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The line graph illustrates the proportion of women elected to the parliaments in five different countries such as Germany, the UK, Belgium, France and Italy between 2000 and 2012.

Overall, in the beginning, the percentage of female MPs in Germany was by far highest, whereas the figure for France was lowest in each year shown.

In 2000, Germany had the highest percentage of female MPs, at around 33%, followed by the UK, Belgium and Italy having approximately 27%, 25% and 22% respectively. The percentage for France was nearly 8% less than Germany's which stood at around 33%. Between 2000 and 2010, the rate of female members in Germany increased slowly by reaching at about 37%, while the proportion in UK showed a significant rise from 4% to 24%.

In 2010, Italy's percentage of female members recorded as 39% overtook that of Germany with a slight increase of 2%. At the end of period, Belgium and the UK experienced same percentage of female members which was 24%. From 2000 to 2012, the proportion of elected women in France increased steadily as it remained relatively stable between 25% and 26%.