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Abstract

This chapter conducts a review of the literature dealing with overall public sector performance and efficiency, it defines a methodology to assess public sector efficiency and it creates a novel and large cross-sectional panel dataset of government indicators and public sector efficiency scores. The focus is on a balanced sample covering all 36 OECD countries over the time period between 2006 and 2017. First, we define a set of economic and sociodemographic metrics necessary to construct performance composite indicators. Second, we calculate and report a full set of (input and output oriented) efficiency scores based on the performance indicators previously computed.

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1. Introduction

A country's performance is, in part, dictated by the size of its public sector and the efficiency level with which it uses its (typically scarce) resources.¹ It is, therefore, important from both an economic and policy points of view to evaluate the performance of the public sector and understand the determinants of public sector efficiency so as to maximize welfare but also to optimize investment projects and, in that way, propel growth forward. There has been an ongoing debate in the literature over the role and size of the government (Afonso and Schuknecht, 2019), mostly motivated by the substantial heterogeneity across countries in terms of the government spending.² This issue is even more relevant when governments face strict government budget constraints and most western economies are living in the secular stagnation phase for several years now, notably in the context of economic downturns and of scarce public resources.

In this chapter, we do a systematic review of the literature dealing with the overall public sector performance and efficiency, we define a methodology to compute public sector efficiency and we create a novel and large cross-country panel dataset of government indicators and public sector efficiency scores. We cover a sample of 36 OECD countries over the 2006-2017 time period. More specifically, firstly, we start by defining a set of economic and sociodemographic metrics and we construct composite performance indicators. Previous papers on this topic have typically studied a very limited number of countries over a one or two-year time span, which is a gap we are trying to cover with this work. Secondly, we compute and report a full set of (input and output oriented) efficiency scores on the basis of the performance indicators previously calculated, relating performance outputs and input measures of government spending.

The remainder of the chapter is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the relevant literature. Section 3 presents some of methods used to obtain public sector efficiency measures. Section 4 discusses recent empirical applications. The last section concludes.

¹ The analysis of the government size with respect to the economic growth has recently received a larger attention of empirical analysis. The existence of a relationship between the both variables was firstly postulated by the German political economist Adolph Wagner (1911). Lamartina and Zaghini (2011) provided empirical evidence for a positive relationship between government size and GDP per capita using panel of 23 OECD countries.

² The government intervenes in the economy in four ways (Labonte, 2010). First, it produces goods and services, such as infrastructure, education, and national defense. Second, it transfers income, both vertically across income levels and horizontally among groups with similar incomes and different characteristics. Third, it taxes to pay for its outlays, which can lower economic efficiency by distorting behavior. Finally, government regulation alters economic activity.

2. Literature Review

The efficient provision of services and goods by governments has become one of the key issues discussed in the public finance literature in the last 20 years (see for example the works by Gupta and Verhoeven, 2001; Tanzi and Schuknecht, 1997, 2000; Afonso et al., 2005).

In this section, we review the main studies on public sector efficiency by applying the following methodology. We search the Web of Science³ for English language articles published after 1970 in academic, peer-reviewed journals. To identify relevant publications, we searched for works using two queries: i) with “public sector efficiency” in the title, and ii) with “public sector” or “efficiency” in the title and “public sector efficiency” in the title, text, abstract, or keywords. The exact search strings were: i) TI = (public sector efficiency) and ii) ALL = “public sector efficiency” AND TI = (public sector OR efficiency). As a result of the search, a total of 142 and 55 articles were identified for queries i) and ii) respectively. Then, we screened these articles to evaluate the topic fit and eliminated those that evaluated local government performance and the performance of a specific public service provided by the local and central governments.⁴ In doing this, we also evaluated the study subject, research question and findings.

Figure 1 shows the number of publications published per year, using both sets of queries. We observe an increasing trend in publications since 2000, with peaks in the period 2008-2010 and in the period 2019-2020. This reflects the growing interest of academic research in this particular area, which may have been prompted notably by the fiscal institutional setup, for example, in the EU. Indeed, after the creation of the Economic and Monetary Union in the EU in the early 1990s, accrued fiscal coordination and surveillance ensued, with increased awareness of the relevance of fiscal sound behaviour. In addition, the driver and the need to implement fiscal consolidations in the EU (due to convergence criteria needed to be met) raised the bar in terms of assessing how much and what quality of public services are the government providing, while economic crisis also

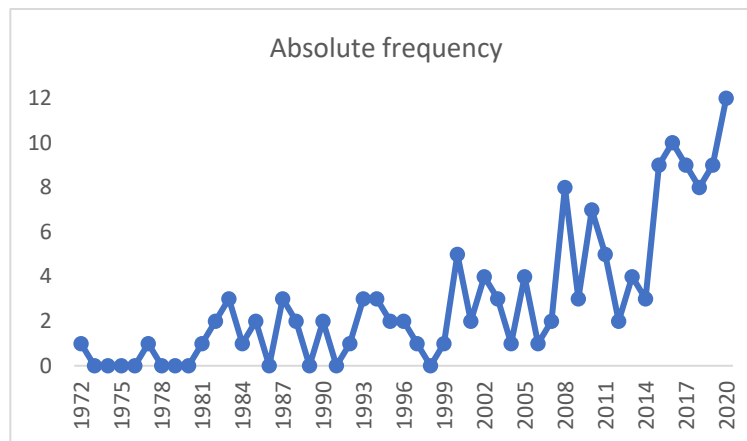
³ The Web of Science was chosen as it represents one of the major academic search engines in social sciences and facilitates a wide-ranging identification of relevant publications.

⁴ Within the public sector literature, some studies have evaluated government performance of a specific government function or the performance of local governments. In terms of local governance performance, see for instance Van den Eeckaut et al. (1993), De Borger et al. (1994) and De Borger and Kerstens (1996, 2000) for Belgium; Athanassopoulos and Triantis (1998) and Doumpos and Cohen (2014) for Greece; Worthington (2000) for Australia; Prieto and Zofio (2001), Balaguer-Coll et al. (2002) and Benito et al. (2010) for Spain; Storto (2015) for Italy; Waldo (2001) for Sweden; and Sampaio and Stosic (2005) for Brazil. In Portugal, we highlight the studies of Afonso and Fernandes (2006, 2008), Afonso and Scaglioni (2007), Cruz and Marques (2014) and Afonso and Venâncio (2016).

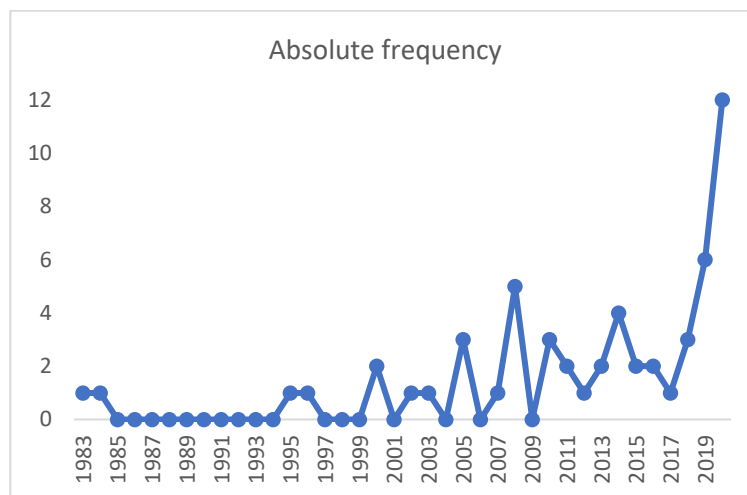
shed attention of the use of scarce public resources. Hence, both performance and efficiency started playing a bigger role in the 2000s in the EU case.⁵

Figure 1 – Yearly publications on the topic of Public Sector Efficiency in Web of Science

1a – Query with public sector efficiency in the title



1b – Query with public sector efficiency in the title, text, abstract and keywords



Source: Web of Science and own elaboration.

⁵ “The need to improve competitiveness, concerns about fiscal sustainability and growing demands by taxpayers to get more value for public money as well as the need to reconsider the scope for state intervention in the economy has prompted efforts to increase the focus of budgets on more growth-enhancing activities and gear the tax mix and the allocation of resources within the public sector towards better efficiency and effectiveness.” (EC, 2007, p. 9).

Journals that more frequently show up in the abovementioned sample extractions are *Applied Economics*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, and *Public Choice*.

Several studies assess public sector efficiency looking at different sample and time spans but most tend to focus on OCDE and European countries (Adam et al., 2011; Duti and Sicari, 2016; Afonso and Kazemi, 2017; Antonelli and de Bonis, 2019). Much less evidence is available about government relative efficiency in other areas of the world such as Africa, Asia or Latin America. That said, some studies report some first empirical explorations for Latin American and Caribbean countries (see e.g. Afonso et al., 2013).

Two key results emerge from this literature: i) public spending efficiency can be improved; and ii) specific factors are associated with efficiency. These cross-country aggregated efficiency studies are very useful to compare the performance of different countries, nevertheless it is important to take into account the underlying institutional, cultural, political and economic factors (Mandl et al., 2008). To account for these issues, studies have resorted to two-stage models.⁶ Results suggest that education, income level, quality of the institutions and country's governance are positively and statistically significantly associated with performance (Afonso et al., 2006; Hauner and Kyobe, 2008; Antonelli and de Bonis, 2019). Others report that political variables, such as having a right-wing and a strong government and also high voter participation rates and decentralization of the fiscal systems, are positively associated with more efficient public sectors (Adam et al., 2011). More recently, Afonso et al. (2019, 2020) evaluated the role of tax structures and tax reforms on explaining cross-country efficiency differences. Table 1 provides a short summary of results of these papers assessing overall public sector performance and efficiency.

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3. Data and Variables

Our novel data set includes 36 OECD countries⁷ for the period between 2006 and 2017. We gather data from several publicly available sources, such as World Economic Forum, World

⁶ For instance, Ruggiero (2004) and Simar and Wilson (2007) provide an overview of this issue.

⁷ The 36 OECD countries considered are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania,

Bank, World Health Organization, IMF World Economic Outlook and OECD database. When data was not available for a specific year, we assumed that the data was equal to that of the previous year.

Government spending can have many (often-competing) objectives (promoting stability, allocation, and redistribution) and any definition of efficiency must be understood in this Musgravian sense. Following the related literature, we use a set of metrics to construct a composite indicator of Public Sector Performance (PSP), as suggested by Afonso et al. (2005, 2019). PSP is then computed as the average between opportunity and Musgravian indicators.

First, opportunity indicators reflect governments' performance in the administration, education, health and infrastructure sectors. The administration sub-indicator includes the following measures: corruption, burden of government regulation (red tape), judiciary independence, shadow economy and the property rights. To measure the education sub-indicator, we use the secondary school enrolment rate, quality of educational system and PISA scores. For the health sub-indicator, we compile data on the infant survival rate, life expectancy and survival rate from cardiovascular diseases (CVD), cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases (CRD). The infrastructure sub-indicator is measured by the quality of overall infrastructure.

Second, Musgravian indicators include three sub-indicators: distribution, stability and economic performance. To measure income distribution and inequality, we use the Gini coefficient. For the stability sub-indicator, we use the coefficient of variation for the 5-year average of GDP growth and the rolling overlapping standard deviation of 5 years inflation rate. To measure economic performance, we include the 5-year average of real GDP per capita, real GDP growth and unemployment rate. Accordingly, both opportunity and Musgravian indicators result from the average of the measures included in each sub-indicator. To ensure a convenient benchmark, each sub-indicator measure is normalized by dividing the value of a specific country by the average of that measure for all countries in the sample. Table 2 lists all sub-indicators to construct the PSP indicators and provides further information on the sources and variable construction.

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Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Our input measure, Public Expenditure (PE) is expressed in percentage of GDP and it considers each area of government expenditure. More specifically, we consider government consumption as input for administrative performance, government expenditure in education as input for education performance, health expenditure as input for health performance and public investment as input for infrastructure performance. For the distribution indicator, we consider expenditures on transfers and subsidies. The stability and economic performance are related to the total expenditure. Table 3 includes data on various governments' expenditures and provides further information on the sources and variable construction.

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Tables 4 and 5 show the evolution of the standardized PSP and PE indicators, respectively, normalised to one in each year. For instance, the overall dispersion of the PSP indicator, although not too different between 2006 and 2017, increased during the European debt crisis of 2011-2013. Note that Greece presented a negative performance on the stability and economic performance sub-indicators in years 2012 and 2013 and, consequently, the “Musgravian” and the overall PSP score are negatives.

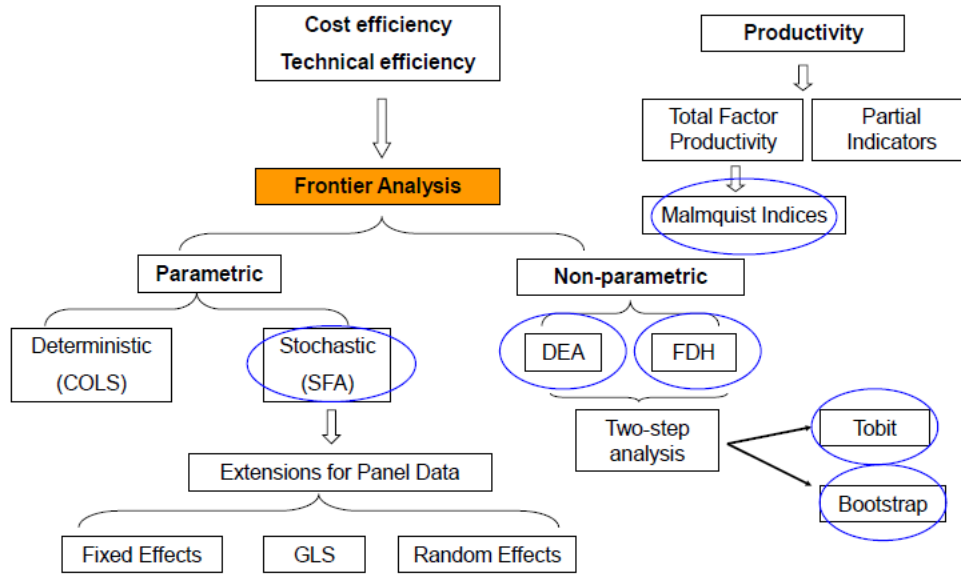
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4. Methodology

To compute efficiency, previous surveyed papers use several parametric and non-parametric methodologies. Parametric approaches include corrected ordinary least squares (OLS) and stochastic frontier analysis (SFA). Among the non-parametric techniques, data envelopment analysis (DEA) and free disposal hull (FDH) have been widely applied in the literature. Most of the studies estimate a non-parametrically production function frontier and derive efficiency scores based on the relative distances of inefficient observations from the frontier. Figure 2 illustrates some of the possible methods available to assess efficiency.

Figure 2 – methods to assess efficiency



Source: own elaboration.

Following the literature, in order to compute public sector efficiency scores, we use a DEA approach,⁸ which compares each observation with an optimal outcome. DEA is a non-parametric technique that uses linear programming to compute the production frontier. For each country i out of 36 advanced economies, we consider the following function:

$$Y_i = f(X_i), i = 1, \dots, 36 \quad (2)$$

where Y is the composite output measure (Public Sector Performance, PSP) and X is the composite input measure (Public Expenditure, PE), namely government spending to GDP ratio.

In Equation (2), inefficiency occurs if $Y_i < f(X_i)$, implying that for the observed input level, the actual output is smaller than the best attainable one.

In computing the efficiency scores, we assume variable-returns to scale (VRS), to account for the fact that countries might not operate at their optimal scale.

⁸ DEA is a non-parametric frontier methodology, which draws from Farrell's (1957) seminal work and that was further developed by Charnes et al. (1978). Coelli et al. (2002) and Thanassoulis (2001) offer introductions to DEA.

We use two orientations: input and output orientation. The input orientation allows us to measure the proportional reduction in inputs while holding output constant. Using the input approach, efficient scores are computed through the following linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \min_{\theta, \lambda} \theta \\
& s. t. \quad -y_i + Y\lambda \geq 0 \\
& \quad \theta x_i - X\lambda \geq 0 \\
& \quad I1'\lambda = 1 \\
& \quad \lambda \geq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where y_i is a column vector of outputs, x_i is a column vector of inputs, θ is the input efficiency score, λ is a vector of constants, $I1'$ is a vector of ones, X is the input matrix and Y is the output matrix..

In equation (3), θ is a scalar (that satisfies $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$) and measures the distance between a country and the efficiency frontier, defined as a linear combination of the best practice observations. With $\theta < 1$, the country is inside the frontier, it is inefficient, while $\theta = 1$ implies that the country is on the frontier and it is efficient.

Conversely the output orientation allow us to measure the proportion increase in outputs holding inputs constant. In this approach, the efficiency scores are computed through the following linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \max_{\varphi, \lambda} \varphi \\
& s. t. \quad -\varphi y_i + Y\lambda \geq 0 \\
& \quad x_i - X\lambda \geq 0 \\
& \quad I1'\lambda = 1 \\
& \quad \lambda \geq 0
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

In equation (4), φ is a scalar (that satisfies $1 \leq \varphi \leq +\infty$), and $\varphi-1$ is the proportional increase in outputs that could be achieved by each country with input quantities held constant. In (4), $1/\varphi$ defines the technical output efficiency score, varying between zero and one.

Both input and output approaches, deliver the same frontier in terms of the same set of efficient countries, but the magnitude of inefficiency per country may differ between the two approaches.

5. Public Sector Performance and Efficiency Scores

We performed the DEA considering three models: baseline model (Model 0), which includes only one input (PE as percentage of GDP) and one output (PSP); Model 1 uses one input, governments' normalized total spending (PE) and two outputs, the opportunity PSP and the "Musgravian" PSP scores; and Model 2 assumes two inputs, governments' normalized spending on opportunity and on "Musgravian" indicators and one output, total PSP scores.

The detailed input efficient scores are illustrated on Tables 6, 7 and 8. In this analysis, we exclude Mexico because the country is efficient by default,⁹ and data heterogeneity is quite important for the country sample analysis. In addition, Table 9 provides a summary of the DEA results for the three models using an input-oriented assessment. The purpose of an input-oriented assessment is to study by how much input quantities can be proportionally reduced without changing the output quantities produced. The average efficiency score throughout the period is around 0.6 for the 1 input and 1 output model (Model 0) and around 0.7 in the alternative models (Models 1 and 2). Interestingly, the average input efficiency scores have increased slightly between 2006 and 2017. Nevertheless, these results imply that some possible efficiency gains could be achieved with around less 30% government spending, on average, without changing the PSP outputs.

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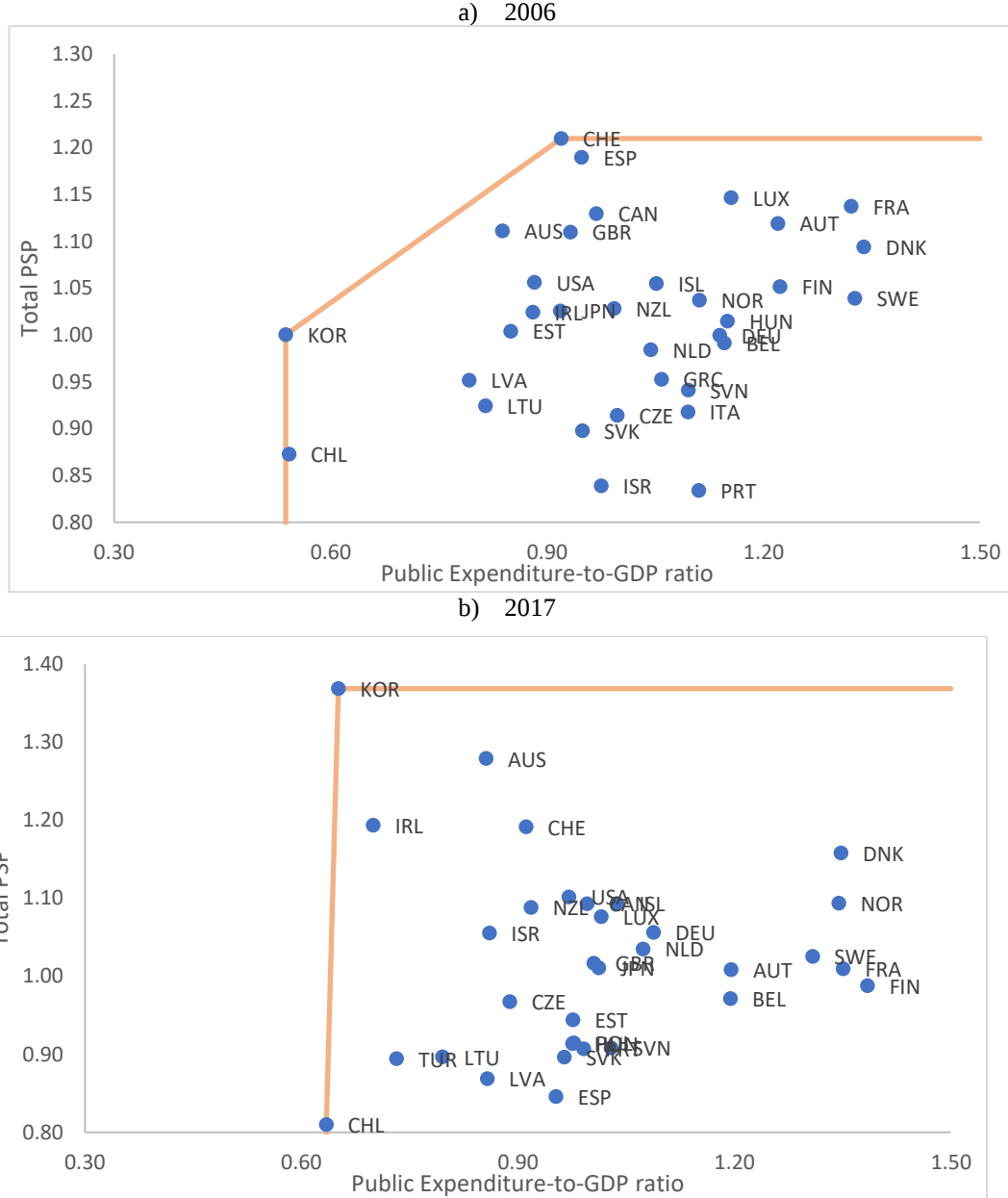
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⁹ When a DMU is efficient by default it means that it will not appear as peer of any other non-efficient DMU.

Figure 3. Production Possibility Frontier
(Input Efficiency Scores, model 0)



Source: authors' calculations.

Note: Figure 3 plots the production possibility frontiers for Model 0 for the years 2006 and 2017. In the vertical axis we have the total Public Sector Performance (PSP) composite indicator. The horizontal axis represents the Public Expenditure-to-GDP ratio. The frontier is defined by the most efficient countries (KOR and CHE in 2006; KOR and CHL in 2017). Other countries are plotted as blue dots, showing their relative efficiency and expenditure levels.

Figure 3 illustrates the production possibility frontier for the baseline model (Model 0), for 2006 (first year of our sample) and for 2017 (last year of our sample), pinpointing notably the countries that define the frontier: Switzerland and Korea in 2006, and Chile and Korea in 2017. For all the other countries inside the frontier, theoretically there would be room for improvement regarding efficiency gains.

Tables 10, 11 and 12 present the efficiency scores considering the output perspective. By computing output-oriented measures, one can assess how much output quantities can be proportionally increased without changing the input quantities used. Note that since Greece's PSP score is negative in 2012 and 2013, we cannot compute its efficiency score for Model 0 and 1.

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Finally, Table 13 provides a summary of the DEA results for the three models using output oriented models. The average output efficiency score is approximately 1.50 for Models 0 and 1 and 1.16 for Model 3 suggesting that outputs could be increased by approximately 50% or 16%. The output efficiency scores for Models 0 and 1 were somewhat higher and seemed to have peaked in the period 2011-2013, and then they decreased.

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6. Conclusion

In this study, we provided a review of the literature dealing with overall public sector performance and efficiency. Moreover, we outlined a methodology to assess public sector efficiency and we have created a novel and large cross-country panel dataset of government indicators and public sector efficiency scores, covering all 36 OECD countries over the 2006-2017 time period. In practice, we used economic and sociodemographic indicators to construct performance composite indicators, and then we computed input and output oriented efficiency scores solving the several DEA problems.

The average input efficiency score in the period 2006-2017 was found to be around 0.6-0.7 implying that some efficiency gains could be achieved with around less 30-40% government spending, on average without changing the overall level of performance. The average output efficiency score was found to be between 1.16 and 1.50 suggesting that outputs could be increased by approximately 16-50%.

With this study, we fulfilled a gap in the literature, by providing a cross-country data set of public sector performance indicators and efficiency scores, which can be useful for further research by other authors.

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Table 1: Overall public sector efficiency

Authors	Sample	Methods	Results
Afonso, Schuknecht, Tanzi (2005)	23 OECD countries	FDH	The average input efficiency score of the 15 EU countries is 0.73 (around 27% could be reduced).
Adam, Delis, Kammass (2011)	19 OECD countries, 1980-2000	Stochastic DEA	Countries with right-wing and strong governments, high voter participation rates and decentralized fiscal systems, are expected to have higher PSE.
Afonso, Romero, Monsalve (2013)	Latin American and Caribbean countries, 2001-2010	DEA	Output efficiency scores higher than input efficiency scores. PSE is inversely correlated with the size of the government, while the efficiency frontier is defined by Chile, Guatemala, and Peru.
Dutu, Sicari (2016)	35 OECD countries, 2012	DEA	Wide dispersion in efficiency measures across OECD, health care, education, general administration.
Chan et al. (2017)	115 countries	Panel GMM	VAT system enhances the effect of efficient government spending on the economic growth.
Herrera, Ouedrago (2018)	175 countries for 2006-2016 on education, health, infrastructure	FDH, DEA	The efficiency of capital spending is correlated with regulatory quality and perception of corruption.
Mohanty, Bhanumurthy (2018)	27 Indian States, 2000-2015	DEA	Higher efficiency on education than on health and overall social spending. Governance and growth affects the efficiency.
Montes, Bastos, Oliveira (2019)	68 developing and 14 developed countries, 2006–2014	Panel, GMM	Fiscal transparency affects government spending efficiency.
Antonelli, de Bonis (2019)	22 EU countries, 2013	Median voter model	More efficient have higher education and GDP levels, smaller population size, lower degree of selectivity of their welfare systems and a lower corruption level.

Table 2: DEA Output Components

Sub Index	Variable	Source	Series
Opportunity Indicators			
Administration	Corruption	Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) (2006- 2017)	Corruption on a scale from 10 (Perceived to have low levels of corruption) to 0 (highly corrupt), 2006-2011; Corruption on a scale from 100 (Perceived to have low levels of corruption) to 0 (highly corrupt), 2012-2017.
	Red Tape	World Economic Forum: The Global competitiveness Report (2006-2017)	Burden of government regulation on a scale from 7 (not burdensome at all) to 1 (extremely burdensome).
	Judicial Independence	World Economic Forum: The Global competitiveness Report (2006-2017)	Judicial independence on a scale from 7 (entirely independent) to 1 (heavily influenced).
	Property Rights	World Economic Forum: The Global competitiveness Report (2006-2017)	Property rights on a scale from 7 (very strong) to 1 (very weak).
	Shadow Economy	Schneider (2016) (2006-2016) ¹⁰	Shadow economy measured as percentage of official GDP. Reciprocal value 1/x.
Education	Secondary School Enrolment	World Bank, World Development Indicators (2006-2017)	Ratio of total enrolment in secondary education.
	Quality of Educational System	World Economic Forum: The Global competitiveness Report (2006-2017)	Quality of educational system on a scale from 7 (very well) to 1 (not well at all).
	PISA scores	PISA Report (2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015)	Simple average of mathematics, reading and science scores for the years 2015, 2012, 2009; Simple average of mathematics and reading for the year 2003. For the missing years, we assumed that the scores were the same as in the previous years.
Health	Infant Survival Rate	World Bank, World Development Indicators (2006-2017)	Infant survival rate = (1000-IMR)/1000. IMR is the infant mortality rate measured per 1000 lives birth in a given year.
	Life Expectancy	World Bank, World Development Indicators (2006-2017)	Life expectancy at birth, measured in years.
	CVD, cancer, diabetes or CRD Survival Rate	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory Data Repository (2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2016)	CVD, cancer and diabetes survival rate =100-M. M is the mortality rate between the ages 30 and 70. For the missing years, we assumed that the scores were the same as in the previous years.
Public Infrastructure	Infrastructure Quality	World Economic Forum: The Global competitiveness Report (2006-2017)	Infrastructure quality on a scale from 7 (extensive and efficient) to 1 (extremely underdeveloped)
Standard Musgravian Indicators			
Distribution	Gini Index	Eurostat, OECD (2006-2016) ¹¹	Gini index on a scale from 1(perfect inequality) to 0 (perfect equality). Transformed to 1-Gini.
Stabilization	Coefficient of Variation of Growth	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2006-2017)	Coefficient of variation=standard deviation/mean of GDP growth based on 5 year data. GDP constant prices (percent change). Reciprocal value 1/x.
	Standard Deviation of Inflation	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2006-2017)	Standard deviation of inflation based on 5-year consumer prices (percent change) data. Reciprocal value 1/x.
Economic Performance	GDP per Capita	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2006-2017)	GDP per capita based on PPP, current international dollar.
	GDP Growth	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2006-2017)	GDP constant prices (percent change).
	Unemployment	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2006-2017)	Unemployment rate, as a percentage of total labor force. Reciprocal value 1/x.

¹⁰ For Chile, Iceland, Israel, South Korea and Mexico, we use the data available in Medina and Schneider (2017).

¹¹ For Switzerland, we were only able to collect data for the period between 2009 and 2016.

Table 3: Input Components

Sub Index	Variable	Source	Series
Opportunity Indicators			
Administration	Government Consumption	IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database) (2005-2016)	General government final consumption expenditure (% of GDP) at current prices
Education	Education Expenditure	UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2005-2016) ¹²	Expenditure on education (% of GDP)
Health	Health Expenditure	OECD database (2005-2016)	Expenditure on health (% of GDP)
Public Infrastructure	Public Investment	European Commission, AMECO (2005-2016) ¹³	General government gross fixed capital formation (% of GDP) at current prices
Standard Musgravian Indicators			
Distribution	Social Protection Expenditure	OECD database (2005-2016) ¹⁴	Aggregation of the social transfers (% of GDP)
Stabilization/Economic Performance	Government Total Expenditure	OECD database (2005-2016) ¹⁵	Expenditure total expenditure (% of GDP)

¹² From IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database), we retrieved data for Greece for the period between 2006 and 2012 and for the USA for the period 2005 and 2007.

¹³ We were not able to collect data on the following countries: Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Chile, Israel and South Korea.

¹⁴ From IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database), we retrieved data for New Zealand for the period 2005 and 2012. For Turkey, we retrieve data from European Commission, AMECO database. For Chile and Iceland, we were only able to collect data for the period between 2013 and 2016. For Turkey, we were only able to get data for the period between 2009 and 2015. We were not able to collect data for Canada.

¹⁵ From IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO database), we retrieved data for Canada for the period between 2005 and 2012 and for New Zealand for the period 2009 and 2012. For Turkey, we retrieve data from European Commission, AMECO database. We were not able to collect data for Mexico. For Chile and Iceland, we were only able to collect data for the period between 2013 and 2016. For New Zealand, we were only able to collect data for the period between 2009 and 2016. For Japan, we were only able to collect data for the period between 2005 and 2016.

Table 4: PSP Standardized Indicator

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	1.11	1.09	1.27	1.35	1.45	1.53	2.16	1.94	1.22	1.19	1.17	1.28
AUT	1.12	1.09	1.21	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.07	0.97	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.01
BEL	0.99	1.00	1.01	0.98	1.02	1.02	0.98	0.96	0.96	0.96	0.98	0.97
CAN	1.13	1.08	1.31	1.05	1.10	1.10	1.19	1.17	1.24	1.08	1.13	1.09
CHE	1.21	1.23	1.35	1.20	1.25	1.25	1.28	1.34	1.33	1.29	1.27	1.19
CHL	0.87	0.87	1.10	0.89	1.03	1.07	1.43	1.30	0.94	0.92	0.85	0.81
CZE	0.91	0.94	1.09	0.94	0.92	0.90	0.76	0.77	0.91	0.96	0.91	0.97
DEU	1.00	0.98	1.09	1.03	1.08	1.08	1.05	1.02	1.09	1.04	1.06	1.06
DNK	1.09	1.07	0.99	1.08	1.04	1.00	0.96	0.96	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.16
ESP	1.19	1.15	1.03	0.89	0.83	0.76	0.41	0.37	0.78	0.83	0.85	0.85
EST	1.00	0.99	0.40	0.95	0.79	0.91	1.02	0.86	0.94	0.89	0.93	0.94
FIN	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.07	1.05	1.04	0.84	0.89	0.95	0.91	0.97	0.99
FRA	1.14	1.06	1.01	0.99	1.00	1.01	0.96	0.97	1.00	0.97	0.99	1.01
GBR	1.11	1.08	0.89	1.02	1.00	0.96	1.02	1.02	1.11	1.07	1.07	1.02
GRC	0.95	0.95	0.82	0.87	0.61	0.42	-0.22	-0.12	0.62	0.64	0.67	0.71
HUN	1.01	0.76	0.82	0.83	0.75	0.75	0.60	0.76	0.86	0.83	0.80	0.91
IRL	1.02	1.02	0.65	0.91	0.87	0.91	0.80	0.93	1.11	1.43	1.06	1.19
ISL	1.05	1.12	1.14	1.05	0.84	0.94	0.91	1.01	0.99	1.11	1.18	1.09
ISR	0.84	0.89	1.09	1.01	1.21	1.28	1.49	1.55	1.03	0.98	1.07	1.06
ITA	0.92	0.89	0.73	0.84	0.82	0.77	0.44	0.55	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.80
JPN	1.03	1.20	0.89	0.99	1.04	0.94	1.04	1.10	0.99	1.03	1.04	1.01
KOR	1.00	1.05	1.23	1.15	1.32	1.29	1.49	1.43	1.06	1.18	1.29	1.37
LTU	0.92	0.95	0.97	0.90	0.74	0.85	0.96	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.94	0.90
LUX	1.15	1.16	0.98	1.12	1.19	1.12	0.99	1.21	1.19	1.08	1.09	1.08
LVA	0.95	0.96	0.44	0.87	0.57	0.78	0.87	0.76	0.79	0.88	0.92	0.87
MEX	0.80	0.79	0.87	0.85	0.93	0.90	1.14	0.93	1.08	1.00	0.94	0.81
NLD	0.98	1.09	1.35	1.23	1.17	1.13	0.94	0.90	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.03
NOR	1.04	1.06	1.07	1.13	1.09	1.09	1.30	1.19	1.16	1.17	1.07	1.09
NZL	1.03	1.03	0.92	1.09	1.14	1.13	1.35	1.55	1.20	1.11	1.24	1.09
POL	0.80	0.82	1.12	1.04	1.21	1.38	1.63	1.31	0.90	0.89	0.90	0.91
PRT	0.83	0.86	0.97	0.86	0.87	0.74	0.35	0.53	0.78	0.80	0.82	0.91
SVK	0.90	0.89	1.23	0.92	0.96	0.89	0.95	0.84	0.87	0.91	0.90	0.90
SVN	0.94	0.94	1.19	0.99	0.89	0.84	0.54	0.67	0.88	0.84	0.86	0.91
SWE	1.04	1.05	0.92	1.05	1.18	1.10	0.96	1.07	1.05	1.17	1.14	1.03
TUR	0.80	0.76	0.79	0.81	0.98	1.06	1.22	1.31	0.99	0.97	0.93	0.89
USA	1.06	1.06	1.01	0.96	0.98	0.95	1.11	1.10	1.25	1.18	1.15	1.10
Average	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Median	1.01	1.02	1.01	0.99	1.01	1.01	0.98	0.97	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.01
Min	0.80	0.76	0.40	0.81	0.57	0.42	-0.22	-0.12	0.62	0.64	0.67	0.71
Max	1.21	1.23	1.35	1.35	1.45	1.53	2.16	1.94	1.33	1.43	1.29	1.37
Stdev	0.11	0.12	0.22	0.12	0.19	0.21	0.41	0.36	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.14

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 5: PE Standardized Indicator

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.86	0.80	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.84	0.85	0.86
AUT	1.22	1.21	1.21	1.19	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.16	1.18	1.19	1.18	1.20
BEL	1.15	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.13	1.12	1.16	1.19	1.20	1.20	1.19	1.19
CAN	0.97	0.98	1.00	0.96	0.98	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.96	0.94	0.98	1.00
CHE	0.92	0.88	0.85	0.83	0.81	0.82	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.88	0.91
CHL	0.54	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.56	0.58	0.60	0.63	0.63
CZE	1.00	0.99	0.96	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.96	0.89
DEU	1.14	1.12	1.09	1.06	1.09	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.09
DNK	1.34	1.32	1.33	1.29	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.35	1.34	1.35
ESP	0.95	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.02	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.95
EST	0.85	0.86	0.89	0.99	1.05	0.94	0.90	0.96	0.93	0.92	0.96	0.98
FIN	1.22	1.20	1.18	1.17	1.22	1.22	1.25	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.36	1.38
FRA	1.32	1.32	1.33	1.30	1.28	1.29	1.30	1.32	1.33	1.33	1.31	1.35
GBR	0.93	0.97	0.98	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.01
GRC	1.06	1.10	1.10	1.15	1.14	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.15	1.09	1.12	1.11
HUN	1.15	1.21	1.16	1.08	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.07	1.11	0.98
IRL	0.88	0.90	0.98	1.10	1.08	1.23	1.04	0.98	0.93	0.87	0.70	0.70
ISL	1.05	1.07	1.08	1.09	0.97	0.95	0.93	0.95	0.95	0.97	0.93	1.04
ISR	0.97	0.97	0.95	0.92	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.86
ITA	1.10	1.11	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.09
JPN	0.92	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.93	0.94	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.01	0.99	1.01
KOR	0.54	0.57	0.58	0.60	0.59	0.57	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.64	0.65
LTU	0.81	0.84	0.91	0.94	1.00	0.95	0.94	0.84	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.80
LUX	1.15	1.04	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.06	1.02	1.03	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.02
LVA	0.79	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.90	0.89	0.86	0.88	0.86
MEX	0.42	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.44
NLD	1.04	1.08	1.07	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.10	1.09	1.07	1.07
NOR	1.11	1.07	1.11	1.05	1.11	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.14	1.19	1.26	1.34
NZL	0.99	1.02	1.01	0.98	0.96	1.00	1.11	1.00	0.95	0.94	0.93	0.92
POL	1.06	1.08	1.06	1.06	0.99	1.04	1.03	0.99	0.98	1.00	0.98	0.98
PRT	1.11	1.07	1.06	1.05	1.08	1.14	1.09	1.04	1.06	1.06	1.04	0.99
SVK	0.95	0.92	0.89	0.86	0.93	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.93	0.96	1.07	0.96
SVN	1.10	1.10	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.12	1.11	1.20	1.13	1.09	1.03
SWE	1.33	1.30	1.27	1.24	1.22	1.19	1.24	1.30	1.31	1.30	1.27	1.31
TUR	0.80	0.80	0.79	0.77	0.73	0.69	0.68	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.72	0.73
USA	0.88	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.93	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.85	0.94	0.95	0.97
Average	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Median	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.01	1.03	1.03	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.98
Min	0.42	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.44
Max	1.34	1.32	1.33	1.30	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.36	1.38
Stdev	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 6: Input-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 0

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	0.88	0.77	0.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.93	0.76	0.75	0.76
AUT	0.62	0.52	0.48	0.50	0.48	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.51	0.51	0.54	0.54
BEL	0.47	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.50	0.53	0.54
CAN	0.80	0.64	0.77	0.61	0.58	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.82	0.66	0.65	0.65
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.81	0.72	0.69	0.66	0.67	1.00	0.84	0.73	0.71
CHL	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	0.54	0.55	0.57	0.61	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.61	0.64	0.66	0.72
DEU	0.47	0.49	0.50	0.55	0.52	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.60	0.58	0.60	0.59
DNK	0.53	0.46	0.41	0.46	0.42	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.44	0.45	0.48	0.48
ESP	0.93	0.77	0.55	0.57	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.55	0.58	0.61	0.64	0.67
EST	0.64	0.65	0.62	0.58	0.53	0.58	0.61	0.58	0.62	0.65	0.66	0.65
FIN	0.52	0.51	0.46	0.51	0.46	0.45	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.46	0.46
FRA	0.60	0.44	0.41	0.45	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.45	0.45	0.48	0.47
GBR	0.79	0.64	0.56	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.54	0.54	0.65	0.61	0.63	0.64
GRC	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.56	0.57
HUN	0.49	0.43	0.47	0.53	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.65
IRL	0.66	0.63	0.56	0.52	0.51	0.45	0.53	0.57	0.71	1.00	0.91	0.92
ISL	0.61	0.65	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.62
ISR	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.64	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.75	0.69	0.70	0.74	0.75
ITA	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.57	0.58
JPN	0.64	0.90	0.60	0.64	0.60	0.59	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.60	0.64	0.63
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.97	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	0.66	0.65	0.60	0.61	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.66	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.80
LUX	0.70	0.73	0.54	0.58	0.54	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.73	0.63	0.64	0.63
LVA	0.68	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.60	0.58	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.72	0.74
NLD	0.52	0.59	0.79	0.67	0.54	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.54	0.56	0.59	0.60
NOR	0.54	0.54	0.50	0.58	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.62	0.53	0.51	0.48
NZL	0.59	0.55	0.54	0.61	0.59	0.56	0.50	0.65	0.78	0.66	0.69	0.70
POL	0.51	0.49	0.52	0.56	0.58	0.63	0.60	0.57	0.59	0.60	0.64	0.65
PRT	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.52	0.48	0.51	0.54	0.54	0.56	0.61	0.64
SVK	0.57	0.58	0.67	0.67	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.59	0.66
SVN	0.49	0.49	0.54	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.62
SWE	0.46	0.44	0.43	0.48	0.47	0.46	0.45	0.43	0.46	0.48	0.50	0.49
TUR	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.74	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.78	0.83	0.84	0.88	0.87
USA	0.72	0.67	0.60	0.62	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.93	0.66	0.68	0.66
Count	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
Average	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.61	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.59	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.66
Median	0.60	0.58	0.55	0.58	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.62	0.61	0.64	0.65
Min	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.45	0.42	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.43	0.43	0.46	0.46
Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stdev	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.14

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 7: Input-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 1

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	0.94	0.81	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.96	0.77	0.75	0.76
AUT	0.72	0.63	0.58	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.61	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.64
BEL	0.55	0.59	0.56	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.58	0.58	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.64
CAN	0.81	0.66	0.77	0.65	0.63	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.83	0.69	0.68	0.68
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.83	0.75	0.74	0.72	0.71	1.00	0.86	0.75	0.73
CHL	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	0.55	0.55	0.59	0.66	0.61	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.70	0.71	0.69	0.78
DEU	0.60	0.62	0.61	0.69	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.65	0.70	0.69	0.70	0.69
DNK	0.60	0.53	0.47	0.54	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.53
ESP	0.94	0.79	0.57	0.63	0.61	0.61	0.62	0.70	0.76	0.80	0.79	0.83
EST	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.59	0.58	0.65	0.66	0.60	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.67
FIN	0.60	0.61	0.54	0.61	0.58	0.57	0.55	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.57	0.56
FRA	0.67	0.52	0.48	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.53	0.55	0.57	0.60	0.57
GBR	0.92	0.72	0.63	0.68	0.67	0.64	0.63	0.66	0.72	0.69	0.71	0.70
GRC	0.57	0.53	0.56	0.60	0.59	0.65	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.73	0.73	0.72
HUN	0.55	0.47	0.54	0.68	0.70	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.68	0.64	0.61	0.76
IRL	0.67	0.64	0.56	0.56	0.59	0.54	0.62	0.67	0.79	1.00	0.96	0.94
ISL	0.67	0.72	0.57	0.60	0.58	0.59	0.62	0.61	0.63	0.64	0.71	0.64
ISR	0.58	0.55	0.59	0.68	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.78	0.73	0.75	0.77	0.78
ITA	0.59	0.55	0.60	0.66	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.69	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.77
JPN	0.67	0.94	0.65	0.74	0.71	0.69	0.63	0.64	0.65	0.67	0.70	0.68
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	0.68	0.66	0.62	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.74	0.79	0.84	0.84	0.86
LUX	0.74	0.81	0.60	0.67	0.63	0.62	0.64	0.68	0.87	0.77	0.78	0.75
LVA	0.70	0.67	0.72	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.68	0.65	0.68	0.75	0.76	0.80
NLD	0.56	0.61	0.79	0.70	0.58	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.62	0.64	0.63
NOR	0.57	0.58	0.51	0.61	0.55	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.64	0.55	0.53	0.50
NZL	0.62	0.56	0.57	0.62	0.60	0.56	0.54	0.67	0.82	0.68	0.73	0.71
POL	0.61	0.56	0.60	0.64	0.66	0.72	0.66	0.66	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.77
PRT	0.52	0.53	0.57	0.63	0.61	0.55	0.61	0.69	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.81
SVK	0.66	0.63	0.77	0.77	0.71	0.72	0.70	0.74	0.75	0.73	0.62	0.75
SVN	0.56	0.54	0.59	0.62	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.59	0.61	0.66	0.72
SWE	0.53	0.52	0.49	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.51	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.54	0.52
TUR	0.88	0.80	0.84	0.95	0.93	0.98	1.00	0.89	0.93	0.97	0.99	0.97
USA	0.87	0.79	0.73	0.69	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.64	1.00	0.82	0.81	0.79
Count	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2
Average	0.70	0.67	0.65	0.68	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.68	0.73	0.72	0.73	0.73
Median	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.65	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.66	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.73
Min	0.52	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.53	0.50
Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stdev	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.13

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 8: Input-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 2

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	0.98	0.89	0.86	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.97	0.88	0.85	0.86
AUT	0.67	0.63	0.65	0.64	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.61	0.62
BEL	0.61	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.57	0.58	0.59	0.59
CAN	0.80	0.74	0.78	0.76	0.73	0.71	0.73	0.74	0.84	0.79	0.74	0.75
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CHL	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	0.54	0.56	0.58	0.61	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.61	0.64	0.66	0.72
DEU	0.68	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.63	0.62	0.66	0.69	0.70	0.72	0.68	0.70
DNK	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.59	0.55	0.55	0.51	0.51	0.54	0.56	0.56	0.57
ESP	1.00	1.00	0.57	0.57	0.54	0.53	0.55	0.59	0.62	0.66	0.67	0.69
EST	0.65	0.65	0.62	0.59	0.53	0.59	0.62	0.61	0.67	0.71	0.69	0.70
FIN	0.72	0.69	0.69	0.67	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.61	0.59	0.61	0.62
FRA	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.54	0.53	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.54	0.52	0.52
GBR	0.79	0.68	0.64	0.64	0.62	0.62	0.65	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.74
GRC	0.51	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.56	0.57
HUN	0.57	0.43	0.47	0.53	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.57	0.66
IRL	0.75	0.63	0.59	0.56	0.54	0.49	0.65	0.71	0.77	1.00	1.00	1.00
ISL	0.83	0.73	0.70	0.70	0.77	0.76	0.78	0.76	0.77	0.78	0.80	0.72
ISR	0.61	0.56	0.58	0.64	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.76	0.70	0.70	0.76	0.77
ITA	0.49	0.49	0.50	0.52	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.51	0.52	0.54	0.57	0.58
JPN	0.87	1.00	0.78	0.78	0.74	0.74	0.69	0.72	0.76	0.77	0.76	0.77
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	0.66	0.67	0.60	0.61	0.56	0.57	0.59	0.66	0.72	0.75	0.79	0.80
LUX	0.71	0.81	0.69	0.71	0.67	0.66	0.71	0.72	0.76	0.78	0.74	0.75
LVA	0.68	0.67	0.65	0.66	0.60	0.58	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.72	0.74
NLD	0.78	0.70	1.00	0.74	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.72	0.75	0.76	0.76	0.79
NOR	0.66	0.61	0.58	0.65	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.62	0.64	0.62	0.55	0.55
NZL	0.75	0.63	0.63	0.72	0.71	0.69	0.65	0.80	0.81	0.83	0.82	0.83
POL	0.51	0.50	0.59	0.57	0.59	0.74	0.63	0.58	0.59	0.60	0.64	0.65
PRT	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.54	0.52	0.48	0.52	0.57	0.60	0.63	0.63	0.68
SVK	0.57	0.59	1.00	0.67	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.59	0.66
SVN	0.49	0.50	0.55	0.55	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.53	0.58	0.62
SWE	0.55	0.54	0.56	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.56	0.54	0.54	0.56	0.58	0.59
TUR	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.74	0.76	0.80	0.82	0.80	0.84	0.85	0.88	0.87
USA	0.92	0.81	0.79	0.75	0.71	0.72	0.73	0.80	0.97	0.81	0.80	0.84
Count	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Average	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.73
Median	0.67	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.70	0.69	0.72
Min	0.49	0.43	0.47	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.53	0.52	0.52
Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stdev	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 9 – Summary of DEA results (input efficiency scores)

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Model 0	Efficient	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
	Name	CHE; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHL; IRL; KOR	CHL; KOR	CHL; KOR
	Average	0.64	0.62	0.60	0.61	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.59	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.66
	Median	0.60	0.58	0.55	0.58	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.62	0.61	0.64	0.65
	Min	0.46	0.43	0.41	0.45	0.42	0.41	0.40	0.41	0.43	0.43	0.46	0.46
	Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Stdev	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.14
Model 1	Efficient	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2
	Name	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR; TUR	AUS; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR; USA	CHL; IRL; KOR	CHL; KOR	CHL; KOR
	Average	0.70	0.67	0.65	0.68	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.68	0.73	0.72	0.73	0.73
	Median	0.66	0.63	0.60	0.65	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.66	0.70	0.70	0.71	0.73
	Min	0.52	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.52	0.53	0.50
	Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Stdev	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.13
Model 2	Efficient	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
	Name	CHE; ESP; KOR	CHE; CHL; ESP; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR; NLD; SVK	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR
	Average	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.73
	Median	0.67	0.65	0.63	0.64	0.60	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.70	0.69	0.72
	Min	0.49	0.43	0.47	0.50	0.49	0.48	0.50	0.50	0.48	0.53	0.52	0.52
	Max	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Stdev	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.13

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 10: Output-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 0

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	1.05	1.10	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.18	1.10	1.07
AUT	1.08	1.14	1.11	1.24	1.32	1.39	2.03	1.99	1.29	1.44	1.26	1.36
BEL	1.22	1.23	1.33	1.38	1.41	1.51	2.20	2.03	1.38	1.50	1.31	1.41
CAN	1.07	1.14	1.03	1.29	1.32	1.40	1.82	1.65	1.07	1.33	1.14	1.25
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.11	1.16	1.23	1.68	1.44	1.00	1.11	1.01	1.15
CHL	1.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	1.32	1.32	1.24	1.44	1.57	1.70	2.86	2.51	1.46	1.50	1.41	1.41
DEU	1.21	1.26	1.24	1.31	1.34	1.42	2.06	1.89	1.22	1.37	1.21	1.30
DNK	1.11	1.15	1.37	1.25	1.39	1.52	2.26	2.01	1.26	1.36	1.23	1.18
ESP	1.02	1.07	1.31	1.52	1.75	2.01	5.26	5.18	1.70	1.72	1.51	1.62
EST	1.17	1.24	3.40	1.43	1.82	1.68	2.13	2.25	1.42	1.60	1.38	1.45
FIN	1.15	1.15	1.29	1.26	1.38	1.47	2.59	2.19	1.41	1.58	1.33	1.39
FRA	1.06	1.17	1.34	1.37	1.44	1.51	2.25	1.99	1.33	1.48	1.31	1.36
GBR	1.09	1.15	1.52	1.33	1.45	1.60	2.12	1.89	1.20	1.34	1.20	1.35
GRC	1.27	1.29	1.64	1.56	2.37	3.69			2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
HUN	1.19	1.62	1.65	1.63	1.92	2.04	3.61	2.54	1.55	1.73	1.60	1.50
IRL	1.16	1.21	2.09	1.48	1.67	1.68	2.69	2.07	1.20	1.00	1.21	1.15
ISL	1.15	1.10	1.18	1.29	1.72	1.63	2.39	1.91	1.34	1.29	1.09	1.25
ISR	1.44	1.39	1.23	1.34	1.20	1.19	1.45	1.25	1.29	1.46	1.21	1.30
ITA	1.32	1.38	1.84	1.61	1.77	2.00	4.95	3.50	1.81	1.97	1.77	1.71
JPN	1.18	1.03	1.52	1.36	1.39	1.63	2.08	1.76	1.34	1.39	1.24	1.35
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	1.25	1.27	1.39	1.50	1.94	1.81	2.27	2.23	1.37	1.52	1.36	1.53
LUX	1.06	1.06	1.37	1.21	1.22	1.37	2.20	1.59	1.12	1.32	1.19	1.27
LVA	1.20	1.27	3.04	1.56	2.56	1.97	2.49	2.54	1.69	1.62	1.39	1.58
NLD	1.23	1.13	1.00	1.10	1.24	1.35	2.30	2.14	1.34	1.42	1.29	1.32
NOR	1.17	1.17	1.27	1.19	1.32	1.40	1.66	1.62	1.15	1.22	1.21	1.25
NZL	1.18	1.20	1.47	1.24	1.27	1.36	1.61	1.25	1.11	1.29	1.03	1.26
POL	1.52	1.50	1.21	1.30	1.20	1.11	1.33	1.48	1.48	1.61	1.43	1.50
PRT	1.45	1.43	1.39	1.58	1.66	2.08	6.12	3.66	1.70	1.79	1.57	1.51
SVK	1.35	1.38	1.09	1.46	1.51	1.71	2.27	2.31	1.54	1.57	1.43	1.53
SVN	1.29	1.31	1.14	1.37	1.63	1.83	3.98	2.89	1.50	1.71	1.49	1.51
SWE	1.16	1.18	1.47	1.28	1.23	1.40	2.25	1.82	1.27	1.23	1.13	1.33
TUR	1.43	1.57	1.68	1.58	1.44	1.33	1.45	1.32	1.18	1.32	1.38	1.53
USA	1.13	1.16	1.33	1.40	1.47	1.61	1.94	1.77	1.05	1.22	1.12	1.24
Count	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
Average	1.19	1.22	1.43	1.34	1.49	1.59	2.39	2.05	1.34	1.44	1.30	1.37
Median	1.17	1.18	1.33	1.34	1.41	1.51	2.20	1.95	1.33	1.42	1.26	1.35
Min	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max	1.52	1.62	3.40	1.63	2.56	3.69	6.12	5.18	2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
Stdev	0.13	0.16	0.51	0.17	0.35	0.47	1.16	0.83	0.25	0.27	0.21	0.19

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 11: Output-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 1

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	1.02	1.07	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.12	1.10	1.07
AUT	1.08	1.14	1.11	1.24	1.32	1.39	2.03	1.99	1.29	1.44	1.26	1.36
BEL	1.22	1.23	1.33	1.38	1.41	1.51	2.20	2.03	1.38	1.50	1.31	1.41
CAN	1.07	1.14	1.03	1.29	1.32	1.40	1.82	1.65	1.07	1.33	1.14	1.25
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.14	1.18	1.64	1.44	1.00	1.07	1.01	1.15
CHL	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	1.32	1.32	1.24	1.44	1.57	1.70	2.86	2.51	1.46	1.50	1.41	1.41
DEU	1.21	1.26	1.24	1.31	1.34	1.42	2.06	1.89	1.22	1.37	1.21	1.30
DNK	1.11	1.15	1.37	1.25	1.39	1.52	2.26	2.01	1.26	1.36	1.23	1.18
ESP	1.02	1.07	1.31	1.52	1.75	2.01	5.26	5.18	1.64	1.72	1.51	1.62
EST	1.14	1.19	3.33	1.43	1.82	1.68	2.13	2.25	1.42	1.55	1.38	1.45
FIN	1.15	1.15	1.29	1.26	1.38	1.47	2.59	2.19	1.41	1.58	1.33	1.39
FRA	1.06	1.17	1.34	1.37	1.44	1.51	2.25	1.99	1.33	1.48	1.31	1.36
GBR	1.03	1.15	1.52	1.33	1.45	1.60	2.12	1.89	1.20	1.34	1.20	1.35
GRC	1.27	1.29	1.64	1.56	2.37	3.69			2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
HUN	1.19	1.62	1.65	1.63	1.92	2.04	3.61	2.54	1.55	1.73	1.60	1.50
IRL	1.15	1.21	2.09	1.48	1.67	1.68	2.69	2.07	1.18	1.00	1.21	1.15
ISL	1.15	1.10	1.18	1.29	1.72	1.63	2.39	1.91	1.34	1.26	1.09	1.25
ISR	1.44	1.39	1.23	1.34	1.19	1.17	1.41	1.25	1.28	1.41	1.21	1.30
ITA	1.32	1.38	1.84	1.61	1.77	2.00	4.95	3.50	1.81	1.97	1.77	1.71
JPN	1.17	1.03	1.52	1.33	1.39	1.62	2.08	1.76	1.34	1.39	1.24	1.35
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	1.24	1.25	1.39	1.50	1.94	1.81	2.27	2.18	1.35	1.51	1.36	1.53
LUX	1.06	1.06	1.37	1.21	1.22	1.37	2.20	1.59	1.10	1.32	1.19	1.27
LVA	1.19	1.24	2.94	1.53	2.56	1.96	2.49	2.54	1.69	1.57	1.39	1.58
NLD	1.23	1.13	1.00	1.10	1.24	1.35	2.30	2.14	1.34	1.42	1.29	1.32
NOR	1.17	1.17	1.27	1.19	1.32	1.40	1.66	1.62	1.15	1.22	1.21	1.25
NZL	1.17	1.20	1.47	1.24	1.27	1.36	1.61	1.25	1.11	1.23	1.03	1.26
POL	1.52	1.50	1.21	1.30	1.20	1.11	1.33	1.48	1.48	1.61	1.43	1.50
PRT	1.45	1.43	1.39	1.58	1.66	2.08	6.12	3.66	1.70	1.79	1.57	1.51
SVK	1.31	1.37	1.08	1.40	1.51	1.67	2.23	2.25	1.49	1.57	1.43	1.53
SVN	1.29	1.31	1.14	1.37	1.63	1.83	3.98	2.89	1.50	1.71	1.49	1.51
SWE	1.16	1.18	1.47	1.28	1.23	1.40	2.25	1.82	1.27	1.23	1.13	1.33
TUR	1.31	1.44	1.60	1.44	1.37	1.23	1.00	1.22	1.12	1.26	1.38	1.53
USA	1.04	1.07	1.28	1.35	1.47	1.61	1.94	1.77	1.00	1.09	1.12	1.24
Count	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2
Average	1.18	1.21	1.43	1.33	1.49	1.58	2.37	2.04	1.33	1.43	1.30	1.37
Median	1.17	1.18	1.31	1.33	1.39	1.51	2.20	1.95	1.33	1.41	1.26	1.35
Min	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max	1.52	1.62	3.33	1.63	2.56	3.69	6.12	5.18	2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
Stdev	0.13	0.15	0.50	0.17	0.35	0.47	1.18	0.83	0.26	0.28	0.21	0.19

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 12: Output-oriented DEA VRS Efficiency Scores Model 2

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AUS	1.01	1.05	1.05	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.09	1.01
AUT	1.05	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.12	1.14
BEL	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.14	1.15	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.16	1.14	1.17
CAN	1.07	1.08	1.03	1.08	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.06	1.11	1.12	1.11
CHE	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CHL	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
CZE	1.28	1.31	1.21	1.30	1.29	1.28	1.28	1.31	1.31	1.30	1.31	1.27
DEU	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.12	1.12
DNK	1.03	1.03	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.09	1.11	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.06
ESP	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.25	1.23	1.22	1.20	1.19	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.25
EST	1.16	1.23	1.25	1.23	1.21	1.20	1.21	1.21	1.20	1.22	1.21	1.21
FIN	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.04	1.04
FRA	1.06	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.17
GBR	1.09	1.12	1.16	1.17	1.15	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.14
GRC	1.26	1.25	1.38	1.39	1.40	1.41	1.42	1.39	1.38	1.41	1.43	1.44
HUN	1.18	1.38	1.44	1.42	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.36	1.35	1.40	1.46	1.36
IRL	1.13	1.19	1.21	1.19	1.19	1.16	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.00	1.00	1.00
ISL	1.02	1.05	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.08	1.11
ISR	1.20	1.22	1.23	1.27	1.19	1.16	1.17	1.15	1.29	1.28	1.19	1.17
ITA	1.31	1.35	1.46	1.43	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.34	1.36	1.41	1.40	1.40
JPN	1.06	1.00	1.09	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.10	1.08	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.10
KOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
LTU	1.24	1.21	1.38	1.36	1.36	1.35	1.33	1.31	1.27	1.24	1.25	1.24
LUX	1.05	1.03	1.11	1.08	1.07	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.07	1.09	1.11	1.11
LVA	1.18	1.18	1.43	1.39	1.38	1.39	1.37	1.34	1.32	1.32	1.36	1.35
NLD	1.06	1.06	1.00	1.03	1.07	1.06	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.03	1.05	1.05
NOR	1.11	1.12	1.15	1.10	1.14	1.15	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.14	1.11
NZL	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.10	1.10	1.09	1.06	1.02	1.07	1.08	1.02	1.10
POL	1.47	1.49	1.10	1.25	1.13	1.03	1.27	1.30	1.38	1.38	1.39	1.34
PRT	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.23	1.23	1.22	1.20	1.19	1.18	1.20	1.23	1.21
SVK	1.34	1.36	1.00	1.36	1.38	1.43	1.42	1.46	1.45	1.42	1.41	1.38
SVN	1.29	1.29	1.11	1.23	1.25	1.28	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.32	1.33	1.32
SWE	1.11	1.09	1.09	1.07	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.10	1.13	1.12	1.11	1.11
TUR	1.42	1.43	1.48	1.41	1.30	1.23	1.20	1.19	1.17	1.22	1.23	1.24
USA	1.04	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.02	1.09	1.09	1.07
Count	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Average	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.17
Median	1.10	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.14
Min	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max	1.47	1.49	1.48	1.43	1.41	1.43	1.42	1.46	1.45	1.42	1.46	1.44
Stdev	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.13

Source: authors' calculations.

Table 13 – Summary of DEA results (output efficiency scores)

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Model 0	Efficient	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
	Name	CHE; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHL; IRL; KOR	CHL; KOR	CHL; KOR
	Average	1.19	1.22	1.43	1.34	1.49	1.59	2.39	2.05	1.34	1.44	1.30	1.37
	Median	1.17	1.18	1.33	1.34	1.41	1.51	2.20	1.95	1.33	1.42	1.26	1.35
	Min	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Max	1.52	1.62	3.40	1.63	2.56	3.69	6.12	5.18	2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
	Stdev	0.13	0.16	0.51	0.17	0.35	0.47	1.16	0.83	0.25	0.27	0.21	0.19
Model 1	Efficient	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	3	2	2
	Name	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHL; KOR; TUR	AUS; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR; USA	CHL; IRL; KOR	CHL; KOR	CHL; KOR
	Average	1.18	1.21	1.43	1.33	1.49	1.58	2.37	2.04	1.33	1.43	1.30	1.37
	Median	1.17	1.18	1.31	1.33	1.39	1.51	2.20	1.95	1.33	1.41	1.26	1.35
	Min	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Max	1.52	1.62	3.33	1.63	2.56	3.69	6.12	5.18	2.13	2.25	1.91	1.92
	Stdev	0.13	0.15	0.50	0.17	0.35	0.47	1.18	0.83	0.26	0.28	0.21	0.19
Model 2	Efficient	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
	Name	CHE; ESP; KOR	CHE; CHL; ESP; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR; NLD; SVK	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	AUS; CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR	CHE; CHL; IRL; KOR
	Average	1.14	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.18	1.17
	Median	1.10	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.12	1.11	1.11	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.14
	Min	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Max	1.47	1.49	1.48	1.43	1.41	1.43	1.42	1.46	1.45	1.42	1.46	1.44
	Stdev	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.13

Source: authors' calculations.

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