

KOMIED - Workshop 2015

October 2nd, 2015

Venue

Geschäftsstelle der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft, Room 1.15, Chausseestr. 111, 10115 Berlin

Backgrounds and aims of the Workshop

KOMIED is a 3-years research project funded by the Leibniz Association conducted at DIW Berlin. The focus of the research project is to develop and apply a new analytical framework that investigates the efficiency and productivity of municipal infrastructure firms operating in the field of energy and water supply. The framework is based on different analytical layers aimed at analyzing the provision and renewal of local infrastructure, the adjustment of municipal utilities to changing energy and climate policies and demographic change in a broader municipal context.

In the course of the project a rich and unique data set of German energy and water utilities (years 2003-2012) is newly created. Data from different sources are merged and provide a broad range of firm-specific as well as municipal information on, e.g., costs, physical data, prices, investments, ownership, and capital structures. This allows empirical analyses in multiple dimensions related to municipal energy and water firms; also beyond the projects scope.

With the workshop we want to discuss current and future research questions.

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PROGRAM

Welcome

- 10:00 – 10:10 Welcome address (Astrid Cullmann, Christian von Hirschhausen)
10:10 – 10:30 The German data (Caroline Stiel)

Session 1: Ownership

- 10:30 - 11:15 Caroline Stiel: Productivity in the electricity retail market: Does ownership matter? (Discussant Heike Wetzel)
11:15 - 12:00 Julia Rechlit: Ownership and performance in German electricity distribution (Discussant Subal Kumbhakar)

Lunch

- 12:00 – 13:00 *will be served at the venue*

Session 2: Regulation and Benchmarking

- 13:00 - 13:45 Endre Bjorndal: Optimal scale under different environments (Discussant Stefan Seifert)
13:45 - 14:30 Stefan Seifert: Operational conditions in regulatory benchmarking – A Monte Carlo analysis (Discussant Oleg Badunenko)

Coffee & tea break

- 14:30 – 15:00

Session 3: Sector Research (Water and electricity)

- 15:00 - 15:30 Michael Zschille: Scale, governance and regional differences: An investigation of the cost structure of German water supply (Discussant Antonio Estache)
15:30 - 16:00 Thomas Triebs/ Heike Wetzel: German electricity networks: Structure and strategy (Discussant Astrid Cullmann)

Session 4: Research Ideas

- 16:00 - 16:30 Astrid Cullmann / Massimo Filippini: Fiscal illusion
16:30 - 17:00 Stefan Seifert: Norwegian municipalities and electricity distribution companies
17:00 - 17:30 Subal Kumbhakar/ Oleg Badunenko/ Astrid Cullmann/ Maria Nieswand: German electricity distributors, capital structure, and ownership

Concluding Remarks
