

Competing with the best in Europe: Comparing Funding, Governance and Autonomy

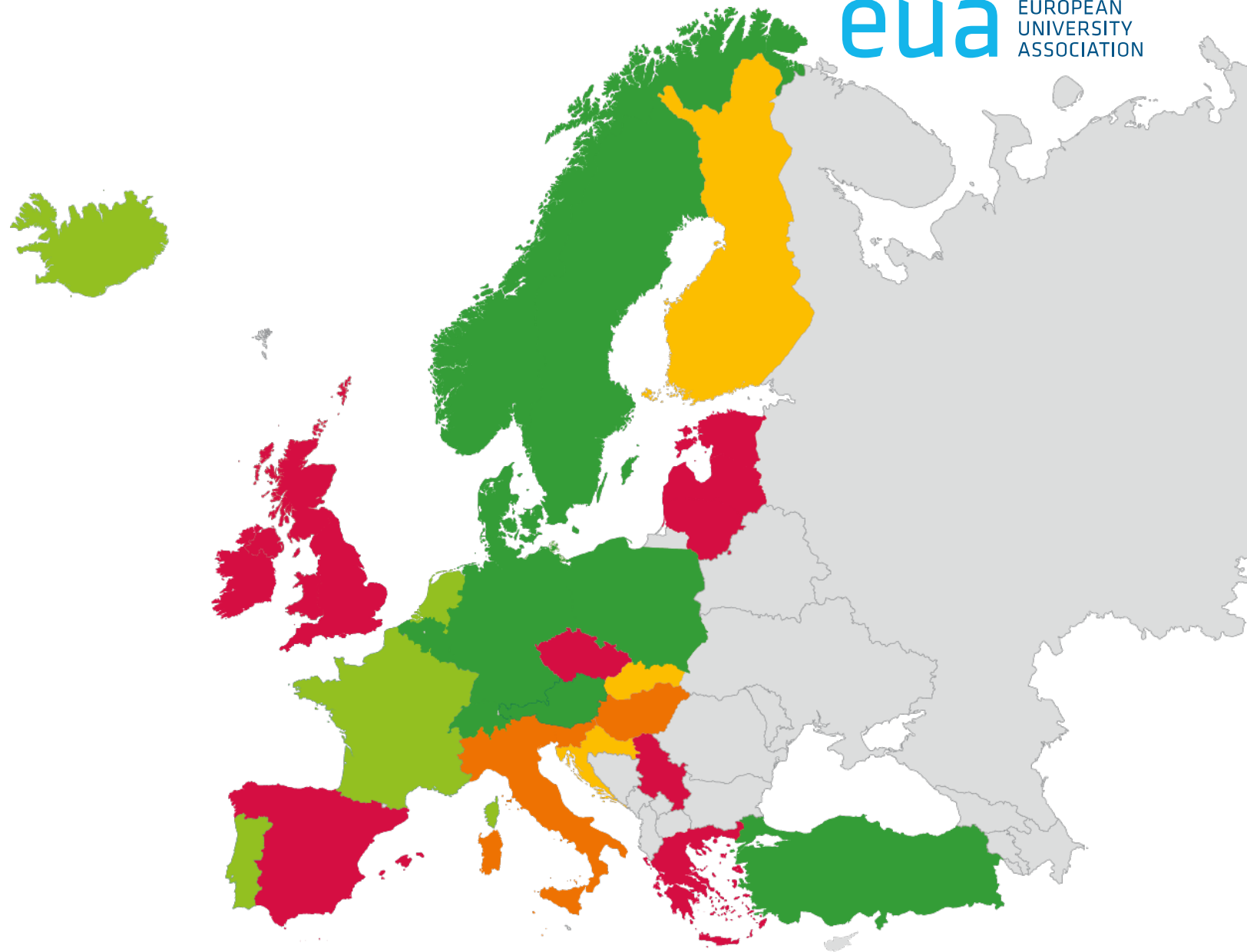
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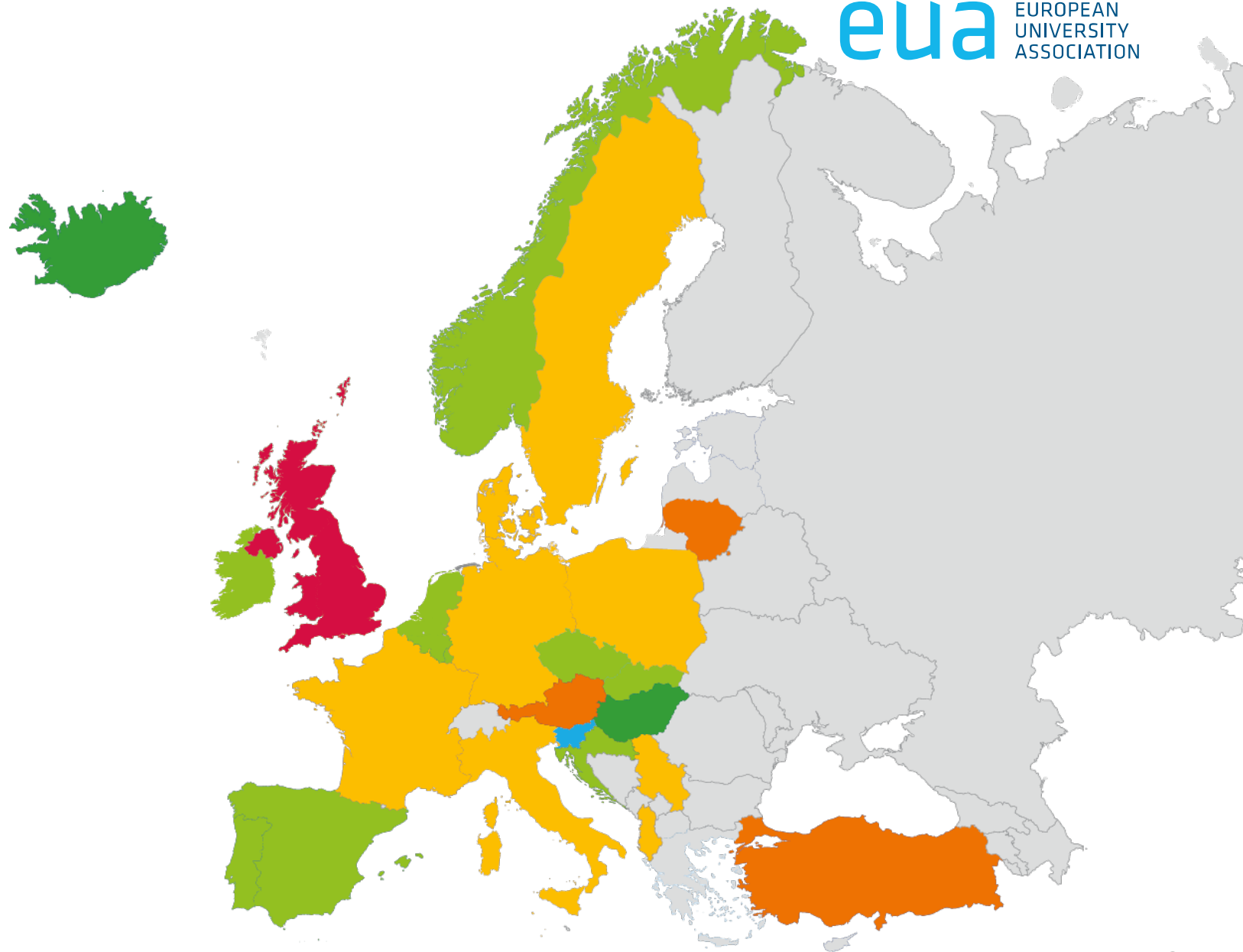
2008-2017:
Investment in
universities is
improving
but recovery is not
fast enough

- over 20% decrease
- from -20% to -5%
- from -5% to +5%
- from +5% to +20%
- over 20% increase

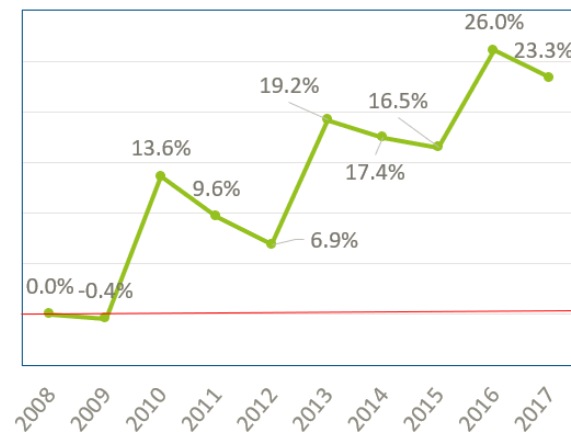
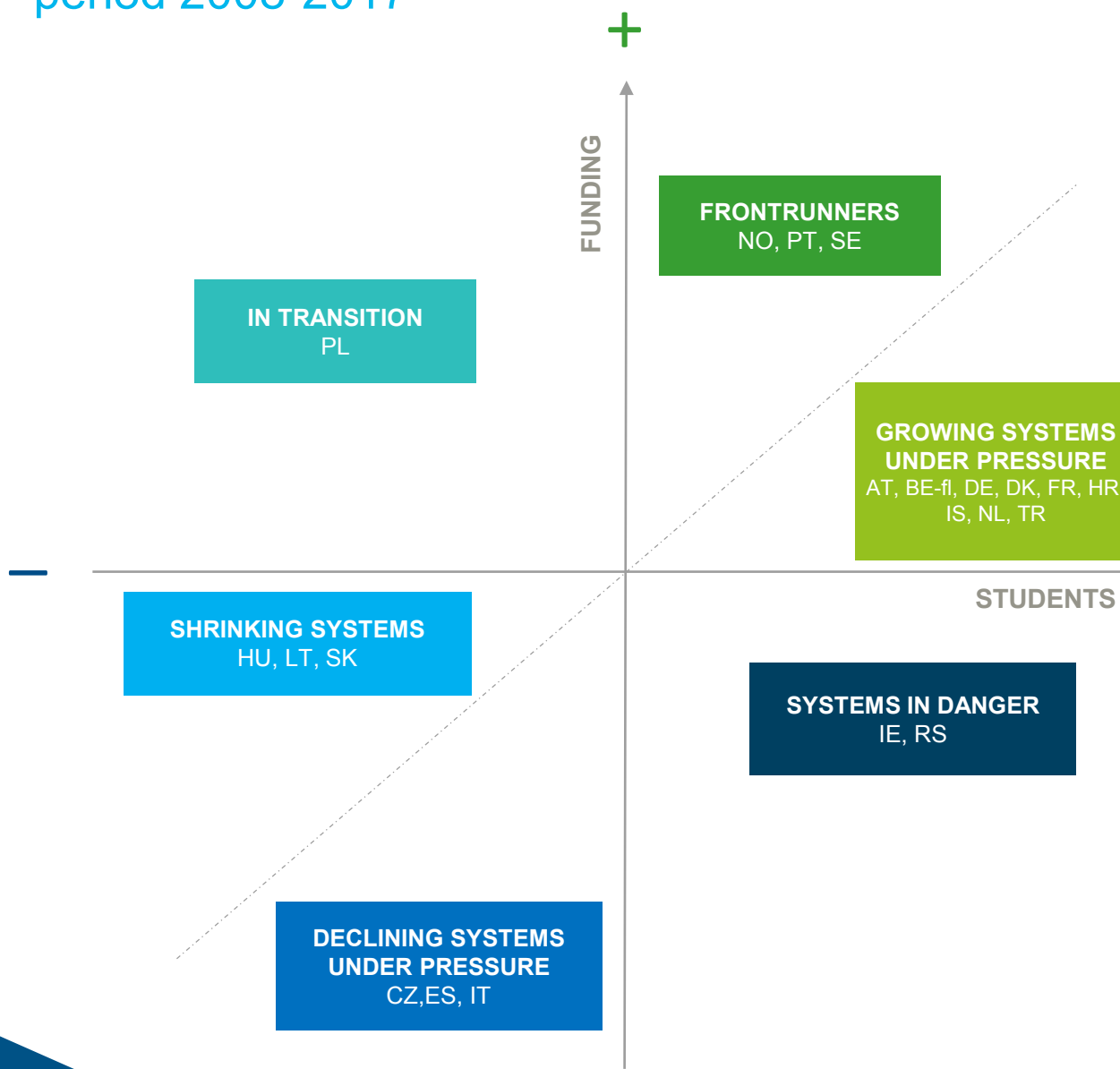


Evolution of public funding to universities 2016-2017

- over 5% decrease
- between 1 and 5% decrease
- between 1% decrease and 1% increase
- between 1 and 5% increase
- over 5% increase



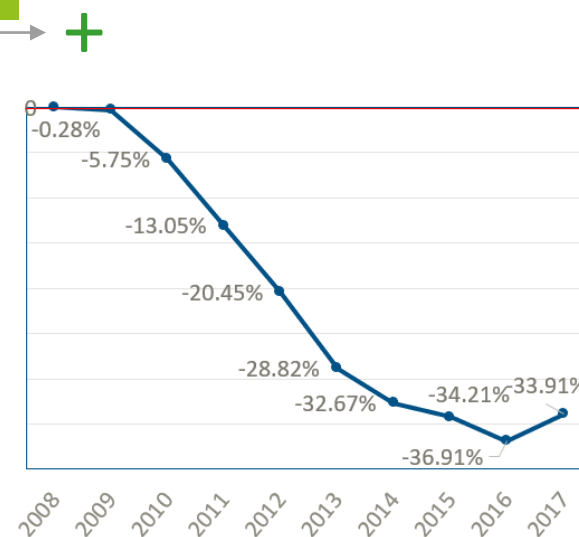
Growth of funding & student numbers: period 2008-2017



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PORTUGAL



IRELAND

Public funding to Universities in Ireland

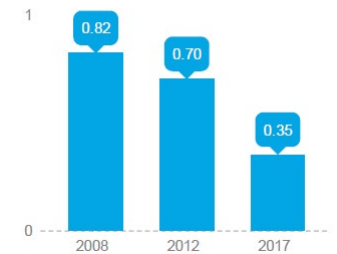
- Recurrent funding to Irish Universities increased in 2017 and 2018 after almost decade
- growth of the student population is slowing down but funding per student has declined
- Restrictions on staff recruitment, and capital infrastructure underfunded
- The long-term sustainability of the HE sector remains an issue
- GDP growth suggests possibilities for renewed investment in universities.



-34%

over 9 years in real terms
(2008-2017)

Share of GDP



+23% students
between 2008/09
and 2016/17
(+25% from 2008/09
to 2017/18)

Governance & accountability: an ongoing debate throughout Europe



EUA
European University Association

University Autonomy in Europe

How autonomous are Europe's universities?
Select one of the countries on the right to find out.

Country codes on the map: IS, NO, SE, FI, EE, IE, UK, DK, LV, LT, NL, NRW, BB, PL, VLG, LU, HE, SK, FWB, LU, HE, HU, AT, FR, CH, SL, HR, RS, PT, ES, IT.

Overview of autonomy in Irish Universities

Autonomy dimension	Original scorecard	Update	Cluster	Evolution
Organisational autonomy	81%	73%	From high to medium high	Impact of Employment Control Framework on the capacity to decide on academic structures and on the creation of legal entities.
Financial autonomy	66%	63%	Remains in medium high	Impact of expanded practice of top-slicing from the block grant on the capacity to internally allocate funds.
Staffing autonomy	72% ¹	43%	From medium high to medium low	Impact of Employment Control Framework and moratorium on recruitments and promotions; Impact of collective agreements on salaries and dismissal modalities.
Academic autonomy	89% ²	89%	High	

University autonomy in 2016

Organisational Autonomy

Rank	System	Score: organisational autonomy
1	United Kingdom	100%
2	Denmark	94%
3	Finland	93%
4	French-speaking community of Belgium	90%
5	Estonia	88%
	Lithuania	88%
7	Portugal	80%
8	Austria	78%
	Norway	78%
10	Hesse (DE)	77%
11	Ireland	73%
12	Flanders (BE)	70%
13	The Netherlands	69%
14	North Rhine-Westphalia (DE)	68%

15	Poland	67%
16	Italy	65%
	Slovenia	65%
18	Croatia	62%
19	Sweden	61%
20	France	59%
21	Brandenburg (DE)	58%
22	Latvia	57%
23	Hungary	56%
24	Spain	55%
	Switzerland	55%
26	Serbia	51%
27	Iceland	49%
28	Slovakia	42%
29	Luxembourg	34%

Financial Autonomy

Rank	System	Score: financial autonomy
1	Luxembourg	91%
2	Latvia	90%
3	United Kingdom	89%
4	Estonia	77%
	The Netherlands	77%
6	Flanders (BE)	76%
	Italy	70%
7	Portugal	70%
	Slovakia	70%
10	Denmark	69%
11	Finland	67%
12	Switzerland	65%
13	Ireland	63%
14	Lithuania	61%
15	Croatia	60%
	Iceland	60%

17	Austria	59%
18	Slovenia	57%
19	Sweden	56%
20	Spain	55%
21	Poland	54%
	French-speaking community of Belgium	52%
22	Serbia	46%
23	France	45%
24	Brandenburg (DE)	44%
	North Rhine-Westphalia (DE)	43%
26	Norway	42%
27	Hungary	39%
28	Hesse (DE)	35%

Staffing Autonomy

Rank	System	Score: financial autonomy
1	Estonia	100%
2	Sweden	97%
3	United Kingdom	96%
4	Switzerland	95%
5	Luxembourg	94%
6	Finland	92%
7	Latvia	89%
8	Denmark	86%
9	Poland	84%
10	Lithuania	83%
11	Flanders (BE)	76%
12	Austria	73%
	The Netherlands	73%
14	Iceland	68%
	Hesse (DE)	63%
15	North Rhine-Westphalia (DE)	63%
	Norway	63%

18	Portugal	62%
19	Slovakia	61%
20	Brandenburg (DE)	58%
	Serbia	58%
22	Hungary	50%
23	Spain	48%
	French-speaking community of Belgium	44%
24	Italy	44%
	Slovenia	44%
27	France	43%
	Ireland	43%
29	Croatia	37%

Academic Autonomy

Rank	System	Score: academic autonomy
1	Estonia	98%
2	Finland	90%
3	Ireland	89%
	Luxembourg	89%
	United Kingdom	89%
6	Hesse (DE)	88%
	North Rhine-Westphalia (DE)	88%
8	Brandenburg (DE)	87%
9	Norway	83%
10	Iceland	78%
11	Denmark	75%
12	Austria	72%
	Switzerland	72%
14	Poland	68%
15	Sweden	66%

16	Hungary	58%
17	Spain	57%
18	Italy	56%
	Slovakia	56%
20	Portugal	54%
21	Croatia	50%
22	The Netherlands	48%
23	Latvia	46%
	Serbia	46%
25	Slovenia	44%
26	Lithuania	42%
27	France	37%
28	Flanders (BE)	35%
29	French-speaking community of Belgium	32%

Staffing Autonomy Clusters

