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# Expanding digital protectionism & Impact on business

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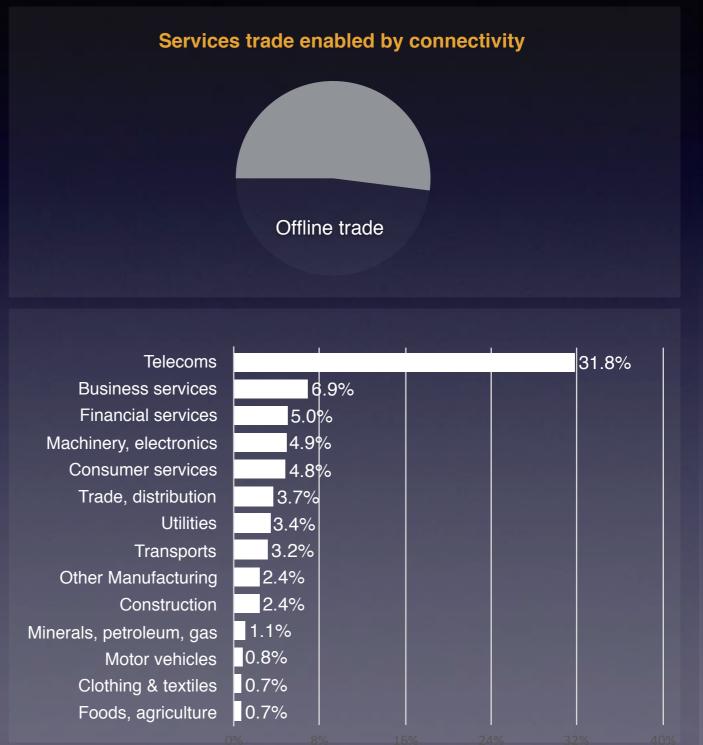
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# Digitalisation enabling international trade

- » Typically 50~56% of services trade enabled by connectivity and ICT technologies in both OECD and developing countries
- » Up to 32% of inputs in the services sector (5% in manufacturing) coming from data and connectivity
  - *i.* Impact on manufacturing bigger than indicated, as they use services that contain connectivity
  - *ii.* Underestimation of true impact due to free services and two-sided markets; transforming fixed costs to transactional costs



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## Data restrictions interacting with other trade restrictions

## Limiting digital market access...

Demanding data localisation leads to increased establishment costs from multiple data locations (index US = 100)



### Further increased trading cost from administrative data restrictions

- Privacy (administrative requirements, sanctions, right to be forgotten, etc)
- Intermediary liability
- Content access restrictions (censorship)
- Bandwidth limitations
- Encryption standards

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### ... undermining competitiveness

### **Traditional establishment measures**

- Local content requirement
- Foreign equity caps or screening of ecommerce and ICT firms
- Residency requirement
- Limits on IPRs
- SOEs in telecom and e-commerce
- Interconnection, bitpipe issues

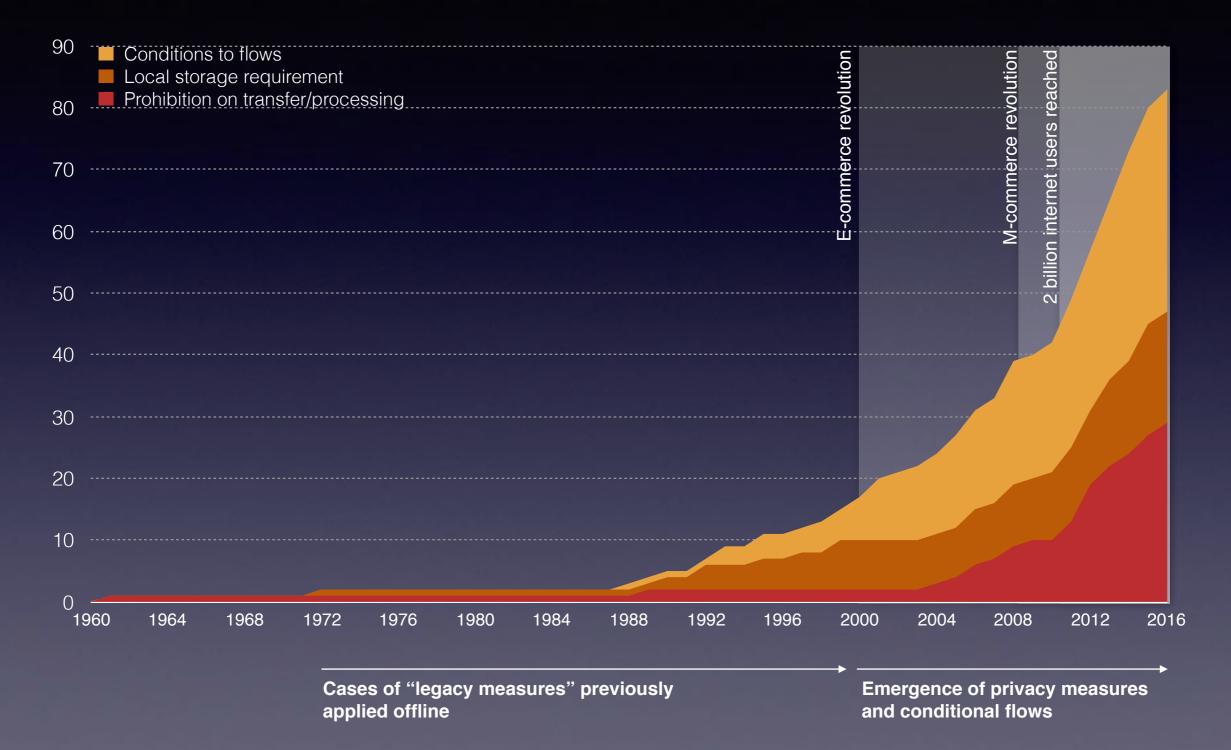
#### Fiscal measures

- Traditional tariffs on devices and software
- Discriminatory taxation on online services
- Discrimination in government procurement (localisation requirements, technology transfer or mandates)

#### **E-commerce measures**

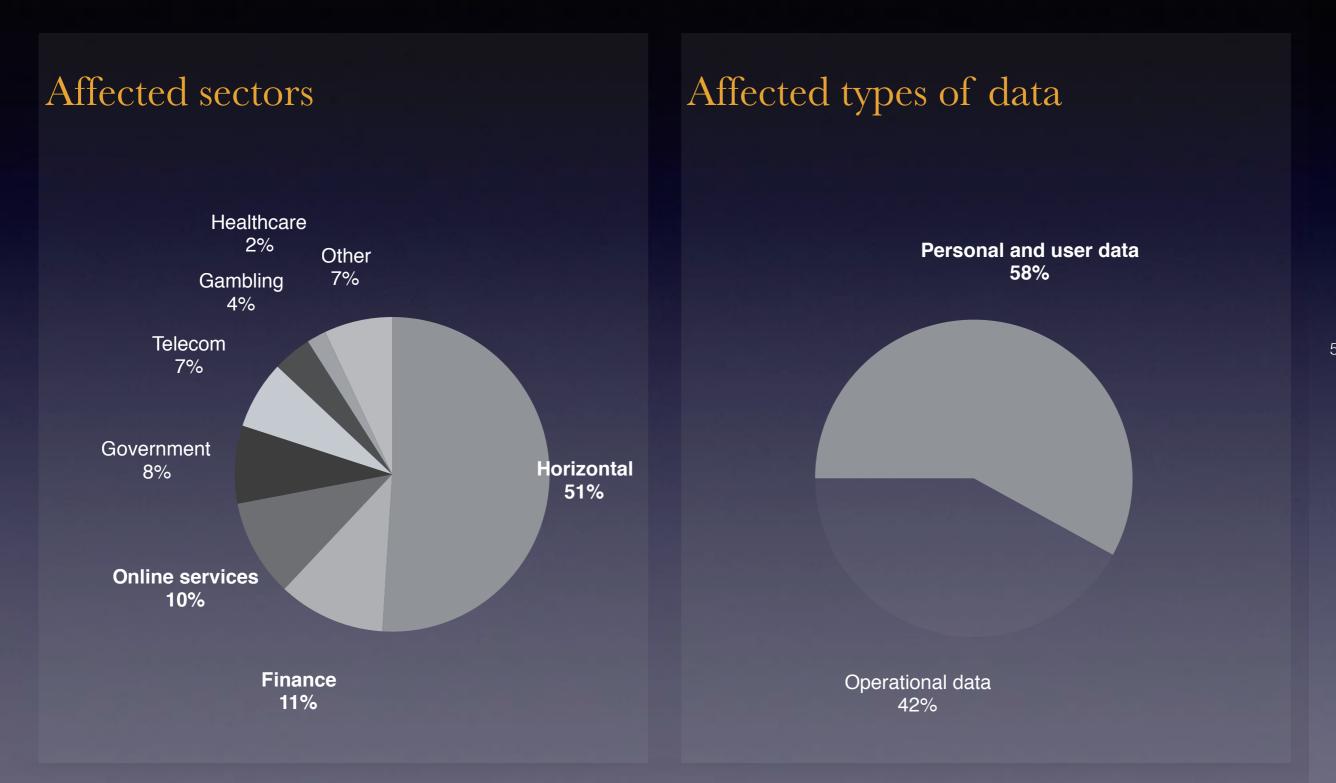
- Trading restrictions, licensing
- Online retailing, DNS restrictions, discriminatory consumer regulations

# Data localisation and data restriction measures in the world are increasing



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Personal data across all sectors are at the core of data localisation/restriction measures



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## Selected examples of data localisation measures

	uropean Union + European ata Privacy Directive/GDPR	Economic Area					
	Sweden Company records	Irg Greece		<b>China</b> Personal information Online content Maps Data localisation requirement Taxi data			
	Luxembourg Banking data						
	<b>Poland</b> Gambling	<b>Italy</b> VAT, tax records		Health information Banking			
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Data Protection Act Brazil		Localisation of Poir Government data	nt of Sales card services		Indonesia Regulation 82 E-money oper	on Data transferring activities rations	
Personal information (withdrav	wn)						

Australia Company records

Personal information

New Zealand Company records Personal information

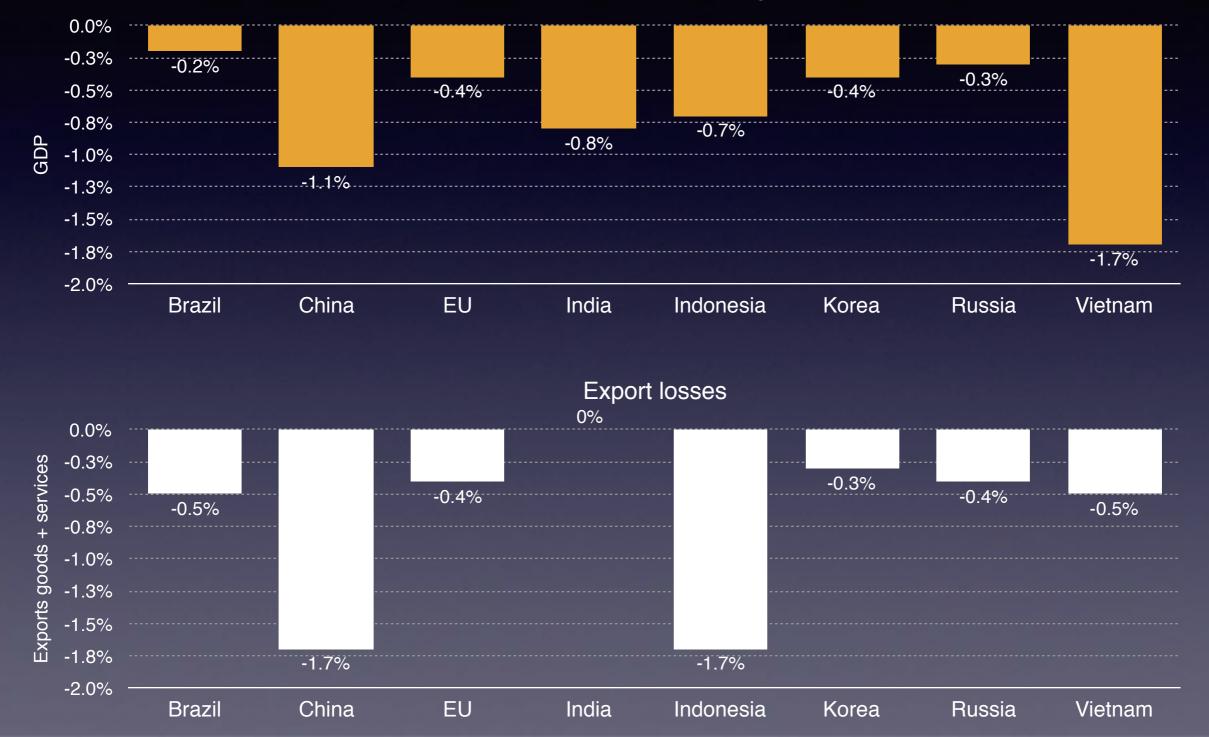
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## Severe impact on growth and economy



GDP losses from current legislation

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## Observations

### » Data restrictions disable future business models

- *i. i.e. services and investment-led trade; business integration*
- ii. data-driven manufacturing, 3D printing, big data and data mining (TDM)
- iii. e-commerce and micro-multinationals in developing countries
- » Digitalisation has enabled regulators to block market access anywhere in the valuechain – goods, services, investments
  - iv. Conditional flows based on adequacy and interoperability decisions undermines the value of MFN
  - v. Effectively led to a rollback on existing GATS/GATT commitments.
- » Resulting in unprecedented discretionary decision for the executive to control market access on country-to-country and firm-to-firm basis
  - vi. Mostly a matter of governments seeking extraterritorial jurisdiction over business for security, fiscal stability and industrial policy

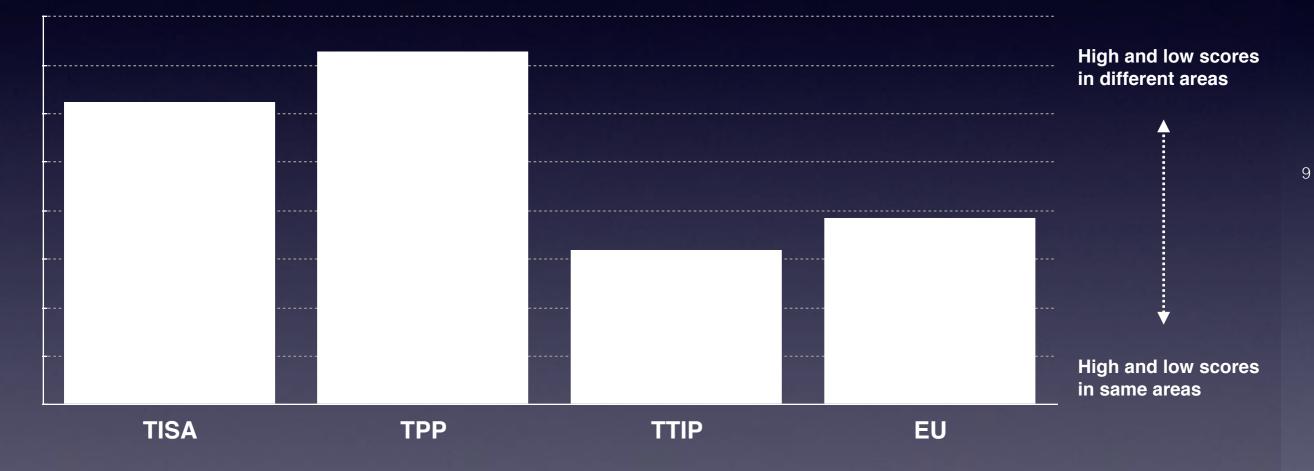
### » New political dimension of trade negotiations:

vii. Similarity in ambition and sensitivity is no longer a recipe for ambitious EPA/FTA commitments

viii. The political identity and industrial advantage of the counterparts are the defining questions

Similarity amongst economies are not always a recipe for ambitious FTA/EPA commitments

### Heterogenity by FTA/RTA



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## Considerations for new trade disciplines on cross-border data flows and data localisation

» In reality a negotiation for 'legitimate' exceptions

i. Public order (gambling, censorship) in the WTO, financial services in TPP

» Current key topic on exception is data privacy

ii. at least 75% of all data user-generated; business and personal data indistinguishable

iii. Is transfer of data an "ordinary course of business" – issue in Korus/KorEU

iv. Interoperability (adequacy) regimes often beyond negotiation

» Burden of proof: on complainant (business) or defendant (regulator)?

v. Proving bad faith of the regulator

vi. Increasing discrimination if WTO principles (necessity test and least-trade restrictive test) are removed

» Freedom for business, but also users?

vii. Business freedom to plan their digital services supply chain, but also rights for users – to access device, service, apps from overseas

- » Taxation on data flows and online services compensation for lost VAT, tariffs viii.Reversed taxation on online services (digitally downloaded products, advertising services)
- » Bridging diverging views on data ownership and liability

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