

APPENDIX - A1

Country	Populist government position	Euroscepticism	EP faction	EPPO	GDP growth (2020)	Government deficit (2020)	Government debt (2020)	Euro-area	Mobilization
Bulgaria	Governing party with a majority in legislation	NO	EPP – protecting the governing party GERB, constraining its action	YES	-4.0	3.8%	24.6%	NO	NO
Czechia	Governing party having only a minority in legislation	NO + Vera Jourová as Commissioner for Values and Transparency	Renew Europe – liberals – strong proponents of the issue in the EP	YES	-5.5	5.8%	37.7%	NO	NO
Estonia	Junior coalition partner	YES	Identity and Democracy	YES	-1.0	5.4%	18.6%	YES	NO
Hungary	Governing party with a constitutional majority in legislation	YES	EPP – but Fidesz already having a suspended status since March, 2019 – eventually left EPP on its own a few months later	NO	-4.5	7.6%	79.3%	NO	YES
Italy	Governing party in multi-party coalition	YES + Paolo Gentiloni as Commissioner for Economy	Non-inscrits (M5S), S&D (PD),	YES	-9.0	9.6%	154.9%	YES	NO
Poland	Governing party with a majority in legislation	YES	ECR	NO	-2.0	6.9%	57.2%	NO	YES
Slovakia	Governing party with a majority in legislation (OLaNO and SR)	NO	EPP and Identity and Democracy	YES	-3.3	5.4%	58.9%	YES	NO

Slovenia	Governing party with majority in legislation	NO	EPP	YES	-4.2	7.6%	79.6%	YES	YES / NO
Spain	Junior coalition partner	NO + one of the EP Rapporteurs was from Spain (S&D)	GUE/NGL (Podemos)	YES	-11.2	10.1%	120.3%	YES	NO

Table 1.

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List of interviews

Int #1 – 26.09.2023, interview conducted through Zoom with Head of Department of Justice and Home Affairs Unit from a Permanent Representation of a Western European member state

Int #2 – 02.10.2023, interview conducted over the phone with a Hungarian official from the Economic and Financial Affairs Unit from a Permanent Representation

Int #3 – 26.10.2023, personal interview with a former member of the European Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament

Int #4 – 21.11.2023, personal interview with a former member of the European Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament

Int #5 – 27.11.2023, interview conducted through Zoom with an official from the Council of the European Union General Secretariat, Economic and Financial Affairs Unit

Int #6 – 24.01.2024, interview conducted through Zoom with an official from the Council of the European Union General Secretariat, Legal Services Unit