



Asia-Pacific Digital Trade Regulatory Report (APDTR) 2022

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The Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI)

- **What it is:** an evidence-based tool that identifies and catalogues barriers to trade in services
 - Regulatory database + composite indices
- **Purpose:** Provide up to date information on services trade policies allowing to inform policy discussions and trade negotiations.
- **Country coverage:** → **22 economies in Asia-Pacific**
 - 100 economies (Digital STRI)
 - 65 economies (Computer services STRI)
- **Interfaces:** The [STRI simulator](#) and the [STRI explorer](#)



The STRI framework

Digital STRI

Infrastructure and connectivity

Electronic transactions

Payment systems

Intellectual property rights

Other barriers affecting trade in digitally enabled services

Computer services STRI

Restrictions on foreign entry

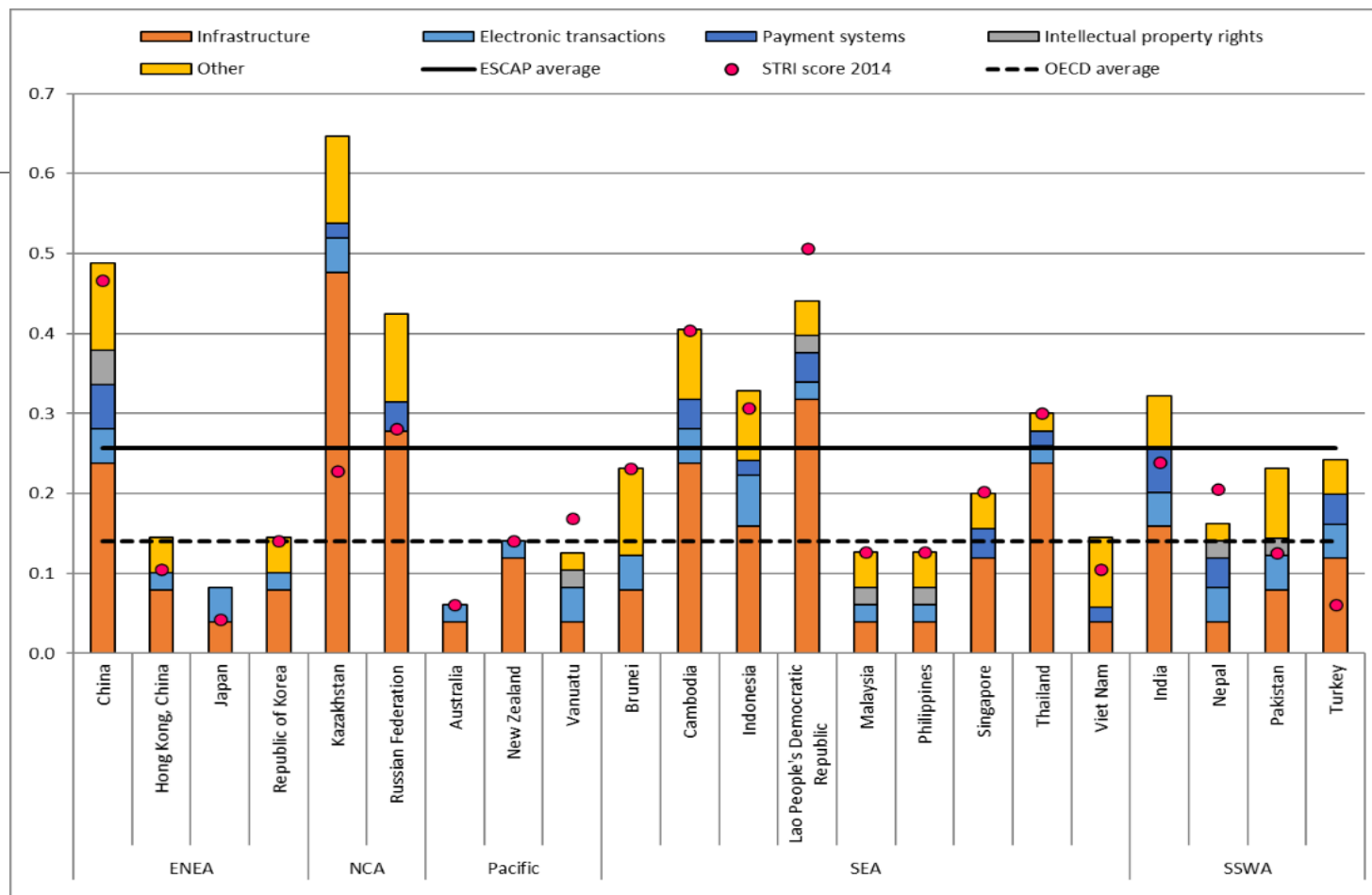
Restrictions to the movement of people

Other discriminatory measures

Barriers to competition

Regulatory transparency

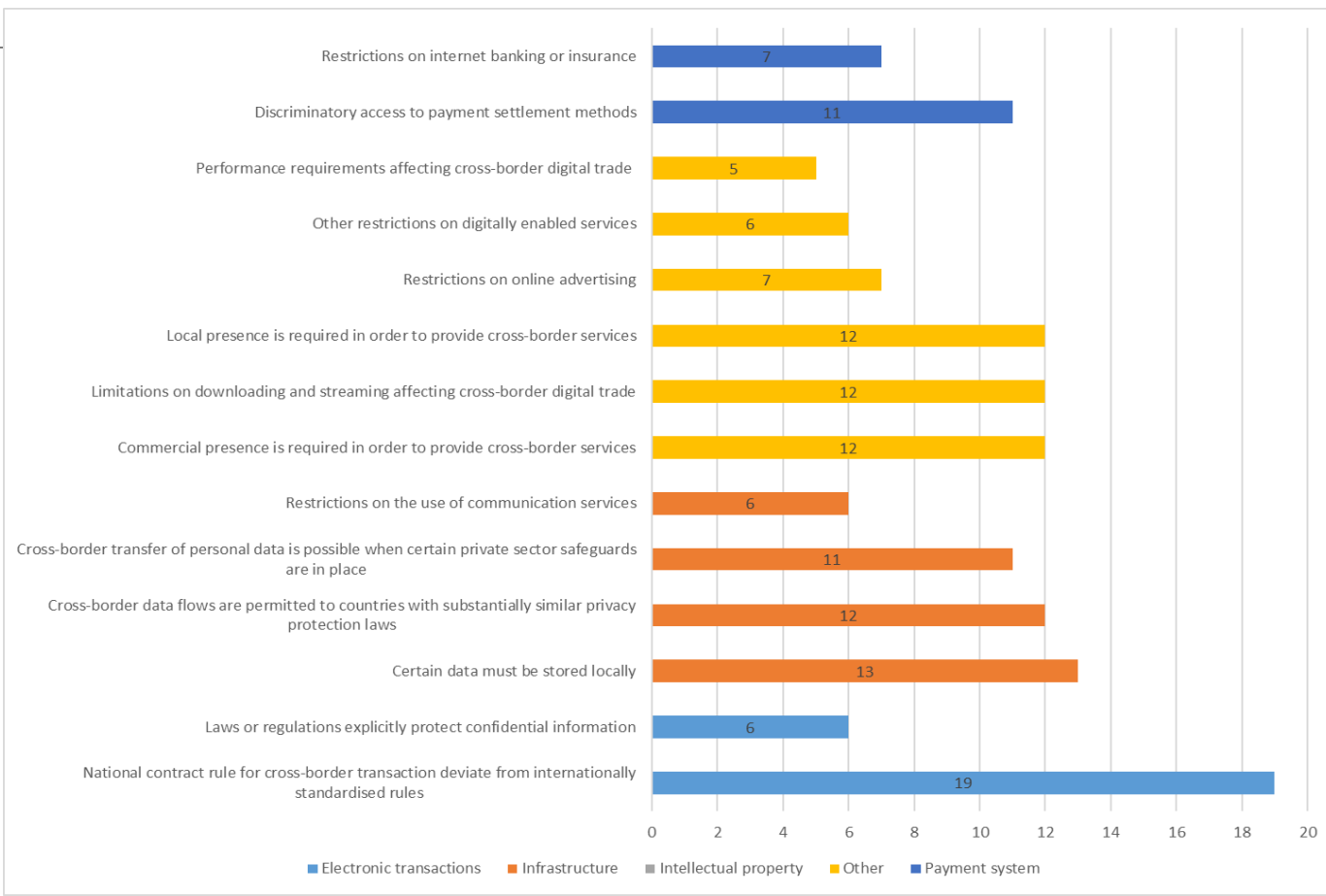
Findings Asia Pacific region



DSTRI results 2021 – Asia Pacific region

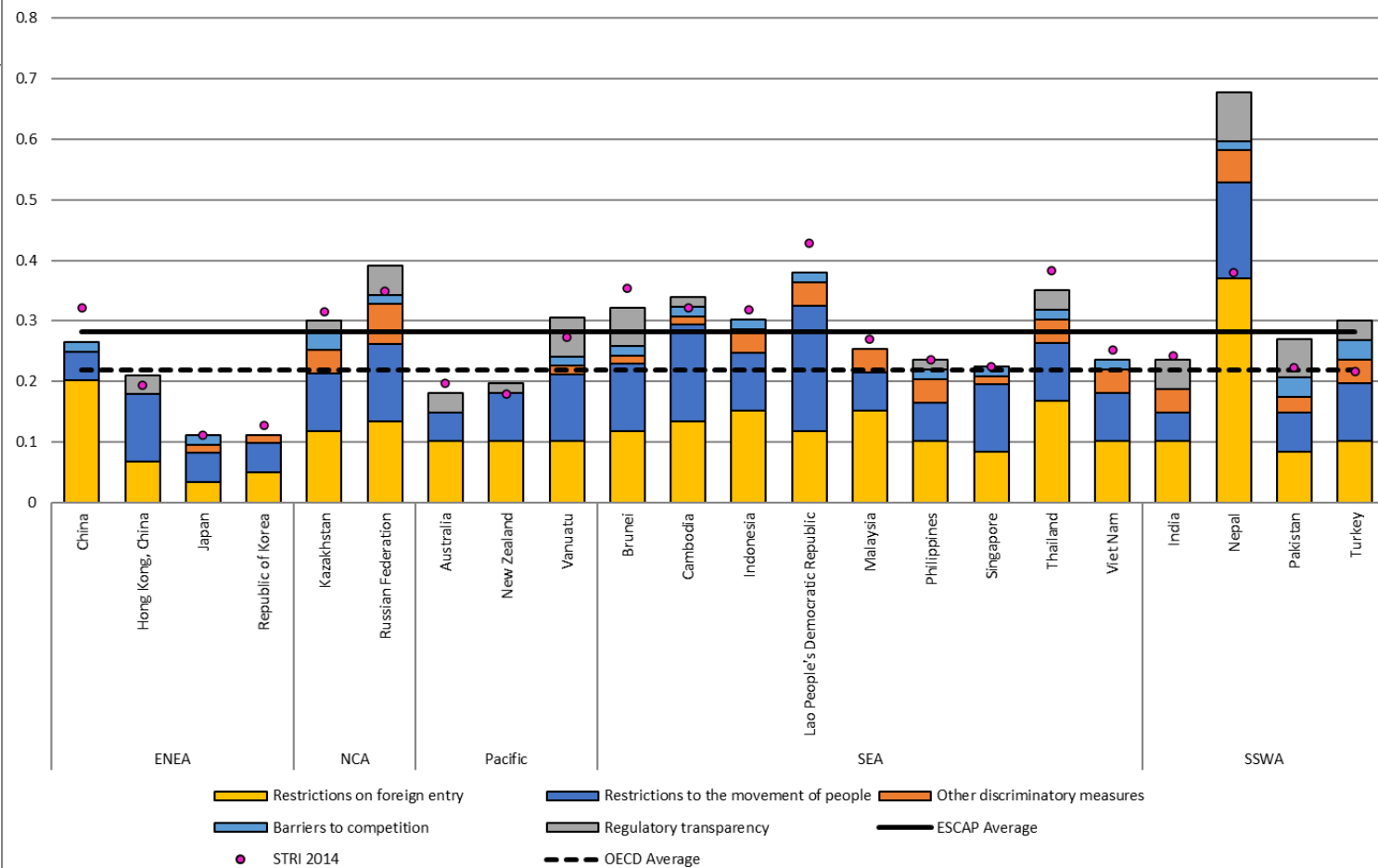


Common barriers to digitally enabled services



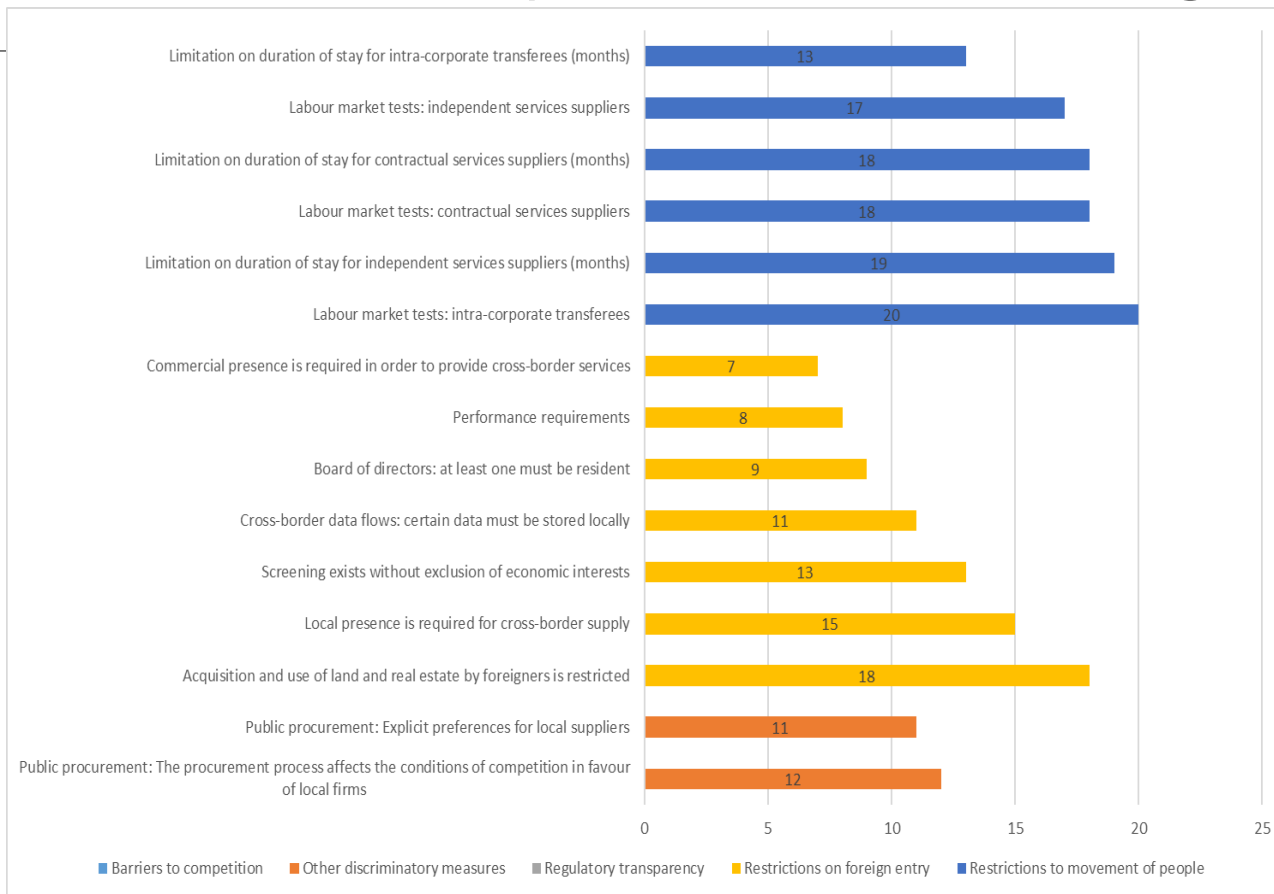


Computer services STRI results 2021



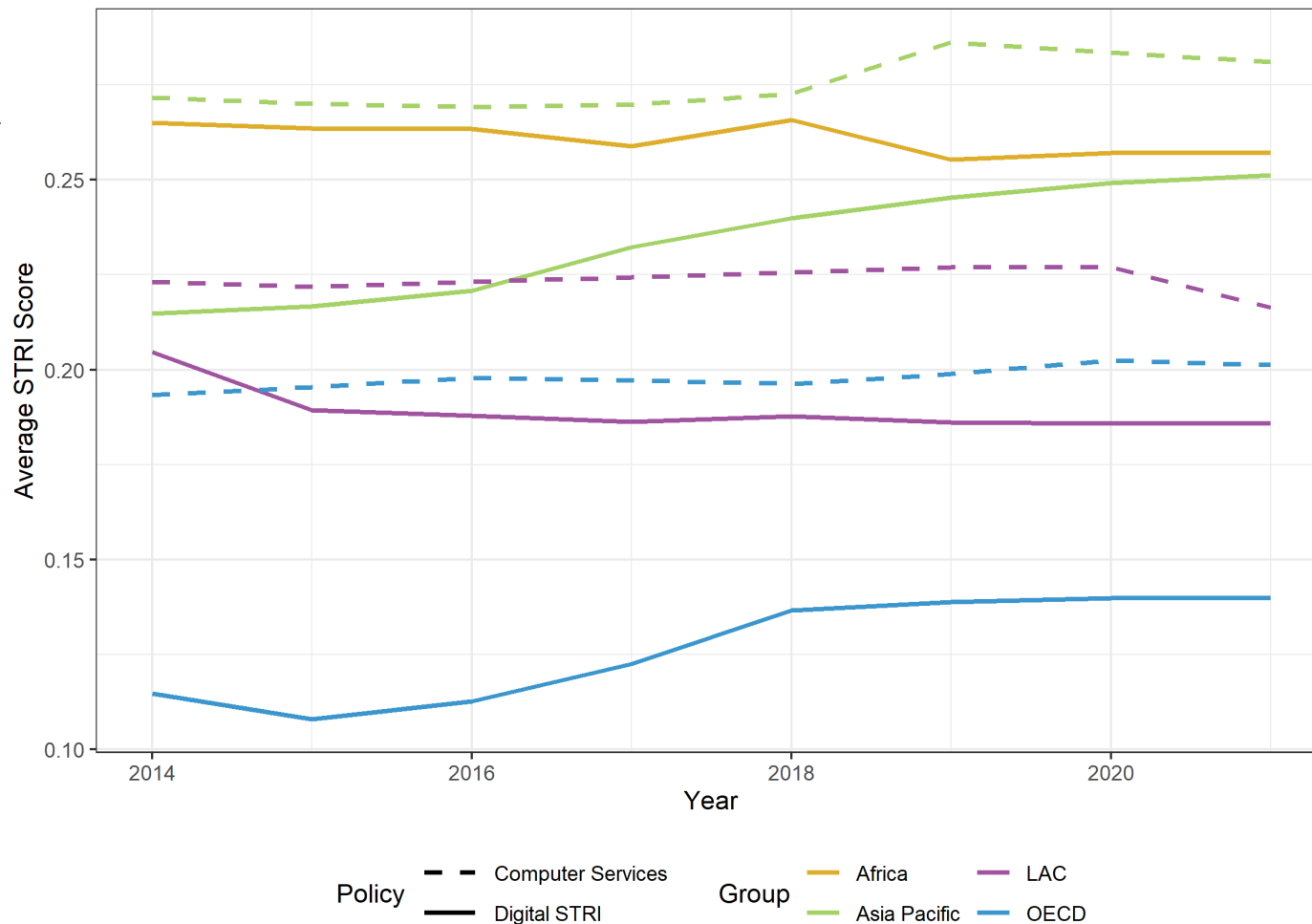


Common barriers to computer services in the region



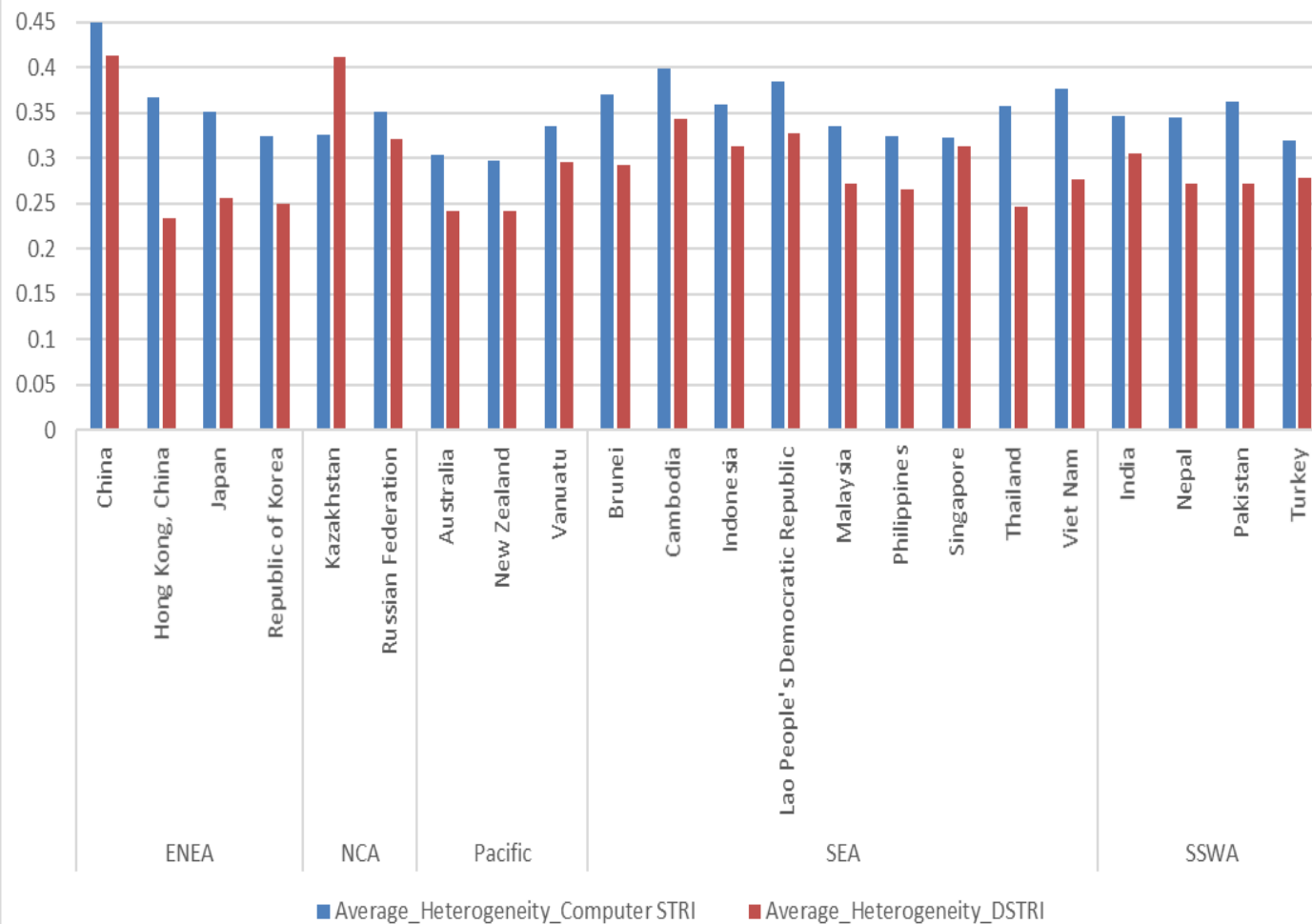


Trends in digital services trade restrictiveness





Regulatory heterogeneity in the region





Conclusion

- STRI tools provide a comprehensive overview of key regulations that affect digital trade
- Findings Asia-Pacific:
 - Diverse regulatory policies affecting digital trade in the region
 - Regulatory commonalities are prevalent in cross-cutting areas (e.g. electronic signature), however dissimilarities regarding cross-border data flows, FDI and movement of people persist.
 - Scope for regulatory cooperation



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