

## **Global Innovation Networks**

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- This presentation reviews the overarching aim of this project – to establish whether GINs exist:
  - How global?
  - How innovative?
  - How networked?







#### **Variations of GINS**







#### Level of Globalness -Internationalization

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#### Level of Globalness – Regionalization











#### **Level of Innovativeness**















# How did we empirically establish what is going on?

# The INGINEUS survey







# How we differentiated our work from previous surveys

- Previous surveys were limited in their scope
  - UNCTAD and EIU about 100 respondents each
- Previous surveys were not stratified by sector
  - What if one of the (primary) drivers of
  - GINs is the sectoral dynamics?





- The sample frame of previous surveys was biased towards large firms, i.e. MNCs
  - This reflects an assumption that GINs are driven by MNCs
  - But for an emerging phenomenon such an assumption is problematic
  - It will for example bias results on GINs towards developed countries because there are more MNCs there



#### **1192 total firm responses**

Countries	ICT	Auto	Agro		
Brazil		55			
China	243				
Estonia	17				
Denmark			53		
India	307				
Germany		57			
Norway	181				
South Africa		(The second s	84		
Sweden	171	24			
Total sector	919	136	137 🗖		
	77%	11%	11.5% NTH FRAM		











#### Firm type in ICT by country





#### Firm type in automotive by country





#### Firm type in agro-processing by country







# Measuring GINs What we did





# Survey questions to address obalness Innovativeness Networkedness





# What we did

- Assigned scores to the questions relevant to the constructs
- We considered the theoretical background as we gave weightings
  - New to the world was weighted more heavily than new to the firm innovation
  - For globalness, own region was not as heavily weighted as other regions
- Where there was no theoretical justification, we kept weights the same





#### What we did then

- Created thresholds for low, medium and high, e.g. Globalness
  - Only home country=low
  - Two, three or four geographic blocks = medium
  - More than four geographic blocks= high
- Repeated for innovativeness and networkedness





#### An overview of the process

<u>Network</u>			BRAZIL_	CHINA_	INDIA_	SOUTH AFRICA	DENMARK_	ESTONIA_	GERMANY_	NORWAY_	SWEDEN_
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5.1 We produce most technological inputs in-house			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.2 We buy most of our inputs from other branches of our own		n MNC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.3 We buy most of our technologic	cal inputs from non-MNC fi	1	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
10.1 Strategic Management	By your unit in your loca	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.1 Strategic Management	At subsidiaries of firm i	26	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	At subsidiaries of firm i	27	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	At headquarters of firm	28	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	At headquarters of firr	29	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	At client firm in a devel	30	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	At client firm in a devel	31	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.1 Strategic Management	Outsourced to a partner	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.1 Strategic Management	Outsourced to a partne	33	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
l0.1 Strategic Management	Outsourced to a partne	34	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, By your unit in your loca	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.2 Product development (researc	h, At subsidiaries of firm i	36	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
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10.2 Product development (researc	h, At headquarters of firm	38	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, At headquarters of firm	39	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, At client firm in a devel	40	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, At client firm in a devel	41	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, Outsourced to a partner	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.2 Product development (researc	h, Outsourced to a partner	43	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.2 Product development (researc	h, Outsourced to a partner	44	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.3 Marketing, sales and account n	nar By your unit in your loca	45		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.3 Marketing, sales and account n	nar At subsidiaries of firm i	46	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
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10.3 Marketing, sales and account n	nar At headquarters of firm	48	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
10.3 Marketing, sales and account n	nar At headquarters of firr	49	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	- 0.13		0.13	0.13	0 <u>.13</u>
10.3 Marketing, sales and account n	nar At client firm in a devel	50	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0:13	0.13	0.13	0.13
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# What we got...









# **Questions on Globalness**

3.1 Does your enterprise have a significant share of sales activity abroad?

- 4.1 In geographical terms, is your enterprise's largest market:
  - Internal to your firm
  - A local region in your country
  - Domestic
  - Export

4.2 If export market was selected, indicate the geographical region(s)





# **Questions on Globalness**

5.1 Regarding the development of the most important innovation of your firm in the last 3 years: (Who did you actively collaborate with), and in which location?

Please select all that apply:

- Region in country Western Europe
- Country

Africa

- North America
- South America

Central & Eastern Europe Japan and Australia

Rest of Asia





#### Globalness





#### **Developed vs Developing**





#### **Questions on innovativeness**

- Please indicate if your enterprise experienced innovation in the past 3 years (2006 – 2008). You may select more than one option.
  - New products
  - New services
  - New or improved methods of manufacturing or producing
  - New or improved logistics, distribution or delivery methods
  - New or improved supporting activities for your firm
- Levels:







#### Innovativeness

#### **Innovativeness: All firms**





#### **Developed vs Developing**

#### Innovativeness





## **Questions on networkedness**

- 5.1 Which is the most important source of technology for your enterprise?
  - We produce most important technological inputs in-house
  - We buy most of our inputs from other branches of our MNC
  - We buy most of our technological inputs from other non-MNC firms
  - We buy most of our inputs from MNCs with whom we are not formally connected

 We buy most of our inputs from public sector institutions like research institutes, universities etc.



### **Questions on Globalness**

5.1 Regarding the development of the most important innovation of your firm in the last 3 years: Who did you actively collaborate with, (and in which location)? Please select all that apply







### **Questions on networkedness**

- 8.1 Has your organisation developed formal/informal linkages (e.g. research relationships) with the following kinds of foreign organisations? Informal implies no written contract or financial obligations exist
  - Clients Suppliers
  - Competitors Consultancy companies

Government Other





10. Please indicate how the following functions are performed by your enterprise, including different subsidiaries of the same firm. Please select all that apply.

			At	At	Outee	Outsourced	Outsourced
		By your unit in your location	subsidiaries of firm in a developed location(s)	subsidiaries of firm in a developing location(s)	Outsourced to a partner in your country	to a partner outside your country in a developed location	to a partner outside your country in a developing location
10.1	Strategic Management						
10.2	Product development (research, design and engineering)						
10.3	Marketing, sales and account management						
10.4	Operations (manufacturing, service supply)						
10.5	Procurement, logistics, distribution (obtaining, storing and transporting inputs and outputs)						
10.6	Corporate governance (legal, finance, accounting, government relations)						
10.7	Human resource management						
10.8	Technology and process development (maintenance, redesign of equipment)	2	2	$\langle \langle \rangle$	2		
10.9	Firm infrastructure (building and maintenance IT systems)		28.2	a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a		2	
10.10	Customers and after sales service		-3.5	X			SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



#### **Networks**

#### **Networks: All firms**





#### **Developed vs Developing**





## **Possible drivers of the results**

- Sectoral dimension
  - To what extent and in what way is ICT unique?
- Level of multi-nationality
- "Active" versus "passive" innovation
  - Buying inputs versus creating them
- Developing countries and the role of their:
  - Relative isolation
  - Relative institutional weakness





#### Putting together the pieces of the puzzle







# **Further data analysis**

- Finding out which are the strong-form GINs
  - Identify the firms in the intersection in the Venn diagram
  - Categorise them in terms of salient dimensions, e.g. size, designation, country & sector of origin of firms
- Developing a taxonomy of GINs (gIN, GiN, Gin etc.)

 Is there a correlation between size, firm type, sector, county of origin etc. and the type of GIN?





# Thanks for your attention/questions

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