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Deliverable 3.2 First Test of Hypotheses

Executive Summary

A first deliverable of WP3 (D3.1) introduced the theoretical framework and formulated a number of hypotheses for case study findings to be tested against. This second deliverable of WP3 has the aim of doing a concise preliminary hypotheses testing, in order to identify potential showstoppers for the final testing which is scheduled to happen by the end of the project lifetime.

The case study data required for hypotheses testing are collected through a factsheet form. A first version was designed and circulated at the time of Deliverable 3.1. For the preliminary test of the hypotheses the form was updated in order to cover the full scope of the hypotheses. Subsequently the extended form was circulated again in order to collect updated information on the case studies.

An initial analysis of the updated dataset however reveals that the information collected through the factsheets is both incomplete and inconsistent to a certain extent. This issue needs to be addressed before the final testing can happen.

The first hypotheses tests carried out identify a number of hypotheses for which the analysis provides an indication on whether the hypothesis can be accepted or rejected. However, other hypotheses, mainly those that carry a high level of detail, pose difficulties in the testing process.

As for quantitative output (with respect to both acceptability and demand) of the case studies, it still is a too early stage of the project. It is however clear that the data collection process should be closely monitored in order to obtain a (quantitative) dataset allowing for the final hypotheses testing.