**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.