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The 2019 European Parliament Elections on Twitter

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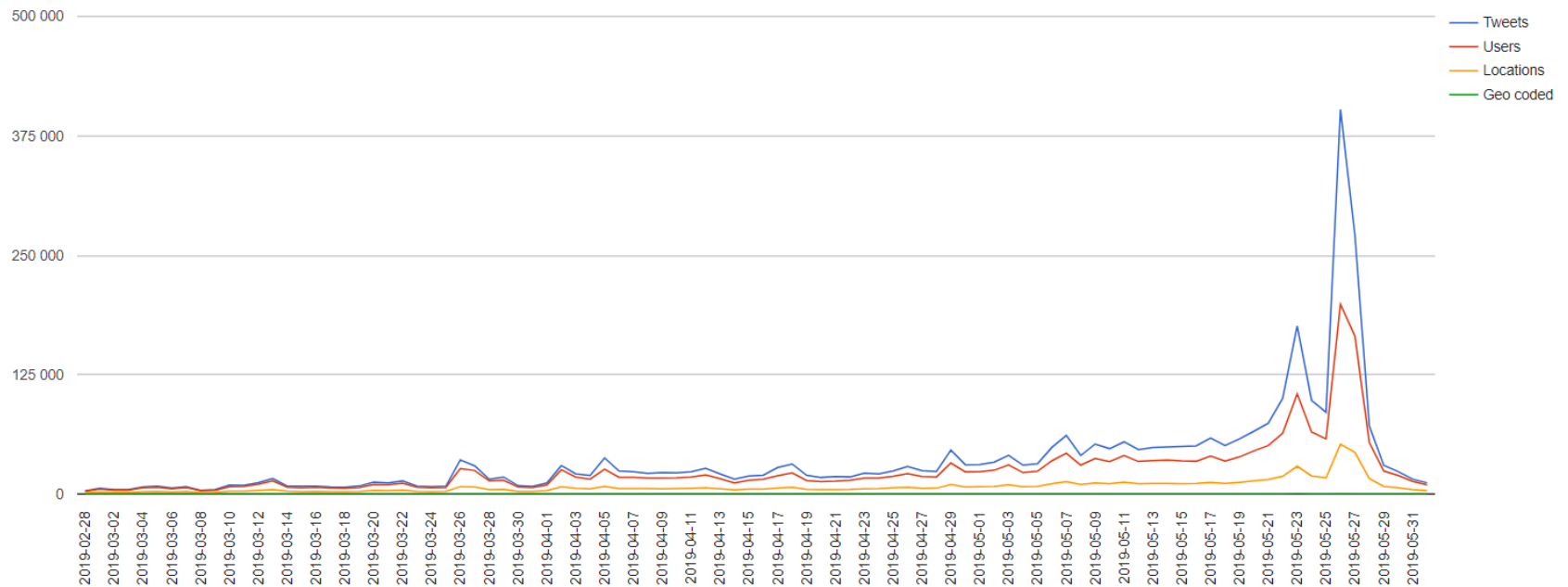


The European Twittersphere – a transnational arena?



Data overview

Startdate: 2019-02-28
Enddate: 2019-06-01
Number of tweets: 3.358.528
Number of distinct users: 827.021



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Date and time are in UTC (UTC).

Graph resolution days hours minutes

- Most users (3 out of 4) retweeted rather than created their own content
- Over half of the users participated in the Twittersphere only once
- Half of the tweets contained hashtags



Most mentioned accounts (over 10 000 tweets and retweets)

1. Nigel Farage
2. Brexit Party
3. KRLS
4. Europarl_EN

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12. Vox_es
14. Greta Thunberg
16. AfD






Most frequently used languages

1. English (47%)
2. German (16%)
3. Spanish (12%)



Most frequently used hashtags per language

-  afd, gehtwaehlen, artikel13, europa, spd
-  26m, últimahora, eneuropaporespaña, alemania, españaviva
-  macron, lrem, renaissance, giletsjaunes, europe



Most frequently used hashtags in English

Brexit, thistimeImvoting,
stopBrexit, Labour, eu,
peoplesvote, remain,
futureofEurope, voteLabour,
Brexitparty, europeanelectionresults



Takeaways

- Language clusters reveal national topics
- The English language was not a pan-European arena, but dominated by UK politics
- Some transnational topics: climate, feminism, internet privacy
- Brexit – national or European?
- Hashtag wars

