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Activities Report

For the membership and financial year 2018–19



Policies and studies

ECPR is a membership association concerned with the careers of many thousands of scholars. This year, ECPR's Executive Committee has looked closely at the professional environment

Code of Conduct

As a response to a growing awareness and concern about behaviours at scholarly events across the discipline and academe more broadly, shared by universities and other societies, the Executive Committee developed a Code of Conduct in 2018. The Code clearly identifies behaviours which are unacceptable and should not be tolerated at ECPR events and activities, and a mechanism for raising complaints and concerns.

As a first stage the EC agreed to appoint two 'persons of trust' who would receive complaints and report them, with full anonymity for the complainant, to the EC. The EC will continually monitor the situation and review the Code if necessary.

The Code was approved by the EC at its meeting in Hamburg and published shortly after. All participants at ECPR events are now required to agree to the Code; it is published in the event literature and is well publicised around the buildings. The Code applies to all ECPR activities beyond its events; everyone working with and for the ECPR must adhere to the Code. One year since publication, the EC will review the Code this summer.

Gender Study 2018

The third annual Gender Study was published in June 2019, looking

back at data for the 2018 calendar year. Building on the framework and data of the 2016 and 2017 studies, the 2018 project looked at engagement in ECPR activities and governance at grassroots level (active MyECPR account holders and social media followers) through to event participation (Paper givers at the Joint Sessions and General Conference and attendees of the Winter and Summer Schools) and publishing in ECPR journals and book series.

It then looked further up the governance and engagement structure to those acting as Workshop Directors and Section Chairs at the Joint Sessions and General Conference, leading and delivering the training at the Winter and Summer Methods School and editing journals and book series.

At the highest-profile level of engagement and representation, the study then looked at prizewinners, those delivering plenary lectures and chairing Roundtables, sitting on Steering Committees of Standing Groups and Research Networks, Official Representatives, Speakers of Council and finally ECPR operational staff.

All three studies have found a fairly even proportion of female/male scholars at the grassroots and lower-engagement levels, but increasing further in favour of men as you work up to the governance and leadership categories. A key

point of concern is the proportion of women scholars submitting to and being published in journals in particular; this issue was discussed in detail at the 2019 Publications Retreat (see page 8).

Gender Equality Plan

Alongside the 2016 and 2017 Gender Studies the EC began developing a Gender Equality Plan (GEP), aimed at addressing the imbalance that still prevails across many levels of ECPR interaction and governance.

The GEP sets out a series of targets and actions for three key areas of the ECPR's work:

Publications

(editors and referees), organisation (prize winners, prize juries and EC members)

Events

Workshop Directors, Section Chairs and plenary speakers

Training

Methods School leadership and Instructors

At its meetings in Hamburg in September and then at Harbour House in March, the EC discussed possible steps and strategies to reach parity on the Executive Committee. It took the decision to revise the electoral rules and process from the 2020/21 election to run two parallel ballots after the nomination and endorsement

stages; one for female and one for male candidates. Official Representatives will have to vote in both for it to be valid.

The EC will continue to monitor the progress of the GEP each year against the results of the annual Gender Study.

Framework for Groups and Networks

The 2014 Framework for Groups and Networks included a clause requiring it to be reviewed after five years. In accordance with this, the Executive Committee began the process by appointing a Review Group comprising members of its Organisation Subcommittee and two Standing Group representatives.

The transformation of the ECPR to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in

October 2016 and the resulting legal and financial requirements necessitated a number of significant revisions to the way Groups and Networks operate.

Alongside the resulting necessary obligations for the Steering Committees of Groups and Networks, the Review Group assessed and expanded the range and scope of practical support ECPR staff are able to offer and the way Groups and Networks can receive funding for activities.

The new Framework is therefore significantly longer, but also more comprehensive, reflecting the status of Groups and Networks as integral parts of ECPR and the important work they do.

The 2019 Framework was published in April 2019 and as a living document is under continual review by the EC in consultation with the Chairs of the Steering Committees.

World of Political Science survey

Ahead of the ECPR's 50th anniversary in 2020, a book looking at the development of the discipline over this time has been commissioned, edited by Thibaud Boncourt, Isabelle Engeli and Diego Garzia.

As part of the research for her chapter, Pippa Norris designed a 'World of Political Science' survey which we ran in early 2019 in partnership with IPSA. This joint ECPR-IPSA survey received nearly 2,500 responses. It has produced some fascinating data for Pippa's chapter, and to be shared between our two organisations.

Preliminary findings will be published online soon and follow-up studies are planned so we can begin to build a picture of the evolution of the profession over time.



Membership

From its eight founding European institutions, the ECPR's membership has grown to represent universities and institutions concerned with the teaching and research of political science and its related disciplines worldwide

he membership year 1 October 2018 – 30 September 2019 looks set to close at 328, a fall of nine members on the previous year.

Full Member, Western Europe is the largest and proportionately most stable membership group in terms of numbers, with 232 member institutions in 2018–19, a fall of four from 2017–18. While we lost more than one member in Denmark, Ireland and the UK, German membership continued to grow.

Despite a reduction by one member in the Central and Eastern Europe category in 2018–19, there has been an overall increase of five in this group since 2013–14. In 2018–19 members were lost in Romania, Serbia and Turkey, but gained in Poland, Bulgaria and Georgia. The number of members in the Commonwealth

of Independent States category is relatively stable, with the same number of Russian members and the Kazakhstan member renewing.

Associate Member countries are split into two groups depending on their membership of the OECD. The non-OECD category is very small and relatively stable, with three institutions in 2018–19 in India, Singapore and Taiwan, one fewer than the year before.

The category of OECD Associate Members has fallen consistently year on year since 2013–14; overall, 13 members have been lost over this period of time, with a decrease of five on last year. Despite a small increase in 2017–18, US membership has been decreasing; five institutions did not renew in 2018–19, leading to an overall reduction of six US members since 2013–14. Canadian membership

has also been steadily decreasing in number, from 15 in 2013–14 to ten for the past three years.

However, against the decline in the Associate Membership category, the number of non-European universities taking out Full Membership continues to grow, with an additional Australian member 'upgrading' in 2018–19. Last year there were six Full, Associate Members with two each in Israel and Australia, and one each in Canada and the US.

We continue to monitor the levels of membership and reasons for both renewal and non-renewal closely and will be implementing a number of new initiatives seeking to improve communication of membership benefits and usage with Official Representatives (ORs) and the membership offering as a whole, over the coming months.





Membership type by year	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19
Associate Member – Non-OECD	3	5	5	5	4	3
Associate Member – Non-OECD (Year 1)	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Associate Member – Non-OECD (Year 2)	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Associate Member – OECD Member	53	52	49	45	45	40
Full Member – Central and Eastern Europe	38	43	47	44	44	43
Full Member – Commonwealth of Independent States	5	6	4	4	3	4
Full Member – Upgraded Associate Member	3	4	4	4	5	6
Full member – Western Europe	236	238	241	238	236	232
Grand Total	345	348	350	340	337	328

Membership type – core members	No.
Associate Member – OECD Member	34
Full Member – Central and Eastern Europe	29
Full Member – Commonwealth of Independent States	3
Full Member – United Kingdom	47
Full Member – Upgraded Associate Member	3
Full member – Western Europe	155
Grand Total	271

Membership type – non-core members	No.
Associate Member – Non-OECD	4
Associate Member – Non-OECD (Year 1)	1
Associate Member – OECD Member	29
Full Member – Central and Eastern Europe	31
Full Member – Commonwealth of Independent States	3
Full Member – United Kingdom	16
Full member – Western Europe	53
Grand Total	137

Membership type by country	2014 -15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017 –18	2018 -19
Brazil	2	2	1	1	
India					1
Mauritius			1		
Singapore	2	2	2	2	1
Taiwan	1	1	1	1	1
Associate Member – Non-OECD Member	5	5	5	4	3
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Australia	6	5	7	6	4
Canada	15	12	10	10	10
Chile	1	1	1	1	1
Israel .	2	3	3	3	1
Japan	2	4	3	3	3
Mexico	1	1	1		
New Zealand	1	1	1	1	1
United States	24	22	19	21	17
Associate Member – OECD Member	52	49	45	45	40
		1	ı		1
Bosnia and Herzegovina		1	2		
Bulgaria	1	1			1
Croatia	1	1	1	1	1
Cyprus	1	1	1	1	
Czech Republic	7	7	7	7	7
Estonia	3	3	3	3	3
Georgia					1
Hungary	5	6	6	6	6
Latvia	1	1	1	1	1
Lithuania	2	2	1	2	2
Montenegro		1	1	1	1
Poland	5	6	6	7	8
Romania	3	4	3	3	2
Serbia	1	1	2	2	1
Slovakia (Slovak Republic)	1	1	2	2	2
Slovenia	1	1	1	1	1
Turkey	11	10	7	7	6
Full Member – Central and Eastern Europe	43	47	44	44	43

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Kazakhstan	1	1	1		1
Russian Federation	5	3	3	3	3
Full Member – Commonwealth of Independent States	6	4	4	3	4
Australia	1	1	1	1	2
Canada	1	1	1	1	1
Israel	1	1	1	2	2
United States	1	1	1	1	1
Full Member – Upgraded Associate Member	4	4	4	5	6
Austria	5	5	7	6	5
Belgium	7	7	7	7	7
	2	2	2	4	5
Cyprus Denmark	7	7	7	7	4
Finland	6	6	7	6	6
France	10	11	10	10	10
Germany	50	51	51	53	56
Greece	4	3	2	2	2
Iceland	1	1	1	1	1
Ireland	6	6	6	6	4
Italy	19	19	17	16	17
Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	1
Malta	1	1	1	1	
Netherlands	11	11	12	12	11
Norway	12	12	11	11	11
Portugal	4	5	4	6	6
Spain	11	11	12	11	13
Sweden	15	15	14	14	14
Switzerland	9	9	8	9	10
United Kingdom	57	58	58	53	49
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Full Member – Western Europe					



Publications

ECPR's thriving publishing programme plays a key role in sharing research produced by the membership and wider community

Political Research Exchange (PRX)

Autumn 2018 saw the new *PRX* journal launch and begin accepting submissions; the culmination of three years' work and development, and an exciting moment for the editorial team led by Editors-in-Chief Alexandra Segerberg and Simona Guerra, the Executive Committee, and publishers Taylor & Francis.

New editorial appointments

A number of editorial appointments were made across the period 1 October 2018 – 30 September 2019.

EJPR - Cas Mudde completed three years as Co-Editor of the journal. Emiliano Grossman was joined by Sofia Vasilopoulou in August 2018, and Isabelle Engeli in January 2019 – increasing the editorial team to reflect the growing number of submissions the journal receives each year.

PDY - Maurits Meijers joined Thomas Mustillo and Alistair Clark on the EJPR's Political Data Yearbook, replacing Andreas Bågenholm in April 2019.

EPSR – Catherine Moury was appointed Associate Editor in April, replacing Karim Kniou and joining Carlos Closa and Matt Qvortrup on the EPSR editorial team.

Comparative Politics series –
Ferdinand Müller-Rommel and
Emilie van Haute both completed

their terms as Co-Editors of the Comparative Politics series in April 2019, and were replaced by Jonathan Slapin.

EJIR – The 2018 volume was also the first year of the new EJIR editorial team at the University of Amsterdam: Geoffrey Underhill, Ursula Daxecker, Annette Freyberg-Inan, Marlies Glasius and Darshan Vigneswaran.

Editors gather for Publications Retreat

Editorial teams and publishers were once again invited to Harbour House in the spring for our annual Publications Retreat.

These two days of intensive meetings provide an opportunity for editors to meet within their own teams as well as across publications, to review the progress of the past year and plan ahead.

The Retreat includes a plenary session, which this year asked: Is there a gender bias in journals publishing?, responding to ECPR's annual Gender Studies, which have reported low (and in some cases reducing) numbers of submissions to, and published articles and books by, women across our publishing portfolio.

Led by Emiliano Grossman who presented data on the EJPR, other editorial teams were invited to share data and engage in discussion about whether a bias exists, what its likely causes could be, and potential strategies to redress the balance.

Submission vs publication

The 2018 calendar year (the basis for publications reporting) saw submissions increase again to both the *EJPR* and *EPS*; submissions to *EPSR* fell slightly against 2017 but were still an increase on 2016.

More new titles were published in the Comparative Politics series, published in partnership with Oxford University Press, and under the ECPR Press imprint, which is now in partnership with Rowman & Littlefield International.

Impact Factors

The 2018 Journal Citation Reports were published in June 2019. They reported an increase in Impact Factor and ranking for EPS, but a fall for the EJPR and EPSR.

EPS contract

In August 2018 the Executive Committee signed a new five-year contract with Palgrave for the publication of *EPS*. The new agreement provides for improved access for affiliates to the online platform and additional resources for further development of this key journal.

Looking ahead

Alongside the above initiatives, the Publications Subcommittee continues to monitor the changing academic publishing landscape and particularly the likely impact of Open Access and Plan S.

ECPR Press	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New titles published	23	11	16	20	9	17

Comparative Politics Series	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New titles published	6	3	1	3	3	4

European Journal of Political Research – EJPR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Submissions	267	271	329	361	406	415
Rejection rate %	94.2	93	93.4	91.4	91.9	93.9
Impact Factor	2.152	2.508	2.525	2.891	3.576	3.066
SSCI ranking	8/156	7/161	9/163	13/165	6/169	21/176

European Political Science Review – EPSR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Submissions	134	142	133	152	199	176
Rejection rate %	58	56	75	68	73	73
Impact Factor	0.816	1.154	1.188	1.722	1.755	1.545
SSCI ranking	67/156	45/161	54/163	47/165	52/169	77/176

European Political Science – EPS	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Submissions	78	68	74	86	77	100
Rejection rate %	52.56	39.7	32.43	41.86	60	59
Impact Factor	0.794	0.705	0.553	1.292	0.806	1.141
SSCI ranking	69/156	84/161	113/163	68/165	118/169	106/176



Prizes

From distinguished scholars whose careers have been dedicated to the advancement of the discipline, to exceptional PhD students just beginning to make their mark in the field, the ECPR recognises achievement across the profession

The ECPR awards a number of prizes annually and biennially. Those awarded during the reporting period are listed below.

Cora Maas Award

Given annually for the bestevaluated course at our Summer Methods School.

2018 – Constantin Manuel Bosancianu

Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award

Awarded annually for outstanding pedagogy as a Teaching Assistant at the ECPR Method Schools.

2019 – Bastiaan Bruinsma

EPS Prize

Awarded annually for the best article in the professional journal, *European Political Science*.

2018 – Matthew Flinders, The Future of Political Science? The Politics and Management of the Academic Expectations Gap: Evidence from the UK

Hedley Bull Prize in International Relations

For a book that makes a substantial and original contribution in any field of International Relations.

2019 – Arjun Chowdhury, The Myth of International Order: Why Weak States Persist and Alternatives to the State Fade Away



Jean Blondel PhD Prize

Annual prize for the best PhD thesis in politics by an individual from a full member institution.

2018 – Lauren Tooker, Ordinary Democracy: Reading Resistances to Debt after the Global Financial Crisis with Stanley Cavell's Ordinary Language Philosophy

Joni Lovenduski PhD Prize in Gender and Politics

Biennial award for an outstanding PhD dissertation, from our Gender and Politics Standing Group.

2019 – Cherry Miller, Beneath the Spectacle: Gendering the Everyday in the British House of Commons Orly Siow, The Effects of Candidate Race and Gender on Press Coverage of Political Campaigns: an Intersectional Analysis

Rudolf Wildenmann Prize

Annual prize for the best Paper at our Joint Sessions of Workshops.

2018 – Philipp Lutz, Dynamic Partisan Effects in Migration

Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research

Awarded annually by the International Social Science Council on ECPR recommendation.

2019 – Andreas Wimmer, Nation Building: Why Some Countries Come Together While Others Fall Apart



Events

ECPR events provide opportunities to develop and share new research, to train in cutting-edge methodological techniques, and to hone key career skills. For members, reduced fees and funding opportunities make them all the more accessible

he ECPR's annual events provide an opportunity for colleagues to meet, share ideas and grow networks.

A key distinction of an ECPR event is that it is held at a member university. This gives our members a unique chance to showcase their institution and facilities to the community, and allows those attending to experience fully the academic and social culture of the host city.

Events held this membership year:

Winter School in Methods & **Techniques**

University of Bamberg, Germany February-March 2019

Joint Sessions of Workshops UCL Mons, Belgium, April 2019

Summer School in Methods & Techniques

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July - August 2019

General Conference

University of Wrocław, Poland, September 2019

Standing Group events

SG on Organised Crime

Winter School Transnational Organised Crime and its Control Internationally, Vienna, January 2019 Biennial Conference Sofia, July 2019

SG on Analytical Politics and Public Choice

Conference Analysing Strategic Interactions in Political Decision-Making, Lisbon, May 2019

SG on Participation and **Mobilisation Summer School**

Methods for the Study of Political Participation and Mobilisation, Florence, June 2019

SG on International Relations

Summer School What Next? Exit from or Exit to Order and Hegemony, Catania, June 2019

SG on Parliaments Biennial

Conference Leiden, June 2019 Summer School Lisbon, July 2019

SG on Latin American Politics

Summer School

Political Behaviour in Latin America, Segovia, June 2019

SG on Political Parties Summer

School Theories and Methods in Party Politics, Aarhus, August 2019

SG on Parliaments Conference

Advances in the Empirical and Theoretical Study of Parliaments, Konstanz, September 2019

ECPR Futures Lab

Alongside these events, work has continued on development of a new graduate-focused offering. After extensive consultation with PhD students and young scholars, the EC agreed that a new format event, aiming to provide valuable career advice and practical skills, would be more beneficial to the community than a graduate version of the General Conference.

To be called ECPR Futures Lab and launching in 2020, the new event will provide sessions on a range of key topics most relevant to scholars starting out in academe, including developing a publishing profile, making the most of conference attendance, and navigating the international jobs market.





General Conference	Montreal 2015	Prague 2016	Oslo 2017	Hamburg 2018	Wrocław 2019
Sections proposed	68	71	76	82	71
Sections accepted	61	67	72	78	68
Panels accepted	362	463	444	520	467
Papers proposed	2,200	3,171	3,511	4,144	2,929
Papers accepted	1,351	1,902	1,833	2,310	1,935
Participants registered online	1,344	2,011	2,024	2,477	1,942
Paid participants	1,336	2,004	2,005	2,459	1,929
Signed in at event	1,214	1,880	1,885	2,367	tbc

Joint Sessions	Warsaw 2015	Pisa 2016	Nottingham 2017	Nicosia 2018	Mons 2019
Workshops proposed	100	144	70	78	61
Workshops accepted	25	24	22	30	29
Papers proposed	824	766	674	730	656
Papers accepted	425	402	362	407	398
Total participants	472	482	393	462	449

Winter School in Methods & Techniques	Bamberg 2015	Bamberg 2016	Bamberg 2017	Bamberg 2018	Bamberg 2019
Free early-morning course					1
Seasoned Scholar Workshops					2
Short Courses	11	11	11	13	14
Main Courses	27	27	26	28	28
Advanced Workshops					3
Total courses run	38	38	39	43	48
Total participants	402	381	390	398	443

Summer School in Methods & Techniques	Ljubljana 2015	Budapest 2016	Budapest 2017	Budapest 2018	Budapest 2019
Free early-morning course					2
Seasoned Scholar Workshops			1	1	
Short Courses	7	11	10	5	7
One-week Main Courses	22	25	32	30	30
Two-week Main Courses	7	6	5	5	5
Advanced Workshops					2
Total courses run	36	42	48	39	48
Total participants	336	296	337	344	380

Total courses Summer & Winter Methods Schools 74 80 87 82 94	Total participants Summer & Winter Methods Schools	738	677	723	742	823
	Total courses Summer & Winter Methods Schools	74	80	87	82	94

Standing Groups and Research Networks

Creating a network of political scientists throughout the world is an original and enduring aim of the ECPR. This is achieved most effectively through Standing Groups and Research Networks

The current membership year saw continuing progress towards formalisation and integration of Standing Groups and Research Networks into the governance and operational structure of the ECPR. This was marked with the publication of a revised Framework for Standing Groups and Research Networks in April 2019; the result of 18 months' consultation and review.

The new Framework underlines the importance of Groups and Networks in nurturing all corners of the discipline, and in turn helping ECPR achieve its mission of building a thematically and geographically rich and diverse community of scholars. It also highlights the support available to help Groups hold events, award prizes and publish work. The 2019 Framework embeds formally and expands the

role of Groups and Networks in shaping the General Conference and Joint Sessions through endorsing Sections and Workshops.

To further improve communication with the Steering Committees and their Chairs, a Retreat was held at Harbour House in June for representatives from 23 groups. Building on the success of the 2018 event, which provided

a platform for consultation on the Framework, the 2019 Retreat allowed for a sharing of ideas, information and experiences, and will become an annual meeting.

In this membership year the Political Communication Research Network became a Standing Group. No further groups were approved by the Executive Committee.

	Standing Groups formed	Research Networks formed
2013–14	Elites and Political Leadership	
2014–15	Political Concepts	Voting Advice Applications
	Presidential Politics	Knowledge and Governance
		Food Policy and Governance
2015–16	Politics of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation	
2016–17		Political Communication
2017–18		Political Culture
2018–19	Political Communication	Mediterranean Politics and Society
	(Anti-)Corruption and Integrity	





		Member count		ınt
SG / RN	Standing Group / Research Network name	2017	2018	2019
SG	Analytical Politics and Public Choice	70	97	83
SG	Central and East European Politics	212	270	251
SG	Citizenship	199	265	207
SG	Comparative Political Institutions	254	352	314
SG	Critical Peace and Conflict Studies	112	178	120
SG	Democratic Innovations	272	346	303
SG	Elites and Political Leadership	239	281	234
SG	Environmental Politics	221	291	233
SG	European Union	453	575	562
SG	Extremism and Democracy	240	339	349
SG	Federalism and Regionalism	167	210	180
RN	Food Policy and Governance	82	127	92
SG	Gender and Politics	447	521	427
SG	Human Rights and Transitional Justice	139	196	147
SG	Identity	161	219	185
SG	Interest Groups	163	203	165
SG	International Political Theory	180	220	194
SG	International Relations	360	466	368
SG	Internet and Politics	161	211	223
SG	Kantian Political Thought	118	134	95
RN	Knowledge and Governance	162	218	173
SG	Knowledge Politics and Policies	178	223	183
SG	Latin American Politics	96	121	123
SG	Law and Courts	116	153	140
SG	Local Government and Politics	211	268	237
SG	Migration and Ethnicity	166	264	229

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SG	Organised Crime	94	114	124
SG	Parliaments	297	366	361
SG	Participation and Mobilisation	306	399	302
SG	Political Communication	0	157	208
SG	Political Concepts	160	221	179
RN	Political Culture	0	50	80
SG	Political Economy and Welfare State Politics	0	136	159
SG	Political Methodology	264	353	298
SG	Political Networks	125	181	144
SG	Political Parties	395	471	442
SG	Political Psychology	147	207	180
SG	Political Representation	242	290	273
SG	Political Sociology	322	413	355
SG	Political Theory	276	351	278
SG	Political Violence	180	248	201
SG	Politics and Technology	66	87	82
SG	Politics and the Arts	62	81	78
SG	Presidential Politics	101	124	110
SG	Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective	248	322	286
SG	Regulatory Governance	225	267	233
SG	Religion and Politics	179	218	173
SG	South East Europe	80	98	74
SG	Southern European Politics	306	345	293
SG	Teaching and Learning Politics	194	231	201
SG	Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis	103	168	182
RN	Voting Advice Applications	73	103	76
SG	Young ECPR Network on Europeanisation (YEN)	78	106	66

