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# MODELLING INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS TO SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN POLICIES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

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## ACRONYMS

AgroDataCube	AgroDataCube provides a large collection of both open data and derived data for use in agri-food applications
API	Application Programming Interface
FADN	Farm Accountancy Data Network
fadnUtils	R package to easily load and manipulate FADN data
FSS	Farm Structure Survey
GLOBIOM	Global Biosphere Management Model
globiomvis	R package assists with visualizing GLOBIOM data
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
Mapspam2globiom	R package to facilitate the creation of country level crop distribution maps, which can be used as input by the IIASA's Global Biosphere Management Model (GLOBIOM)
URL	Uniform Resource Locator



## 1. INTRODUCTION

This deliverable lists the R packages that are developed to be used as interfaces for different databases of the models of MIND STEP. The packages are work in progress and are will to be updated, improved or new packages are developed at a later stage of this project. The appendix lists the documentations of the fadnUtils and FSS packages. For the remaining packages, i.e. Mapssпам2globiom and globiomvis, a more detailed description of the package and their functions can be found behind the given URLs.

## 2. OVERVIEW OF R PACKAGES FOR INTERFACES OF DATABASES

In this chapter the developed packages are listed in Table 1. We also provide the URL of the packages, the database characteristic and in which chapter of the deliverable D2.2 a broader description can be found. The package fadnUtils is an interface to work with farm accountancy data, e.g. FADN. The FSS packages contains functions to work with (German) farm structure survey data (FSS). For the bio-physical database AgroDataCube, a R packages was not developed so far. Therefore, a link to the web page is provided in which a documentation of the database itself and the API is given. The packages Mapssпам2globiom and globiomvis provide an interface for the GLOBIOM model.

**Table 1: Overview of R packages for interfaces of databases**

Name of package	URL link to package	Database characteristic	Link to Document
fadnUtils	<a href="https://git-dmz.thuenen.de/mindstep/fadnutilspackages">https://git-dmz.thuenen.de/mindstep/fadnutilspackages</a>	Economic databases 2.4	D2.2 Chapter 4
FSS	<a href="https://git-dmz.thuenen.de/mindstep/fss">https://git-dmz.thuenen.de/mindstep/fss</a>	Economic databases 2.4	D2.2 Chapter 4
*	<a href="https://agrodatacube.wur.nl/">https://agrodatacube.wur.nl/</a>	Bio-physical databases 2.5	D2.2 Chapter 4
Mapssпам2globiom	<a href="https://iiasa.github.io/mapssпам2globiom/">https://iiasa.github.io/mapssпам2globiom/</a>	Current models 2.6	D2.2 Chapter 2 and 4
globiomvis	<a href="https://iiasa.github.io/globiomvis">https://iiasa.github.io/globiomvis</a>	Current models 2.6	D2.2 Chapter 2 and 4

Note: \* - no specific package as interface developed so far.

Source: Own compilation.

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# APPENDIX

## 3.1. Package ‘fadnUtils’

### Package ‘fadnUtils’

April 26, 2021

**Title** An R package to easily load and manipulate FADN data  
**Type** Package  
**Version** 1.0.2  
**Author** Dimitris Kremmydas, Xinxin Yang  
**Maintainer** Dimitris Kremmydas <Dimitrios.KREMMYDAS@ec.europa.eu>  
**Description** Manipulate and perform data analysis with FADN data  
**License** Proprietary software (JRC D.4)  
**Encoding** UTF-8  
**LazyData** TRUE  
**Depends** R (>= 3.4.0)  
**Imports** data.table,  
 jsonlite  
**RoxygenNote** 7.1.1  
**Suggests** knitr,  
 rmarkdown  
**VignetteBuilder** knitr

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<code>analyzeFormula</code>	<i>Dissagregates a string formula to a list(add=c("SE610","J830(2)","#289","#267..270"),subtract=c("SE626","M632..634"))</i>
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**Description**

Dissagregates a string formula to a list(add=c("SE610","J830(2)","#289","#267..270"),subtract=c("SE626","M632..634"))

**Usage**

`analyzeFormula(formula)`

**Arguments**

`formula` a formula string, see examples

**Value**

`list(add=c(),subtract=())`

**Examples**

```
formula="K120..148(7)+K120..148(8)+K120..148(9)+K120..148(10)-K120..148(6)"
formula="#48+#49+#50"
```

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<code>check.column</code>	<i>Check the variables/column names for calculating the aggregate variables</i>
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**Description**

The `check.column` function checks the variables if they exist in a json-file matching the variables in the `fadn.raw.rds` or `fadn.raw.csv` (csv-file from FADN-AGRI), returning a list of variables which are not in the raw data file. Then a new json file without unmatched variables can be saved in the `extraction_dir`. A txt-file (`my_logfile.txt`) is created in a specific directory (`spool.dir`) where stores the output messages.



`check.data.dir.structure`

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**Usage**

```
check.column(importfilepath, jsonfile, rewrite_json = TRUE, extraction_dir)
```

**Arguments**

`importfilepath` A fadn.raw.rds or fadn.raw.csv file address.  
`jsonfile` A json file address.  
`rewrite_json` Logical, if TRUE (default), a new json file without unmatched variables will be saved. The string "rewrite" will be added in front of the original file name, and they are separated through "\_". For example, the name of original json file is A.json, the new json file will be saved as rewrite\_A.json. Otherwise, do not rewrite json file.  
`extraction_dir` Extraction\_dir is the folder for extracting the data.

**Details**

If variables exist in a json-file and not in the fadn.raw.rds file or fadn csv file, then returning all unmatched variables. Json file has 6 objects/categories: "id", "info", "costs", "crops", "subsidies", "livestock".

**Value**

A list of multiple objects. The objects are in the json-file, which have the unmatched variables.

**Author(s)**

Xinxin Yang <xinxin.yang@thuenen.de>

**Examples**

```
check.column("../fadn.raw.2009.BEL.rds", "../2014_after.json", TRUE, "../OV")
check.column("BEL2009.csv", "2013_before.json", TRUE, "../OV")
```

`check.data.dir.structure`

*Checks if the structure of the fadnUtils.data.dir is ok*

**Description**

Checks if the structure of the fadnUtils.data.dir is ok

**Usage**

```
check.data.dir.structure(data.dir = NULL, silent = T)
```

**Arguments**

`data.dir` a specific directory to show contents, otherwise it will read the fadnUtils.data.dir  
`silent` if TRUE, do not print any message





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*check\_file\_type*

**Value**

TRUE if everything is ok; FALSE otherwise

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check.raw_str_map	<i>Checks if the definitions of a raw_str_map are compatible with a fadn.raw.rds for a certain year and country</i>
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**Description**

Checks if all values are actual columns of the fadn.raw.rds file

**Usage**

check.raw\_str\_map(raw\_str\_map.file, fadn.country = NA, fadn.year = NA)

**Arguments**

raw\_str\_map.file  
The full filepath of the raw\_str\_map

---

check_file_type	<i>Check the type of load file</i>
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**Description**

This function checks the type of the load file and read this file. If the file is not a csv or rds file, the execution of the currently running R code will be stopped.

**Usage**

check\_file\_type(filepath)

**Arguments**

filepath      A rds or csv file address.

**Value**

A data frame with cases corresponding to lines and variables to fields in the file.



*collect.common.id*

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`collect.common.id`      *Collect Common id*

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**Description**

Load the `Fadn.raw.rds` data (Data Table) or `Fadn.str.rds` data (List), then collection the common id from different years on this data.

**Usage**

```
collect.common.id(my.r.data)
```

**Arguments**

`my.r.data`      A data object(either a `data.table` or a list).

**Value**

A `data.table`, it includes just one column that named "common\_id".

**Author(s)**

Xinxin Yang

**Examples**

```
collect.common.id(fadn.raw.rds)
## collection the common "id" from the raw rds data
## for 2009-2012 years and country "BEL".
## Return a DT with one column named "common_id".
```

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`convert.to.fadn.raw.rds`

*Gets a `fadn.raw.csv` (csv file from DG-AGRI) and transforms it accordingly to `fadn.raw.rds`*

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**Description**

It saves two files: - One that contain a wide format of the data, i.e. in tabular format that is identical to the csv data. This is uncompressed data. - One that holds the same information in compressed data. It is a list that contains `$data.char` and `$data.num` `data.tables` in long format. 0 values are removed and only the `col.id` is the index on both `data.tables`



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*convert.to.fadn.str.rds*

**Usage**

```
convert.to.fadn.raw.rds(
  file.path = "",
  sepS = ",",
  fadn.year = NA,
  fadn.country = NA,
  keep.csv = F,
  col.id = "ID"
)
```

**Arguments**

- `file.path`      the full path of the csv file (the filename must be included)
- `sepS`            the separator of the csv files (by default ",")
- `fadn.year`        the year the csv files refers to (e.g. 2001)
- `fadn.country`    the three letter country code the csv files refers to (e.g. "ELL")
- `keep.csv`        if TRUE, copy the csv files to the CSV directory; else do not copy

**Value**

Saves the `fadn.raw.rds` file and returns TRUE if everything goes well

`convert.to.fadn.str.rds`

*Converts an `fadn.raw.rds` file to `fadn.str.rds` file using a `raw_str_map.json` file*

**Description**

The `raw_str_map.json` specification is as follows:

**Usage**

```
convert.to.fadn.str.rds(
  fadn.country = NA,
  fadn.year = NA,
  raw_str_map.file = NULL,
  force_external_raw_str_map = FALSE,
  str.name = NULL,
  DEBUG = F
)
```

**Arguments**

- `fadn.country`    string with the country to extract the str data
- `fadn.year`        the year to extract the structured data
- `raw_str_map.file`  
the full path to the `raw_str_map` file.
- `DEBUG`            if TRUE, prints more details on the conversion process
- `str.short_name`   the short name of the str data. No spaces and text up to 20 characters



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**Details**

"id": "COLUMN in every list member in RDS": "COLUMN IN CSV", ..., "info": "COLUMN in info RDS": "COLUMN IN CSV", ..., "livestock": "crops": "CROP NAME 1": "description": "description of crop name", "columns": "VARIABLE NAME": COLUMN IN CSV", ..., "CROP NAME 2": "description": "description of crop name", "columns": "VARIABLE NAME": COLUMN IN CSV", ..., , ...

The structure of the str.dir: - A data.dir can hold more than one extractions. - Each extraction has a short name (20 or less characters, whitespace is not allowed) - Each extraction is stored in the data.dir/rds/<extraction\_name> - That folder contains the following files: + raw\_str\_map.json: the raw\_str\_map + fadn.str.<4-digit YEAR>.<3-letter COUNTRY>.rds: the extracted data

Notes: 1) The computed RDS file contains a list structure with the following keys: info, costs, livestock-animals and crops All are data.tables. For all of them, the first columns are those that are contained in the "id" object "info" and "costs" are in table format, i.e. each farm is one row and data is on columns, as defined in the related raw\_str\_map.json file. "crops" and "livestock-animals" are in wide data format (<https://tidyr.tidyverse.org/>), where one farm lies across many rows, and each row is a farm-crop-variableName-value combination

2) In \$id, \$info and \$costs, "COLUMN IN CSV" can have two forms i) a single column name in the fadn.raw csv file or a combination, e.g. "K120SA+K120FC+K120FU+K120CV-K120BV" ii) the form of an object "source": "the column in the csv", "description": "a description of what this column is about"

3) We attach certain attributes that are useful for identifying informations: i) In \$info and \$costs, the attribute "column description" provide information of the formula and the description of each column ii) In \$crops and \$livestock-animals, the attribute "\$crops.descriptions" and "\$livestock.descriptions", provide the description of each CROP contained there iii) In \$crops and \$ the attribute "\$column.formulas" provide the formulas used in order to derive the VALUE

**Value**

Saves the rds.str.fadn and returns TRUE if everything goes well

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<code>create.data.dir</code>	<i>Creates a data.dir</i>
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**Description**

Creates a data.dir

**Usage**

```
create.data.dir(
  folder.path,

  metadata = "{\n'description': 'No Description Provided',\n'created-by': '',\n'created-at': ''\n}"
)
```

**Arguments**

metadata



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*get.available.fadn.raw.rds*

**Value**

TRUE if created successfully; FALSE otherwise. It return in invisible mode.

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delete.fadn.raw      *Title*

---

**Description**

Title

**Usage**

delete.fadn.raw(countries = NULL, years = NULL)

**Arguments**

years

---

delete.fadn.str      *Title*

---

**Description**

Title

**Usage**

delete.fadn.str(countries = c(), years = c())

**Arguments**

years

---

get.available.fadn.raw.rds  
*Returns the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.raw.rds*

---

**Description**

Returns the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.raw.rds

**Usage**

get.available.fadn.raw.rds(data.dir = NULL)

**Value**

a DT of the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.raw.rds

`get.available.fadn.str.rds`

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`get.available.fadn.str.rds`

*Returns the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.str.rds, for each str.folder*

---

**Description**

Returns the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.str.rds, for each str.folder

**Usage**

`get.available.fadn.str.rds(data.dir = NULL, extract_dir)`

**Arguments**

`extract_dir`      The name of the extraction dir

**Value**

DT of the available YEAR-COUNTRY fadn.str.rds

---

`get.data.dir`      *Gets the data.dir*

---

**Description**

`data.dir` is the folder where data is stored r package will create two subfolders: `csv` = location to store the csv files of th DG-AGRI (`fadn.raw.csv`) `rds` = location to store rds files (`fadn.raw.rds`, `fadn.str.rds`, etc.)

**Usage**

`get.data.dir()`

**Value**

the value of option("fadnUtils.data.dir")



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*grep.columns.in.raw.rds*

getFormulaResult      *Aggregates columns for each farms using a formula*

**Description**

Aggregates columns for each farms using a formula

**Usage**

getFormulaResult(data, SEdata, formulaString, aggregator = sum, onlyValue = T)

**Arguments**

data                    a fadn.container, containing all tables  
 SEdata                 a data.table of already calculated SE  
 formulaString        The formula String to use for aggregation

**Value**

FID VALUE

**Examples**

```
#definition of formula SE610+SE615+SE624-SE626
formula=list(add=c("SE610", "J830(2)", "#289", "#267..270"), subtract=c("SE626", "M632..634(2)"))
list(add=c("#48", "#49", "#50"), subtract=list())
```

grep.columns.in.raw.rds  
*Grep a pattern into a raw.rds column names*

**Description**

Useful for the case where one want to look if there are certain columns present or missing

**Usage**

grep.columns.in.raw.rds(pattern, countries = c("all"), years = c("all"))

**Arguments**

pattern                a grep-like character pattern. This parameter is passed as is to the grep function  
 countries             a character vector with all the 3-letter codes of the selected countries, e.g. c("ELL", "ESP"). If "all" is included, all available countries are loaded  
 years                 a numeric vector with the years selected. If "all" is included, all available years are loa  
 show                 if TRUE, the columns are printed



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**Value**

Prints the columns and returns them invisibly

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<code>import.fadn.csv</code>	<i>Imports a DG-AGRI csv into fadnUtils</i>
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---

**Description**

It first call the `convert.to.fadn.raw.rds` and then `convert.to.fadn.str.rds`

**Usage**

```
import.fadn.csv(
  file.path,
  raw.f = NULL,
  sepS = ",",
  fadn.year = NA,
  fadn.country = NA,
  keep.csv = F
)
```

**Arguments**

- `file.path`      the full path of the file (the filename must be included)
- `raw.f`            the raw\_str\_map file to use. it must reside inside 'raw\_str\_maps; folder of the data.dir
- `sepS`             the separator of the csv files (by default ",")
- `fadn.year`        the year the csv files refers to (e.g. 2001)
- `fadn.country`    the three letter country code the csv files refers to (e.g. "ELL")
- `keep.csv`         if TRUE, copy the csv files; else do not copy

---

<code>load.fadn.raw.rds</code>	<i>Load all rds.raw.FADN data for selcted years and countries (rbinds them)</i>
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**Description**

It adds two columns: `load.YEAR` and `load.COUNTRY` in each row. This can be used to group per year,country the data

**Usage**

```
load.fadn.raw.rds(
  countries = c("all"),
  years = c("all"),
  col.filter = NULL,
  row.filter = NULL
)
```





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*nested\_var*

**Arguments**

- countries a character vector with all the 3-letter codes of the selected countries, e.g. c("ELL", "ESP"). If "all" is included, all available countries are loaded
- years a numeric vector with the years selected. If "all" is included, all available years are loaded
- col.filter a character vector with the columns to load. If NULL, all columns are loaded. E.g columns=c('ILOTH\_VET\_V', 'ILVOTH\_V','id')
- row.filter a string giving an expression that will be evaluated in order to select rows. If NULL, all rows are returned. E.g. filter='TF8==1'

**Value**

list( "countries"=> c(<RETURNED COUNTRIES>), "years"=>c(<AVAILABLE YEARS> )

---

load.fadn.str.rds *Load all rds.str.FADN data for seelcted years and countries*

---

**Description**

Load all rds.str.FADN data for seelcted years and countries

**Usage**

load.fadn.str.rds(extraction\_dir, countries = c("all"), years = c("all"))

**Arguments**

- countries a character vector with all the 3-letter codes of the selected countries, e.g. c("ELL", "ESP"). If "all" is included, all available countries are loaded
- years
- str.name The extractionname to load data from

**Value**

list( "countries"=> c(<RETURNED COUNTRIES>), "years"=>c(<AVAILABLE YEARS> )

---

nested\_var *Check a object in the json file*

---

**Description**

This function checks the node of chosen object/category for the json file and find out the variables which are in json file but not in fadn.raw data file. Returning two lists: unmatched variables/column names and modified json. If unmatched variable exists, this variable will be deleted from the json list.

**Usage**

nested\_var(var, rds)



*raw\_str\_map.merge*

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**Arguments**

var                    A object or category of raw json.  
 rds                    All variables/column names in fadn.raw.rds file.

**Details**

A json file has 6 parent objects/categories: "id", "info", "costs", "crops", "subsidies", "livestock". This function checks all objects inside the parent object.

**Value**

A list of multiple objects. This list combines no machted variables and the modified json for the chosen object/category.

**Author(s)**

Xinxin Yang

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*raw\_str\_map.merge*      *Merges two raw\_str\_map files and returns either a list or a file*

---

**Description**

All entries in the new.raw\_str\_map file replace those on the source.raw\_str\_map file

**Usage**

```
raw_str_map.merge(
  source.raw_str_map.file = NULL,
  new.raw_str_map.file = NULL,
  return.file = F
)
```

**Arguments**

source.raw\_str\_map.file      the filename of the source raw\_str\_map. It must be relative the raw\_str\_maps of the current data.dir  
 new.raw\_str\_map.file      the filename of the mask raw\_str\_map. It will replace any entries of the source file. It must be relative the raw\_str\_maps of the current data.dir  
 return.file      If set to T, a temporary full file path that contains the merge is returned. Otherwise a list with the contents of the merge is returned

**Details**

Both files must be relative to the current data.dir/raw\_str\_maps

**Value**

FALSE in case of problem / if return.file=T, the temporary full path of a file that contains the merged result in json / A list with the contents of the merge if return.file=F



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*show.data.dir.contents*

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`set.data.dir`      *Sets the data.dir*

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**Description**

Sets the data.dir

**Usage**

`set.data.dir(new.data.dir)`

**Arguments**

`new.data.dir`      the full path to the folder where the data.dir will be. Ending slash "/" shall not be present

**Value**

TRUE if succesfully set the data.dir; FALSE otherwise. Returns in invisible mode.

---

`show.data.dir.contents`  
*Show the contents of data.dir*

---

**Description**

Show the contents of data.dir

**Usage**

`show.data.dir.contents(data.dir = NULL, return.list = F)`

**Arguments**

`data.dir`            a specific directory to show contents, otherwise it will read the fadnUtils.data.dir  
`return.list`        if T, returns a list, otherwise print the results



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`take.raw_str_map.columns`  
*Takes \$id, \$info, \$costs objects of a raw\_str\_map object and create Source-Description pairs*

**Description**

Used internally

**Usage**

`take.raw_str_map.columns(listcontent)`

**Arguments**

`listcontent`

**Value**

`list(COLUMN-NAME = c(SOURCE=csv column name, DESCRIPTION=description of column),  
 .... )`

*update\_elements.DT* *Updates selected elements of data stored in one DT with new one given in melted format*

**Description**

The user provides the data.new: id,variable,new value. The function overwrites all existing id-column with the new values

**Usage**

`update_elements.DT(data.old, data.new)`

**Arguments**

`data.old` The DT to update  
`data.new` The data to insert. It must have three columns: id,variable,new value. E.g.  
`data.new=data.table("id"=c(810001100105),"variable"=c("AASBIO_CV"),value=c(999999))`

**Value**

a DT with the updated values



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*write.excel*

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`write.excel`      *Utility to copy data to clipboard for pasting to Excel*

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**Description**

Utility to copy data to clipboard for pasting to Excel

**Usage**

```
write.excel(d, getRownames = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>d</code>	the data to copy
<code>getRownames</code>	set to T to copy also row.names
<code>...</code>	any other parameter for passing to <code>write.table</code>

**Value**

nothing

**Examples**

```
write.excel(d);
```



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### 3.2. Package ‘FSS’

## Package ‘FSS’

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**Type** Package

**Title** A package for preparing (German) Farm Structure Survey (FSS) data for analysis.

**Version** 0.1.0

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**Description** The FSS package is written for the German Farm Structure Survey data as it was provided in the year 2018. This means, that the RDC provides to data sets.  
 One is the old data set which has variables in the former declination (EF codes) and contains data at maximum data from 1999, 2003 and 2007.  
 The second data set is declinated in C/C0 codes and has data from 2010, 2013 (only sample), 2016 and 2020 (as of 2021).  
 How much variables the researcher has requested or how many years depends. This function works fine for all years and all variables up to 2016.

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**Imports** data.table

**Encoding** UTF-8

**LazyData** true

**RoxygenNote** 7.1.1

**Collate** 'convertCSVtoRdata.R'  
 'FSS.R'  
 'generateFakeFSSData\_DE.R'

**Suggests** knitr,  
 rmarkdown

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

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*convertCSVtoRdata\_DE*

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`convertCSVtoRdata_DE` *This function converts the given RDC comma separated value files into Rdata. It is important to verify before if the national RDC provides the data in the form as desired by this function.*

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**Description**

This function converts the given RDC comma separated value files into Rdata.

**Usage**

```
convertCSVtoRdata_DE(
  datafiles.dir = NULL,
  intermediate.dir = NULL,
  filename.old = NULL,
  filename.new = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

`datafiles.dir` Directory of the raw data files  
`intermediate.dir` Destination directory of converted Rdata  
`filename.old` Names of the raw data files (without file type)  
`filename.new` Names of the Rdata data files (without file type)

**Details**

This function is written for the German Farm Structure Survey data as it was provided in the year 2018. This means, that the RDC provides two data sets. One is the 'old' data set which has variables in the former declination (EF codes) and contains data at maximum data from 1999, 2003 and 2007. The second data set is declinated in C/C0 codes and has data from 2010, 2013 (only sample), 2016 and 2020 (as of 2021).

How much variables the researcher has requested or how many years depends. This function works fine for all years and all variables up to 2016.

This function needs of course the data as well as a specific folder structure, at least the RDC data file names and the specific folder names where these files are located and where they should be exported as Rdata files.

**Value**

Nothing returned, but Rdata exported to destination folder.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Neuenfeldt





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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
convertCSVtoRdata_DE(datafiles.dir="D:/data/in/", intermediate.dir="D:/data/temp/",
  filename.old="Panel_old", filename.new="Panel_new")

## End(Not run)
```

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FSS *FSS: A package for preparing (German) Farm Structure Survey (FSS) data for analysis.*

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**Description**

The FSS package is written for the German Farm Structure Survey data as it was provided in the year 2018. This means, that the RDC provides to data sets. One is the 'old' data set which has variables in the former declination (EF codes) and contains data at maximum data from 1999, 2003 and 2007. The second data set is declinated in C/C0 codes and has data from 2010, 2013 (only sample), 2016 and 2020 (as of 2021).

**Details**

How much variables the researcher has requested or how many years depends. This function works fine for all years and all variables up to 2016.

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generateFakeFSSData\_DE *This function provides a fake sample data set which has the form of the German FSS data. It is important to verify before if the national RDC provides the data in the form as desired by this function to have a proper fake data set.*

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**Description**

This function provides a fake sample data set which has the form of the German FSS data.

**Usage**

```
generateFakeFSSData_DE(
  nobs = 270000,
  years = c(1999, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2020),
  C0codes = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- nobs            Number of observations approximately to be generated
- years           Years of survey
- C0codes        Optional variables to be generated, only meaningful for continues variables.



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*generateFakeFSSData\_DE*

**Details**

This function is written for the German Farm Structure Survey data as it was provided in the year 2021. This means, that the generated data will be in a form that fits to the variables that are used from 2010 onwards - CO codes.

In its basic form this function generates data for the years 1999, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2020. For 2013, it is only a sample of the population. The automatically generated variables comprise 4 regional variables, 7 general variables and 7 production based variables.

*Regional variables:*

- C0010U1: NUTS1
- C0010UG5: NUTS2
- C0010UG4: NUTS3
- AGS: LAU

The regional variables are reasonable, but far away from correct numbers.

*General variables:*

- C0008U1: year of survey
- nr: farm id
- C0072: weighting factor - generated also for non-sample farms - only relevant for sample farms - weighted sum of a specific variable does not lead to the population sum!
- C0025: "N" population or "S" sample farm
- C0041: legal status - single farm, unincorporate farm (both as private farm) and corporate farm
- C0045: 1 full-time farm, 2 part-time farm, NA neither
- C0060UG1: farm type - aggregated to some relevant farm types in Germany

*Production variables:*

- C0240: total utilized agricultural area
- C0231, C0232, C0233, C0234: grass land activities
- C0210: arable land

These variables are coherent as grass land and arable land sum up to total land.

Any additional variables provided via COcodes argument are not coherent to these production variables.

**Value**

Retruns a fake data set based on German FSS data.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Neuenfeldt

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
FSS_data_DE <- generateFakeFSSData_DE()

## End(Not run)
```



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