

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

## **Preliminary report**

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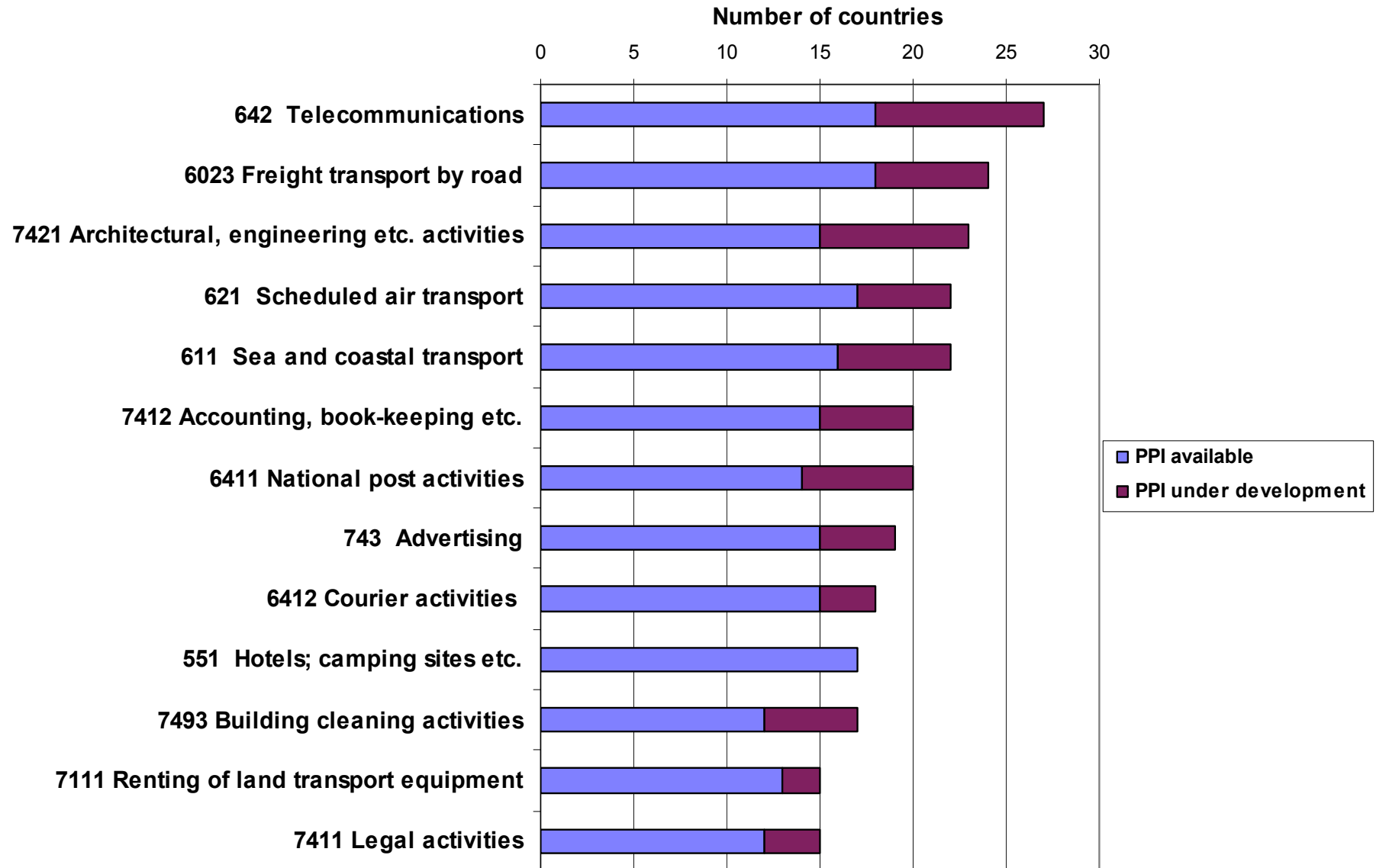
# 2005 results

- 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?