

Work Package 3: Comprehensive Assessment of Public Acceptance

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Develop acceptance map of who accepts what, where and why
- 2 Contribute to experiments addressing barriers of non-drivers with solution bundles
- 3 4 Inform simulations with assessment of known and futures issues
- 6 Develop CAV instrument to predict customer acceptance (of connected and autonomous vehicles)



CONTRIBUTIONS



STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

- Academics
- Mobility Consultants
- OEMs
- Public Administration
- Insurers
- Mobility Service
- Vulnerable Populations
- Other Users

Semi-structured Interviews with 17 interview partners (3 women) from 6 European countries, with between 2 and 28 years of experience.

RESULTS

Ambiguity regarding CAV introduction; for each area of potential impact, there are **positive and negative consequences** that need to be considered.



Positive consequences

- COMFORT**
Infotainment time, parking assist, less driving stress
- SAFETY**
Fewer accidents
- SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS**
Vulnerable populations (blind, seniors), underage driving
- LABOR MARKET**
Reduces driver shortage in public transport
- STRUCTURAL**
Better and more frequent service, more public space
- ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY**
Efficiency gains, greenification of public space



Negative consequences

- Reliability anxiety, lower speed, travel duration
- Cyber attacks, terror, neo-luddism
- Accessibility issues, discrimination harassment
- Reduces attractive driver jobs, shifted to high-skilled IT jobs
- Urban sprawl, reduced city income
- Higher resource usage, shorter obsolescence

Exploratory Surveys of CAV Acceptance



Panel Users



Car-Sharing Users



Professional Drivers



Visually Impaired Persons



Germany



France



United Kingdom



Italy

Survey content

STATUS QUO

Mobility habits
Satisfaction with current mobility
Employment
Visual impairment
Demographics

ATTITUDE

Overall attitude
Willingness to use
Willingness to pay
Perceived ease of use
Opposition
Preference status quo vs. CAV

PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES

Job security
Job performance
Data privacy surveillance
Independence
Enjoyment
Efficiency

SOCIETY CONSEQUENCES

Job security
Environment
Congestion
Civic liberty
Road safety
Efficiency

Final Data Collection

800 panel participants, 200 per country (DE, FR, UK, IT)
212 car-sharing customers
48 professional drivers
persons with visual impairments

RESULTS *Most important factors:*

Sustainability

(emissions, pollution, environmental degradation & cost)

Privacy

(data abuse, data safety, surveillance)

Safety

(accident number and risk, travel danger and road safety)

Efficiency

(speed of travel and vehicles, travel time, trip duration)

Survey vignette and item examples

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Now imagine that **LARGE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION** use autonomous busses. What effect would that have?

If large sections of the population use autonomous cars, finding a parking space would be more difficult ○○○○○ easier

Finding a parking space easily isnot important ○○○○○ important to me

RESULTS

Participants had **higher intentions to use autonomous busses** than cars; this choice was mediated by their **concerns about privacy violations** and impacts of autonomous vehicles on **the environment**.



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