The BBC’s final criteria for Party Election Broadcasts in 2014

England

European Elections

Threshold Criterion

Political parties which are standing a full¹ list of candidates in each and every region in England will qualify for a minimum of ONE broadcast in England.

Additional Criterion

Political parties which meet the threshold criterion will qualify for additional PEBs if they can demonstrate substantial levels of past and/or current electoral support across England.

Local Elections

Threshold Criterion

All parties standing candidates in a minimum of ONE SIXTH of the seats being contested will qualify for a single broadcast in England in addition to any European broadcasts.

Additional Criterion

No additional PEBs will be offered for the local elections.

Scotland

European Elections only

Threshold Criterion

Political parties which are standing a full² list of candidates in Scotland will qualify for a minimum of ONE broadcast in Scotland.

Additional Criterion

Political parties which meet the threshold criterion will qualify for additional PEBs if they can demonstrate substantial levels of past and/or current electoral support across Scotland.

¹ A party may be deemed to be standing a full list if it is clear that it intended to stand a full list but at a late stage failed to do so, for example, because a candidate had to withdraw.
² See above
Wales

European Elections only

Threshold Criterion

Political parties which are standing a full\(^3\) list of candidates in Wales will qualify for a minimum of ONE broadcast in Wales.

Additional Criterion

Political parties which meet the threshold criterion will qualify for additional PEBs if they can demonstrate substantial levels of past and/or current electoral support across Wales.

Northern Ireland

European Elections

Nb. For the purposes of the European election Northern Ireland is a single three member constituency. MEPs are elected through the STV (Single Transferable Vote).

Threshold Criterion

Political parties which are standing at least one candidate for the European Parliament and which have current representation in the European Parliament, the House of Commons, or the Northern Ireland Assembly will qualify for a minimum of ONE broadcast in Northern Ireland.

Additional Criterion

Political parties which meet the threshold criterion may qualify for additional PEBs if they can demonstrate substantial levels of past and/or current electoral support across Northern Ireland.

Local Elections

Threshold Criterion

All parties standing candidates in a minimum of ONE SIXTH of the seats being contested will qualify for a single broadcast in Northern Ireland in addition to any European broadcasts.

Additional Criterion

No additional PEBs will be offered for the local elections.

The provisional allocation of all PEBs is subject to review and amendment until after the confirmation of nominations.

\(^3\) See Footnote I above.