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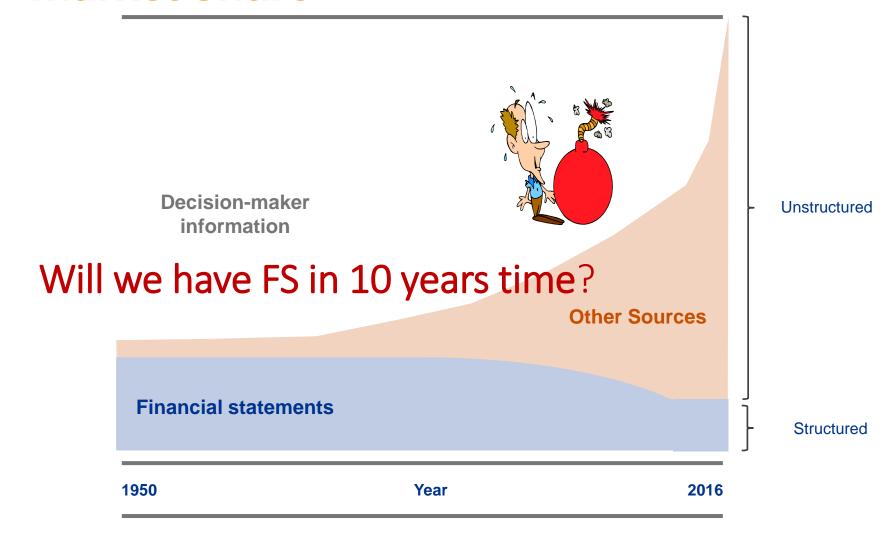


28 EU member states

Structure of the Cogito Paper

- Introductory Section and 4 chapters
 - 1. Growing Audience
 - 2. Content: Financial and Non-financial reporting
 - 3. Core and More
 - 4. Approach to Policy Making and Innovation
- Focus on TECHNOLOGY as driver and enabler of change

Financial statements (FS) losing "market share"



Reporting TODAY

- Paper based (80's/90's thinking)
- Long, detailed and complex reports
- Shareholder view
- Not timely
- Mainly confirmatory



FUTURE of Corporate Reporting

 How do we get Annual Reports to drive share prices? How do we get youngsters to read Annual Reports?

Should reporting adjust to the new technologies?

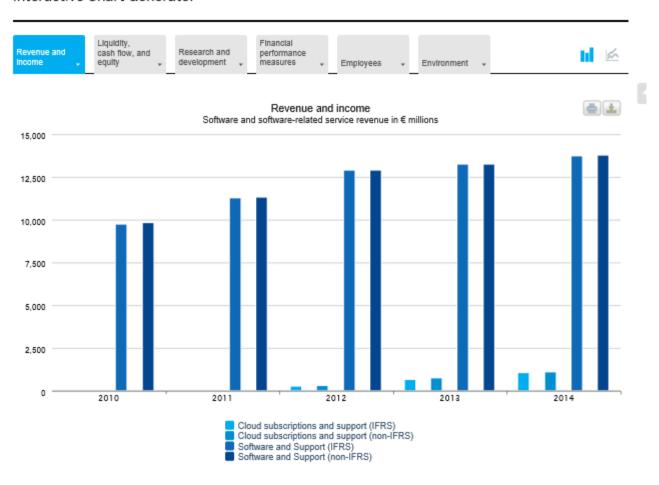
Technology (IT) as driver and enabler for change

- At the heart of change
- Enables lively presentation
- Focus on relevant and material information
- Enhances readability on screen
- Enhances calculations, storage, processes, connectivity, cross-checking, references...

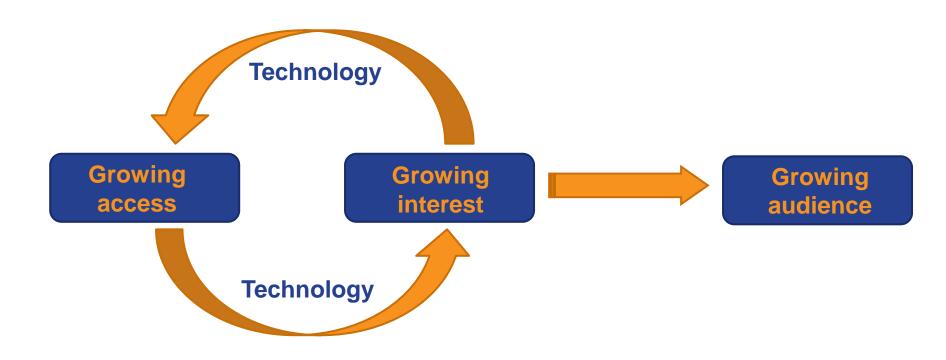
TECHNOLOGY – an example: SAP

Performance

Interactive Chart Generator



Chapter 1: Growing Audience



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- Accountability to a wider group of stakeholders
- Separate reports to each stakeholder group is not sustainable
- Two way communication is essential

Chapter 2.1: Financial Information

- Financial information
 - to be issued earlier (more timely)
 - to be less voluminous
- Do not think in paper or PDF terms, but think screen

Chapter 2.2: Non-Financial Information NFI

- Interconnection between financial and nonfinancial
- NFI is key to have a complete picture
- Many new requirements/standards
- Move towards one universal principles based reporting framework

Chapter 3 CORE & MORE

- Bring all reporting together in one combined report
- Consisting of
 - One CORE (summary) report
 - MORE reports can be accessed via drilling vertically and horizontally
- Technology is key for CORE & MORE

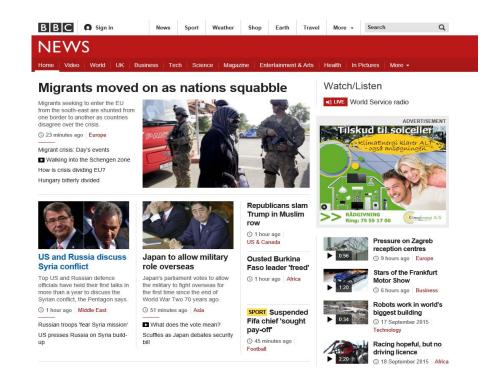
Chapter 3: CORE & MORE



Chapter 3: CORE and MORE - Updating

Example: Newspaper versus news website





Future of Corporate Reporting and (IR)



- Need for debate and experimentation
 - Is there agreement on the issues to be solved?
 - If yes, who should own the agenda?
- <IR> is the most developed and promising initiative
- FEE's Core & More idea is compatible with <IR>

Chapter 4: Policy Making and Innovation

- Allow parallel experimental reporting
- Use opportunities of emerging IT and stimulate innovation



- Change the compliance approach and remove barriers
- Stakeholder coordination with policy makers and standard setters

Join the debate



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