

Final assessment of state funding for 2007

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1. Parties entitled to receive state funding

The following 21 parties were entitled to receive state funding in 2007 under section 18 (4) of the Law on Political Parties (Parteiengesetz – **PartG**)¹ (listed in descending order of votes won in the last elections to the Bundestag, European Parliament or *Land* parliaments, cf. vote account for 2007, as at: 31 December 2007, Annex 1):

<u>Bundestag parties</u>	<u>Other parties</u>	<u>Volksabstimmung</u>
CDU	NPD	DVU
SPD	REP	SSW
DIE GRÜNEN	GRAUE	Offensive D
CSU	Die Tierschutzpartei	Freie Wähler in Thüringen
FDP	FAMILIE	Pro DM
DIE LINKE	ödp	Eltern
	DIE FRAUEN	50Plus

2. Calculation of state funding for 2007

The levels of state funding allocated to the parties for 2007 were calculated in line with the attached 'Summary' (ANNEX 2).

The following points apply to the Summary:

¹ In German: <http://www.bundestag.de/parliament/funktion/gesetze/pg_pdf.pdf>;
in English: <http://www.bundestag.de/htdocs_e/parliament/function/legal/politicalparties.pdf>.

The *second column of the Summary* contains the parties' 'vote accounts' on the qualifying date of 31 December 2007 (section 19a (2) PartG, cf. Annex 1). This comprises the sum of total eligible valid votes cast for each party's lists at the most recent Bundestag, European and Landtag elections. Here, the final updated official results replace any earlier results for the duration of the electoral term. In 2007, this applied to the elections in Bremen. Changes in the vote account are taken into consideration up to 31 December of each entitlement year.

The *third column of the Summary*, headed 'Contributions', lists the subscriptions and donations taken into account in calculations of state funding. Pursuant to section 24 (8) PartG, the parties reported these contributions separately in their 2006 statement of account, which is used to assess their state funding for 2007. These contributions represent the sum of membership subscriptions, contributions by elected representatives, and donations by natural persons up to a total of €3,300 per person per year.

The GRAUE, FAMILIE, Offensive D and Freie Wähler in Thüringen parties failed to submit the 2006 statement of account required for assessment of state funding for 2007 by 31 December 2007, meaning that they have already forfeited the contributions-based funding for 2007 (section 19a (3) sentence 3 PartG). Their contributions are listed as €0.00 in the Summary. They would, however, be able to retain votes-based funding if they submit their 2006 statements of account before the deadline (c.f. section 19a (3), sentence 5 PartG) of the end of 2008. The FAMILIE party has now done so.

The *fourth column of the Summary* - headed 'Votes-based funding' - shows the amount of funding for each party calculated on the basis of the number of votes it received (cf. column 2). Under section 18 (3) sentence 2 PartG, parties entitled to state funding receive €0.85 per valid vote up to a total of four million votes, and €0.70 for every additional vote thereafter (votes-based funding). This meant that the votes-based funding averaged 71.7 cents for the CDU, 71.9 cents for the SPD, 76.3 cents for DIE GRÜNEN, 76.9 cents for the CSU, 77.0 for the FDP and 77.8 cents for DIE LINKE. For the other parties, beginning with the NPD, which received less than four million votes, the calculations are based on the full amount of €0.85.

The *fifth column of the Summary* - headed 'Contributions-based funding' - shows the financial calculation of the donations and subscriptions listed in column 3, based on €0.38 for each euro of contributions received.

The *sixth column of the Summary* - headed 'Total' - shows the sum of the two previous columns ('Votes-based funding' and 'Contributions-based funding'). The Offensive D party disbanded on 29 October 2007, meaning it ceases to be eligible for state party funding pursuant to section 18 (8) PartG. This means that it is only entitled to financing for 299 out of the 361 days on which calculations are based. Full months are counted as 30 days, whilst

the exact number of days is counted for October. The party's votes-based funding, calculated at €34,290.70, was therefore reduced to €28,401.44, as shown in the "Total" column.

The "Total" column states the amount that parties would receive based on these figures if no absolute or relative limits applied. The total - over €156 million - shows that the absolute limit of €133 million was exceeded by approximately €23 million, or roughly 18%, in 2007 (21% in 2006).

As the total amount of state funding must not exceed the absolute limit, the amounts accruing to the individual parties in column 6 ('Total') have to be reduced proportionally as prescribed by section 18 (5) PartG. This calculation is shown in the seventh column of the Summary (headed 'Absolute limit'). The result of this reduction is that instead of €0.85 or €0.70, the eligible parties actually received only around €0.72 or €0.59 per vote, and only around €0.30, rather than €0.38, for each euro of contributions received for the year 2007.

Owing to the constitutional ban on political parties being 'predominantly' funded by the state, the level of state funding must not, under section 18 (5), first sentence, and section 19a (4) PartG, exceed the revenue raised by parties themselves in the previous year. Under section 19 (5), first sentence, PartG, the amounts calculated in column 7 must therefore be compared with the revenue raised by the party itself, and included in the 2006 statement of accounts, which is shown in *column 8 of the Summary* (headed 'Relative limit').

For 2007, we can see that the annual revenue raised by the Tierschutz (Animal Protection), FAMILIE (Family), DIE FRAUEN (The Women) and Volksabstimmung (national referendum) parties themselves is less than their state funding calculated on the basis of the absolute limit. This means that their state funding must be restricted to the relative limit.

The GRAUE, Offensive D and Freie Wähler in Thüringen parties have not so far submitted a statement of account for 2006, meaning that neither a relative limit nor the level of funding to be paid out on this basis can be given (c.f. section 19a (1), sentence 2 PartG). As it is possible that these parties may still submit their statements of account for 2006, this space has been left blank ("---").

Under section 19a (6) PartG, the state funding payable for valid votes won in Landtag elections is taken from the total state funding allocated to each party and is disbursed by the Länder (states) from Land funds to the party associations at Land level at the rate of €0.50 per vote. The relevant figures are shown in the penultimate column of the Summary (headed 'Share disbursed by the Länder').

The Federal Government disburses the remaining state funding to the parties' federal associations - or, if the party is only represented at Land level, such as the CSU, SSW and 50Plus, to the Land association - from the federal budget via the President of the German

Bundestag (section 21 (1) PartG). The relevant amounts are shown in the *last column of the Summary* ('Share disbursed by the Federal Government'). The resultant final amounts paid or repaid from the share of funding disbursed by the Federal Government, from which any previous advance payments are deducted, are shown in column 4 ('Final payment/repayment for 2007') of the table entitled 'Federation' (As at: 23 January 2008, ANNEX 3).

3. *Federation/Länder share and share of state funding*

The totals shown in the final two columns reveal that the federal states (Länder) provided approximately €17 million (approx. 13%) and the Federal Government around €115 million (approx. 87%) of total state funding in 2007.

The difference between the total revenue raised by the parties themselves for 2006 (approx. €297 million, shown in column 8, headed 'Relative limit') and the total level of state funding for 2007 (approx. €133 million, shown in column 9, headed 'Final amount') reveals that parties' own finances exceed state funding by a substantial margin, i.e. by approx. €164 million. Thus the share of state funding in total party funding of €430 million (€297 million + €133 million) represents an average of about 31%.

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Vote account for 2007 pursuant to section 19a (2) sentence 2 of the Law on Political Parties

As at 31 December 2007, votes for party lists at federal level in excess of 0.5%, at Land level in excess of 1.0%

Party	Bundestag elections 9/18/2005		European elections 6/13/2004		Baden-Württemberg 3/26/2006		Bavaria 9/21/2003		Berlin 9/17/2006		Brandenburg 9/19/2004		Bremen 5/13/2007		Hamburg 2/29/2004		Hesse 2/2/2003		Mecklenb.-W. Pomerania 9/17/2006		
	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	
CDU	13,136,740	27.78%	9,412,997	36.51%	1,748,766	44.15%	1,006,133	19.63%	294,026	21.35%	227,062	19.43%	70,832	25.66%	389,170	47.22%	1,333,863	48.77%	235,350	28.77%	
SPD	16,194,665	34.25%	5,547,971	21.52%	996,207	25.15%	424,054	30.79%	372,942	31.91%	101,417	36.74%	251,441	30.51%	795,576	29.09%	247,312	30.23%	247,312	30.23%	
DIE GRÜNEN	3,838,326	8.12%	3,079,728	11.94%	462,889	11.69%	396,525	7.74%	180,865	13.13%	42,091	3.60%	45,524	16.49%	101,227	12.28%	276,276	10.10%	27,642	3.38%	
CSU	3,494,309	7.39%	2,063,900	8.00%			3,108,932	60.67%													
FDP	4,648,144	9.83%	1,565,431	6.07%	421,994	10.65%	131,866	2.57%	104,584	7.59%	38,890	3.33%	16,497	5.98%	23,373	2.84%	216,110	7.90%	78,440	9.59%	
DIE LINKE ¹⁾	4,118,194	8.71%	1,579,109	6.12%	121,753	3.07%			225,689	16.39%	326,801	27.96%	23,296	8.44%					137,253	16.78%	
NPD	748,568	1.58%	241,743	0.94%					35,229	2.56%									59,845	7.32%	
REP	266,101	0.56%	485,662	1.88%	100,081	2.53%	114,732	2.24%									34,563	1.26%			
GRAUE			314,402	1.22%					52,884	3.84%					8,878	1.08%					
Die Tierschutzpartei			331,388	1.29%																	
FAMILIE			268,468	1.04%							30,843	2.64%							9,463	1.16%	
ödp			145,537	0.56%			100,052	1.95%													
DIE FRAUEN			145,312	0.56%																	
Volksabstimmung ²⁾			135,015	0.52%																	
DVU											71,041	6.08%	7,566	2.74%							
SSW																					
Offensive D																					
Frei Wähler in Thüringen															25,763	3.13%					
Pro DM																					
Eltern																					
50Plus											11,875	1.02%									
TOTAL	46,445,047	98.22%	25,316,663	98.17%	3,851,690	97.24%	4,858,240	94.80%	1,317,331	95.65%	1,121,545	95.97%	265,132	96.05%	799,852	97.06%	2,656,388	97.12%	795,305	97.23%	

Electorate	61,870,711	61,682,394	7,516,919	9,108,516	2,425,480	2,117,145	486,073	1,214,935	4,330,792	1,415,321
Valid votes	47,287,988	25,783,678	3,960,615	5,124,368	1,377,355	1,168,909	276,022	824,128	2,734,992	818,061
Invalid votes	756,146	739,426	51,826	80,240	28,241	25,283	3,833	10,528	63,542	18,957
Turnout	77.65%	43.00%	53.38%	57.14%	57.95%	56.41%	57.57%	68.70%	64.62%	59.14%

Party	Lower Saxony 2/2/2003		North Rhine-Westphalia 5/22/2005		Rhineland-Palatinate 3/26/2006		Saarland 9/5/2004		Saxony 9/19/2004		Saxony-Anhalt 3/26/2006		Schleswig-Holstein 2/20/2005		Thuringia 6/13/2004		Total Länder		Total Fed.-European-Länder	
	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	Absolute	in %	in %	Absolute	Absolute	in %
CDU	1,925,055	48.32%	3,696,506	44.84%	574,329	32.76%	209,690	47.48%	855,203	41.11%	326,721	36.21%	576,095	40.15%	434,088	42.95%	12,896,756	35.69%	35,446,493	32.46%
SPD	1,330,156	33.39%	3,058,988	37.11%	799,377	45.60%	136,224	30.85%	204,438	9.83%	192,754	21.36%	554,879	38.67%	146,297	14.48%	10,618,195	29.38%	32,360,831	29.63%
DIE GRÜNEN	304,532	7.64%	509,293	6.18%	81,411	4.64%	24,830	5.62%	106,771	5.13%	32,117	3.56%	89,387	6.23%	45,649	4.52%	2,727,029	7.55%	9,645,083	8.83%
CSU																	3,108,932	8.60%	8,667,141	7.94%
FDP																	2,341,066	6.48%	8,554,641	7.83%
DIE LINKE ¹⁾	323,107	8.11%	508,266	6.17%	140,865	8.04%	22,842	5.17%	122,605	5.89%	60,209	6.67%	94,935	6.62%	36,483	3.61%	2,043,346	5.65%	7,740,649	7.09%
NPD			181,988	2.21%	44,826	2.56%	10,240	2.32%	490,488	23.58%	217,295	24.08%			263,717	26.10%	368,000	1.02%	1,358,311	1.24%
REP					21,056	1.20%	17,590	3.98%	190,909	9.18%			27,676	1.93%	15,695	1.55%	299,092	0.83%	1,050,855	0.96%
GRAUE					29,919	1.71%											68,047	0.19%	382,449	0.35%
Die Tierschutzpartei									6,285	1.42%							34,068	0.09%	365,456	0.33%
FAMILIE							13,106	2.97%			34,068	1.64%					53,412	0.15%	321,880	0.29%
ödp																	100,052	0.28%	245,589	0.22%
DIE FRAUEN																	0	0.00%	145,312	0.13%
Volksabstimmung ²⁾																	0	0.00%	135,015	0.12%
DVU											26,905	2.98%					105,512	0.29%	105,512	0.10%
SSW													51,920	3.62%			51,920	0.14%	51,920	0.05%
Offensive D	40,342	1.01%															40,342	0.11%	40,342	0.04%
Frei Wähler in Thüringen															26,302	2.60%	26,302	0.07%	26,302	0.02%
Pro DM																	25,763	0.07%	25,763	0.02%
Eltern											14,499	1.61%					14,499	0.04%	14,499	0.01%
50Plus																	11,875	0.03%	11,875	0.01%
TOTAL	3,923,192	98.47%	7,955,041	96.51%	1,691,783	96.51%	440,807	99.81%	2,004,482	96.36%	870,500	96.47%	1,394,892	97.22%	988,028	97.77%	34,934,208	96.66%	106,695,918	97.67%

Electorate	6,023,636	13,230,366	3,075,577	816,032	3,554,542	2,078,659	2,186,620	1,958,041	61,538,654	185,091,759
Valid votes	3,984,009	8,244,014	1,753,110	441,628	2,080,135	902,254	1,434,805	1,010,578	36,134,983	109,206,649
Invalid votes	52,008	89,349	37,962	11,228	38,657	21,024	20,289	42,978	595,945	2,091,517
Turnout	67.00%	62.99%	58.24%	55.49%	59.61%	44.42%	66.55%	53.81%	59.69%	60.13%

¹⁾ The party Die Linke. and the WASG party merged in 2007. Their votes have been added together.

²⁾ The "Ab jetzt... Bündnis für Deutschland" party changed the short form of its name from "Deutschland" to "Volksabstimmung" on 13 July 2007.

Summary

Assessment of state funding for 2007 pursuant to sections 18 ff. of the Law on Political Parties (PartG)

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Party	Vote account (section 19a (2) PartG)	Contributions (section 24 (8) PartG)	Votes-based funding (section 18 (3) sentence 1 no. 1 & sentence 2 PartG)	Contributions-based funding (section 18 (3) sentence 1 no. 3 PartG)	Total	Absolute limit (section 18 (2), section 19a (5) PartG)	Relative limit (section 18 (5) PartG, section 19a (5) PartG)	Final amount (section 19a (5) PartG)	Share disbursed by Länder / Federation (section 19a (6) PartG)		
									Länder	Federation	
	Votes won at the most recent Bundestag, European and 16 Landtag elections As at: 31.12.2007	According to 2006 statement of account	4 million votes times €0.85, thereafter times €0.70 (column 2)	€0.38 for every €1.00 in contributions (column 3)	Votes-based and contributions-based (column 4 + column 5)	Limit of €133,000,000.00	Revenue raised by parties pursuant to 2006 statement of account	Taking account of absolute and relative limits	€0.50 per vote cast at the respective Landtag elections as shown in the vote account	Remaining funding (column 9 - column 10)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CDU	35,446,493	72,037,230.26	25,412,545.10	27,374,147.50	52,786,692.60	44,790,190.59	99,737,271.58	44,790,190.59	6,448,378.00	38,341,812.59	
SPD	32,360,831	73,643,184.02	23,252,581.70	27,984,409.93	51,236,991.63	43,475,249.30	113,610,948.73	43,475,249.30	5,309,097.50	38,166,151.80	
DIE GRÜNEN	9,645,083	11,914,966.44	7,351,558.10	4,527,687.25	11,879,245.35	10,079,693.14	15,212,258.04	10,079,693.14	1,363,514.50	8,716,178.64	
CSU	8,667,141	15,676,557.00	6,666,998.70	5,957,091.66	12,624,090.36	10,711,703.75	27,173,167.00	10,711,703.75	1,554,466.00	9,157,237.75	
FDP	8,554,641	13,643,123.74	6,588,248.70	5,184,387.02	11,772,635.72	9,989,233.49	19,633,263.80	9,989,233.49	1,170,533.00	8,818,700.49	
DIE LINKE ¹⁾	7,740,649	12,343,399.83	6,018,454.30	4,690,491.94	10,708,946.24	9,086,679.22	14,875,695.46	9,086,679.22	1,021,673.00	8,065,006.22	
NPD	1,358,311	1,454,112.98	1,154,564.35	552,562.93	1,707,127.28	1,448,519.55	1,646,900.47	1,448,519.55	184,000.00	1,264,519.55	
REP	1,050,855	1,974,543.62	893,226.75	750,326.58	1,643,553.33	1,394,576.23	2,022,267.37	1,394,576.23	149,546.00	1,245,030.23	
GRAUE ²⁾	382,449	0.00	325,081.65	0.00	325,081.65	275,835.98	---	---	---	---	
Die Tierschutzpartei ⁴⁾	365,456	74,416.92	310,637.60	28,278.43	338,916.03	287,574.63	76,924.27	76,924.27	17,034.00	59,890.27	
FAMILIE ^{3) 4)}	321,880	0.00	273,598.00	0.00	273,598.00	232,151.44	198,477.29	198,477.29	26,706.00	171,771.29	
ödp	245,589	1,204,477.73	208,750.65	457,701.54	666,452.19	565,493.29	1,249,478.58	565,493.29	50,026.00	515,467.29	
DIE FRAUEN ⁴⁾	145,312	18,384.04	123,515.20	6,985.94	130,501.14	110,731.90	20,827.68	20,827.68	0.00	20,827.68	
Volksabstimmung ^{4) 5)}	135,015	27,487.53	114,762.75	10,445.26	125,208.01	106,240.62	30,324.23	30,324.23	0.00	30,324.23	
DVU	105,512	464,170.28	89,685.20	176,384.71	266,069.91	225,763.75	516,803.37	225,763.75	52,756.00	173,007.75	
SSW	51,920	69,743.82	44,132.00	26,502.65	70,634.65	59,934.41	439,474.66	59,934.41	25,960.00	33,974.41	
Offensive D ^{2) 6)}	40,342	0.00	34,290.70	0.00	34,290.70	24,098.99	---	---	---	---	
FW in Thüringen ²⁾	26,302	0.00	22,356.70	0.00	22,356.70	18,969.95	---	---	---	---	
Pro DM	25,763	16,824.06	21,898.55	6,393.14	28,291.69	24,005.87	141,615.25	24,005.87	12,881.50	11,124.37	
Eltern	14,499	208,573.80	12,324.15	79,258.04	91,582.19	77,708.67	208,573.80	77,708.67	7,249.50	70,459.17	
50Plus	11,875	21,959.60	10,093.75	8,344.65	18,438.40	15,645.22	26,842.95	15,645.22	5,937.50	9,707.72	
Total	106,695,918	204,793,155.67	78,929,304.60	77,821,399.15	156,744,814.49	133,000,000.00	296,821,114.53	132,270,949.97	17,399,758.50	114,871,191.47	

1) The party Die Linke. and the WASG party merged in 2007. The votes and contributions to be taken into account have been added together.

2) This party has not so far submitted a statement of account for 2006, meaning that no state funding may be assessed on 15 February 2008, pursuant to section 19 a (1) sentence 2 PartG. Independently of this, and as a result of failing to submit the 2006 statement of account on time, it has forfeited its right to contributions-based funding for 2007, pursuant to section 19a (3) sentence 3 PartG.

3) This party submitted a statement of account for 2006 after 31 December 2007, meaning that it has forfeited its right to contributions-based funding for 2007, pursuant to section 19 a (3), sentence 3 PartG. Contributions are therefore declared as "€0,00".

4) Pursuant to section 19 a (5) PartG, this party's entitlement is limited to the amount of revenue it raises itself ("relative limit", cf. section 18 (5) PartG).

5) The "Ab jetzt...Bündnis für Deutschland" party changed the short version of its name from "Deutschland" to "Volksabstimmung" on 13 July 2007.

6) The Offensive D party disbanded on 29 October 2007. Pursuant to section 18 (8) PartG it ceased to be eligible for partial state funding from this time onwards. The level of its votes-based funding (the only funding to which it was entitled), calculated at €34,290.70, was reduced to €28,401.44, as it only existed on 299 out of 361 days (full months counted as 30 days, part months counted exactly).

Federation
Assessment of state funding for 2007
and calculation of advance payments for 2008 pursuant to section 18 ff. of the Law on Political Parties

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Party	Share disbursed by the Federation	Advance payments for 2007	Final payment/ repayment for 2007	Amount of individual advance payments for 2008
	According to Summary, column 11	Total	Share disbursed by Federation minus advance payments for 2007 (column 2 - column 3)	25% of share disbursed by Federation (25% of column 2)
	€	€	€	€
1	2	3	4	5
CDU	38,341,812.59	38,135,032.00	206,780.59	9,585,453.15
SPD	38,166,151.80	37,583,439.04	582,712.76	9,541,537.95
DIE GRÜNEN	8,716,178.64	8,550,837.00	165,341.64	2,179,044.66
CSU ¹⁾	9,157,237.75	9,226,633.76	- 69,396.01	2,289,309.44
FDP	8,818,700.49	8,703,636.32	115,064.17	2,204,675.12
DIE LINKE ¹⁾	8,065,006.23	8,080,052.92	- 15,046.69	2,016,251.56
NPD	1,264,519.55	1,192,678.48	71,841.07	316,129.89
REP	1,245,030.23	1,134,375.04	110,655.19	311,257.56
GRAUE ²⁾	---	982,668.99	- 982,668.99	---
Die Tierschutzpartei ¹⁾	59,890.27	61,890.32	- 2,000.05	14,972.57
FAMILIE	171,771.29	156,155.68	15,615.61	42,942.82
ödp ¹⁾	515,467.29	571,200.24	- 55,732.95	128,866.82
DIE FRAUEN ¹⁾	20,827.68	21,186.99	- 359.31	5,206.92
Volksabstimmung ^{1) 3)}	30,324.23	34,172.44	- 3,848.21	7,581.06
DVU ¹⁾	173,007.76	179,677.96	- 6,670.20	43,251.94
SSW ¹⁾	33,974.41	34,537.96	- 563.55	8,493.60
Offensive D ²⁾	---	---	---	0.00
FW in Thüringen ²⁾	---	---	---	---
Pro DM ⁴⁾	11,124.37	20,486.60	- 9,362.23	0.00
Eltern	70,459.17	92.68	70,366.49	17,614.79
50Plus ¹⁾	9,707.72	10,579.68	- 871.96	2,426.93
Total	114,871,191.47	114,679,334.10	191,857.37	28,715,016.78

1) The negative repayment amount shown in column 4 is offset against the first advance payment due on 15 February 2008 pursuant to section 20 (2) sentence 2 of the Law on Political Parties.

2) The party has not submitted a statement of account for 2006, meaning that no state funding may be assessed on 15 February 2008, pursuant to section 19 a (1) sentence 2 of PartG. Pursuant to section 20 (2) sentence 1 of PartG, any advance payments made must be repaid.

3) The "Ab jetzt...Bündnis für Deutschland" party changed the short version of its name from "Deutschland" to "Volksabstimmung" on 13 July 2007.

4) This party disbanded on 31 December 2007. Pursuant to section 18 PartG it ceased to be eligible for partial state funding from this time onwards. Pursuant to section 20 (2) sentence 1 PartG, the repayment amount must be repayed without delay.