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## Presentation on Issues Paper

Data processing, hosting and  
related activities (ISIC 6311)  
(Cloud computing)

- Turnover/Output

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## ISIC 6311, Data processing, hosting and related activities

- provision of infrastructure for hosting, data processing services and related activities
- specialized hosting activities such as:
  - Web hosting
  - streaming services
  - application hosting
  - application service provisioning
  - general time-share provision of mainframe facilities to clients

## ISIC 6311, Data processing, hosting and related activities

- data processing activities:
- complete processing of data supplied by clients
- generation of specialized reports from data supplied by clients
- provision of data entry services

- CPC 83151, Website hosting services
- CPC 83152, Application service provisioning
- CPC 83159, Other hosting and IT infrastructure provisioning services
- CPC 83633, Sale of Internet advertising space (except on commission)

- ISIC Rev.4: United Nations (2008)
- NACE Rev.2: EU (2008)
- NAICS: North America (2012)
- NAICS Mexico: North America Mexico (2013)

- CPC Ver. 2.1: United Nations (2015)
- CPA Ver. 2.1: EU (2015)
- NAPCS: North America (2017)
- NAPCS Mexico: North America Mexico (2017)

- Content of industry and product classifications is similar
- Traditional vs. new services in the service industry
- Rapid changes in the IT service sector (e.g. cloud computing services) cause difficulties for industry and product classifications
- Focus is often on the main activity only
- Secondary activities (ISIC 582 ‘Software publishing’ and 620 ‘Computer programming, consultancy and related activities’)



- ISO: ‘paradigm for enabling network access to a scalable and elastic pool of shareable physical or virtual resources with selfservice provisioning and administration on-demand’
- NIST: ‘model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g. networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction ’

## Software as a Service (SaaS)

<b>Software as a Service (SaaS)</b>	<b>CPA 58.2 Software publishing services</b>
	<b>CPA 58.29.40 On-line software</b>
	<b>CPA 63.11.13 Application service provisioning</b>

## Platform as a Service (PaaS)

**Platform as a Service (PaaS)**

**CPA 62.01 Computer programming services**

**CPA 63.11 Data processing, hosting and related services**

## Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)

CPA 63.11.1 Data processing, hosting, application services and other IT infrastructure provisioning services

- Growth of the data processing, hosting and related activities industry

U.S.



Europe



- Growth of the cloud computing industry

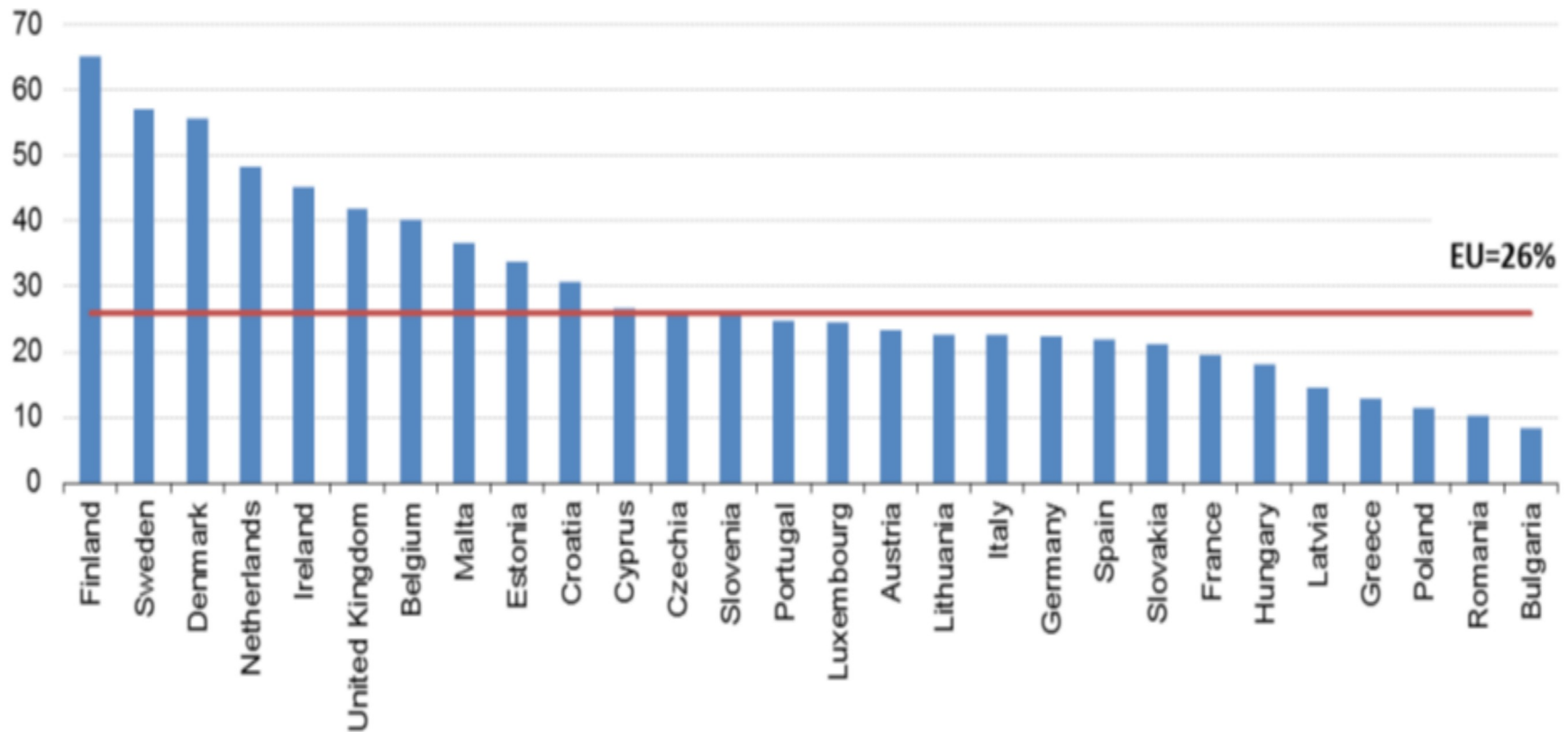
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Europe

- Traditional activities are mixed with cloud computing

## Use of cloud computing services by enterprises in the EU member states, 2018 (% of enterprises)



- Global companies offer cloud computing services
  - Measuring and ensuring coherence of transactions between the ultimate owner of the cloud computing infrastructure, the unit where the infrastructure is located, and the end user
- Cloud computing services are also intermediate inputs in the production process of services
- Many different cloud computing offerings to customers
- Direct value of cloud computing services is not always available
- Bundled services

- Turnover is generated by different establishments at different points in time
  - Improvement of latency can be a driving force for setting up new data centers
- Unclear if enterprises record turnover on establishment level
- Alternative sources of turnover/output information
  - Administrative tax records
  - Social security system
  - Regulatory institutions



- Publication of higher aggregate levels
- Industry vs. product level details
- Missing cloud computing data
  - Classification of enterprises
  - Weighting of enterprises and their services

## Price determining factors

- Latency
- Type of technical equipment from the cloud provider or lease period of resources from the service provider
- Processing performed overnight, during the workday or over the weekend
- And others: Number of users, computer storage capacity (gigabytes), computer connection speed, etc.

## Pricing methods

- Data processing, hosting and related activities are complex services. A wide range of services, service packages and pricing schemes are offered by enterprises of this industry. Various pricing methods could be best options
- Direct use of prices of repeated services, contract pricing, hourly charge-out rates, unit values, hedonic pricing

## Pricing methods

### Main basic pricing mechanisms in the cloud computing industry

Pricing mechanism	Price
Fees based on time or usage	e.g. Price per hour of application usage, Price per GB of storage
Hybrid form	e.g. Price per month combined with price per hour after a certain limit of the service
Flat fee (Subscription)	e.g. Price per month to access the service

- Cloud computing services should be explicitly defined in classifications
- Missing of product level details for this industry
- Any other classification codes with secondary cloud computing activities
- Identify different units and characteristics of global companies offering cloud computing services and units of cloud computing users
- How the supply and demand side of cloud computing services interact together

- More cloud computing information on turnover/output and prices is needed
- Adaptation of already used pricing methods or development of new ones (e.g. for cloud computing services)
- Development of pricing methods for main cloud computing categories (SaaS, PaaS and IaaS)
- Any other important cloud computing categories
- Bundled cloud computing services (which products, how frequently they are transacted together)

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# Thank you!