



# ECRF Benchmarking Project

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- Some reflections



Cardiff, October 2000



# Purpose

- Finding common questions
- Co-operation about simplification
- Best practice



# Leading to

## Main goal



- Start Ups – EU 2001
- Start Ups – ECRF 2001
- ECRF Benchmarking 2002



# ECRF Benchmarking

- Start September, 2001
- Delivered November, 2002
- Answer January – March, 2002
- Workshop April, 2002
- Second version May, 2002
- Answer...



# Some problems

- Interpretation of questions
- No registration of some main types of business entities
- No possibility to separate figures for some main types of business entities

**LEADING TO MISSING VALUES**

<b>State</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>ECRF</b>	<b>Start-Ups</b>
Austria	Federal Ministry of Justice Vienna	x	x
Belgium			x
<b>Czech Republic</b>	3 different organizations	x	
<b>Denmark</b>	Danish Commerce and Companies Agency		x
<b>Estonia</b>	Ministry of Justice of Estonia	xx	x
<b>Finland</b>	National Board of Patent and Registration	xx	x
<b>France</b>	Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle		x
Germany			x
<b>Gibraltar</b>	Companies House (Gibraltar) Limited		
Greece	Athens chamber of commerce & Industry	xx	x
<b>Hungary</b>	Capital Court of Budapest	x	x
<b>Ireland</b>	Companies Registration Office	xx	x
<b>Isle of Man</b>	Financial Supervision Commission	x	x
<b>Italy</b>	InfoCamere	xx	x
<b>Jersey</b>	Jersey Financial Services Commission		x
<b>Latvia</b>	Register of Enterprises	x	
<b>Lithuania</b>	Legal Unit of the Register Service		
Luxembourg	Ministry of Justice	x	x
Malta	Registrar of Companies		
Moldova	Chamber of Commerce and Industry	x	
Netherlands	Association of Chambers of Commerce	xx	x
<b>Norway</b>	The Brønnøysund Register Centre	xx	x
Poland	Ministry of Justice	x	x
Portugal			x
<b>Romania</b>	Chamber of Commerce and Industry	xx	x
<b>Slovenia</b>	The Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia		
<b>Spain</b>	Colegio de registradores de España		x
<b>Sweden</b>	Patent- and Registrationoffice	x	x
<b>Switzerland</b>	Federal Commercial Registry Office	xx	x
<b>Ukraine</b>	State Committee of Ukraine for Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship	xx	x
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Companies House	xx	x
<b>28+3</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>15+9</b>



# Type of organization

Government	12	63%
Private	1	5%
Other	6	32%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

***If other, please specify what type:***

Public organization

Courts

Ministry of Justice

Independent governmental organization



# Organization for business registration

Centralized	7	37%
Decentralized	11	58%
Other	1	5%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

	Centralized		Decentralized		Other		Totally	
Government	6	32%	6	32%	0	0%	12	63%
Private	0	0%	1	5%	0	0%	6	32%
Other	1	5%	4	21%	1	5%	1	5%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Financing system

By fees

By government funding

By fees and government funding

By others

**Totally**

7	37%
8	42%
3	16%
1	5%
<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

***If you are financed by fees***

Are you based on cost-covering principal?

Can you carry on profit?

**Totally**

8	80%
2	20%
<b>10</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Examination of application

	Yes	No
No examination (the application is registered as it is)	0	0%
Formal examination	5	26%
Formal and legal examination	14	74%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Company name

Is there any formal approval of the company name?

Yes	12	63%
No	6	32%
Sometimes	0	0%
Missing	1	5%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>



Do you compare the proposed name with already registered names?

Yes	16	84%
No	2	11%
Sometimes	1	5%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

If yes, is the approval done by the registration organization?

Yes	15	94%
No	1	6%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Contacts with applicants

Can the entrepreneur send in the application for registration?

Yes	16	84%
No	1	5%
Sometimes	2	11%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

Does the application need to pass through an agent?

Yes	1	5%
No	11	58%
Sometimes	4	21%
Missing	3	16%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>



# If an application is not correct

How do you communicate with the entrepreneur or agent?

Mail	19	100%
Phone	14	74%
Email	5	26%
Other	7	37%



# If fee for registration

How are the fees paid?

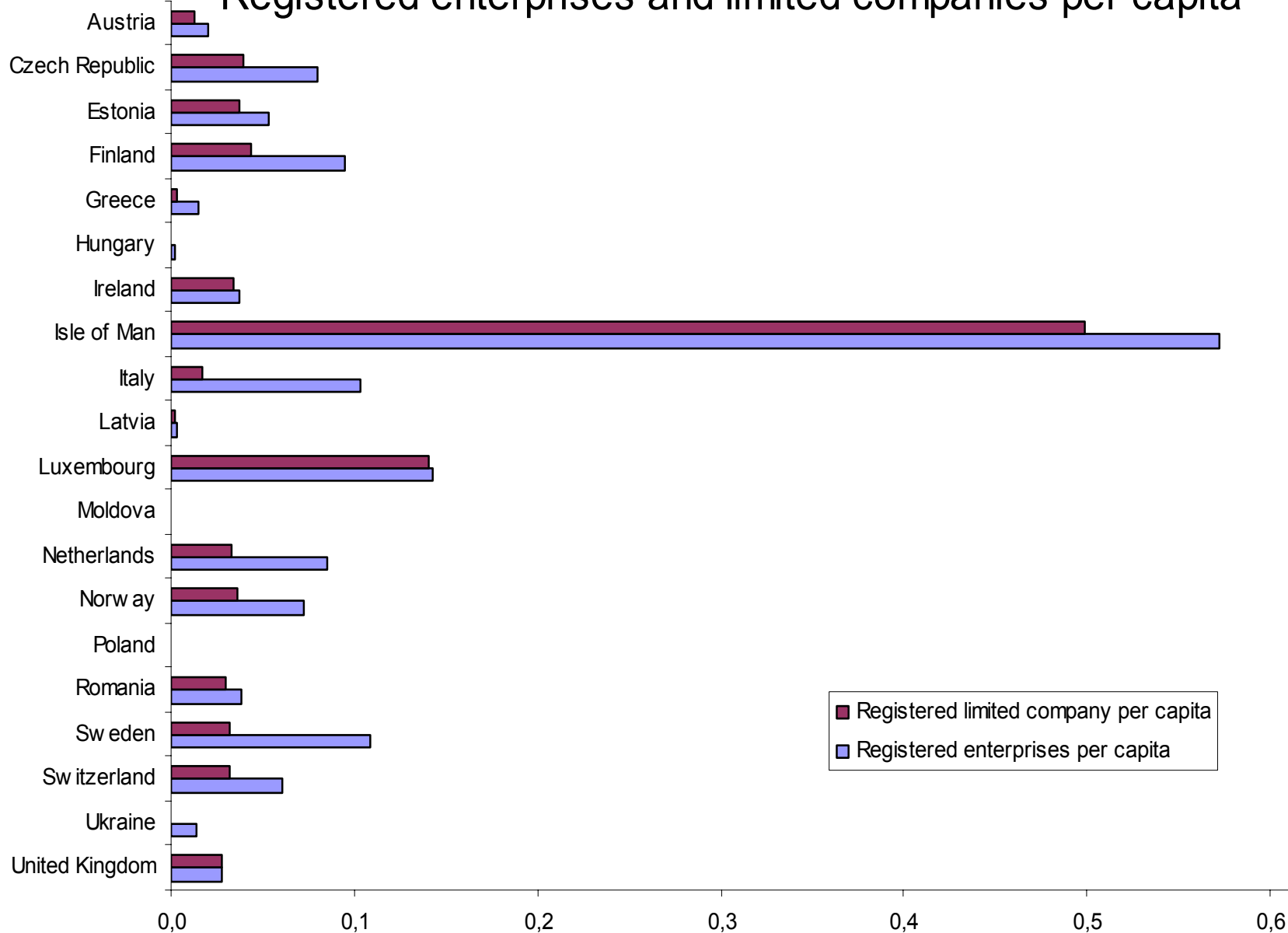
In advance	11	58%
By invoice	4	21%
In advance and by invoice	3	16%
Other	1	5%
<b>Totally</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>



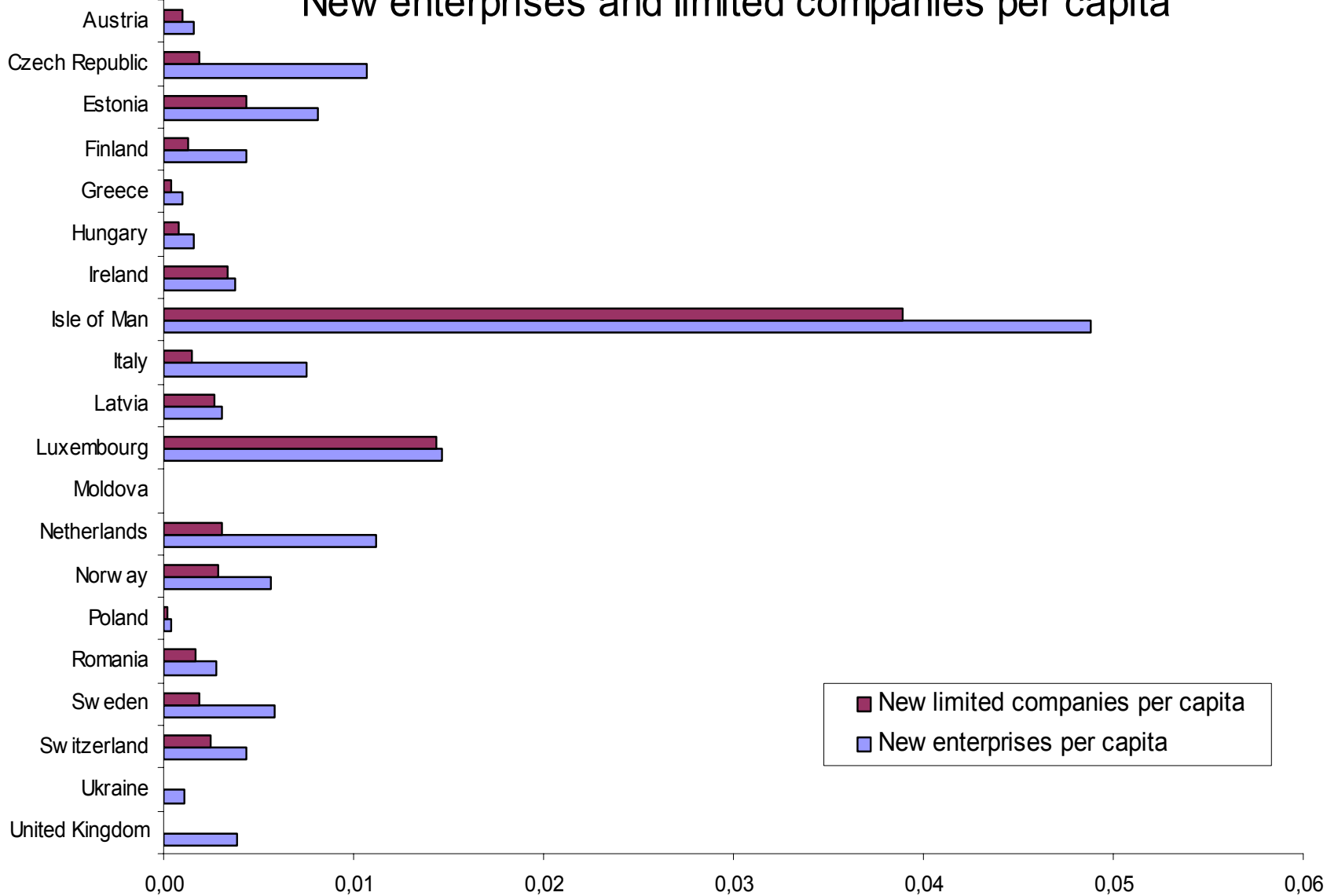
# Number of registered objects

<b>Number of registered objects</b>	
Individual enterprises	
General Partnership	
Private Limited Company	
Public Limited Company	
Others	
Totally	

# Registered enterprises and limited companies per capita



# New enterprises and limited companies per capita

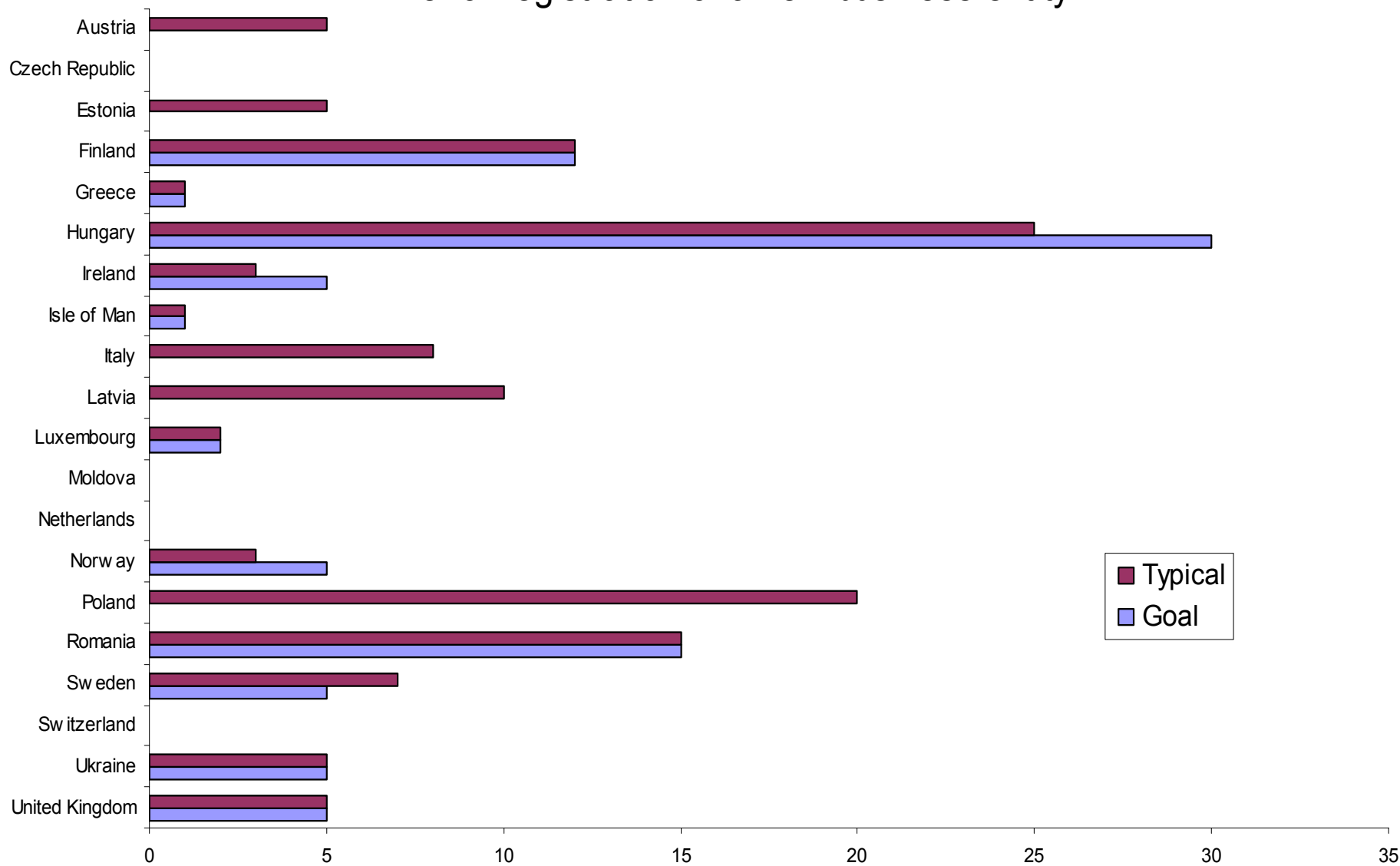




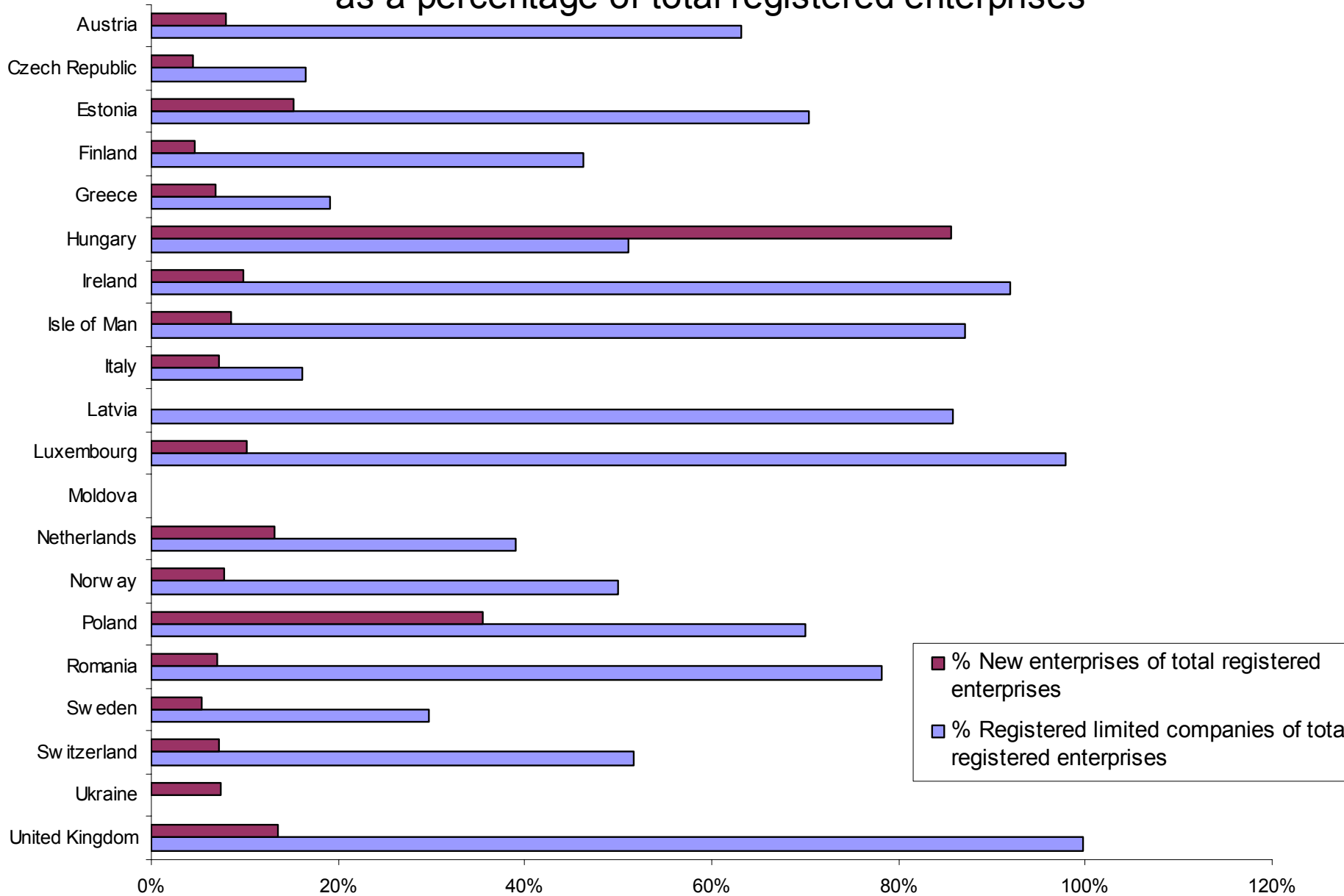
# Time needed for registration in days

<b>Leading time , year 2001</b>	<b>Goal</b>		<b>Typical</b>	
New business enterprise	12	63%	16	84%
Alteration	12	63%	16	84%

# Time for registration of a new business entity



# New enterprises and registered limited companies as a percentage of total registered enterprises





# Multiple regression

- Several variables influencing registration of new enterprises
- Variables in the 'Administration of Start-Ups'



# Some reflections

- Help finding common questions
- Help for simplifications and harmonizations
- Different focus