Stringency of environmental regulations in the 2003-2005 period in a country [scale 1-7) (source: Global Competitiveness Reports 2003/2004-2005/2006, the World Economic Forum).

Variable

Description

***RegStringency***

***RegStability GovEffect***

***GovEnvExp***

***PubAnent EnvActivism***

Clarity and stability of regulations in the 2003-2005 period in a country [scale 1-7] (source: Global Competitiveness Reports 2003/2004-2005/2006, the World Economic Forum).

Index that measures the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies in the 2003-2005 period in a country [scale 0-100) (source: the Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI), the World Bank).

Average annual environmental protection expenditures information of a government [Euros per capita] in the 2003-2005 period (source: the Environmental protection expenditure, Eurostat).

Index that measures public attentiveness towards energy in the 2004-2006 period in a country (source: Google Trends).

Percentage of adults in a country actively participating in voluntary organizations involved in solving problems related to conservation, the environment, the ecology and animal rights (source: the fourth wave of European Value Survey 2008).