

2018 Dataset of Participatory Budgeting in Italy

Abstract

The dataset provides data on Italian Municipalities' policy pertaining to participatory budgeting. The dataset comprises information only on municipalities active in this field: Name, Province, Region, Population (2011 Census), nineteen dummy variables identifying those municipalities running a PB in a given year (y1994, y2002 to y2019), Number of years with PB (TOT). Overall, the dataset comprises 480 units.

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Content

Name: Italian name of the Municipality as per 2018 record (nominal variable)

Province: Two-letter code of the ISO 3166-2:IT standard identifying the province or the metropolitan city where the Municipality is located (nominal variable)

Region: Name of the Region in Italian (nominal variable)

Population: Inhabitants according to the 2011 ISTAT Census (interval variable)

Presence of PB (y1994): Dummy variable identifying municipality running a PB in 1994

Presence of PB (y2002): Dummy variable identifying municipality running a PB in 2002

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Presence of PB (y2018): Dummy variable identifying municipality running a PB in 2018

Presence of PB (y2019): Dummy variable identifying municipality running a PB in 2019, this variable is not completely reliable (see methodology)

TOT: Number of years with PB between 1994 and 2019

Sources

Name, Province, Region

Official data retrieved from the ISTAT website (April 10, 2019)

y1994-y2019

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Methodology

The mapping procedure departed from the existing literature on PB. Using existing documentation (APP 2015, 2017, 2019; Bassoli 2012; BiPart 2019; Emilia Romagna 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019; Sintomer and Allegretti 2009; Stortone and Allegretti, 2018), it was possible to identify some PB in Italy, mainly in Emilia Romagna, Lombardy and Tuscany. Sicilian PB required particular attention because of the 5/2014 regional law (assigning at least 2% of Municipal budget to PB), thus we interviewed a key informant from the regional administration.

During the period May 1 – June 30, 2019, we also apply a web search. According to the 4/2004 law, every municipality has to implement its own website; moreover, PB is a policy which needs to be advertised in all possible form (Bassoli 2010, Bassoli and Amura 2003), therefore we could assume that every recent PB was advertised online. We gathered information on the presence of PB using a standard mapping protocol using specific keywords (“Bilancio Partecipativo” and “Bilancio Partecipato”). We opted for the Google™ search-engine because it is the most widely used search engine and the one with a stronger user-led learning algorithm. We limited the research to the first 10 pages.

Publications

The dataset can be found on the webpage of the Osservatorio Italiano sui Bilanci Partecipativi (OIBP): oibp.bipart.it

The dataset was firstly used for the publication

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