European CloudScout is a simple online tool provides European SMEs with tailored information and recommendations on their use of Cloud

CloudScout is now hosted on the CloudWatchHUB

"Cloud Scout is a simple tool to give small businesses the information to decide on how to use the cloud: taking account of their legal, organizational and technical needs. Cloud Scout is very welcome. I encourage any other initiatives aligned with our cloud strategy to come forward too. Indeed the EU-funded CloudWATCH project is actively promoting many of them: including Cloud Scout."

The European Commissioner for the Digital Agenda, Neelie Kroes launched Cloud-Scout @ European Cloud Scout: SMEs to navigate to the cloud Event, 10 July 2014, Brussels
EU CloudScout doesn’t only target SMEs but it also serves as a statistical tool for NTAs to assess the status of SME interest & maturity in cloud computing.

Divided up in 3 parts:

- **Statistical Questions**: size of the company, the industry it operates in, knowledge about cloud computing, rate development, consultancy on services availability & security support
- **Questions related to requirements and expectations of cloud computing**: foreseen benefits, expectations and obstacles in moving to the cloud, key concerns, inherent security measures
- **Questions related to decision-making**: what are the applications moved to the cloud, inherent security measures, user access, broadband requirements, provider preferences
The CloudScout landing page has had over **825 unique views**

It's the **second most popular page** on the site.

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Thanks to CloudWATCH, CloudScout is currently available in 7 languages: English, German, French, Dutch, Spanish, Hungarian, and Finnish.

Since its launch Cloud Scout has been completed over 200 times by SMEs in Europe.
Questions

◆ How short and readable should contracts be?
◆ How important are the following issues:
  • availability and continuity of service;
  • compliance (in particular as regards data protection);
  • location of data; liability
◆ What practical suggestions do you have to ensure that these issues are properly addressed from an SME perspective.