

Life after Brexit

Brexit and European institutions for Forum 2000

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- the major shift in integration dynamics
- reshuffling of power distribution in the "game of power"
- How will Brexit change the power distribution within the recent institutions? The case of Council of the EU

Double majority

procedure for qualified majority voting (cca 80 % of legislation)

can be used as a measure for distribution of power among states

2 conditions:

- 55 % of member states
- 65 % of population

Methodology

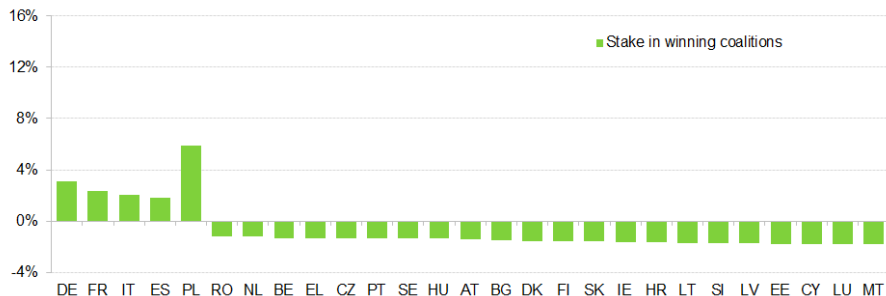
- numerical simulation
- fixed number of states voting for proposal (15 or 16 respectively)
- "Coalitions" C = such combination of states that satisfy the population rule
- "Vote strength" S = the power of individual countries

$$S_{country} = \frac{C_{country}}{C_{total}}$$

- How often the individual state is involved in winning coalitions
- only relative interpretation

Results

Change in vote strength of member states after Brexit



Source: own calculations, change in the country's stake in the total number of winning coalitions

- the large states will further increase their influence on European decision making process
- the special case of Poland

Other expected outcomes of Brexit

- strong power shift towards Eurozone - 90 % of post-Brexit GDP
- serious threat of blocking majority - Germany can block almost anything
- this study is aimed specifically at the Council of the EU, but one can expect that the influence of large state will also increase in other institutions as well.