

# New trends and challenges in ICT

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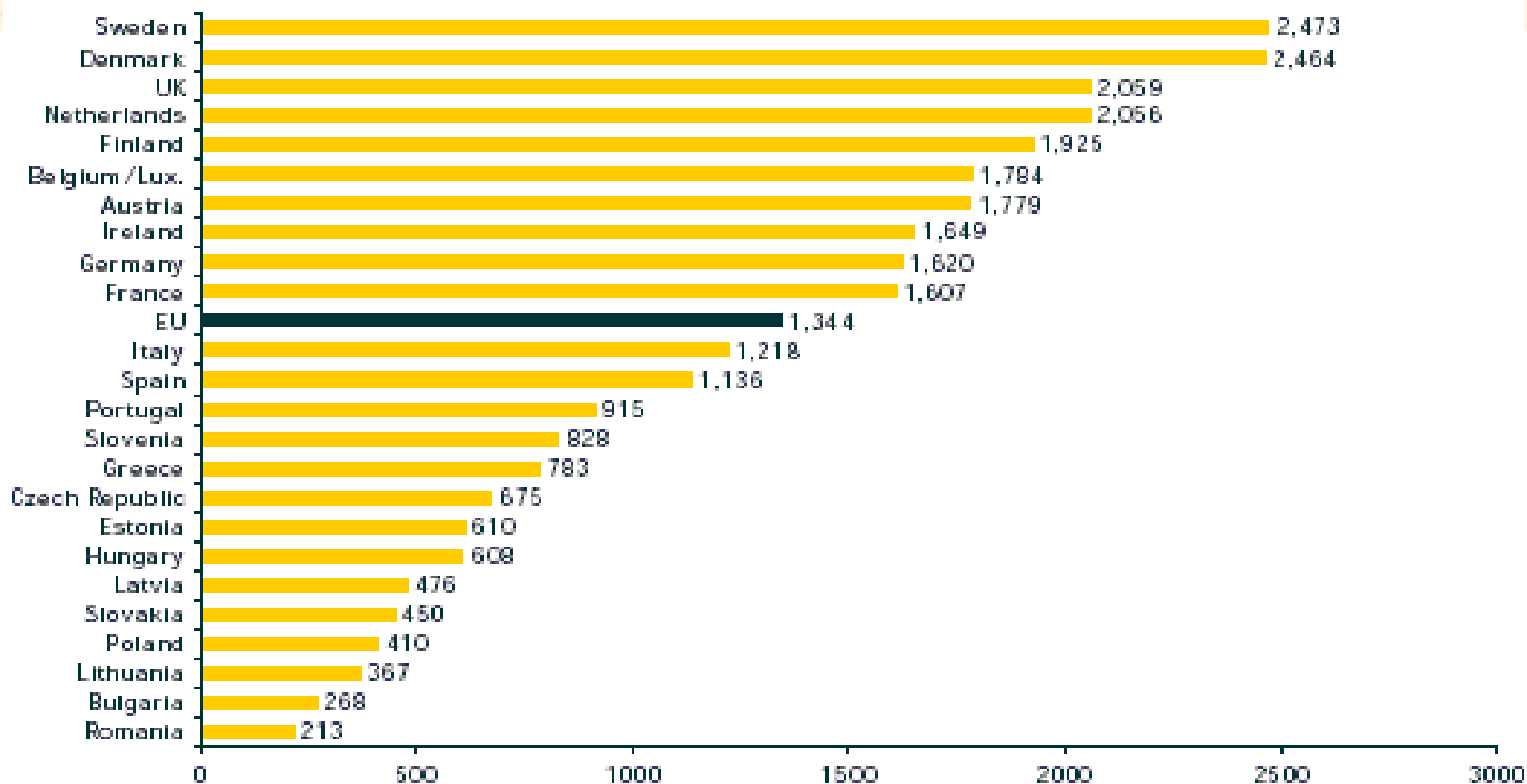
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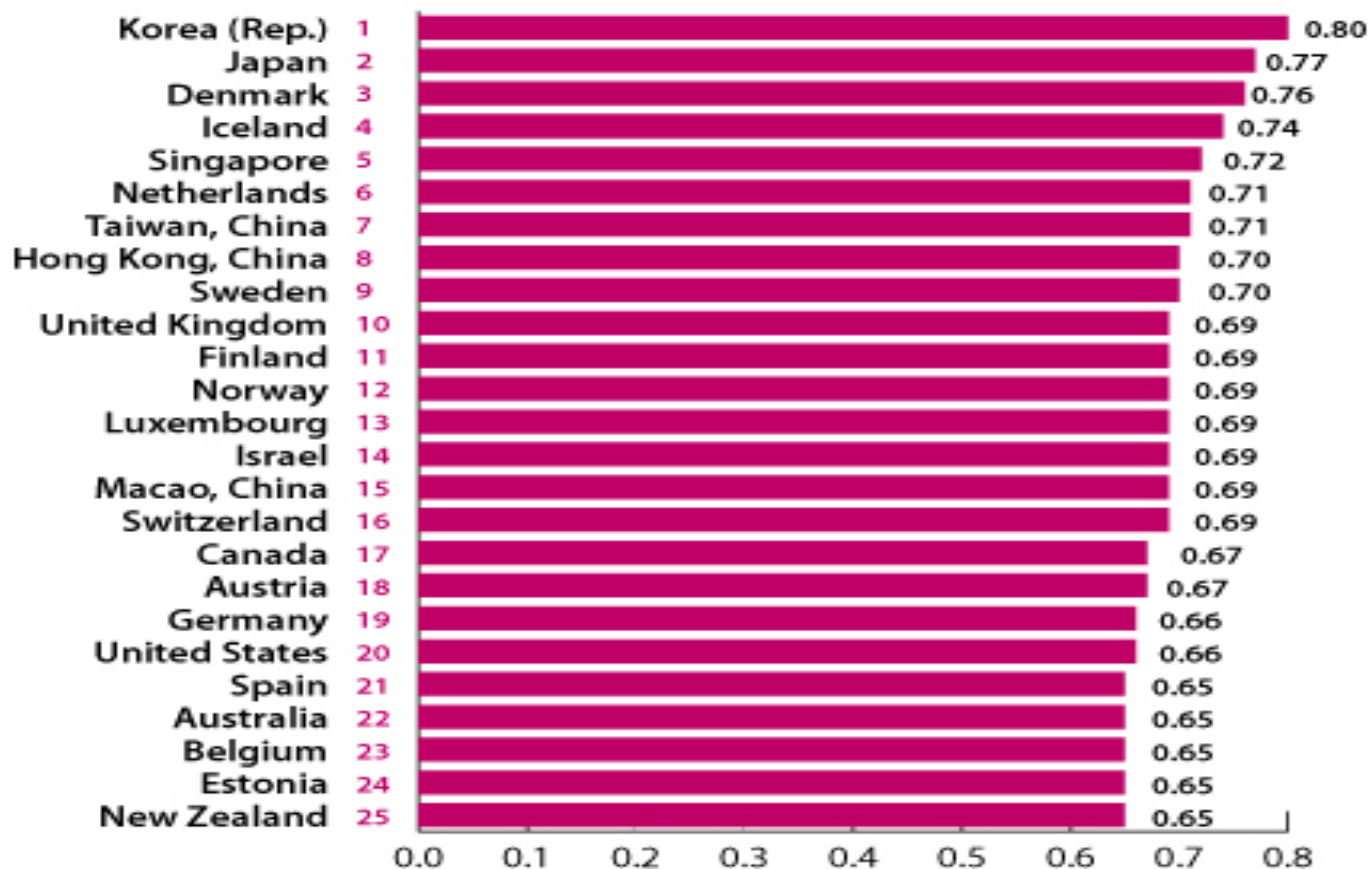
# ICT expenditures per capita in 2006\*, in euro



(\*) Excluding Malta and Cyprus (source: EITO Report 2006)



# ITU's Digital Opportunity Index (DOI) , top 25 countries, 2000/05/06



Source: The World Information Society Report 2007, ITU



# Limits of the current Internet architecture and protocols

## ■ Scalability

- Devices (users, sensors, mostly wireless) will outnumber humans by several orders of magnitude
- Not only peer-to-peer networks invalidate the hierarchical approach of the Internet, but also mesh, space-aware models...
- Network complexity exceeds the intrinsic limitations of a centralised control (e.g. self-organisation), multiple approaches to cope with complexity (e.g. bio-inspired)
- Multiple points of attachments to the infrastructure
- Routing

## ■ Suitability for ad-hoc/multi-hop networking

- disconnected operation is complex (e.g. security, trust and privacy, ...)

## ■ Mobility

- Mobile IP (or MIPv6) not effective, overhead

## ■ Transparency

- QoS
- Virtualization

## ■ Security

- How to embed security in heterogeneous networks
- Balance between security and privacy

## ■ Machine-to-machine communication

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# Dimensions of the Future Internet

## Technological

- Fast optical networks
- Mobility
- Internet of things
- Complex systems
- ...

## Socio - Economic

- Changes to the Internet not neutral to societal / economic structures
- Preserve innovative force / support investment in Infrastr & Services
- Social responsibility
- Balance Security / Accountability / Trust / Privacy
- ...

## Regulatory / Political

- Act where market forces fail
- Consumer protection / empowerment
- National security
- Protection of the private sphere
- OECD process on the future of the internet economy
- ...



# Thank you



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