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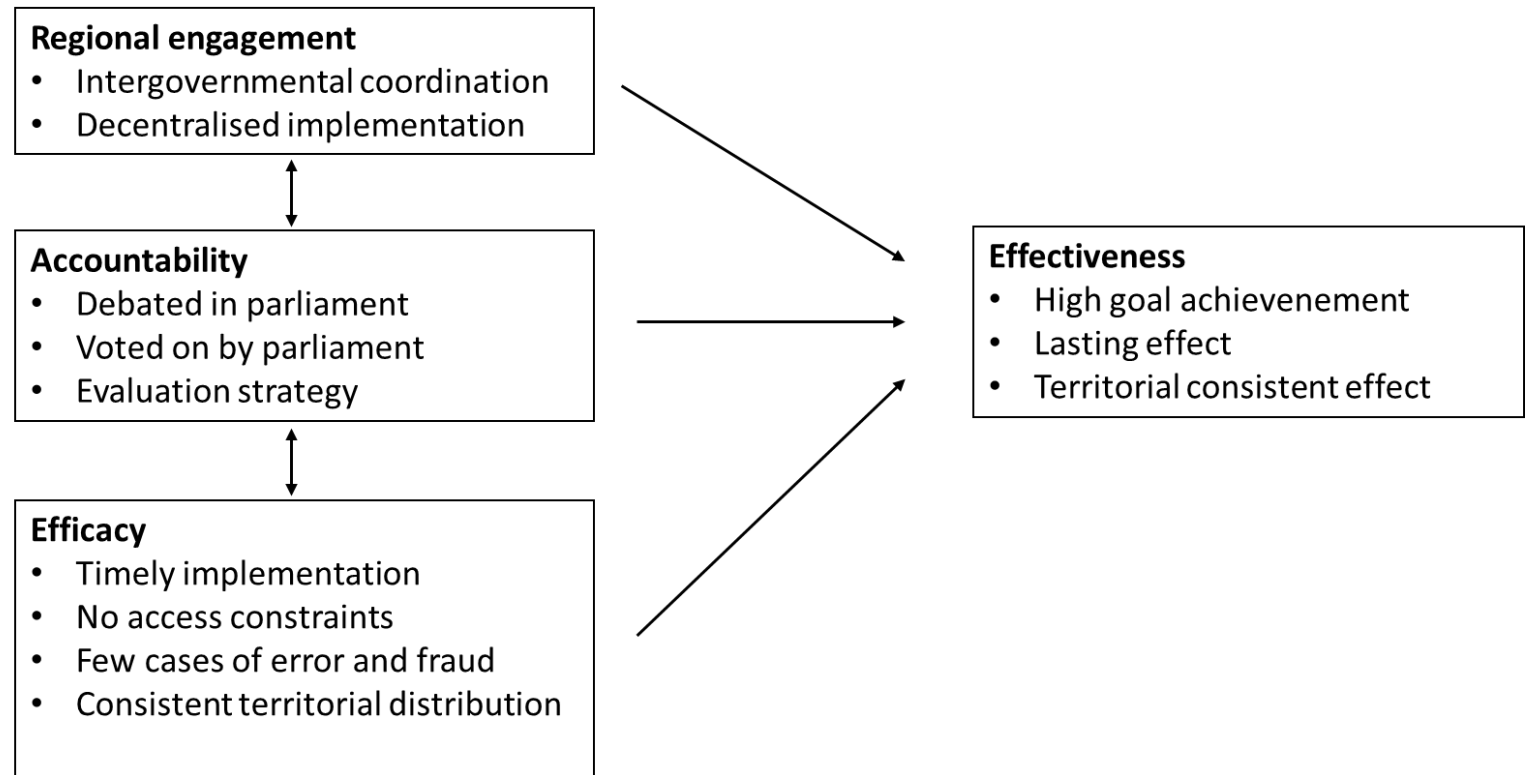
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**Effectiveness of socio-economic
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Effectiveness of socio-economic responses to COVID-19: Regional engagement, accountability and efficacy

Causal conditions and configurations



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Research design



Case selection (n = 23 / 20)

- ▶ Socio-economic measures by central governments
- ▶ Business grants or loans; short-term work and furlough schemes; income support to households through cash transfers
- ▶ France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the UK

Methodology

- ▶ Qualitative Comparative Analysis / fuzzy-set
- ▶ Conjunctural causation, equifinality, causal asymmetry

Data

- ▶ Government documentation, official agreements, meeting communiqués, parliamentary records, audit and research reports, external evaluations, statistical resources, media reports



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Outcome condition



EFFECTIVENESS

► Expectation

Effectiveness can be expected to be the outcome of regional engagement, accountability and efficacy;

Either on their own or in combination with each other.

► Measurement

Goal attainment: Low / High

Sustainability of goal attainment: Low / High

Territorial consistency of goal attainment: Low / High

► Calibration


Full or partial set membership requires that goal attainment and territorial consistency of goal attainment were high.



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Outcome condition



Effectiveness				
Attribution	0 = low / out	0.33 = rather low / out	0.67 = rather high / in	1 = high / in
Constellations	[low goal attainment]	[high goal attainment + low territorial consistency]	[high goal attainment + low sustainability + high territorial consistency]	[high goal attainment + high sustainability + high territorial consistency]
Cases	Emergency Income Italy, Business Support UK	Last-Resort Income Italy, Short-Time Work Italy, Financial Shields Poland, Solidarity Allowance Poland, Temporary Aid Spain, Income Support Spain, Self-Employment Support UK	Exceptional Solidarity Allowance France	Business Support France, Partial Unemployment France, Temporary Aid Germany, Short-Time Work Germany, Social Welfare Packages Germany, Guaranteed Fund and Non-Repayable Fund Italy, Standstill Benefit Poland, Short-Time Work Spain, LEGITI Job Retention UK, Universal Credit UK

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Causal conditions



REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

► Expectation

The involvement of regional governments matters for the effectiveness of a measure.

► Measurement

Decentralised implementation: No / Yes

IGR coordination: No / Weak / Strong

► Calibration

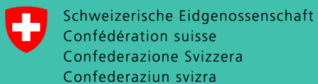
Set membership requires that regions either implemented the measure or it was strongly coordinated.

If a measure was not implemented by regions and only weakly coordinated, it was not a member of the set.



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Causal conditions



Regional engagement				
Attribution	0 = low / out	0.33 = rather low / out	0.67 = rather high / in	1 = high / in
Constellations	[no regional implementation + no coordination]	[no regional implementation + weak coordination]	[regional implementation + weak coordination] or [no regional implementation + strong coordination]	[regional implementation + strong coordination]
Cases	<p>State-Guaranteed Loans France, Partial Unemployment France, Exceptional Solidarity Allowance France, Financial Shields Poland, Standstill Benefit Poland Solidarity Allowance Poland, Job Retention UK, Universal Credit UK</p>	<p>Guaranteed Fund and Non-Repayable Fund Italy, Last-Resort Income Italy, Emergency Income Italy, Minimum Income Spain, State-Guaranteed Loans UK, Self-Employment Support UK</p>	<p>Short-Time Work Italy, Short-Time Work Spain, Business Grants UK, Short-Time Work Germany, Social Welfare Packages Germany</p>	<p>Solidarity Fund France, Temporary Aid Germany, Temporary Aid Spain, Extraordinary Social Fund Spain</p>



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Causal conditions



ACCOUNTABILITY

► Expectation

Presence of parliamentary scrutiny and government evaluation make crisis governance more effective.

► Measurement

Parliamentary debate: No / Limited / Extensive

Parliamentary voting: No / Indirect / Direct

Evaluation: No / Ad hoc / Predefined

► Calibration

Set membership requires that there was at least limited parliamentary debate, indirect parliamentary voting and ad hoc evaluation.


If there was either no parliamentary debate, no parliamentary voting or no evaluation, the case was not member of the set.



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Causal conditions



Accountability				
Attribution	0 = low / out	0.33 = rather low / out	0.67 = rather high / in	1 = high / in
Constellations	[no debate + no voting + no evaluation]	[no debate] or [no voting] or [no evaluation]	[limited/extensive debate + indirect/direct voting + ad hoc/ predefined evaluation]	[extensive debate + direct voting + predefined evaluation]
Cases	-	Temporary Aid Spain, Extraordinary Social Fund Spain, Solidarity Allowance France, Business Support UK, Temporary Aid Germany, Short-Time Work Germany, Social Welfare Packages Germany, Guaranteed Fund and Non-Repayable Fund Italy Last-Resort Income Italy, Short-Time Work Italy, Emergency Income Italy, Financial Shields Poland, Universal Credit UK	Solidarity Fund France, State-Guaranteed Loans France, Partial Unemployment France, Standstill Benefit Poland, Short-Time Work Poland, Short-Time Work Spain, Self-Employment Support UK, Job Retention UK	Minimum Income Spain



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Causal conditions



EFFICACY

► Expectation

Responses to a crisis are more effective if implemented with a high efficacy.

► Measurement

Timely implementation: Delayed / Partially delayed / Timely

Accessibility: Severely constrained / Partially constrained / Unconstrained

Error and fraud: Many cases / Some cases / Few cases

Territorial distribution: Inconsistent / Partially consistent / Consistent

► Calibration


Set membership requires that the implementation of a measure was neither severely delayed, its accessibility not severely constrained, it did not show many cases of error or fraud, and the support was not highly inconsistently territorially distributed.



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Efficacy				
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Constellations	[delayed implementation + severely constrained accessibility + many cases of error and fraud + inconsistent territorial distribution]	[delayed implementation] [severely constrained accessibility] [many cases of error and fraud] [inconsistent territorial distribution]	[partially delayed + partly/unconstrained accessibility + some/few cases of error and fraud + partly/consistent territorial distribution] [partially delayed/timely implementation + partly unconstrained accessibility + some/few cases of error and fraud + partly/consistent territorial distribution] [partially delayed/timely implementation + partly/unconstrained accessibility + some cases of error and fraud + partly/consistent territorial distribution] [partially delayed/timely implementation + partly/unconstrained accessibility + some/few cases of error and fraud + partly consistent territorial distribution]	[timely implementation + unconstrained accessibility + few cases of error and fraud + consistent territorial distribution]
Cases	Guaranteed Fund and Non-Repayable Fund Italy	Minimum Income Spain, Short-Time Work Italy, Financial Shields Poland, State-Guaranteed Loans UK, Self-Employment Support UK, Job Retention UK	Temporary Aid Germany, Last-Resort Income Italy, Emergency Income Italy, Standstill Benefit Poland, Extraordinary Social Fund Spain, Temporary Aid Programme Spain, Short-Time Work Spain, Solidarity Fund France, Partial Unemployment France, Business Grants UK, Universal Credit UK	State-Guaranteed Loans France, Exceptional Solidarity Allowance France, Short-Time Work Germany, Social Welfare Packages Germany, Solidarity Allowance Poland

