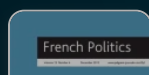


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elites therefore intends to give some clues to reinterpret the power of economic elites in a more socially informed way.

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study of some documents produced by the ERT (charters, official reports and so on) and press articles. Moreover, a dozen interviews with current and past members or their associates were undertaken.

4. The population studied here is composed of 46 biographies of ERT members in December 2007.
5. Among the 18 countries, 15 are member states of the European Union (the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Finland, Hungary, Sweden, Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria and Denmark) and three are not (Turkey, Norway and Switzerland).
6. Since the second half of 2008, there is a woman in the ERT group: Güler

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10. The biographical data consist of past and current positions and activities.
11. A limitation of our work must be underlined at this stage of the analysis. The collection of the biographical data was conducted through the combination of three main sources of information: national or international biographical databases such as the *Who's Who in France*, *The International Who's Who*, or the *Who's Who in European Business* and professional CVs generally available on the websites of the different firms. The construction of these databases relies on self-declaration. This means that some information can be voluntary hidden and some might be 'massaged' by the people studied here.
12. The 'Bilderberg Club' or the 'Bilderberg conferences' is a space of sociability

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