



GUIDE TO THE STRI POLICY SIMULATOR

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What is the STRI Policy Simulator?

- The Policy Simulator is a tool that provides the full detail of the STRI information by country and by sector.
- It can be used:
 - To understand how the STRI indices are calculated
 - To analyse the contribution of each policy measure to the index
 - To simulate the impact of a policy change on the index value



How to use the STRI Policy Simulator (1)

- Step 1: go on the webpage <http://sim.oecd.org/>
- Select your sector for an overview of the indices for all countries

Services Trade Restrictiveness Index Simulator

for **Insurance**

Select a sector and country to start the Policy Simulator.

Insurance for Choose a country View table

About the STRI

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Methodology

Learn about the methodology used to collect this data.
» Methodology

Related Resources:

- » STRI compare your country
- » STRI policy explorer
- » STRI policy brief
- » STRI country notes
- » STRI sector notes
- » OECD/TAD/STRI



How to use the STRI Policy Simulator (2)

- Step 2: Start to work with a specific sector and country

for **Insurance**

Click here to view the table once you have selected a sector and a country.

Select a sector and country to start the Policy Simulator.

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How to use the STRI Policy Simulator (3)



Services Trade Restrictiveness Index Simulator

This is the value of the index for the country and sector you have selected.

Insurance for Norway compared to Choose a country

Norway 0.215

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Insurance measures	Search	Cancel	Answers	Scores	Values
FSins.1 Restrictions on foreign ownership and other market entry conditions			Weight: 31%	16	0.167
FSins.2 Restrictions on the movement of people			Weight: 13.8%	3	0.012
FSins.3 Other discriminatory measures and international standards			Weight: 16%	1	0.005
FSins.4 Barriers to competition and public ownership			Weight: 19.133%	6	0.032
FSins.5 Regulatory transparency and administrative requirements			Weight: 20.067%	0	0

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These are the 5 policy areas under which each measure is categorised. Click one of them to see the detailed list of measures.

Each policy area has a different weight based on expert judgement.



How to use the STRI Policy Simulator (4)

Insurance for Norway compared to Choose a country

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FSins.1 Restrictions on foreign ownership and other market entry conditions			Weight: 31%	16	0.167
FSins.2 Restrictions on the movement of people			Weight: 13.8%	3	0.012
2.1.1 Quotas: intra-corporate transferees			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.1.2 Quotas: contractual services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.1.3 Quotas: independent services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.1 Labour market tests: intra-corporate transferees			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.2 Labour market tests: contractual services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.3 Labour market tests: independent services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.3.1 Limitation on stay for intra-corporate transferees (months)			Between 12 months and 36	1	0.004
2.3.2 Limitation on stay for contractual services suppliers (months)			Between 12 months and 36	1	0.004
2.3.3 Limitation on stay for independent services suppliers (months)			Between 12 months and 36	1	0.004
2.4.181 Agents and brokers: Nationality or citizenship required for license to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.5.181 Agents and brokers: Prior or permanent residency required for license to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.181 Agents and brokers: A local degree is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.182 Agents and brokers: A local examination is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.183 Agents and brokers: At least one year of local professional experience in the sector is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.284 Actuaries: Membership in the professional association is closed to foreigners			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0

Below each category you can find the full list of measures.

Click here to see the sources and specific comments.

Is the measure in place in the country? The answer can be found here. In some cases it will be numerical.



How to use the STRI Policy Simulator (5)

Insurance for Norway compared to Choose a country

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FSins.2 Restrictions on the movement of people			Weight: 13.8%	3	0.012
2.1.1 Quotas: intra-corporate transferees			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.1.2 Quotas: contractual services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.1.3 Quotas: independent services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.1 Labour market tests: intra-corporate transferees			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.2 Labour market tests: contractual services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.2.3 Labour market tests: independent services suppliers			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.3.1 Limitation on stay for intra-corporate transferees (months)			Between 12 months and 36 months <input type="text" value="1"/>	1	0.004
2.3.2 Limitation on stay for contractual services suppliers (months)			Between 12 months and 36 months <input type="text" value="1"/>	1	0.004
2.3.3 Limitation on stay for independent services suppliers (months)			Between 12 months and 36 months <input type="text" value="1"/>	1	0.004
2.4.181 Agents and brokers: Nationality or citizenship required for license to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.5.181 Agents and brokers: Prior or permanent residency required for license to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.181 Agents and brokers: A local degree is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.182 Agents and brokers: A local examination is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.183 Agents and brokers: At least one year of local professional experience in the sector is required to practice (broking and agency services)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
2.6.284 Actuaries: Membership in the professional association is closed to foreigners			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0

When a measure is restrictive, it is scored 1 (but some measures can have higher scores when the answer is a number).

The score is transformed into a numerical value based on the number of measures under the category and the weight of the category. The STRI index is the sum of these values.



How to simulate a policy change (1)

An edited version of the index for the country is added at the top.

Insurance for Norway compared to Choose a country

Norway edited 0.215
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Insurance measures	Search	Cancel	Answers	Scores	Values
FSIns.1 Restrictions on foreign ownership and other market entry conditions			Weight: 31%	16 → 16	0.167 → 0.167
1.1.1 Maximum foreign equity share (%) (life)				0%	0
1.1.1 Maximum foreign equity share (%) (non life)				0%	0
1.1.1 Maximum foreign equity share (%) (reinsurance)				0%	0
1.1.1 Maximum foreign equity share (%) (broking and agen			Weight: 31%	16 → 22	0.167 → 0.219
1.1.3 Statutory or legal limit on the shares that can be acqui			Less than 33%	0 → 3	0 → 0.026
1.1.3 Statutory or legal limit on the shares that can be acqui			Exactly 100%	0	0
1.2.1 Joint ventures required (life)			Exactly 100%	0	0
1.2.1 Joint ventures required (non life)			Exactly 100%	0	0
1.2.1 Joint ventures required (reinsurance)			Exactly 100%	0	0
1.2.4 There are restrictions on establishing foreign branche			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.4 There are restrictions on establishing foreign branche			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.4 There are restrictions on establishing foreign branche			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.3 Foreign branches are prohibited (life)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.3 Foreign branches are prohibited (non life)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.3 Foreign branches are prohibited (reinsurance)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.218 There are restrictions on establishing foreign subsidiaries (life)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.218 There are restrictions on establishing foreign subsidiaries (non life)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0
1.2.218 There are restrictions on establishing foreign subsidiaries (reinsurance)			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0	0

Start changing the answers and look at the impact on the index.



How to simulate a policy change (2)

If you change the answer for a measure which is linked to other measures, you will see that the score of these other measures also changes. Visit [STRI Methodology](#) to learn more about the STRI scoring methodology.

Accounting services measures		Search	Cancel	Answers	Scores	Values
PSacc.1 Restrictions on foreign ownership and other market entry conditions				Weight: 24.973%	7 → 21	0.125 → 0.375
PSacc.2 Restrictions on the movement of people				Weight: 22.262%	8 → 22	0.127 → 0.35
2.1.1 Quotas: intra-corporate transferees				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.1.2 Quotas: contractual services suppliers				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.1.3 Quotas: independent services suppliers				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.2.1 Labour market tests: intra-corporate transferees				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.2.2 Labour market tests: contractual services suppliers				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.2.3 Labour market tests: independent services suppliers				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.3.1 Limitation on stay for intra-corporate transferees (months)				Between 12 months and 36	1 → 2	0.016 → 0.032
2.3.2 Limitation on stay for contractual services suppliers (months)				Between 12 months and 36	1 → 2	0.016 → 0.032
2.3.3 Limitation on stay for independent services suppliers (months)				Between 12 months and 36	1 → 2	0.016 → 0.032
2.4.1 Nationality or citizenship required for license to practice				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.5.1 Prior or permanent residency required for license to practice				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No/na	1	0.016
2.5.346 Domicile required for license to practice				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No/na	1	0.016
2.6.14 Laws or regulations establish a process for recognising higher education degrees in accounting and auditing earned abroad				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/na <input type="radio"/> No	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.6.24 Foreign accountants and auditors are required to take local examinations to qualify for full membership in the profession				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No/na	1	0.016
2.6.34 Foreign accountants and auditors are required to practice locally for at least 1 year in order to become a full member of the profession				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No/na	1	0.016
2.6.44 Compulsory membership in a professional association for foreign accountants and auditors is automatically granted if the he/she has the required quali				<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes/na <input type="radio"/> No	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.7.2 Limited or temporary licensing system is available				<input type="radio"/> Yes/na <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	1	0.016
2.8.1 Foreign providers have to completely re-do the university degree, practice and exam in the domestic country				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016
2.50.1 Other restrictions to movement of people				<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/na	0 → 1	0 → 0.016



Compare two or more countries (1)



Services Trade Restrictiveness Index Simulator

Insurance for Norway compared to Belgium



Insurance measures	Search	Cancel	Answers	Scores	Values	Belgium
FSins.1 Restrictions on foreign ownership and other market entry conditions			Weight: 31%	16	0.167	0.07
FSins.2 Restrictions on the movement of people			Weight: 13.8%	3	0.012	0.02
FSins.3 Other discriminatory measures and international standards			Weight: 16%	1	0.005	0
FSins.4 Barriers to competition and public ownership			Weight: 19.133%	6	0.032	0.022
FSins.5 Regulatory transparency and administrative requirements			Weight: 20.067%	0	0	0.006

Select a country here and you can compare the initial country with some of its partners.

The STRI for the new country is added below.

An additional column shows the STRI index values for the country you are comparing.

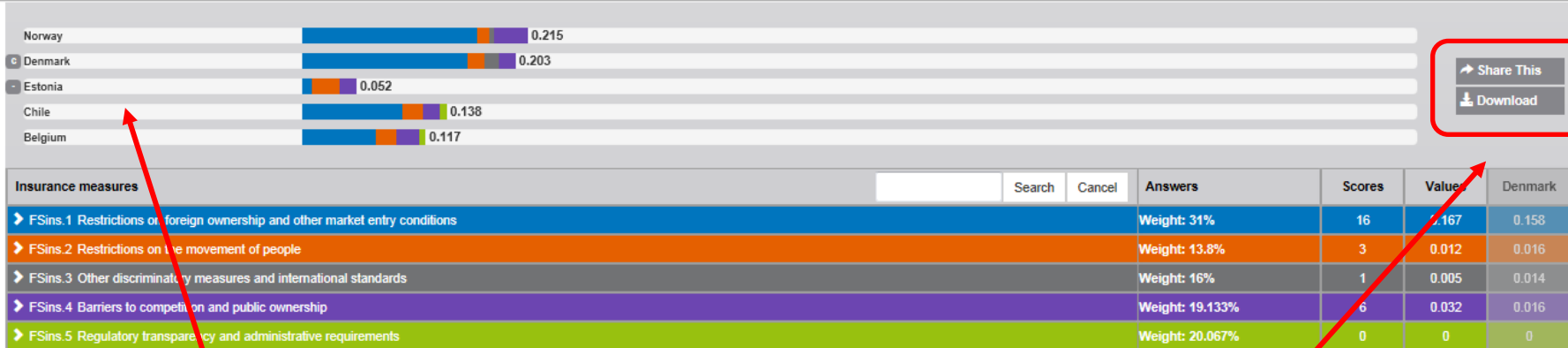


Compare two or more countries (2)



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Insurance for Norway compared to Denmark, Estonia, Chile, ...



You can compare several countries...

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