

# GILDED research project carbon calculator

## Methods and results

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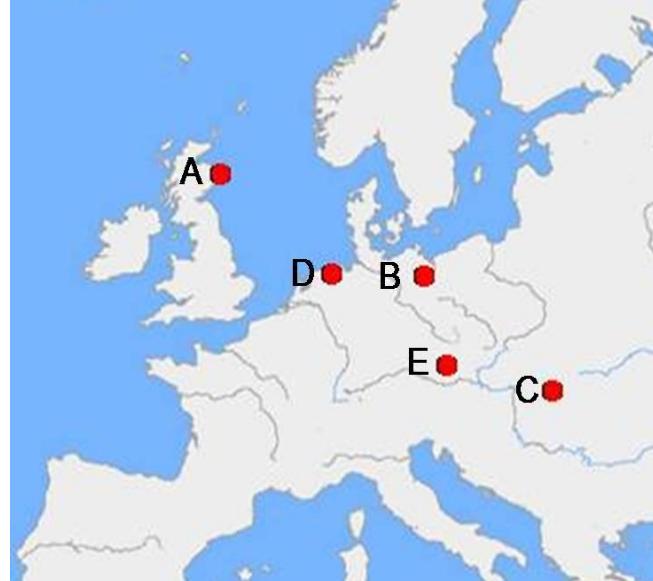
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# Study Design of GILDED



- Focus of the project is on household energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and social psychological, sociological and structural factors influencing it
- Collaborative research: Case studies in 5 European countries:
  - (A) **Scotland:** Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire
  - (B) **Germany:** Potsdam and Potsdam-Mittelmark
  - (C) **Hungary:** Debrecen and Hajdú-Bihar County
  - (D) **The Netherlands:** Assen and Assen Municipality
  - (E) **The Czech Republic:** České Budějovice and Budějoviceshire
- Quantitative Household survey 2010 & 2011 including an CO<sub>2</sub>-calculator → in 2010 n=2.486
- Experimental design: combination of three intervention elements

# Survey Design

- Cluster Sampling, Drop and Collect
- Intervention elements for experimental group



Fragebogen

Energienutzung von Haushalten

Durch den ersten Teil der Fragen lässt sich der CO<sub>2</sub>-Fußabdruck Ihres Haushalts berechnen. Dies ist die Menge an CO<sub>2</sub>, die durch Aktivitäten Ihres Haushalts erzeugt wird.

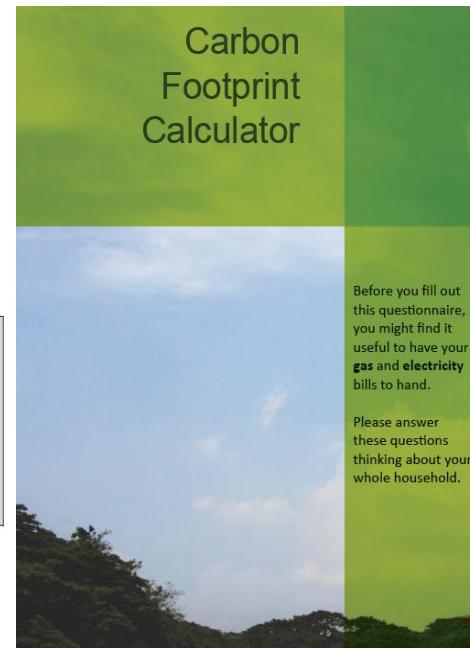
Hinweise zum Ausfüllen:

- ❖ Die meisten Fragen beziehen sich auf Ihren gesamten Haushalt.
- ❖ Es gibt nur wenige Fragen, die sich auf Sie als Person beziehen. Diese sind mit „individuelle Antwort“ gekennzeichnet.
- ❖ Bitte lassen Sie keine Fragen aus! Für uns ist es wichtig, dass alle Fragen ausgefüllt werden.
- ❖ Antworten Sie möglichst spontan.

## Carbon Footprint Calculator

Before you fill out this questionnaire, you might find it useful to have your **gas and electricity bills** to hand.

Please answer these questions thinking about your whole household.



## Energiespartipps

Mit Hilfe dieser 23 Energiespartipps können Sie in Ihrem Haushalt viel Energie sparen und die Umwelt schonen.



Ich erkläre mich bereit, den **Verbrauch von Elektrizität und/oder Heizenergie** in meinem Haushalt in den nächsten 12 Monaten zu senken. Um meinen CO<sub>2</sub> Ausstoß zu reduzieren, werde ich...

Heizen/ Waschen&Badezimmer	Ich erkläre mich bereit, die folgenden Maßnahmen in meinem Haushalt umzusetzen	Mache ich bereits - und erkläre mich bereit, es weiterhin zu machen	Einsparung in Prozent an den jährlichen CO <sub>2</sub> - Emissionen eines Haushalts
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- **Haus und Dach isolieren (pro 100 qm)**
- Nachts und bei längerer Abwesenheit die **Heizung herunterdrehen** (je 3 °C kühler)
- Die **Heizung tagsüber herunterdrehen** (je 1 °C kühler)
- **Wäsche an der Luft trocknen**
- Die Waschmaschine **immer voll laden**
- Wäsche bei **niedrigeren Temperaturen** waschen (60 °C statt 90 °C und 30 °C) je einmal die Woche
- **Kürzer duschen** (2 Minuten pro Dusche)
- **Weniger häufig baden** (einmal weniger pro Woche)
- **Einen Sparduschkopf anschaffen und benutzen**

Um meinen CO<sub>2</sub> Ausstoß zu reduzieren, werde ich...

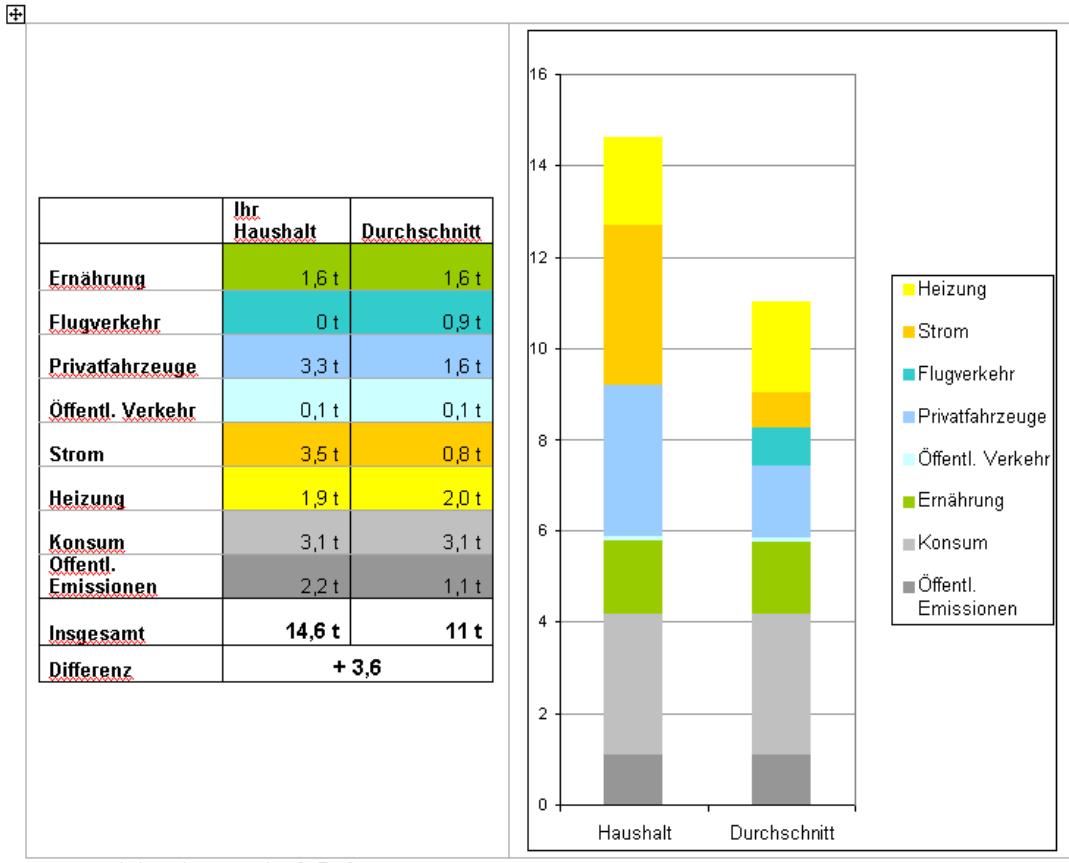
Elektrizität/ Neue Haushaltsgeräte	Ich erkläre mich bereit, die folgenden Maßnahmen in meinem Haushalt umzusetzen	Mache ich bereits - und erkläre mich bereit, es weiterhin zu machen	Einsparung in Prozent an den jährlichen CO <sub>2</sub> - Emissionen eines Haushalts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geräte nicht im Stand-by Betrieb lassen</b></li> <li>• <b>Energiesparlampen</b> in fünf häufig benutzten Lampen einsetzen</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,2%

## • Response Rates

		Czech Republic	Germany
2010	Total target sample	5000	1842
	Number of questionnaires returned	500	543
	Response rate	10%	29%
2011	Number of questionnaires returned	309	320
	Drop-out rate between 2010 and 2011	38%	41%
	Number of Respondents a CO <sub>2</sub> footprint could be calculated for	292	300

# CO<sub>2</sub> footprinting as a mobilizing tool in the field of climate protection

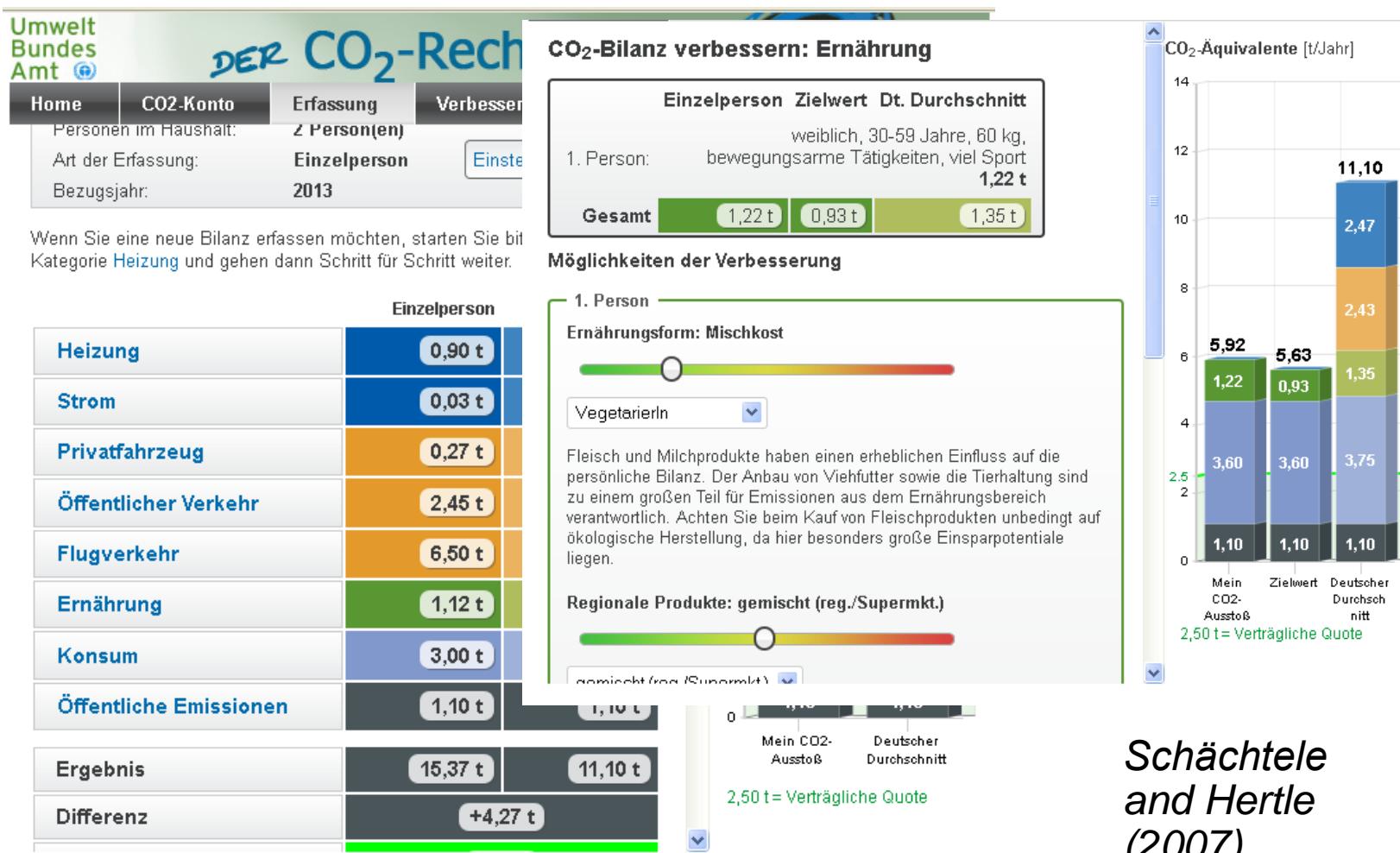
CO<sub>2</sub> Fußabdruck 2010/11\* von Haushalt P\_Ex\_17 im Vergleich zum durchschnittlichen 1 Personen Haushalt in Deutschland



\* Angaben aus der 2. Befragung

# Design of the personal CO<sub>2</sub> Calculator

**Definition:** general carbon footprint as the **direct** and **indirect** greenhouse gas emissions measured in tons of **CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents**, which is required to satisfy a **given consumption** (Minx et al., 2009).



# Survey Data

19. Approximately how many lightbulbs does your house have?

20. How many of these lights have you swapped for low energy lightbulbs?

21. How often do you turn lights off when nobody is using them?

Never        Always

22. Please tick which (and how many) of the appliances can be found in your household. Also indicate the efficiency class and the age of the appliances

Appliance	How old is this appliance (approximately)	What is the efficiency class? (A++, A+, A, B, C, D, E, F, or G)
 <b>Fridge-Freezer</b>	1 - 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
 <b>Fridge</b>	1 - 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
 <b>Freezer</b>	1 - 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
 <b>Dish Washer</b>	1 - 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
 <b>Dryer</b>	1 - 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>
 <b>Washing Machine</b>	1 - 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 12 years <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	Efficiency class: <input type="text"/>  Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

15. Do you have your energy bills to hand, or know how much you pay on average for your energy usage?

- Yes  
 No

What kind of **GAS** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 Quarterly  
 Yearly  
 Pre-payment meter (*estimate monthly spend*)

What is your spend/usage?

Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (kWh)

What kind of **ELECTRICITY** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 Quarterly  
 Yearly  
 Pre-payment meter (*estimate monthly spend*)

What is your spend/usage?

Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (kWh)

What kind of **OIL** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 On Delivery  
 Yearly

What is your spend/usage?

Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (litres)

What kind of **LPG** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 On Delivery  
 Yearly

What is your spend/usage?

Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (litres)

What kind of **COAL** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 On Delivery  
 Yearly

What is your spend/usage?

Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (Kg)

What kind of **WOOD/BIOMASS** payments do you make?

- Not applicable  
 Monthly  
 On Delivery  
 Yearly

What is your spend/usage?

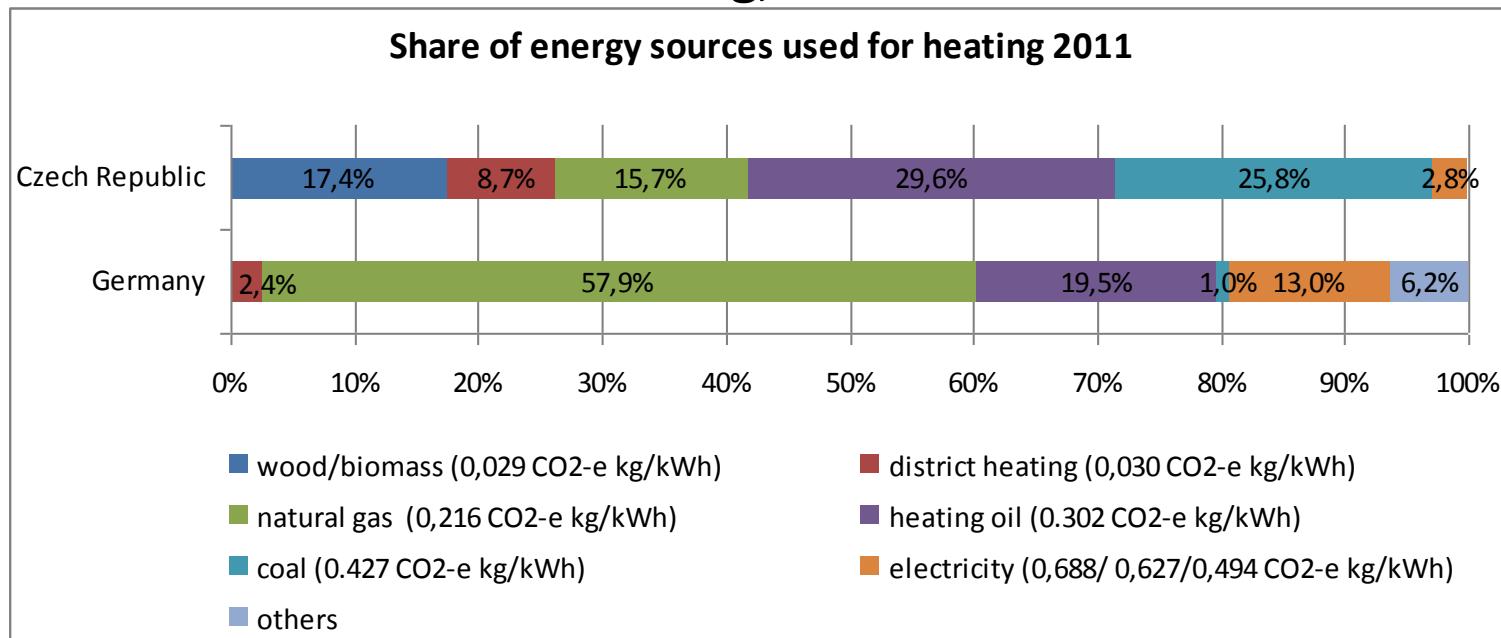
Spend (£)   
or.....  
Usage (kg)

# Calculations

- national data and coefficients of different countries were used when possible
- Emission factors for **electricity**, additionally the emission factor for green electricity based on Gemis 4.5 (Öko-Institut)

German electricity mix	CO2-e kg/kWh	0.627
Czech electricity mix	CO2-e kg/kWh	0.688
UK electricity mix	CO2-e kg/kWh	0.494
German green electricity	CO2-e kg/kWh	0.04

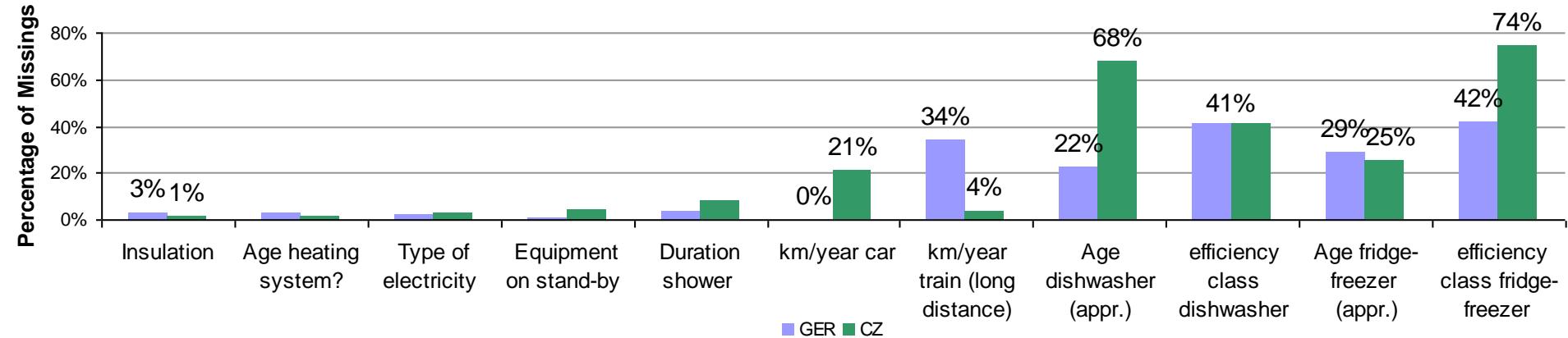
- Emission factors for **heating**, based on Klimaktiv 2.0



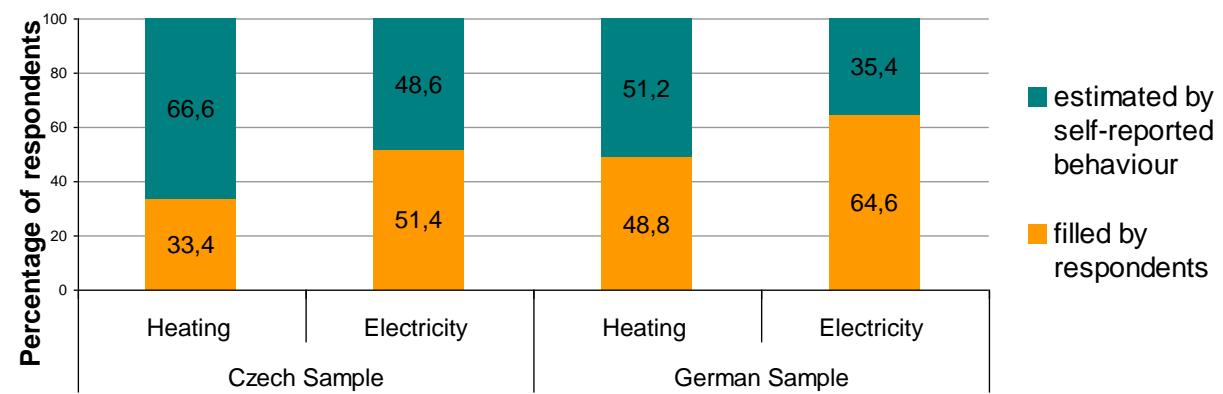
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# First Results of the CO2 Calculator

## (a) Missing Data

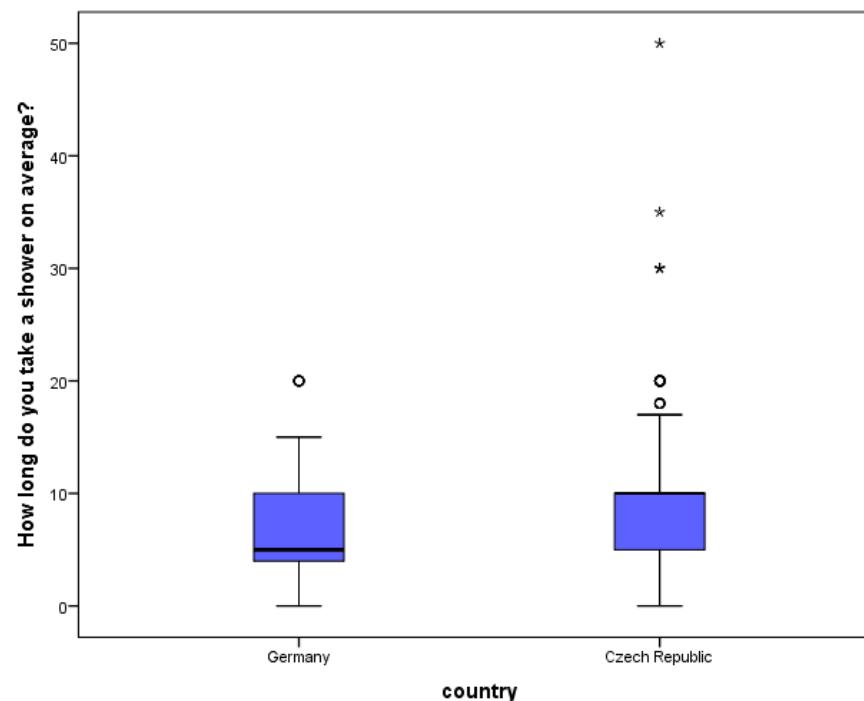


## (b) Self-reported behaviour vs. energy bills

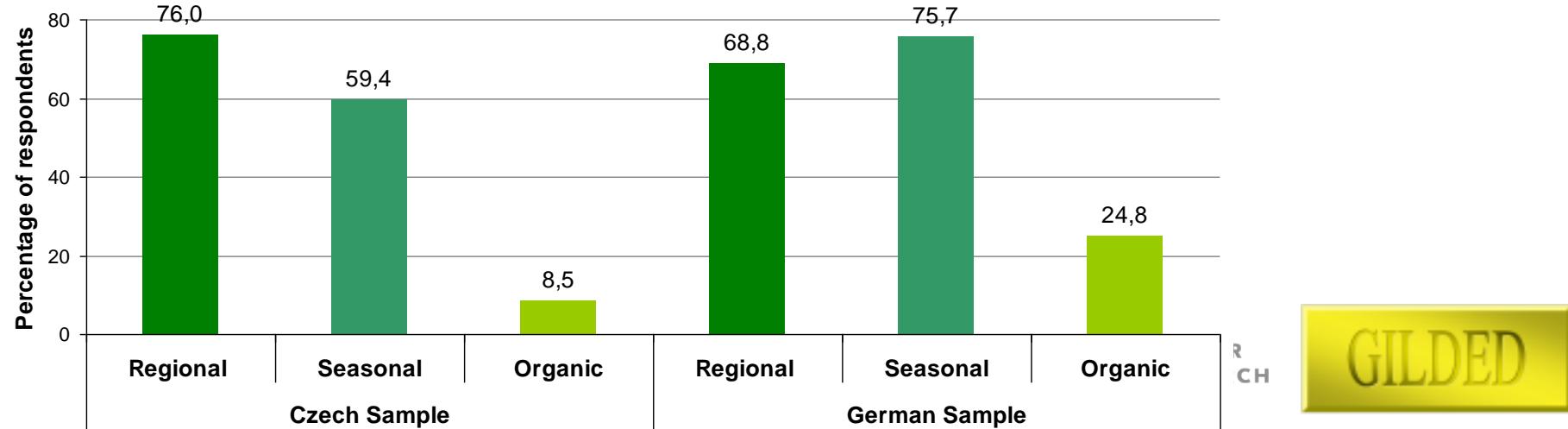


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## (c) Extreme & mistaken Data



## (d) Biased data (normative topic)



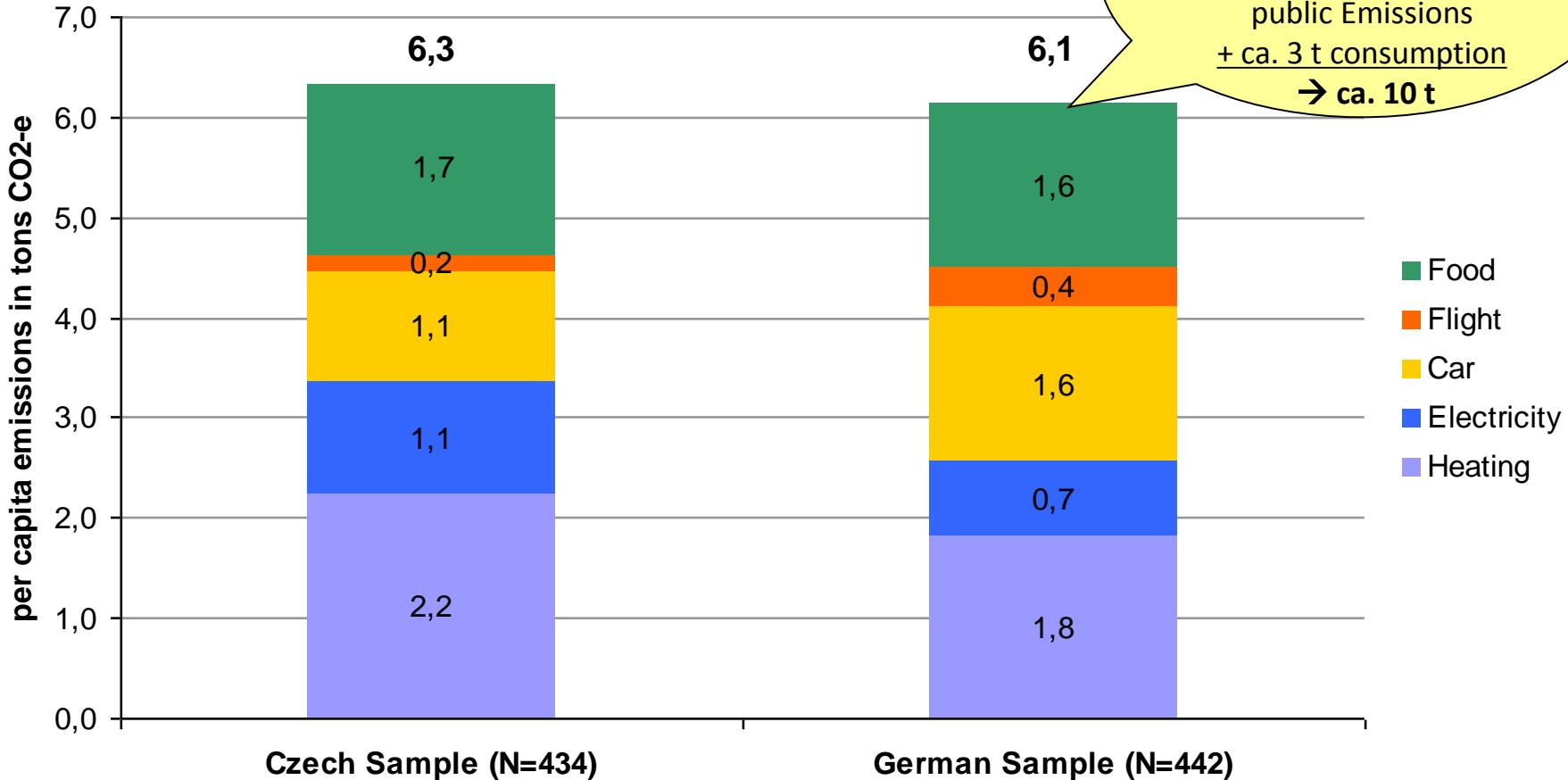
# Quality of the Data

*Pearson's r for Bills \* Predictions*

Notieren Sie die verbrauchte Menge des entsprechenden Brennstoffs (z.B. Erdgas/Biogas, Heizöl, LPG, Holzpellets, Fernwärme etc.)											
Beispiel											
Heizsystem/Brennstoff	Verbrauch	Einheit	Zeitraum								
Erdgas	1.143	kWh	10.02.2006 – 8.2.2007								
14480 Potsdam, Beispieldr. 10 Verbrauchsstelle: 50000000-40000000-30000000											
<b>Verbrauchermitteilung Gas</b> Zählpunkt DE70102714480000000000000000000000000000											
Ablösung	Zähler- nummer	Zeit- punkt	Zählerstand	Ablöse- art	Differenz	Faktor	Lieferungs- Menge				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
10.02.2006 31.07.2006	12302617	1.521	1.572	14/03	51	10,989	560 kWh				
01.08.2006 30.09.2006	12302617	1.572	1.589	14/03	17	10,989	187 kWh				
01.10.2006 31.12.2006	12302617	1.589	1.617	09/02	28	10,989	308 kWh				
01.01.2007 08.02.2007	12302617	1.617	1.629	01/01	8	11,017	88 kWh				
Verbrauch aktuelle Periode: Verbrauch Vorperiode:				1.143 kWh für 364 Tage 1.260 kWh für 366 Tage							
Heizsystem/Brennstoff	Verbrauch	Einheit	Zeitraum								
		(z.B. kWh, m <sup>3</sup> , etc.)		(TT/MM/JJ-TT/MM/JJ)							

	Electricity	Heating
<b>Czech</b>	,469***	,510***
rural	,393***	,451***
urban	,450***	,668***
<b>German</b>	,551***	104**
rural	,492***	-,168
urban	,718***	,418***

# CO<sub>2</sub> calculations



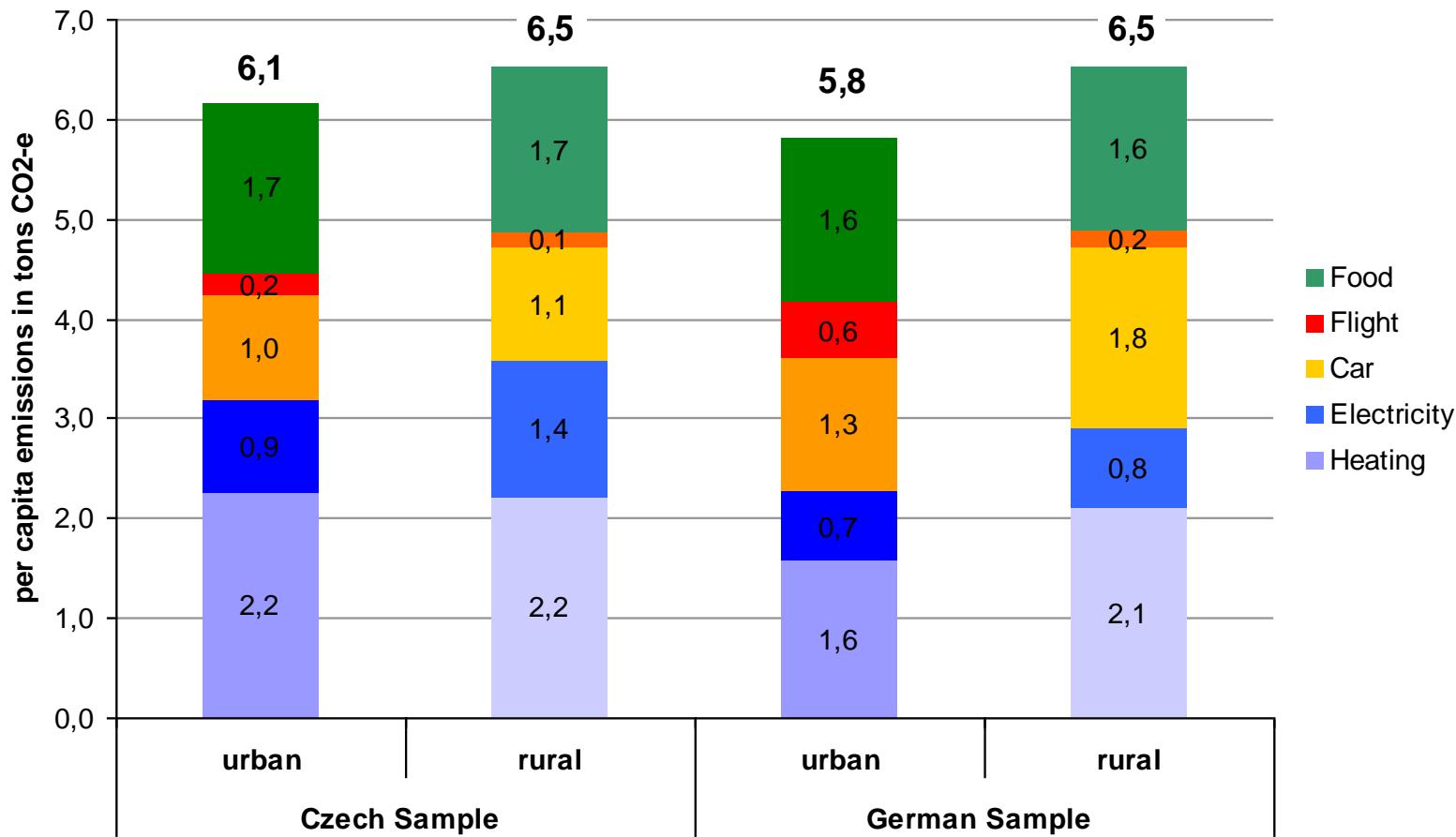
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# Comparison rural and urban data



# Conclusions

- Interesting tool to estimate the overall environmental impact of individuals; but there are still aspects of energy consumption missing
- Estimations for heating and electricity appear to be of good quality (exception heating in German rural sample)
- But high amount of missing data
- For better results, more effort has to be put into the collection process: preferably direct interviews

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