

ONLINE APPENDIX

A total of 41 interviews were conducted between November 2019 and June 2021. Fieldwork initially consisted in face-to-face interviews, but the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic forced me to conduct interviews either via phone or online, according to the choice of the individual party representative. The choice of carrying out remote interviews was taken for safety reasons after the first local lockdowns in Lombardy and Veneto were enforced on 23 February 2020. Interviews were conducted in Italian and typically lasted between 1 and 1.5 hours. They were digitally recorded with the consent of the interviewee, and the data were collected, stored, and de-identified in line with the ethical procedures of the institution to which I belonged.

LIST OF INTERVIEWS

(numbered in chronological order)

Emilia-Romagna

- Interview 1 - Member of a Municipal Council. Face-to-face interview, 19 November 2019.
- Interview 3 - Member of the Regional Council. Face-to-face interview, 18 December 2019.
- Interview 4 - Secretary of a Municipal branch. Face-to-face interview, 18 December 2019.
- Interview 5 - Provincial Coordinator of the Youth League. Face-to-face interview, 20 December 2019.
- Interview 7 - Member of a Municipal Council. Face-to-face interview, 13 February 2020.
- Interview 12 - Secretary of a Municipal branch. Remote interview, 17 June 2020.
- Interview 14 - Member of a Municipal Council. Remote interview, 19 June 2020.
- Interview 15 - Member of the Regional Council. Remote interview, 19 June 2020.
- Interview 16 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies, Remote interview, 23 June 2020.
- Interview 30 - Secretary of the party Romagna regional branch and member of the Chamber of Deputies. Remote interview, 6 July 2020.
- Interview 34 - Municipal Organizational Officer. Remote interview, 10 July 2020.

Lombardy

- Interview 2 - Municipal Coordinator of the Youth League. Face-to-face interview, 4 December 2019.
- Interview 9 - Member of a Municipal Council. Remote interview, 6 June 2020.
- Interview 10 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies. Remote interview, 10 June 2020.
- Interview 11 - Member of the Regional Council. Remote interview, 17 June 2020.
- Interview 13 - Minority Representative within the Federal Council of the Northern League. Remote interview, 18 June 2020.
- Interview 17 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies. Remote interview, 24 June 2020.
- Interview 22 - Commissioner of a Municipal Branch. Remote interview, 1 July 2020.
- Interview 23 - Municipal Coordinator of the Youth League. Remote interview, 1 July 2020.
- Interview 26 - Member of the Regional Council. Remote interview, 3 July 2020.
- Interview 28 - Provincial Coordinator of Women's League. Remote interview, 6 July 2020.

Interview 31 - Member of the Federal Council. Remote interview, 7 July 2020.

Interview 33 - Mayor. Remote interview, 8 July 2020.

Veneto

Interview 6 - Member of the Regional Council. Face-to-face, 23 December 2019.

Interview 8 - Member of a Municipal Council. Remote interview, 25 February 2020.

Interview 18 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies. Remote interview, 26 June 2020.

Interview 19 - Member of the Regional Council. Remote interview, 29 June 2020.

Interview 20 - Secretary of a Municipal Branch. Remote interview, 30 June 2020.

Interview 21 - Secretary of a Municipal Branch. Remote interview, 1 July 2020.

Interview 24 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies. Remote interview, 2 July 2020.

Interview 29 - Secretary of a Municipal Branch. Remote interview, 6 July 2020.

Interview 35 - Member of the Regional Council. Remote interview, 13 July 2020.

Interview 36 - Member of the Chamber of Deputies and Regional Organizational Officer.
Remote interview, 13 July 2020.

Interview 37 - Regional Organizational Officer of the Youth League. Remote interview, 13 July 2020.

Calabria

Interview 25 - Former representative of the Youth League. Remote interview, 2 July 2020.

Interview 27 - Representative the Youth League. Remote interview, 3 July 2020.

Interview 32 - Representative the Youth League. Remote interview, 7 July 2020.

Interview 38 - Former Candidate for the European Parliament, Southern Italy Constituency.
Remote interview, 15 May 2021.

Interview 39 - Former Representative of the Northern League. Remote interview, 17 May 2021.

Interview 40 - Coordinator of a Municipal branch. Remote interview, 31 May 2021.

Interview 41 - Member of a Municipal Directive Council. Remote interview, 1 June 2021.