

## INTEREST GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES

### Description:

In this database, we have recorded all the information concerning interest groups participation in governmental committees. As far as there is not a register of governmental committees, our first goal was to identify all the governmental structures regulated by primary or secondary legislation, in which at least one interest group participates on a regular basis, performing several tasks vis-à-vis members of the executive (ministers or/and top public officials). Information recording took place from January to May 2013. The source of the database is the online library of government legislation. <http://legislacion.060.es/>, the Boletín Oficial del Estado (BOE) <http://www.boe.es/legislacion/> (for the webpages we used keyword searches like Comisión, Comités, Mesa, Observatorio, sindicato, patronal, consejo) and the webpages of all Ministries. Once we identified all the governmental structures with interest groups among their members, we classified them according to the variables defined below.

In most cases, the norms by which these committees were created did not include the list of interest groups that actually participate. Accordingly, the next phase of the project was to identify the interest organizations that actually participate in each of these committees. To get this information we have contacted each of the committees, by email, and/or by phone. Besides from the name of the interest group, we also identified the number of representatives of each organization in each committee.

### List of variables

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1. ID: Unique code for each committee. This is automatically generated by ACCESS. The goal is to identify each committee. It should never be tampered with, replaced or altered. Type: AutoNumber.
2. NAME: Name of the governmental body. Type: Text.
3. CODE\_SPAP: Type: Categorical. This variable identifies the area of main activity of the governmental committee following the Comparative Agendas Project methodology.
  1. Economic issues
  2. Rights
  3. Health
  4. Agriculture
  5. Labor
  6. Education
  7. Environment
  8. Energy
  9. Immigration
  10. Transportation
  11. Code 11 does not exist
  12. Justice and crime
  13. Social policy
  14. Housing
  15. Commerce and Banking

16. Defense
  17. Research and Development
  18. Foreign trade
  19. Foreign Affairs
  20. Governmental issues
  21. Public Lands
  22. Culture
4. SUBCODE\_SPAP: A number that is assigned to each governmental body under the subcategories of the Policy Agendas Project (SPAP). To see all the subcategories check the codebook of 248 subtopics. Type: Categorical.
  5. ORG PAL: This variable identifies whether the committee is independent of any other committee. This is whether we talk about a core committee or a sub-committee that depends of the core committee. Type: Categorical (1=core , 2 = not core) As an example, the Comisión Permanente del Consejo Escolar del Estado is a sub-committee coded as 2 because it depends of a the core committee: Consejo Escolar del Estado coded as 1.
  6. ORGPAL\_ID: this is a unique code that identifies both the core committee and all sub-committees that depend of the core. Following the previous example, both the Comisión Permanente del Consejo Escolar del Estado and the Consejo Escolar del Estado coded have the same ORGPAL\_ID, but each has a different ID. Type: Numeric.
  7. MINRESP: The Ministry in charge at the time of coding. Each ministry has an assigned code according to the list of ministries by legislature. Type: Categorical. Code List: See Annex 2.
  8. H\_date: Date a formal rule (law, royal-decree) mentions the referee or consultative body for the first time. Type: Date (dd / mm / yyyy). Here it should be included those cases in which a law mentions future creation.
  9. FECHA\_F: Date a rule amending the referee or consultative body. Type: Date (dd / mm / yyyy). Amendment can be total or partial.
  10. LEG: name of the rule regulating the advisory body. It must be copied exactly as recorded in the BOE. Type: Text. You can add up to 6 different rules: creating or amending the governmental committee.
  11. TIPO\_LEG: Type the rule Assign a value to all the rules which have been encountered. Categories are those of the Spanish legal system. Type: Categorical. List of options:
    1. Directiva Europea
    2. Ley Orgánica
    3. Ley Ordinaria
    4. Decreto Legislativo
    5. Decreto Ley
    6. Real Decreto
    7. Orden Ministerial
    8. Otros

9. Otra legislación internacional
10. NA Missing/En Blanco
12. FUN\_LEG: Coders should identify whether regulation is aimed to any of the following functions:
  1. Creation of the governmental committee: it says a new committee is created or should be created (for example the Comisión Nacional del Uso Racional del medicamento) but goes no further than that.
  2. Regulation of the governmental committee
  3. Creation and development of regulation
  4. Modifies the Committee
  5. Other
13. DER\_LEG: whether the rules governing the referee or advisory body are valid or have been revoked. You have to assign a value to all the rules which have been encountered (up to 6 different laws) Type: Categorical (1 = current; 2 = otherwise). If a rule is cancelled only partially, it should be considered valid, as indicated by the BOE.
14. NUEVA\_C: whether the referee or consultative body is newly created or replaces a previous body. Type: Categorical (1 = replaces previous organ, 0 otherwise).
15. NC\_O: Name of the previous governmental committee (the one that has been replaced) It should be copied as stated in the BOE. Type: Text

#### Members

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16. MIEMB\_N: Number of members who are part of the governmental committee. Type: Numeric.
17. SIN\_VOTO: Number of members who have a voice but no vote in the referee or advisory body. Type: Numeric. Here add only those members with voice but no vote.
18. OTR\_MIEMB: Variable indicating whether external members can participate in a timely manner with voice but no vote. Type: Categorical (1 = yes, 0 otherwise)
19. MIEMB\_G: Number of permanent representatives of the Spanish Government and public administration. Type: Numeric. Here only members of the Spanish government. Do not add representatives of the Autonomous Regions or municipal entities.
20. MIN\_REP: Number of Ministries represented at the referee or advisory body. Type: Numeric
21. MUN\_REP: Name City / local entity represented in the referee or advisory body. The name will be copied as it appears in the BOE. There may be up to two entities represented. Type: Text

22. MUN\_REP\_NUM: Number of representatives of each municipal / local entity that is represented by the referee or advisory body. There may be up to two entities represented. Type: Numeric. (deleted)
23. MUN\_REP\_FILTRO: whether there are representatives of the municipal / local level at the governmental committee. There may be up to two entities represented. Type: Categorical. (deleted)
24. GOB\_AUT\_REP: whether a region (autonomous communities CCAA) and/or autonomous cities (Ceuta and Melilla) is represented at the governmental committee. Type: Text. When all regions and /or autonomous cities are represented, do not write anything down.
25. GOB\_AUT\_REP\_NUM: Number of representatives of the CCAA or autonomous cities represented. Type: Numeric. Here only representatives of the government.
26. GOB\_AUT\_REP\_FILTRO: Type: Categorical Code List: (deleted)
27. GOB\_AUT\_REP\_FILTRO\_N: Type: Text (deleted)
28. OTR\_AUT\_REP\_NUM: Number of representatives of other agencies or institutions at the subnational level. Type: Numeric (Ex .: Defensores del Pueblo autonomous, directors of regional quality assurance agencies ...)

#### Functions and policy areas

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29. REUNION\_NORM: Number of annual mandatory meetings (generally, regulation establishes a minimum number of meetings). Type: Numeric.
30. FUNCTION: Identify the functions assigned to that committee from a list of 23 functions. Up to 6 different functions.
1. Advise and report general
  2. Advise on the definition of objectives
  3. Advise on legislation
  4. Creation and dissemination of information
  5. Guide implementation
  6. Monitoring implementation
  7. Evaluation
  8. Arbitration of conflicts
  9. Regulatory capacity
  10. Management capacity
  11. Coordination -generic-
  12. Coordination with the CCAA
  13. Coordination among Ministries
  14. coordination (intraministerial)
  15. Coordination with other public bodies
  16. Coordination with EU
  17. Coordination with other international bodies

18. Coordination with social partners
19. Representing the government
20. Control of government policy
21. International decision-making authority
22. Any function by delegation
23. None of the above

31. FUN\_OBLIG: whether the function is mandatory or not. Type: Categorical (1 = mandatory; 2 = otherwise). For each of the functions identify whether it is mandatory or not.
32. REP\_TRANS: when the number of representatives is not clear, it is ambiguous, too general or indeterminate, coders should copy and paste the fragment of the law when this information is provided. Type: Text. For example, in some cases the law defines as members all representatives with an interest in this area should be invited.
33. MIN\_REP: Number of Ministries involved in that committee. Coders can identify up to 15 different ministries. For encoding the codes assigned to each Ministry should be used. Type: Categorical

- 1 Ministerio de Administración Territorial
- 2 Ministerio de Administraciones Públicas
- 3 Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
- 4 Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación
- 5 Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores
- 6 Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación
- 7 Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales
- 8 Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación
- 9 Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
- 10 Ministerio de Comercio y Turismo
- 11 Ministerio de Cultura
- 12 Ministerio de Defensa
- 13 Ministerio de Economía
- 14 Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
- 15 Ministerio de Economía y Hacienda
- 16 Ministerio de Educación
- 17 Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia
- 18 Ministerio de Educación y Cultura
- 19 Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte
- 20 Ministerio de Educación, Política Social y Deporte
- 21 Ministerio de Empleo y Seguridad Social
- 22 Ministerio de Fomento
- 23 Ministerio de Hacienda
- 24 Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas
- 25 Ministerio de Igualdad
- 26 Ministerio de Industria y Energía
- 27 Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y Turismo
- 28 Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio
- 29 Ministerio de Interior

30	Ministerio de Justicia
31	Ministerio de Justicia e Interior
32	Ministerio de la Presidencia
33	Ministerio de la Vivienda
34	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino
35	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente
36	Ministerio de Obras Públicas y Transportes
37	Ministerio de Obras Públicas y Urbanismo
38	Ministerio de Obras Públicas, Transporte y Medio Ambiente
39	Ministerio de Política Territorial
40	Ministerio de Relaciones con las Cortes y de la Secretaría del Gob
41	Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo
42	Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad
43	Ministerio de Trabajo e Inmigración
44	Ministerio de Trabajo y Asuntos Sociales
45	Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social
46	Ministerio de Transporte, Turismo y Comunicaciones
47	Ministerio del Interior
48	Ministerio del Portavoz del Gobierno
49	Ministerio para las Administraciones Públicas
50	Ministerio de Industria, Energía y Turismo
51	Ministerio de Sanidad y Política Social
52	El Presidente del Gobierno
53	Ministerio de Trabajo
54	Ministerio de Trabajo, Sanidad y Seguridad Social
55	Ministerio de Agricultura
56	Ministerio de Comercio
57	Ministerio de Cultura y Bienestar
58	Ministerio de Sanidad y Seguridad Social
59	Ministerio de Transporte y Comunicaciones
60	Ministerio de Relaciones con las Comunidades Europeas
61	Ministerio de Universidades e Investigación

34. MIN\_REP\_NUM: total number of representatives from each of the Ministries.  
Type: Numeric

35. MIN\_REP\_TIP: Range of ministerial representatives. Type: Categorical For each ministry identify whether representatives is:

- 1 Ministro
- 2 Secretario de Estado
- 3 Subsecretario
- 4 Secretario General
- 5 Director General
- 6 Secretario General Técnico
- 7 Subdirector General
- 8 Otro (ninguno de los especificados)
- 9 No se especifica (Ej.: “un funcionario...”)

36. MIN\_REP\_TIP\_NUM: Variable indicating the number of representatives of each ministerial rank. There must be a certain number of representatives for each level of representation identified in the variable 35. Type: Numeric.
37. INTGR\_ORG: name of each social or business organization represented at the governmental committee. There may be up to 30. Type: Text. Note that in most cases regulation do not gives this information directly. It just makes general references to the type of organizations, for example, trade unions. Coders must copy the name as it appears in the regulation.
38. INTGR\_SECT: Variable indicating the economic sector, academic, or any other type they belong to the representatives of social or business organizations. There can be a maximum of 30. Type: Text Only be coded if the regulatory standard does not indicate the specific name of the organization. Coders must copy the name as it appears in the regulatory standard.
39. INTGR\_ORGF: Variable indicating the name of the organization filter designating representatives of social or business organizations that were part of the referee or advisory body. There can be a maximum of 30. Type: Text - You must copy the name as it appears in the regulatory standard.
40. INTGR\_NUM: Number of representatives of each organization or industry represented at the collegiate or advisory body. Type: Numeric.
41. INTGR\_CODE. Policy area code of the organization according to the Policy Agendas methodology. Type: Categorical.
42. Code: this variable identifies the area of main activity of the organization following the Comparative Agendas Project methodology.

Policy Area Code	Policy area Label
1	Macroeconomics
2	Rights
3	Health
4	Agriculture
5	Labour
6	Education
7	Environment
8	Energy
9	Immigration
10	Transportation

12	Crime and Justice
	Terrorism
13	Social Policy
14	Housing
15	Banking
	Industrial Policy & Commerce
16	Defense
17	Communication and Information technologies
18	Foreign Trade
19	Cooperation and Foreign aid
20	Governmental issues
21	Public lands
23	Culture

43. INTGR\_SUBCODE: Policy area subcode of the organization according to the Spanish Policy Agendas. Type: Categorical

44. INTGR\_ADVOC: type of interest group represented. Type: Categorical.  
Indicates the type of organization. It describes the nature of the actor.

Code Number	General category	Group Type	Description
2	Non-governmental Organizations	Coalition Specific to an issue or issue area	Platforms, networks and ad hoc coalitions and other collective action structures of a temporal character oriented to have an impact in policy making
		Citizen, ideological or Non-Profit organizations of a cause oriented group (NGO)	permanent character
		Foundations	Foundations. Organizations aimed to promote the general interest that have adopted this particular juridical structure.

		Religious group – affiliated group or denomination	Organizations representing the interest of a particular church, religious community or cult. Includes Atheism
5	Trade Unions	Union	Organizations of workers aimed to defend workers interest from salary issues to safety standards and better working conditions.
6	Professionals Associations	Professional Association	Organization seeking to further a particular profession, maintaining control or oversight of the legitimate practice of the occupation, represents the interest of the professional practitioners, and act to maintain their own privileged and powerful position as a controlling body.
		Colegios Profesionales	Organizations seeking to further a particular profession that have adopted this particular juridical structure.
7	Business organizations	Business Associations (sector oriented)	Organization of businesses that operate in a specific industry aimed to defend their interests in the policy-making process.
		Umbrella Business Association	Organization of businesses that operate in many industries (Umbrella organizations)
		Cofrarías	Economic organization that have adopted this particular juridical structure
		Self-employers Associations	Organization of self-employers associations with a particular juridical structure
9	Professional lobby, Consultants	Professional lobby, Consultants	Lobbying or Consulting Firm, Think Tank or Research Institute, organizations of public institutions
21	Companies	Companies	
23	Universities, think tanks & research institutes	Universities, think tanks & research institutes	
24	Other		

45. INFO-available: whether we found information about which Interest organizations participate in that committee. 1 si está disponible; 5 si la información estaba en la regulación; otros números que no tenemos la información.
46. Entrades: whether information has been introduced in the list of organizations in governmental committees

Note that in all cases NA = lost value or cannot be determined.