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Sample design and selection - recommendations -

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I. DEFINING OBJECTIVES

- The main objective of the load research analysis:
 - **Characterization of customers** and
 - **Load profiling**



2. DEFINING POPULATION

- **Targeted population: customers connected to 0,4 kV network:**
- **Basic groups:**
 - **Households**
 - **Commercial consumption on low voltage with no capacity metering**
 - **Public lighting**



3. DEFINING SUBGROUPS

- **Households:**
 - **Urban area with central heating**
 - **Urban area without central heating**
 - **Suburb**
 - **Rural areas**
- **Public lighting – no subgroups**



3. DEFINING SUBGROUPS

- **Commercial consumption on low voltage with no capacity metering:**
 - **Workshops**
 - **Shops and handcrafts**
 - **Service providers (restaurants, small hotels, bars)**
 - **Crafts**
 - **Administration buildings**
 - **Banks**
 - **Health institutions**
 - **Schools, religious facilities, sports halls**
 - **Water-supply pump stations**
 - **Central heating pump stations**
 - **Other customers**



3. DEFINING SUBGROUPS

- **If the distribution company is organized into several subsidiaries according to geographical location, we need to think through whether this division needs to be applied for each subsidiary.**
- **If the geographical features are similar or if geographic feature do not affect the subgroup, the customers from all subsidiaries within one subgroup should be addressed collectively.**



4. DEFINING STATISTICAL FEATURES OF EACH SUBGROUP BASED ON CALCULATION DATA

- **Number of customers in one group**
- **Average annual consumption**
- **Variance/Standard deviation**
- **Maximum consumption**
- **Minimum consumption**



5. SAMPLING TECHNIQUE

- **Stratification**
- **Stratification variable \Rightarrow electricity consumption**
- **Auxilliary stratification variable \Rightarrow employed capacity**



6. DEFINING NUMBER OF STRATA

- **Recommended number of strata is 4 in each subgroup**

7. DEFINING STRATA BOUNDARIES

- **Dalenius – Hodges method or cumulative $\sqrt{f u}$ method**
- **The population is divided into short intervals based on stratification variable.**
- **Each interval has frequency f and interval length u**



8. DEFINING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED ERROR

- Maximum error of **10%** or less if the subgroup has significant impact on the consumption of the whole group.
- Maximum error of **15%** or less, if the customer subgroup has somewhat significant impact on the consumption of the whole group.
- Maximum error of **20%** or less, if the subgroup has insignificant impact on the consumption of the whole group.



9. DEFINING CONFIDENCE INTERVAL

- Apply confidence interval of 90% or higher

10. CALCULATING NUMBER OF SAMPLES

$$n = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{z^2}{r^2}$$

n – sample size,

r – max allowed error,

σ - standard deviation for total consumption (kWh),

μ - medium value for total consumption (kWh),

z – standard normal variable (z is 1.645 for confidence interval of 90%).



II. ALLOCATING SAMPLES BY STRATA

$$n_h = n * (N_h * S_h) / [\Sigma (N_i * S_i)]$$

n_h – sample size for stratum h ,

n – total sample size,

N_h – population sample for stratum h ,

S_h – standard deviation for stratum h ,

N_i – total population stratum i

S_i – standard deviation stratum i .



I2. CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION

- **Identify customers where the meters will be installed according to number of samples in each stratum.**
- **Statistical features of identified customers in a stratum should be similar to the statistical features of all customers in the stratum.**