

**Codebook 'Regulating Civil Society Dataset'****November 2019**Identification Variable**Variable name:** id

Short description: identification of organization.

Type: continuous

Type of Organization**Variable name:** party

Short variable description: whether organization is a party, interest/advocacy group or service-oriented organization.

Type: categorical

Survey Question: Which one of the following categories best describes your organization?	
	Code
Political Party	1
Interest/advocacy group	2
Organization focused on service-provision	3

Representative Orientation of Organizations**Variable name:** memberbenefit

Short variable description: whether organization is member-oriented or not.

Type: dummy variable

Survey Question: What is the main purpose of your organization?	Code
It pursues goals that primarily benefit the members	1
It pursues goals that primarily benefit non-members	0
It pursues goals that primarily benefit voters	0

**Variable name:** voterfocus

Short description: whether organization is voter-oriented or not.

Type: dummy variable

Survey Question: What is the main purpose of your organization?	Code
It pursues goals that primarily benefit the members	0
It pursues goals that primarily benefit non-members	0
It pursues goals that primarily benefit voters	1

### Formation Characteristics

**Variable name:** neworg

Short description: whether organization was newly born.

Type: categorical

Survey Question: Which one of the following categories best characterizes how your organization was founded? The organization...	Code
...was a new organization built from scratch	1
...was started through the merger of older organizations	0
...was started by splitting off from one or several parent organizations	0
None of the above	0

**Variable name:** entrepreneur

Short description: formation by individual (entrepreneur).

Type: categorical

Survey Question: Which of the following categories best characterizes how your organization was formed? The organization...	Code
...was started by a group of citizens	0
...was started by an individual citizen	1
...was started by (a) previously organized group(s)	0
None of the above	0

**Variable name:** rooted

Short description: formation by already organised groups.

Type: categorical

Survey Question: Which of the following categories best characterizes how your organization was formed? The organization...	Code
...was started by a group of citizens	0
...was started by an individual citizen	0
...was started by (a) previously organized group(s)	1
None of the above	0

### Type of Organizational Structure

**Variable name:** natorg

Short description: national organizations vs. others.

Type: dummy

Survey Question: Please indicate which description most accurately reflects the structure of your organization	Code
A national organization, with regional and local subunits (%)	1
A national organization, with local subunits (%)	1
A national organization, with regional subunits (%)	1
A national organization, with individual direct members (%)	1
A regional organization, with local subunits (%)	0
A regional organization, with individual direct members (%)	0
A regional organization, embedded in a national umbrella organization (%)	0
A coalition of independent organizations/associations (%)	0
None of the above (%)	0

### Organizational Size

**Variable name:** Insize

Short description: logarithmic version of number of members in an organization.

Type: continuous

Survey Question: Considering the predominant type of members in your organization, what is currently the total membership?
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The Role of Members/ Supporters

**Variable name:** involvement

Short description: level of involvement of the members/supporters.

Type: ordinal

Question: Organizations vary in the degree to which members (or supporters) are involved in organizational activities (e.g., express opinions, contact organizational leaders, attend organizational functions, etc.). How about your organization's members (or supporters)?	Code
They are not at all involved	1
They are slightly involved	2
They are moderately involved	3
They are very involved	4
They are extremely involved	5

**Variable names:** boardmemb, leadermemb, statutememb

Short description: whether area is controlled by members directly (through consensus or voting) or not considering three areas: 'appointing board members/executive', 'appointing chairperson/leader' and 'changes to statutory rules or the constitution').

Type: dummy

Survey Question: Organizations like yours can make decisions in different ways, such as by consensus among members or by voting procedures. Can you please indicate below how your organization primarily makes decisions in the following areas?		
Mode of decision-making	Decided by members (consensus or voting)	Decided neither by member consensus nor member voting
Area		
Appointing board members/ executive	1	0
Appointing chairperson/leader	1	0
Changes to statutory rules or the constitution	1	0

**Variable names:** boardlead, leaderlead, statutelead

Short description: whether area is controlled by chairperson / leader or not considering three areas: 'appointing board members/executive', 'appointing chairperson/leader' and 'changes to statutory rules or the constitution')

Type: dummy

Survey Question: Organizations like yours can make decisions in different ways, such as by consensus among members or by voting procedures. Can you please indicate below how your organization primarily makes decisions in the following areas?		
Mode of decision-making	Decided by chairperson/leader	Not decided by chairperson or leader
Area		
Appointing board members/ executive	1	0
Appointing chairperson/leader	1	0
Changes to statutory rules or the constitution	1	0

### Personnel of Organizations

**Variable name:** Instaff

Short description: logarithmic version of number of paid staff.<sup>1</sup>

Type: continuous

**Variable name:** Involunt

Short description: logarithmic version of number of number of volunteers.

Type: continuous

Survey Question: Nowadays, a lot of organizations have different types of staff working for them. How many staff of each type work in your organization? Please insert the respective numbers below.

<sup>1</sup> Note that for all variables presented in its logarithmic form, we added the value of one to deal with the zeros before we computed the logarithm.

Financial Resources of Organizations

**Variable name:** fundnat2

Short description: importance of national state funding for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** fundother2

Short description: importance of state funding from other levels for an organization's budget.

**Variable name:** memberdepend2

Short description: importance of membership subscriptions for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** donate2

Short description: importance of donations from individuals for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** doncorp2

Short description: importance of donations not from individuals for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** sales2

Short description: importance of sales and services for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

Survey Question: Organizations get financial support from different sources. Please indicate the overall relevance of the various sources listed below for your organization's current budget.		
	Important or very important	
	Yes	No
Public funding from national government	1	0
Public funding from the other levels of government (local, regional, EU, international)	1	0
Membership subscriptions (corporate and/or individual members)	1	0
Donations and gifts from individuals	1	0
Donations and gifts not from individuals	1	0
Other income generating activities such as services/sales to members, savings/investments etc.	1	0

**Variable name:** stategrants2

Short description: importance of state grants for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** contracts2

Short description: importance of service contracts for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

**Variable name:** dontax2

Short description: importance of tax credits for donors for an organization's budget.

Type: dummy

Survey Question: There are different types of state funding relevant to organizations such as yours. Please indicate how important the types of state funding listed below are for your organization's current budget.		
	Important or very important	
	Yes	No
State grant schemes (any governmental level)	1	0
State contracts for service provision (any governmental level)	1	0
Tax relief for your donors	1	0

**Variable name:** burden2

Short description: administrative burden related to state funding

Survey Question: Considering the overall state funding (e.g., grants, contracts, tax relief) that your organization applied for or received five years ago, how burdensome were the administrative costs?	
	Code
Burdensome or very burdensome	1
Moderately burdensome, slightly burdensome, not at all burdensome	0

### Organizational Activities

**Variable names:** media2, advert2, debate2, contact2, consult2, officials2, research2, legalact2, disobey2, electoral2

Short description: frequency of engagement in different political activities

Type: dummy

Survey question: The table below lists a range of activities organizations can engage in to exercise political influence. Please indicate which activities your organization engages in nowadays.		
	Often or very often	
	Yes	No
Contact reporters, write letters to the editor, issue press releases	1	0
Paid advertisements in media outlets	1	0
Arrange debates/hold press conferences	1	0
Encourage members and others to contact decision-makers	1	0
Participate in public consultations	1	0
Contact government officials (e.g., ministers, members of parliament, civil servants)	1	0
Publish analyses and research reports	1	0
Legal direct action (e.g., authorized strikes) and public demonstrations	1	0
Civil disobedience and illegal direct action	1	0
Electoral and/or referenda campaigns	1	0



### Organizational Challenges

**Variable names:** funddecrease2, constituency2, diverse2, Europe2, recruit2, salience2, medi access2

Short description: importance of different challenges for organizational maintenance.

Type: dummy

Survey Question: How important are the following challenges for the maintenance of your organization?		
	Important or very important	
	Yes	No
Decreased state funding	1	0
Aging of constituency	1	0
Individualization / growing societal diversity	1	0
Europeanization/globalization	1	0
Recruiting and retaining members	1	
Changes in public opinion about the issues important to your organization	1	0
Access to the media	1	0

**Variable name:** survivalanxiety

Short description: perception of challenge threatening the existence of the organization

Type: ordinal

Survey Question: Sometimes, the very existence of an organization is challenged, whether by internal or external forces. Within the next five years, would you estimate that your organization will face a serious challenge to its existence?	Code
Very unlikely	1
Unlikely	2
Moderately likely	3
Likely	4
Very likely	5

**Variable name:** competitor

Short description: competition from organization with similar purposes or goals

Type: dummy

Survey Question: Are there other organizations with broadly similar purposes or goals with whom your organization competes for new members, funds, government contracts or other key resources?	
	Code
Yes	1
No	0

**Variable name:** Country

Short description: country of operation of the organization.

Type: categorical

Codes: Norway: 1, UK: 2; Germany: 3; Switzerland: 4