

Cross Media

Measurement

Audit 2021

The need to sort things out – a framework for ad purchases and delivery









Cross Media Measurement Audit Sweden



The Cross Media Measurement project team in Sweden has created a new model to visualize the ad deliveries in all media categories and what type of measurements are currently available.

The model for the Advertising Value Chain has been used in this audit report to show how the ad market works in Sweden.

The Audit finds that we often use incorrect definitions for ad purchases and deliveries, the phrase "the ads have been seen" is often used throughout reports, misleadingly, giving the ads a higher value in the value chain, all the way from purchase to delivery.

The absence of clear guidelines for definitions used in advertising makes it difficult for the advertisers to evaluate their Cross-Media campaigns.

The Audit Report is a vital keystone for the Swedish Cross Media Measurement project, as it shows how the Advertising Value Chain actually works in the market.

By using the definitions in the Advertising Value Chain in a coherent way, our industry can enable true cross media evaluations for their ad investments.

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Cross Media Measurement Audit Report



When we created the Advertising Value Chain model for the Cross Media Measurement project, we had a hypothesis that we were lacking common definitions, standards, measurements and currencies across the media channels for ad purchase and reporting.

We suspected that the ad purchases and reporting could not be made in a coherent way, cross-media, through the process of briefing, planning, buying and reporting. This as a result of definitions and measurements not being clearly defined or easily comparable for different media types in the value chain.

To investigate the use of currencies and measurements through the process of media planning and buying, we decided to conduct an audit to map out the definitions used from brief to planned, bought and reported. The audit was performed on multimedia campaigns from some of Sweden's largest advertisers. This audit of the advertising value chain with campaigns from eight large advertisers broken down into each media category, shows how the definitions are currently used through the process.

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The report is a support for planning, evaluating and reporting media buying. It should not be used as the sole instrument for media selection.

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The project team and sponsors



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Audited advertisers



ADVERTISER:	Α	В	с	D	E	F	G	н
CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP	DIRECT	INDIRECT	DIRECT	DIRECT	DIRECT	DIRECT	DIRECT	DIRECT
OFFLINE STORES	\checkmark		\checkmark			\checkmark	\checkmark	
ONLINE STORES	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
COMPANY AGE	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	SCALE-UP	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED	ESTABLISHED
ANNUAL MEDIA BUDGET SIZE	LARGE	MID	MID	MID	MID	MID	LARGE	MID
NO. OF CHANNELS USED	5	4	4	6	5	5	9	6
MEDIA CHOICE DECISION	DECENTRALIZED	CENTRALIZED	CENTRALIZED	DECENTRALIZED	DECENTRALIZED	DECENTRALIZED	DECENTRALIZED	DECENTRALIZED
BRIEFED BUSINESS KPI:S	SALES	SALES	TRAFFIC TO STORES	SALES	SALES		SALES	SALES
BRIEFED MEDIA KPI:S			REACH I TRAFFIC		REACH FREQ			REACH I VIEWS
IN-HOUSE AGENCY	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	
MEDIA AGENCY	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
PERFORMANCE AGENCY			\checkmark					
SEO SEM AGENCY			\checkmark					
SOCIAL MEDIA AGENCY			\checkmark					
POST CAMPAIGN EVALUTION	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
BRAND TRACKING	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
PERFORMANCE REPORTING	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Executive summary of the audit





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AUDIT CONCLUSION	AUDIT CONCLUSION	AUDIT CONCLUSION
 Hard to know how many people you reach per channel and in total. Hard to know what is bought and delivered per channel and in total. 	 Hard to plan for net reach and frequency across different media/platforms. Hard to evaluate media/platforms deliverables, due to non comparable metrics. 	 Platforms/media risk devaluation of their contact quality and their ad inventory. Unfair and distorted market competition, due to self reported measurements and metrics.
CONSEQUENCE	CONSEQUENCE	CONSEQUENCE
 Hard to plan, optimize and make the media investment as effective and efficient as possible. Hard to set quantified objectives and a specific investment budget. 	 Hard to prioritize media investments and allocate a media budget. Hard to set a media budget since net incremental people visible ad reach is difficult to assess. 	 Hard to argue for incremental added value and to become an essential part of a larger media mix. Less incentive for innovation, development and progress, due to confused reporting.
SUGGESTED ACTION	SUGGESTED ACTION	SUGGESTED ACTION

- Take an active part in the Cross Media Measurement initiative.
- Use the Cross Media Value Matrix for planning, reporting and evaluation of media investments.
- Encourage advertisers/clients to take an active part in the Cross Media Measurement initiative.
- Use standards and definitions outlined in the Cross Media Value Matrix.
- Make sure numbers and metrics are 3:rd party reported according to CMM definitions.
- Initiate projects developing your product towards visible people ad reach.

The Cross Media Measurement project



This local Cross Media Measurement initiative in Sweden is a part of WFA – World Federation of Advertisers initiative. It follows the key principles WFA established, including four key components for measurement: Panels; Census Data & Identity; Reach and Frequency Estimator; and System Outputs.

Having a great legacy of measurement in Sweden, the decision was made to use existing ones. In the first phase of the project we examined the advertising value chain to clarify where in the chain the ads were bought, where they were delivered and where the ads were actually displayed.

In the project committee we have participation from several of the biggest advertisers who are members within Sveriges Annonsörer, the Swedish advertisers association. Several of the major measurement institutes did also participate, such as MMS – TV-measurement, Kantar – print, display, radio, pod, and Outdoor Impact – outdoor ads.

The following industry organisations are also part of the committee: IAB Sweden – Interactive Advertising Bureau Sweden, SMB – Swedish media agencies organisation, TU – the newspaper publishers organisation.

Thus, a majority of the major stakeholders in the market are gathered in the project.

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LACK OF TRUST

TIME

KNOWLEDGE MONEY

TO STAY ON TOP OF RESEARCH TO KEEP UP WITH INNOVATION TO INVEST IN EDUCATION "EXPERTS" PERSONNEL BOARD AND MGMT ROI/ROAS? LONG/SHORT? BUDGET?

Cross Media Measurement project: Sweden

CMM Initiative Deciding on the project

Project Objective Project Financing Project Members Problem Definition Problem Agreement

2020

Project objective and purpose



Project members and financing



Problem definition & agreement



CMM Framework Status assessment

CMM Value Chain CMM Fact Sheet CMM Audit Current Status Industry Education

2021



The Advertising Value Chain



Ad Reporting Fact Sheet



Audit – Brief Bought And Reported



Cross Media Measurement purpose We need the same currencies for media planning and ad buying if we want correct reach and frequency





ARE WE MIXING DAYS AND WEEKS?

Cross Media Measurement definitions



PEOPLE	CONTACTS	EXPOSURES	REACH	CONTACT- FREQUENCY	OTS	СРТ
DEVICES MEDIA	IMPRESSIONS	VIEWS	UNIQUE USERS	IMPRESSION- FREQUENCY	VIEWABILITY	СРМ

People contacts is not the same as device impressions

Cross Media Measurement glossary



MEDIA REACH

The number of people reached by the media during a specified period.

AD REACH

The number of people reached by the ads during a specified campaign period.

UNIQUE (WEB) USERS

The number of unique devices, browsers or apps making server requests during a specified period.

CONTACTS

The number of visible ads exposed to people.

IMPRESSIONS

The number of ads requested from servers and Rendered on devices

VIEWS

The number of ads requested from servers and played on devices.

AVERAGE FREQUENCY (OTS)

The average number of contacts with people i.e. how many times people have the opportunity to see the ads.

VIEWABILITY

The level of rendering, coverage or completion of the ads on devices, browsers or apps.

СРТ

The price for 1000 contacts with people i.e. the contact cost.

СРМ

The price for 1000 rendered- or played ads on devices or apps.

еСРМ

The price for 1000 rendered ads according to specific industry standards.





The Audit

Problems identified



Current situation with briefing



Media goals are not specified nor quantified

GOALS OBJECTIVES	KPI:S	QUANTIFIED
BUSINESS GOALS Desired outcome	> SALES > MARKET SHARE > MARGIN	> 100 > 100 > 100 > 100
MARKETING GOALS Desired outcome	> CONVERSIONS> FOOTFALL> TRAFFIC	> 100 > 100 > 100 > 100
COMMUNICATION GOALS Desired outcome	> AWARENESS> CONSIDERATION> PREFERENCE	> 100 > 100 > 100
MEDIA GOALS Required input	 REACH* FREQUENCY* CONTACTS VIEWS * 	> N/A > N/A > N/A

***REQUIRED INPUTS NOT SPECIFIED NOR QUANTIFIED**

Amongst the audited companies



Problems in the purchase process

NO METRICS DEFINITIONS SPECIFIED





DEVICE BECOMES PEOPLE | VISIBLE BECOMES VIEWED ETC. •

Amongst the audited companies



Current media buying process







Amongst the audited companies



Problems identified by the audit





Due to lack of common definitions, standards, measurements



The Audit

The Adverising Value Chain

The ad buying process From media planning to ad buying reporting and measurement





Media reach measurement



MEDIA REACH



3:RD PARTY VERIFIED I AUDITED Media reach and distribution is reported and verified by a 3:rd party industry body.

3:RD PARTY SUPPLIED

Green

Yellow

Red

Media reach measurements show the number of people reached by the media during a specified period

Media reach and distribution is reported by the media but validated by a 3:rd. party accredited standard.

SELF REPORTED DATA

Media reach and distribution is self-reported by the media/platform.

Ad reach measurement



Ad reach measurements show the number of people reached by the ads during a specified campaign period



Ad reach and distribution is reported and verified by a 3:rd party industry body.

3:RD PARTY VERIFIED | AUDITED

3:RD PARTY SUPPLIED

Ad reach and distribution is reported by 3:rd party ad-system suppliers using accredited standards

SELF REPORTED DATA

Ad reach and distribution is self-reported by the platform/media. Can be accredited but is not verified by a 3:rd party.



The Advertising Value Chain







The Audit

Findings from the study

The Advertising Value Chain in the Audit





Advertisers ideally want to have their purchases

- To be bought and reported in the same column
- · Measured by a 3:rd party industry standard green not red
- · Not be revaluated in a different place in the value chain marked as an arrow

All ads are "seen"





Consequence for the market

- · Drives the market to buy the cheapest impressions
- The ads gets revaluated to the highest quality (which is not possible)
- By revaluating the ads to a higher quality there's no incentive for improvements

"A contact is a contact"





Consequence for the market

- Delivered impressions is not the same as a contact with a person
- · Buyers do not value people contacts higher than device impressions
- · Drives the market to buy the cheapest impressions

Sainsbury Formula





Consequence for the market

- All ads get devaluated to the impression level
- There is no consideration taken to visibility metrics
- Drives the market to buy the cheapest impressions

1:st party self reported data





Consequence for the market

- · Lack of transparency of the ad buying- and reporting metrics
- · We don't know what we get for our ad investments
- · Sell side dictates the terms for the market

Mixed1:st and 3:rd party reporting





Consequence for the market

- 3:rd party metrics gets devaluated and mixed with 1:st party metrics
- · All metrics are shown in one dashbord which gives an illusion of precision
- · Makes it hard to evaluate the campaigns cross media due to mixed currencies







Consequence for the market

- · The buying process is based on effect and outcome
- · Different ad currencies are not evaluated nor valued by the buyer side
- Media investments are valuated on multi touch attribution no need for cross media measurement



The Audit

Methodology ECI

Methodology



OBJECTIVES & SAMPLING & LIMITATIONS

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the study conducted by ECI Media Management AB in cooperation with Sveriges Annonsörer:

- 1. Identify media definitions used in written documentation (brief, planned, bought and reported)
- 2. Clarify the terminology that was used
- 3. Identify data validation methods used

The overall objective was to identify all types of challenges within the process.

SAMPLING

Invitation has been sent to selected members at the Association of Swedish advertisers. Eight advertisers from different categories participated in the study.

LIMITATIONS

The results are based on 1-2 campaigns selected by each participating advertiser. Mainly written documentation has been included in the study to clarify the definitions.



The audit process



PHASE 1.

KICK OFF MEETING TEAMS

Participants: Advertiser Representative from ECI Media Management Representative from agency (optional) Representative from The association of Swedish advertisers (did not participate when discussing campaign specifics information)

Purpose: Explain the project objective and process. Clarify documentation needed.

Output:

ECI Media Management sent an email to the advertiser to summarize documentation needed for example: brief, media plan, pre plan, media rational, post buy and any other documents related to the campaign.

PHASE 2.

DATA COLLECTION

The advertiser decided alone/together with the agency which campaign to include in the study.

The advertiser collected all relevant campaign documentation. In some cases, the advertiser collaborated with the agency/agencies.

Output: The advertiser sent all collected campaign related information to ECI Media Management.

The advertiser informed other parties about the project for example agencies.

PHASE 3.

DATA COLLECTION -ANALYSIS

ECI Media Management went through all documentation.

Output: A database and agency specific questionnaire.

A questionnaire was sent by email to the agency/agencies to clarify the following but not limited to: definitions, source, measurement methods and type of buying.

If further clarification was needed ECI has mainly used email as communication method.

PHASE 4.

ANALYSIS & REPORT

All campaign related documentation has been analyzed as well as the questionnaire and written additional questions sent to ECI.

Output: Advertiser specific report and presentation.

Total report.



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