Codebook for the variables used in the article '*The electoral returns of party-sponsored citizen legislative initiatives*'.

Dataset 'electoral returns'

Variable name	Description
SIRUTA	Official administrative identification number for locality
County	County
Sign_Percent	Percent residents who signed the citizen initiative
P_USR2016	USR vote share in locality at 2016 parliamentary elections
P_USR2019	USR vote share in locality at 2019 European Parliament elections
P_USR2020	USR vote share in locality at 2020 parliamentary elections
turnout2016	Turnout in locality at 2016 parliamentary elections
turnout2019	Turnout in locality at 2019 European Parliament elections
turnout2020	Turnout in locality at 2020 parliamentary elections
Treated	Signature collection point in locality
Branch_CI	Party branch founded prior to the launch of the citizen initiative
Branch_EP	Party branch founded prior to the EP elections
Branch_2020	Party branch in locality as of April 2020
Urban	Urban as opposed to rural locality
lnDist200	Logarithmic distance to the closest major city
IDUL18_std	Local Human Development Typology Index score for locality
lnPopulation18	Logarithm of locality's population
Anticorruption_action	Politician(s) holding office in locality indicted for corruption in 2015-2018
VOL_mean	Mean electoral volatility in locality for the 2000-2012 parliamentary elections

Dataset 'European citizen initiatives'

Variable name	Description
Title	Referendum title
Country	Country
Date	Referendum date
Party_sponsored	Was the citizen initiative sponsored by a party?
Party_name	Party or parties launching the citizen initiative
Opposition	Citizen initiative launched by an opposition party
New_party	Citizen initiative launched by a new party
Share	Vote share in last parliamentary election for parties launching the initiative

Dataset 'ESS9ROe01'

Variable name	Description
prtvtbro	Party voted for in last national election, Romania
prtclbro	Which party feel closer to, Romania
anweight	Analysis weight
sgnptit	Signed petition last 12 months
party_id	Party the respondent identifies with

*for the full codebook of the ESS9ROe01 file see: https://ess.sikt.no/en/datafile/2be4a460-321a-4fba-9ebe-a4c0e82dadd3?tab=0