

The following table provides definitions and sources for all variables included in “analysis_dataset.dta”.

Variable Name	Definition	Source
<i>AdoptionBinary_80pc</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred (adoption degree $\geq 80\%$)</p> <p>“0” = No change occurred (adoption degree $< 80\%$)</p> <p>Counting adoptions within six years</p>	Author’s own data
<i>AdoptionBinary_50pc</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred (adoption degree $\geq 50\%$)</p> <p>“0” = No change occurred (adoption degree $< 50\%$)</p> <p>Counting adoptions within six years</p>	Author’s own data
<i>AdoptionBinary_5halfyears</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred (adoption degree $\geq 80\%$)</p> <p>“0” = No change occurred (adoption degree $< 80\%$)</p> <p>Counting adoptions within five and a half years</p>	Author’s own data
<i>AdoptionBinary_5years</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred (adoption degree $\geq 80\%$)</p> <p>“0” = No change occurred (adoption degree $< 80\%$)</p> <p>Counting adoptions within five years</p>	Author’s own data
<i>Congruent_80pc</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred with adoption degree $\geq 80\%$ and within six years, and opinion majority in favor of change; or no change occurred and opinion majority against change</p> <p>“0” = Otherwise</p>	Author’s own data, Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Congruent_50pc</i>	<p>“1” = Policy change occurred with adoption degree $\geq 50\%$ and within six years, and opinion majority in favor of change; or no change occurred and opinion majority against change</p>	Author’s own data, Eurobarometer survey series

"0" = Otherwise		
<i>Congruent_5halfyears</i>	<p>"1" = Policy change occurred with adoption degree $\geq 80\%$ and within five and a half years, and opinion majority in favor of change; or no change occurred and opinion majority against change</p> <p>"0" = Otherwise</p>	Author's own data, Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Congruent_5years</i>	<p>"1" = Policy change occurred with adoption degree $\geq 80\%$ and within five years, and opinion majority in favor of change; or no change occurred and opinion majority against change</p> <p>"0" = Otherwise</p>	Author's own data, Eurobarometer survey series
<i>AdoptionDegree</i>	0-100, indicating the degree to which policy change occurred within six years	Author's own data
<i>Opinion_salience_weighted</i>	0-1, weighted mean of support for policy change across member states participating in the policy area (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal), where the weights are given by the <i>Salience</i> (see below) in each member state rescaled between 0 (highest fraction of DK/refusal across whole sample) and 1 (lowest fraction of DK/refusal across whole sample)	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Opinion_eu_wide</i>	0-1, EU-wide support for policy change (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal) using EU-25/27 post-stratification weights	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Opinion_salience_power_weighted</i>	0-1, double-weighted mean of support for policy change across member states participating in the policy area (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal), where the weights are given by the <i>Salience</i> (see below) in each member state rescaled between 0 (highest fraction of DK/refusal across whole sample) and 1 (lowest fraction of DK/refusal across whole sample) as well as the number of votes of each member state in the Council rescaled between 0 (Malta) and 1 (Germany, France, Italy, UK), and both weights are added	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Opinion_salience_EP_COM_weighted</i>	<p>For issues potentially decided by QMV (i.e., also those with unclear decision rule):</p> <p>Midpoint between opinion measures <i>Opinion_salience_weighted</i> and <i>Opinion_eu_wide</i></p>	Eurobarometer survey series

<p><i>For issues decided under unanimity:</i></p> <p>Opinion measure <i>Opinion_salience_weighted</i></p>		
<i>Opinion_salience_weighted_raw</i>	0-1, weighted average of support for policy change across member states participating in the policy area (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal), where the weights are the fraction of DK/refusal responses in each member state	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Salience</i>	1 minus fraction of DK/refusal responses as percentage of all responses in member state using national post-stratification weights	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Opinion_majority</i>	0-0.5, absolute value of member-state specific support for policy change (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal) minus 0.5 using national post-stratification weights	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Salience_eu_wide</i>	1 minus fraction of DK/refusal responses as percentage of all responses across the EU using EU-25/27 post-stratification weights	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Opinion_majority_eu_wide</i>	0-0.5, absolute value of EU-wide support for policy change (as fraction, excluding DK/refusal) minus 0.5 using EU-25/27 post-stratification weights	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>conflict_perc</i>	0-1, percentage of member states in which majority opinion is dissenting with the prevailing opinion in the majority of member states	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>EUCompetenceLevel</i>	<p>"1" = Policy issue is mainly national competence</p> <p>"2" = Policy issue mixed competence</p> <p>"3" = Policy issue is mainly EU competence</p>	Author's own coding following Börzel (2005) and Hix and Høyland (2011)
<i>Unanimity_enc</i>	<p>"1" = Policy issue is decided under qualified majority voting</p> <p>"2" = The decision rule is unclear</p> <p>"3" = Policy issue is decided under unanimity voting</p>	Author's own coding
<i>case_id</i>	Running number as unique case identifier	Not applicable

<i>question_id</i>	Running number identifying the Eurobarometer questions	Not applicable
<i>survey_id</i>	Running number identifying the Eurobarometer survey	Not applicable
<i>member_state</i>	Running number identifying the EU member states (variable value labels provide name of member state)	Not applicable
<i>Survey</i>	Name of Eurobarometer survey used	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>ZANumber</i>	The study number used by the GESIS Institute	dbk.gesis.org
<i>FieldworkStart</i>	Start date of survey fieldwork (DDMMYYYY)	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>PolicyArea</i>	Policy area of policy issue	Author's own coding
<i>QuestionNickname</i>	Brief teaser indicating the content of the survey question	Author's own coding
<i>QuestionCode</i>	Code of question in Eurobarometer questionnaire	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>QuestionText</i>	Full question text in Eurobarometer questionnaire	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>QuestionItem</i>	If applicable, full sub-question text in Eurobarometer questionnaire, usually further specifying question in <i>QuestionText</i>	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>ResponseOptions</i>	Response options provided in Eurobarometer questionnaire	Eurobarometer survey series
<i>Problem</i>	<p>"Yes" = Policy question mildly violated some of the criteria for being included in the study</p> <p>"No" = Policy question complied with all criteria for being included in the study</p>	Author's own coding

<i>FlippedOpinion</i>	<p>“Yes” = Question asked for support for the status quo rather than policy change and public opinion estimates were flipped to reflect support for change</p> <p>“No” = Question asked for support for policy change</p>	Author’s own coding
<i>AdoptionTime</i>	If applicable, date of adoption of new rules, i.e. the date when all formally required institutions had approved the policy change (DDMMMYYYY)	Author’s own coding
<i>Sources</i>	Web links to sources providing evidence for the coding of the <i>AdoptionDegree</i>	Author’s own coding
<i>Comment</i>	Coders’ justification for the assessment of the <i>AdoptionDegree</i>	Author’s own coding
<i>votes</i>	Number of member state’s votes in the Council (according to Treaty of Nice)	Wikipedia