

Table 3

Takeover law index for European countries, 1986–2010.

This table reports the takeover law index for our sample countries in the period 1986–2010. The takeover law index measures the quality of takeover law in a given country. It takes the value of the accumulation of six variables, as defined in Table 2: (1) ownership disclosure, (2) mandatory bid, (3) fair price for the minority shareholders, (4) squeeze-out rights (negatively coded); (5) sell-out rights; and (6) management neutrality. Theoretically possible index values are in the range $[-1, 5]$. A higher value indicates a takeover law more favorable for target shareholders. (Source: Country's Takeover Law and Regulation, Companies Law, Securities Laws, and Stock Exchange Regulation; own construction.)

Year	AUT	BEL	CZE	DNK	ESP	FIN	FRA	DEU	GBR	GRC	IRL	ITA	LUX	NLD	PRT	SWE
1986	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0.25	3.75	0	3.75	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1987	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.75	0.25	3.75	0	3.75	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1988	0	0	0	2	1.25	0	0.75	0.25	3.75	0	3.75	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1989	0.5	1.25	0	2	1.25	2	2.25	0.25	4	0	4	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1990	0.5	1.25	0	2	1.25	2	2.25	0.25	4	0	4	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1991	0.5	1.25	0	2	3.25	2	2.25	0.25	4	0	4	1	0	-1	0.5	1.5
1992	0.5	1.25	0	2	3.25	2	2.75	0.25	4	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	-0.25	0.5	1.5
1993	0.5	1.25	0	2	3.25	2	2.75	0.25	4	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	-0.25	0.5	1.5
1994	0.5	1.25	0	2	3.25	2	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	-0.25	0.5	1.75
1995	0.5	1.25	0	2.25	3.25	2	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	-0.25	2	1.75
1996	0.5	1.25	1	2.25	3.25	2	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	4	3.5	0.5	-0.25	2	1.75
1997	0.5	1.25	1	2.25	3.25	2	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	2.75	3.5	0.5	-0.25	2	1.75
1998	3.25	1.25	1	2.25	3.25	2	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	2	1.75
1999	3.25	1.25	1	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.25
2000	3.25	1.25	1	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.25
2001	3.25	1.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	0.75	4	0.5	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.25
2002	3.25	1.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	4	3	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.25
2003	3.25	1.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	4	3	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.75
2004	3.25	1.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	4	3	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.75
2005	3.25	1.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	2.25	2.75	3.25	4	3	1.75	3	0.5	-0.25	4	3.75
2006	2.75	1.25	2.25	3.25	3.25	2.75	3.25	3.25	4	3.5	2.75	3	3.5	1.75	4	3.75
2007	2.75	2.75	2.25	3.25	4	2.75	3.25	3.5	4	3.75	3.75	3.5	3.5	2.75	4	3.75
2008	2.75	2.75	3.75	3.25	4	2.75	3.25	3.5	4	3.75	3.75	3.5	3.75	2.75	4	3.75
2009	2.75	2.75	3.75	3.25	4	2.75	3.25	3.5	4	3.75	4	3.5	3.75	2.75	4	3.75
2010	2.75	2.75	3.75	3.25	4	2.75	3.25	3.5	4	3.75	4	3.5	3.75	2.75	4	3.75