Report on the 2015 ECPR Executive Committee Election Results

From 15 October 2014 to 15 February 2015, The European Consortium for Political Research conducted a three-stage process to elect new members to the organization's Executive Committee.

The elections were carried out on the basis of the document *"2015 Elections to the ECPR Executive Committee"*, approved by the Executive Committee on 6 September 2014, updating the "*Rules for Electing Members of the ECPR Executive Committee" approved by the Executive Committee on 31 August 2010".* The elections were carried out electronically using a special platform created on the ECPR website. Following the new Constitutional provision 13d, the Speaker of the ECPR Council, Prof. David Farrell, served as Senior Returning Officer to ensure proper oversight of the election.

The election was to fill 7 seats on the 12-member Executive Committee. Five vacancies were caused by members having served their full statutory term of office (Professors Simona Piattoni, Niilo Kauppi, Jonas Talberg, Manuel Sanchez de Dios and André Kaiser). In addition, two members elected in 2012, Professors Pippa Norris and Knud-Erik Jorgensen, had stepped down, meaning that two new members (Professors Birgit Sauer and Mary Farrell) needed to be coopted. Under clause 14f of the ECPR Constitution, individuals appointed in such a manner may hold the seat only until the next Executive Committee election.

The first phase of the election – candidate nominations – took place from 15 October to 15 November. At the conclusion of this period, 18 nominations were received in the following order:

Reuven Hazan	Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Kris Deschouwer	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Mary Farrell	University of Plymouth
Galit Eizman	Harvard University
Peter Ozonyia	Trinity College Dublin, Dept of Sociology
Maria Grazia Martino	Freie Universität Berlin
Yelena Istileulova	University of Ljubljana
Karin Bäckstrand	Stockholm University
Petri Koikkalainen	University of Lapland
Ana Maria Evans	Universidade de Lisboa Instituto de Ciências Sociais
Blanka Richova	Charles University in Prague
Paul Furlong	Cardiff University
Andranik Melik-Tangyan (Tangian)	Institute of Economic and Social Research
Gaye Güngör	Gediz University
Birgit Sauer	University of Vienna
Maurizio Carbone	University of Glasgow
Alberto Spektorowski	Tel Aviv University
Anna M. Sroka	University of Warsaw

Three nominees (Galit Eizman, Peter Ozonyia, and Alberto Spektorowski) were not affiliated to an ECPR full-member institution, and their names were not forwarded to the endorsement stage, leaving 15 duly nominated candidates.

The second phase of the election – endorsements – took place from 1 December 2014 to 1 January 2015. All Official Representatives of full-member institutions were asked to endorse nominees for the final electoral ballot. The endorsement stage of the procedure for electing a new Executive Committee closed on January 1. One candidate, Karin Bäckstrand, withdrew her nomination on December 1 2014, only hours after the beginning of the endorsement period. Her name was deleted from the endorsement page that same day.

At the conclusion of the endorsement period, 12 candidates had received the required number of endorsements to be carried onto the ballot:

Reuven Hazan
Kris Deschouwer
Maria Grazia Martino
Mary Farrell
Petri Koikkalainen
Ana Maria Evans
Blanka Richova
Paul Furlong
Gaye Güngör
Birgit Sauer
Maurizio Carbone
Anna M. Sroka

Two candidates did not meet the endorsement criteria:

Yelena Istileulova
Andranik Melik-Tangyan

The full results of the endorsement phase are presented in Appendix 2.

The final voting phase took place from January 15 to February 15. A total of 155 ballots (out of a total number of 300 Official Representatives with the right to vote) were cast. All of the votes were declared valid. The votes (as recorded on the ECPR website) were uploaded into the programme OpenSTV (see www.openstv.org) and processed according to the Scottish variant of STV.

Those elected to the Executive Committee (in alphabetical order) are:

Maurizio Carbone
Kris Deschouwer
Mary Farrell
Reuven Hazan
Petri Koikkalainen
Birgit Sauer
Anna M. Sroka

Not elected (in alphabetical order) are:

8. Ana Maria Evans
9. Paul Furlong
10. Gaye Güngör
11. Maria Grazia Martino
12. Blanka Richova

In accordance with Clause 14f of the Constitution, Professors Sauer and Farrell are elected for a three-year term, as they are already serving on the Executive Committee as coopted members. All other candidates will serve a six year term.

The full calculation of results is presented in Appendix 3.

At all three stages of the election, the results were certified by the Speaker of the ECPR Council, Prof. David Farrell, as correct.

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Appendix 1
Election rules, as published in "the 2015 elections to the ECPR Executive Committee"

1. The elections are conducted electronically and consist of three stages:
   a. Nominations
   b. Endorsements
   c. Final voting.
   All three stages are carried out under the supervision of the Speaker of the ECPR Council in his/her capacity as Senior Returning Officer, unless the Speaker nominates himself/herself. In that case the outgoing Chair of the Executive Committee appoints another Senior Returning Officer.
   Each of the three stages is announced at least one week in advance of the starting date on the ECPR website, and by email to all Official Representatives of full-member institutions.

2. **Eligibility**: Candidates need not be Official Representatives. The only restriction is that, according to the Constitution (14b), candidates should belong to a full-member institution at the time of their election. At the 2012 elections, the Senior Returning Officer ruled that art 8 of the Constitution (stipulating that full-members which are more than one year in arrears with their subscription cease to be eligible on the Council) should also apply for candidates to the Executive Committee. This implies that at the time of his/her election a candidate should belong to a full-member institution that has paid its subscription for the 2013/2014 membership year. As the election consists of two phases (acquiring sufficient endorsements and acquiring sufficient votes), 'at the time of their election' is operationalised as 'by the start of the endorsement period, i.e. December 1, 2014.

3. **Voting and endorsing rights**: Also following Art 8 of the Constitution, only Official Representatives of full-member institutions which have paid their subscription for the 2013/2014 membership year by the start of the endorsement period (December 1, 2014) can endorse candidates and vote.

4. **Nominations.** From October 15 to November 15, 2014, candidates can post their nomination on the ECPR website. Nominations must come from the candidates themselves. When posting his or her name, the nominee will be allowed to add a portrait photo and a statement of up to 500 words, covering basic biographical information, the motivation for standing for election, and any pre-endorsements by Standing Groups, Research Networks, etc. Nominees shall be listed in the order in which they posted their nomination on the website.

5. **Endorsements.** From December 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015, all Official Representatives of full member institutions (See art.3) are invited to endorse up to three candidates for the final ballot. For inclusion on the final ballot, a nominee must:
   i. Receive at least 5 endorsements,
   ii. Have endorsements from Official Representatives of full-member institutions in at least 2 countries,
   iii. Have endorsements from Official Representatives of full-member institutions of both sexes.
   Endorsements are public. Endorsements to all candidates are possible throughout the endorsement period (i.e. it remains possible to endorse a candidate who has already met the criteria set out above).

6. If at the conclusion of either the nomination or endorsement periods there is an insufficient number of candidates, the Senior Returning Officer shall have the right to extend the period for nomination and/or endorsement, and to postpone the voting period, in order to ensure that

enough candidates are on the ballot. Nominees or candidates may also withdraw their names until the closing of the endorsement period (i.e. January 1, 2015) by sending a message to the Senior Returning Officer c/o ECPR Central Services.

7. **Final Voting.** Once the final ballot of candidates has been determined, all Official Representatives of full member institutions (See art.3) will be asked to vote for their preferred candidates. The voting period is from January 15 to February 15, 2015. The electoral system to be used is Single Transferable Vote (Scottish variant). Official Representatives will be asked to rank order their preferred candidates. The minimum number of candidates to be rankordered for a vote to be valid is one. There is no maximum to the number of candidates to be rank ordered. Pursuant to the STV method, preference votes will be tallied and transferred until all vacancies are either filled or until preferences are exhausted (at which point any remaining vacancies will be awarded to those candidates with the highest vote tallies).

8. Candidates are declared elected as soon as the Senior Returning Officer has certified the results. Following certification, all candidates are informed of the results by the Senior Returning Officer. If the results are not challenged within a week of the candidates having been informed, they are final and are made public on the ECPR website within a week of having become final. Elected candidates take office at the end of the Joint Sessions of Workshops in Warsaw (April 2, 2015).

9. When insufficient candidates are declared elected to fill all vacancies on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancies by co-option.

Appendix 2
Results of the Endorsement Phase

Nominee in order of nomination		Member institution		# of endorsements	genders	countries	Met criteria?
Reuven Hazan	M	Hebrew University	Israel	25	2	13	Yes
Kris Deschouwer	M	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Belgium	49	2	16	Yes
Maria Grazia Martino	F	Freie Universität Berlin	Germany	11	2	6	Yes
Mary Farrell	F	University of Plymouth	UK	14	2	5	Yes
Yelena Istileulova	F	University of Ljubljana	Slovenia	4	1	4	No
Petri Koikkalainen	M	University of Lapland	Finland	16	2	7	Yes
Ana Maria Evans	F	Universidade de Lisboa	Portugal	13	2	8	Yes
Blanka Richova	F	Charles University Prague	Czech Republic	6	2	4	Yes
Paul Furlong	M	Cardiff University	UK	10	2	6	Yes
Andranik Melik-Tangyan	M	Institute of Economic and Social Research	Germany	2	1	2	No
Gaye Güngör	F	Gediz University	Turkey	7	2	5	Yes
Birgit Sauer	F	University of Vienna	Austria	27	2	12	Yes
Maurizio Carbone	M	University of Glasgow	UK	49	2	17	Yes
Anna M. Sroka	F	University of Warsaw	Poland	11	2	6	Yes

Appendix 3

Full calculation of election results

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
1	26.00000	38.00000	4.00000	5.00000	9.00000	4.00000	20.00000	26.00000	0.00000	7.00000	11.00000	5.00000	0.00000	30.00000	20.00000

Count of first choices. Candidates CARBONE, DESCHOUWER, HAZAN, and KOIKKALAINEN have reached the threshold and are elected. Candidates have surplus votes so surplus votes will be transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
2	26.00000	20.00000	5.42104	6.42104	10.42104	4.94736	20.00000	26.00000	0.47368	8.89472	16.68416	6.42104	3.31592	12.00000	20.00000

Count after transferring surplus votes from DESCHOUWER with a transfer value of 18.00000/38.00000. Candidates have surplus votes so surplus votes will be transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
3	20.00000	20.00000	5.65180	7.80560	12.26712	5.63964	20.00000	26.00000	0.70444	8.89472	16.91492	6.88256	4.23920	6.00000	20.00000

Count after transferring surplus votes from CARBONE with a transfer value of 6.00000/26.00000. Candidates CARBONE and KOIKKALAINEN were tied when choosing surplus to transfer. Candidate CARBONE was chosen by breaking the tie randomly. Candidates have surplus votes so surplus votes will be transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
4	20.00000	20.00000	5.65180	9.65168	12.26712	5.63964	20.00000	20.00000	1.39672	8.89472	17.60720	7.34408	6.54704	0.00000	20.00000

Count after transferring surplus votes from KOIKKALAINEN with a transfer value of 6.00000/26.00000. No candidates have surplus votes so candidates will be eliminated and their votes transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
5	20.00000	20.00000	5.65180	9.65168	12.26712	5.87040	20.00000	20.00000		8.89472	17.60720	7.80560	7.25148	0.00000	20.00000

Count after eliminating MARTINO and transferring votes. No candidates have surplus votes so candidates will be eliminated and their votes transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
6	20.00000	20.00000		11.12536	12.49788	6.87040	20.00000	20.00000		9.36840	18.60720	8.80560	7.72516	0.00000	20.00000

Count after eliminating EVANS and transferring votes. No candidates have surplus votes so candidates will be eliminated and their votes transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
7	20.00000	20.00000		13.07272	12.72864		20.00000	20.00000		9.36840	18.83796	10.80560	10.18668	0.00000	20.00000

Count after eliminating GUNGOR and transferring votes. No candidates have surplus votes so candidates will be eliminated and their votes transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
8	20.00000	20.00000		14.07272	13.72864		20.00000	20.00000			22.31164	13.75296	11.13404	2.31164	20.00000

Count after eliminating RICHOVA and transferring votes. Candidate SAUER has reached the threshold and is elected. Candidates have surplus votes so surplus votes will be transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
9	20.00000	20.00000		15.09780	13.83224		20.00000	20.00000			20.00000	14.25877	11.81119	0.00000	20.00000

Count after transferring surplus votes from SAUER with a transfer value of 2.31164/22.31164. No candidates have surplus votes so candidates will be eliminated and their votes transferred for the next round.

R	CARBONE	DESCHOUWER	EVANS	FARRELL	FURLONG	GUNGOR	HAZAN	KOIKKALAINEN	MARTINO	RICHOVA	SAUER	SROKA	Exhausted	Surplus	Threshold
10	20.00000	20.00000		19.49452			20.00000	20.00000			20.00000	16.19397	19.31151	0.00000	20.00000

Count after eliminating FURLONG and transferring votes. Candidates FARRELL and SROKA are elected.

Winners are CARBONE, DESCHOUWER, FARRELL, HAZAN, KOIKKALAINEN, SAUER, and SROKA.