

Online Appendix of “A Strong Regulator? The EU’s Uneven Regulatory Capacity in Green Industrial Policy”

This appendix outlines the methodology used to construct the database of news articles employed in the empirical analysis.

We compiled the dataset using the Factiva repository, selecting news articles related to the three policy cases analyzed in the paper. Our search included six sources: two major international wire services with high circulation (*Reuters* and *Agence France-Presse*), two specialised media outlets with a strong EU policy focus (*Financial Times* and *Euractiv*) and two national newspapers in two large member states (*La Vanguardia* (online version) of Spain and *La Repubblica* from Italy).

To identify relevant coverage, we developed tailored search strings for each policy case. These strings were constructed inductively and iteratively, based on a preliminary review of relevant articles and headlines. We included the most commonly associated keywords and phrases for each policy and refined the terms according to the nature of the results.

On the Factiva platform, search strings were formulated using the Boolean operators “OR” (to capture alternative phrasings) and “AND” (to narrow results to articles containing multiple required terms). For example, the string (“2035 ban” OR “internal combustion engine ban”) AND (EU) retrieves articles that include either of the first two terms alongside a reference to the European Union.

After retrieving the results, we manually screened the dataset to remove false positives, retaining only articles substantively focused on the policy in question.

The time period for each search was defined as follows: from the first day of the month in which the European Commission presented the proposal, to the last day of the month in which the final regulation was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Table 1. Search terms in Factiva by newspaper’s language

Policy	Time period	Search terms	Number of news
Taxonomy for sustainable activities	1/5/2018 – 30/6/2020	(taxonomy OR "EU taxonomy" OR "green taxonomy" OR "EU green taxonomy" OR "sustainable finance taxonomy" OR "environmental taxonomy" OR "Taxonomy Regulation" OR "taxonomy regulation" OR "Regulation (EU) 2020/852" OR "Regulation (EU) 2020/852") AND (EU OR "European Union" OR Brussels OR "European Commission" OR Commission OR "European Parliament" OR "Council of the EU" OR Council)	210
		(taxonomía OR "taxonomía verde" OR "taxonomía europea" OR "taxonomía de la UE" OR "taxonomía de finanzas)	8

		sostenibles" OR "finanzas sostenibles" OR "Reglamento de taxonomía" OR "Reglamento 2020/852" OR 2020/852) AND (UE OR "Unión Europea" OR Bruselas OR "Comisión Europea" OR "Parlamento Europeo" OR "Consejo de la UE" OR Eurocámara)	
		(tassonomia OR "tassonomia UE" OR "tassonomia dell'UE" OR "tassonomia verde" OR "tassonomia verde UE" OR "tassonomia della finanza sostenibile" OR "tassonomia ambientale" OR "Regolamento sulla tassonomia" OR "regolamento sulla tassonomia" OR "Regolamento (UE) 2020/852" OR 2020/852) AND (UE OR "Unione europea" OR Bruxelles OR "Commissione europea" OR Commissione OR "Parlamento europeo" OR "Consiglio dell'UE" OR Consiglio)	11
Revision of the CO ₂ emission standards for cars and vans	1/7/2021 – 31/5/2023	("2035" OR "2035 target" OR "end of sales of new petrol and diesel cars" OR "ban on new petrol and diesel cars" OR "petrol and diesel car ban" OR "internal combustion engine" OR "internal combustion engine ban" OR "ICE ban" OR "CO2 standards for cars and vans" OR "car CO2 standards" OR "fleet CO2 targets" OR "zero-emission cars" OR "zero emission cars" OR "zero-emission vehicle mandate") AND (EU OR "European Union" OR Brussels OR "European Commission" OR "European Parliament" OR Council) AND (cars OR vehicles OR vans OR automotive)	890
		("prohibición" OR "veto" OR "fin de los coches de gasolina y diésel" OR "prohibición de vender coches" OR "prohibición de coches de gasolina y diésel" OR "prohibición del motor de combustión" OR "prohibición de los motores de combustión" OR "vehículos de cero emisiones") AND (UE OR "Unión Europea" OR Bruselas OR "Comisión Europea" OR "Parlamento Europeo" OR Consejo) AND (2035) AND (coches OR automóviles OR vehículos OR furgonetas OR automoción)	25
		("divieto" OR "bando" OR "stop alle auto a benzina e diesel" OR "fine delle auto a benzina e diesel" OR "divieto di vendita delle auto" OR "divieto di vendere auto" OR "divieto delle auto a benzina e diesel" OR "divieto del motore a combustione" OR "divieto dei motori a combustione" OR "veicoli a zero emissioni") AND (UE OR "Unione europea" OR Bruxelles OR "Commissione europea" OR "Parlamento europeo" OR Consiglio OR "Consiglio dell'UE") AND (2035) AND (auto OR automobili OR veicoli OR furgoni OR furgonette OR "settore automobilistico" OR "carburanti sintetici")	18
Carbon Border	1/7/2021 – 31/4/2023	("Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism" OR CBAM OR "carbon border adjustment" OR "border carbon adjustment" OR "EU carbon border" OR "EU carbon tariff" OR "carbon	679

Adjustment Mechanism		tariff" OR "carbon border tax" OR "border tax" OR "carbon levy" OR "carbon levy on imports" OR "import carbon charge" OR "carbon import levy") AND (EU OR "European Union" OR Brussels OR "European Commission" OR "European Parliament" OR Council)	
		("Mecanismo de Ajuste en Frontera por Carbono" OR "Mecanismo de ajuste en frontera por carbono" OR "ajuste en frontera por carbono" OR "ajuste de carbono en frontera" OR CBAM OR "arancel de carbono" OR "arancel climático" OR "arancel verde" OR "impuesto al carbono en frontera" OR "impuesto de carbono en frontera" OR "tasa de carbono en frontera" OR "gravamen al carbono" OR "gravamen al carbono en las importaciones" OR "tasa al carbono en las importaciones" OR "carga de carbono a las importaciones") AND (UE OR "Unión Europea" OR Bruselas OR "Comisión Europea" OR "Parlamento Europeo" OR Consejo)	17
		(CBAM OR "Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism" OR "carbon border adjustment" OR "carbon border tax" OR "carbon tariff" OR "dazio sul carbonio" OR "dazio del carbonio" OR "dazio carbonio" OR "tassa sul carbonio" OR "tassa del carbonio" OR "tassa carbonio" OR "tassa CO2" OR "dazio CO2" OR "tassa alle frontiere" OR "dazio alle frontiere" OR "aggiustamento del carbonio" OR "aggiustamento alle frontiere" OR "adeguamento del carbonio" OR "adeguamento alle frontiere") AND (Ue OR UE OR "Unione europea" OR Europa OR europe* OR Bruxelles OR "Commissione europea" OR "Parlamento europeo" OR Consiglio OR "Consiglio UE")	9