



SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES IN HORIZON EUROPE FOCUS ON OPPORTUNITIES UNDER CLUSTER 2

Virtual Workshop & Networking Event
2 June 2021, 9:30-12:00

*Employment,
Social Affairs
and Inclusion*

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| Political commitment

“Progress towards a sustainable, fair and inclusive social Europe requires a strong shared commitment, both to the advancement of the UN 2030 Agenda and to the implementation and materialisation of the principles and rights contained in the European Pillar of Social Rights.”

European Parliament, Resolution on a Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions, December 2020

“Change towards a greener, fairer and more inclusive future will entail short-term costs and challenges. [...] The European Pillar of Social Rights should be implemented at EU and Member State level, with due regard for respective competences.”

European Council, A new strategic agenda 2019-2024

“I believe it is high time that we reconcile the social and the market in today’s modern economy. This is why I will put forward an action plan to fully implement the European Pillar of Social Rights.”

Commission President von der Leyen, Political Guidelines 2019-2024



2021



2021



At least

78%

of the population aged 20 to 64 should be **in employment** by 2030

Current level: 73.1% (2019)

2030

At least

60%

of all adults should **participate in training** every year by 2030

Current level: 37.4% (2016)

2030

At least

15 million

fewer people at risk of poverty or social exclusion by 2030

Current level: 91 million persons (2019)

Strengthening coordination and monitoring

- Coordination via country-specific recommendations under the **European Semester**, with an expanded and deepened Joint Employment Report
- Updated **Social Scoreboard**:

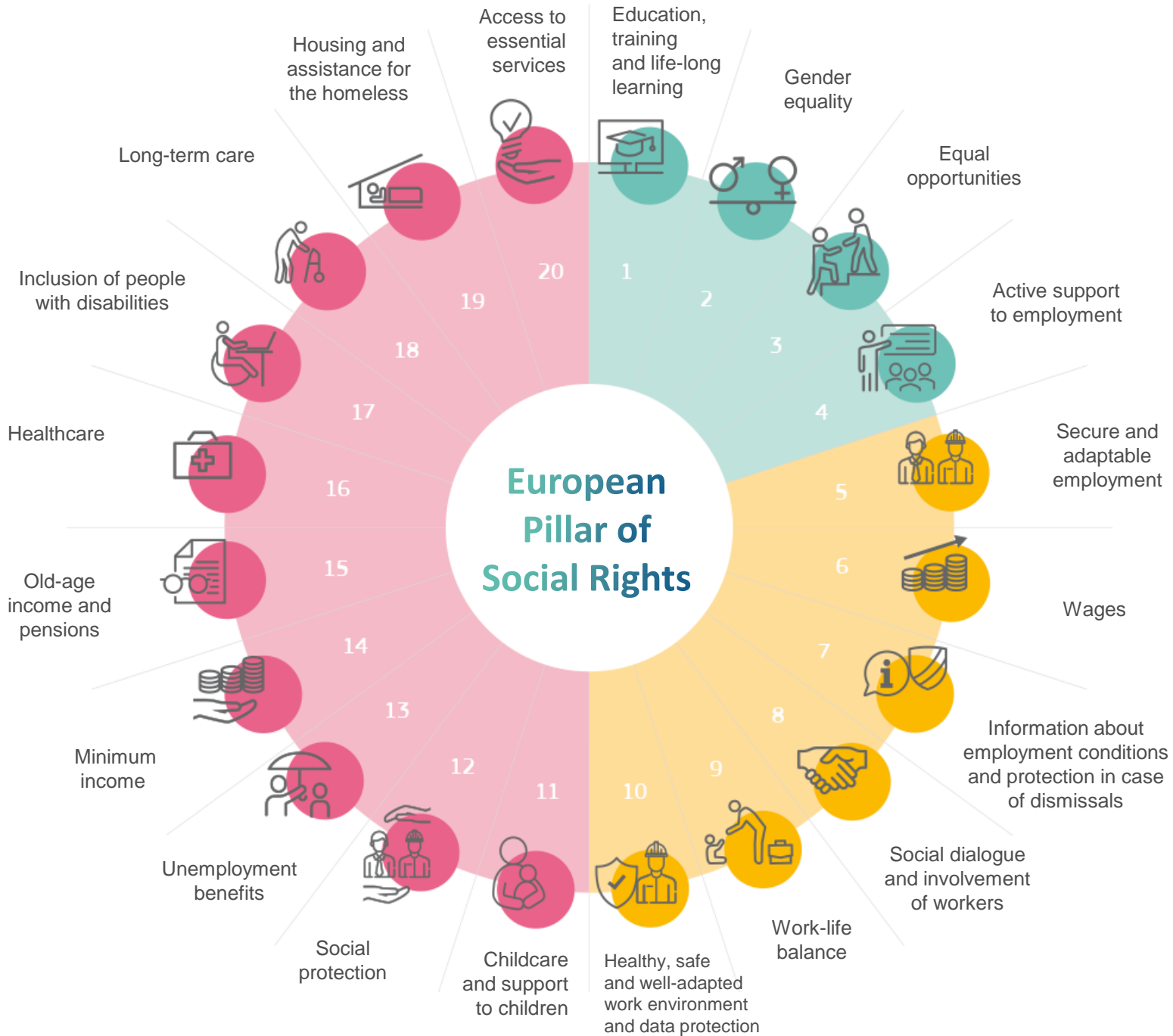
Equal opportunities	Adult participation in learning during the last 12 months**	Share of early leavers from education and training	Individuals' level of digital skills	Youth NEET rate (15-29)	Gender employment gap	Income quintile ratio (S80/S20)
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Fair working conditions	Employment rate	Unemployment rate	Long-term unemployment rate	GDHI per capita growth
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Social protection and inclusion	At risk of poverty or social exclusion rate (AROPE)	At-risk-of-poverty rate or exclusion for children (0-17)**	Impact of social transfers on poverty reduction	Disability employment gap**	Housing cost overburden**	Children aged less than 3 years in formal childcare	Self-reported unmet need for medical care
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** New indicator compared to 2017 Scoreboard

European Pillar of Social Rights



| Policy Analysis and Needs

In-house analysis, studies, research needs



Sustainability:
"living well within the boundaries of our planet"

Policy analysis and needs

Strategies & policy initiatives, impact assessments, evaluations, governance, reflection papers, ...

ASGS & Joint Employment Report

Country-specific recommendations (European Semester, Energy Union)

Report on Access to Essential Services

Adequate minimum wages, Platform economy, Child guarantee, ...

Initiatives in other areas (e.g. "Fit for 55")

Social Dialogue

...

ESDE reviews & reports

Employment monitoring (Treaty based)

Future of work, automation and labour market polarisation

Inter-generational fairness & sustainability of pension systems

Effectiveness of social welfare systems & new forms of solidarity (transitions, Covid crisis, demographic change)

Regional convergence & cohesion, ...

Social Situation Monitor, seminars & workshops

Green jobs & green skills; Fairness of climate policies; Perceptions of inequalities and rural-urban divides; Employment effects of GVCs, ...

Data, projects & studies (ESTAT, JRC, OECD, etc.)

ESS, SHARE, LFS, SILC, LMP database, COLLEEM, ...

Modelling distributional impacts of the twin transition (GEM-E3 – EUROMOD)

Nowcasting of inequality & poverty developments; monitoring absolute poverty

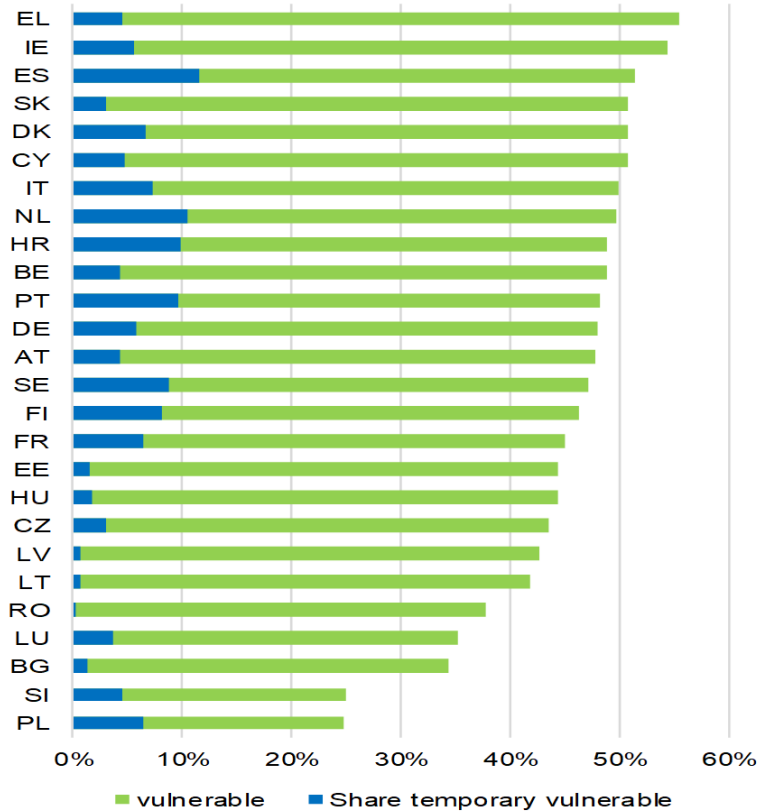
social mobility, wealth measurement, concentration & transmission

Impact evaluations using linked administrative data

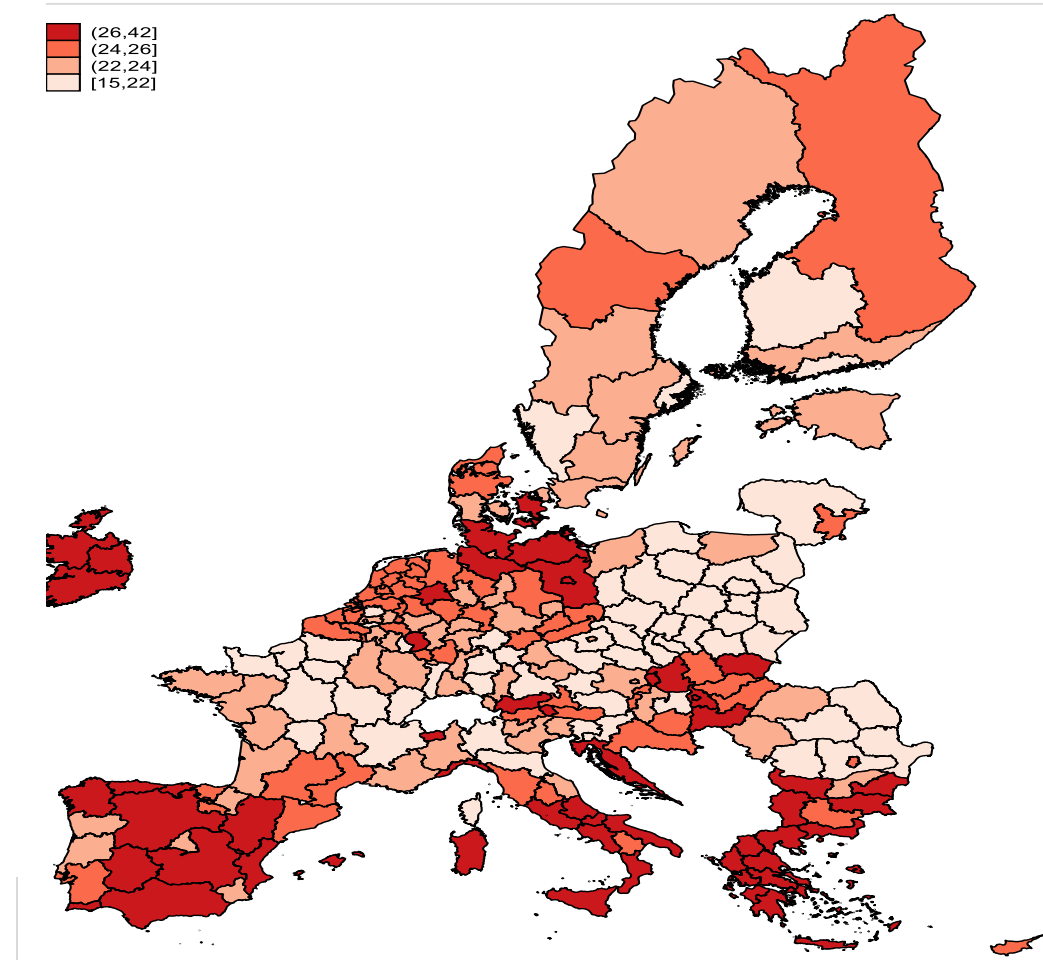
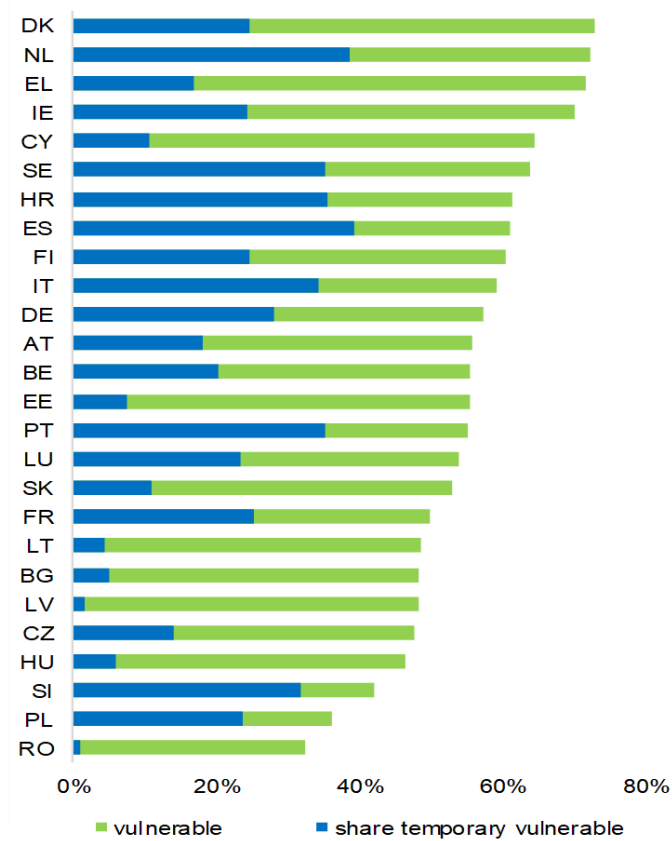
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Distributional impacts of Covid-19: Vulnerable occupations in EU regions (occupations exposed in % of total & youth employment in the region)

Exposure to vulnerable occupations:
Total (% of employment)

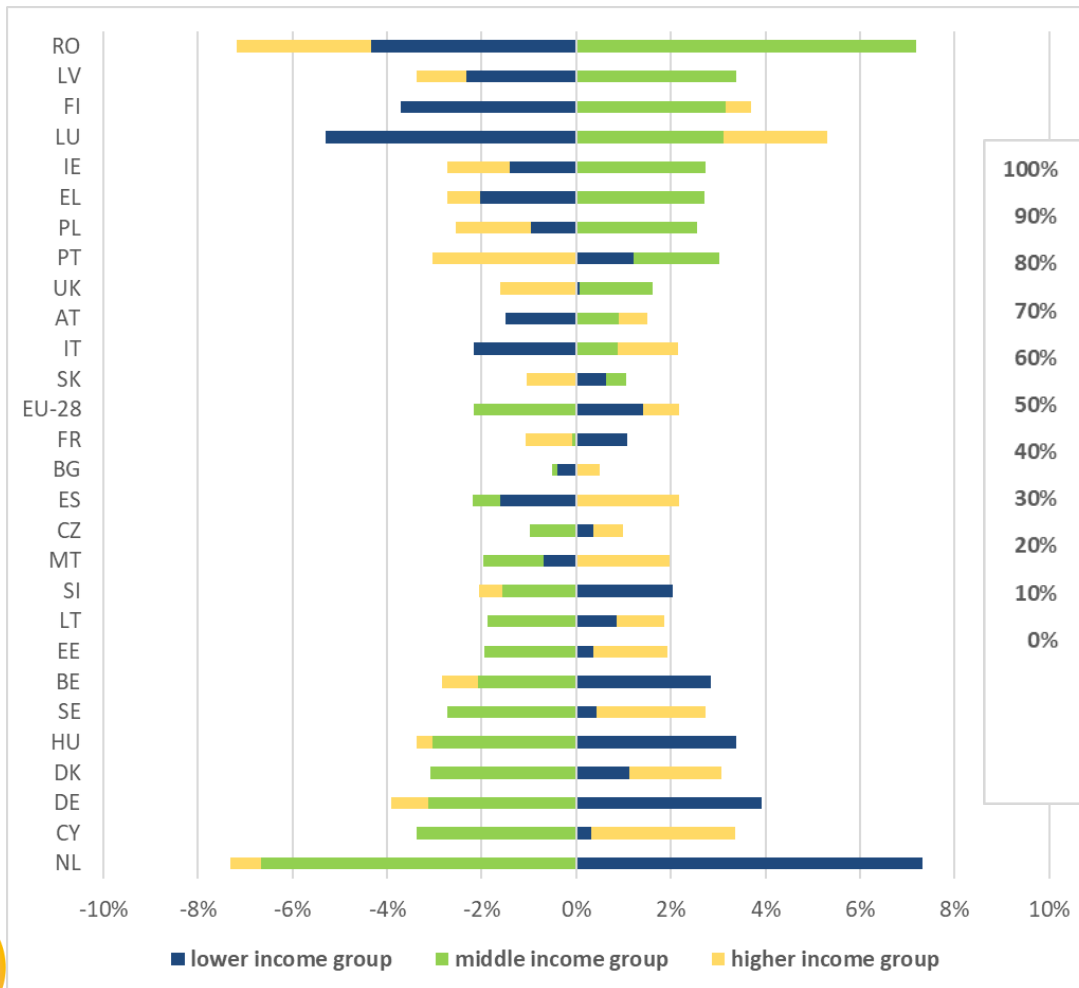


Exposure to vulnerable occupations:
Young (% of employment)

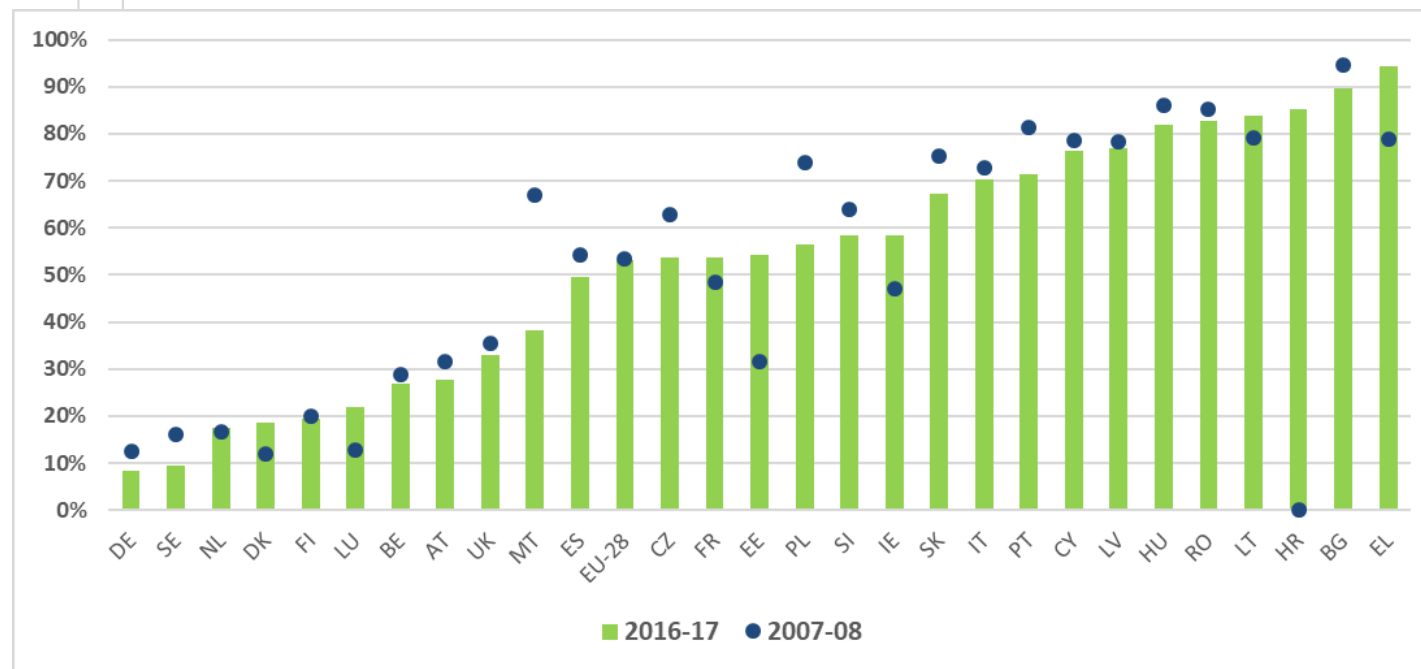


Middle class trends and financial pressures across Member States – evolution and determinants

Changes in shares (in percentage points) by income group, 2007/08-2016/17

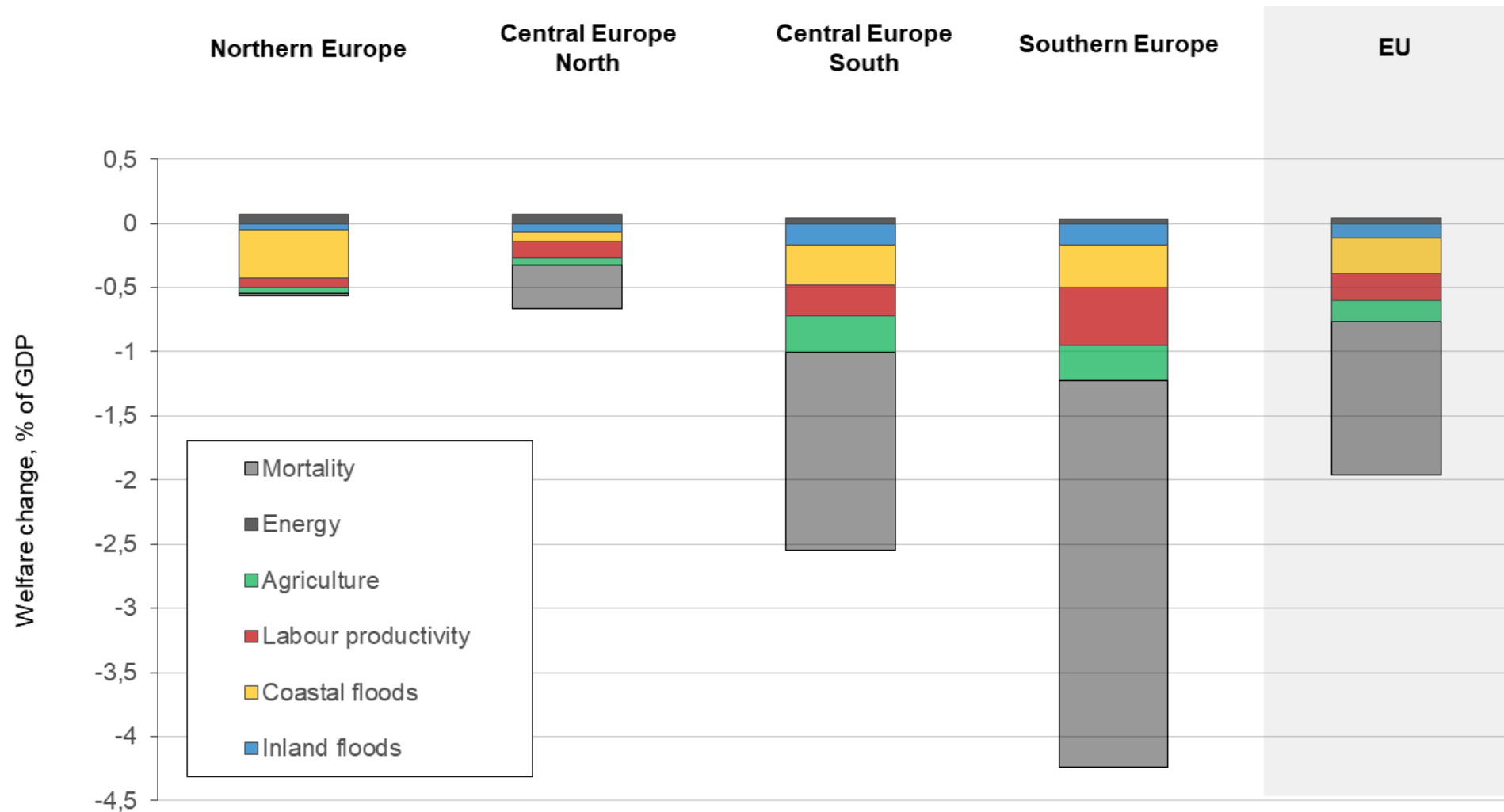


Proportion of middle class households reporting that they have difficulties in making ends meet (%)



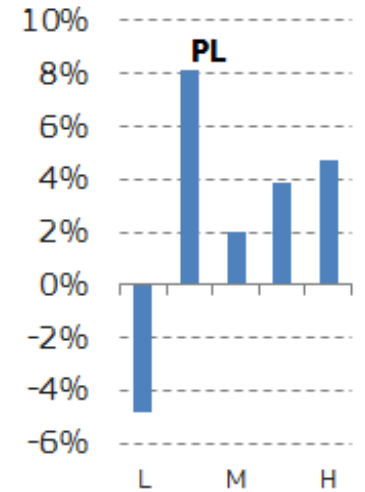
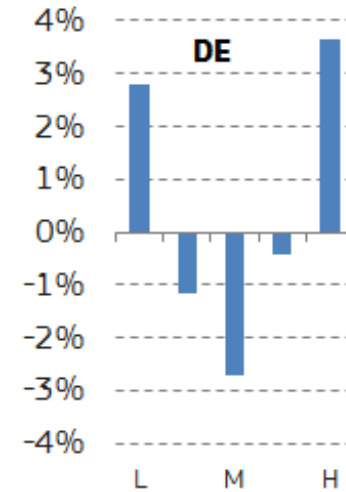
Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC UDB, DG EMPL calculations

Socio-economic costs of climate inaction in the EU (projected long-term impact on GDP and components)

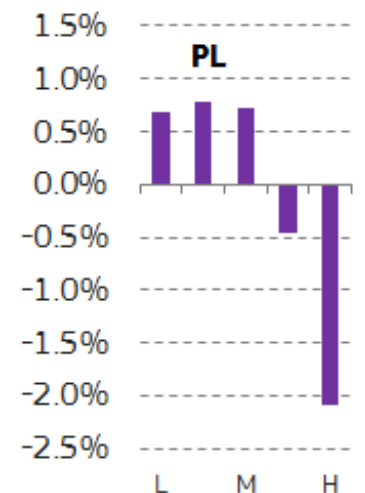
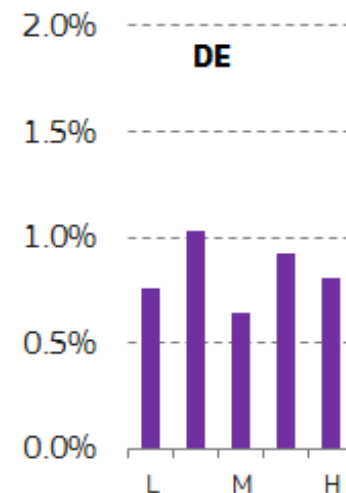


Climate action and labour market polarisation (projected job creation by sector, skills and income)

Employment gains from climate action
by skill-wage profile and sector, 2030



FOME Baseline



FOME Energy scenario

Climate action and labour reallocation (projected employment impacts at sectoral and regional level)

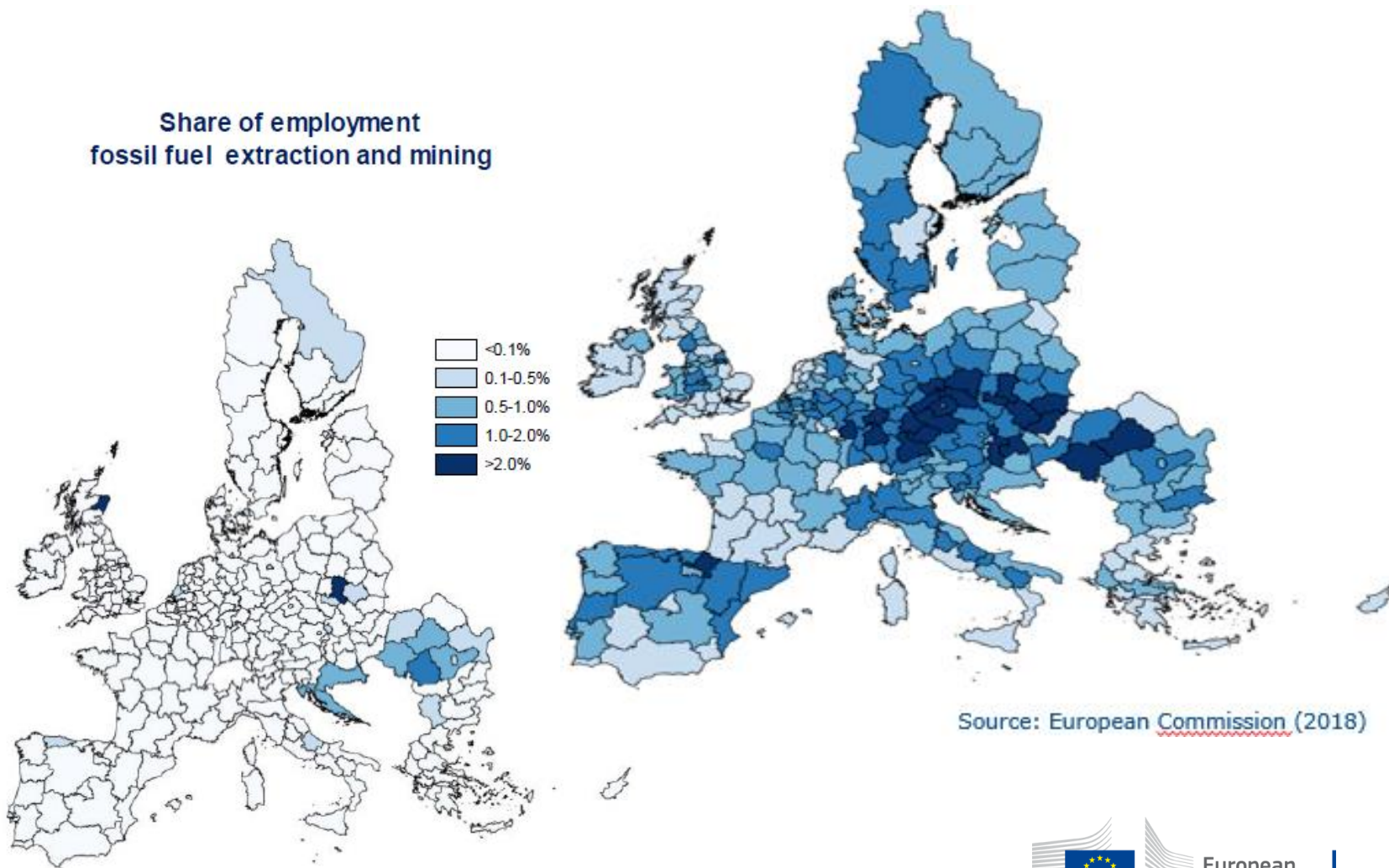
Employment implications in the EU at sectoral level, 2030

Deviation from the baseline in % and thousands of employees

Sector	percent	thousands
Agriculture	0,5	40
Mining	-16,6	-93
Manufacturing	0,7	209
Utilities	-2,4	-72
Construction	1,1	160
Distribution, retail, hotels, catering	0,6	305
Transport, communications	0,5	64
Business services	0,7	473
Non-business services	0,3	142
Total	0,5	1228

Source: Eurofound (2019); 1000s

Share of employment fossil fuel extraction and mining



Source: European Commission (2018)

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General objectives of the Cluster 2

- *mobilise multidisciplinary expertise for a better understanding of contemporary social changes that bisect economy, politics and culture to*
 - *enhance democratic governance and citizens participation*
 - *safeguard and promote cultural heritage*
 - *respond to and shape multifaceted social, economic, technological and cultural transformations*
 - *facilitate a socially just and inclusive recovery and green and digital transitions*
- *invite innovative research proposals in three fields/areas of intervention: (1) democracy and governance; (2) European cultural heritage and cultural and creative industries; (3) social and economic transformations.*

Research opportunities

Expected impacts of Cluster 2

- *strengthen policies, institutions and civil society organisations and make recommendations for inclusive growth and just transition strategies, and policy development more generally*
 - *modernise our labour markets and social welfare systems, develop adequate skill and training policies, reinforce economic and social cohesion and build social resilience in the face of both, shocks and long-term transitions (incl. demographic change and technological advancements)*
 - *help better understand the role of global value chains and level playing fields*
 - *consolidate democracy, rule of law and human rights at EU and global level.*
- *contribute to delivering on one of the key objectives of the Horizon Europe programme, namely to provide societal impact of research and strengthen societal resilience through innovation.*

Research opportunities

Complementarities with other clusters

- *mainstream SSH and attention to employment and skills as well as social and distributional impacts of R&I actions where relevant*
 - *employment and social dimensions of Artificial Intelligence*
 - *facilitate social acceptance and deployment of new technologies, including through inclusiveness, synergies with social innovations and involvement of social partners*
 - *stakeholder engagement in policy design, implementation and monitoring (notably climate and energy policies; local and regional stakeholders in relevant missions)*
- *identify new skill requirements and develop adequate curricula and training modules or programmes*
- *ensure synergies with other policies and programmes, including through upscaling successful R&I actions and results.*

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