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Table 1: ‘Radical Left Parties’ in Western Europe by Nomenclature and Country (since 1989), Founding and Dissolution dates (when after 1989), and Indicative Electoral Size (through average share of vote 2000–2015)

	AUS	CYP	DMK	FIN	FRA	GER	GRE	ICE	IRE	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POR	SPA	SWE	SWI	
Communist	KPÖ 0.85				PCF 5.34		KKE 6.4			PCI -1991			NKP 0.02	PCP 7.74				
					NPA 2009-					RC 4.02								
					LCR -2009					PdCI 2.32								
Workers		AKEL 32.83			LO	WASG -2007	DEA 2001-		WP 0.28									PdAS 0.79
Socialist			SF -2012			PDS -2007			SP 1996- 0.66			SP 9.66	SV 7.9					
Left				VAS 8.5	PG 2009-	DL -2007 9.73	SYR 2004- 16.38		DL 1992- 99		DL 3.36 1999-			BE 1999- 6.86	IU 6.18	V prev VPK 6.4		
							KEDA 2000- 04											
Red-Green			EL 4.5				SYN 1991- 2004		VG 1999- 13.87									
Peoples					FI 2016- 11.03		AC 2002- 15 PU 2015-	PA -1998							Pod 2014- 20.7			

Key:

AUS = Austria; CYP = Cyprus; DMK = Denmark; FIN = Finland; FRA = France; GER = Germany; GRE = Greece; ICE = Iceland; IRE = Ireland; ITA = Italy; LUX = Luxembourg; NET = Netherlands; NOR = Norway; POR = Portugal; SPA = Spain; SWE = Sweden; SWI = Switzerland.

AC = Active Citizens; AKEL = Progressive Party of Working People; AKOA = Renewing Communist Ecological Left; BE = Left Bloc; CDU = Unitary Democratic Coalition (electoral coalition between PCP & Greens); DEA = International Workers Left; DL(GER) = The Left; DL(IRE) = Democratic Left; DL(LUX) = The Left; EL = Red-Green Alliance; FI = France Unbowed; IRSP = Irish Republican Socialist Party; IU = United Left; KEDA = Movement for the United in Action Left; KPÖ = Communist Party of Austria; LCR = Revolutionary Communist League; LO = Workers' Struggle; NKP = Norwegian Communist Party; NPA = New Anti-Capitalist Party; PCdI = Party of the Italian Communists; PCF = French Communist Party; PCI = Italian Communist Party; PCP = Portuguese Communist Party; PdAS = Party of Labour; PDS = Party of Democratic Socialism; PG = Left Party; Pod = 'We Can' (Podemos); PU = Popular Unity; RC = Communist Refoundation; SF = Socialist People Party; SP (IRE & NET) = Socialist Party; SV = Socialist Left Party; SYN = Coalition of Left, of Movements & Ecology; SYR = Syriza or Coalition of the Radical Left; V = Left Party; VAS = Left Alliance; VPK = Left Party-Communists; WASG = Labour and Social Justice – The Electoral Alternative; WP = Workers Party.

Notes:

Founding dates included only in cases where parties were born *after* 1989; a single date *followed* by hyphen = date of founding, with party still in existence; a single date *preceded* by hyphen = party in existence until that date; two dates with hyphen between = lifespan of party; figures = average percentage of vote share in lower house 2000-2015; average vote share not provided for parties no longer in existence; purely electoral coalitions and their effects on aggregate vote share are not included (and explains some missing vote averages for parties still in existence).

Source: Average Vote figures from Katsourides (2016: 7) and author's own calculations.