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Report on Master Thesis

Title: Assessing Language Value in the EU: A New Approach to a Lingering Barrier

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The author has surely written an interesting and well elaborated thesis. After a couple of introductory chapters (short overview of European languages, language as a barrier for mobility), we can find two chapters with the original contribution: models for language value and future production and the suggestion of the dynamic language policy for the EU.

My basic complain is about the missing sensitivity analysis of the Language Value Index the author presents like his original contribution in the 3rd chapter. It would be interesting to see how his results changed with the changes of indicators incorporated into the index. All other aspects of this thesis fully comply with the standard of theses at the IES.

I recommend this thesis for the final discussion and I suggest evaluating it like an excellent one.

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