**Table 1b.** Effects of party characteristics, electoral systems and the electoral cycle on relative change in party vote shares in the 2019 EP elections

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|  | **Model 1** | **Model 2** | **Model 3** | **Model 4** | **Model 5** |
| Incumbent | 0.19(0.30) | 0.19(0.29) | 0.20(0.30) | 0.14(0.30) | 0.18(0.29) |
| Party size | -0.02\*\*(0.01) | -0.02\*\*(0.01) | -0.02\*\*(0.01) | -0.02\*\*(0.01) | -0.02\*(0.01) |
| Cycle | 0.00(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) |
| Cycle2 | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) |
| Incumbent # Cycle | -0.01(0.01) | -0.01(0.01) | -0.01(0.01) | -0.01(0.01) | -0.01(0.01) |
| Incumbent # Cycle2 | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) |
| PR system  | -0.08(0.21) | -0.10(0.21) | -0.08(0.21) | -0.08(0.21) | -0.04(0.21) |
| Party size # PR system | 0.01(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) | 0.01(0.01) | 0.01(0.01) | 0.00(0.01) |
| Populist | - | -0.25\*\*(0.12) | - | - | - |
| Far-right | - | - | -0.01(0.16) | - | - |
| Far-left | - | - | - | -0.29\*(0.16) | - |
| Euroskeptic | - | - | - | - | -0.24\*\*(0.12) |
| Constant | 0.39(0.26) | 0.42(0.26) | 0.39(0.26) | 0.45\*(0.26) | 0.40(0.26) |
| Observations | 192 | 192 | 192 | 192 | 192 |
| Groups | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| Log Likelihood | -201.0 | -198.9 | -201.0 | -199.3 | -198.8 |

*Notes*: Entries are coefficients from multi-level regression models with standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10.

**Table 2b.** Interaction effects of electoral cycle and party ideology on electoral performance in the 2019 EP elections

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|  | **Populist** | **Far-right** | **Far-left** | **Euroskeptic** |
| Incumbent | 3.49(2.53) | 3.11(2.46) | 3.34(2.46) | 2.95(2.60) |
| Party size | -0.48\*\*\*(0.08) | -0.52\*\*\*(0.08) | -0.46\*\*\*(0.08) | -0.47\*\*\*(0.10) |
| Cycle  | 0.05(0.07) | 0.01(0.06) | 0.03(0.07) | 0.04(0.07) |
| Cycle2 | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) | -0.00(0.00) |
| Incumbent # Cycle | -0.22\*(0.12) | -0.17(0.12) | -0.18(0.12) | -0.18(0.12) |
| Incumbent # Cycle2 | 0.00\*(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) | 0.00(0.00) |
| PR system  | -2.44(1.65) | -2.42(1.66) | -2.18(1.67) | -1.90(1.71) |
| Party size # PR system | 0.27\*\*\*(0.09) | 0.30\*\*\*(0.09) | 0.25\*\*\*(0.09) | 0.25\*\*(0.10) |
| Populist | -0.85(3.53) | - | - | - |
| Far-right | - | -2.36(5.07) | - | - |
| Far-left | - | - | -1.93(3.77) | - |
| Euroskeptic | - | - | - | -1.79(3.09) |
| Populist # Incumbent  | 0.52(7.40) | - | - | - |
| Far-right # Incumbent | - | -1.50(8.97) | - | - |
| Far-left # Incumbent | - | - | -6.93(6.20) | - |
| Euroskeptic # Incumbent | - | - | - | 4.11(7.80) |
| Populist # Cycle  | -0.11(0.15) | - | - | - |
| Far-right # Cycle | - | 0.06(0.21) | - | - |
| Far-left # Cycle | - | - | -0.12(0.17) | - |
| Euroskeptic # Cycle | - | - | - | -0.06(0.13) |
| Populist # Cycle2  | 0.00(0.00) | - | - | - |
| Far-right # Cycle2  | - | -0.00(0.00) | - | - |
| Far-left # Cycle2  | - | - | 0.00(0.00) | - |
| Euroskeptic # Cycle2  | - | - | - | 0.00(0.00) |
| Populist # Cycle # Incumbent  | 0.36(0.34) | - | - | - |
| Far-right # Cycle # Incumbent  | - | 0.67(0.46) | - | - |
| Far-left # Cycle # Incumbent  | - | - | *Omitted* | - |
| Euroskeptic # Cycle # Incumbent  | - | - | - | 0.02(0.40) |
| Populist # Cycle2 # Incumbent  | -0.00(0.00) | - | - | - |
| Far-right # Cycle2 # Incumbent  | - | -0.00(0.00) | - | - |
| Far-left # Cycle2 # Incumbent  | - | - | *Omitted* | - |
| Euroskeptic # Cycle2 # Incumbent  | - | - | - | -0.00(0.00) |
| Constant | 4.68\*\*(2.16) | 4.91\*\*(2.13) | 4.65\*\*(2.19) | 4.60\*\*(2.28) |
| Observations | 192 | 192 | 192 | 192 |
| Groups | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| Log Likelihood | -598.0 | -597.6 | -600.6 | -601.0 |

*Notes*: Entries are coefficients from multi-level regression models with standard errors in parentheses. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10.