Data availability

The data used in this paper stem from two surveys, which we conducted in parallel in Switzerland and Austria in spring 2010. The samples cover the whole business sector of the two countries (firms with at least five employees). All model estimations are based on the firm-level data collected in these surveys.

The German, French and Italian version of the questionnaire used in the Swiss survey can be downloaded from: http://www.kof.ethz.ch/de/umfragen/strukturumfragen/andere-umfragen/internat2010/

The questionnaire used in Austria (German version only) can be downloaded from: http://www.joanneum.at/uploads/tx_publicationlibrary/RR59_02.pdf

The two questionnaires are not fully identical but the questions used for the construction of the variables are highly comparable. The (very) few differences do not hamper reliable estimates (as shown by some additional model estimates). The precise specifications of the variables we used in model estimation for the two countries are listed in detail in Table 2 (Model A) and Table 3 (Model B) of the paper. These tables provide an easy way to identify the correspondence between the variables and the underlying questions of the two questionnaires.

The firm-level data are highly confidential (as we promised the firms participating in the surveys conducted in Switzerland and Austria, respectively). However, they can be made available upon request, though only under the following conditions:

1. The user of the data must be a PhD student or a staff member of a research institution.
2. The user has to provide a short description of the planned research.
3. The analysis of the data has to take place at the author’s workplace, i.e. at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute, Zurich.

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