2021 Dataset on local gambling regulations in Italy

Abstract: The dataset provides the data on gambling policies accessible in online and offline resources. The regulations are those implemented by Italian Municipalities between 2003 and 2021. The data set comprise the information collected by the documentation mapped and retrieved from the "**Mapping of local gambling initiatives in Italy**" (Baratin, et al. 2022), the personal archive of Dr Paolo Jarre and of Prof Marco Pedroni (both accessed in march 2021)
The following variables are available: Municipality ISTAT Code (ID), Municipality Name (Name) Province, Region, Major's party, Majority coalition, Title of the measure, and a series of variables identifying the type of rulings adopted ("regolamento", "ordinanza" and "delibera"), the topics covered, the year of approval. Additional variables describe the restrains placed upon zoning and timing for arcades or electronic gambling machines (EGM).
Overall, the dataset comprises 2097 specific regulations.

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Content
ISTAT Code (ISTAT Code): Unique identifier ISTAT code (nominal variable)
Municipality (Name): Italian name of the municipality as per 2017 record and following years (nominal variable)
Province: Italian name of the province or the metropolitan city where the unit of analysis (municipality) is located (nominal variable)
Region: Italian name of the region where the unit of analysis (municipality) is located (nominal variable)
Mayor's Party (Party): Variable providing the political party, coalition or civic list to which the

mayor of the analysis unit (municipality) belonged when the gambling regulation (research object) was approved (nominal variable)

Ruling coalition (Coalition): Variable providing the political orientation of the ruling coalition in the municipality (for municipal level measure and for supralocal level) (nominal variable)

Ruling coalition at the supralocal level (Coaliton_s): Variable providing the political orientation of the ruling coalition in the union or area approving the gambling regulation in case it is an inter-municipal measure (nominal variable)

Title of the measure (Title): Variable providing title of the gambling regulation (nominal variable)

Type of municipal measure (Type_act): Variable providing typology of gambling regulation (research object) in case it is a municipal level measure (nominal variable)

Shared measure (Type_s): Variable providing typology of municipalities' union or area that approved the gambling regulation in case it is an inter-municipal measure (nominal variable)

Topic (Topic): Variable providing topics mentioned in the title of gambling regulation (nominal variable)

Focus (Focus): Variable clarifying whether the measure relates exclusively to gambling or to more municipal policy issues (nominal variable)

Date of approval (Date): Variable providing gambling regulation approval date (interval variable)

Year of approval (Year): Variable providing gambling regulation approval year (interval variable [1990, 2021])

Purposes (Purpose): Variable providing the aims pursued by the gambling regulation (nominal variable)

Zoning (Zone): Variable clarifying whether gambling regulation ensure that licit gaming activities are located at a minimum distance from sensitive places (interval variable)

Distance (Meter): Variable providing the minimum distance in metres between gaming activities and socially sensitive places (interval variable [30,3000])

Distance from money suppliers (Zone_money): Dummy variable clarifying whether the municipality considers money providers to be sensitive places (dummy variable [0,1])

Limitation of amusement arcades opening hours (Time_arc): Variable clarifying whether gambling regulation indicates the closing hours of amusement arcades (dummy variable [0,1])

Weekdays closing hours of amusement arcades (Hrsarc_wd): Variable listing closing hours of amusement arcades in weekdays out of an overabundance (nominal variable)

Holidays closing times of amusement arcades (Hrsarc_hd): Variable clarifying whether the closing times of amusement arcades are different on weekdays and on non-working days (dummy variable [0,1])

Limitation on EGM activity (Time_egm): Variable clarifying whether gambling regulation indicates the switch-off of EGM (dummy variable [0,1])

Weekdays hourly limitation to EGM (Hrsegm_wd): Variable listing closing hours of EGM during weekdays (nominal variable)

Holidays hourly limitation to EGM (Hrsegm_hd): Dummy variable clarifying whether the closing hours of EGM are different on weekdays and on holidays (dummy variable [0,1])

Sources
ID, Municipality, Province, Region
Official data retrieved from the ISTAT website (April 28, 2020)
Other
Data collected by the "URBES - Observatory on Urban Policies" research group, based on
Baratin, A. , Bassoli, M. Turri, V. M.(2022). Mapping of local gambling initiatives in Italy. https://

Methodology
Sampling frame
Departing from Baratin, Bassoli and Turri (2022) we extract all empirical material gathered and analyse it according to the relevant variables identified.

Methodological caveat
The focus of the research was identifying formal regulations (regolamento, ordinanza and delibera). Therefore, most regulations are aiming at reducing gambling, but some are moving in the opposite direction.
The dataset does not contain information about the temporal validity of each document thus, hindering the possibility of determining the level of policy coverage per year.

Publications
N.A.

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