



Methodological advances in multi-sectoral, multi-country economic analyses: the PECUNIA project

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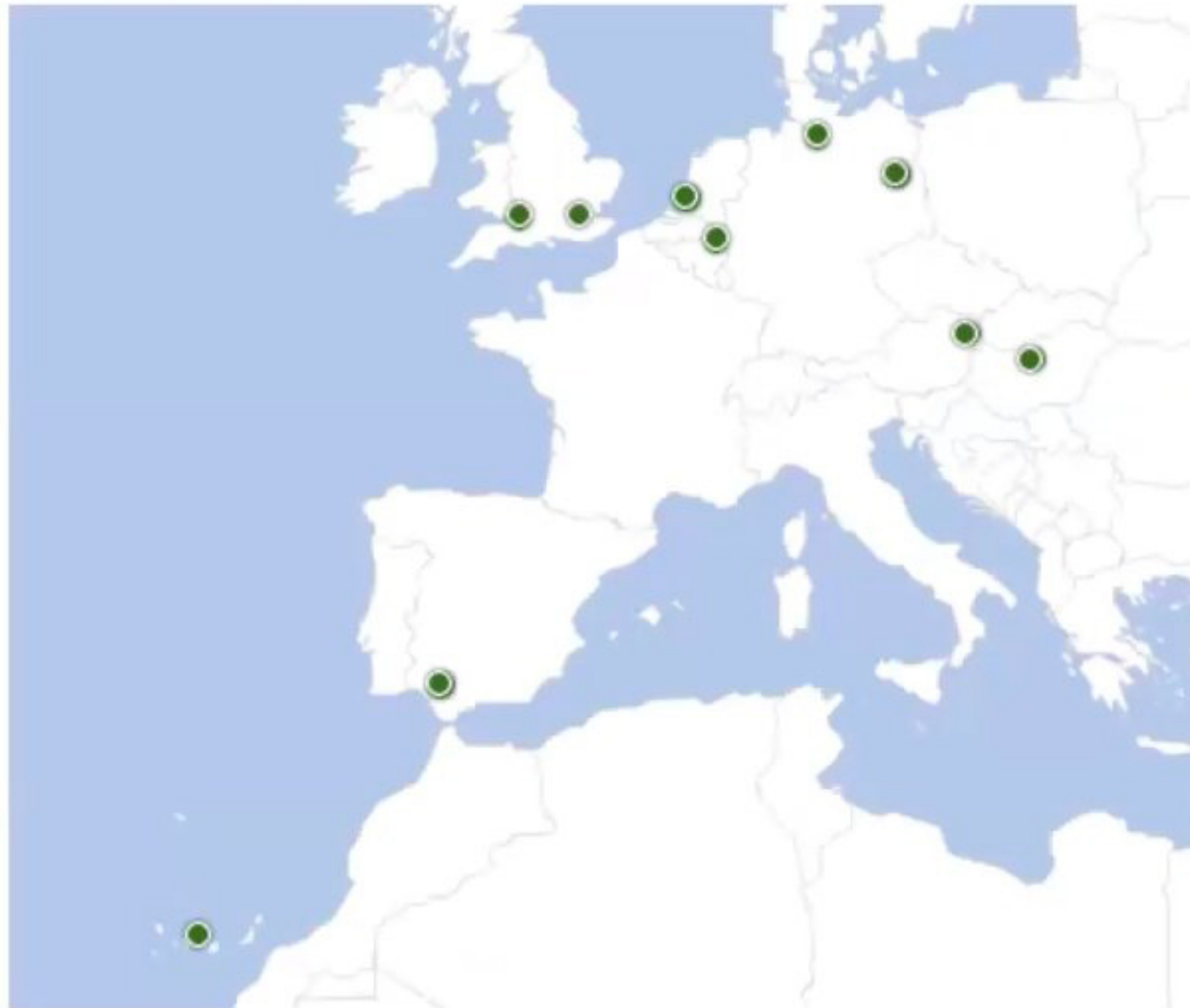
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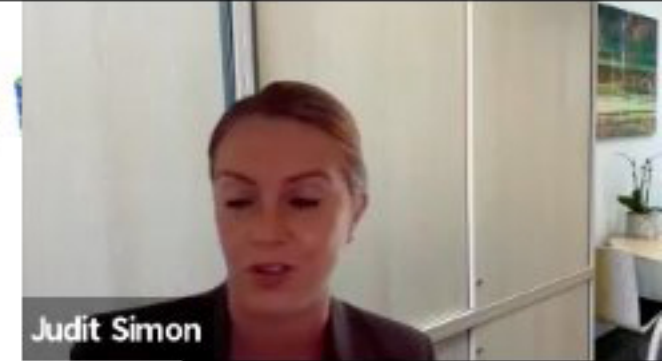


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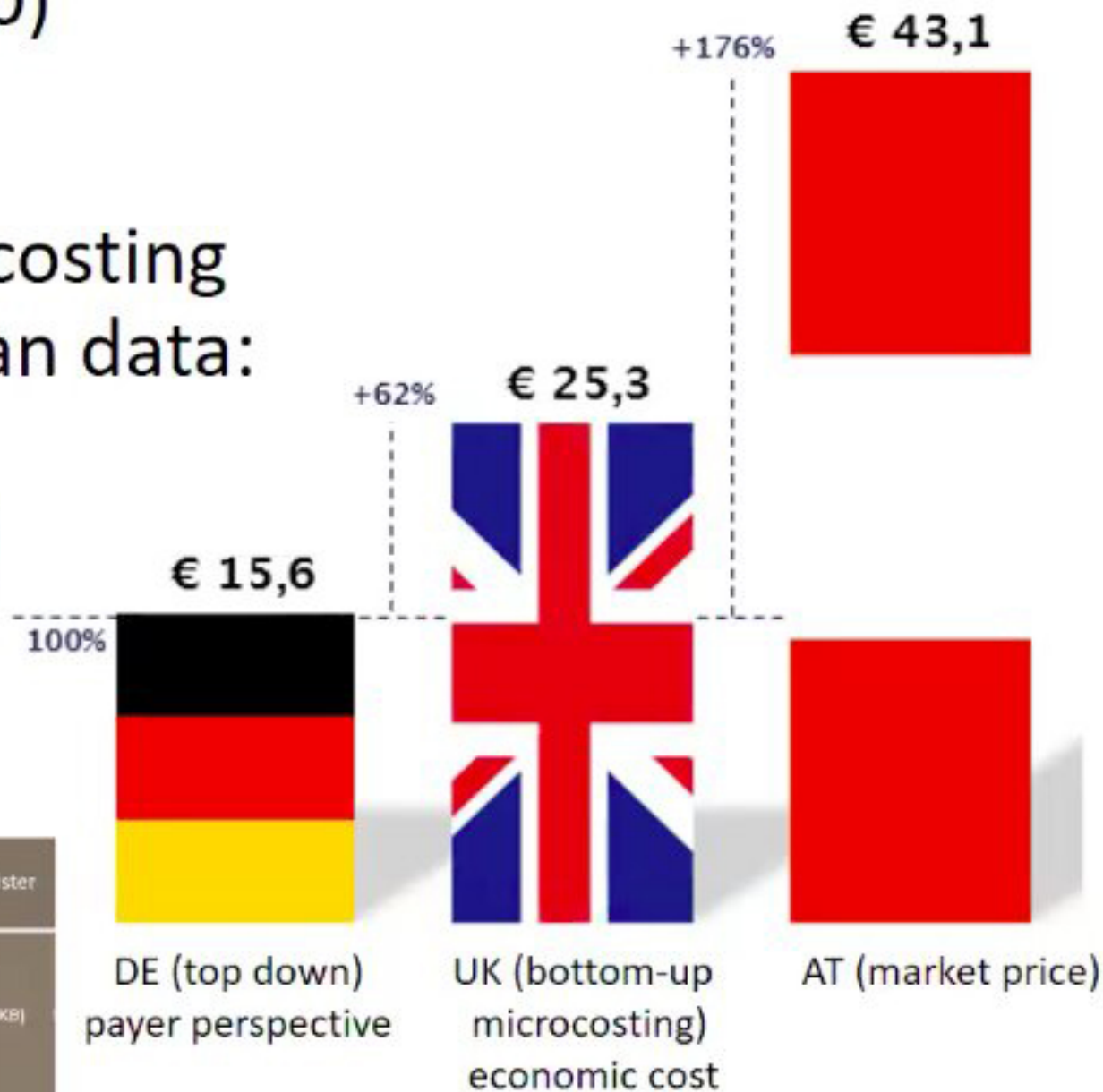


Heterogeneity in 'unit cost valuation methods'

Unit cost: average monetary value of a unit of resource use (e.g. contact) (Beecham 2000)

Example:

Application of international costing approaches based on Austrian data:
general practitioner (GP)
consultation unit cost (2015)
→ **staggering differences** in unit cost estimates



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Harmonisation step 4: Valuation

- **Reference Unit Cost (RUC):** standardized methodology applied in unit cost development
- **PECUNIA RUC Templates:**
 - Microsoft Excel (2013) based input masks with automated calculations based on harmonized methodology for transparent RUC development
 - Service 1, 2, 2-short (top-down micro or gross costing); Personal time; Productivity loss; Tangible consequences
 - Primary and/or secondary input data
- **PECUNIA RUC Compendium:**
 - Microsoft Excel (2013) based collection of harmonised RUCs across countries

