

EuroPAM in-law indicators on Political Financing

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Political financing is about the role that money plays in the political sphere. Money is necessary for inclusive democracy and effective governance, allowing candidates and parties to reach out to voters and for the building of long term political platforms organizations. However, it can also lead to politicians listening to their donors rather than their voters and to government contracts awarded not to the company with the best bid but to the one that provided most money during the last election campaign. Countries around the world have introduced various provisions limiting who and how much can be contributed to political parties and electoral candidates; how such funds can be used; how actors have to report on their finances; and how oversight and enforcement is to be achieved.

Political Finance	
Qual-1	Bans and limits on private income
Qual-2	Bans on donations from foreign interests
Qual-3	Is there a ban on donations from foreign interests to political parties?
Qual-4	Is there a ban on donations from foreign interests to candidates?
Qual-5	Bans on corporate donations
Qual-6	Is there a ban on corporate donations to political parties?
Qual-7	Is there a ban on corporate donations to candidates?
Qual-8	Is there a ban on donations from corporations with government contracts to political parties?
Qual-9	Is there a ban on donations from corporations of partial government ownership to political parties?
Qual-10	Is there a ban on donations from corporations with government contracts to candidates?
Qual-11	Is there a ban on donations from corporations of partial government ownership to candidates?
Qual-12	Bans on donations from trade unions
Qual-13	Is there a ban on donations from Trade Unions to political parties?
Qual-14	Is there a ban on donations from Trade Unions to candidates?
Qual-15	Bans on anonymous donations
Qual-16	Is there a ban on anonymous donations to political parties?
Qual-17	Is there a ban on anonymous donations to candidates?
Qual-18	Other bans on donations
Qual-19	Is there a ban on state resources being given to or received by political parties or candidates (excluding regulated public funding)?
Qual-20	Is there a ban on any other form of donation?
Qual-21	Donation limits
Qual-22	Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a political party over a time period (not election specific)?
Qual-23	Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a political party in relation to an election?
Qual-24	Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a candidate?

Qual-25	Public funding
Qual-26	Are there eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties?
Qual-27	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Share of votes in previous election
Qual-28	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Representation in elected body
Qual-29	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Participation in election
Qual-30	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Number of candidates
Qual-31	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Share of seats in previous election
Qual-32	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Share of votes in next election
Qual-33	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Registration as a political party
Qual-34	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Share of seats in next election
Qual-35	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Number of members
Qual-36	Eligibility criteria for direct public funding to political parties: Other
Qual-37	Are there allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties?
Qual-38	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Proportional to votes received
Qual-39	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Equal
Qual-40	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Proportional to seats received
Qual-41	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Flat rate by votes received
Qual-42	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Share of expenses reimbursed
Qual-43	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Proportional to candidates fielded
Qual-44	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Number of members
Qual-45	Allocation calculations for direct public funding to political parties: Other
Qual-46	Are there earmarking provisions for direct public funding to political parties?
Qual-47	Earmarking provisions for direct public funding to political parties: Campaign spending
Qual-48	Earmarking provisions for direct public funding to political parties: Ongoing party activities
Qual-49	Earmarking provisions for direct public funding to political parties: Intra-party institution
Qual-50	Earmarking provisions for direct public funding to political parties: Other
Qual-51	Are there allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties?
Qual-52	Allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties: Equal
Qual-53	Allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties: Number of candidates
Qual-54	Allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties: Share of seats
Qual-55	Allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties: Share of votes in preceding election
Qual-56	Allocation criteria for free or subsidized access to media for political parties: Other
Qual-57	Are there provisions for free or subsidized access to media for candidates?
Qual-58	Are there provisions for any other form of indirect public funding?
Qual-59	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Premises for campaign meetings
Qual-60	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Space for campaign materials
Qual-61	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Tax relief
Qual-62	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Free or subsidised transport
Qual-63	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Free or subsidised postage cost
Qual-64	Provisions for any other form of indirect public funding: Other
Qual-65	Is the provision of direct public funding to political parties related to gender equality among candidates?

Qual-66	Are there provisions for other financial advantages to encourage gender equality in political parties?
Qual-67	Regulations on spending
Qual-68	Is there a ban on vote buying?
Qual-69	Are there bans on state resources being used in favour or against a political party or candidate?
Qual-70	Are there limits on the amount a political party can spend?
Qual-71	Are there limits on the amount a candidate can spend?
Qual-72	Reporting, oversight and sanctions
Qual-73	Reporting standards
Qual-74	Do political parties have to report regularly on their finances?
Qual-75	Do political parties have to report on their finances in relation to election campaigns?
Qual-76	Do candidates have to report on their campaign finances?
Qual-77	Is information in reports from political parties and/or candidates to be made public?
Qual-78	Must reports from political parties and/or candidates reveal the identity of donors?
Qual-79	Are institutions specified to receive financial reports from political parties and/or candidates?
Qual-80	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Electoral Management Board
Qual-81	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Auditing agency
Qual-82	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Ministry
Qual-83	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Special institution
Qual-84	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Court
Qual-85	Institutions receiving financial reports from political parties and/or candidates: Other
Qual-86	Political finance oversight
Qual-87	Is it specified that a particular institution(s) is responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations?
Qual-88	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Court
Qual-89	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Ministry
Qual-90	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Auditing agency
Qual-91	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Electoral Management Body
Qual-92	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Institution for this purpose
Qual-93	Institution responsible for examining financial reports and/or investigating violations: Other
Qual-94	Are there other institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight?
Qual-95	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: Court
Qual-96	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: Ministry
Qual-97	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: Auditing agency
Qual-98	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: EMB
Qual-99	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: Institution for this purpose
Qual-100	Institutions with a formal role in political finance oversight: Other
Qual-101	Are there sanctions for political finance infractions?
Qual-102	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Fines
Qual-103	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Loss of public funding
Qual-104	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Penal/Criminal
Qual-105	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Forfeiture

Qual-106	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Deregistration of party
Qual-107	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Loss of elected office
Qual-108	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Suspension of political party
Qual-109	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Loss of nomination of candidate
Qual-110	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Loss of political rights
Qual-111	Sanctions for political finance infractions: Other

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