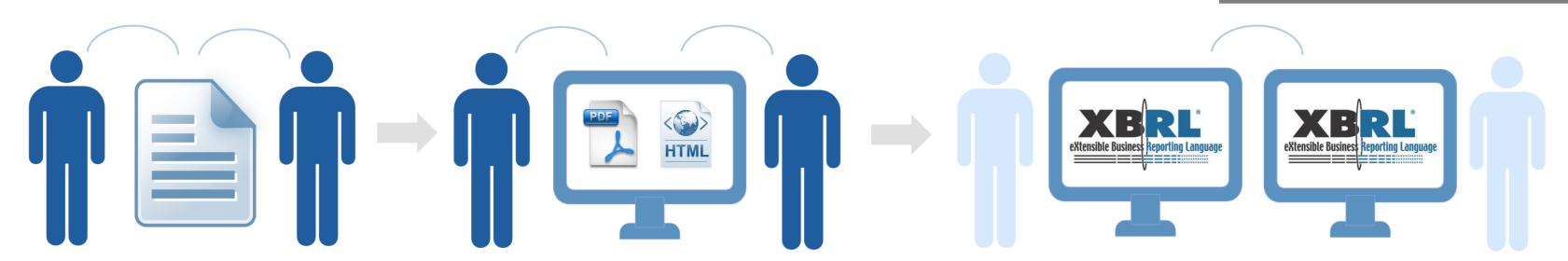
DIGITAL REPORTING IN THE UK



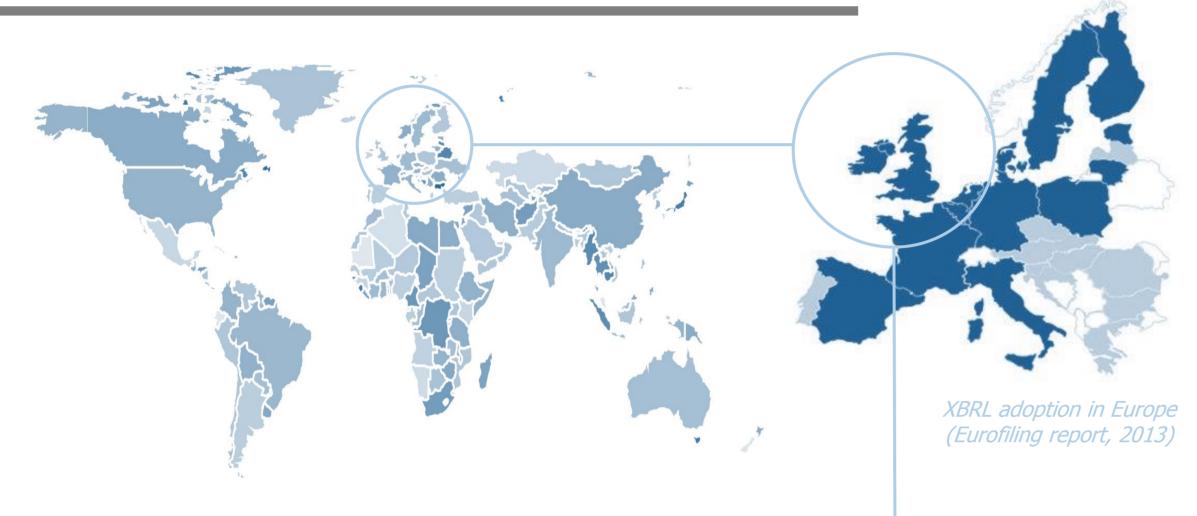
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Background



XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) is a freely available global standard for exchanging business/financial information. It provides a greater level of automation and standardisation in the production and consumption of business reporting and accountability data.

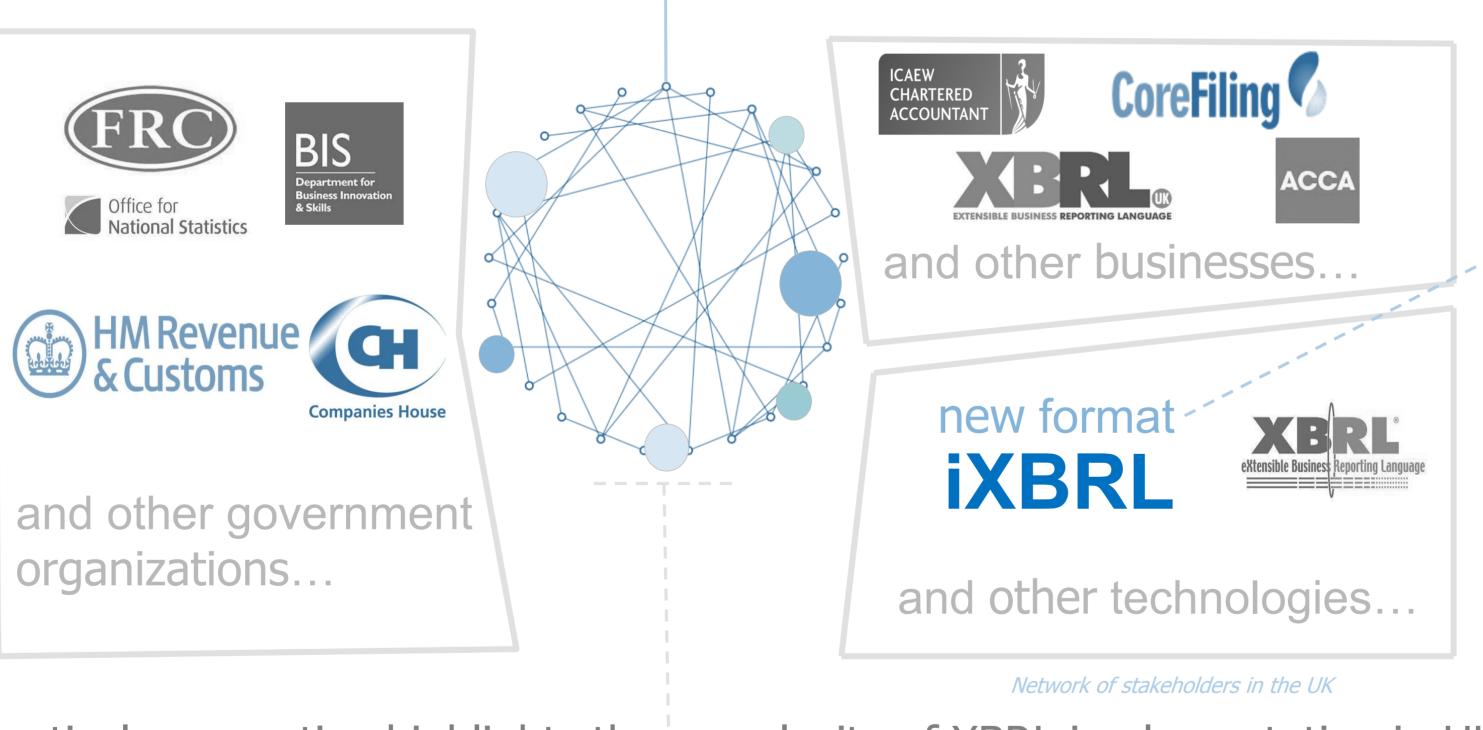
Digital reporting adoption



Regulators in different countries implemented reporting regimes that mandated companies filing the reports using digital reporting standard XBRL.

In 2011 UK regulators - HM Revenue & Customs and Companies House - required companies to file reports using Inline XBRL (iXBRL).

Methodology and aim



iXBRL is a human-readable XBRL hybrid.

The theoretical perspective highlights the complexity of XBRL implementation in UK regulatory environments using concepts from sociomateriality theory (e.g., Leonardi, 2008; Orlikowski, 2007). This approach highlights the imbrication of technology objects and social and institutional relations.

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The objective is to explore the context in which a new data standard - Inline XBRL - has been developed.

Methods and contribution

how

- semi-structured interviews of regulators and software vendors
- analysis of documentary evidence

why

The research project will provide valuable insights and implications for further adoption of digital reporting.