

Table 1: List of policy items used for the dependent variable

	Presence of policies	Policy Instruments	Policy Settings	Trade-related policies	Obligatory policies (since...)
Sulphur content in gas oil	•	•	•	•	1975
Lead in petrol	•	•	•	•	1978
Passenger Cars NOx emissions	•	•	•	•	1977
Passenger Cars CO emissions	•	•	•	•	1970
Passenger Cars HC emissions	•	•	•	•	1970
Large Combustion Plants SO ² emissions	•	•	•	•	1988
Large Combustion Plants NOx emissions	•	•	•	•	1988
Large Combustion Plants Dust emissions	•	•	•	•	1988
Coliforms in bathing water	•	•	•		1976
Hazardous substances in detergents	•	•		•	1973
Efficient use of water in industry	•			•	
Industrial discharges in surface water Lead	•	•	•	•	
Industrial discharges in surface water Zinc	•	•	•	•	
Industrial discharges in surface water Copper	•	•	•	•	
Industrial discharges in surface water Chromium	•	•	•	•	
Industrial discharges in surface water BOD	•	•	•	•	
Soil protection	•				
Contaminated sites policy	•	•			
Waste recovery target	•				1994
Waste landfill target	•				1994
Glass reuse/recycling target	•	•	•		
Paper reuse/recycling target	•	•	•		
Promotion of refillable beverage containers	•	•		•	
Voluntary deposit system beverage containers	•			•	
Noise emissions standard from lorries	•	•	•	•	1970
Motorway noise emissions	•	•	•		
Noise level working environment	•	•	•	•	1977
Electricity from renewable sources	•	•		•	
Recycling construction waste	•			•	
Energy efficiency of refrigerators	•	•		•	1992
Electricity tax for households	•	•	•		
Heavy fuel oil levy for industry	•	•	•	•	1992
CO ² emissions from heavy industry	•	•		•	
Forest protection	•	•			
Eco-Audit	•			•	1993
Environmental impact assessment	•				1985
Eco-labelling	•			•	1992
Precautionary principle: reference in legislation	•				
Sustainability: reference in legislation	•				
Environmental/ sustainable development plan	•			•	