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**PROVISIONS ON SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

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ABSTRACT

KEYWORDS

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Table 1: RTAs' analysis criteria

Structure of the provision	Location of the provision	Type of commitment

### 3 OVERVIEW AND TRENDS OF SMEs-RELATED PROVISIONS

Figure 1: Evolution of RTAs with provisions explicitly mentioning SMEs



Figure 3: Evolution of the number of SMEs-related provisions in RTAs

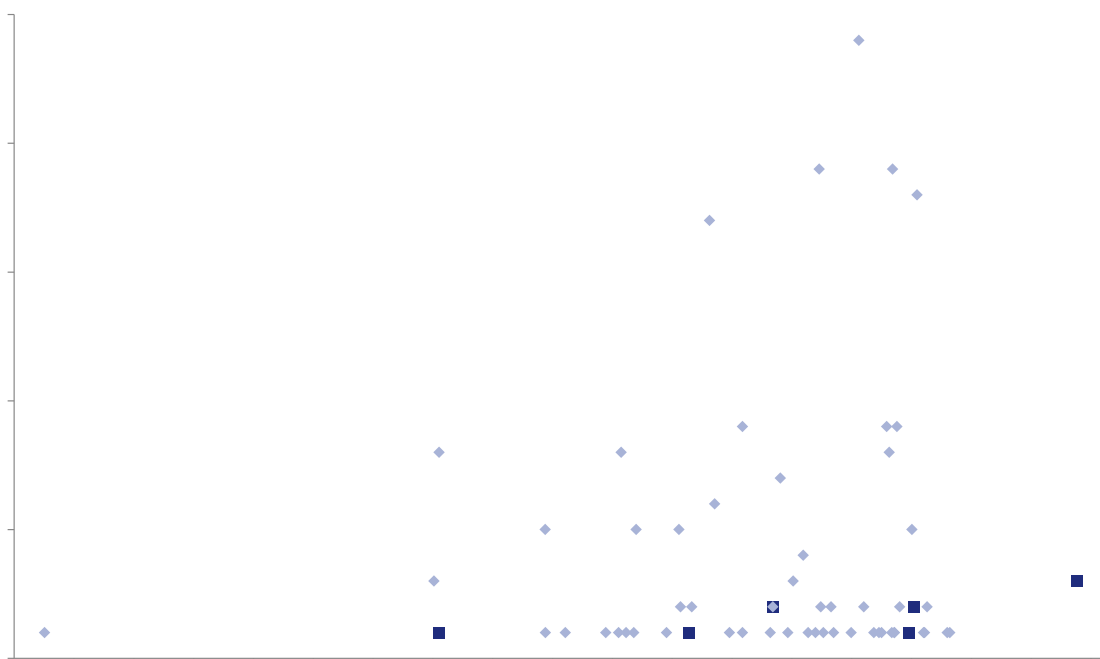


Figure 4: Number of RTAs with provisions referring to SMEs by country

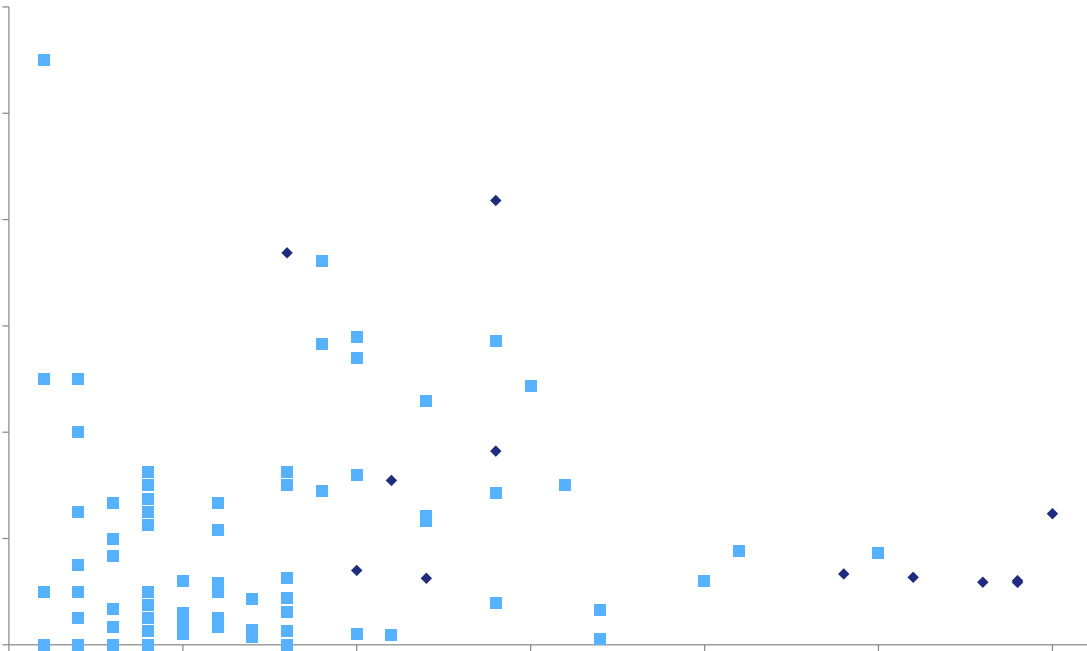




Figure 5: Structure of SMEs-related provisions in RTAs

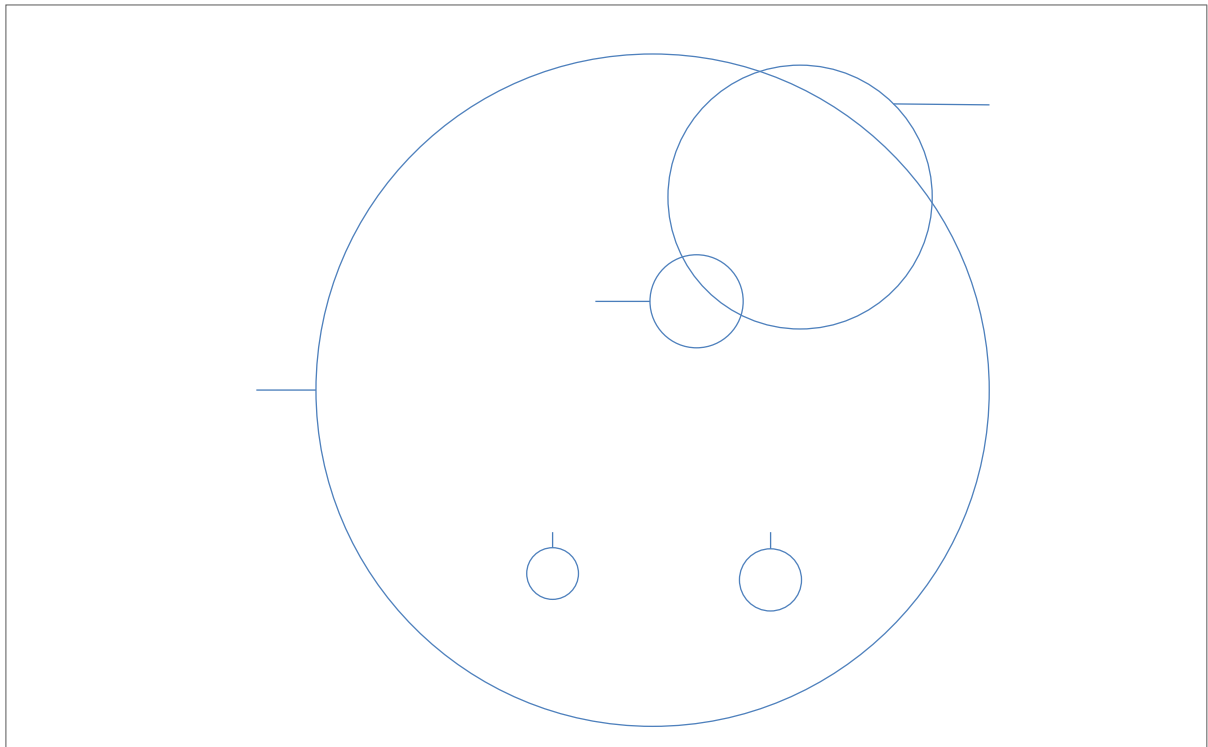
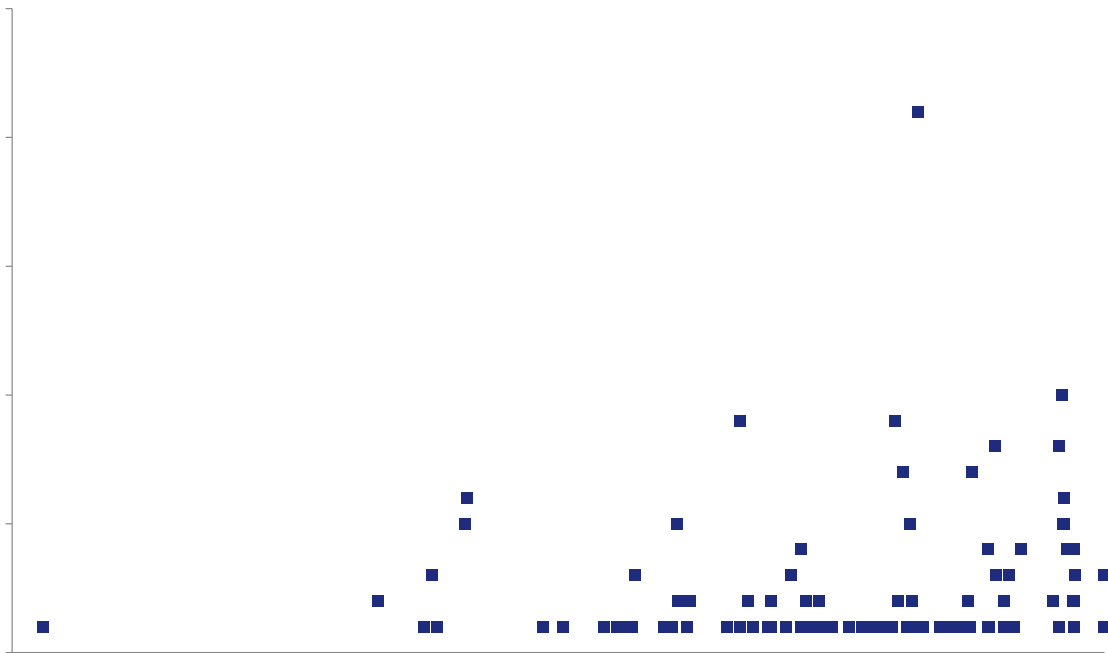


Figure 6: Evolution of the structure of SMEs-related provisions in RTAs







## 5.1 Main forms of SMEs-related provisions

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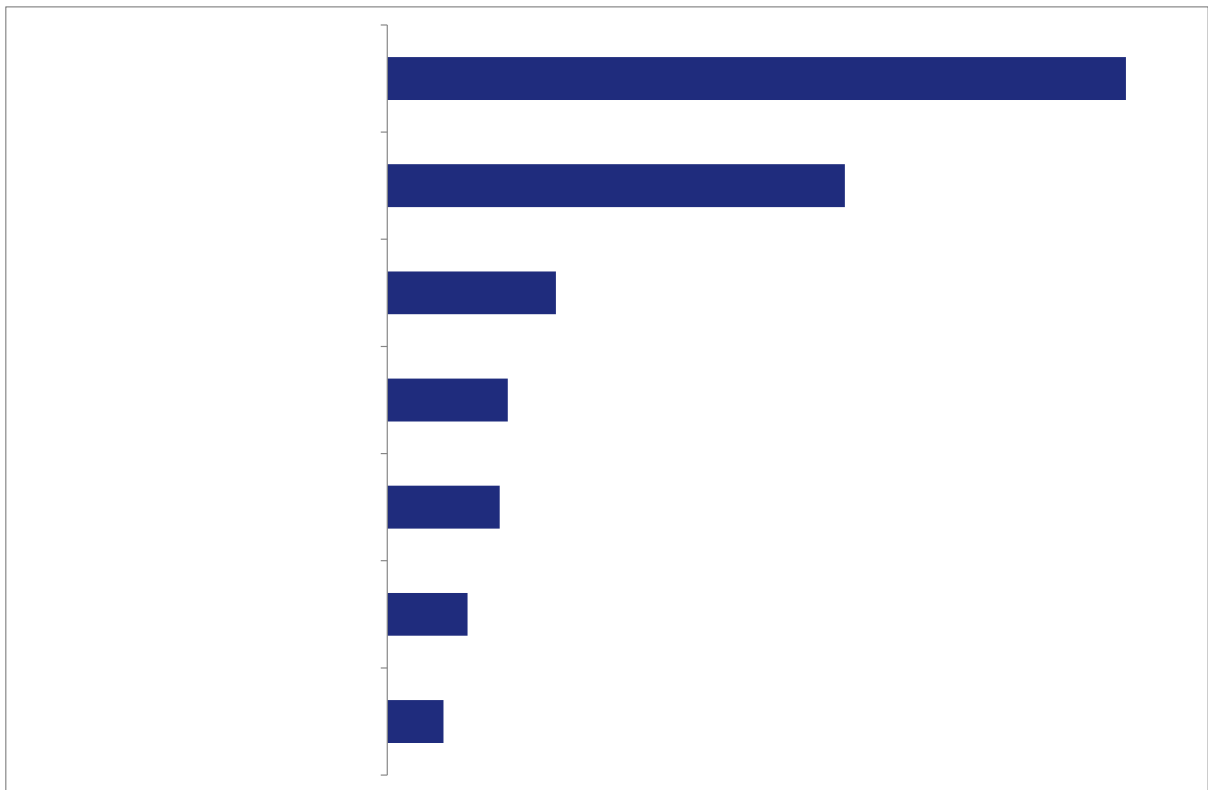
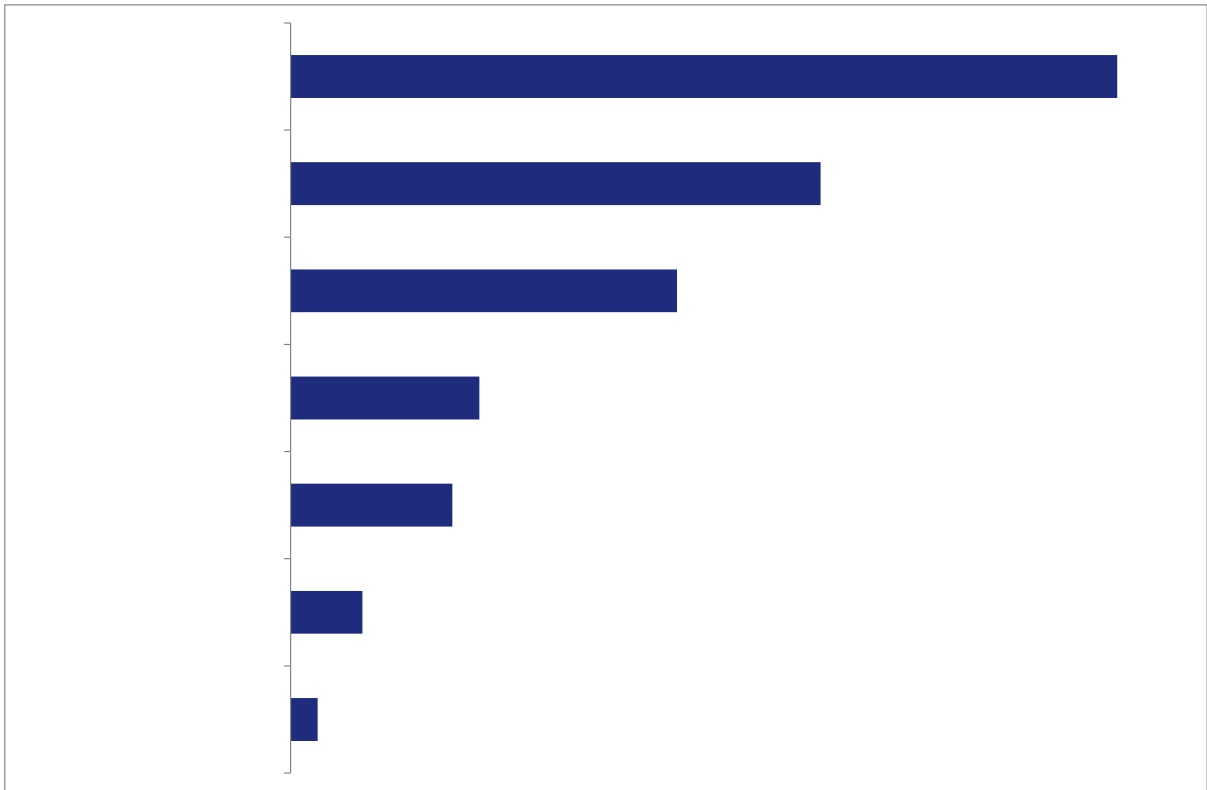






Figure 11: Main areas of SMEs-related provisions in RTAs



### 5.2.1 Cooperation on SMEs

*inter alia*





Figure 13: Cooperation areas on SMEs

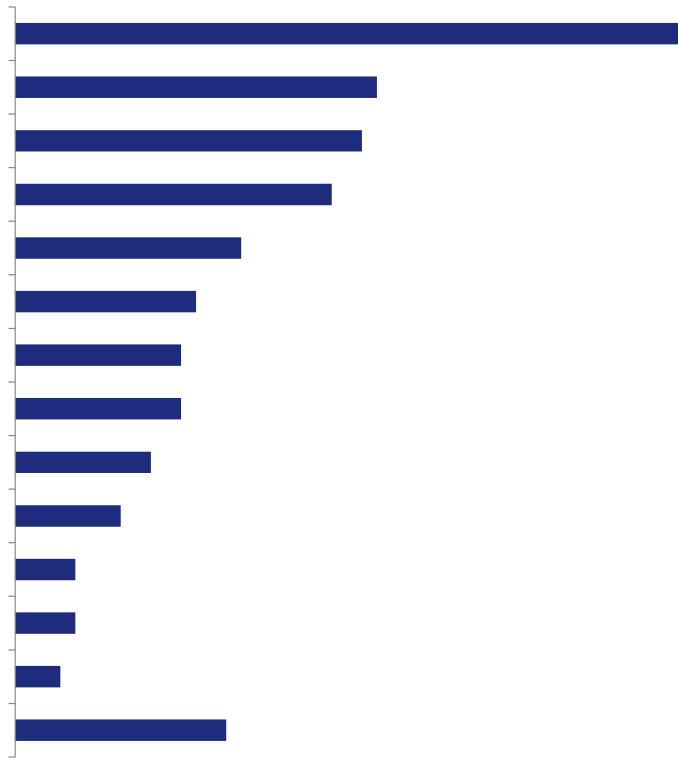


Figure 14: Cooperation forms on SMEs

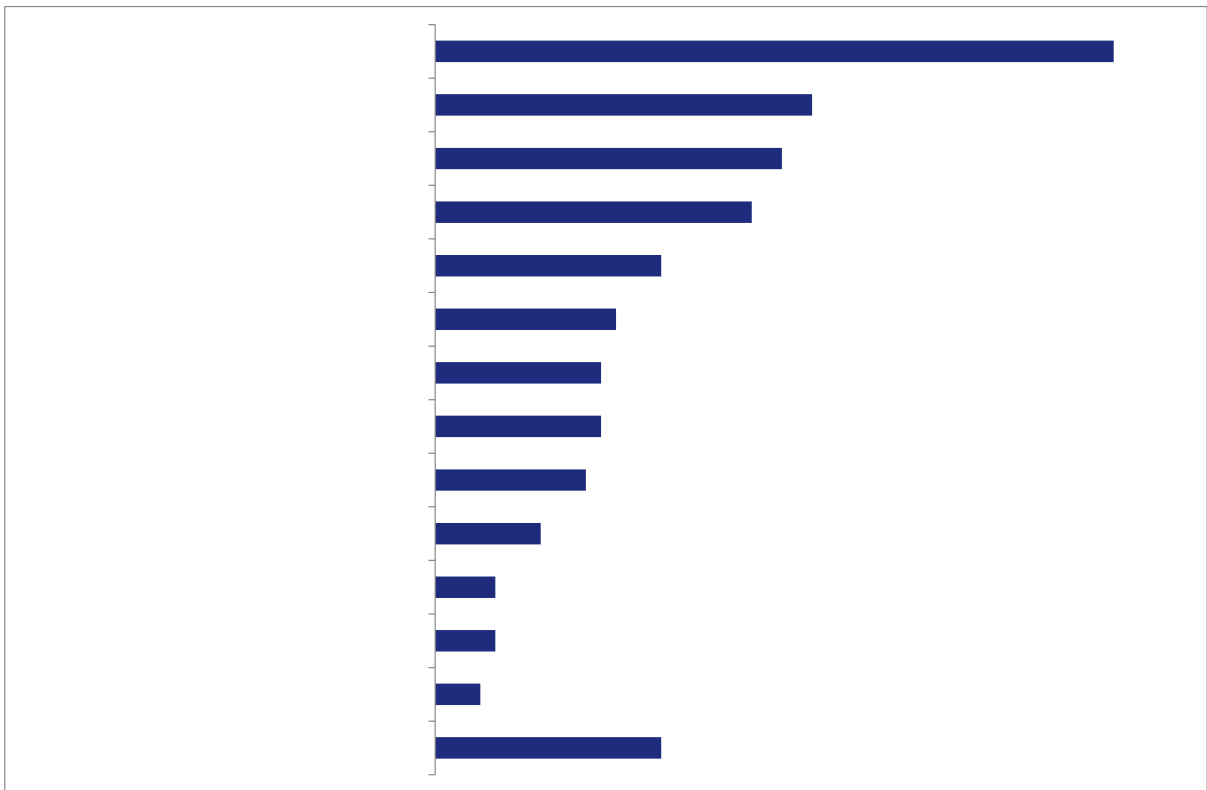




Figure 16





#### 5.2.4 Electronic commerce



Figure 19: Types of SMEs-



## 5.2.6 Intellectual property





## 7 CONCLUSIONS

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