README for Replication Package

Impacts of ownership changes on emissions and industrial production: Evidence from Europe

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1. Data sources

The analysis is based on the ME-FINE dataset, a merge of the Orbis database and the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Registry (E-PRTR). A detailed prediction is provided in Germeshausen et al. 2022.

The BVDIDs merged to the E-PRTR data can be accessed at the ZEW RDC on site. More information on the data acquisition procedures at ZEW-RDC can be found here. Own access to the Orbis database is required.

2. Overview of files

The analysis includes the facility, firm and parent company level.

Facilities

- facilities_01.R: Prepares facility data for analysis and creates descriptive statistics
- facilities_02.R: Conducts the main analysis and runs robustness checks

Firms

- firms_01.R: Prepares firm data for analysis and creates descriptive statistics
- firms_02.R: Conducts the main analysis and runs robustness checks

Parent companies

- parent_companies_01.R: Prepares data for analysis and conducts the analysis for acquiring parent companies
- parent_companies_02.R: Prepares data for analysis and conducts the analysis on other facilities of acquiring parent companies

3. Step-by-step instructions for replication

1. Set working directory

Open each R script and set the working directory at the top of each script

2. Set output directory

In each R script, set output directories in functions for analysis

3. Run analysis

4. List of output files

Figure1: Empirical strategy (produced by facilities_01.R)

Figure2: Results (produced by facilities_02.R)

Figure3a: Results (produced by facilities_02.R)

Figure3b: Results (produced by facilities_02.R)

5. Software requirements

R Version: R 4.2.0

R Packages:

dplyr Version 1.0.10

pacman Version 0.5.1

ggplot2 Version 3.5.1

fixest Version 0.12.1

HonestDID 0.2.6

prodest Version 1.0.1

6. Approximate run time

facilities_01.R: < 1 minute

facilities_02.R: < 1 minute

firms_01.R: < 1 minute

firms_02.R: < 3 minutes

parent_companies_01.R: < 2 minutes

parent_companies_02.R: < 1 minute

References

Germeshausen, Robert, Bettina Chlond, Kinga Tchorzewska und Kathrine von Graevenitz (2022), ME-FINE: Mannheim European panel on Financial Indicators and Emissions, ZEW-Dokumentation Nr. 22-01, Mannheim