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## Guide to replicate main results

These files can be used to replicate the main results reported in the paper and the appendix.

Please make sure to download all the replication files and save them in the same folder; then use this folder as your **STATA** working directory.

Outputs are tables and figures with the main results. We recommend using **STATA** version 15 or above. If datasets are modified by the commands, do not save the changes before exiting.

Run the do file main\_do\_file.do to construct the analysis dataset and replicate all analyses.

File description:

main\_data\_competitiveness.dta: this is the analysis dataset in its final form to be used to replicate the analyses.

deu\_competitiveness.dta: auxiliary data file produced when running main\_do\_file.do.

deu\_competitiveness.csv: sheet that links DEU observations with *Expected duration* and *PLPR*.

deuIII\_classified.dta: DEU dataset with government positions coded on left-right (and pro-anti integration) dimension (incl. coding of "primary category").

Folder **Covariates**: contains datasets on covariates, including Eurobarometer public opinion data (eb\_responsiveness\_2019\_online.dta), budget contributions (eu\_budget\_contributions\_2018.dta, eu\_budget\_contributions\_2018.xlsx), days to the next election (electoral\_proximity2020.dta), government positions from the Manifesto Project (parties\_cmp2019\_online\_2.1\_JEPP.dta), domestic economic freedom (EFWdataset2017.xlsx, regulation\_data.dta, Prepare\_regulation\_data.do), inflation (eurostat\_inflation\_hicp\_2019.dta, eurostat\_inflation\_hicp\_2019.xls) and unemployment (eurostat\_unemployment\_rate\_2019.dta, eurostat\_unemployment\_rate\_2019.xls).

Folder **Tables & Figures**: all resulting tables and figures are stored in this folder.