

# Ireland

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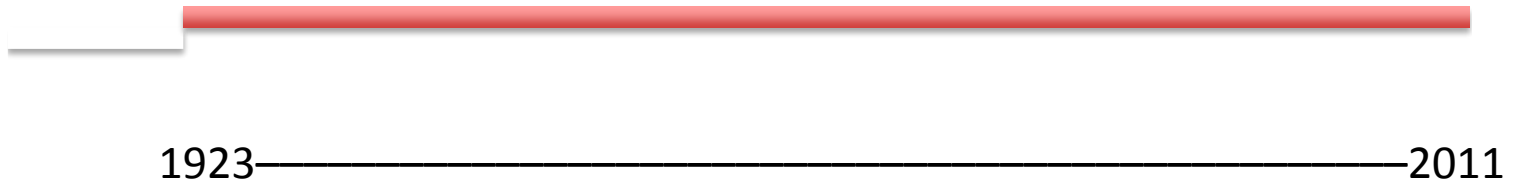
# Particularities

- PR-STV electoral system
- Dominance of two centre-right parties with little sign of left-right competition; particular dominance of Fianna Fáil party
- Candidate centred politics [?]
- geographical patterns of candidate/party support and intensive election campaign on the ground
- 2011 post-crisis election

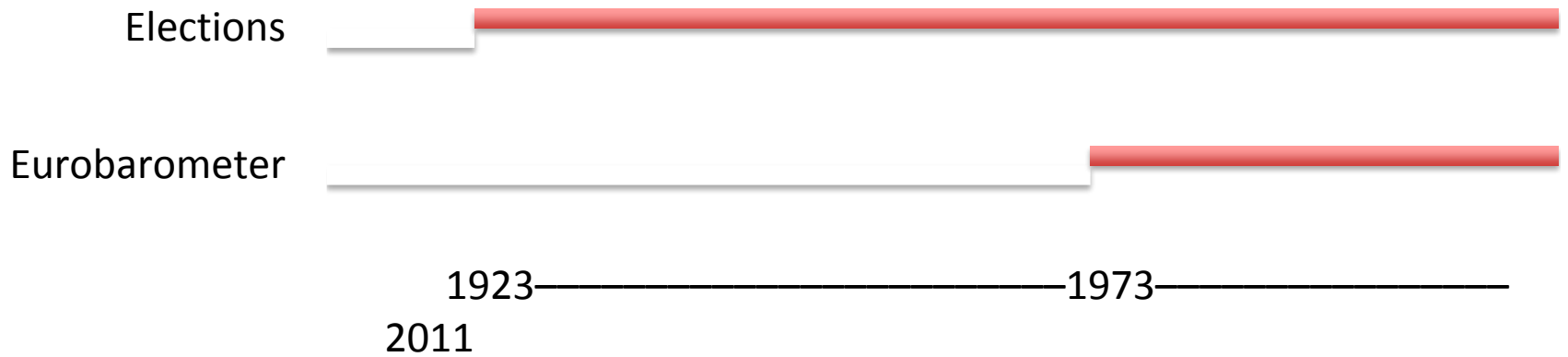


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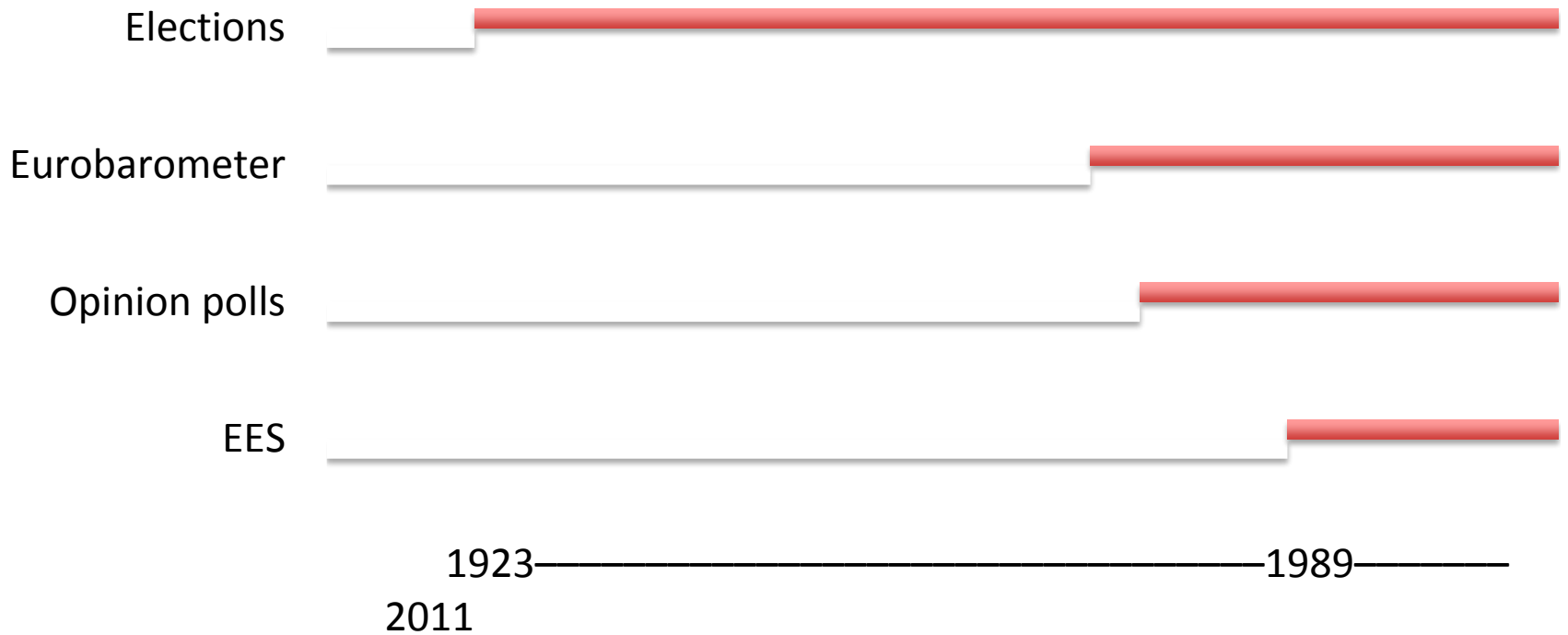
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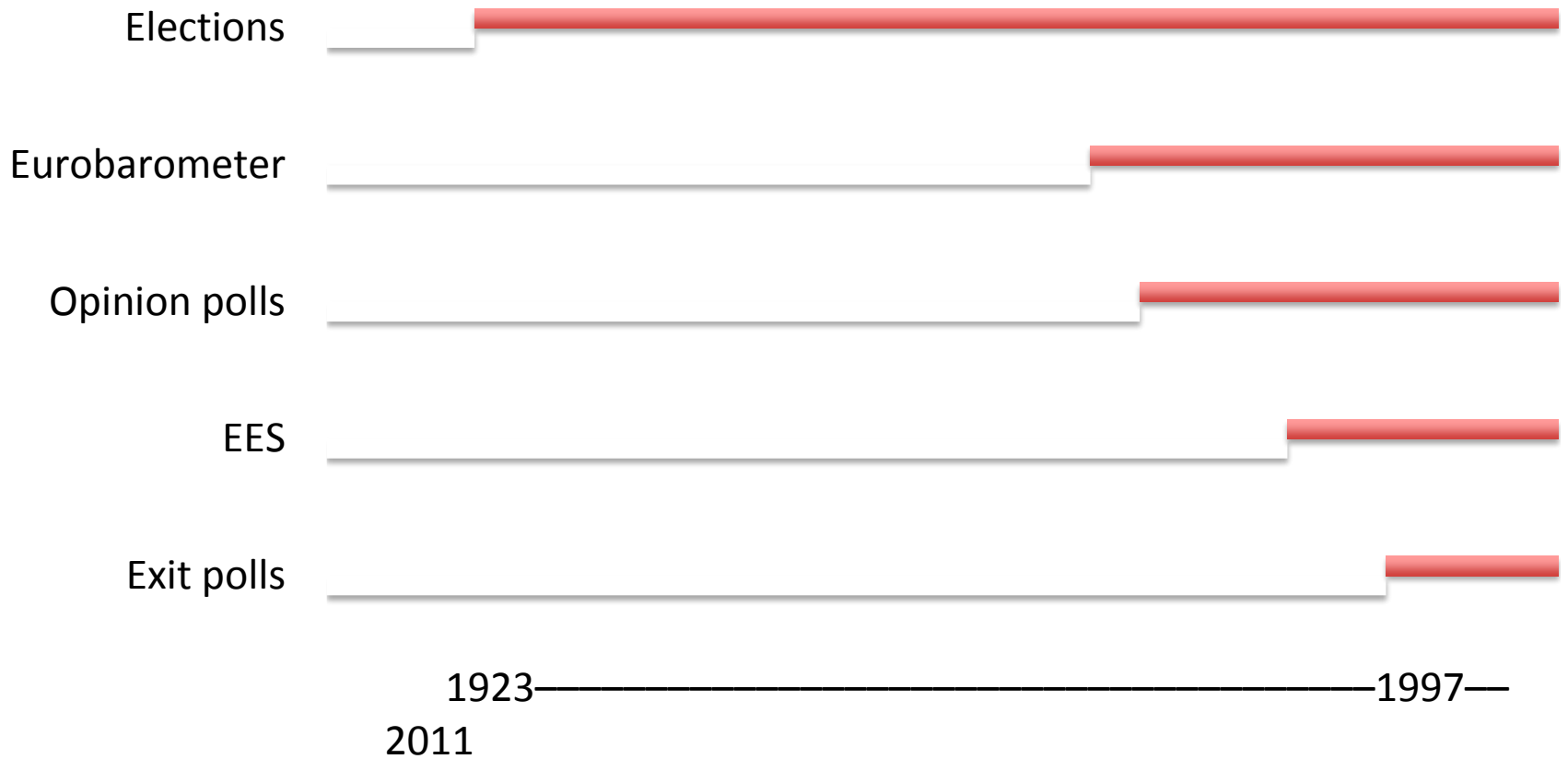
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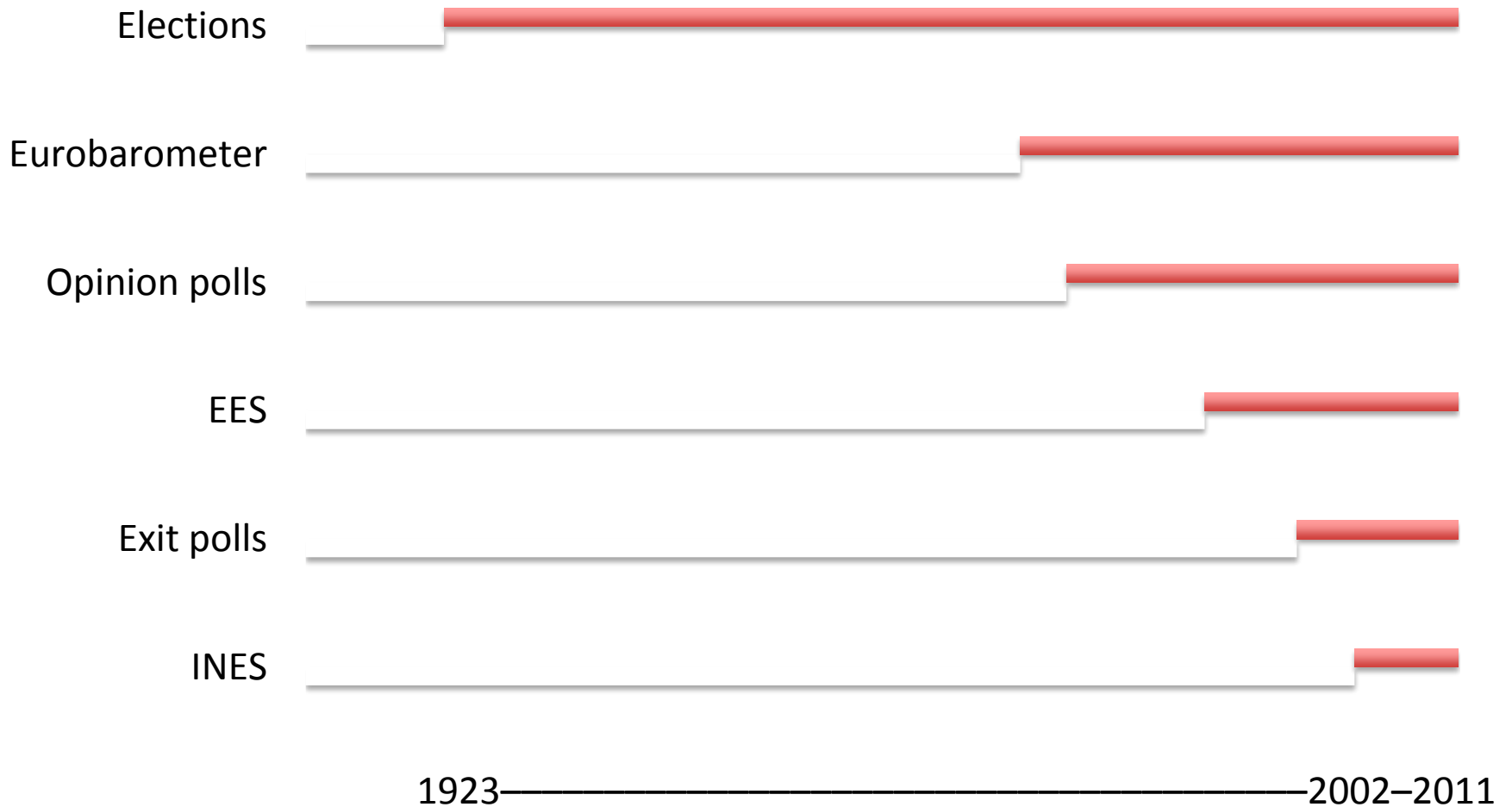
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# INES

- 2002-07: five wave panel; 2,600 in 2002 and 1,300 (incl top up) in 2007; face to face post-election in 2002 and 2007 with additional drop-off mail back/collectable module; CSES II,III integrated. Funding from Government/Research Council.  
Cost over €200,000 each time
- 2011: 1,800 face to face post-election with additional drop off mail back/collectable module; CSES IV integrated. Funding from a dozen sources incl universities, professional association (PSAI) and even Google. Cost €120,000

# Novelties

- Heavy on the dependent variable, with a ‘mock-ballot’; many questions rating parties; many questions rating candidates
- Sample sufficient to give estimates at constituency level (40 or so constituencies)
- 2011 heavy on the economic crisis
- CSES element spread throughout questionnaire

# Reports and data

- From 1987 onwards series of seven books each called *How Ireland voted*, each including analyses of opinion/exit polls
- Data from 2002-7 [www.tcd.ie/ines](http://www.tcd.ie/ines)
- Data for 2011 [mmarsh@tcd.ie](mailto:mmarsh@tcd.ie)
- 2002 book: Marsh, Sinnott, Garry and Kennedy *The Irish voter* Palgrave, 2008
- 2002-11 book: Farrell, McElroy and Marsh, *A conservative revolution* Oxford, 2016

# 2016

## OUTLOOK POOR

Research council less cash than in the past and  
has other concerns

Private pots emptied in 2011

HOPE down to CSES link