**Table 1: Multidimensional typology of party position on European integration**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Objects of Support** | **Alternative Position** | **Position of consent** | **Deepening position** |
| Public Policies |  |  |  |
| Political Regime |  |  |  |
| Political Community |  |  |  |

**Table 2: Ratification vote results on European treaties in the House of Representatives and the Senate**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | House of Representatives | | | Senate | | |
| + | - | Abs. | + | - | Abs. |
| ECSC  EDC  Common Market/Euratom  Single European Act  Treaty of Maastricht  Treaty of Amsterdam  Treaty of Nice  Treaty of Lisbon | 165  148  179  180  146  105  106  116 | 13  49  4  0  33  23  24  18 | 13  3  2  0  3  0  7  7 | 102  125  134  148  115  49  46  48 | 4  49  2  0  26  13  11  8 | 58  3  2  0  1  0  2  1 |

**Table 3: Evaluation of Belgian party positions on Europe based on the *Comparative Manifesto Project* database (Volkens et al. 2011)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2003 | 2007 | 2010 |
| ECOLO | 1 | 0.98 | 0.81 |
| Groen! | 0.98 | / | / |
| Sp.a | 0.76 | / | / |
| PS | 1 | 0.94 | 0.96 |
| Open VLD | 1 | / | / |
| MR | 1 | 1 | 0.99 |
| LDD  CD&V | /  1 | /  / | /  / |
| cdH | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| VB | 1 | / | / |
| N-VA | 0.86 | / | / |
| Mean | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.94 |

**Table 4: Belgian political party positions towards the EU**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | PS | cdH | MR | Ecolo | Sp.a | CD&V | Open VLD | Groen! | LDD | VB | N-VA |  |
| Identity: Only the Copenhagen criteria should be taken into account when evaluating the membership of a candidate country | + | + | ++ | + |  | (=) | + |  | - | -- | = | 0.16 |
| Enlargement: Turkey should join the EU | + | + | + | + | (+) | (+) | (+) | + | - | -- | - | 0.18 |
| Council: Qualified majority voting should be extended to all the competences of the EU | = | + | ++ | ++ |  |  |  |  |  | = | + | 0.5 |
| European Parliament: The EP should have the right to initiate directives | + | + | ++ | ++ |  |  |  | ++ |  |  |  | 0.8 |
| Commission: Citizens should directly elect the president of the Commission | - | -- | ++ | ++ |  |  |  | - | + | - | ++ | 0.125 |
| Referenda: National referenda are unsuitable for treaty ratifications | + | + | = | = |  |  |  | (+) |  | - | - | 0.07 |
| Budget: the EU budget should be increased | ++ | + | + | ++ |  |  |  | (+) | - |  | ++ | 0.57 |
| EMU: It is a good thing that price stability is the only primary objective of the ECB | -- | - | = | -- | -- | (-) | = | -- | ++ |  | = | -0.4 |
| Cohesion: Funds allocated to cohesion policy should be increased | ++ | + | = | ++ |  |  |  |  | - | (-) |  | 0.25 |
| Financial transaction tax: The EU should adopt a European Tobin inspired tax | ++ | + | ++ | ++ | ++ |  |  | ++ |  |  |  | 0.92 |
| CAP: It is a good thing that the part of the EU budget dedicated to CAP, although still the dominant part, has decreased over time | + | - | + | + |  | (+) | ++ | (+) | -- | + | + | 0.3 |
| ESDP: The EU should become a real political and military power | + | ++ | ++ | + | (+) | ++ | ++ |  | ++ | ++ | ++ | 0.85 |
| Illegal immigration: The European blue card is utilitarian and unfavourable for developing countries | -- | - | + | -- |  | (+) |  | = | + | (+) | ++ | 0.06 |
| Legal immigration: the directive on return of illegal immigrants represents progress in the handling of illegal immigration | -- | = | + | -- |  | (+) | ++ | + | ++ | -- | ++ | 0.15 |
| Services: It is a pity that the Bolkestein directive has been softened | -- | -- | + | -- |  |  | (+) |  | ++ |  |  | -0.12 |
|  | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
| Indicator of political openness | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.75 | 0.5 | (0.5) | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.5 | -1 | -0.25 | 0.2 |
| Indicator of supranational propensity | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 |  |  |  | 0.375 | 0.0 | -0.33 | 0.5 | 0.32 |
| Indicator of governance | -0.125 | -0.0625 | 0.5 | -0.125 | (0.16) | (0.4) | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.42 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.26 |

1. Calculations are made as follows: PER 108/(PER108+PER110), where PER108 equals the number of quasi-sentences including favorable mentions of the EU and where PER110 equals quasi-sentences including hostiles mentions of the European Union (for further information, see Volkens et al. 2011). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)