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Readme file for
"Cultivating Trust? The Role of European Union Investments in Bridging Rural-Urban Divides"
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The data and code used to support this study have been deposited in the Harvard Dataverse repository and is available at the following url address: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/YBKVCH. Please download all replication materials from that repository.

Content

The replication folder contains all necessary data and code to replicate the results (i.e., tables and figures for the main text and the online appendix) referred in the present article. It contains three sub-folders:

i. "code" contains two sub-folders.
   a. "code_r" all functions and R scripts necessary to reproduce descriptive statistics and figures and "code_stata" all functions and scripts necessary to reproduce several figures.
   b. "code_stata" contains the dofile to reproduce some tables and figures.
ii. "data" contains all the data used for this paper.
iii. "figures" contains Figure 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 from the main text. They are reproduced by using the code from the folder "code/code_r/20_figures_main"
iv. 'tables" contains Table 1, 2, 3, 4 from the main text. They are reproduced by using the code from the folder "code/code_r/10_tables_main" and from the folder "code/stata_code/code_01_figures_text_appendix"
v. "appendix" contains all the figures and tables from the online appendix. They are reproduced using the code from the folder "code/code_r/30_online_appendix" and from the "code/stata_code/code_01_figures_text_appendix".

Reproductibility

All figures and statistics have been verified on 8 September 2025 using a machine running on Windows 11 Pro (build 26100) and R version 4.3.3.

To reproduce the statistics and figures reported in the paper, please proceed as follows :

1. Open the RStudio project file "project_cultivating_trust" which will automatically set the working directory as ".../2025_replication_folder_cultivating_trust/code/code_r"
2. Run the R script "02_master_code.R" to automatically install necessary packages, call functions, and execute the following scripts
   a. 03_prepare_eurobarometer_dataset
   b. 04_clean_merge_eurobarometer_data
   c. 05_add_economic_data
   d. 06_create_dataset_ess

e. 07_create_dataset_ess_nuts2
f. 10_tables_main
g. 20_figures_main
h. 30_online_appendix

NOTES: If one wants to manually run scripts “10_tables_main” or “20_figures_main”, please execute script “02_master_code.R” until line 58, and then execute the above scripts.

If you have any questions on the scope, contents, and/or limits of the data, please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you identify any mistake, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are very keen on improving the reproducibility of the code or to correct any mistakes.