

New trends and challenges in ICT

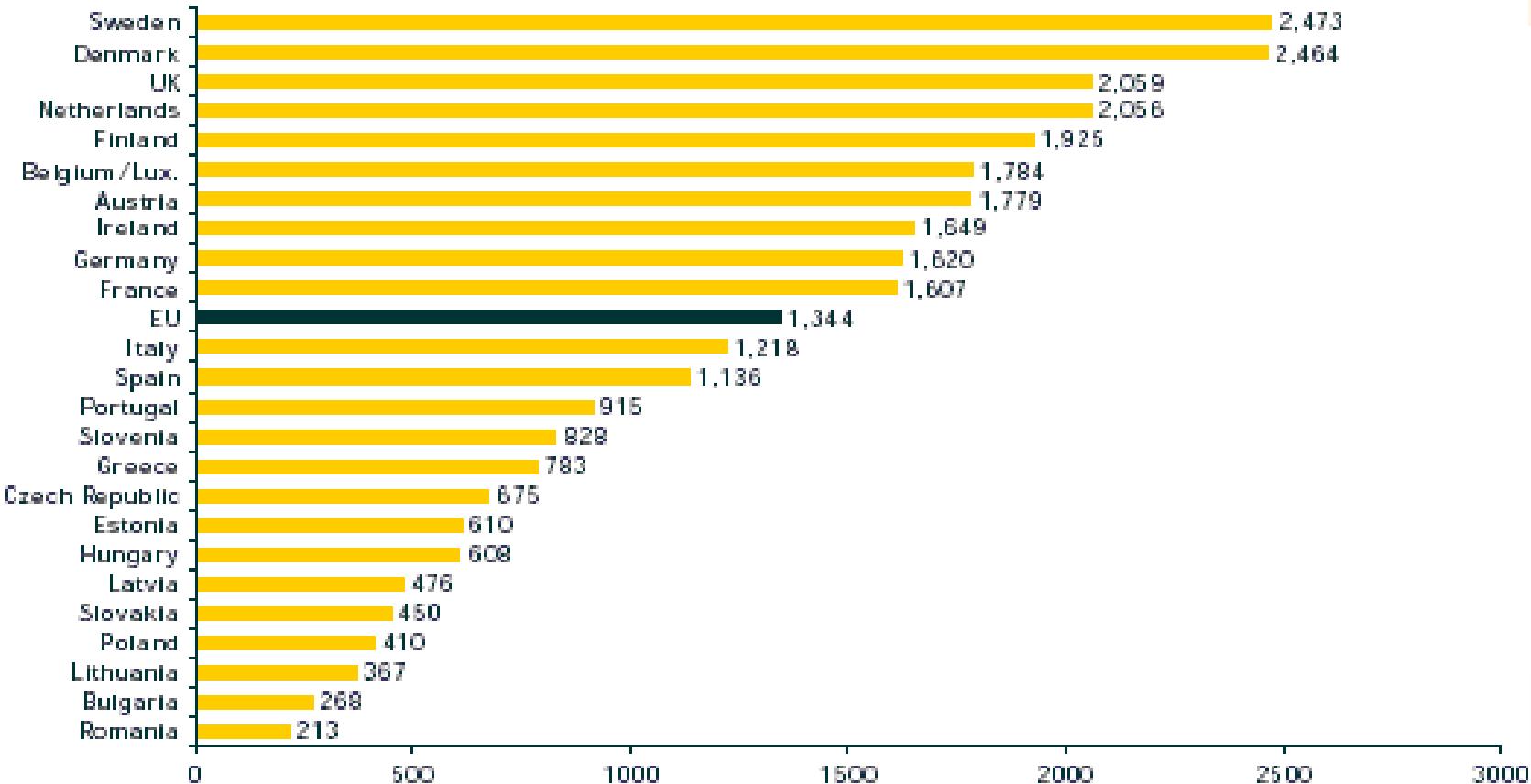
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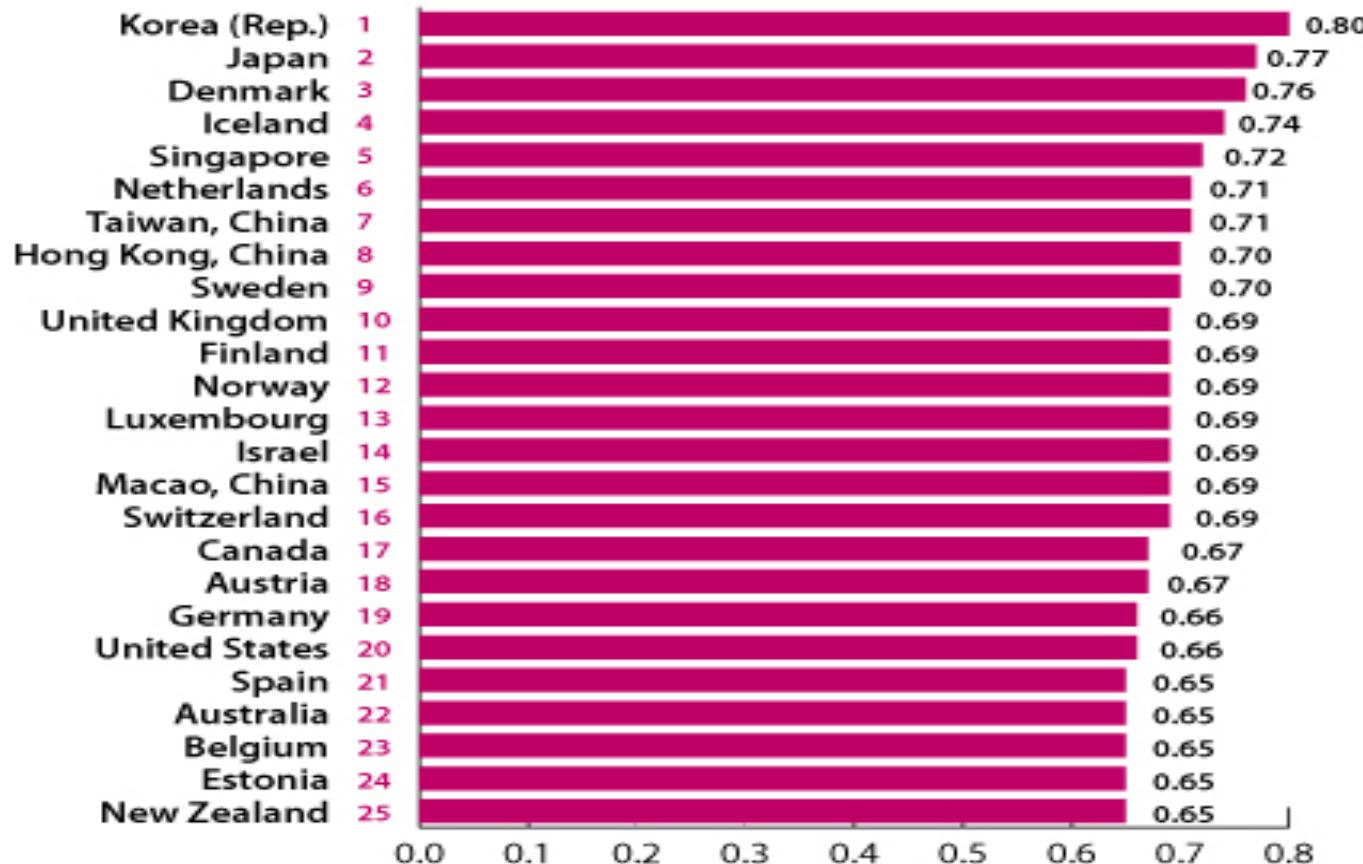
ICT expenditures per capita in 2006*, in euro



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



ITU's Digital Opportunity Index (DOI), top 25 countries, 2005/06



Source: The World Information Society Report 2007, ITU



Limits of the current Internet architecture and protocols

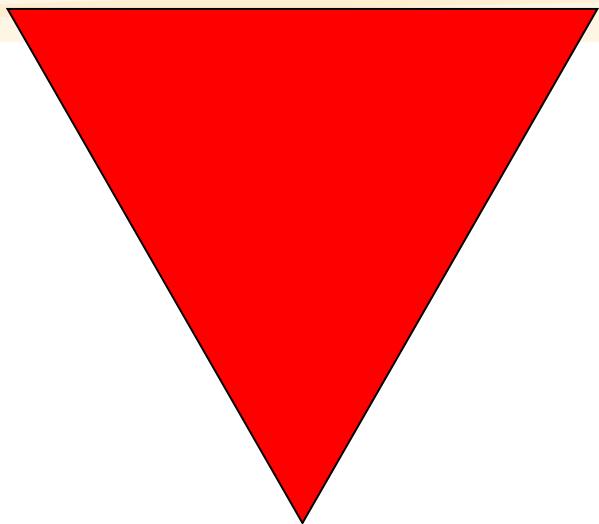
- Scalability
 - Devices (users, mostly wireless) will outnumber hosts by several orders of magnitude
 - Not only the number of devices, but also the size of the networks (e.g. space-centric networks invalidate the flat destination approach of the Internet, bio-inspired processing, space-aware models...)
 - Networks have to cope with the intrinsic limitations of a centralised control (e.g. latency, robustness, self-organisation), multi-hop and distributed 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 common (e.g. mobility, realistic, trust and privacy, ...)
- Mobility
 - Mobile IP (or MIPv6) not effective, overhead
- Transparency
 - QoS
 - Virtualisation
- Security
 - How to embed security in the network to cope with heterogeneous networks
 - Balance between security and privacy
- Machine-to-machine communication



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



More information:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/research/index_en.htm

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/>

