

OECD-Eurostat 2005 Inquiry on National Collection of Services Producer Prices

Preliminary report

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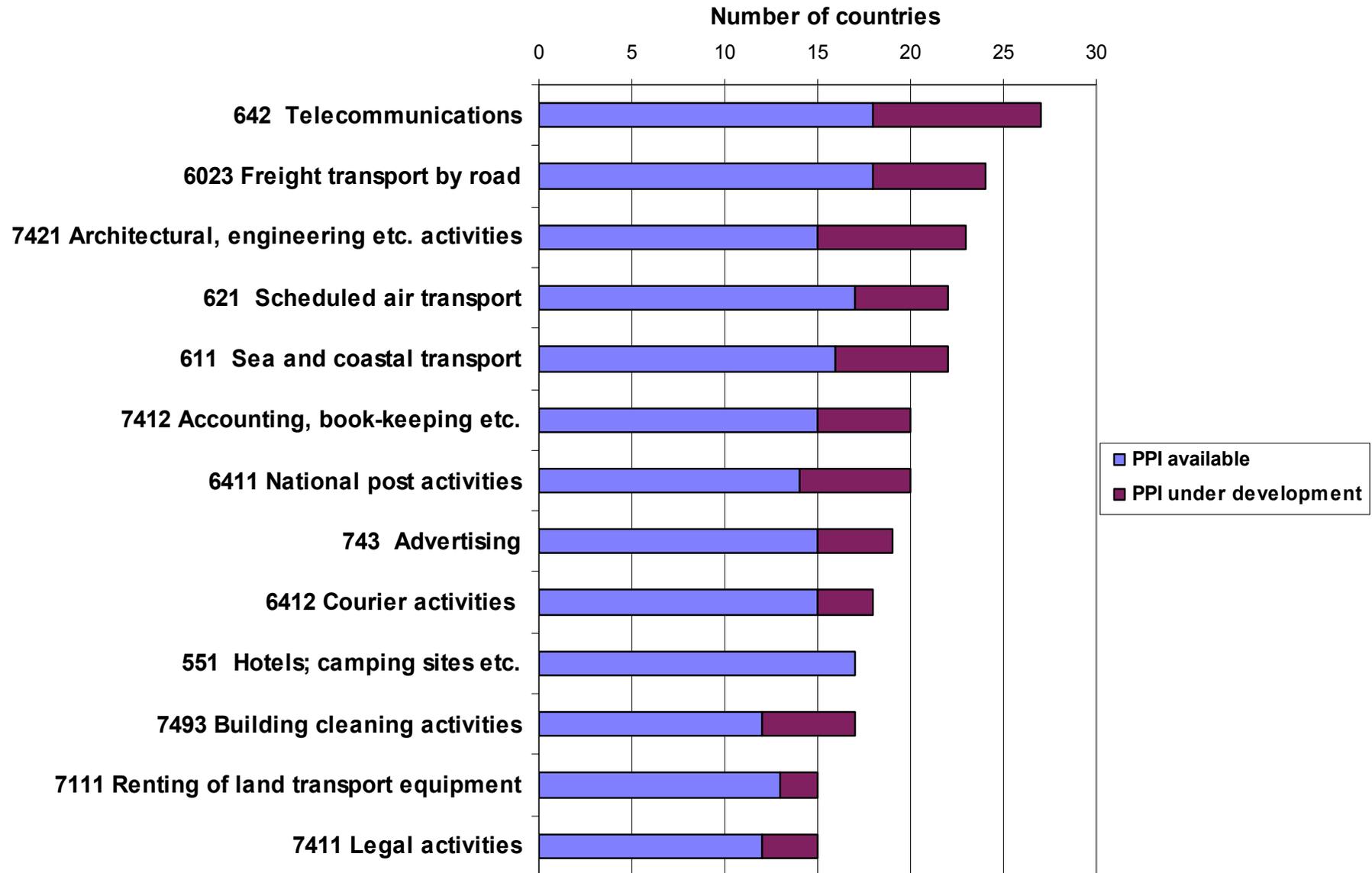
2005 results

- Inquiry was sent to 47 countries. Responses received from 34 countries.
- Cumulative total of 45 countries have replied since 1997.
- The number of countries that collect service PPIs is now 30.
- Of responding countries, 9 informed that they don't collect prices for services PPIs. However, a half of them have plans to start the work or preliminary work is already ongoing.
- Development started in some countries (LUX, PRT) but is now on hold.

Contents of the inventory

- Same as in 2004 three additional summary tables:
 - Number of SPPIs by activity: available, under development or planned to be developed
 - Number of SPPIs (existing ones and under development) in countries (at 4-digit or more aggregated level of ISIC)
 - Frequency of price collection by industry
- Substantial revision of the inventory will be executed in 2006

Activities where SPPIs are available or under development at least in 15 countries



Developments since July 2004 (new SPPIs or revisions)

642	Telecommunications	11
6023	Freight transport by road	8
611	Sea and coastal transport	7
6411	National post activities	7
6412	Courier activities other than national post	7
621	Scheduled air transport	6
6301	Cargo handling	6
743	Advertising	6
6302	Storage and warehousing	5
7411	Legal activities	5
7412	Accounting, book-keeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy	5
7492	Investigation and security activities	5
7493	Building cleaning activities	5
7421	Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy	4
Eight activities belonging mainly to business activities (ISIC 7)		3

Number of SPPIs (at 4-digit or more aggregated level of ISIC) in countries. Available or under development

- **30 or more service activities (out of about 80 activities):**
NZL, JPN, USA, KOR, MEX, AUS, GBR
- **15-30 service activities:**
SWE, FIN, DNK, FRA, NLD, DEU, CZE, SVK, POL, HKG
- **5-15 service activities:**
CAN, ESP, NOR, BEL, AUT, CHN, LTU, SVN, VTN
- **1-5 service activities:**
ITA, CHE, ISR, (IRL)
- **No SPPIs available (out of OECD countries):**
PRT, LUX, GRC, HUN, (ISL), (TUR)

Finalisation of the 2005 inventory

- Comments and additions from countries by the end of October
- Final editing and transfer into the OECD website in November

What next?

- Developing the inventory, particularly:
 - Adoption of the classification of pricing methods
 - Other improvements to be considered:
 - Developing the classification of type of prices collected (transaction, list, virtual,...)
 - Results shown also by country groups (OECD, EU)
 - Other improvements
- Drafting a new questionnaire to be used in the 2006 inquiry
 - Possibly the inquiry should be sent out earlier to ensure that results are available in the next VG meeting

Discussion points

- Is the proposed development plan in principle sound?
- Due to rapid changes, should the inventory be updated more frequently than once a year?
- How useful is Table 3 (information by products)?
- Other comments, remarks?