
  - 2 female
- 18 v.18: DATE OF BIRTH**  
 [ddmmyyy;  
 99999999 if not known]
- 19 v.19: DATE OF DEATH**  
 [ddmmmyyy;  
 88888888 if not applicable (still alive)  
 99999999 if not known]
- 20 v.20: PLACE OF BIRTH**  
 [name of town, country; NK if not known]
- 21 v.21: BORN ABROAD**

|    |           |
|----|-----------|
| 1  | yes       |
| 2  | no        |
| 99 | not known |

**22 v.22: EDUCATION**

- 1 primary only
- 2 primary & secondary only
- 3 higher education non university
- 4 university / college
- 5 military education
- 6 post-graduate
- 99 not known

**23 v.22: UNIVERSITY WHERE GRADUATED**

[name of university, country; NK if not known]

**24 v.23: FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION (if more than one field, use the two first digits to indicate the first field of higher education and the two last to indicate the other field of higher education, e.g. 0405 if mathematics and chemistry, 0708 if social sciences and law)**

- 0001 agronomy
- 0002 economics / business / management
- 0003 engineering
- 0004 mathematics / computer science
- 0005 biology / chemistry / physics
- 0006 humanities
- 0007 social sciences
- 0008 law
- 0009 medicine
- 0010 military
- 0011 other
- 8888 not applicable
- 9999 not known

**25 v.25: MAIN OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION PRIOR TO ANY POLITICAL OCCUPATION**

We here code the prevalent occupation before the entrance in the political elite (before becoming MP or minister – or other political positions from which the individual for which the individual is living off – whatever comes first). If the biography does not indicate any stable occupational character for a long period before the political engagement (i.e. 10 years) code 1 (if there is no evidence that the person has lived off politics) or 12 (if the person lived off politics before becoming MP, minister etc.)

- 1 no (previous) occupation (including unemployed)
- 2 self-employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)
- 3 self-employed: small businessman
- 4 self-employed: farmer, fisherman
- 5 employed: professional (accountant, architect, lawyer, medical doctor etc.)
- 6 employed: middle management (department head, technician etc.)
- 7 employed: top management / director / CEO
- 8 employed: other white-collar worker
- 9 employed: blue-collar worker
- 10 education: school teacher
- 11 education: university professor
- 12 full-time politician (paid by party organisation, parliament, government; think tanks; living off politics)
- 13 full-time interest group official (trade union)
- 14 full-time interest group official (employers' association)
- 15 International organization top management
- 16 International organization other
- 17 unemployed
- 18 other
- 99 not known

- 26 v.26: MAIN OCCUPATION SECTOR PRIOR TO ANY POLITICAL APPOINTMENT**  
1 Public sector  
2 Private sector  
88 not applicable  
99 not known

- 27 v.27: NON OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE (presence in a governance body for instance) PRIOR TO ANY POLITICAL APPOINTMENT**  
1 national trade union  
2 national employers organization  
3 national other interest group  
4 supra-national trade union  
5 supra-national employers organization  
6 supra-national other interest group  
7 governmental international organization  
8 NGO  
9 not known

- 28 v.28: PARLIAMENTARY/GOVERNMENT FAMILY TRADITION (ONE OF PARENTS)**  
1 yes  
2 no  
88 not applicable  
99 not known

*Section D: Personal characteristics at the time of appointment (or after a specific appointment)*

- 29 v.29: MARITAL STATUS PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
1 single  
2 married  
3 divorced  
4 widowed  
99 not known

- 30 v.30: NUMBER OF CHILDREN PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
[99 if not known]

- 31 v.31: CONSTITUENCY PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
[name of constituency; NA where not applicable; NK if not known]

- 32 v.32: MAIN RESIDENCE IN CONSTITUENCY**  
1 yes  
2 no  
88 not applicable  
99 not known

- 33 v.33: HIGHEST POSITION WITHIN THE PARTY REACHED BEFORE APPOINTMENT**  
1 simple member  
2 national level party body (larger than executive)  
3 member of party executive  
4 leader of parliamentary group  
5 party leader  
9 Not applicable (if not a member of a party)  
99 not known

- 34 v.34: EVER BEEN MEMBER OF A LOCAL LEGISLATURE BEFORE APPOINTMENT**  
0 No office  
1 Head of local executive (Mayor/President of Provincial or departmental government...)  
2 Member of local executive  
3 Member of local Council/parliament  
99 not known

- 35 v.35: EVER BEEN MEMBER OF A REGIONAL LEGISLATURE BEFORE APPOINTMENT**  
0 No office  
1 Head of regional executive  
2 Member of regional executive  
3 Member of regional parliament  
99 Not known

**NOTE (refers to 35-38): If a minister was at several occasions member of a legislature prior to the given appointment only consider the latest occasion prior to the appointment.**

- 36 v.36: PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT (House)**  
1 MP at time of appointment  
2 MP earlier  
3 Not applicable  
99 not known

- 37 v.37: PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT (Senate)**  
1 MP at time of appointment  
2 MP earlier  
3 Not applicable  
99 not known

- 38 v.38: PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT (European)**  
1 MP at time of appointment  
2 MP earlier  
3 Not applicable  
99 not known

- 39 v.39: PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT (Regional or State Legislatures – only for Federal/Regional systems)**  
1 MP at time of appointment  
2 MP earlier  
3 Not applicable  
99 not known

- 40 v.40: TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS SPENT IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
[99 if not known]

- 41 v.41: TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS SPENT IN SENATE PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
[88 if not applicable; 99 if not known]

- 42 v.42: TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS SPENT IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT**  
[88 if not applicable; 99 if not known]

- 43 v.43: TOTAL NUMBER OF YEARS SPENT IN REGIONAL PARLIAMENT PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT (only for Federal/Regional systems)**  
[88 if not applicable; 99 if not known]



**44 v.44: EXPERTISE IN THE POLICY AREA (SEE VARIABLES 11, 12, 13) GATHERED IN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE (ANY LEVEL) PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT?**

- 1 yes
- 2 no
- 99 not known

**45 v.45: MAIN OCCUPATION AFTER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT**

- 1 New ministerial appointment at the national level
- 2 MP at the national level
- 3 Ministerial appointment at the regional level
- 4 MP at the regional level
- 5 Executive appointment at the supranational level
- 6 MP at the supranational level
- 7 High executive function at local level (mainly Mayor)
- 8 High party function (mainly President of the party)
- 9 Senior official in public sector
- 10 Senior official in private sector
- 11 Public sector employment
- 12 Private sector employment
- 13 International organization office
- 14 Retired
- 88 Not applicable
- 99 Not known

**46 v.46: CODER**