

MEASURING E-COMMERCE SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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- What we have achieved
- What is still missing
- What we can do about it



OECD definitions of e-commerce

- 2001: broad and narrow (Internet)
- 2009:

OECD definition of e-commerce

An **e-commerce transaction** is the sale or purchase of goods or services, conducted over computer networks by methods specifically designed for the purpose of receiving or placing of **orders**.

The goods or services are ordered by those methods, but the **payment** and the ultimate **delivery** of the goods or services **do not have to be** conducted **online**...

Guidelines for interpretation

Include: orders made in web pages, extranet or EDI. The type is defined by the method of making the order.

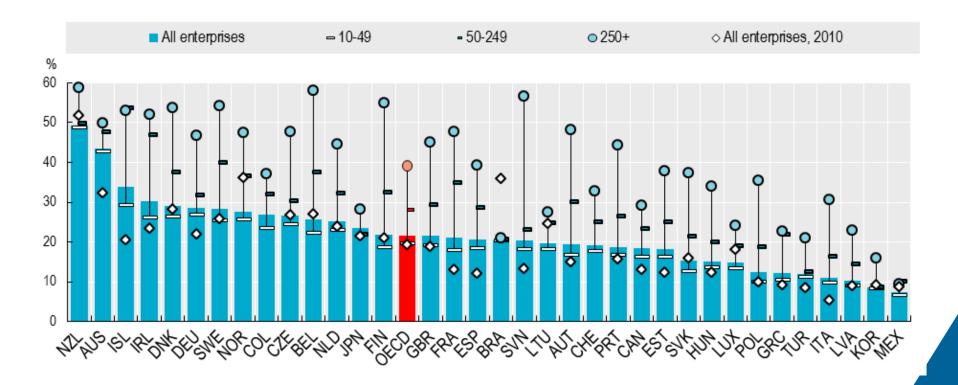
Exclude: orders made by telephone calls, facsimile, or manually typed email.



Good measures of uptake by country...

Enterprises engaged in sales via e-commerce, by size, 2010 and 2015

As a % of enterprises in each employment size class



Source: OECD, ICT Database; Eurostat, Information Society Statistics, April 2017.



Good measures of uptake by country...

Individuals who purchased online in the last 12 months, by age class, 2016 As a %of all individuals



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...but weak measures of value

- E-commerce turnover volatile
- Industry breakdown not reliable
- No value of e-purchase by consumers
- Cross-border e-commerce not reliable
- No data on chargebacks/refunds

Develop synergies between ICT surveys and other sources:

- Expenditures surveys
- Structural business statistics
- (Private source) Big Data



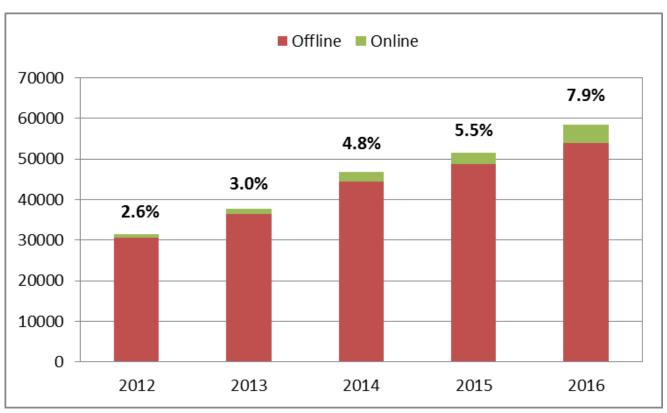
Private source Big Data: an example

- Partnership OECD-BBVA (Spain)
- BBVA: up to 450M transactions per day
- Online payments by credit card 73% of all households' online payments (INE, 2016)
- Use ICT survey to weight BBVA data



Credit card payments (2012-16)

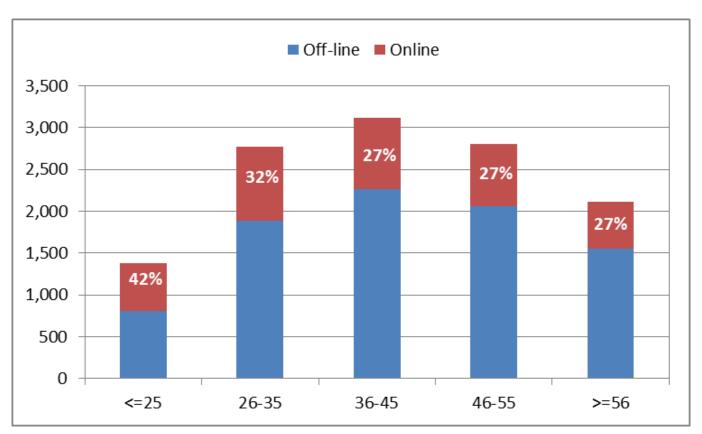
Million euros





Off-line and online payments by age, 2016

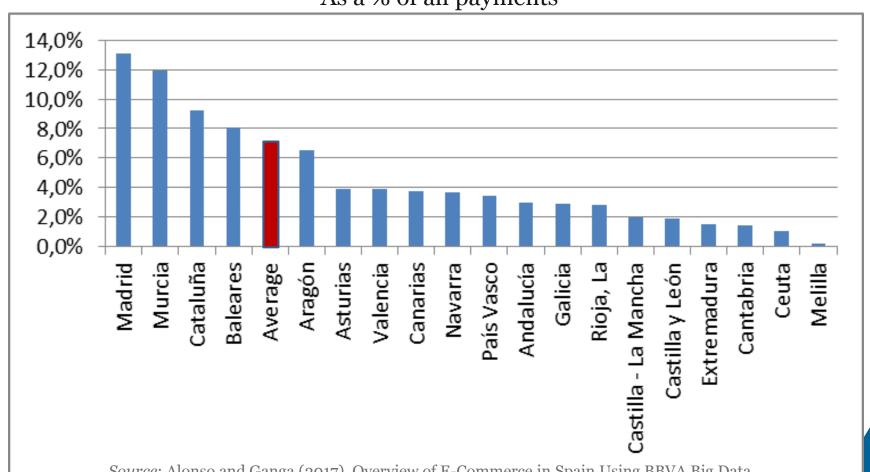
Euros per capita





Online payments by region, 2016

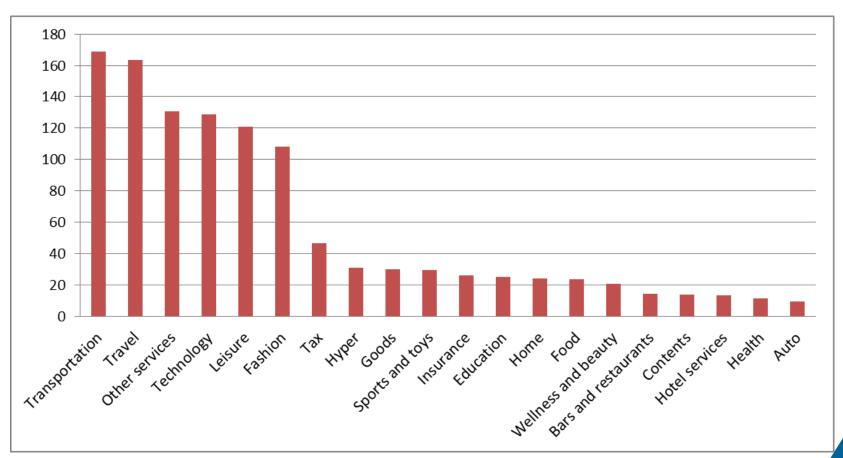
As a % of all payments





Online payments by merchant's industry, 2016

Million euros

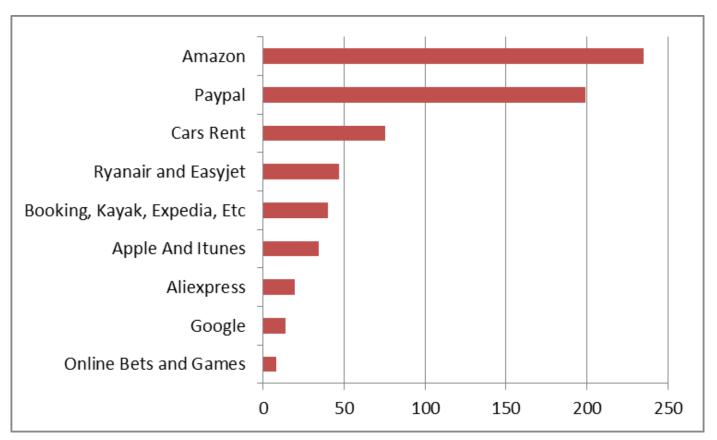


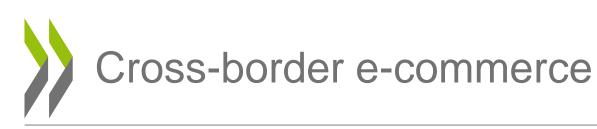


E-commerce through online platforms

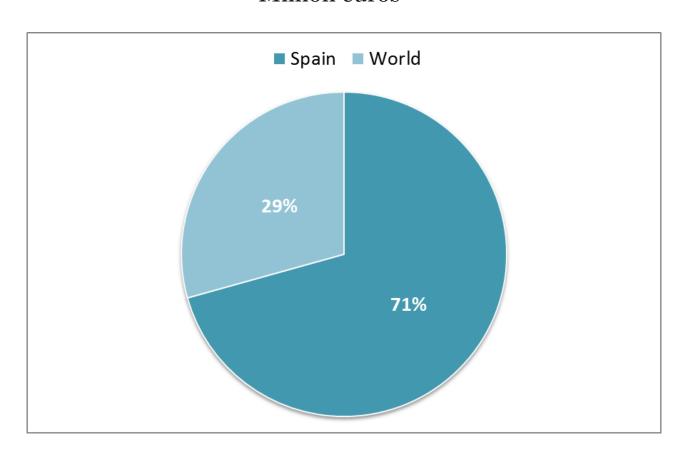
Online payments by platform, 2016

Million euros





Online payments by merchant country, 2016 Million euros

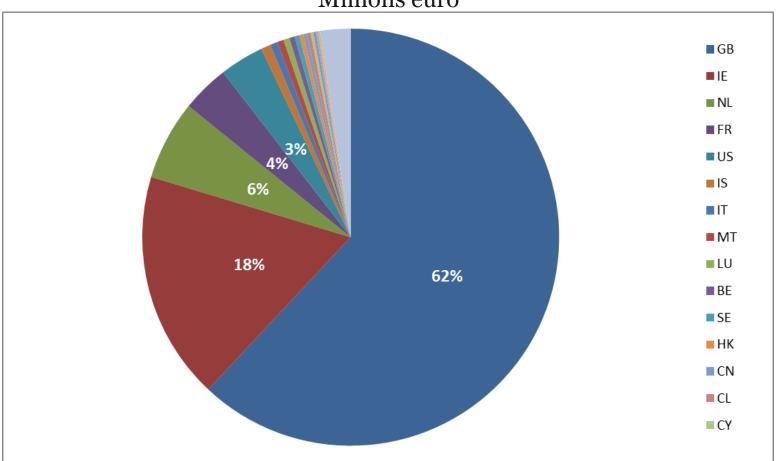




Cross-border e-commerce

Online payments by merchant country, 2016







Where do we go from here?

- Build partnership with private source data holders
- Strike a balance btw statistical definitions and data availability
- Keep consistency with official surveys
- Need to coordinate efforts among IOs