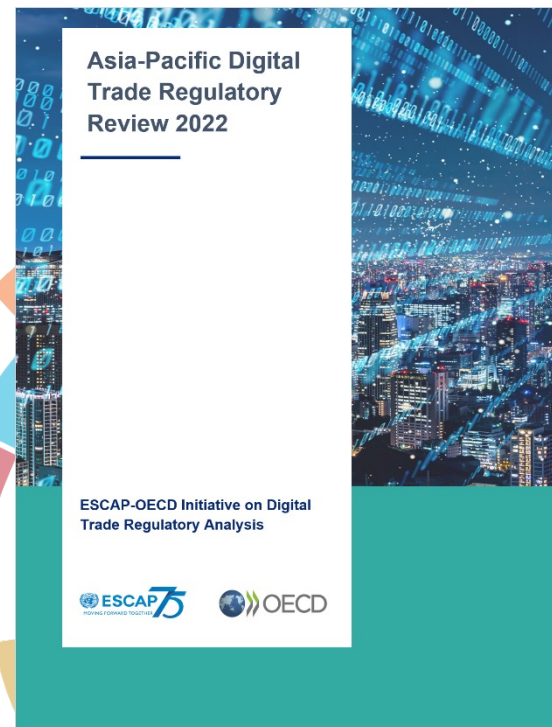


Asia-Pacific Digital Trade Regulatory Report 2022: Summary of key findings

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Focus

Main findings from United Nations Regional Commissions' RDTII

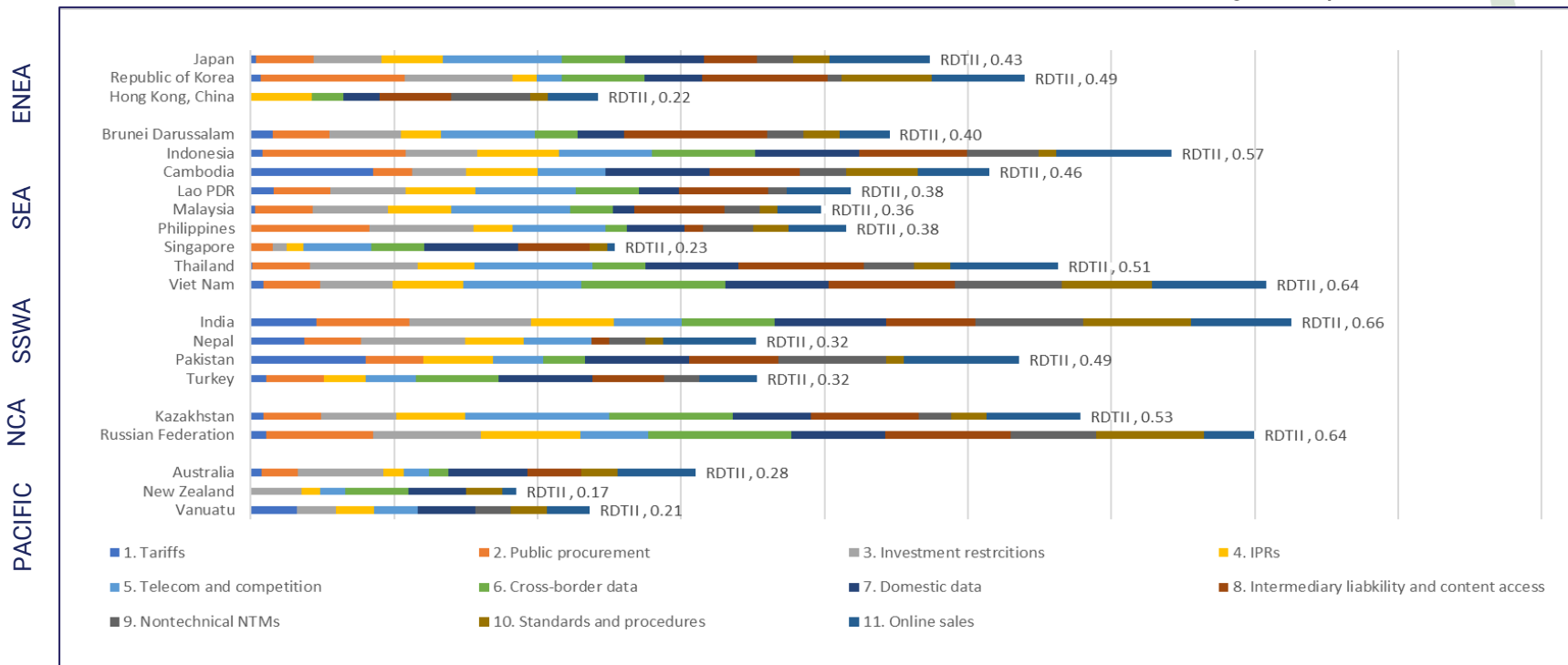
- How diverse are digital trade policy environments in Asia and the Pacific?
- Where may businesses find compliance challenges?
- How to get regional cooperation rolling?

Diverse policy environments in the region

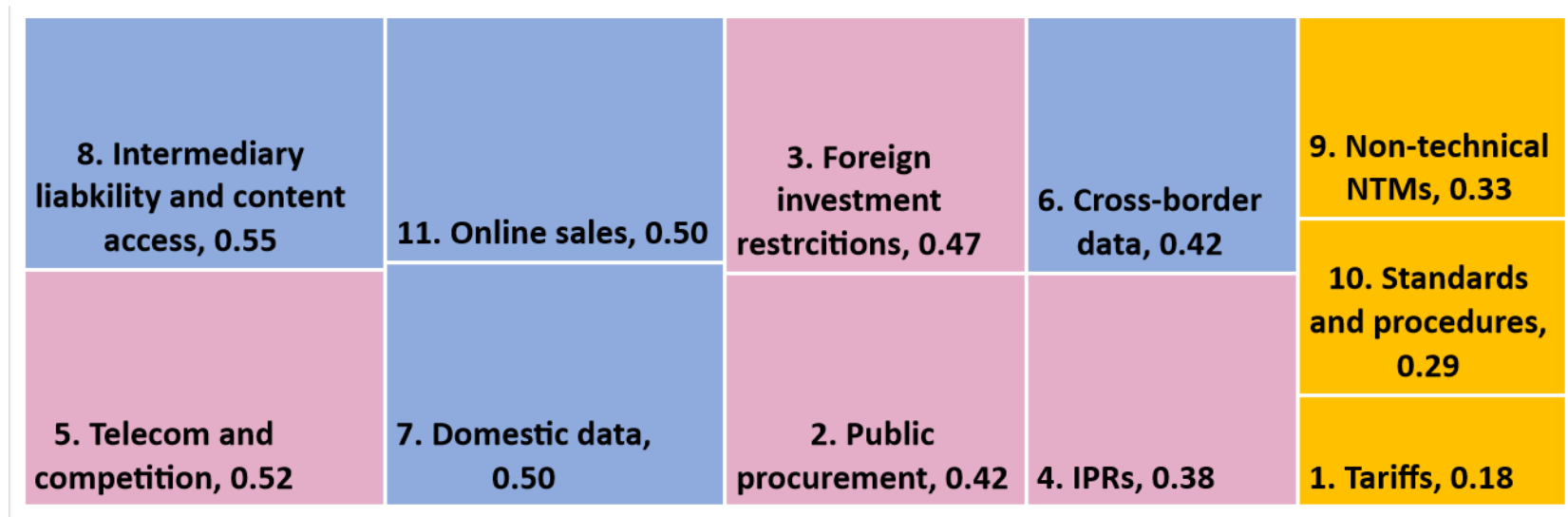
Asia-Pacific Regional Digital Trade Integration Index (RDTII) 1.0

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High compliance cost -- 1

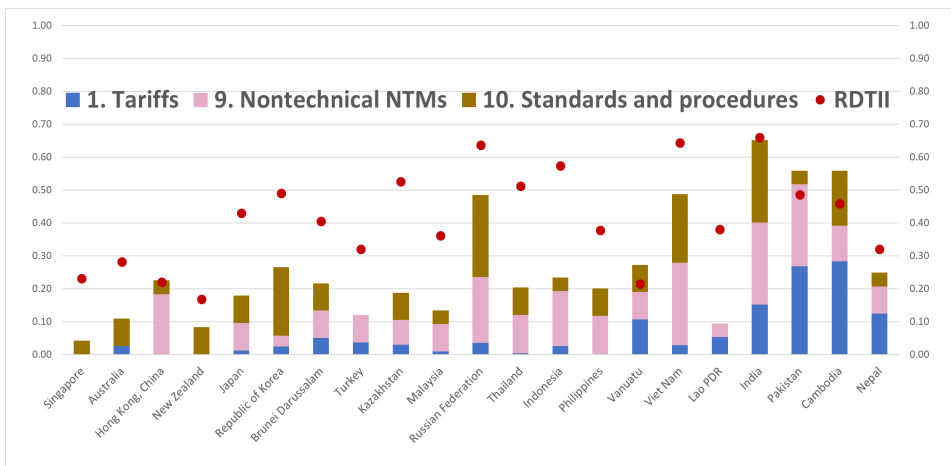


Compliance challenges come more from behind-the-border



Digital governance policies, 0.50
Other domestic policies, 0.45
Traditional trade policies, 0.26

Traditional trade policies



Higher-income

Lower-income

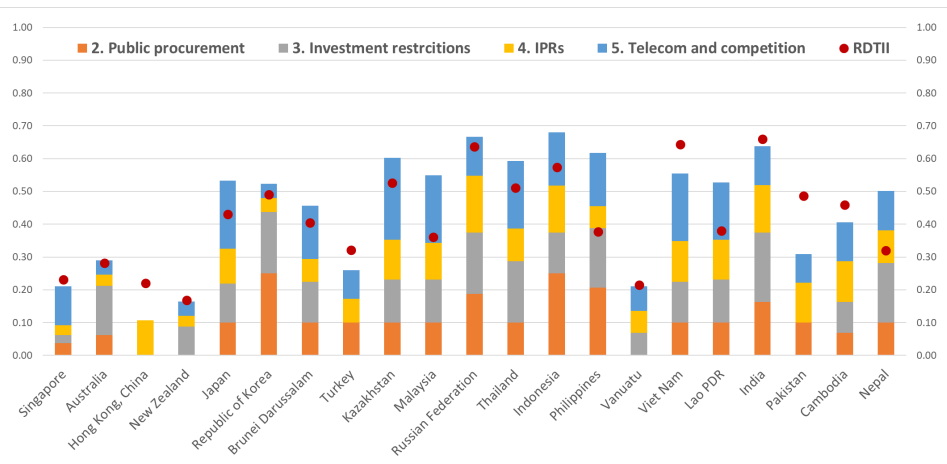
Common issues

- Not participating in the Information Technology Agreement (ITA I, II)
- Conditions in import licensing for digital devices
- Testing procedures and certification

Domestic regulations

Common issues

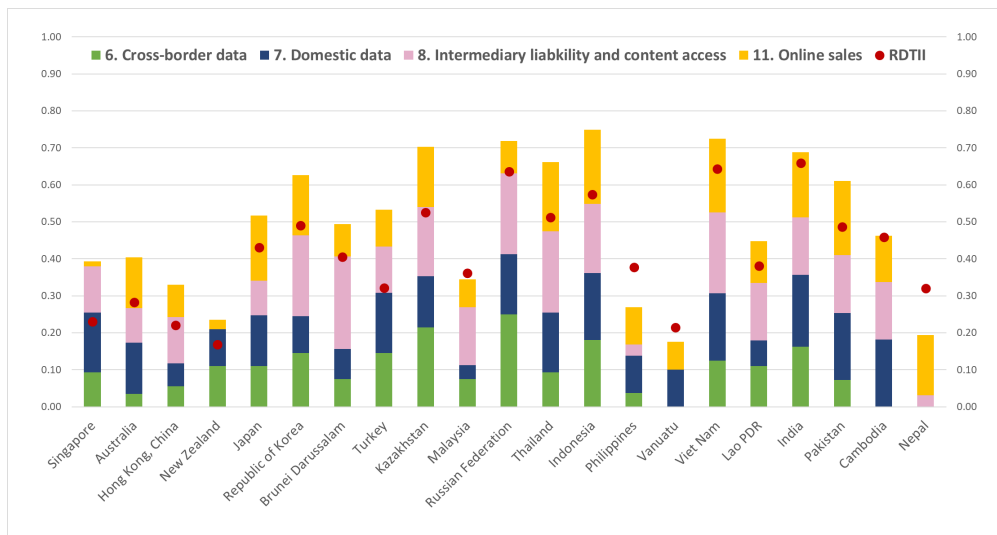
- Screening conditions in investment and public procurement
- Conditions in copyright exceptions and patent filing
- Licensing and anti-competitive practices in the telecom market



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Digital-economy governance



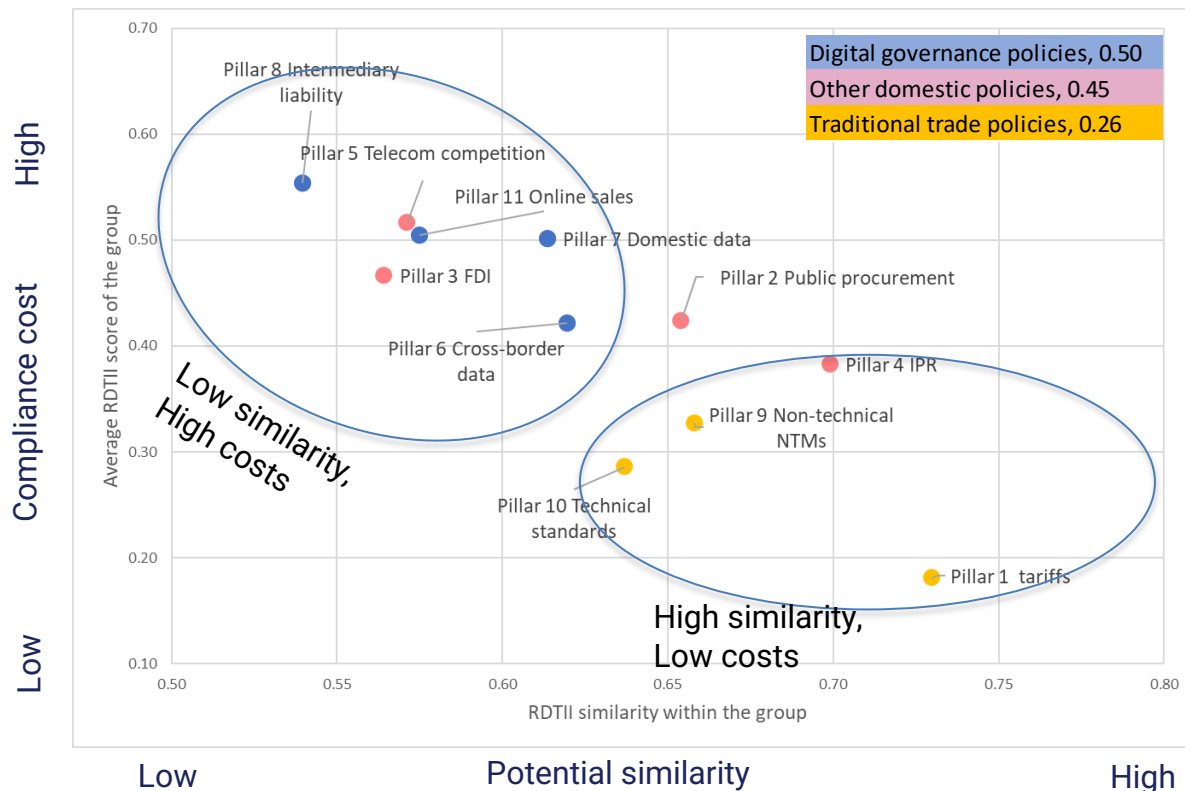
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Common issues

- Varying conditions for data flow, data retention
- Blocking-, filtering-, monitoring-, local-presence requirements
- Conditions in e-commerce licensing and transactions, online consumer protections

Broad digital-trade policy mapping for Asia and the Pacific



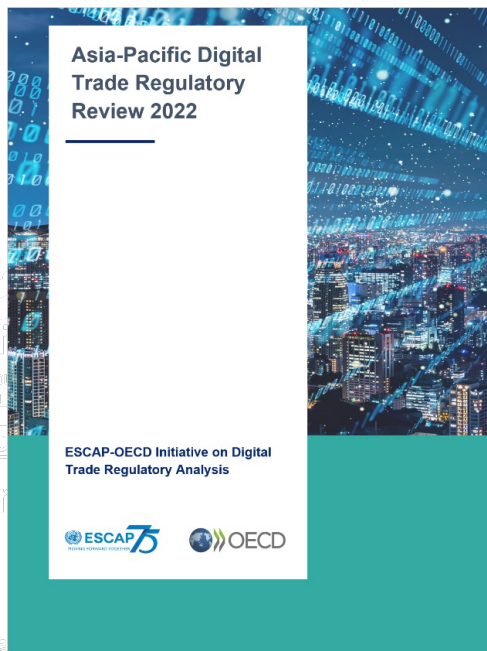
Takeaways

- There is no one-size-fits-all, but interoperability is always the key
- Regional cooperation to start from areas with more common ground
- Better evidence, understanding trade-offs, sharing experience
- Enhancing commitments (and implementation) in multilateral and regional agreements

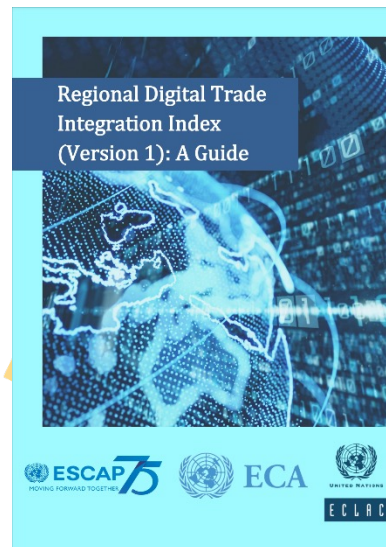


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