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ABSTRACT

This document describes a new dataset on women's political representation at the local level in Europe. The author collected the most recent figures on women elected at the lowest administrative tier in 30 countries. The contribution is here to provide, for the first time, an illustration of the variance of the share of locally elected women within these countries. The aim has been to find official figures on the share of locally elected women to obtain the most recent regional averages of women's numerical representation. Covering 329 regions, the document reports the most detailed source of data of women's local political representation available in a comparative perspective. The paper describes the procedure of the data collection, the sources used and present the dispersion of the share of elected women across the countries in focus.

Note: I am grateful for any comments or suggestions on how to improve this dataset. Feel free to send me an email: aksel.sundstrom@pol.gu.se. Scholars who wish to use this dataset in their research are kindly requested to use the following citation:

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A lack of regional data on women's representation

Although the share of elected women in national legislative bodies around the world have been on the rise for the past decades, women are still underrepresented in national parliaments (Inter-Parliamentary Union 2013). The availability and dissemination of data on the gender ratio in national parliaments across countries and over time (for instance through the website of the Inter-Parliamentary Union) has enabled researchers to study this issue and has provided policy-makers and interest groups with current figures and trends of the situation. However, the image is much different when it comes to elected decision-makers on the sub-national level.

Focusing on Europe, one can conclude that there simply exists no comprehensive source of information on the gender ratio in local councils across countries. While some attempts have been made to compile figures on the national averages of locally elected women in the European countries (Council of European Municipalities and regions 2008; European Institute for Gender Equality 2013), such numbers tells only one part of the story. National averages are to some extent misleading since research have shown that we often find large variances in the share of locally elected women *within* several European countries (see for example, Pini and McDonald 2011; Rigon and Tanzi 2010; Verge 2011; Wängnerud and Sundell 2012). Yet, regional differences in women's representation within countries have seldom been analyzed in a comparative perspective. And this is much due to the lack of availability of data. As of today, no source of data exist that can show in a comparative perspective how the share of locally elected women currently differ within and between the European countries.

The aim of this dataset has therefore been to fill this gap in the infrastructure of data on women in local political assemblies and to provide the first comparative source of data on the share of locally elected women within and across the European countries.

The data collection

What is a local councilor?

The category "local councilors" is of course a wide concept. For the sake of maximizing the comparability across the countries in focus, the following section expands on what is studied in this report. What constitutes a local councilor is difficult to assess across the diverse institutional settings of Europe. The author set out to find assemblies corresponding to municipal councils – more specifically defined as *local deliberative assemblies constituted by councilors elected by direct universal suffrage*. A local councilor is hence, the individual elected to these assemblies. For all but two of the 30 coun-

tries studied in this report the author have found figures on categories that are believed to be highly comparable. When searching on data for Slovakia and Romania some challenges were presented in meeting these requirements. For Romania, data on municipal councilors is not available to researchers, and so figures on their intermediate-level councils are used. In Slovakia, national authorities have not collected data on the gender composition of local councilors. Instead of excluding the country from this comparison figures on the sex ratio of mayors of the municipalities in the country are included (for more information on the local assemblies in the countries, see Table 1).

The figures studied in this report are expressed as the *share of elected women* in these assemblies, a standard variable commonly used in the literature on women's numerical representation (see Wängnerud 2009). A caveat is of course that it should be acknowledged that one should be cautious when comparing local councilors across these institutionally diverse contexts, as the mandates and responsibilities of these councilors differ across countries. Analyzing the responsibilities of the local councils of each country (see Council of European Municipalities and Regions 2013) it is evident that the responsibilities of the local councils differ across the 30 countries that are studied.

Which regions are studied?

The regions of most of the 30 countries in this dataset are based on the system of NUTS (the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) and their levels differ in the countries we analyze from NUTS 1 to NUTS 2 (see details below for each country). For the smaller countries in this dataset figures are presented at a level more disaggregated than the NUTS-level. Figures on local councilors in each municipality or local division have been aggregated to an average value for the regions in this report. This is a common procedure of reporting statistics in many of these countries and most often the author have not been forced to make this calculation, but instead relied on official aggregates.

From where was the data taken?

The dataset described in this document has been constructed from contacts with a range of sources. They are briefly listed in Table 2 and describe in detail in the section on each country below. The aim has been to find as recent figures as possible (as of the June 2013) on locally elected councilors in all European countries. The first priority was to find the official sources of data from statistical and electoral offices. In some instances – when statistics from official channels were not sufficiently comprehensive or detailed – experts, such as electoral scholars or statistical consultants, provided the figures. The 30 countries in this dataset are the countries where data was found for

this purpose. This data, and the source from which they were gathered, are documented in the sections below.

Acknowledgements:

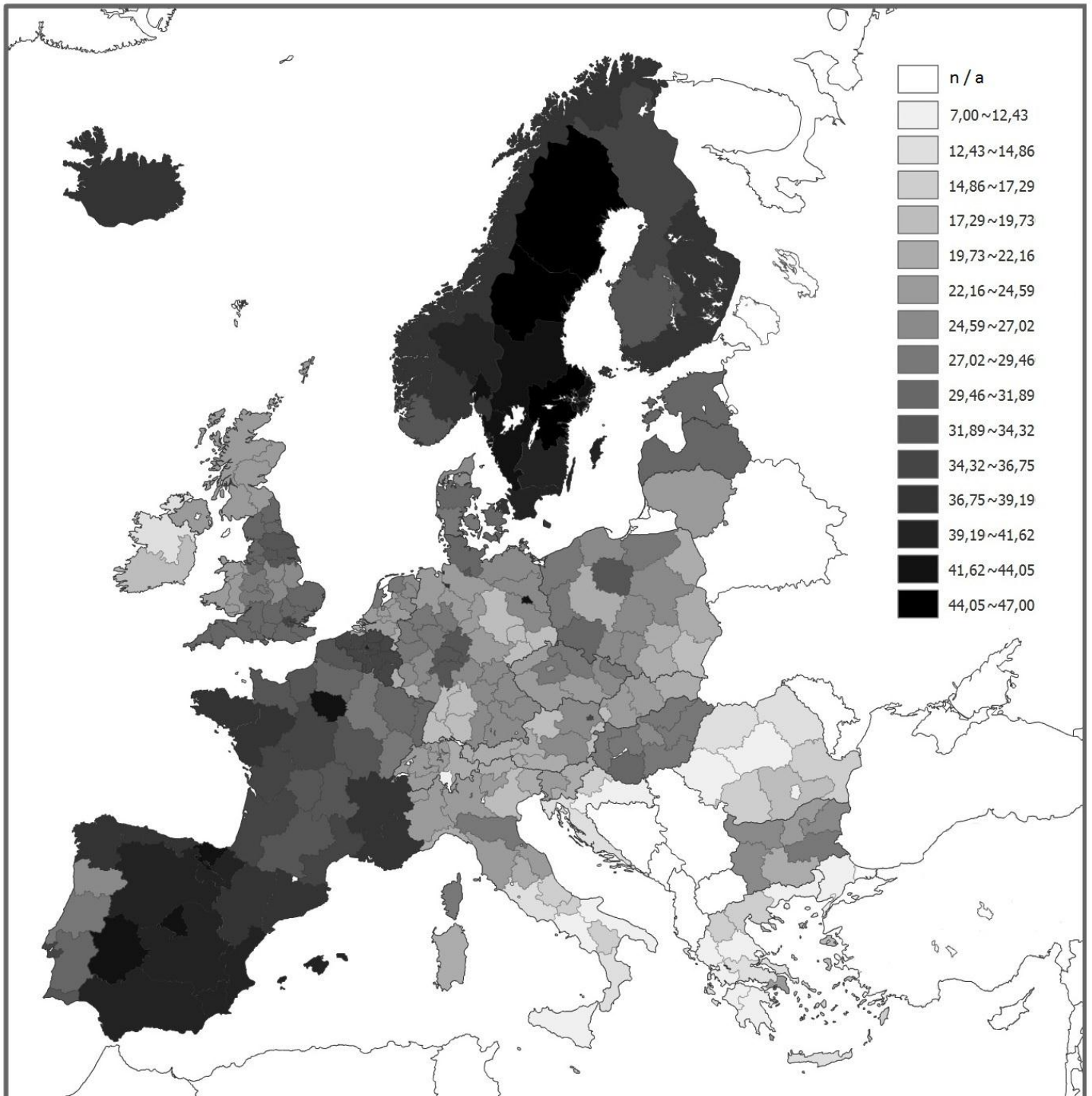
Besides the persons mentioned as sources for the data this endeavor was enabled by the kind help from literally hundreds of generous administrators, experts and scholars, eventually guiding me to the sources of this data.

Professor Lena Wängnerud gave good advice and encouragement. She also funded the research assistance needed to compile the figures for Romania, carried out by Mihaela Iovu. Alice Johansson at the Quality of Government Institute provided a detailed scrutiny of the data in several countries.

TABLE 1. LOCAL COUNCILS IN 30 COUNTRIES

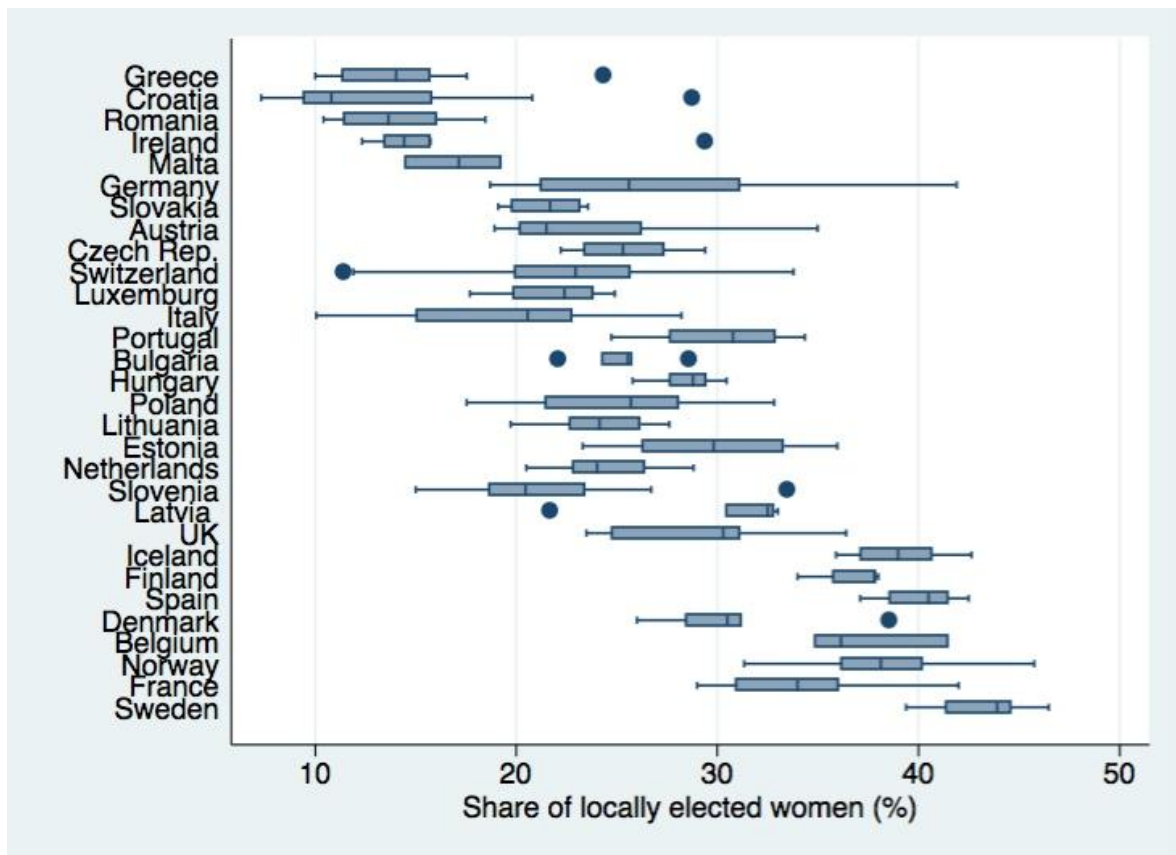
Country	Name of municipal councils	Number of municipalities/local authorities	Elected in year
Austria	Municipal council (gemeinderat)	2357	2009-2012
Belgium	Municipal council (conseil communal/ gemeenteraad)	589	2012
Bulgaria	Municipal council (obchtinski savet)	264	2011
Croatia	Municipal council (optinsko vijeće)	429	2009
Czech Republic	Municipal council (zastupitelstvo obce)	6250	2010
Denmark	Municipal council (kommunalbestyrelse)	98	2009
Estonia	Municipal council (volikogu)	206	2009
Finland	Municipal council (kunnanvaltuusto)	336	2007-2008
France	Department councils (conseil general)	101	2008
Germany	Local council (gemeinderat)	appr. 14000	2011
Greece	Municipal council (dimotiko simvoulio)	325	2010
Hungary	Municipal body of representatives (képviselő-testület)	3175	2010
Iceland	Municipal council (sveitars-/ bæjars-/ borgarstjórn)	76	2010
Ireland	City council/ county council	34	2009
Italy	Local council (consiglio comunale)	8094	2011
Latvia	Municipal council (dome)	110	2013
Lithuania	Local council (savivaldybės taryba)	60	2011
Luxemburg	Municipal council (conseil communal)	106	2011
Malta	Local councils (kunsilli lokali)	68	2012
Netherlands	Local council (gemeenteraad)	418	2009
Norway	Local council (kommunestyret)	430	2011
Poland	Municipal council (rada gminy)	2479	2010
Portugal	Parish assembly (assembleia de freguesia)	4259	2009
Romania	County council (consiliul judeţean)	41	2012
Slovakia	Local council (obecné zastupiteľstvo in municipalities and mestské zastupiteľstvo in cities)	2792	2010
Slovenia	Municipal council (obcinski svet)	211	2010
Spain	Local council (concejal)	8117	2011
Sweden	Municipal assembly (kommunfullmäktige)	290	2010
Switzerland	Local council (kommunalen Exekutiven)	2551	2009
UK	Local authority councils	466	2010

FIGURE 1. THE SHARE OF FEMALE LOCAL COUNCILORS IN THE REGIONS OF 30 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (PERCENTAGE)



Comments: The figures refer to the most recent elections available (see Table 1 for details). The variable is the proportion of locally elected female councilors aggregated to a mean of each region. In several countries the dataset reports even more detailed figures than used in the illustration.

FIGURE 2. BOXPLOT OF THE SHARE OF FEMALE LOCAL COUNCILORS IN THE REGIONS OF 30 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (PERCENTAGE)



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TABLE 2. SOURCES FROM WHICH DATA WAS COLLECTED

Country	Sources
Austria	The Verbindungsstelle der Bundesländer and additional regional authorities
Belgium	The Information Centre of the Brussels Region, the Agentschap voor Binnenlands Bestuur, and the Union des Villes et Communes de Wallonie
Bulgaria	The Central Election Commission of Bulgaria
Croatia	Croatian Bureau of Statistics
Czech Republic	The Information Services Unit of the Headquarters of the Czech Statistical Office
Denmark	The Danish statistical yearbook 2011
Estonia	Elections Department of the Chancellery of the Riigikogu (Parliament)
Finland	Statistics Finland
France	Dr. Aurelia Troupel, Montpellier 1 University
Germany	Statistisches Bundesamt, Statistischer Informationsservice, and Landesbetrieb für Statistik und Kommunikationstechnologie Niedersachsen
Greece	The Hellenic Ministry of Interior
Hungary	The Election Information Service at the National Election Office of Hungary
Iceland	Statistics Iceland
Ireland	Dr. Adrian Kavanagh and Dr. Claire McGing, National University of Ireland, Maytooth
Italy	The Ministry of Interior, Italy
Latvia	Central Election Commission of Latvia
Lithuania	The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania
Luxemburg	Conseil National des Femme de Luxembourg
Malta	Dr. Jonn Lane, Buffalo University
Netherlands	The Dutch Institute for Public Administration
Norway	Statistics Norway
Poland	The National Electoral Commission of Poland
Portugal	The Directorate of Legal Services and Electoral Studies of the Direcção Geral de Administração Interna
Romania	Respective regional authorities' websites
Slovakia	The International Relations Department, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia
Slovenia	Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
Spain	The Ministry of Interior, Spain
Sweden	The unit for Democracy Statistics of Statistics Sweden
Switzerland	Dr. Andreas Ladner, University of Lausanne
UK	The UK Local Government Association, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, the Local Government Staff Commission in Belfast

AUSTRIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, latest data available
		% women of total seats
At11	Burgenland	19,3
AT21	Kärnten	21,6
AT12	Niederösterreich	26,2
AT31	Oberösterreich	18,9
AT32	Salzburg	21,5
AT22	Steiermark	26,2
AT33	Tirol	20,2
AT34	Vorarlberg	20,7
AT13	Wien	35
Average share of women in these regions		23,3

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (*gemeinderat*) for the most recent years available. However the electoral cycles are of differing length in some of these regions. Figures for Vorarlberg refer to the year 2009, where the data on other regions refer to the period between 2010 and 2012.

Some of this data was provided by Dr. Robert Gmeiner [robert.gmeiner@vst.gv.at], Verbindungsstelle der Bundesländer, Vienna.

The data for Burgenland can be found online

[www.rali.boku.ac.at/fileadmin/_/_/H85/H854/_TEMP_/Burgenland/Zusammenfassung_Studie_Frauen_im_Burgenland.pdf].

The data for Kärnten can be found online

[http://olga.pixelpoint.at/media/PPM_3DAK_frauenreferat/~M3/3026.3dak.pdf].

The data for Oberösterreich can be found online [http://www.frauenreferat-ooe.at/xbcr/SID-06C8B9E0-52478777/Mentoring_2012.pdf].

The data for Salzburg can be found online

[<https://service.salzburg.gv.at/WebRoot/LandSalzburgDB/Shops/Landversand/4F57/840E/AE0C/AFF4/0627/0A01/047B/E426/pdf-Frauenzahlen2012-neu.pdf>].

The data for Steiermark can be found online

[http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at/cms/dokumente/11146885_44658183/ec570b75/rffg_frauenmaennerstmk_web_ds.pdf].

The data for Tirol can be found online [http://www.tirol.gv.at/fileadmin/www.tirol.gv.at/themen/gesellschaft-und-soziales/frauen/downloads/Zahlen-Daten-Fakten-Endfassung_2010.PDF].

The data for Vorarlberg can be found online [http://www.vorarlberg.at/pdf/frauensituationsbericht_2.pdf].

BELGIUM

NUTS	Name	Female councilors, 2012
		% women of total seats
BE1	Brussels	41,5
BE2	Vlaams Gewest	36,1
BE3	Wallonie	35,6
Average share of women in these regions		37,7

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of the municipal councils (conseil communal/ gemeenteraad) in 2012.

The data for Brussels was provided by Mr. Patrik Trouveroy [ptrouveroy@cirb.irisnet.be], at the Information Centre of the Brussels Region.

The data for Vlaams Gewest was provided by Mr. Tom Doesselaere cel verkiezingen [binnenland-verkiezingen@vlaanderen.be], at the Agentschap voor Binnenlands Bestuur.

The data for Wallonie was provided by Mr. Michel L'Hoost [michel.lhoost@uvcw.be], at the Union des Villes et Communes de Wallonie.

BULGARIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
BG31	Severozapaden	25,6
BG32	Severen Tsentralen	24,3
BG33	Severoiztochen	25,5
BG34	Yugoiztochen	28,6
BG41	Yugozapaden	25,7
BG42	Yuzhen Tsentralen	22,1
Average share of women in these regions		25,3

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (obchtinski savet) in 2010.

The data was provided by Ms. Maria Lakova, at the Honorary Consulate of Sweden in Sofia [maria.lakova@consulateofsweden.eu], and is available online from the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria [http://results.cik.bg/tur1/mestni/0103.html].

CROATIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2009
		% women of total seats
HR042	Zagrebačka	10,9
HR043	Krapinsko-zagorska	10,8
HR04E	Sisačko-moslavačka	15,8
HR04D	Karlovačka	13
HR044	Varaždinska	14,3
HR045	Koprivničko-križevačka	10,4
HR047	Bjelovarsko-bilogorska	8,8
HR031	Primorsko-goranska	20,8
HR032	Ličko-senjska	18,5
HR048	Virovitičko-podravska	7,9
HR049	Požeško-slavonska	8,7
HR04A	Brodsko-posavska	10,5
HR033	Zadarska	7,3
HR04B	Osječko-baranjska	9,9
HR034	Šibensko-kninska	9,7
HR04C	Vukovarsko-srijemska	9,5
HR035	Splitsko-dalmatinska	8,2
HR036	Istarska	19,5
HR037	Dubrovačko-neretvanska	12,2
HR046	Međimurska	18,2
HR041	Grad Zagreb	28,8
Average share of women in these regions		13,0

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (općinsko vijeće) in 2009.

The data was provided by Ivanka Purić at the Information Department of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, [PurićI@dzs.br], and the publication "Women and men in Croatia 2012", available online [http://www.dzs.br/Eng/Publication/men_and_women.htm].

CZECH REPUBLIC

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
CZ01	Praha	22,2
CZ02	Střední Čechy	29,4
CZ03	Jihozápad	23,6
CZ04	Severozápad	24
CZ05	Severovýchod	27,5
CZ06	Jihovýchod	23,2
CZ07	Střední Morava	26,6
CZ08	Moravskoslezsko	27,2
Average share of women in these regions		25,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected members of the municipal council (zastupitelstvo obce) in 2010.

The data was provided by Ms. Eva Jacobková [eva.jacobkova@czso.cz], at the Information Services Unit of the Headquarters of the Czech Statistical Office, Prague. The data is available online [<http://www.volby.cz/pls/ku2010/ku22?xjazyk=EN&xid=0&xv=7>].

DENMARK

NUTS	Name	Municipal councils, 2009
		% women of total seats
DK01	Hovedstaden	38.6
DK02	Sjælland	30.5
DK03	Syddanmark	28.5
DK04	Midtjylland	31.2
DK05	Nordjylland	26.0
Average share of women in these regions		31

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of the municipal councils (kommunbestyrelse) in 2009.

The data was extracted from the Danish statistical yearbook 2011 [<http://www.dst.dk/en/Statistics/of/Publications/Yearbook/2011.aspx>], from contact with Mr. Henning Christiansson [hcb@dst.dk] at Statistics Denmark.

ESTONIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2009
		% women of total seats
-	Harju County	26,4
-	Hiiu County	29,8
-	Lääne County	25,4
-	Pärnu County	30,6
-	Saare County	36
-	Järva County	26,5
-	Lääne-Viru County	26,2
-	Rapla County	31,1
-	Ida-Viru County	35,6
-	Jõgeva County	33,3
-	Põlva County	32,1
-	Tartu County	28,5
-	Valga County	34,6
-	Viljandi County	26,8
-	Võru County	23,3
Average share of women in these regions		25,3

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (volikogu) in 2009. The figures are disaggregated to a level lower than the NUTS-levels.

The data was provided by Arne Koitmäe, at the Elections Department of the Chancellery of the Riigikogu (Parliament) [Arne.Koitmae@riigikogu.ee].

FINLAND

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2007-2008
		% women of total seats
F11A	Itä-Suomi	37,9
F118	Etelä-Suomi	37,8
F119	Länsi-Suomi	34,0
F113	Pohjois-Suomi	35,8
F12	Åland	38,0
Average share of women in these regions		36,7

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (kunnanvaltuusto) in 2007-2008.

The data on the first four regions was provided by Dr. Sari Pikkala, Minna, the Centre for equality information, the Finnish Social Science Archive (FSD), [sari.pikkala@uta.fi]. Data on åland was provided by the Statistics and Research Åland (ÅSUB), available online [http://www.asub.ax/archive.con?iPage=12&art_id=588].

FRANCE

NUTS	Name	Members of department councils, 2008
		% women of total seats
FR10	Île de France	42
FR21	Champagne-Ardenne	29
FR22	Picardie	31
FR23	Haute-Normandie	34
FR24	Centre (FR)	36
FR25	Basse-Normandie	32
FR26	Bourgogne	33
FR30	Nord - Pas-de-Calais	34
FR41	Lorraine	30
FR42	Alsace	31
FR43	Franche-Comté	29
FR51	Pays de la Loire	37
FR52	Bretagne	37
FR53	Poitou-Charentes	36
FR61	Aquitaine	35
FR62	Midi-Pyrénées	32
FR63	Limousin	34
FR71	Rhône-Alpes	37
FR72	Auvergne	33
FR81	Languedoc-Roussillon	36
FR82	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	39
FR83	Corse	29
FR91	Guadeloupe (FR)	-
FR92	Martinique (FR)	-
FR93	Guyane (FR)	-
FR94	Réunion (FR)	-
Average share of women in these regions		34

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to members of the department councils (conseil général) elected in 2008.

The data was provided by Dr. Aurelia Troupel, Montpellier 1 University, [aureliatroupel@hotmail.com].

GERMANY

NUTS	Name	Members of local councils, 2011
		% women of total seats
DE1	Baden Wuttemberg	18,7
DE2	Bavaria	25,2
DE3	Berlin	41,9
DE4	Brandenburg	26
DE5	Bremen	38,8
DE6	Hamburg	32,7
DE7	Hessen	33
DE8	Mecklenburg-Vorpommen	24,8
DE9	Lower Saxony	22,6
dea	North Rhine Westphalia	28,8
deb	Rhineland-Palatinate	26,5
dec	Saarland	20
ded	Saxony	19,2
dee	Saxony-Anhalt	19,3
def	Schleswig-Holstein	29,5
deg	Thuringia	23,3
Average share of women in these regions		26,9

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to members of the local councils (gemeinderat) elected in 2011. For Berlin, Bremen and Hamburg the municipality structure is slightly different and the gemeinderat is also a district council.

Data for most regions were provided by Mr. Ralf Mueller [ralf.mueller@destatis.de] at Statistisches Bundesamt, B3-Statistischer Informationsservice.

Data on Lower Saxony was provided by Mr. Ralf Martins, [ralf.martins@lskn.niedersachsen.de] at Landesbetrieb für Statistik und Kommunikationstechnologie Niedersachsen (LSKN).

GREECE

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
GR11	East Macedonia and Thrace	10
GR12	Central Macedonia	16,9
GR13	West Macedonia	15,7
GR14	Thessaly	11,4
GR21	Epirus	11,2
GR22	Ionian Islands	13,8
GR23	West Greece	12,1
GR24	Central Greece	14,4
GR25	Peloponnese	10,6
GR30	Attica	24,3
GR41	South Aegean	15,7
GR42	North Aegean	17,5
GR42	Crete	14,0
Average share of women in these regions		14,4

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (dimotiko simvoulío) in 2010.

The data was provided by Mr. Vaso Papadopoulou, Head of Directorate of Planning, Development and Employment, General Secretariat for Gender Equality [dkonstadara@isotita.gr], and from personnel at the Ministry of Interior [ekloges@ypes.gr].

HUNGARY

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
HU1	Közép-Magyarország	25,8
HU21	Közép-Dunántúl	29,4
HU22	Nyugat-Dunántúl	27,7
HU23	Dél-Dunántúl	30,5
HU31	Észak-Magyarország	29,4
HU32	Észak-Alföld	27,9
Average share of women in these regions		28,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to members of the municipal body of representatives (képviselő-testület) elected in 2010.

The data was provided by Ms. Katalin Szekszárdi [katalin.szekszardi@kim.gov.hu] at the Election Information Service [Választási Információs Szolgálat, (KIM)], the National Election Office of Hungary.

ICELAND

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
-	Capital region	37,1
-	South west	35,9
-	West	42,6
-	Northwest	40
-	Northeast	37,9
-	East	39
-	South	40,7
Average share of women in these regions		39,0

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (sveitarstjórn/ bæjarstjórn/ borgarstjórn) in 2010.

The data was provided by Sigríður Vilhjálmsdóttir at Labour market and social statistics, Statistics Iceland [Sigríður.Vilhjálmsdóttir@bagstofa.is].

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2009
		% women of total seats
IE011	Border Region	14,3
IE013	West Region	14,6
IE012	Midlands Region	13,5
IE022	Mid-East Region	15,7
IE021	Dublin Region	29,4
IE024	South-East Region	15,7
IE025	South-West Region	13,4
IE023	Mid-West Region	12,3
Average share of women in these regions		16,1

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of city councils and county councils in 2009.

The data was provided by Dr. Adrian Kavanagh and Dr. Claire McGing [claire.f.mcging@gmail.com], National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

ITALY

NUTS	Name	Members of the local councils, 2011
		% women of total seats
ITC1	Piemonte	23,0
ITC2	Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	23,9
ITC3	Liguria	21,0
ITC4	Lombardia	22,3
ITD1	Provincia Autonoma Bolzano/Bozen	-
ITD2	Provincia Autonoma Trento (NUTS 2006)	23,9
ITD3	Veneto (NUTS 2006)	19,1
ITD4	Friuli-Venezia Giulia (NUTS 2006)	20,1
ITD5	Emilia-Romagna (NUTS 2006)	28,2
ITE1	Toscana (NUTS 2006)	23,9
ITE2	Umbria (NUTS 2006)	21,4
ITE3	Marche (NUTS 2006)	22,5
ITE4	Lazio (NUTS 2006)	14,8
ITF1	Abruzzo	16,0
ITF2	Molise	15,4
ITF3	Campania	10,0
ITF4	Puglia	12,3
ITF5	Basilicata	15,4
ITF6	Calabria	13,1
ITG1	Sicilia	12,4
ITG2	Sardegna	21,9
Average share of women in these regions		19

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected members of the local council (consiglio comunale) elected in 2011.

The data is provided by the Ministry of Interior. The data is available online at [<http://amministratori.interno.it/AmmIndex5.htm>].

LATVIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2013
		% women of total seats
LV003	Kurzeme	32,2
LV005	Latgale	30,5
LV006	Riga	21,7
LV008	Vidzeme	32,8
LV009	Zemgale	33
LV007	Pieriga	32,8
Average share of women in these regions		30,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (dome) in 2013.

The data was provided by Vita Briže, of the Information Department at the Central Election Commission of Latvia [vita.briže@cvk.lv].

LITHUANIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2011
		% women of total seats
LT001	Alytus County	26,2
LT002	Kaunas County	27,6
LT003	Klaipėda County	19,7
LT004	Marijampolė County	22,7
LT005	Panevėžys County	23,9
LT006	Šiauliai County	24,4
LT007	Tauragė County	21,6
LT008	Telšiai County	26,1
LT009	Utena County	22,9
LT00A	Vilnius County	27,6
Average share of women in these regions		24,3

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (savivaldybės taryba) in 2011.

The data was provided by Arūnas Gražulis at the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania [arunas.grazulis@lsa.lt], and is available online

[http://www.vrk.lt/2011_savivaldybiu_tarybu_rinkimai/output_en/savivaldybiu_tarybu_sudetis/savivaldybes.html].

LUXEMBURG

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2011
		% women of total seats
-	Sud	22,7
-	Est	22,1
-	Centre	24,9
-	Nord	17,7
Average share of women in these regions		21,9

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (conseil communal) in 2011. The figures are disaggregated to a level lower than the NUTS-levels.

The data was provided by the Conseil National des Femme de Luxembourg and is available online [<http://www.cnfl.lu/site/obspublications.html>].

MALTA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2012
		% women of total seats
-	Gozo	17,1
-	Malta Majjistral	19,2
-	Malta Xlokk	14,5
Average share of women in these regions		17

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (kunsilli lokali) in 2012. The figures are disaggregated to a level lower than the NUTS-levels.

The data was provided by Dr. Jonn Lane, Buffalo University [psclane@buffalo.edu].

NETHERLANDS

NUTS	Name	Local councilors, 2009
		% women of total seats
NL11	Groningen	26,4
NL12	Friesland	28,5
NL13	Drenthe	25,4
NL21	Overijssel	26,3
NL22	Gelderland	23,5
NL23	Flevoland	23,3
NL31	Utrecht	24,0
NL32	Noord-Holland	28,8
NL33	Zuid-Holland	24
NL34	Zeeland	20,5
NL41	Noord-Brabant	22,5
NL42	Limburg	20,8
Average share of women in these regions		24,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of the local council (gemeenteraad) in 2009.

The data was provided by Mr. Peter Castenmiller [P.Castenmiller@pblq.nl], at the Dutch Institute for Public Administration, Haag (PBLQ Zenk).

NORWAY

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2011
		% women of total seats
NO012	Akershus municipalities	41,9
NO011	Oslo	45,8
NO021	Hedmark municipalities	41,4
NO022	Oppland municipalities	40,2
NO031	Østfold municipalities	37,7
NO032	Buskerud municipalities	40,1
NO033	Vestfold municipalities	38,1
NO034	Telemark municipalities	37,3
NO041	Aust-Agder municipalities	31,3
NO042	Vest-Agder municipalities	34
NO043	Rogaland municipalities	36,2
NO051	Hordaland municipalities	37
NO052	Sogn og Fjordane municipalities	39,8
NO053	Møre og Romsdal municipalities	35,9
NO061	Sør-Trøndelag municipalities	38,7
NO062	Nord-Trøndelag municipalities	39,6
NO071	Nordland municipalities	36,2
NO072	Troms municipalities	37,5
NO073	Finnmark municipalities	42,5
Average share of women in these regions		38,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (kommunestyret) in 2011.

The data was provided by Library and Information Centre, Statistics Norway [biblioteket@ssb.no], and is available online [http://www.ssb.no/en/table/01182].

POLAND

NUTS	Name	Local councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
PL51	dolnośląskie	26,2
PL61	kujawsko-pomorskie	25,9
PL31	lubelskie	21,8
PL43	lubuskie	25
PL11	łódzkie	20,4
PL21	małopolskie	17,5
PL12	mazowieckie	21,2
PL52	opolskie	20,3
PL32	podkarpackie	22,1
PL34	podlaskie	29,2
PL63	pomorskie	27,5
PL22	śląskie	29,7
PL33	świętokrzyskie	25,6
PL62	warmińsko-mazurskie	32,8
PL41	wielkopolskie	28,7
PL42	zachodniopomorskie	25,8
Average share of women in these regions		25

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (rada gminy) in 2010.

The data was provided by Ms. Aleksandra Niżyńska, Researcher, Law and Democratic Institutions Programme, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw [aleksandra.nizynska@isp.org.pl], available online from the National Electoral commission [http://wybory2010.pkw.gov.pl/Komunikaty_PKW,2/Dane_W_Arkuszach,4/index.html].

PORTUGAL

NUTS	Name	The parish assemblies, 2009
		% women of total seats
PT11	Norte	24,7
PT15	Algarve	32,9
PT16	Centro (PT)	27,7
PT17	Lisboa	34,7
PT18	Alentejo	30,8
PT20	Região Autónoma dos Açores	31,7
PT30	Região Autónoma da Madeira	30,8
Average share of women in these regions		30,4

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of the parish assembly (assembleia de freguesia) in 2009.

The data was provided by Ms. Maria João Santos Rodrigues [mjsrodrigues@dgai.mai.gov.pt], at the Directorate of Legal Services and Electoral Studies of the Direcção Geral de Administração Interna (DGAI).

ROMANIA

NUTS	Name	County councilors, 2012
		% women of total seats
RO11	Nord-Vest	14,6
RO12	Centru	10,4
RO21	Nord-Est	12,6
RO22	Sud-Est	16,8
RO31	Sud-Muntenia	18,5
RO32	Bucuresti-Ilfov	10,7
RO41	Sud-Vest Oltenia	15,2
RO42	Vest	12,2
Average share of women in these regions		13,9

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to members of the county councils (consiliul județean) elected in 2012. In total there exist approximately 1338 councilors.

The data was collected through extensive analysis of the counties in each of the eight above shown regions. To this endeavor I am grateful to Mihaela Iovu for professional research assistance.

The Nord-Vest region consists of six counties; Bihor, Bistrița-Năsăud, Cluj, Maramureș, Satu Mare and Sălaj.

The figures for Bihor County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjbihor.ro/cj.php>

The figures for Bistrița-Năsăud County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.portalbun.ro/cj/Pagini/Consilieri.aspx>

The figures for Cluj County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjcluj.ro/consilieri/>

The figures for Maramureș County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjmaramures.ro/Lista.aspx?t=conducereLegislativa>

The figures for Satu Mare County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjism.ro/consilieri-2013-satumare-j-cuprins-02.html>

The figures for Sălaj County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjsi.ro/index.php/consiliul-județean/structura-politica/consilieri-județeni>

The region Centru consists of six countries; Alba, Brașov, Covasna, Harghita, Mureș and Sibiu

The figures for Alba County were retrieved from the following website: http://adevarul.ro/locale/alba-iulia/rezultate-alegeri-locale-2012-partidul-poporului-obtine-trei-consilieri-județeni-alba-usl-prea-renumararea-voturilor-nule-1_50aeee477e42d5a663a1bd95/index.html

The figures for Brașov County were retrieved from the following website: <http://newsbv.ro/2012/07/02/au-fast-alesi-vicepresedintii-consiliului-județean-brasov-pascu-chiriac/>

The figures for Covasna County were retrieved from the following website: http://www.covasna.info.ro/170_consilieri/

The figures for Harghita County were retrieved from the following website: <http://consiliu.judetulharghita.ro/>

The figures for Mureș County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjmures.ro/consilieri.htm>

The figures for Sibiu County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjsibiu.ro/portal/Sibiu/CJSibiu/portal.nsf/AllByUNID/DA34F4C3B2D1B53FC2257A24003543B6?OpenDocument>

The region Nord-Est consists of six counties; Bacău, Botoșani, Neamț, Iași, Suceava and Vaslui.

The figures for Bacău County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjbacau.ro/consilieri-județeni-mandat-2012-2016-4.html>

The figures for Botoșani County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjbotosani.ro/portal.html?pid=971>

The figures for Neamț County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://cjneamt.ro/Lists/Consilieri%20judeeni/AllItems.aspx>

The figures for Iași County were retrieved from the following website: <http://flacaraiausului.info/cine-sunt-noii-consilieri-locali-si-judeteni-din-iasi/>

The figures for Suceava County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjsuceava.ro/index.php/consilieri-judeteni>

The figures for Vaslui County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjvs.ro/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=371>

The Sud-Est region consists of six counties; Brăila, Buzău, Constanța, Galați, Tulcea and Vrancea

The figures for Brăila County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.portal-braila.ro/Portal/Braila/CJBraila/portal.nsf/AllByUNID/E6D83C343B947CFA42257540002E3852?OpenDocument>

The figures for Buzău County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjbuzau.ro/consjud2012-2016.htm>

The figures for Constanța County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjc.ro/>

The figures for Galați County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjgalati.ro/index.php/consiliul-judeului/consilieri-judeeni>

The figures for Tulcea County were retrieved from the following website:

<https://www.cjtulcea.ro/sites/cjtulcea/Legeislative/Pages/home.aspx>

The figures for Vrancea County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjvrancea.ro/Consilieri-judeteni-10/>

The Sud-Muntenia region consists of seven counties; Călărași, Dâmbovița, Argeș, Giurgiu, Ialomița, Prahova and Teleorman.

The figures for Călărași County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.calarasi.ro/ro/consiliu/reprezentare-cjc>

The figures for Dâmbovița County were retrieved from the following website: http://www.cjd.ro/organizare/consilierii_judeteni

The figures for Argeș County were retrieved from the following website:

http://www.ziarul.ro/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=31702:lista-noilor-consilieri-judeeni-ai-argelui-c&catid=3:subiectul-zilei&Itemid=4

The figures for Giurgiu County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjgiurgiu.ro/portal/giurgiu/cj/portal.nsf/AllByUNID/000011EA?OpenDocument>

The figures for Ialomița County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cicnet.ro/node/452>

The figures for Prahova County were retrieved from the following website:

http://www.cjph.ro/index.php?init=consiliu.conducere_list&type=consilier

The figures for Teleorman County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjteleorman.ro/>

The region Bucuresti-Ilfov has special characteristics. Although Bucharest is the county-capital of Ilfov County, it is administrated separately. However, it does not have its own county council since it is not considered a county itself and belongs to Ilfov.

The figures for Ilfov County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjilfov.ro/index.php/consiliul-judeatan/consilieri>

The region Sud-Vest Oltenia consists of five counties; Dolj, Gorj, Mehedinți, Vâlcea and Olt.

The figures for Dolj County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjdolj.ro/structura.html>

The figures for Gorj County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjgorj.ro/Organizare/Consilieri-Judeteni.aspx>

The figures for Mehedinți County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.sejmb.ro/>

The figures for Vâlcea County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjvalcea.ro/consul.htm>

The figures for Olt County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjolt.ro/cjolt/serlet/portal?action=ContentAction&actEvent=showRubric&id=consilieri-judeteni>

The Vest region consists of four counties; Hunedoara, Caraș-Severin, Timiș and Arad.

The figures for Hunedoara County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjhunedoara.ro/index.php?menuId=7&viewCat=24.htm>

The figures for Caraș-Severin County were retrieved from the following website: <http://www.cjcs.ro/declaratii-de-avere-consilieri.php>

The figures for Timiș County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjtimis.ro/index.php?menuId=3&viewCat=4253>

The figures for Arad County were retrieved from the following website:

<http://www.cjarad.ro/index.php?menuId=888&viewCat=6878&lg=ro>

SLOVAKIA

NUTS	Name	Mayors, 2010
		% women of total seats
SK01	Bratislavský kraj	19,1
SK02	Západné Slovensko	22,8
SK03	Stredné Slovensko	23,6
SK04	Východné Slovensko	20,5
Average share of women in these regions		21,5

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected mayors mayor (starosta in municipalities and primátor in cities) in 2010. In total Slovakia has 2909 mayors.

The data was provided by Ms. Adriana Lukacova [lukacova@zmos.sk], at the International Relations Department, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, Združenie miest a obcí Slovenska (ZMOS). The data is available online [http://www.institutrr.sk/download/b_holubova_5.pdf].

SLOVENIA

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
SI021	Osrednjeslovenska	26,7
SO022	Gorenjska	24,4
SI023	Goriška	22
SI024	Obalno-kraška	20,5
SI011	Pomurska	15
SI017	Jugovzhodna Slovenija	18,8
SI014	Savinjska	20,4
SI018	Notranjsko-kraška	22,5
SI015	Zasavska	33,5
SI016	Spodnjeposavska	16,3
SI012	Podravska	18,5
SI013	Koroška	20,2
Average share of women in these regions		21,6

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (obcinski svet) in 2010.

The data was provided by Darja Mlakar, User Support Department, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia [Gp.Surs@gov.si], and is available online

[http://pxweb.stat.si/pxweb/Database/General/06_elections/10_local_elections/06650_mun_council_2010/06650_mun_council_2010.asp].

SPAIN

NUTS	Name	Local councilors, 2011	
			% women of total seats
ES11	Galicia		37,9
ES12	Principado de Asturias		38,2
ES13	Cantabria		38,6
ES21	País Vasco		42,4
ES22	Comunidad Foral de Navarra		40,4
ES23	La Rioja		41,6
ES24	Aragón		37,9
ES30	Comunidad de Madrid		42,5
ES41	Castilla y León		39,8
ES42	Castilla-la Mancha		41,5
ES43	Extremadura		41,9
ES51	Cataluña		37,1
ES52	Comunidad Valenciana		40,5
ES53	Illes Balears		40,7
ES61	Andalucía		41,2
ES62	Región de Murcia		40,9
ES63	Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta		-
ES64	Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla		-
ES70	Canarias (ES)		39,9
Average share of women in these regions			40,2

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected members of the local council (concejales) elected in 2011.

The data is provided by the Ministry of Interior. The data is available online at [http://www.infoelectoral.mir.es/OtraInformacion/pdf/Impacto_Ley_Igualdad_Locales_2011.pdf]

SWEDEN

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
SE11	Stockholm	44
SE12	Östra Mellansverige	44,7
SE21	Småland med öarna	40,7
SE22	Sydsverige	39,4
SE23	Väst sverige	42,2
SE31	Norra Mellansverige	43,8
SE32	Mellersta Norrland	46,5
SE33	Övre Norrland	44,6
Average share of women in these regions		43,2

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of the municipal councils (kommunfullmäktige) in 2010.

The data was provided by Mr. Jonas Olofsson [Jonas.Olofsson@scb.se], at the unit for Democracy Statistics of Statistics Sweden.

SWITZERLAND

NUTS	Name	Municipal councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
-	Aargau	24,8
-	Appenzell Innerrhoden	16,7
-	Appenzell Ausserrhoden	30,1
-	Bern	27,0
-	Basel Land	28,4
-	Basel Stadt	16,7
-	Freiburg	22,7
-	Genève	25,8
-	Glarus	20,0
-	Graubünden	17,8
-	Jura	25,9
-	Luzern	33,8
-	Neuchâtel	15,1
-	Nidwalden	11,4
-	Obwalden	25,7
-	Sankt Gallen	23,4
-	Schaffhausen	22,5
-	Solothurn	21,4
-	Schwyz	21,3
-	Thurgau	21,5
-	Ticino	11,9
-	Uri	25,6
-	Vaud	25,2
-	Valais	21,0
-	Zug	23,3
-	Zurich	23,2
Average share of women in these regions		22,4

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to elected member of municipal councils (kommunalen exekutiven) in 2010. The figures are disaggregated to a level lower than the NUTS-levels.

The data was provided by Dr. Andreas Ladner, University of Lausanne [andreas.ladner@idbeap.unil.ch].

UNITED KINGDOM

NUTS	Name	Local authority councilors, 2010
		% women of total seats
UKC	Northeast England	31,4
UKD	Northwest England	30,8
UKE	Yorkshire-Humber	33,8
UKF	East Midland England	25,6
UKG	West Midland England	28,1
UKH	East of England	30,6
UKI	London	36,4
UKJ	South East England	30
UKK	South West England	30,7
UKL	Wales	23,5
UKM	Scotland	24,0
UKN	N, Ireland	23,5
Average share of women in these regions		29

Notes on the data:

Figures refer to members of the local authority councilors elected in 2010.

Data for most of the regions was provided by the UK Local Government Association, especially by Mr. Stephen Richards, [Stephen.Richards@local.gov.uk], and are available at their webpage [http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/local-government-intelligence/-/journal_content/56/10171/100325/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE].

Figures for Wales was provided by Mr. Lee Owens [lee.owens@nlga.gov.uk], at WLGA, the Welsh Local Government Association.

Figures for Scotland was provided by Mr. Tony McNair [tony@cosla.gov.uk], at COSLA, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

Figures for N. Ireland was provided by Ms. Diana Stewart [diana.stewart@lgsc.org.uk], at the Local Government Staff Commission in Belfast.

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