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Socialist Left Party	6
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Red Electoral Party	3
Liberal Party A	3
Christian Democratic Party	2
Progress party	1
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SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY

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