

PolPaL (Political Party Links)

Tutorial “Validating”

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Introduction

PolPaL provides a linkage platform for identifying political entities, such as political parties or electoral alliances, across social science datasets. With PolPaL, researchers can easily combine information on political entities across various datasets, save time during data preparation, increase transparency and reproducibility, reduce linking errors, and simplify complex analyses.

This tutorial explains how to validate links between external dataset observations and PolPaL entities. The validation of existing links helps discover and correct inaccuracies and provides some assessment of confidence in the quality of the linkage keys provided by PolPaL.

Validating: What is it?

What is “Validating”?

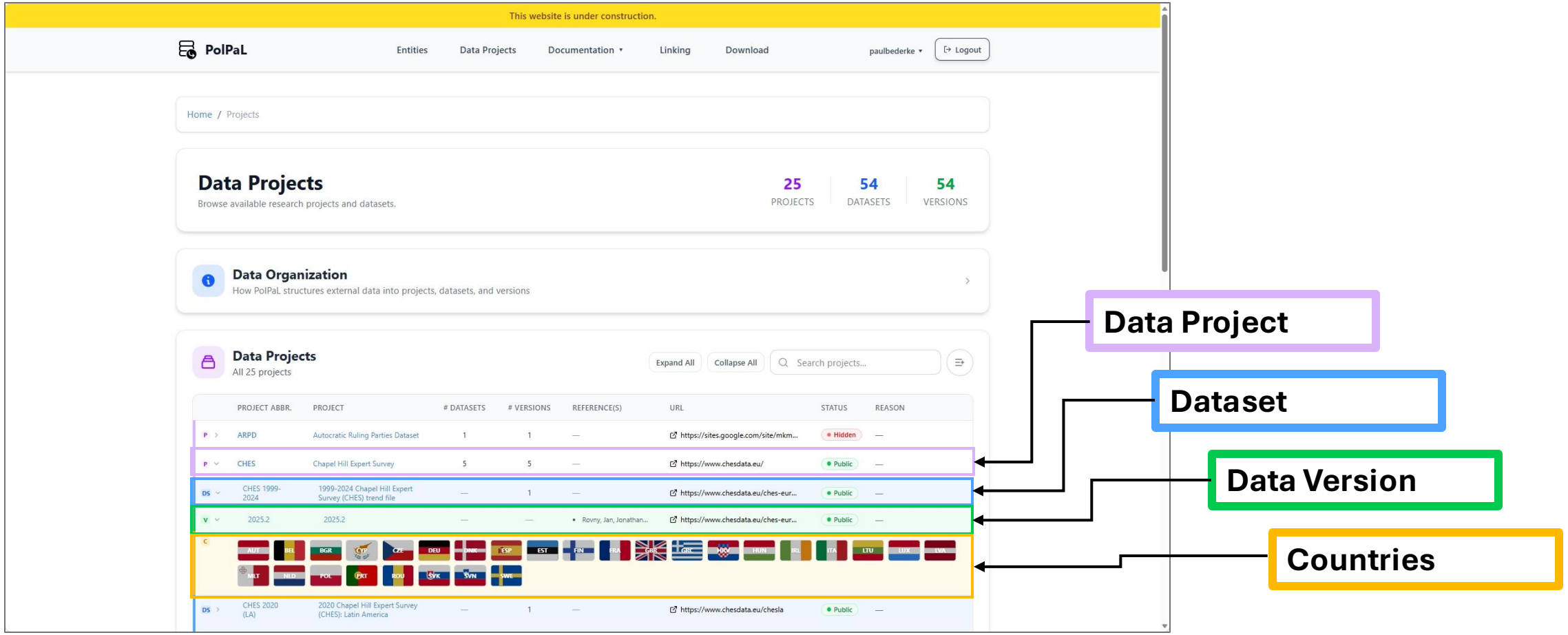
Validating existing linkages in the PolPaL database is essential for **ensuring the quality** and **improving the confidence** in the existing linkage keys (→ **PolPaL-Tutorial_Linking** for details on the linking process).

Registered users can review existing linkages between external dataset observations and PolPal entities by approving or rejecting these links and, optionally, adding a comment explaining their decision. This feedback signals whether the linkage between an external dataset observation and a PolPaL entity is correct or would need further revision. Links with rejections are regularly checked and revised, if deemed necessary.



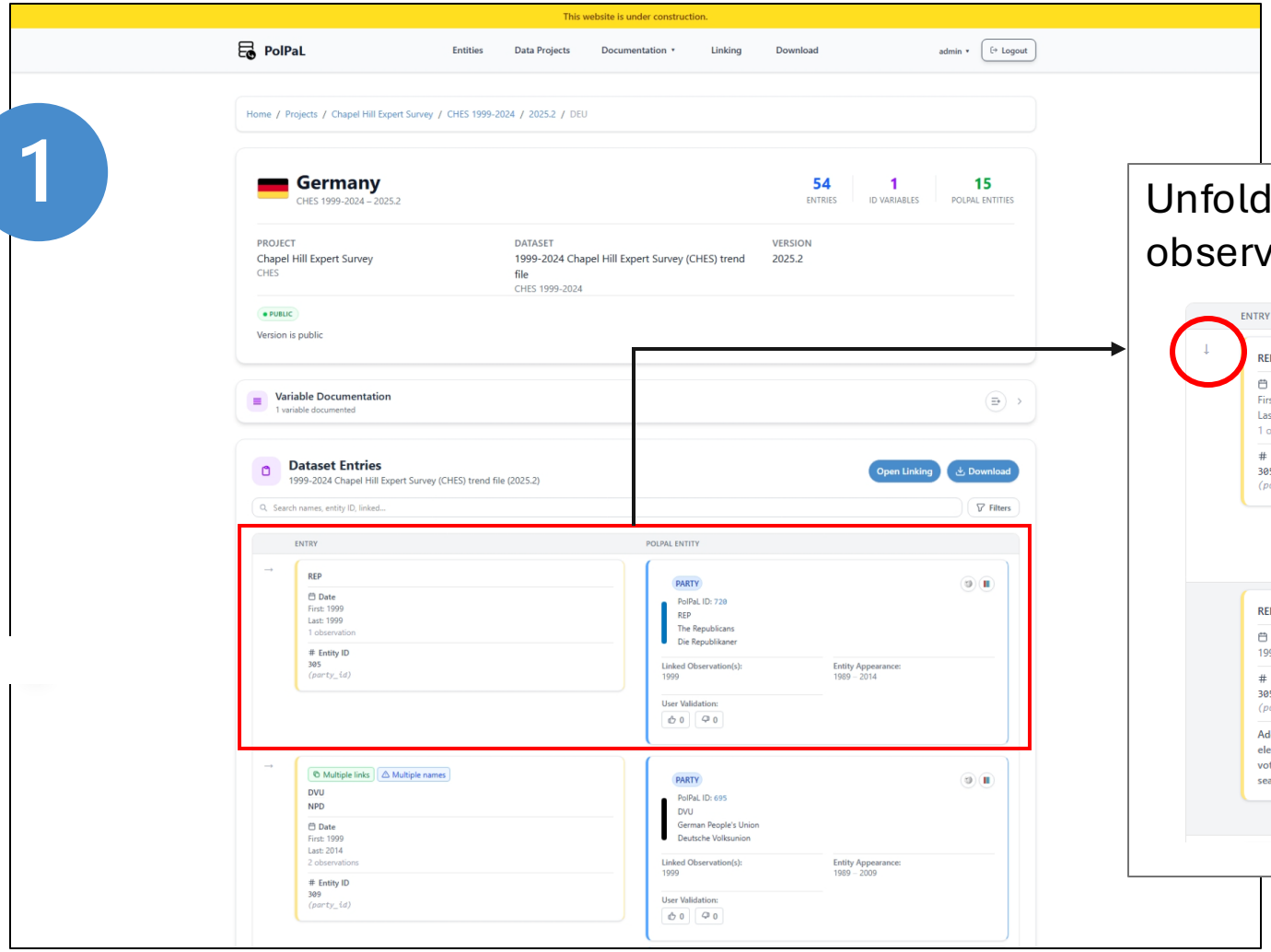
Validating: Step-by-step

1. Navigate to the data version

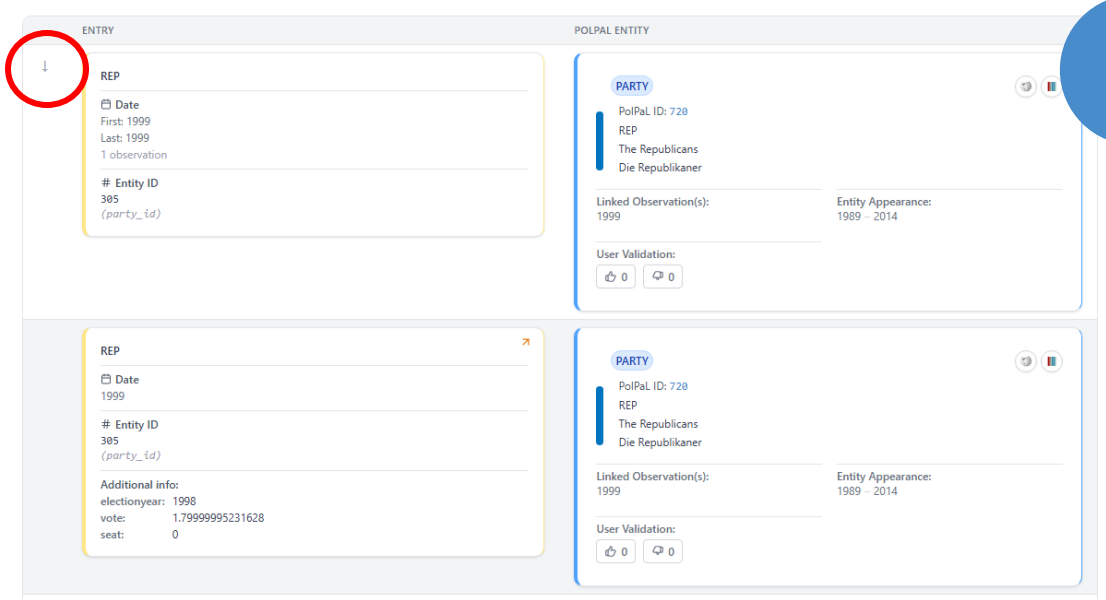


2. Check existing linkages

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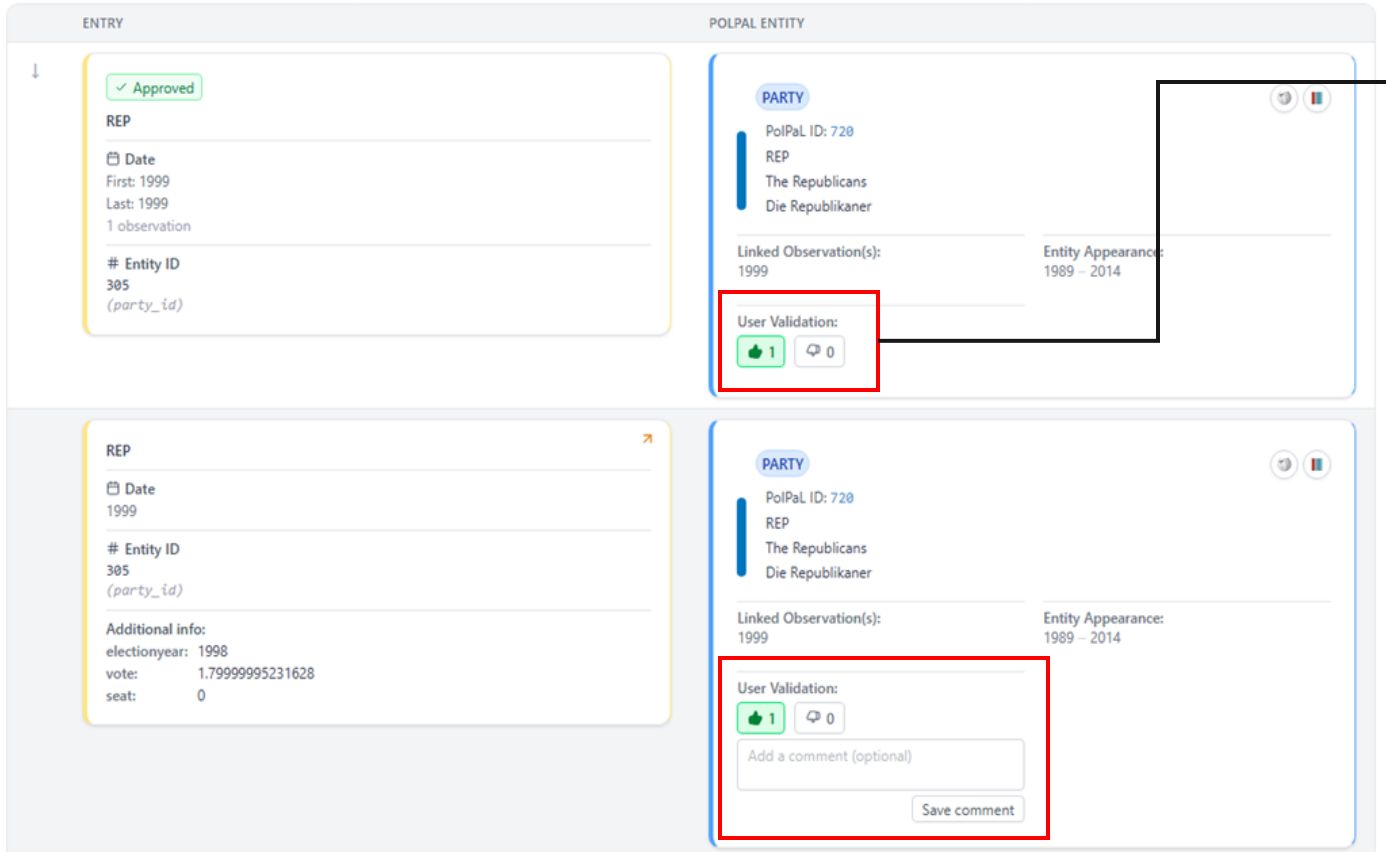


Unfold aggregated format to see linked external dataset observations in detailed format.

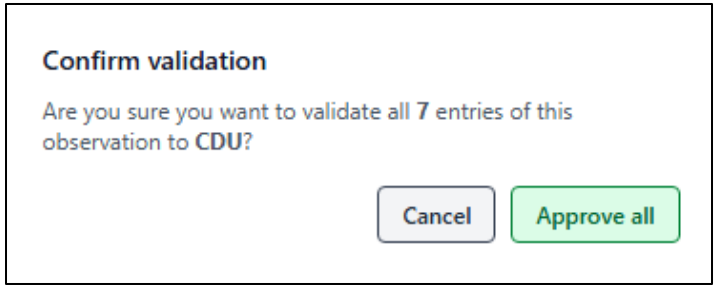


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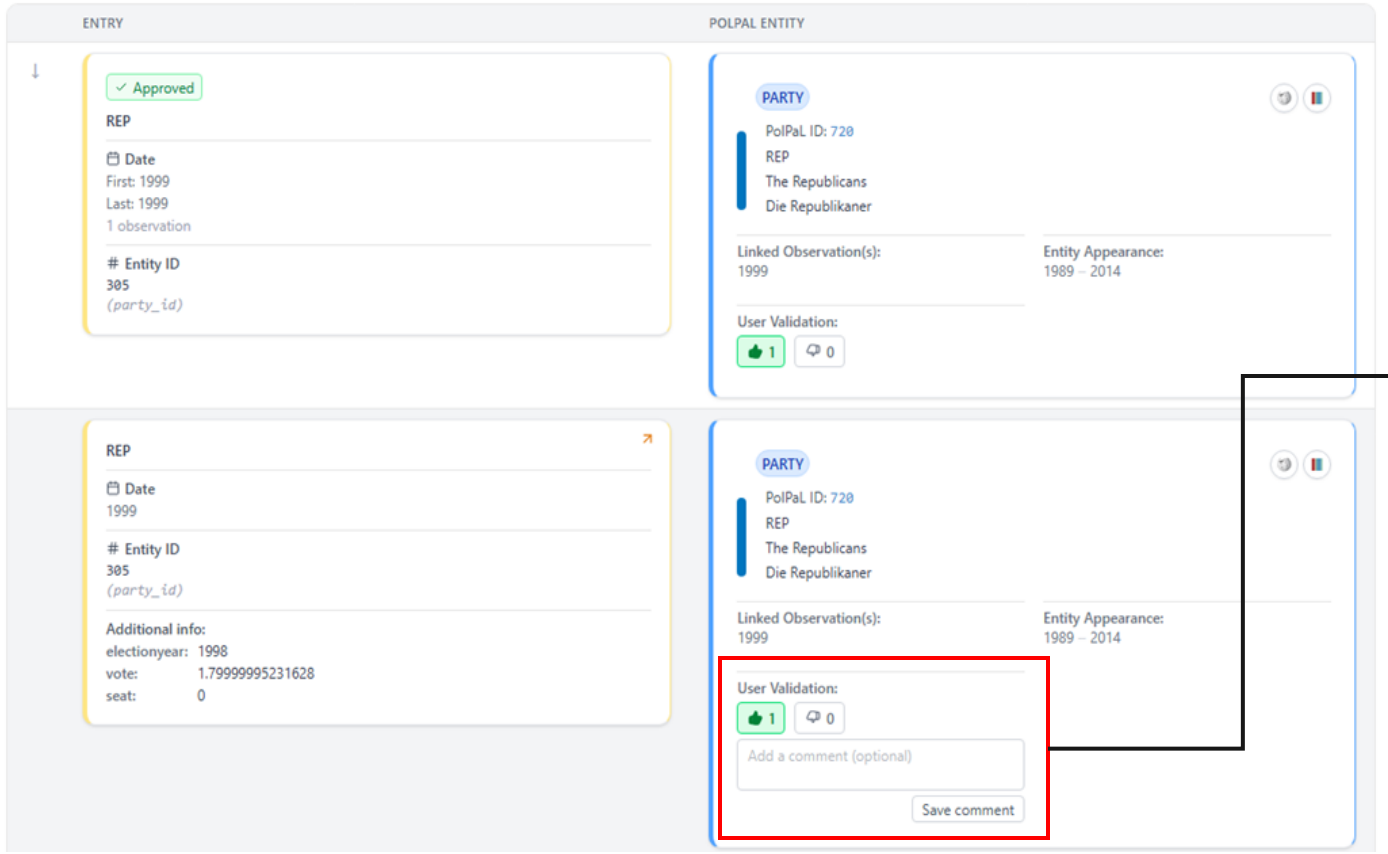
3. Approve or reject existing linkages



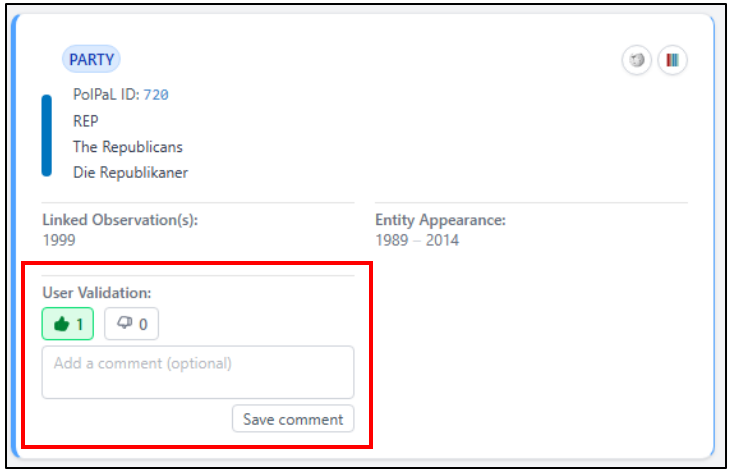
If multiple external linkages get validated at once (aggregated format), a confirmation field shows up. Please only validate multiple linkages at once if you are confident about all linkages.



4. Add comment [optional]



If deemed necessary, add a comment explaining the validation decision. This is especially important if the existing link is rejected.



If something is unclear, please discuss with another PolPaL Team Member!

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