

# Reforms to improve the growth potential of the Czech and Slovak economy

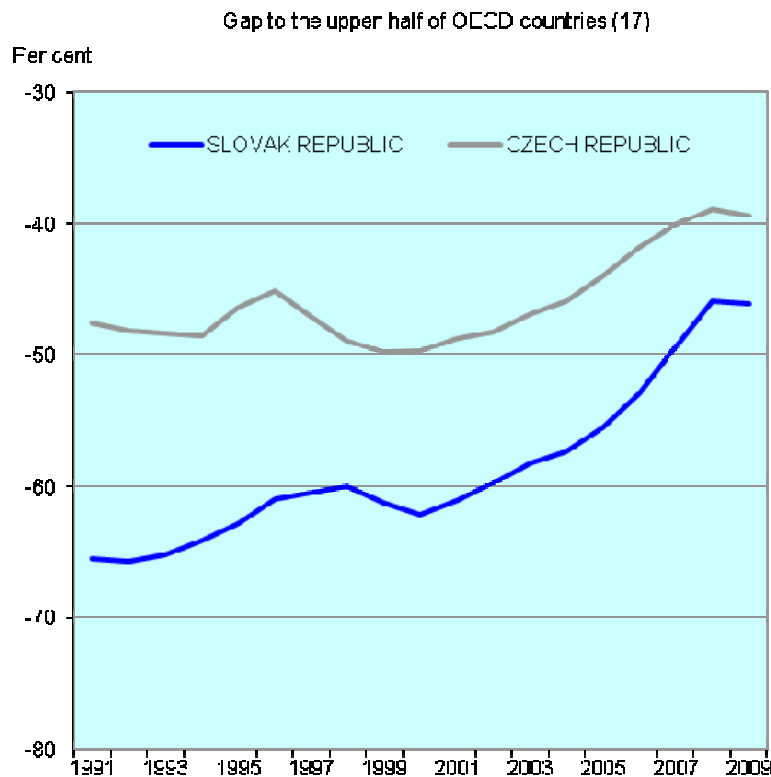
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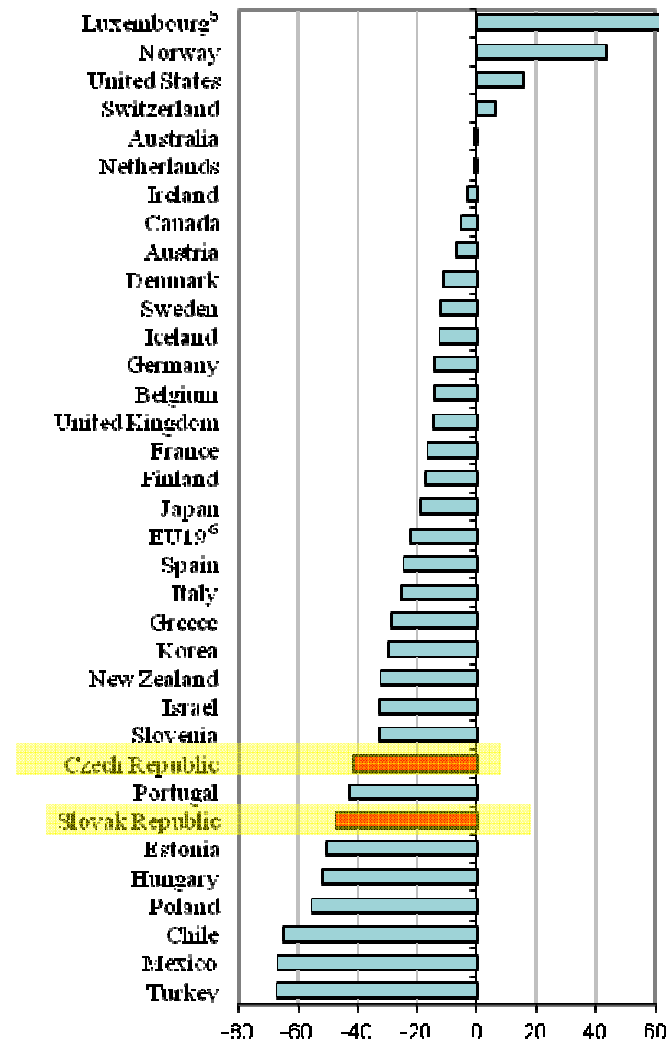
# Similarities and differences

# The gaps in GDP per capita...

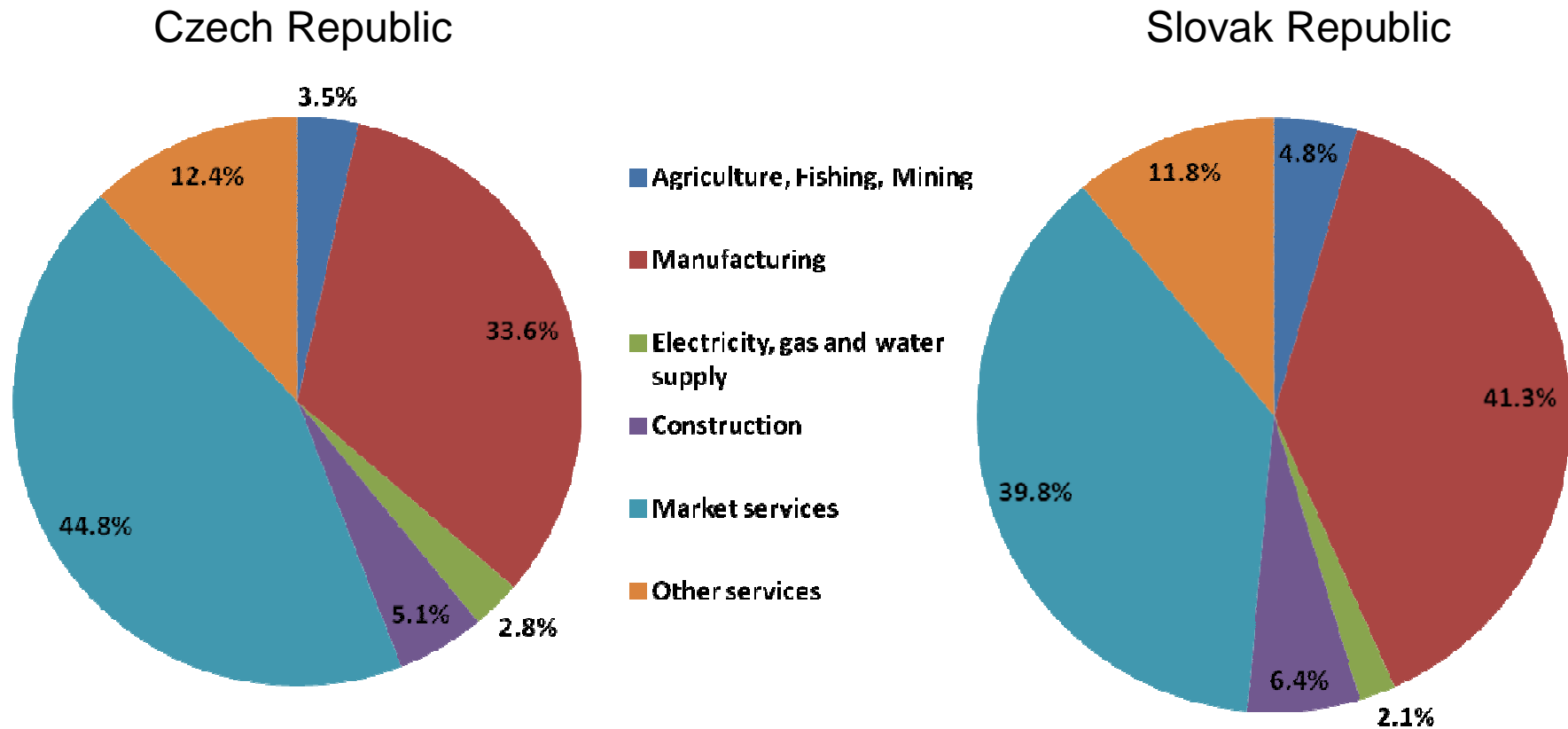
...have narrowed vs. other OECD countries...



...but remain large



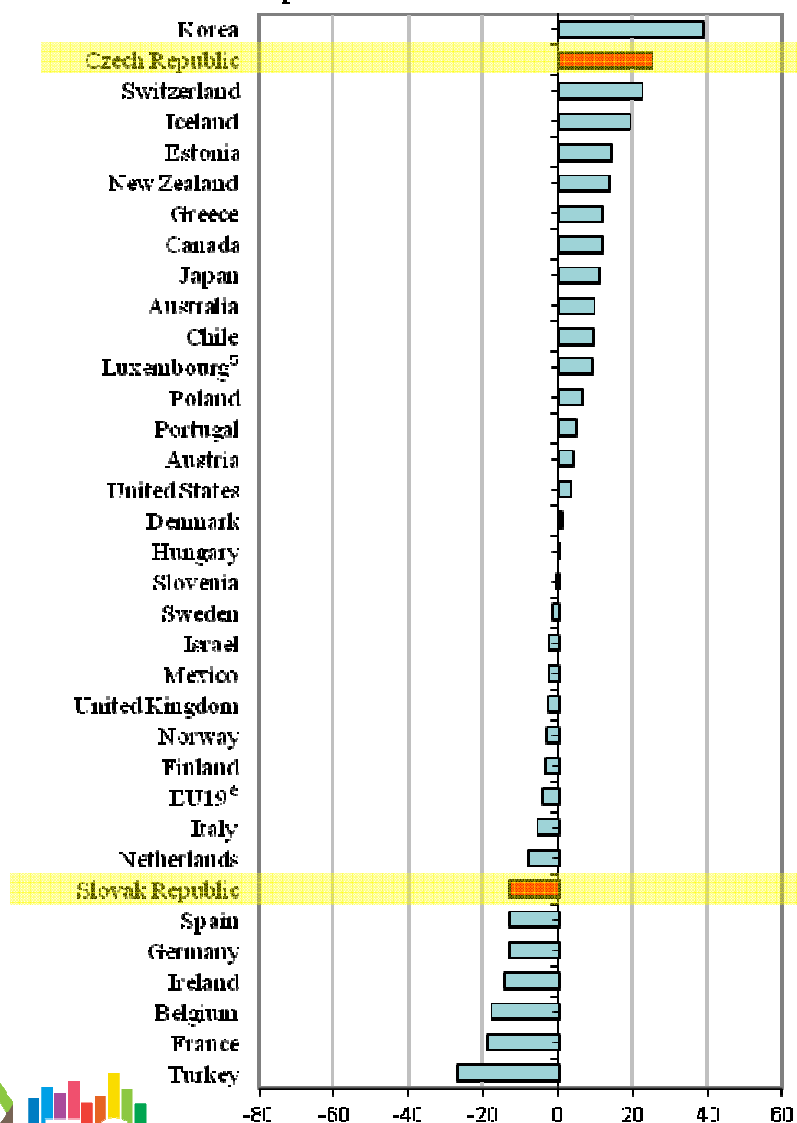
# Value added by sector



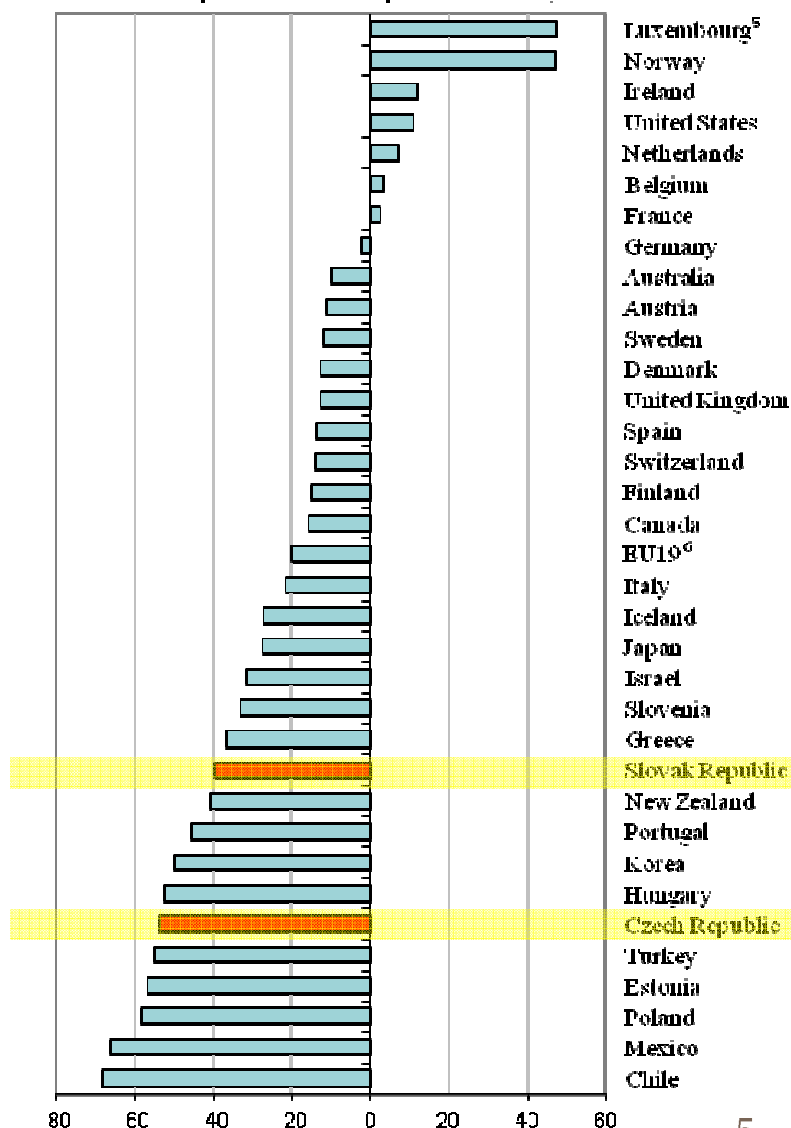
Composition of value added 2008 by sector. Market services includes wholesale and retail trade, restaurants, hotels, transport, storage, communications, finance, insurance, real estate and business services.

# Labour utilisation & labour productivity

Gap for labour resource utilisation

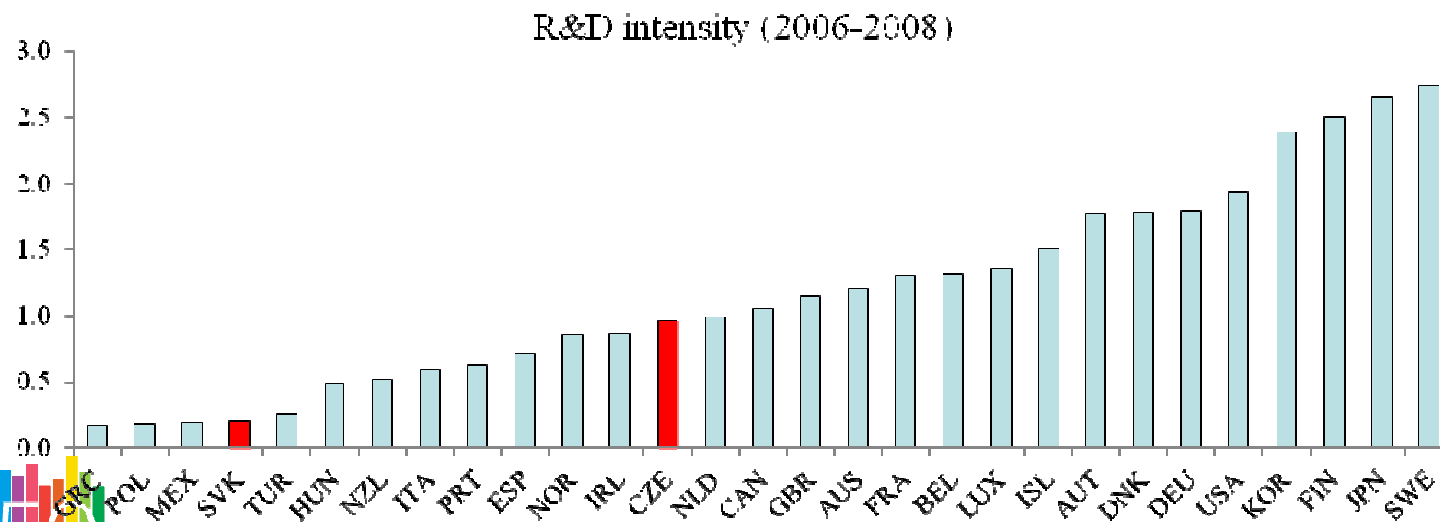
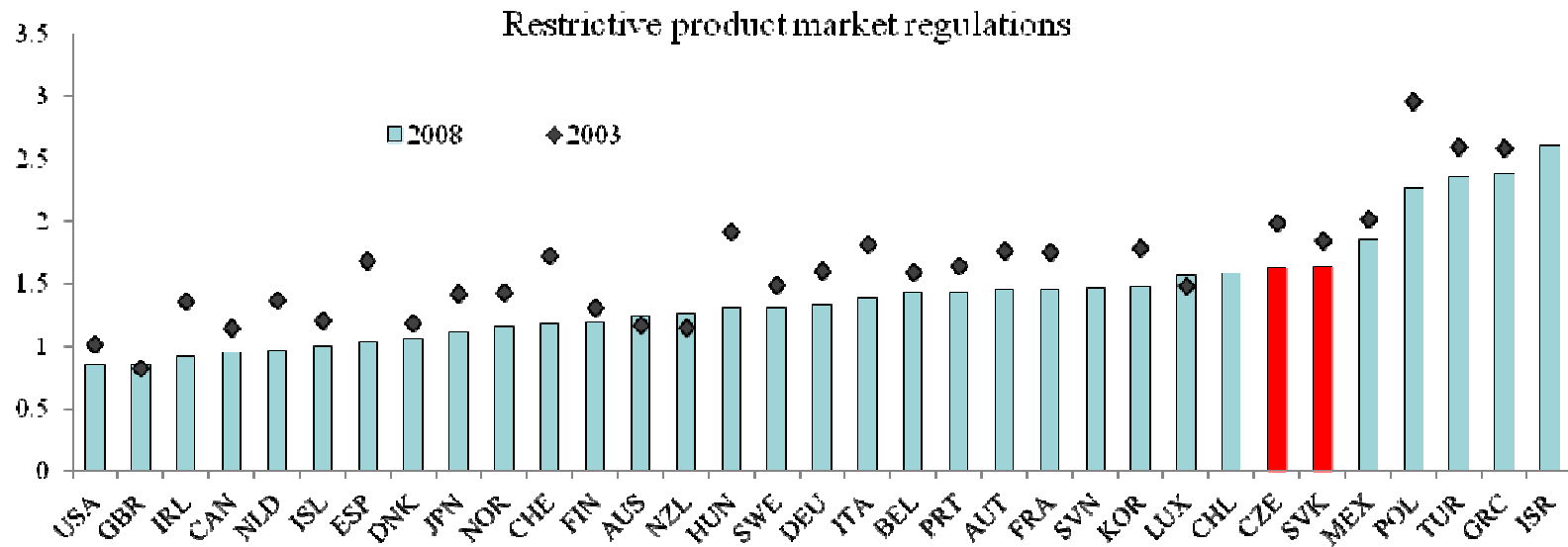


Gap for labour productivity



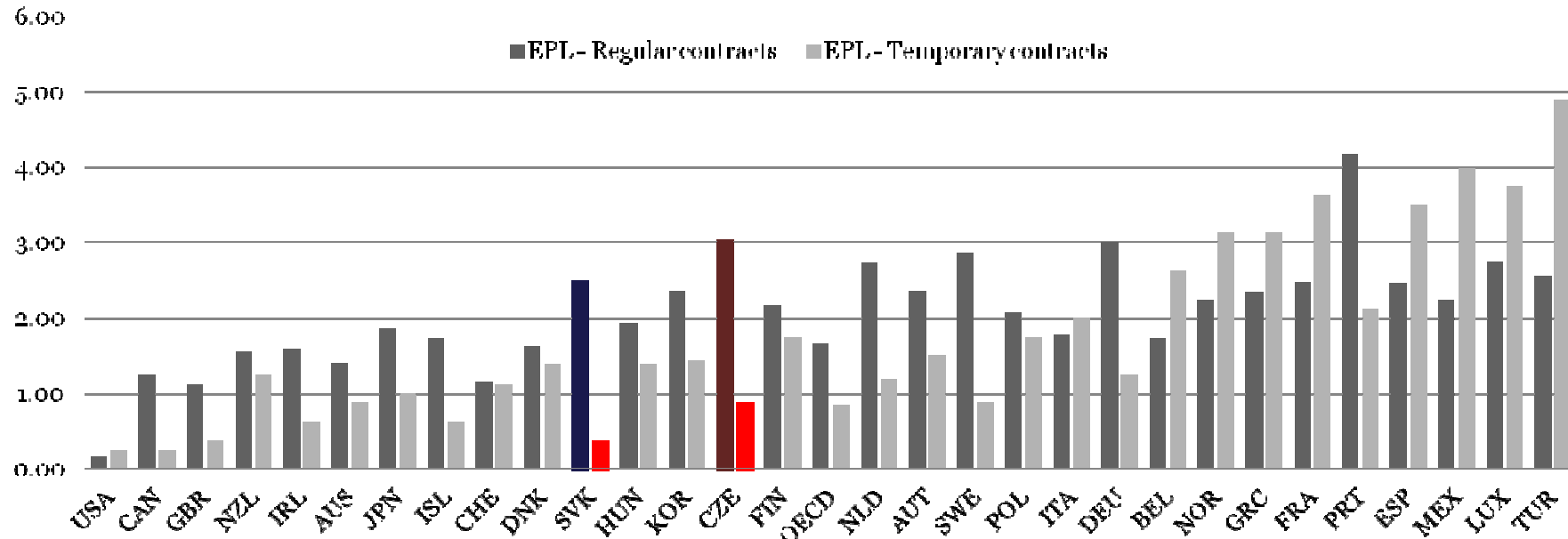
# Policies

# Business environment

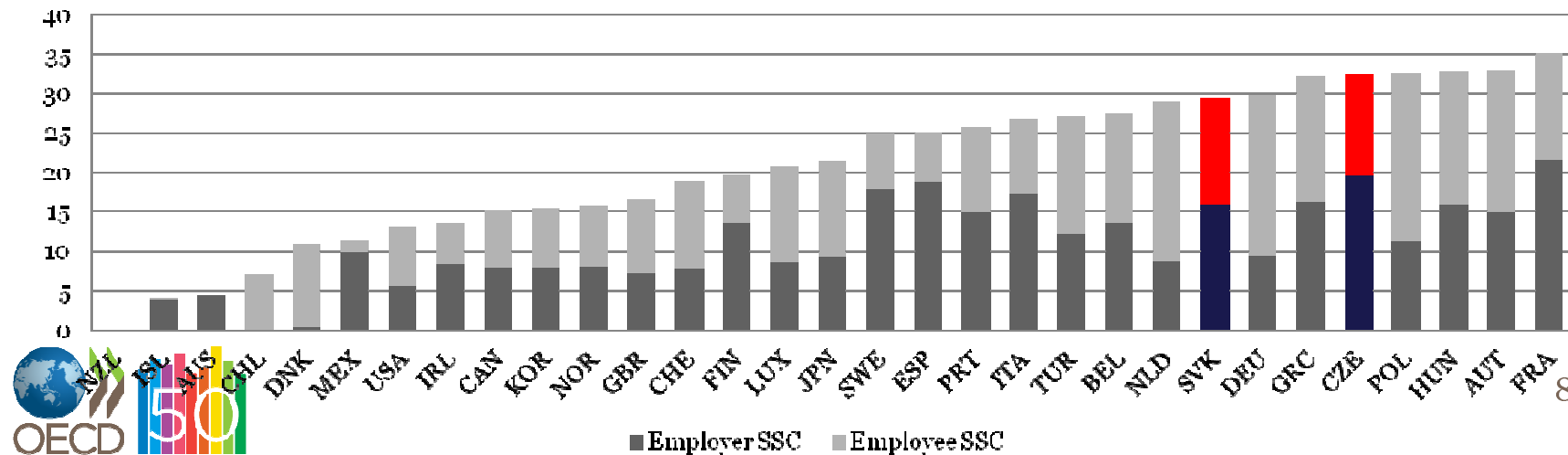


# Labour market

## Employment protection legislation (2008)



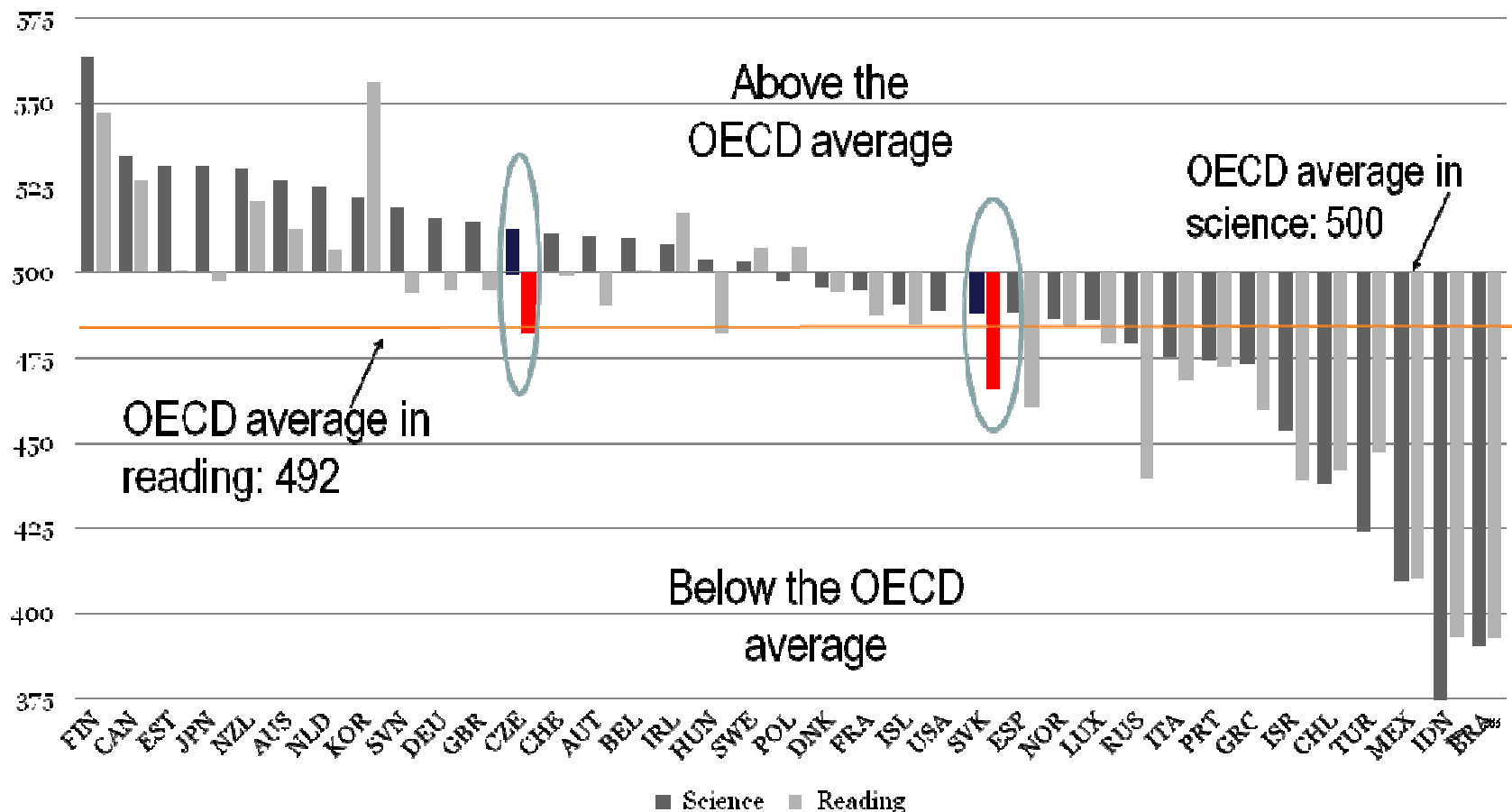
## Social security contributions (2008)





# Education

**PISA Scores - reading and science (2006)**



# Policies – OECD recommendations