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Foreword

In 2009 we can look back on ten years of higher education reform in a continually increasing European higher education area. The number of signatories to the Bologna Agreement has now reached 46. This region of higher education reform consists of a highly diverse set of national higher education systems, all sharing a number of common goals.

At the last meeting of the Ministers responsible for higher education, the Ministers agreed to the following common intention concerning the so-called 'social dimension' of the Bologna Process:

> *We share the societal aspiration that the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education at all levels should reflect the diversity of our populations. We reaffirm the importance of students being able to complete their studies without obstacles related to their social and economic background. (London Communiqué 2007, 2.18)*

This was indeed not a new objective for the Bologna Process and the intention had been formulated in previous Communiqués. However, new was the agreement to require a specially commissioned statistical report:

> *We recognise the need to improve the availability of data on both mobility and the social dimension across all the countries participating in the Bologna Process. We therefore ask the European Commission (Eurostat), in conjunction with Eurostudent, to develop comparable and reliable indicators and data to measure progress towards the overall objective for the social dimension and student and staff mobility in all Bologna countries. Data in this field should cover participative equity in higher education as well as employability for graduates. This task should be carried out in conjunction with BFUG and a report should be submitted to our 2009 Ministerial conference. (London Communiqué 2007, 3.4)*

The two organisations which took on this commission in order to produce the report for the Ministerial conference were Eurostat, on behalf of the European Commission, and the Higher Education Information System (HIS) GmbH, on behalf of the Eurostudent network.

Eurostat is the statistical office of the European Union and is a directorate general of the European Commission. It has a wide range of statistical data production in social, economic and environmental fields including data on education systems and education outcomes, which it could bring into the production of this report[(1)] . The Higher Education Information System (HIS) has been responsible for the central coordination of the Eurostudent network and for the production of the three reports at the end of each three-year project cycle. Its staff has expertise on research into student life, particularly based on survey data[(2)]. The work of the two co-publishing organisations has been supported by a special working group for data collection set up to supervise the production of the report by the Bologna Follow-Up Group.

The purpose of this report is to endeavour to provide reliable, comparable data on central aspects of the social dimension within the European higher education area. The complementarities between the co-publishers have enabled us to give insights into the European higher education area, in many cases for almost all 46 signatory states. Efforts have been made to cover the relevant topics using appropriate existing international data sources. This resulted in the data coming from a combination of administrative data and specialised surveys. The choice of indicators and data sources was driven by the wish to provide data for evidence-based policy. More specifically, this data facilitates insights into similarities and differences between countries and therefore presents the opportunity for comparisons and the exchange of ideas and policy approaches. Stakeholders on a European, regional or institutional level can evaluate policies and practices in the light of the knowledge that alternatives and indeed improvements are possible.

[(1)] Website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu

[(2)] Website: http://www.eurostudent.eu

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Whilst all the data needs cannot be answered with the current international statistical system and data production, we hope that this dedicated statistical report will prove to be an asset to the members of the Bologna Process in their search for common European wide objectives and in their development of special national initiatives.

In the process of drawing-up this report, progress in the construction of a monitoring system for the social dimension in the Bologna Process has been made. Statistical information systems at European level, however, take time to develop and evolve. They often rely on national data and their respective data collections. Should the Ministerial Conference of the Bologna Process find it useful and pertinent, progress in the development of this statistical report can continue in the future with more work on available and new data sources, the construction of indicators and the presentation of key context information for their interpretation.

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Executive summary

Widening access

Entry into higher education

In 2006, the typical age for entering higher education ranged from 18 to 20 years in the Bologna Area. Overall, the net entry rate for this age group was 33 % in the EU-27, meaning that one third of the population aged between 18 and 20 is expected to enter higher education. The net entry rate for this age group was higher than 32 % in half of the Bologna countries for which data are available.

In contrast, people over 25 rarely embark on higher education. With the exception of some Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden and Iceland), net entry rates by age were below 2 % for those aged 25 or over. This suggests that the share of students who enter higher education following a prolonged interval between secondary schooling and university entry is rather low across the European Higher Education Area. The demographic structure of the population entering higher education did not present any major changes between 2002 and 2006.

The feminisation of higher education is still under way and the gender gap has been bridged in most fields of study: in half of the Bologna countries, more than 56 % of new entrants are women. In nearly all Bologna countries, women make up the majority of entrants to higher education, but feminisation has not reached similar levels across all fields and countries. In fact, sciences are still a predominantly male domain, with women representing only slightly more than one third of new entrants.

Routes to higher education

Higher education institutions play a key role in providing lifelong learning opportunities, which is why access should be widened to students from all backgrounds, and dead-ends within educational careers should be avoided. Besides upper-secondary education graduates, who constitute the traditional population entering tertiary institutions, those who took alternative routes should be given a second chance to access higher education.

Available data suggest that most new entrants into higher education follow traditional routes. At EU-27 level, higher education entrants account for 85 % of qualifying graduates of general secondary schooling. Moreover, they represent at least 89 % of such graduates in half of the Bologna countries, but disparities across countries remain strong. In more than half Bologna countries, the ratio between entrants and secondary education graduates is higher among the female population than the male population.

Some disparities in this matter were observed across the Bologna countries. Two clusters suggest a looser link between graduating from upper-secondary education and entering higher education, either because entrants are much more numerous than graduates (which entails a large share of people coming from non-traditional routes, or large inbound mobility) or because entrants are far fewer than graduates (which entails a more limited access to higher education). In a third cluster, similar levels of secondary education graduates and higher education entrants make it difficult to venture any assumptions on the educational routes of new entrants.

When measured directly by Eurostudent, the share of students who enter higher education via non-traditional routes of accreditation (specifically prior learning and work experience) stood at 15 % in England and Wales, but amounted to much less than 12 % in most other countries for which data were available.

Part-time studies

The range and provision of part-time studies across the Bologna Area affect students' lives and chances of success in higher education. Interpreting current harmonised administrative data on this topic is difficult since it reveals only the magnitude of the phenomenon, but not its causes or real intensity.

Bologna countries show very marked differences on part-time studying: in some countries there is no official part-time status, in others the share of part-time students ranged from less than 10 % of the overall student population to slightly more than 50 % in Sweden. Age is a key issue in part-time studying: at EU-27 level, almost half of students aged 30 and over study part-time, while this is far less widespread among younger students.

More than half of students reported spending more than 30 hours a week studying (attending lectures and personal study time) in the majority of countries. However, in all countries, a minority of students can be considered as de facto part-time students, since they spend less than 21 hours a week studying. De facto part-time students account for more than 30 % of the student population in Estonia, Slovakia and Finland – the countries with the highest values.

Social background and completion of higher education

Success in higher education is not only a question of academic excellence. Despite the development of mechanisms promoting equity in education systems, the level of education of parents still has an impact on success in higher education. People whose parents have a high educational level have better chances of accessing and completing tertiary education than others.

In the EU-25, for every 100 persons whose parents have completed at most lower-secondary education, 17 have completed higher education themselves. This share rises to 32 % for those whose parents have upper-secondary education and reaches 63 % for those whose parents have completed tertiary education. In some countries, less than 10 % of those from low educational family backgrounds graduated from tertiary education. The continuing transmission of disadvantages through family backgrounds tends to affect men and women equally. But the situation is improving: young people from low educational family backgrounds have better chances of graduating than their elders did in the past.

Study framework

Once a student has entered the higher education system, an effective use of public and private resources should provide an environment conducive to the successful completion of studies. The study environment influences students' experience of higher education, their commitment and learning processes and, therefore, their chances of success.

Macro perspective: public investment in tertiary institutions

Public expenditure in higher education represents the efforts made by countries to ensure the basic operation of their higher education system, which generally includes teaching activities and research as well as ancillary services to support these primary activities. The recent expansion of higher education participation both in terms of volume and participative equity has led to increased demands on public funding and, as a result, presents challenges for the public purse. These challenges have become more acute because of the concurrent increases in demands in other areas of the public budget (e.g. social services and health care).

Between 2001 and 2005, annual public expenditure on tertiary education increased at the same pace as gross domestic product (GDP) in Bologna countries. In 2005, half of the Bologna countries spent more than 1.1 % of GDP on higher education, accounting for more than 2.8 % of total public expenditure.

Annual expenditure per student compares total investments in higher education and the number of students in higher education. A "typical" Bologna country spent EUR 8 300 PPS per full-time equivalent student in 2005, of which nearly 30 % was devoted to R&D and ancillary services. Expenditure per student varies on a scale of 1 to 7 in the Bologna Area. Spending on core educational goods and services (i.e. expenditure without spending on R&D and ancillary services) per student was twice as high in the US as in most Bologna countries. Between 2004 and 2005, total expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full time student increased more rapidly than expenditure on education services.

Private funding has increased in almost all Bologna countries, although its level is lower than in the US and Japan. In the Bologna Area, higher education institutions receive one fifth of total resources from private funding. This share exceeds two fifths in Bulgaria, Latvia and Cyprus.

Micro perspective: households expenditure on tertiary education

One major component of private funding is student fees. Although the complexity and diversity of contribution schemes make it difficult to assess how much a student ultimately pays, the data show that students devote up to 25 % of their monthly budgets to pay for tuition or other fees. Where such contributions exist, the amount varies in a proportion of 1 to 8 according to the country considered.

In all countries for which data are available, students usually combine income from a job and/or family and state support in order to pursue their studies. In many cases, students largely rely on their family and/or job as a main source of income, and state support may be insufficient to compensate for lacking family income. This lack of financial independence from parents may have an impact on the socioeconomic fabric of the student population.

State financial support

In many countries, state support is provided to students and their families in order to alleviate financial barriers to higher education. Public support schemes which provide direct monetary support to students vary across the Bologna countries. In general, they are based on universal, compensatory or more rarely meritocratic criteria. Two major kinds of direct support may be considered: grants (non-repayable support) and loans (repayable). Within the Bologna Area, the proportion of public expenditure on tertiary education dedicated to both forms of support (grants and loans) ranged from less than 5 % to more than 20 % in 2005. Half of the Bologna countries for which data are available offer public subsidised loan schemes and these loans account for around 7 % of public expenditure on tertiary education at EU-27 level. In the Bologna Area the share of public expenditure allocated as loans is particularly high in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Norway, and in Australia, New Zealand and Japan outside this area.

Students and staff mobility

Student and staff mobility is expected to have a significant role to play in the development of a European Higher Education Area. As stated in the London Communiqué (2007), "mobility of staff, students and graduates is one of the core elements of the Bologna Process, creating opportunities for personal growth, developing international cooperation between individuals and institutions, enhancing the quality of higher education and research, and giving substance to the European dimension".

Aside from fostering European citizenship, international mobility contributes to personal fulfilment and the development of competences, such as languages and intercultural understanding. Such skills are becoming more valued on an increasingly global labour market, and therefore can substantially enhance the employability of those students.

Enrolments and graduation abroad

The percentage of students enrolled in higher education abroad in Europe is still quite low (2 % of students with EU-27 citizenship were studying abroad in Europe in 2006), but this outbound mobility rate is increasing continuously, both in the EU-27 and in the Bologna Area (+5 % annually on average between 2000 and 2006).

Inbound mobility rates in Europe on the whole stood at 7 %, with around half of these students being non-citizens from within the Bologna Area. However, amongst others, Belgium, France, Austria, the United Kingdom and Switzerland registered an inbound mobility rate above 14 %, similar to that of Canada.

Despite a continuous increase of foreign students enrolled in the EU-27 at ISCED level 5A and 6 (albeit remaining low compared to Australia or New Zealand) the proportion of them coming from the Bologna Area has dropped. In the EU-27, more than 10 % of graduates were not citizens of the country of graduation. In Australia and New Zealand non-nationals accounted for around one third of all graduates. Within the European Higher Education Area, the highest share of international graduates was registered in the United Kingdom, with 22 % of graduates at ISCED 5A and 6 having their permanent residence outside the country.

Students abroad, socioeconomic background and staff mobility

This report also looks at short study-related periods abroad. Students report that financial resources constitute a main obstacle to mobility and the data show that studying abroad still depends on socioeconomic background. In most countries, students from highly educated family backgrounds are more likely to have experienced a study-related stay abroad; this share was sometimes more than three times higher than for students from families with a low educational background.

In some countries, the absence of public financial support to mobility appears to hamper its development. As reported by students, financial constraints are the most important obstacles in planning a study-related stay abroad. Along with the linguistic barrier, this reason was most often given by students from families with a low educational background. But many of them, regardless of their social background, highlighted the lack of information available in their home country.

Comparable data on staff mobility are scarce. Staff mobility through the Erasmus mobility programme remains quite limited, but has been on the increase since 2001 (+7 % annually on average).

Outcomes and employability

One possible way to gauge the ability of higher institutions to transform enrolled students into qualified future workers is to link graduation and entry rates using the so-called completion rate. Additionally, the employability of those graduates has been of particular interest since labour market conditions have changed: the educational attainment of the overall population has increased over the past decades and new tertiary graduates are now entering a labour market where competition with experienced tertiary graduates is stronger than ever.

In a nutshell, the effective outcomes of tertiary education include, amongst other things, the number of graduates from tertiary education, how adapted new graduates are to labour-market needs and how much job satisfaction they enjoy. Two effective outcomes will be investigated in this report: the output of the higher education system, and the input into the labour market, or "employability" of graduates.

Educational attainment of the population, graduation and completion rates

In the EU-27, almost a third of the population aged between 25 and 34 has completed tertiary education. This share has increased within younger generations in almost every Bologna country. This increase in the number of tertiary graduates is especially remarkable in the female population: with the exception of a few countries of the Bologna Area, young women are closing the gap with men in terms of educational attainment.

In 2006, one in three individuals in the EU-27 at typical age of graduation obtained higher education qualifications (ISCED 5A). Completion rates (the share of higher education entrants who graduate) in higher education (ISCED 5A) vary in the proportion of one to two in the Bologna Area, ranging from 45 % to 87 %.

Unemployment rate and income

Higher education plays a major role in securing a job, but finding a first job may take time: recent tertiary graduates (i.e. those having completed their studies within the last two years) are significantly more affected by unemployment than their more experienced peers.

In most countries, women are more affected than men by unemployment, which is also true for tertiary graduates. As regards the importance of the field of graduation, 10 % of EU graduates in humanities, languages and arts are unemployed; this is twice as much as those in health and welfare.

Wage differences are above all a matter of educational attainment. In the EU-25, employees with a high educational level earn twice as much as medium- and low-educated employees. In addition, the median income of men is higher than that of women in all Bologna countries. However, wage disparities — in terms of interquartile range — are higher among highly educated employees, with some rare exceptions among the Bologna countries.

Qualification mismatch

In around half of the Bologna Area, 20 % or more of young employees with tertiary education have occupations requiring a lower qualification than they have (vertical mismatch). Such mismatches affect a slightly higher share of men than women, but the situation differs across countries. Graduating in the field of services often results in being employed below one's skills. According to the self-assessment of workers, being employed at the relevant skill level, but in another field than the one studied for (horizontal mismatch) affects between 3 % and 10 % of graduates.

A comparison between countries suggests no clear link between high educational attainment in the population aged 25-34 and the share of workers employed below their theoretical skill level (vertical mismatch). Indeed, in many Bologna countries around one fifth of workers are vertically mismatched, irrespective of the share of higher education graduates of the same age group.

Zusammenfassung

Erweiterter Zugang

Zugang zur Hochschulbildung

Das Durchschnittsalter bei der Aufnahme eines Hochschulstudiums lag im Bologna-Raum im Jahr 2006 bei 18 bis 20 Jahren. Die Nettozugangsquote in dieser Altersgruppe in EU 27 betrug 33 %. Somit ist davon auszugehen, dass ein Drittel der Bevölkerung im Alter zwischen 18 und 20 Jahren ein Hochschulstudium aufnimmt. In der Hälfte der Bologna-Länder, für die Daten vorliegen, lag die Nettozugangsquote in dieser Altersgruppe über 32 %.

Im Gegensatz hierzu beginnen Studierende über 25 Jahre nur selten ein Hochschulstudium. Mit Ausnahme einiger nordeuropäischer Länder (Finnland, Schweden und Island) lagen die Nettozugangsquoten in der Altersgruppe über 25 Jahre unter 2 %. Dies lässt den Schluss zu, dass der Anteil der Studierenden, die erst nach einer längeren Pause zwischen Sekundarschule und Studienbeginn ein Hochschulstudium aufnehmen, im gesamten Europäischen Hochschulraum eher gering ist. Hinsichtlich der demografischen Struktur der Studienanfänger und -anfängerinnen waren zwischen 2002 und 2006 keine größeren Veränderungen festzustellen.

Der Anteil der Frauen im Hochschulbereich steigt weiter, und in den meisten Studienfächern wurde die geschlechtsspezifische Diskrepanz abgebaut: In der Hälfte der Bologna-Länder sind 56 % Studienanfängerinnen. In fast allen Bologna-Ländern stellen die Frauen die Mehrheit der Erstsemester im Hochschulbereich, doch ist der Frauenanteil nicht in allen Fachgebieten und in allen Ländern vergleichbar hoch. Die naturwissenschaftlichen Fächer werden weiterhin von den Männern dominiert, der Frauenanteil unter den Erstsemestern erreicht hier nur etwas mehr als ein Drittel.

Wege zur Hochschulbildung

Die Hochschuleinrichtungen spielen als Anbieter von Möglichkeiten des lebenslangen Lernens eine wichtige Rolle, daher sollte der Hochschulzugang allen Studierenden offen stehen, und Sackgassen in der Bildungslaufbahn sollten vermieden werden. Neben den Schulabgängern und -abgängerinnen mit einem Abschluss der Sekundarstufe II als derjenigen Bevölkerungsgruppe, die traditionell ein Hochschulstudium aufnimmt, sollten auch Schulabgängern und -abgängerinnen, die andere Bildungswege eingeschlagen haben, die Möglichkeit zu einem Hochschulstudium eröffnet werden.

Aus den vorliegenden Daten geht hervor, dass die meisten Studienanfänger und -anfängerinnen die traditionellen Bildungswege beschreiten. In EU 27 nehmen 85 % der zugangsberechtigten Schulabgänger und -abgängerinnen der Sekundarstufe II der allgemeinbildenden Schulen ein Hochschulstudium auf. In der Hälfte der Bologna-Länder beginnen sogar mindestens 89 % eines Absolventenjahrgangs ein Hochschulstudium, doch bestehen zwischen den Ländern weiterhin große Unterschiede. In mehr als der Hälfte der Bologna-Länder ist das Verhältnis von Studienanfängerinnen zu Absolventinnen der Sekundarstufe II höher als bei den Männern.

Einige der Ungleichheiten bei diesem Aspekt sind in allen Bologna-Ländern zu beobachten. Zwei Cluster deuten auf einen losen Zusammenhang zwischen einem Abschluss der Sekundarstufe II und der Aufnahme eines Hochschulstudiums hin – entweder, weil die Zahl der Studienanfänger und -anfängerinnen erheblich höher ist als die der Schulabgänger und -abgängerinnen (was sich dadurch erklären lässt, dass ein beträchtlicher Anteil der Studierenden über einen nicht-traditionellen Bildungsweg zum Studium gekommen ist, oder dass viele Studierende aus dem Ausland kommen) oder weil die Zahl der Studienanfänger und -anfängerinnen deutlich niedriger ist als die der Schulabgänger und -abgängerinnen (Ursache hierfür ist eine stärkere Beschränkung des Hochschulzugangs).

In einem dritten Cluster lässt eine vergleichbar große Zahl von Schulabgängern und -abgängerinnen der Sekundarstufe II und Studienanfängern und -anfängerinnen kaum Rückschlüsse auf die Bildungswege der Studierenden zu.

Direkte Messungen durch Eurostudent ergaben für England und Wales einen Anteil von 15 % Studierenden, die auf nicht-traditionellen Bildungswegen eine Hochschulzulassung erreichten (insbesondere durch Anerkennung früherer Lernerfahrungen und Arbeitserfahrungen), während dieser Anteil in den meisten anderen Ländern, für die Daten vorlagen, deutlich unter 12 % lag.

Teilzeitstudium

Spektrum und Angebot an Teilzeitstudienmöglichkeiten im Bologna-Raum beeinflussen den Lebensalltag und die Erfolgsaussichten der Studierenden im Hochschulbereich. Die Interpretation der aktuellen harmonisierten Verwaltungsdaten zu diesem Thema wird dadurch erschwert, dass die Daten nur über die Größenordnung des Phänomens Aufschluss geben, nicht jedoch über dessen Ursachen oder über den tatsächlichen Studienaufwand.

Unter den Bologna-Ländern sind beim Thema Teilzeitstudium durchaus beträchtliche Unterschiede zu vermerken: Während es in einigen Ländern offiziell kein Teilzeitstudium gibt, reichte in anderen Ländern der Anteil der Teilzeitstudierenden von weniger als 10 % aller Studierenden bis über 50 % in Schweden. Der Faktor Alter spielt beim Teilzeitstudium eine ausschlaggebende Rolle: Auf EU 27-Ebene absolviert fast die Hälfte aller Studierenden über 30 Jahre ein Teilzeitstudium, hingegen ist bei den jüngeren Studierenden dieser Anteil deutlich geringer.

In der Mehrzahl der Länder gab über die Hälfte der Studierenden an, dass sie pro Woche mehr als 30 Stunden für das Studium aufwenden (Teilnahme an Hochschulveranstaltungen und persönliche Studienzeit). In allen Ländern kann jedoch eine Minderheit der Studierenden de facto als Teilzeitstudierende bezeichnet werden, da sie pro Woche weniger als 21 Stunden für das Studium aufwenden. Die Gruppe der De-facto-Teilzeitstudierenden macht in Estland, der Slowakei und Finnland – den Ländern mit den höchsten Werten – über 30 % aller Studierenden aus.

Sozialer Hintergrund und erfolgreicher Hochschulabschluss

Ein erfolgreicher Hochschulabschluss ist nicht nur eine Frage der akademischen Leistung. Obwohl Maßnahmen entwickelt wurden, die die Chancengleichheit in den Bildungssystemen verbessern sollen, wirkt sich das Bildungsniveau der Eltern immer noch auf den Erfolg beim Hochschulabschluss aus. Schulabgänger und -abgängerinnen, deren Eltern über ein hohes Bildungsniveau verfügen, haben bessere Aussichten, ein Hochschulstudium aufzunehmen und auch abzuschließen.

In EU 25 erreichten nur 17 % derjenigen, deren Eltern höchstens einen Bildungsabschluss der Sekundarstufe I haben, einen Hochschulabschluss bzw. einen Abschluss im tertiären Bildungsbereich (ISCED 5-6). In der Gruppe derjenigen, deren Eltern einen Bildungsabschluss der Sekundarstufe II haben, liegt dieser Anteil bei 32 %, und in der Gruppe derjenigen, deren Eltern selbst einen Abschluss im tertiären Bildungsbereich vorweisen können, steigt der Anteil auf 63 %. In einigen Ländern erreichen weniger als 10 % der Studierenden aus Familien mit niedrigem Bildungsniveau einen Hochschulabschluss. Die Tradierung von Benachteiligungen durch familiäre Hintergründe betrifft Frauen und Männer meist gleichermaßen. Doch zeichnet sich hier eine Besserung ab: Für junge Menschen aus bildungsfernen Familien stehen heute die Chancen für einen Hochschulabschluss besser als für ihre Eltern.

Rahmenbedingungen des Studiums

Wenn ein Studierender ein Hochschulstudium aufgenommen hat, dann sollte durch den wirksamen Einsatz öffentlicher und privater Ressourcen ein Umfeld geboten werden, das zum erfolgreichen Abschluss des Studiums beiträgt.

Das Studienumfeld beeinflusst, wie die Studierenden das Hochschulsystem wahrnehmen und wirkt sich auf ihr Engagement und die Lernprozesse und damit auf ihre Erfolgsaussichten aus.

Die Makroperspektive: öffentliche Investitionen in Hochschuleinrichtungen

Die Investitionen der öffentlichen Hand in das Hochschulwesen sind äußere Anzeichen dafür, welche Anstrengungen die Länder unternehmen, um das grundlegende Funktionieren ihrer Hochschulsysteme zu gewährleisten. Neben Forschung und Lehre schließen sie auch die Nebenleistungen, die diese primären Aktivitäten unterstützen, ein. Durch den jüngsten Anstieg der Bildungsbeteiligung im Hochschulbereich – sowohl hinsichtlich des Umfangs als auch hinsichtlich der partizipativen Chancengerechtigkeit – sind die Anforderungen an die öffentliche Finanzierung gestiegen, wodurch sich die öffentliche Hand vor neue Herausforderungen gestellt sieht. Diese Herausforderungen sind umso drängender, als parallel hierzu auch die Anforderungen in anderen Bereichen, die aus dem Staatshaushalt finanziert werden müssen (z. B. Sozialleistungen und Gesundheitswesen), gestiegen sind.

Zwischen 2001 und 2005 stiegen in den Bologna-Ländern die jährlichen öffentlichen Ausgaben für den tertiären Bereich im gleichen Umfang wie das Bruttoinlandsprodukt (BIP). 2005 gab die Hälfte der Bologna-Länder über 1,1 % ihres BIP für die Hochschulbildung aus; dies entspricht mehr als 2,8 % der gesamten öffentlichen Ausgaben.

Zur Ermittlung der jährlichen Ausgaben pro Studierendem werden die Gesamtinvestitionen im Tertiärbereich der Zahl der Studierenden an den Hochschulen gegenübergestellt. Ein „typisches" Bologna-Land gab im Jahr 2005 für jeden Vollzeitäquivalent-Studierenden 8 300 EUR KKS aus; hiervon flossen fast 30 % in FuE und Nebenleistungen. Die Ausgaben je Studierendem im Bologna-Raum variieren auf einer Skala von 1 bis 7. In den USA waren die Ausgaben für zum Kernbereich zählende Bildungsgüter und –leistungen (d. h. alle Ausgaben außer den Ausgaben für FuE und Nebenleistungen) je Studierendem doppelt so hoch wie in den meisten Bologna-Ländern. Zwischen 2004 und 2005 stiegen die Gesamtausgaben für Bildungseinrichtungen im Tertiärbereich je Vollzeitstudierendem schneller als die Ausgaben für Bildungsleistungen.

In fast allen Bologna-Ländern hat die Privatfinanzierung deutlich zugenommen, wenngleich sie hinsichtlich ihrer Höhe weiterhin hinter den USA und Japan zurückliegt. Im Bologna-Raum beziehen die Hochschuleinrichtungen ein Fünftel ihrer Gesamtmittel aus privaten Finanzierungsquellen. In Bulgarien, Lettland und Zypern erreicht dieser Anteil eine Höhe von über zwei Fünfteln.

Die Mikroperspektive: Ausgaben der privaten Haushalte für die tertiäre Bildung

Studiengebühren machen einen wichtigen Anteil der Privatfinanzierung aus. Zwar ist es aufgrund der Komplexität und Vielfalt der Beitragssysteme schwierig zu beurteilen, wie viel die Studierenden letztlich zu zahlen haben, doch geht aus den Daten hervor, dass die Studierenden bis zu 25 % ihres Monatsetats für Studiengebühren und andere Gebühren aufwenden. Wo derartige Beiträge verlangt werden, variiert ihre Höhe je nach Land auf einer Skala von 1 bis 8.

In allen Ländern, für die Daten vorliegen, bestreiten die Studierenden ihr Studium in der Regel aus einem Einkommen aus Erwerbstätigkeit und/oder finanzieller Unterstützung durch die Familie und aus öffentlichen Mitteln. Vielfach sind die Studierenden im Wesentlichen auf die Unterstützung ihrer Familie und/oder eigene Erwerbstätigkeit als Haupteinkommensquelle angewiesen, während die staatliche Unterstützung meist nicht ausreicht, um ein unzureichendes Familieneinkommen auszugleichen. Diese fehlende finanzielle Unabhängigkeit von den Eltern beeinflusst unter Umständen auch die sozioökonomische Struktur der studentischen Bevölkerung.

Finanzielle Unterstützung durch den Staat

Um die finanziellen Hindernisse für den Hochschulzugang zu verringern, können Studierende und deren Familien in vielen Ländern staatliche Unterstützung in Anspruch nehmen. Die Unterstützungsregelungen, bei denen die Studierenden direkte finanzielle Unterstützung erhalten, sind in den einzelnen Bologna-Ländern unterschiedlich gestaltet. Im Allgemeinen basieren sie auf universellen, kompensatorischen oder – dieses allerdings seltener – leistungsorientierten Kriterien. Hierbei kommen vor allem zwei Formen der direkten Unterstützung zur Anwendung: Beihilfen (die nicht zurück zu zahlen sind) und Kredite (die zurück zu zahlen sind). Im Bologna-Raum im Jahr 2005 lag der Anteil beider Formen der Unterstützung (Beihilfen und Kredite) an den öffentlichen Ausgaben für den tertiären Bildungsbereich zwischen unter 5 % und über 20 %. Fast die Hälfte der Bologna-Länder, für die Daten vorliegen, bieten staatlich subventionierte Kreditprogramme für Studierende an; auf EU 27 Ebene belaufen sich diese Kredite auf rund 7 % der öffentlichen Ausgaben für die tertiäre Bildung. Innerhalb des Bologna-Raums ist der Anteil dieser Kredite an den öffentlichen Ausgaben in Schweden, dem Vereinigten Königreich, Island und Norwegen besonders hoch, außerhalb des Bologna-Raums in Australien, Neuseeland und Japan.

Mobilität von Studierenden und Hochschulpersonal

Der Mobilität von Studierenden und Hochschulpersonal wird bei der Entwicklung eines Europäischen Hochschulraums eine wichtige Rolle zugeschrieben. Im Kommuniqué von London (2007) heißt es hierzu: „Die Mobilität von wissenschaftlichem Personal, Studierenden und Graduierten gehört zu den Kernelementen des Bologna-Prozesses und schafft Möglichkeiten für persönliche Entwicklung, den Ausbau der internationalen Zusammenarbeit zwischen Einzelnen und Einrichtungen sowie die Verbesserung der Qualität von Hochschulbildung und Forschung; darüber hinaus verleiht sie der europäischen Dimension weitere Substanz."

Neben der Förderung der europäischen Bürgerschaft trägt die grenzüberschreitende Mobilität zur Selbstentfaltung und zur Entwicklung von Kompetenzen wie Sprachkenntnissen und interkulturellem Verständnis bei. Derartige Kenntnisse und Fertigkeiten gewinnen in einem zunehmend globalisierten Arbeitsmarkt immer mehr an Bedeutung und tragen somit wesentlich zur Verbesserung der Beschäftigungsfähigkeit der Studierenden bei.

Immatrikulationen und Studienabschlüsse im Ausland

Der prozentuale Anteil der Studierenden, die an einer Hochschule im europäischen Ausland immatrikuliert sind, ist nach wie vor recht gering (im Jahr 2006 waren 2 % der Studierenden aus EU 27 an einer Hochschule im europäischen Ausland immatrikuliert), doch steigt sowohl in EU 27 als auch im Bologna-Raum die Zahl derjenigen, die im Ausland studieren (zwischen 2000 und 2006 um durchschnittlich 5 % pro Jahr).

Der Anteil der ausländischen Studierenden in Europa lag bei insgesamt 7 %, wobei rund die Hälfte dieser Studierenden aus Ländern außerhalb des Bologna-Raums kam. Allerdings ist unter anderem in Belgien, Frankreich, Österreich, dem Vereinigten Königreich und der Schweiz der Anteil ausländischer Studierender mit über 14 % vergleichbar hoch wie in Kanada.

Wenngleich die Zahl ausländischer Studierender, die in EU 27 auf ISCED-Stufe 5A und 6 immatrikuliert sind, stetig steigt (dabei aber im Vergleich mit Australien oder Neuseeland immer noch gering ist), ist der Anteil dieser Studierenden, die aus dem Bologna-Raum kommen, zurückgegangen. In EU 27 hatten mehr als 10 % der Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen nicht die Staatsbürgerschaft des Landes, in dem sie den Hochschulabschluss erwarben. In Australien und Neuseeland waren rund ein Drittel aller Absolventen und absolventinnen aus dem Ausland. Innerhalb des Europäischen Hochschulraums verzeichnete das Vereinigte Königreich mit 22 % der Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen der ISCED-Stufen 5A und 6 den höchsten Anteil an ausländischen Studierenden, die ihren ständigen Wohnsitz außerhalb des Landes hatten.

Studierende im Ausland, sozioökonomischer Hintergrund und die Mobilität von Hochschulpersonal

In diesem Bericht werden auch kurze studienbezogene Aufenthalte im Ausland untersucht. Nach Angaben der Studierenden stellt Geldmangel ein wesentliches Mobilitätshindernis dar, und aus den Daten wird deutlich, dass ein Studium im Ausland nach wie vor vom sozioökonomischen Hintergrund der Studierenden abhängt. In den meisten Ländern absolvieren Studierende aus bildungsnahen Familien häufiger einen studienbezogenen Auslandsaufenthalt. In einigen Ländern lag der Anteil dieser Gruppe um mehr als das Dreifache über dem der Studierenden aus bildungsfernen Familien.

In einigen Ländern wird die Mobilität der Studierenden offenbar durch mangelnde finanzielle Mobilitätsunterstützung aus öffentlichen Mitteln beeinträchtigt. Wie die Studierenden angaben, bilden finanzielle Sachzwänge das Haupthindernis bei der Planung eines studienbezogenen Auslandsaufenthaltes. Neben der Sprachbarriere war dies der von Studierenden aus Familien mit niedrigem Bildungsniveau am häufigsten genannte Grund. Viele Studierende nannten jedoch auch – unabhängig von ihrem sozialen Hintergrund – das Fehlen von Informationen im Heimatland als einen weiteren Grund.

Vergleichbare Daten über die Mobilität von Hochschulpersonal sind rar. Die durch das Mobilitätsprogramm Erasmus ermöglichte Mobilität ist zwar anteilsmäßig weiterhin recht gering, doch seit 2001 ist ein Anstieg um durchschnittlich 7 % pro Jahr zu verzeichnen.

Erträge und Beschäftigungsfähigkeit

Eine Möglichkeit zu messen, inwieweit die Hochschuleinrichtungen in der Lage sind, qualifizierte künftige Arbeitskräfte hervorzubringen, besteht darin, Abschlussquoten und Zugangsquoten mittels der so genannten Studienerfolgsquote in Bezug zu setzen. Zusätzlich ist aufgrund der veränderten Arbeitsmarktbedingungen die Beschäftigungsfähigkeit der Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen von großem Interesse: Das Bildungsniveau der Gesamtbevölkerung ist in den zurückliegenden Jahrzehnten gestiegen, und jetzt drängen neue Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen auf einen Arbeitsmarkt, in dem der Wettbewerb mit den Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen, die bereits über Berufserfahrung verfügen, inzwischen härter ist als je zuvor.

Kurz zusammengefasst zählen zu den effektiven Ergebnissen der Hochschulbildung unter anderem folgende Aspekte: die Zahl der Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen, deren Anpassung an die Erfordernisse des Arbeitsmarktes und der Grad ihrer Zufriedenheit mit der Arbeit. Im diesem Bericht werden zwei effektive Ergebnisse untersucht: Der Output des Hochschulsystems und dessen Input in den Arbeitsmarkt bzw. die „Beschäftigungsfähigkeit" der Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen.

Bildungsniveau der Gesamtbevölkerung, Hochschulabschluss und Abschlussquoten

In EU 27 hat fast ein Drittel der Bevölkerung im Alter zwischen 25 und 34 Jahren einen Abschluss im tertiären Bildungsbereich. Dieser Anteil ist in den jüngeren Generationen in fast allen Bologna-Ländern gestiegen. Besonders deutlich fällt der Anstieg der Zahl der Hochschulabsolventinnen in der Gesamtbevölkerung aus: Mit Ausnahme einiger weniger Länder des Bologna-Raums sind die jungen Frauen dabei, beim Bildungsabschluss mit ihren männlichen Altersgenossen gleichzuziehen.

Im Jahr 2006 erreichte ein Drittel der EU 27-Bevölkerung im typischen Hochschulabschlussalter einen Hochschulabschluss der ISCED-Stufe 5A. Die Abschlussquoten (der Anteil der Studienanfänger und anfängerinnen, die einen Hochschulabschluss erreichen) in der Hochschulbildung (ISCED-Stufe 5A) liegen innerhalb des Bologna-Raums zwischen 45 % und 87 % und darüber.

Erwerbslosenquote und Einkommen

Die Hochschulbildung ist ein wichtiger Faktor zur Arbeitsplatzsicherung, doch kann es einige Zeit dauern, bis Absolventen und absolventinnen den ersten Arbeitsplatz finden: Die Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen der jüngsten Zeit (d. h. diejenigen, die ihr Studium in den letzten zwei Jahren abgeschlossen haben) sind deutlich stärker von Erwerbslosigkeit betroffen als Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen, die bereits über Berufserfahrung verfügen.

In den meisten Ländern gibt es mehr erwerbslose Frauen als Männer; dies trifft auch auf die Hochschulabsolventinnen zu. Auch das Studienfach spielt hierbei eine Rolle: mit 10 % ist der Anteil der erwerbslosen Hochschulabsolventen und absolventinnen von Studiengängen in den Bereichen Human- und Sprachwissenschaften sowie Kunst doppelt so hoch wie in den Bereichen Gesundheits- und Sozialwissenschaften.

Einkommensunterschiede hängen in erster Linie mit dem Bildungsniveau zusammen. In EU 25 verdienen Arbeitnehmer und Arbeitnehmerinnen mit hohem Bildungsniveau doppelt so viel wie diejenigen mit mittlerem und niedrigem Bildungsniveau. Zudem ist das mittlere Einkommen der Männer in allen Bologna-Ländern höher als das der Frauen. Allerdings sind – bis auf einige wenige Ausnahmen unter den Bologna-Ländern – die Einkommensunterschiede, gemessen anhand des Interquartilsabstands, innerhalb der Gruppe der Beschäftigten mit Hochschulabschluss größer.

Missverhältnis zwischen Qualifikations- und Beschäftigungsniveau

In rund der Hälfte der Bologna-Länder sind 20 % und mehr der jungen Arbeitnehmer und Arbeitnehmerinnen mit Hochschulabschluss in Berufsgruppen tätig, die eine geringere Qualifikation erfordern als diejenige, die sie mitbringen (vertikale Inadäquanz). Von diesem Missverhältnis sind Männer in etwas höherem Maße betroffen als Frauen, doch ist hier die Situation von Land zu Land unterschiedlich. Wer einen Hochschulabschluss in einem Dienstleistungsberuf erwirbt, geht häufiger einer unterqualifizierten Beschäftigung nach. Laut Selbstbewertung der Arbeitnehmer und Arbeitnehmerinnen üben 3 bis 10 % der Hochschulabsolventen und -absolventinnen zwar eine Beschäftigung auf dem für sie relevanten Qualifikationsniveau aus, sind dabei jedoch auf einem anderen Gebiet als ihrem ursprünglichen Studiengebiet tätig (horizontale Inadäquanz).

Ein Ländervergleich lässt keinen eindeutigen Zusammenhang zwischen hohem Bildungsniveau in der Bevölkerungsgruppe der 25- bis 34 Jährigen und dem Anteil der Arbeitnehmer und Arbeitnehmerinnen, die für ihre Beschäftigung überqualifiziert sind (vertikale Inadäquanz), erkennen. Tatsächlich ist jedoch eine derartige vertikale Inadäquanz in vielen Bologna-Ländern bei rund einem Fünftel der Beschäftigten anzutreffen und zwar unabhängig vom Anteil der Hochschulabsolventen und -absolventinnen innerhalb dieser Altersgruppe.

Synthèse

Élargir l'accès à l'enseignement supérieur

L'entrée dans l'enseignement supérieur

En 2006, l'âge d'accès à l'enseignement supérieur se situait entre 18 et 20 ans dans l'espace de Bologne. D'une façon générale, le taux net d'entrée pour ce groupe d'âge s'élevait à 33 % dans l'UE-27 : un tiers de la population entre 18 et 20 ans accède à l'enseignement supérieur. Le taux net d'entrée pour ce groupe d'âge était supérieur à 32 % dans la moitié des pays participant au processus de Bologne pour lesquels des données sont disponibles.

En revanche, les personnes âgées de plus de 25 ans entament rarement des études supérieures. Sauf dans certains pays nordiques (Finlande, Suède et Islande), les taux nets d'entrée par âge étaient inférieurs à 2 % pour les personnes de 25 ans ou plus. On peut en conclure que la part des étudiants qui laissent s'écouler un délai assez long entre l'enseignement secondaire et leur entrée à l'université est plutôt faible dans l'espace européen de l'enseignement supérieur. La structure démographique de la population accédant à l'enseignement supérieur n'a pas présenté de changement majeur entre 2002 et 2006.

La féminisation de l'enseignement supérieur se poursuit mais l'écart entre les sexes s'est comblé dans la plupart des domaines d'études: dans la moitié des pays du processus de Bologne, plus de 56 % des nouveaux entrants sont des femmes. Dans quasiment tous les pays de l'espace de Bologne, les femmes constituent la majorité des personnes qui accèdent à l'enseignement supérieur, la féminisation n'a toutefois pas atteint les mêmes niveaux dans tous les domaines et dans tous les pays. En fait, les sciences restent un domaine surtout masculin où les femmes ne représentent qu'à peine plus d'un tiers des nouveaux étudiants.

Les voies d'accès à l'enseignement supérieur

Les établissements d'enseignement supérieur jouent un rôle clé en offrant des possibilités d'apprentissage tout au long de la vie, aussi conviendrait-il d'en ouvrir l'accès aux étudiants de tous les milieux et d'éviter les voies sans issue au sein des cycles d'enseignement. Parallèlement aux diplômés de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur qui constituent la population habituelle entrant dans les établissements d'enseignement supérieur, ceux qui ont emprunté des voies différentes devraient se voir offrir une deuxième chance d'accéder à l'enseignement supérieur.

Les données disponibles semblent indiquer que la plupart des nouveaux étudiants de l'enseignement supérieur suivent des voies traditionnelles. Au niveau de l'UE-27, les personnes accédant à l'enseignement supérieur constituent 85 % des diplômés issus de l'enseignement secondaire général. Ils représentent en outre 89 % au moins de ces diplômés dans la moitié des pays du processus de Bologne, mais les disparités entre les pays demeurent marquées. Dans plus de la moitié des pays du processus de Bologne, le rapport entre arrivants et diplômés de l'enseignement secondaire est plus élevé chez les femmes que chez les hommes.

Quelques disparités sont observables en la matière entre les pays du processus de Bologne. Deux groupes suggèrent que le lien est moins étroit entre le diplôme d'enseignement secondaire supérieur et l'entrée dans l'enseignement supérieur, soit parce que les arrivants sont beaucoup plus nombreux que les diplômés (qui comprennent une part importante de personnes issues de voies non traditionnelles ou une grande mobilité interne), soit parce que les arrivants sont bien moins nombreux que les diplômés (ce qui signifie un accès plus limité à l'enseignement supérieur au sortir du secondaire). Dans un troisième groupe, des niveaux similaires de diplômés de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur et d'arrivants dans l'enseignement supérieur ne permettent pas de formuler des hypothèses sur les voies d'enseignement suivies par les nouveaux arrivants.

Le pourcentage (mesuré empiriquement par Eurostudent) des étudiants qui accèdent à l'enseignement supérieur par des voies non traditionnelles d'équivalences (en particulier parcours scolaire antérieur et expérience professionnelle) s'élevait à 15 % en Angleterre et au Pays de Galles, mais à bien moins de 12 % dans la plupart des autres pays pour lesquels des données sont disponibles.

Études à temps partiel

La variété et l'existence même d'études à temps partiel dans l'espace de Bologne ont un effet sur la vie des étudiants et leurs chances de réussir dans l'enseignement supérieur. Il est difficile d'interpréter les données administratives harmonisées dont on dispose actuellement à ce sujet car elles ne révèlent que l'ampleur du phénomène et non ses causes ni son intensité réelle.

Les pays participant au processus de Bologne affichent des différences très marquées en matière d'études à temps partiel: dans certains pays, il n'existe pas de statut officiel d'étudiant à temps partiel, dans d'autres, la part des étudiants à temps partiel allait de moins de 10 % de la population étudiante globale à légèrement plus de 50 % en Suède. L'âge est un élément clé des études à temps partiel: au niveau de l' UE-27, presque la moitié des étudiants ayant 30 ans ou plus étudient à temps partiel, alors que c'est beaucoup moins le cas chez les étudiants plus jeunes.

Dans la majorité des pays, plus de la moitié des étudiants ont déclaré passer plus de 30 heures par semaine à étudier (conférences, étude individuelle,…). Dans tous les pays, une minorité d'étudiants peuvent toutefois être considérés comme des étudiants de facto à temps partiel, dans la mesure où ils consacrent moins de 21 heures par semaine à étudier. Les étudiants de facto à temps partiel constituent plus de 30 % de la population étudiante en Estonie, Slovaquie et Finlande, les pays enregistrant les valeurs les plus élevées.

Milieu social et études dans l'enseignement supérieur

La réussite dans l'enseignement supérieur n'est pas seulement une question d'excellence universitaire. Malgré le développement de mécanismes promouvant l'égalité dans les systèmes d'enseignement, le niveau d'éducation des parents a encore un impact sur la réussite dans l'enseignement supérieur. Les personnes dont les parents ont un niveau d'éducation supérieur ont plus de chances que les autres d'accéder à l'enseignement supérieur et d'en sortir diplômés.

Dans l'UE-25, sur 100 personnes dont les parents ont au maximum complété le cycle secondaire inférieur, 17 ont mené avec succès des études supérieures. Ce pourcentage augmente pour atteindre 32 % en ce qui concerne les étudiants dont les parents ont au maximum un diplôme de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur et s'élève à 63 % pour ceux dont les parents sont diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur. Dans certains pays, moins de 10 % des étudiants issus de milieux familiaux à faible niveau d'éducation ont obtenu un diplôme de l'enseignement supérieur. De plus en plus, la transmission persistante de handicaps via le milieu familial concerne aussi bien les hommes que les femmes. La situation s'améliore cependant: les jeunes issus de milieux familiaux à faible niveau d'éducation ont plus de chances d'obtenir un diplôme que leurs prédécesseurs.

Les conditions matérielles des études

Dès lors qu'un étudiant est entré dans le système de l'enseignement supérieur, une utilisation efficace des ressources publiques et privées devrait lui offrir un environnement favorable à l'accomplissement de ses études. L'environnement d'étude détermine l'expérience que les étudiants retirent de l'enseignement supérieur, leur engagement ainsi que les processus d'apprentissage et, partant, leurs chances de succès.

Macroperspective: l'investissement public dans les établissements d'enseignement supérieur

Les dépenses publiques consacrées à l'enseignement supérieur représentent les efforts consentis par les pays pour garantir le fonctionnement de base de leur système d'enseignement supérieur, ce qui couvre généralement des activités d'enseignement et de recherche ainsi que des services annexes destinés à étayer les activités de base. La récente expansion de la participation à l'enseignement supérieur, à la fois en termes de volume et d'égalité participative, a entraîné des exigences accrues en matière de financement public et, de ce fait, impose des défis au budget public. Ces défis se sont accentués sous l'effet de l'augmentation concurrente des besoins dans d'autres domaines relevant du budget public (par exemple services sociaux et soins de santé).

Entre 2001 et 2005, les dépenses publiques annuelles pour l'enseignement supérieur ont augmenté au même rythme que le produit intérieur brut (PIB) dans les pays participant au processus de Bologne. En 2005, la moitié des pays de l'espace de Bologne ont consacré plus de 1,1 % du PIB à l'enseignement supérieur, soit plus de 2,8 % des dépenses publiques totales.

Les dépenses annuelles par étudiant correspondent au total investi dans l'enseignement supérieur divisé par le nombre d'étudiants à ce niveau. En 2005, un pays «typique» du processus de Bolognea dépensé 8 300 euros SPA par étudiant équivalent plein temps, dont près de 30 % étaient consacrés à la R&D (Recherche et Développement) et aux services annexes. Les dépenses par étudiant varient sur une échelle de 1 à 7 dans l'espace de Bologne. Les États-Unis ont dépensé deux fois plus en biens et services d'enseignement de base (c'est-à-dire les dépenses autres que celles de R&D et de services annexes) par étudiant que la plupart des pays du processus. Entre 2004 et 2005, les dépenses totales pour les établissements d'enseignement supérieur par étudiant à plein-temps ont augmenté plus rapidement que les dépenses consacrées aux services d'enseignement de base.

Le financement privé a augmenté dans quasiment tous les pays du processus de Bologne, tout en demeurant inférieur à celui des États-Unis et du Japon. Dans l'espace de Bologne, un cinquième des ressources des établissements d'enseignement supérieur proviennent de fonds privés. Cette proportion dépasse les deux cinquièmes en Bulgarie, en Lettonie et à Chypre.

Microperspective: dépenses des ménages consacrées à l'enseignement supérieur

Les frais de scolarité constituent l'une des principales composantes du financement privé. Malgré la complexité et la diversité des systèmes de contribution qui permettent difficilement d'évaluer le montant final payé par un étudiant, les données montrent que les étudiants consacrent jusqu'à 25 % de leur budget mensuel aux droits de scolarité ou d'inscription. Lorsque ces contributions existent, le montant varie dans une proportion de 1 à 8 en fonction du pays concerné.

Dans tous les pays pour lesquels on dispose de données, les étudiants combinent généralement le revenu d'un emploi et/ou une aide familiale et publique afin de suivre leurs études. Dans bon nombre de cas, les étudiants dépendent largement de leur famille et/ou d'un emploi comme principale source de revenu et l'aide publique peut s'avérer insuffisante pour compenser un revenu familial trop faible. Ce manque d'indépendance financière vis-à-vis des parents peut avoir un impact sur la population étudiante issue de milieux moins favorisés.

Soutien financier de l'État

Dans bon nombre de pays, une aide publique est accordée aux étudiants et à leur famille afin de supprimer les obstacles financiers à l'enseignement supérieur. Les systèmes d'aide publique qui fournissent une aide financière directe aux étudiants varient selon les pays de l'espace de Bologne. En général, ils sont basés sur des critères universels, compensatoires ou plus rarement de mérite. Il existe deux grands types d'aide directe: les bourses (aide non remboursable) et les prêts (remboursables).

Au sein de l'espace de Bologne, la proportion des dépenses publiques pour l'enseignement supérieur consacrée à ces deux formes d'aide (bourses et prêts) variait de moins de 5 % à plus de 20 % en 2005. Près de la moitié des pays du processus de Bologne pour lesquels des données sont disponibles proposent des systèmes de prêts publics subventionnés et ces prêts correspondent à environ 7 % des dépenses publiques pour l'enseignement supérieur au niveau de l'UE-27. Dans l'espace de Bologne, la part des dépenses publiques consacrées à des prêts est particulièrement élevée en Suède, au Royaume-Uni, en Islande, en Norvège, d'une part, et en Australie, Nouvelle-Zélande et au Japon, d'autre part.

La mobilité des étudiants et du personnel

La mobilité des étudiants et du personnel devrait avoir un rôle important à jouer dans le développement de l'espace européen de l'enseignement supérieur. Comme indiqué dans le communiqué de Londres (2007), «l'un des éléments centraux du processus de Bologne est la mobilité des personnels, des étudiants et des diplômés, qui favorise le développement personnel, développe la coopération internationale entre les individus et les établissements, renforce la qualité de l'enseignement supérieur et de la recherche, et donne de la substance à la dimension européenne».

Outre qu'elle enrichit la citoyenneté européenne, la mobilité internationale contribue à l'épanouissement personnel et au développement de compétences, comme la connaissance des langues et la compréhension interculturelle. Ces compétences sont de plus en plus valorisées dans un marché du travail qui s'internationalise toujours plus et peuvent donc accroître notablement l'employabilité de ces étudiants.

Inscriptions et diplômes à l'étranger

Le pourcentage d'étudiants inscrits dans l'enseignement supérieur à l'étranger en Europe reste assez bas (2 % des étudiants ressortissant d'un pays de l'UE-27 étudiaient dans un autre pays européen en 2006), mais ce taux de mobilité vers l'extérieur ne cesse d'augmenter, à la fois dans l'UE-27 et dans l'espace de Bologne (+5 % annuels en moyenne entre 2000 et 2006).

Dans l'ensemble, les taux de mobilité entrante en Europe s'élevaient à 7 %, la moitié environ de ces étudiants n'ayant pas la nationalité d'un pays de l'espace de Bologne. La Belgique, la France, l'Autriche, le Royaume-Uni et la Suisse, notamment, ont cependant enregistré un taux de mobilité entrante supérieur à 14 %, proche de celui du Canada.

Malgré une hausse continue du nombre d'étudiants étrangers inscrits dans l'UE-27 aux niveaux 5A et 6 de la CITE (tout en restant bas par rapport à l'Australie ou à la Nouvelle-Zélande), la proportion de ceux en provenance de l'espace de Bologne a chuté. Dans l'UE-27, plus de 10 % des diplômés n'avaient pas la nationalité du pays de diplôme. En Australie et en Nouvelle-Zélande, les étrangers ont représenté environ un tiers de l'ensemble des diplômés. Au sein de l'espace européen de l'enseignement supérieur, c'est le Royaume-Uni qui affiche la proportion la plus élevée de diplômés internationaux, avec 22 % des diplômés aux niveaux 5A et 6 de la CITE qui ont leur résidence permanente en dehors du pays.

Étudiants à l'étranger, milieu socioéconomique et mobilité du personnel

Le présent rapport examine aussi les brèves périodes passées à l'étranger dans le cadre des études. Les étudiants déclarent que les ressources financières constituent le principal obstacle à la mobilité et les données montrent qu'étudier à l'étranger dépend encore du milieu socioéconomique. Dans la plupart des pays, les étudiants issus de milieux familiaux ayant un niveau d'études élevé ont plus de chances d'effectuer un séjour à l'étranger dans le cadre de leurs études; cette proportion était parfois trois fois plus basse pour les étudiants issus de familles ayant un faible niveau d'éducation.

Dans certains pays, l'absence de soutien financier public à la mobilité semble entraver son développement. Comme l'indiquent les étudiants, les contraintes financières constituent l'obstacle le plus important à un séjour à l'étranger dans le cadre des études.

Cette raison, qui s'ajoute à la barrière linguistique, est la plus citée par les étudiants issus de milieux familiaux ayant un faible niveau d'éducation. Bon nombre d'entre eux, quel que soit leur milieu social, ont cependant déploré l'absence d'informations accessibles dans leur pays d'origine.

Des données comparables sur la mobilité du personnel sont rares. Celle enregistrée dans le cadre du programme de mobilité Erasmus demeure assez limitée, mais connaît une augmentation depuis 2001 (+7 % par an en moyenne).

Résultats de l'enseignement supérieur et employabilité

L' une des manières possibles d'évaluer la capacité des établissements d'enseignement supérieur à transformer les étudiants inscrits en futurs travailleurs qualifiés consiste à mettre en relation le taux de diplômés et le taux d'entrée en utilisant ce qu'on appelle le taux d'achèvement des études. L' employabilité de ces diplômés présente également un intérêt particulier compte tenu de l'évolution des conditions du marché: le niveau d'éducation atteint par la population générale a progressé au cours des dernières décennies et les nouveaux diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur arrivent maintenant sur un marché du travail où la concurrence avec des diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur ayant de l'expérience est plus forte que jamais.

Pour résumer, les résultats de l'enseignement supérieur englobent, notamment, le nombre de diplômés, le degré d'adaptation des nouveaux diplômés aux besoins du marché du travail et leur niveau de satisfaction professionnelle. Deux résultats effectifs seront étudiés dans le présent rapport: la production du système de l'enseignement supérieur en termes de diplômés et l'impact sur le marché du travail, c'est-à-dire l'«employabilité» des diplômés.

Niveau d'éducation de la population, diplômes et taux d'achèvement

Dans l'UE-27, près d'un tiers de la population ayant entre 25 et 34 ans a terminé l'enseignement supérieur. Cette part a augmenté au sein des jeunes générations dans presque tous les pays de l'espace de Bologne. Cette hausse du nombre de diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur est particulièrement notable dans la population féminine: à l'exception de quelques rares pays, les jeunes femmes réduisent l'écart qui les séparait des hommes en matière de niveau d'études.

En 2006, une personne sur trois dans l'UE-27 en âge théorique d'achever ses études supérieures obtenait un diplôme dans l'enseignement supérieur (CITE 5A). Les taux d'achèvement (la part des étudiants s'inscrivant dans l'enseignement supérieur qui obtient un diplôme) de l'enseignement supérieur (CITE 5A) varient d'un à deux dans l'espace de Bologne et vont de 45 % à 87 %.

Taux de chômage et revenu

L' enseignement supérieur joue un rôle déterminant dans l'obtention d'un emploi, mais trouver le premier emploi peut prendre du temps: les diplômés récents de l'enseignement supérieur (c'est-à-dire ceux qui ont terminé leurs études au cours de deux dernières années) sont nettement plus atteints par le chômage que leurs pairs plus expérimentés.

Dans la plupart des pays, le chômage touche davantage les femmes que les hommes, ce qui vaut également pour les diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur. En ce qui concerne le domaine de diplôme, 10 % des diplômés de l'UE en sciences humaines, langues et arts sont sans emploi; c'est le double de ce qui est observé dans le domaine de la santé et des affaires sociales.

Les différences de salaires dépendent surtout du niveau d'études. Dans l'UE-25, les salariés ayant un niveau d'enseignement supérieur gagnent deux fois plus que les salariés ayant un niveau d'études moyen ou faible. Le revenu médian des hommes est en outre supérieur à celui des femmes dans tous les pays du processus de Bologne. Quoi qu'il en soit, dans l'espace de Bologne les écarts de salaires (en terme d'écart interquartile) sont plus marqués chez les salariés issus de l'enseignement supérieur, à de rares exceptions près.

Discordance entre qualifications et occupation professionnelles

Dans environ la moitié des pays de l'espace de Bologne, 20 % ou plus des jeunes salariés ayant un diplôme de l'enseignement supérieur sont surqualifiés pour le poste qu'ils occupent (discordance verticale). Cette inadéquation concerne une proportion légèrement plus importante d'hommes que de femmes, mais la situation varie selon les pays. Obtenir un diplôme dans le domaine des services implique souvent d'être engagé pour un emploi en deçà de ses qualifications. D'après l'auto-évaluation réalisée par un échantillon de salariés, entre 3 % et 10 % des diplômés sont employés au niveau correspondant à celui de leur diplôme mais dans un domaine autre que celui des études (discordance horizontale).

La comparaison entre les pays n'établit aucun lien évident entre un niveau d'enseignement supérieur dans la population âgée de 25 à 34 ans et la part des salariés occupant un poste en deçà de leurs compétences théoriques (discordance verticale). En effet, dans bon nombre de pays de l'espace de Bologne, un cinquième environ des salariés subit une discordance verticale, quel que soit le pourcentage des diplômés de l'enseignement supérieur dans le même groupe d'âge.

Резюме

Расширение доступа

Поступление в высшие учебные заведения

В 2006 г. возраст типичного поступающего в высшие учебные заведения (ВУЗы) в зоне Болонского процесса составлял от 18 до 20 лет. В данной возрастной группе в странах ЕС-27 доля поступивших составила 33 %, а это означает, что треть населения в возрасте от 18 до 20 лет предположительно поступает в ВУЗы. В половине стран Болонского процесса, по которым имеются данные, доля поступивших в этой возрастной группе превысила 32%.

Люди старше 25 лет, напротив, редко идут в ВУЗы. За исключением некоторых стран Северной Европы (Финляндии, Швеции и Исландии) доля поступивших в ВУЗы среди людей в возрасте от 25 лет и старше составила менее 2 %. Это означает, что доля студентов, поступающих в ВУЗы после продолжительного перерыва между окончанием средней школы и университетом, в зоне европейского высшего образования достаточно невелика. Демографическая структура населения, поступающего в ВУЗы, в период с 2002 по 2006 гг. сильных изменений не претерпела.

Феминизация высшего образования ещё продолжается, количество студентов разных полов на большинстве специальностей уравнялось: в половине стран Болонского процесса более 56 % поступающих – женщины. Почти во всех странах Болонского процесса женщины среди поступающих в ВУЗы составляют большинство, однако, уровни феминизации разнятся в зависимости от специальности и страны. Естественные науки – по-прежнему по большей части мужская сфера, где женщины составляют лишь чуть более трети поступивших.

Пути к высшему образованию

ВУЗы играют ключевую роль в предоставлении возможности обучаться на протяжении всей жизни, поэтому необходимо расширить доступ для студентов разного происхождения и избегать бесперспективности учебной карьеры. Помимо выпускников старших классов, которые традиционно составляют большинство поступающих в ВУЗы, вторую попытку поступления должны получить и те, кто после школы избрал иной путь.

По имеющимся данным, большинство поступающих в ВУЗы выбирают традиционные пути. В странах ЕС-27 поступающие составляют 85 % от числа получивших аттестат о среднем образовании. Более того, в половине стран Болонского процесса в ВУЗы поступают не менее 89 % таких выпускников, однако, их число в разных странах сильно отличается. Более чем в половине стран Болонского процесса соотношение между поступающими и выпускниками средних школ среди женщин выше, чем среди мужчин.

Среди стран Болонского процесса в этом вопросе просматриваются некоторые различия. Два блока данных свидетельствуют о менее тесной связи между получением аттестата о среднем образовании и поступлением в ВУЗ. Происходит это либо потому, что поступающих значительно больше, чем абитуриентов (это значит, что значительная доля поступающих приходит нетрадиционным путём, или что существует высокая внутренняя мобильность), либо потому, что поступающих в ВУЗ намного меньше, чем выпускников школ (это предполагает более ограниченный доступ к высшему образованию). В третьем блоке число выпускников школ и число поступающих в ВУЗы схожи, и поэтому трудно предположить, каким образом они поступили в ВУЗ.

Исходя из данных, полученных непосредственно по проекту «Eurostudent», доля студентов, которые попадают в ВУЗ нетрадиционными путями (а именно, где-то уже поучившись или поработав) в Англии и Уэльсе составляет 15 %, а во всех остальных странах, по которым есть данные, их доля намного ниже 12 %.

Обучение неполный академический день

На жизнь студентов и возможность успешного получения ими высшего образования в зоне Болонского процесса влияют разнообразие и наличие специальностей, которые можно изучать неполный академический день. Интерпретировать имеющиеся на сегодня согласованные административные данные по этому вопросу сложно, поскольку они отражают лишь масштаб этого явления, а не его причины или реальную интенсивность.

В сфере обучения неполный день среди стран Болонского процесса можно заметить разительные отличия: в некоторых странах возможность обучения неполный академический день официально отсутствует. В других странах доля студентов, обучающихся неполный день, колеблется между менее чем 10 % и более чем 50 % (например, в Швеции) от общего числа студентов. Решающим фактором выбора такого обучения является возраст: в странах ЕС-27 почти половина студентов, обучающихся неполный день, были в возрасте от 30 и старше, среди более молодых студентов такой вид обучения распространён гораздо меньше.

Более половины студентов в большинстве стран ответили, что посвящают учёбе более 30 часов в неделю (посещают лекции и занимаются индивидуально). Однако во всех странах существует меньшая часть студентов, которых де-факто можно считать обучающимися неполный день, поскольку они отводят на учёбу менее 21 часа в неделю. Студенты, фактически обучающиеся неполный день, в Эстонии, Словакии и Финляндии, то есть, в странах, где таких студентов больше всего, составляют более 30 % от общего числа студентов.

Социальное происхождение и завершение курса высшего образования

Успешное получение высшего образования – это не только вопрос академической успеваемости. Несмотря на создание в системах образования механизмов, поощряющих равенство, образование родителей всё ещё влияет на успешное получение высшего образования их ребёнком. У людей, чьи родители имеют высокий уровень образования, шансы поступить в ВУЗ и окончить его выше, чем у остальных.

В странах ЕС-25 на каждые 100 человек, чьи родители закончили не более чем основное общее образование, приходится 17, получивших высшее образование. Среди тех, чьи родители закончили старшие классы средней школы, их доля повысилась до 32 %, а среди тех, чьи родители имеют диплом ВУЗа – до 63 %. В некоторых странах диплом ВУЗа получили менее 10 % учащихся из семей с низким уровнем образования. Число социально обойдённых по принципу «наследования» уровня образования в семье среди мужчин и женщин примерно одинаковое. Однако ситуация исправляется: на сегодняшний день у молодёжи из малообразованных семей больше возможностей получить высшее образование, чем у предыдущих поколений.

Структура обучения

Эффективное использование государственных и частных ресурсов должно создать вокруг студента, поступившего в какой-либо ВУЗ, атмосферу, благоприятствующую успешному завершению им учебного курса. Учебная среда влияет на опыт, который извлекут студенты из учёбы в ВУЗе, их усердие и усвоение материала, а, следовательно, их шансы на успех.

Макроперспектива: государственные инвестиции в ВУЗы

Государственное финансирование высшего образование отражает усилия стран по обеспечению основ функционирования своих систем высшего образования, что обычно включает в себя преподавательскую и исследовательскую работу, а также вспомогательные услуги, необходимые для осуществления этих первичных видов деятельности. Недавнее расширение границ высшего образования как относительно его масштабов, так и с точки зрения равноправного доступа к нему, увеличило потребность в государственном финансировании, и, как результат, стало обременительным для казны. Эти трудности стали ещё более ощутимы на фоне сопутствовавшего им роста потребности в финансировании других позиций госбюджета (например, социальных услуг и здравоохранения).

В период с 2001 по 2005 гг. государственные расходы на высшее образование в странах Болонского процесса росли с той же скоростью, что и валовый внутренний продукт (ВВП). В 2005 г. половина данных стран потратили на высшее образование более 1,1 % ВВП, что составило более 2,8 % всех государственных расходов.

Установив государственные расходы на одного студента в год, можно сравнить общие инвестиции в высшее образование и число студентов ВУЗов. В 2005 г. «типичная» страна Болонского процесса потратила 8 300 евро СПС (стандарта покупательной способности) на одного студента в эквиваленте полной занятости – почти 30 % от этой суммы было выделено на научные исследования и опытные разработки, и на вспомогательные услуги. В странах Болонского процесса расходы на одного студента колеблются в масштабе от 1 до 7. В США на приобретение основных образовательных товаров и услуг на одного студента (это затраты, не включающие в себя расходы на научные исследования и опытные разработки, и на вспомогательные услуги) было выделено вдвое больше средств, чем в большинстве стран Болонского процесса. Общее финансирование одного студента очного отделения в 2004–2005 гг. увеличивалось быстрее, чем финансирование образовательных услуг.

Почти во всех странах Болонского процесса выросло частное финансирование, хотя его уровень по-прежнему ниже, чем в США и Японии. В странах Болонского процесса ВУЗы на пятую часть финансируются из частного капитала, и только в Болгарии, Латвии и на Кипре эта доля превышает две пятых.

Микроперспектива: расходы домохозяйств на высшее образование

Одной из существенных составляющих частного финансирования является плата за обучение. Хотя из-за сложности и разнообразия существующих схем оплаты сложно определить, в какую в конечном счете сумму студенту обходится обучение, данные говорят о том, что на плату за обучение и другие услуги студенты тратят до 25 % своего бюджета. Там, где такие платы взимаются, их размер колеблется в пределах соотношения 1 к 8 в зависимости от конкретной страны.

Во всех странах, по которым имеются данные, для получения образования студенты обычно совмещают доход в виде заработной платы и/или полученные от семьи деньги, и государственную поддержку. Довольно часто главным главными источниками дохода являются семья и/или работа, а государственной поддержки может не хватать для того, чтобы компенсировать недостаточную финансовую поддержку семьи. Такое отсутствие финансовой независимости от родителей может отражаться на социально-экономическом составе студентов.

Государственная финансовая поддержка

Чтобы облегчить преодоление финансовых барьеров на пути к высшему образованию, во многих странах поддержку студентам и их семьям оказывает государство. Схемы, по которым оказывается государственная поддержка в виде прямого денежного содействия студентам, в разных странах Болонского процесса различны.

В целом, они основываются на универсальных компенсационных критериях, и реже зависят от успеваемости. Можно говорить о двух основных видах прямой поддержки: стипендиях (невозвращаемое содействие) и займах (возвращаемое). В странах Болонского процесса доля госфинансирования в сфере высшего образования, выделенная под обе формы содействия (стипендии и займы), в 2005 г. составляла от менее 5 % до более 20 %. Почти половина стран Болонского процесса, по которым имеются данные, осуществляют схемы государственного субсидирования займов, а сами займы в странах ЕС-27 составляют около 7 % госрасходов на высшее образование. В зоне Болонского процесса доля государственного финансирования, выделенная в виде займов, особенно велика в Швеции, Великобритании, Исландии, Норвегии, а вне этой зоны – в Австралии, Новой Зеландии и Японии.

Мобильность студентов и преподавательского состава

Ожидается, что мобильность студентов и преподавательского состава будет играть огромную роль в развитии Зоны европейского высшего образования. Как указывается в Лондонском коммюнике (2007 г.), «мобильность преподавательского состава, студентов и выпускников является одним из основополагающих элементов Болонского процесса, который создает возможности для личностного роста, развития международного сотрудничества между людьми и учреждениями, повышает качество высшего образования и научных исследований, и вкладывает реальный смысл в понятие европейского пространства».

Помимо того, что международная мобильность способствует укреплению понятия европейской гражданственности, она так же способствует реализации личности и развитию таких знаний, как языки и межкультурное понимание. Данные навыки всё больше ценятся на всё более глобализируемом рынке труда, а следовательно у таких студентов гораздо больше возможностей трудоустроиться.

Зачисление в ВУЗ и получение учёной степени за рубежом

Процент студентов, обучающихся в зарубежных ВУЗах, в Европе ещё достаточно низок (в 2006 г. в зарубежных ВУЗах обучались 2 % студентов с гражданством стран ЕС-27), но уровень мобильности уезжающих за границу постоянно растёт как в ЕС-27, так и в странах Болонского процесса (в среднем на 5 % в год за период с 2000 по 2006 гг.).

Мобильность приезжающих из-за границы в целом по Европе составляла 7 % (около половины из этих студентов не являются гражданами стран Болонского процесса). Однако, кроме прочих, в Бельгии, Франции, Австрии, Великобритании и Швейцарии уровень мобильности студентов извне составил более 14 %, почти как в Канаде.

Несмотря на постоянное увеличение числа иностранных студентов, зачисленных в ВУЗы в странах ЕС-27 на 5-ом (5А) и 6-ом уровнях МСКО (хоть и ниже уровня Австралии или Новой Зеландии), доля приезжающих из зоны Болонского процесса сократилась. В странах ЕС-27 более 10 % выпускников ВУЗов не были гражданами той страны, где получили диплом. В Австралии и Новой Зеландии неграждане составляли около одной трети всех выпускников. В зоне европейского высшего образования наибольшая доля международных выпускников зарегистрирована в Соединённом Королевстве, где 22 % окончивших ВУЗ на уровнях 5А и 6 МСКО постоянно проживали за пределами страны.

Студенты за границей, социально-экономическое происхождение и мобильность преподавательского состава

В данном отчёте также рассматриваются краткосрочные учебные стажировки за рубежом. По мнению студентов, главным препятствием для их мобильности являются финансовые ресурсы. Есть данные, что учёба за границей всё ещё зависит от социально-экономического происхождения.

В большинстве стран студенты из высокообразованных семей чаще выезжали на учебные стажировки за границу; иногда доля этих студентов втрое превышала долю студентов из малообразованных семей.

В некоторых странах отсутствие государственного финансирования в сфере мобильности очевидно тормозит её развитие. По мнению студентов, одной из самых главных помех при планировании учебной стажировки за рубежом являются финансовые трудности. Эту причину наряду с языковым барьером чаще всего называли студенты из семей с низким уровнем образования. Многие из них, вне зависимости от социального происхождения, отметили недостаточность информации на родине.

Сравнительные данные о мобильности преподавательского состава немногочисленны. Мобильность преподавателей, осуществляемая через программу мобильности «Эразмус», всё ещё довольно ограничена, но с 2001 г. пошла в рост (в среднем +7 % в год).

Результаты и способность трудоустройства

Один из возможных способов измерить способность ВУЗа обеспечить, что принятые студенты станут квалифицированными работниками, это связать число поступивших в ВУЗ с числом окончивших его студентов, получив так называемый «коэффициент выживаемости». Способность трудоустройства этих студентов в изменившихся условиях рынка труда также представляет большой интерес: за последние десятилетия доля населения, получившего высшее образование, выросла, поэтому сегодня новоиспечённые выпускники ВУЗов попадают на рынок труда, где, как никогда, сильна конкуренция с опытными выпускниками.

Итак, среди эффективных результатов высшего образования можно назвать количество выпускников ВУЗов, степень их приспособленности к потребностям рынка труда и удовлетворённость работой. В данном отчёте будут рассмотрены два эффективных результата: результат на выходе из системы образования и результат на входе на рынок труда или способность выпускников трудоустроиться.

Уровень образования населения, получение учёной степени и коэффициенты выпуска

В странах ЕС-27 почти треть населения в возрасте от 25 до 34 лет имеет высшее образование. Доля высокообразованной молодёжи увеличилась почти во всех странах Болонского процесса. Рост числа выпускников ВУЗов особенно заметен среди женщин: за исключением нескольких стран Болонского процесса, в плане уровня образования девушки почти догнали юношей.

В 2006 г. один из трёх молодых людей выпускного возраста в странах ЕС-27 получил учёную степень (уровень 5А МСКО). Коэффициент выпуска (доля поступивших, которые окончили ВУЗ) в ВУЗах (уровень 5А МСКО) зоны Болонского процесса колеблется в пределах соотношения один к двум, составляя от 45 % до 87 % и более.

Уровень безработицы и доход

Высшее образование – важный фактор в обеспеченности работой, но поиск первого рабочего места подчас занимает много времени: недавние выпускники ВУЗов (окончившие ВУЗы за последние два года) больше страдают от безработицы, чем их более опытные коллеги.

В большинстве стран женщин среди безработных больше, чем мужчин, что верно и применительно и к выпускникам ВУЗов. Значение имеет и специальность выпускника: в ЕС без работы остаются 10 % выпускников отделений гуманитарных наук, лингвистики и искусства, а выпускников специальностей здравоохранения и соцобеспечения среди безработных вдвое меньше.

Разница в заработной плате, прежде всего, зависит от уровня образования. В странах ЕС-25 высокообразованные работники получают вдвое больше, чем работники со средним или низким уровнем образования. Медиана дохода мужчин во всех странах Болонского процесса выше, чем медиана дохода женщин. Колебания в размерах зарплат в межквартильном интервале среди высокообразованных работников более ощутимы, хотя среди стран Болонского процесса в этом плане есть и редкие исключения.

Несоответствие квалификации

Приблизительно в половине стран Болонского процесса 20 и более процентов молодых работников с высшим образованием выполняют работу, требующую более низкой квалификации, чем та, которая у них есть (вертикальное несоответствие). Это несоответствие в несколько большей степени затрагивает мужчин, чем женщин, но ситуация по странам неодинакова. Зачастую работу ниже способностей получают выпускники с дипломом в сфере услуг. Согласно оценке работниками своих знаний и умений, от 3 % до 10 % из них трудоустроены на соответствующим их способностям уровне, но в иной сфере, чем та, в которой был получен диплом (горизонтальное несоответствие).

Сопоставление данных по странам указывает на отсутствие четкой связи между повышенной долей населения с высшим образованием в возрасте 25-34 лет, и долей работников, должностные обязанности которых ниже их гипотетического уровня способностей (вертикальное несоответствие). В странах Болонского процесса вертикальное несоответствие затрагивает примерно одну пятую работников, вне зависимости от доли выпускников ВУЗов в той же возрастной группе.

Introduction

The Bologna Process: General overview

The Bologna declaration was signed in 1999 by 29 European ministers responsible for higher education. Today, 46 signatory countries (see the map below) are engaged in the process towards a European Higher Education Area (EHEA). Ever since, a ministerial meeting is held every two years and is devoted to monitor the ongoing process. Each summit (Prague, 2001; Berlin, 2003; Bergen, 2005; and London, 2007) led to a Communiqué in which ministers issue their conclusions and recommendations regarding the development of the process. The present report was prepared in the context of the next Ministerial Summit, to be held in April 2009 in Leuven and Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

The Bologna Process is an intergovernmental initiative which also involves the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO-CEPES, as well as representatives of higher education institutions, students, staff, employers and quality assurance agencies. It aims to create a European Higher Education Area by 2010, and to promote the European system of higher education worldwide. This broad objective was translated in 1999 into several operational goals:

- to adopt an easily readable and comparable common framework of qualifications and cycles of study, in which students can choose from a wide and transparent range of high quality courses and benefit from smooth recognition procedures: 2 cycles for undergraduates (bachelor's degree) and graduates (master's and doctoral degree), reformulated later in 2003 (Berlin Communiqué) in 3 cycles – bachelor, master, doctorate;
- to remove the obstacles to student mobility across Europe, and more broadly support the mobility of students, teachers and researchers, as well as to promote the European dimension in higher education (in terms of curriculum and inter-institutional cooperation);
- to establish a system of credits, such as ECTS, as a means of promoting student mobility between countries and of facilitating the accreditation of prior learning outside of higher education contexts.

The Bologna Process is open-ended and driven by the recognition that in spite of differences, European higher education systems are facing common internal and external challenges. Other goals have subsequently been formulated over time. For instance, the promotion of lifelong learning was emphasised in the Prague Communiqué (2001). In Berlin (2003), priorities included amongst others the development of quality assurance and the establishment of closer links between the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area. In the Bergen Communiqué (2005), ministers broadened their priorities through the reinforcement of the social dimension and removal of obstacles to mobility.

The need to take account of the social dimension was brought forward by the student representatives in Prague (2001). This first intention was refined in Berlin (2003), where it was agreed that the social dimension should be seen as a value in itself as well as one of the conditions for the competitiveness of the EHEA. Ministers stressed the need for appropriate studying and living conditions for students so that they can successfully complete their studies within an appropriate period of time without obstacles related to their social and economic background. The need for more comparable data on the social and economic situation of students was also emphasised.

The importance of the social dimension was reaffirmed by the ministers in the subsequent Communiqués of Bergen (2005) and London (2007). In 2007 a request for a specially commissioned data report was formulated and resulted in the present document.

This request was the result of a feasibility study carried out between 2005 and 2007 by a Bologna working group including Eurostat and Eurostudent[1].

The social dimension was then defined as processes leading to the objective that the student population entering, participating in and completing higher education reflects the diversity of European, national and regional populations.

Scope of the report

The social aspiration that "the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education should reflect the diversity of our population[2]" is shared by the Ministers responsible for higher education across the Bologna Area. Such an aspiration is drawn from the notion of equity of access to goods and services, alongside deeply rooted ideals of justice and equal opportunities. In the context of scholastic achievement, the notion of equity can be divided into three main groups: equity of access, equity of treatment, and equity of outcomes (e.g. Baye et al., 2005[3]). This statistical report echoes these three aspects of the concept of equity.

Equity of access concerns a guarantee of equal opportunities to access higher education for all individuals. Chapter A (widening access) assesses how entry into higher education differs by age and sex. It provides information on the different (traditional or non-traditional) routes to enter higher education; it also sheds light on part-time studying and considers the impact of the education level of parents in the completion of tertiary education.

But providing equal access is not sufficient. Equity of treatment also requires an effective use of public and private resources (Chapter B) to ensure adequate study conditions for all students. Information on the study framework focuses on the resources that are devoted to higher education from a macro-perspective (public investment in tertiary institutions and public financial support) and micro-perspective (household expenditure on tertiary education).

Students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff should benefit from the richness and diversity of the European Higher Education Area. Moreover, it can be assumed that such an international experience represents a sizeable asset in the career paths of students and staff. Therefore, another important aspect of the Bologna Process is mobility of staff, students and graduates (Chapter C). Information on the mobility of students and staff provides insights into the ongoing construction of the EHEA. Although mobility has often been presented separately from the social dimension, this report aims to combine the two by analysing the socioeconomic background of non-mobile students, as well as the main obstacles hampering their mobility.

Beyond access and treatment, ensuring equity of outcome should lead teachers and academics to bring all students to the same level of skills and competences (Chapter D). Moreover, if student life ends with entry into the labour market, the status and satisfaction of these young graduates regarding their new working life should be monitored so as to ensure that widened access to higher education does not lead to dead-ends in the labour market. Reporting on outcomes and employability means for instance providing information on educational attainment, graduation rates, and the ability of young graduates to secure and maintain employment in line with their level of education and aspirations.

Selection of indicators

The selection of the indicators presented in this report was achieved through the work of a special working group on data collection set up by the Bologna Follow-Up Group.

[1] See: http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/londonbologna/uploads/documents/Socialdimensionandmobilityreport.pdf

[2] London communiqué, 2007, paragraph 3.4.

[3] Baye et al. (2005). Equity in European Education Systems. A set of indicators. Liège: Service de Pédagogie théorique et expérimentale.

The members of the working group comprised representatives of ten countries and eight other organisations[4].

This group explored existing data on the social dimension of higher education and evaluated data gaps on this issue. The final selection of indicators for the report was mainly based on the relevance of the indicators for analytical purposes, the effective availability of data (including the possibilities of differentiation) and the reliability of data collected. After consultation with various institutions providing quantitative and qualitative data on higher education, Eurostat and Eurostudent proposed a list of indicators that was discussed and then agreed upon within the Bologna Follow-Up Group working group on data collection. This selection constitutes the basis of this report.

How to read the report

The report is composed of three main parts: the core report (four chapters), country profiles and two annexes presenting detailed statistical tables as well as methodological notes on the computation of the indicators reported.

A clear structure has been adopted in order to ensure the readability of the core report and allow both an in-depth reading and a quick overview of the main contents. Each chapter starts with key findings and a few words on the topic and related indicators to be addressed. Each indicator is introduced by the rationale which led to its selection in relation to the social dimension of the Bologna Process. A more detailed description of the computed indicator follows, including possible limitations of the data reported. Graphical representations and comments on results close each section.

Key findings are presented in the margins of the report to highlight where more detailed analyses of the results may be found. In order not to overburden the text, methodological considerations are summarised in numbered boxes beside the text (so-called 'M-boxes').

To aid the recognition of country groups, the data in many charts have been sorted in ascending order according to the characteristic under consideration. This should not be misinterpreted as a suggestion for a strict ranking of countries from "the worst" to "the best".

In order to give a reference line for a given indicator, it is often useful to compute an aggregate, which aims at providing a central tendency for countries on a given theme. A number of instruments may be used to measure a central tendency: the arithmetic average is the most common, as well as the median (the value under which are half of countries, and above which are the remaining half). A central tendency measure can be weighted according to the countries' size or not. If values are left unweighted this gives every country the same importance irrespective of its population size. Whenever possible and/or relevant (sufficient coverage of countries), two aggregates were computed in order to provide two reference values; one referring to the European Union (EU), and the other to the Bologna Area as a whole. In the first case, the report presents an "EU-27" aggregate, as normally computed by Eurostat. It is a weighted average, taking account of the demographic weight of the countries. This aggregate has the advantage of being relatively stable as most EU countries regularly provide data to Eurostat and have participated in most of the surveys presented here. Data from non-EU countries within the Bologna Area were more fragmented, meaning that such a weighted average would have been too volatile. The aggregate used for the Bologna countries is an unweighted median. A median was preferred to an average, as it is statistically more robust (i.e. less sensitive to extreme values). However, the coverage of non-EU countries varies in such a way that the median still remains quite volatile. This central tendency indicator should therefore be considered with caution, especially in time series.

[4] See Bologna Working Programme 2007-2009. Members: Luxembourg (chair), Eurostat, Eurostudent, Eurydice, DG EAC, Education International, the European Student's association, the European University Association, the Academic Cooperation Association, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In a second part of the report, country profiles are presented to enable the reader to have a closer look at individual countries for a number of key indicators selected from the various chapters: access, study framework, mobility and outcomes. The perspective remains comparative, as the country is graphically represented in relation with the distribution of all countries on a given variable. Moreover, the approach is also thematic, in the sense that a country might be assessed better across the different topics presented in the four chapters.

Lastly, the terms "higher education" and "tertiary education" are used synonymously in the report. Tertiary education, in line with "primary" and "secondary" education, refers to the ISCED (International Standard Classification of Education 1997)[5] levels 5 and 6. All tertiary programmes of any duration are therefore included. The expression "higher education" is used in the Bologna Process. As in many countries, the Bologna structure corresponds more or less to the coverage of ISCED 5A and 6; this term is used when referring to these levels or, in most of cases, to ISCED 5A alone. A focus on academic higher education at first-degree level (ISCED 5A) was used whenever possible in this report, as this sector is usually the largest part of any tertiary education system and the focus of many higher education policies. However, some countries are exceptions to this: in Belgium and Slovenia, around half of tertiary students are enrolled at ISCED levels 5B; in Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Croatia and Turkey, more than 25 % of tertiary education students are in such programmes. In Cyprus, the majority of students belong to ISCED 5B level. For all those countries, figures focusing on level 5A depict only partially their tertiary education system. (See the first table (Table 0) in the Chapter "Statistical tables" at the end of the report).

Data availability

Most indicators presented in this report rely on two institutional data sources: Eurostat and Eurostudent III[6]. Three databases were used in Eurostat, namely the UNESCO-OECD-Eurostat data collection (UOE), the European Union Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) and the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). The Eurostudent project collates comparable data on the social and economic conditions of student life in Europe. The Eurostudent III survey was carried out between 2005 and 2008 in 19 Member States and three countries outside EU. This survey is currently unique on a European level as it captures student life in many European countries by surveying students directly.

Lastly, some data were taken from the Erasmus exchange programme for students and staff, and from the Reflex study. Both of these sources have clear limitations. Erasmus data do not present the volume of exchanges (i.e. the number of students or academics), but the number of visits abroad participating in Erasmus or associated programmes. The Reflex survey comprises self-reported information on the way young graduates experience their first steps in working life in only 13 countries. However, these sources were used due to the lack of statistical information on higher education staff mobility, surveying higher education graduates directly, as is the case of Reflex, or because of a specific interest in the case of Erasmus exchange mobility.

All these different sources are based on different timescales, which explains why the reference periods vary according to each indicator. Moreover, for the sake of international comparability, it is important to use sources of information that provide the appropriate geographical coverage and the relevant information for the topic concerned (i.e. the social dimension of higher education).

Through its various data collections (UOE, EU-LFS and EU-SILC), Eurostat usually gathers information on Members States, the EFTA/EEA countries and candidates countries.

Since the Bologna Area goes beyond this perimeter, it was necessary to solicit other international or national institutions for data from countries that do not belong to the above-mentioned categories.

[5] For more information on this classification system please refer to the methodological part of the annex.

[6] For a description of the sources, please refer to the methodological part of the annex.

Some UOE data were provided by the UNESCO Institute of Statistics (UIS) or directly by the National Statistical Institutes. In the case of EU-LFS and EU-SILC indicators, Bologna countries were asked to provide comparable data from any household surveys they conducted at national level provided that their methodologies were comparable to the one used in EU-LFS or EU-SILC.

Despite the efforts to provide harmonised information, the large number of sources raises concern on the comparability of data provided by statistical infrastructure that are at different stages of development.

Every statistical report aims to answer users' needs in terms of information on a specific topic. This report is no exception. However, an additional objective is to point out the advantages and drawbacks of indicators and data that are currently available to monitor the social dimension of higher education in the Bologna Area.

In this report, each indicator is detailed in terms of relevance regarding the social dimension; advantages and drawbacks in terms of comparability and explanatory power are also described briefly. At this stage, it appears that potential improvements are twofold: improving existing data collections and investing in the development of new data collections.

In fact, the existing statistical infrastructure and data collections constitute a strong and relevant basis for the analysis; work to improve their quality is currently under way. However, this report highlights some directions for qualitative improvements, as shown in the following examples.

The current report extensively uses the ISCED classification to characterise the level of education students attend and graduate in. Such a classification is useful to allow comparison across countries, but the implementation of the Bachelor-Master degree structure (BA/MA/PhD structure) makes it less relevant from a Bologna perspective. The main obstacle encountered so far was that countries are at different stages of implementation of the new three-cycle structure and are thus unable to provide sufficiently exhaustive data. However, this obstacle should soon be overcome, as the Bologna structure is becoming more widely implemented.

Interpreting part-time studying is still problematic. Current data allow an evaluation of the magnitude of part-time studying, but provide no information on the reasons for part-time study, which are crucial in defining policies. In fact, it is currently impossible to distinguish between those students who work to fund their studies, and those who seek to broaden their skills with a new qualification whilst concurrently working.

A growing interest in the social dimension of higher education necessarily implies the need to look at the educational background of people entering higher education. For this reason, we need to better understand what happens at the lower levels of the entire educational system. Indeed social selection can occur well before entry into higher education. As a result, indicators on survival rates at secondary level and tertiary level according to social and cultural background variables should be developed further, in order to efficiently identify relevant target groups of measures to promote equity.

Information on public support schemes to students is available at the macro level. However, such information at the micro level (student and households) is still fragmented. Information on the number of beneficiaries, on the average amount of support they are granted and on the average student debt after graduation is limited.

Important improvements are currently being made as regards data on mobility. The criterion of citizenship (i.e. considering as mobile a student or graduate who is not citizen of the country) has severe limitations, notably because migration flows can overestimate mobility in some countries. The criterion of prior education (i.e. considering as mobile a student enrolled in a country different from the one of previous level of education that is, ISCED 3 or 4 for students enrolled in ISCED 5) should be preferably used. However, few countries have so far collected this information.

Current harmonised sources of information provide data on graduates (i.e. the direct output of education system) and their situation in the labour market (i.e. employability). However, outcomes should also include impacts of higher education on civic participation, innovation and economic growth, health, etc. for which no information is currently available.

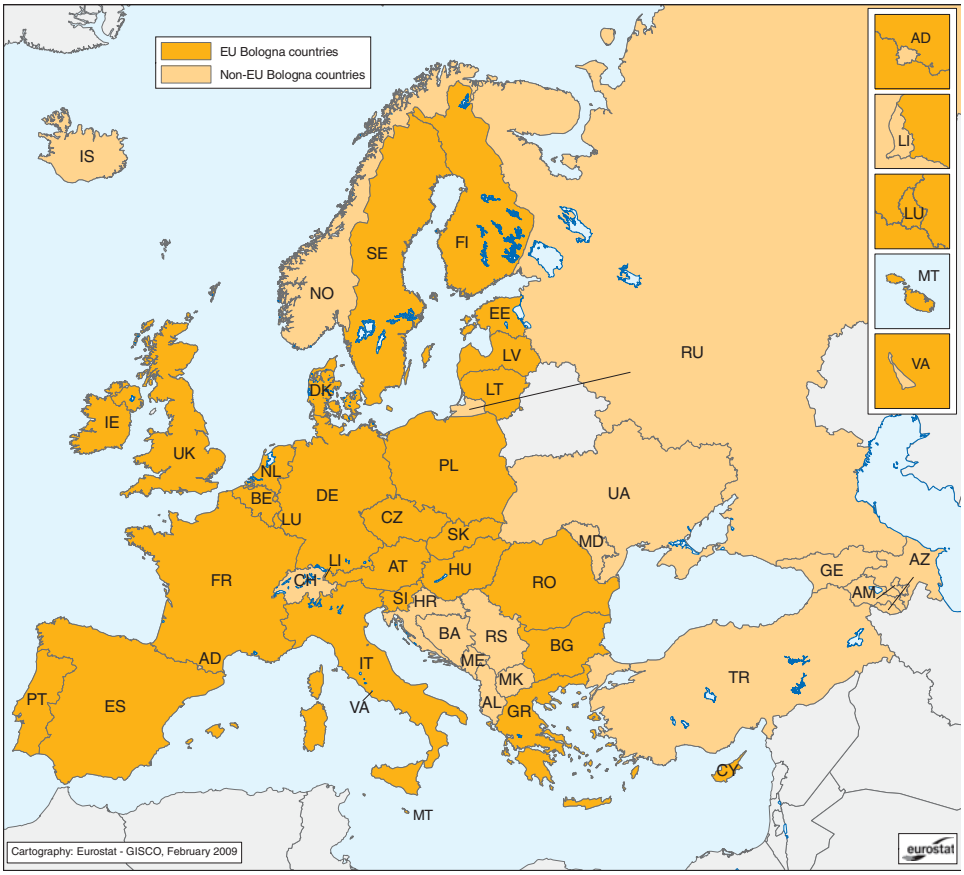
The social dimension suggests that more should be done for underprivileged people. Indeed, progress towards equity is often defined or measured by comparing groups of persons, for instance people with a low education versus high education, immigrant versus indigenous population, or other differentiation variables. In this report three main variables are considered: age, gender and educational attainment of parents (deemed to be a proxy for the socioeconomic background). Beside their intrinsic interest, these variables are used because they are the most commonly collected in numerous countries.

There is an argument for looking at other characteristics of population sub-groups regarding educational equity (inter alia religion, region, disability level, ethnicity, etc.). However, currently our statistical instruments and sources limit the feasibility of such analyses on a European scale. From the statistical point of view, it is clear that refining the population under scrutiny should be associated with adequate sampling rates (provided that the survey vehicle is preferred to administrative data) that is, a sufficient number of observations. This is especially the case if several variables need to be crossed (for instance, women aged 25–34 with a high level of education and coming from a family with a low educational level). Sampling designs should probably be redefined, taking into account the measures to be gathered as well as the analyses to be carried out. At the same time, the collection of such individual information about the population is very sensitive and in some countries not even possible for National Statistical Institutes.

In sum, this has been an exploratory report, where every effort has been made to balance policy relevance and utility with statistical robustness. More work should be done in this area in the future.

Coverage and country abbreviations

Bologna countries



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Croatia	**HR**		**Lithuania**	**LT**		**The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**	**MK****
Cyprus	**CY**		**Luxembourg**	**LU**		**Turkey**	**TR**
Czech Republic	**CZ**		**Malta**	**MT**		**Ukraine**	**UA**
Denmark	**DK**		**Moldova**	**MD**		**United Kingdom**	**UK**
Estonia	**EE**		**Montenegro**	**ME**		**United Kingdom (England and Wales)**	**E/W***
Finland	**FI**		**Netherlands**	**NL**		**United Kingdom (Scotland)**	**SCO***

* Arbitrary code: no official code (ISO 3166 – alpha2) for those communities or countries.

** Provisional code which does not prejudge in any way the definitive nomenclature for this country, which will be agreed following the conclusion of negotiations currently taking place on this subject at the United Nations.

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Widening access

A. Widening access

- In 2006, the typical age for entering higher education ranged from 18 to 20 years in the Bologna Area. In contrast, people over 25 rarely embark on higher education: with the exception of some Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden and Iceland), net entry rates by age were below 2 % for those aged 25 or over.
- Between 2002 and 2006, the demographic structure of the population entering higher education did not present any major changes.
- The feminisation of higher education is still under way and the gender gap has been bridged in most fields of education: in half of the Bologna countries, more than 56 % of new entrants are women. Sciences are still a predominantly male domain, with women representing only slightly more than one third of new entrants.
- Available data suggest that most new entrants into higher education follow traditional routes. This seems especially true in the case of female entrants.
- Increasing participation in higher education is sustained by high percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling. However, in a few countries, entrants in higher education represent less than 60 % of qualifying graduates of upper-secondary education.
- When measured directly, the share of students from non-traditional routes entering higher education stood at 15 % in England and Wales, but amounted to less than 12 % in other countries for which data are available.
- Countries show very marked differences on part-time studying. The share of part-time students ranged from less than 10 % of the overall student population to slightly more than 50 % in Sweden.
- Age is a key determinant when analysing part-time studying. In fact, at EU-27 level, almost half of students aged 30 and over are part-time students, while this is far less widespread among younger students.
- In a majority of countries, more than half of students declare spending more than 30 hours a week studying.
- The level of education of parents still has an impact on success in higher education. In some countries, less than 10 % of those whose parents have a low educational level graduated from tertiary education.
- The continuing transmission of disadvantages through family backgrounds tends to affect men and women equally.
- However, the situation is improving. Young people from low educational family backgrounds have better chances of graduating than their elders did in the past.

Main issues

The social dimension concerns processes leading to the objective that the student population entering, participating in and completing higher education reflects the diversity of European, national and regional populations. Widening access to higher education is thus a first step towards guaranteeing equal opportunities for all, reinforcing the social, cultural and economic development of European societies and finally improving the quality and attractiveness of European higher education.

In all European countries, compulsory education ends with lower- or upper-secondary education. At this stage, young people and parents must make a crucial decision: to go into higher education or to enter the labour market. Such a decision is motivated by various factors such as personal motivation and aspirations, existing barriers and the variety of ways to enter higher education, the existing study framework (Chapter B) and individual perceptions of private outcomes and rates of return (Chapter D) of further studies.

This chapter looks at those entering the higher education system in order to highlight the growing diversity of the student population.

In the first instance, net entry rates by age will be compared across countries (Figure A1.a) so as to determine the age of those who embark for the first time on higher education. Age is not the only dimension of diversity: the distribution of entrants by fields of education and sex (Figure A.1c) also reflect students' choices in terms of career prospects and shows the fields of education where female attendance predominates.

Widening access is possible through the creation of new routes to enter higher education (Figure A2a, b and Figure A3a) in the context of lifelong learning. Additionally, studying part-time (Figure A4a and b) is also a means for workers to improve their educational attainment and for students to gain working experience. The proportion of de facto part-time students based on their study intensity (Figure A4c) may also be affected by a lack of public financial support made available to students, who as a result need to work to fund their studies.

Lastly, "widening the constituency that higher education serves by including those groups who have traditionally been excluded"[(1)] is a key issue in the social dimension of higher education. The extent to which disadvantages are transmitted through generations is a central point and the analysis compares across countries whether success in higher education is affected by the educational level of students' parents (Figures A5a and b).

[(1)] Osborne.M, "Increasing or widening participation in higher education? – a European overview", European Journal of education, vol.38, n°1, 2003.

A.1. Entry into higher education

The profile of students entering higher education is diverse and may be characterised according to demographic criteria (age and sex) and field of study. In fact, each Bologna country has its own way of organising its education system, and young Europeans do not enter higher education for the first time at the same age. Additionally, the breakdown of entry rates by sex highlights the overall feminisation of higher education, with the exception of science studies.

Net entry rate by age and sex

The student population comprises two categories: entrants and continuing students. The former includes two sub-categories: new entrants into a level of education (students who, during the course of reporting period, for the first time enter any programme leading to a recognised qualification at this level of education, irrespective of whether they enter the programme at the beginning or at an advanced stage of the programme) and re-entrants (students who return to a level of education following a period of absence of at least one year from studying at that same level). Continuing students are those who were enrolled in higher education prior to the reference year. Analysing the net entry rate provides detailed information on students who embark for the first time on higher education.

Indicator

By definition, the net entry rate (see box **M2**) is different from the enrolment rate. The latter considers the number of entrants (new or re-entrants) and continuing students of a specific age group that are enrolled in higher education. The net entry rate reflects how many people of each age group access higher education for the first time (i.e. new entrants); it is obtained by dividing the number of first-time entrants to each type of tertiary education of that age by the total population in the corresponding age group. It also provides insights into the typical age(s) at which students enter higher education for the first time and if differences between men and women arise.

Cross-country comparisons are limited by the fact that non-citizens who enrol for the first time in a country are usually counted as new entrants, regardless of their previous education in other countries. This has an impact on entry rates in countries hosting many foreign students (see Chapter C). Moreover, the importance of ISCED 5B level (which is not included in this indicator) in tertiary education also varies across countries. As mentioned in the introductory chapter of this report, in Cyprus, the majority of tertiary students belong to ISCED 5B level; in Belgium and Slovenia, around half of tertiary students are enrolled at that level; in Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Croatia and Turkey, more than 25 % of them study ISCED 5B courses. For those countries, entry rates reported here underestimate the entry rate to ISCED 5 level as a whole.

Results

- The median value (see box **M1**) shows that in half of the Bologna countries, more than 11 % of 19-year-olds enter higher education, whereas at EU-27 level the net entry rate at the same age stood at 16 %.
- In the Bologna Area, the theoretical entry age in higher education ranges from 17 (in Turkey and Russia) to 20 (Iceland). In most countries, theoretical (i.e. the statutory age for entry in higher education) and typical (defined as the age at which entry rate is the highest) ages match or show a one-year difference. Indeed, in most of the countries for which data are available, the highest entry rates were registered at the age of 18 or 19.

In 2006, the typical entry age into higher education ranged from 18 to 20 years in the Bologna area

Differences between theoretical and typical entry age may be explained by the possibility of being held back a year during upper-secondary education, failing to obtain the upper-secondary school diploma, civil obligations (civilian or military service), selection procedures (entrance examination, numerus clausus,…) or conscious decisions on the part of students to postpone their studies (e.g. for work experience or travelling). Typical entry occurs later than in any other Bologna countries in Denmark (at the age of 21) and in Germany, Malta, Iceland and Switzerland (at the age of 20).

- Overall, the net entry rate for this age group was 33 % in the EU-27, meaning that one third of the population aged between 18 and 20 years old is expected to enter higher education. In half of the Bologna countries for which data is available, the net entry rate for this age group is higher than 32 %.
- Entry rates broken down by age reveal marked disparities across countries. More than 20 % of those aged 18 (Greece, Spain and the United Kingdom) or 19 (Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia) enter higher education. In Italy and Poland, more than 30 % of the population aged 19 enters higher education for the first time.

With the exception of a few countries, less than 2 % of young people aged 25 and over embark in higher education studies

- Entry rates usually drop dramatically beyond the typical age at which young people enter higher education. This suggests that only a very small proportion of new entrants have previous experience (working, travelling abroad, etc.) before entering higher education. Net entry rates remained above 5 % for two or more consecutive years following the typical entry age only in Nordic countries, Hungary, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal and Slovakia. With the exception of a few countries, less than 2 % of young people begin higher education aged 25 or over. In the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Iceland, ultimate net entry rates are achieved through relatively high net entry rates for a range of age cohorts. This suggests a more open entry policy which is consistent with lifelong learning.
- At typical entry age, the EU-27 net entry rate was below that of Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United States. Japan registered the highest net entry rate (35 %) at typical age (18 years old). However, at typical age, net entry rate in Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Poland and Slovenia is higher than the one registered in the United States.

The feminisation of higher education is still under way

- Entry rate by age show similar patterns for women and men. However, entry rates of women by age are usually higher than for their male counterparts. This is especially true at typical entry age or before this age. The gender gap in favour of women stood at more than 10 percentage points in Greece, Spain, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Norway.

M1 – Bologna median values

The median value is the point dividing the Bologna countries into two equal halves, meaning that half of the Bologna countries are below the median value and the remaining half are above. This value is computed for all countries for which data are available and is unweighted (i.e. it does not take account of the countries' population size).

M2 – Net entry rate

The entry rate of a specific year of age is obtained by dividing the number of first-time entrants to a given level of tertiary education of that age by the total population of the corresponding age (multiplied by 100). The net entry rate is computed as the sum of the entry rates per single year of age. It is a measure of the chances of person entering higher education through his or her life when all years of age are considered, or of entering higher education at a certain age when only some years are considered.

Figure A.1a: Net entry rate by age (%), ISCED 5A —2006

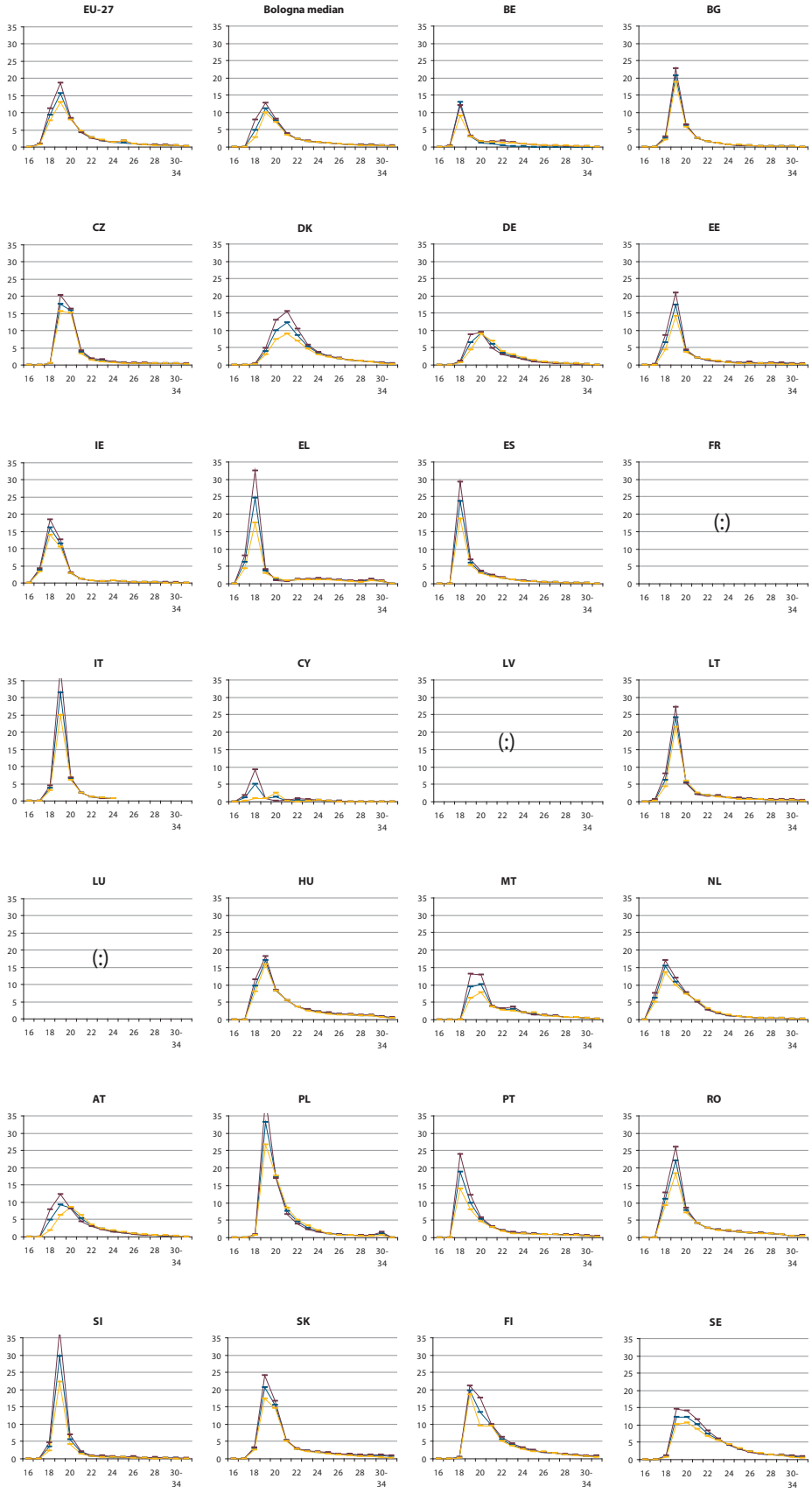
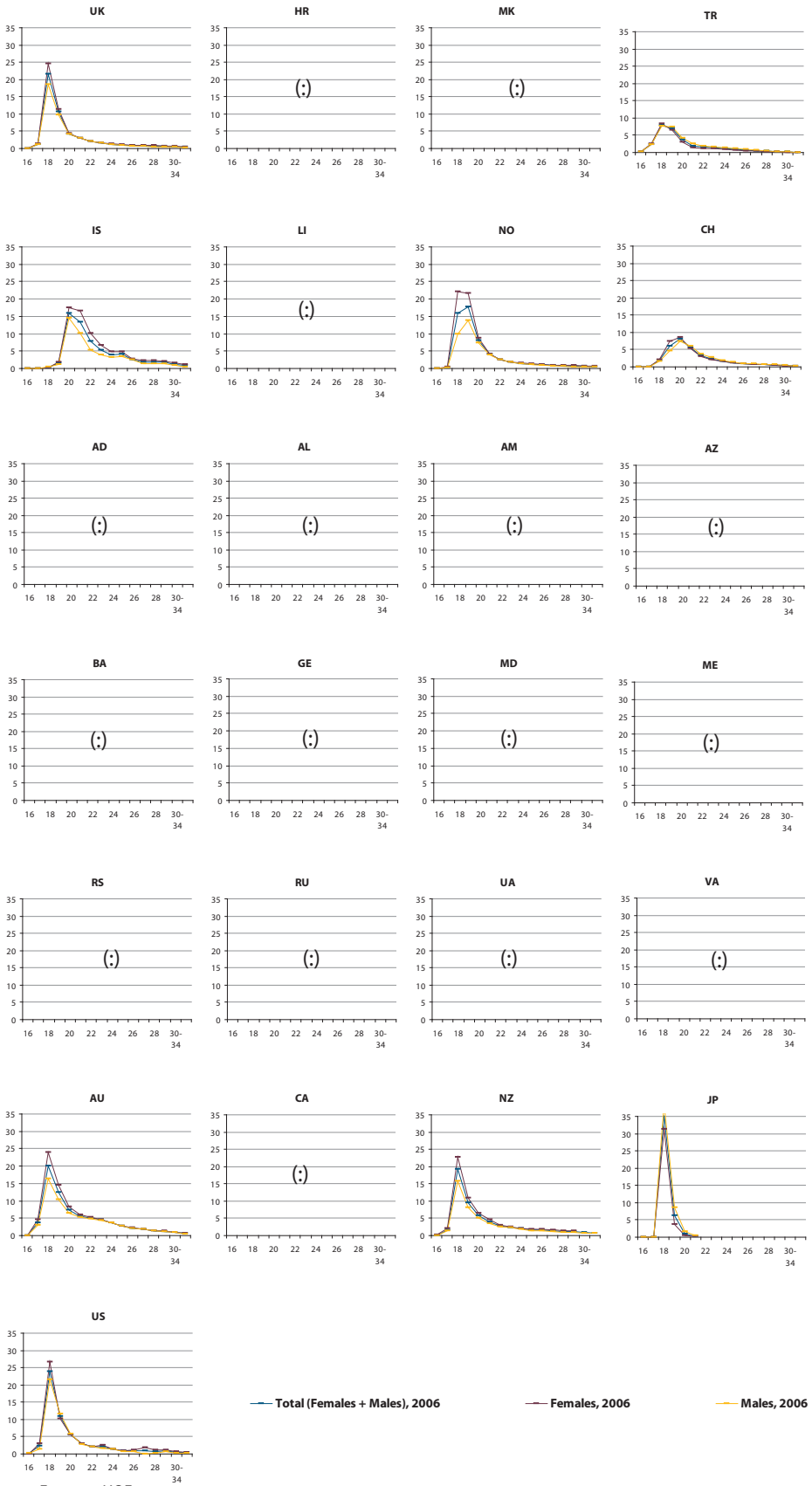


Figure A.1a: Net entry rate by age (%), ISCED 5A — 2006 (continued)



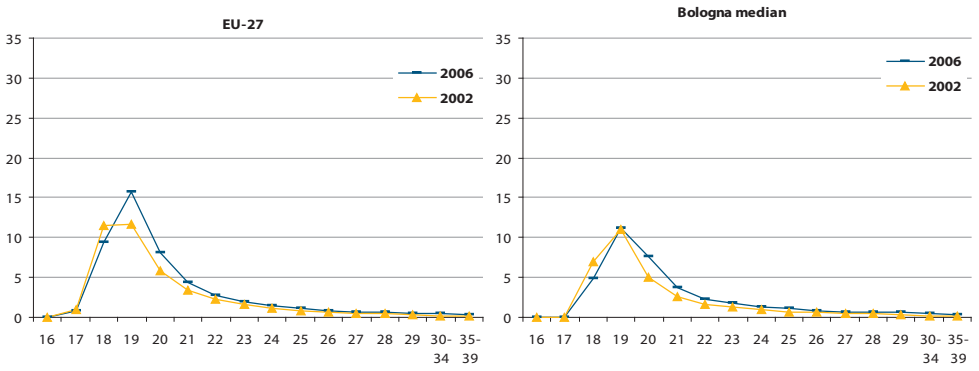
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Trend data

- The typical age of entry into higher education did not change in the EU-27 and the Bologna Area between 2002 and 2006: young people usually enter higher education at 19. For 19-year olds, the net entry rates have increased over the period but changes should be considered with caution since countries covered by the aggregate differ from one year to another.
- Between 2002 and 2006, typical entry age has remained constant in most countries, but registered a higher level in 2006 than in 2002, except in Belgium and Ireland. In Belgium, nearly 19 % of young people aged 18 entered higher education in 2002, but only 13 % of the same age in 2006. In Ireland, the entry rate at 18 decreased by one percentage point between the two years.
- In a few countries, "typical" entry age changed between 2002 and 2006. In Lithuania, entry rates of those aged 18 and 19 years old were around 15 % in 2002. In 2006, entry rate at 19 reached 24 % whereas it decreased to 6 % for entrants aged 18. Students also tended to embark later on higher education in Malta, Slovakia and to a lesser extent in Sweden.
- In half of the Bologna countries, at least 5 %, 11 % and nearly 8 % of young people aged 18, 19 and 20, respectively, entered higher education in 2006. Beyond the age of 24, less than 1 % of the population of each age embark on higher education in half of the countries.

Between 2002 and 2006, the demographic structure of the population entering higher education did not change significantly

Figure A.1b: Net entry rate by age (%), ISCED 5A — 2002 and 2006



Note: EU-27 is computed on available data.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Distribution of entrants by field of education and sex

When entering higher education, students choose their field of study according to intrinsic interest, job prospects and potential career development. They may be constrained in their choice by some specific procedures aimed at regulating the size of the student population through selection procedures or limitation of places at institutional, regional or national level. Whilst most countries apply similar procedures across all or most fields of study, some implement different procedures for the admission to certain fields of study[(2)] . These countries limit the number of places or select students in specific fields – especially health-related fields, engineering or artistic subjects.

More women enter higher education than men, which is in line with the situation in upper-secondary education: a majority of young women attend general programmes preparing them to further education at tertiary level rather than vocational programmes.

[(2)]Eurydice – Eurostat: Key data on higher education – 2007.

However, the ongoing feminisation of higher education has not reached all fields of study, and some of them remain "male strongholds". Such a pattern may have an impact on future employment and suggests that the gender gap in terms of occupation is unlikely to change in the medium term.

Indicator

One relevant indicator to assess gender preferences in terms of subjects is to present the distribution of the population of entrants by sex for each field of study, i.e. the percentage of female entrants in each field of study (Figure A.1.c). Of course, Bologna countries present some heterogeneity in this matter as shown by the minimum and maximum percentage of female entrants for each field of study. Furthermore, the Bologna median shows the share of women below and above which half of the Bologna countries are by field of study. For each field of study, the EU-27 is the bar of the histogram and the value for the EU-27 aggregate is displayed (the value is given on the left), as well as the Bologna median (see box **M2**), and the minimum and maximum observed among the Bologna countries.

Results

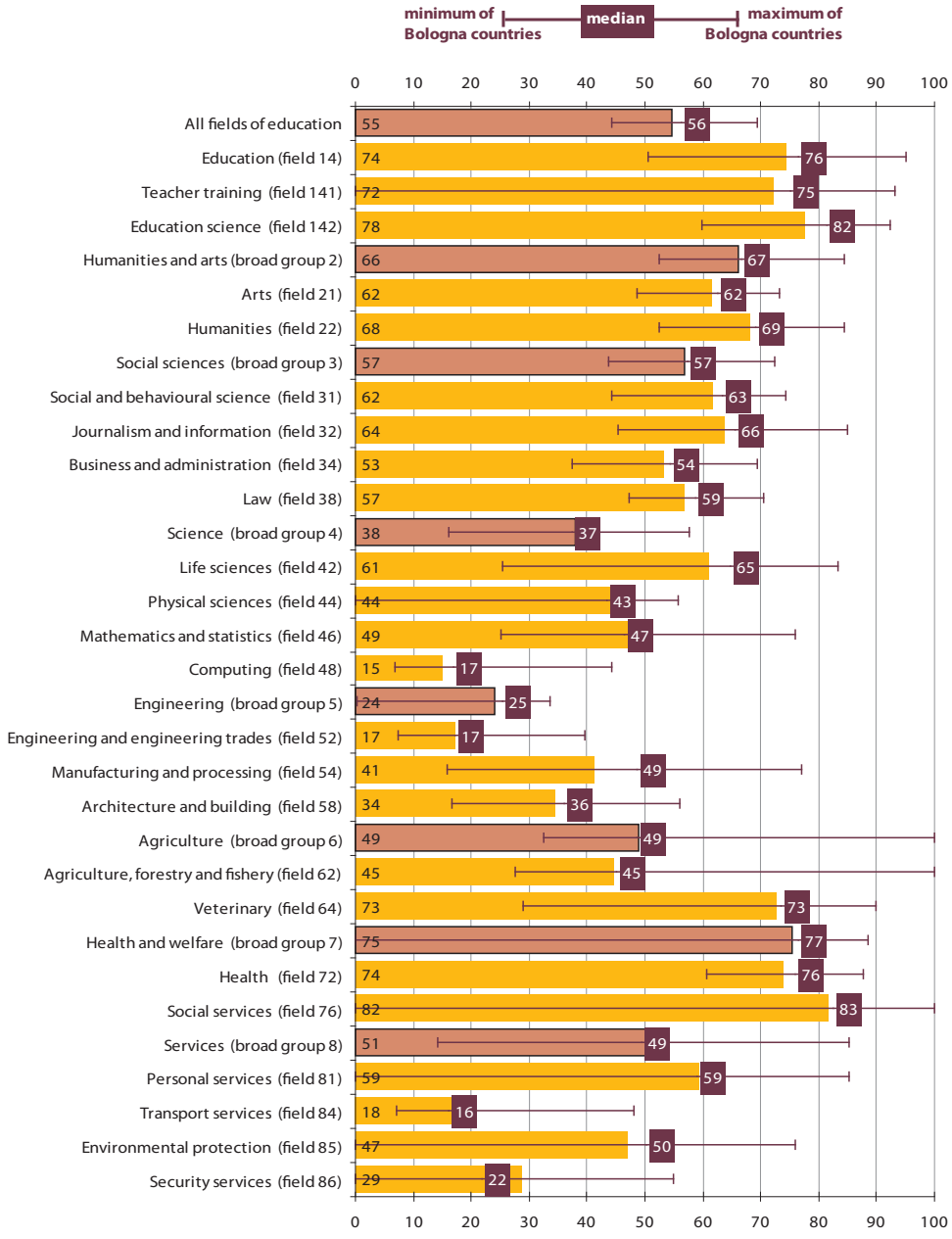
The gender gap has been closed in most fields of education…

- In all Bologna countries except Turkey, women make up the majority of entrants (all fields), but feminisation has not reached similar levels across all fields and countries.
- In education sciences and humanities, women make more than 50 % of the cohort of entrants in all Bologna countries.
- In more than half of the Bologna Area, women account for more than 65 % of the new entrants in journalism and information services, humanities, veterinary medicine, teacher training, health, education and social services.
- Women are still a minority in the broad subject groups of science, engineering and agriculture, where they account for 38 %, 24 % and 49 % of entrants respectively. Percentages of women entrants are especially low in computing (15 %), engineering and engineering trade (17 %) and transport services (18 %).

…but sciences are still a male stronghold, with women representing only slightly more than one third of new entrants

- Women are still under-represented in natural sciences and mathematics, accounting for 38 % of the total number of entrants in these fields, but disparities between scientific domains are remarkable. At EU-27 level, women account for 61 % of entrants in life science (including biology and biochemistry as well as environmental science) but 49 % in mathematics and statistics and 44 % in physical sciences.
- Women represent less than 10 % of new entrants in computing (including computer science and computer use) in the Netherlands, Poland and Andorra, but nearly 40 % in Bulgaria and Georgia and 44 % in Cyprus.
- Engineering is still dominated by men, who account for 76 % of new entrants at European level and 75 % in more than half of Bologna countries. Women are especially rare (17 %) entrants to engineering and engineering trades (mechanics and metal work, electricity and energy, electronics and automation, chemical and process and motor vehicles, ships and aircraft).

Figure A.1c: Percentage of female entrants, by field of education, ISCED 5A — 2006



Source: Eurostat, UOE.

A.2. Routes to higher education

The doors of higher education institutions must be opened to students from various backgrounds in order to widen access and provide lifelong learning opportunities. In most European countries, the upper-secondary education certificate or its equivalent constitute the "traditional" route to higher education (Figure A.2a), but students may also take non-traditional routes (Figure A.2.b).

The aim that "the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education should reflect the diversity of our population"[3] suggests that all students who complete upper-secondary education should have the skills and the opportunity to enter higher education if they wish (propaedeutic function). Moreover, this also entails that those who decided not to begin higher education immediately after upper-secondary education (because they graduated in upper-secondary vocational programmes, had work experiences, etc.) and those who failed during upper-secondary education but acquired additional knowledge and qualifications through non-formal learning, can be given a second chance to access higher education.

Although increasing participation is a policy objective shared by all Bologna countries, this may not be at the micro level: depending on national economic perspectives, upper-secondary graduates may prefer to stop studying and start their professional career for instance to avoid foregoing a regular salary in the labour market ('opportunity costs'). Moreover, many other reasons may discourage people who successfully completed upper-secondary education from entering higher education: low intrinsic interest in pursuing further studies, lack of sufficient financial resources to ensure satisfactory study conditions (Chapter B) and low expectations in terms of career development prospects and future earnings (Chapter D).

Entrants at ISCED 5A and graduates of secondary school

Under the assumption that graduation from upper-secondary school is a traditional prerequisite to higher education, it would be interesting to see what percentage of such graduates enters higher education. Countries in which this percentage is low should be examined to investigate the reason why upper-secondary education graduates choose not to enter higher education. Policy action would be needed if students from particular student groups (e.g. with a low social background) made this choice based on their perception of obstacles to entry into higher education.

Indicator

The "traditional route" to higher education may be translated into statistics using the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED). According to this classification, upper-secondary programmes designed to provide direct access to the first stage of tertiary education and that are "largely theoretically based and are intended to provide sufficient qualifications for gaining entry into advanced research programmes and profession with high skills requirements (ISCED 5A)" are labelled ISCED 3A. Post-secondary non-tertiary programmes (ISCED 4) usually "straddle the boundary between upper-secondary and post-secondary education from an international point of view" and ISCED 4A programmes are "designed to provide direct access to ISCED 5A".

The purpose of the analysis is to compare the magnitude of one population (i.e. new entrants in higher education (ISCED 5A)) to those who graduated from general upper-secondary education giving access to ISCED 5A programmes (ISCED 3A and 4A)). This provides only an approximation of those who follow the "traditional" route to higher education. However, the weakness of this indicator is threefold:

- The numerator and denominator are taken from two different reference years.

[3] London Communiqué 2007.

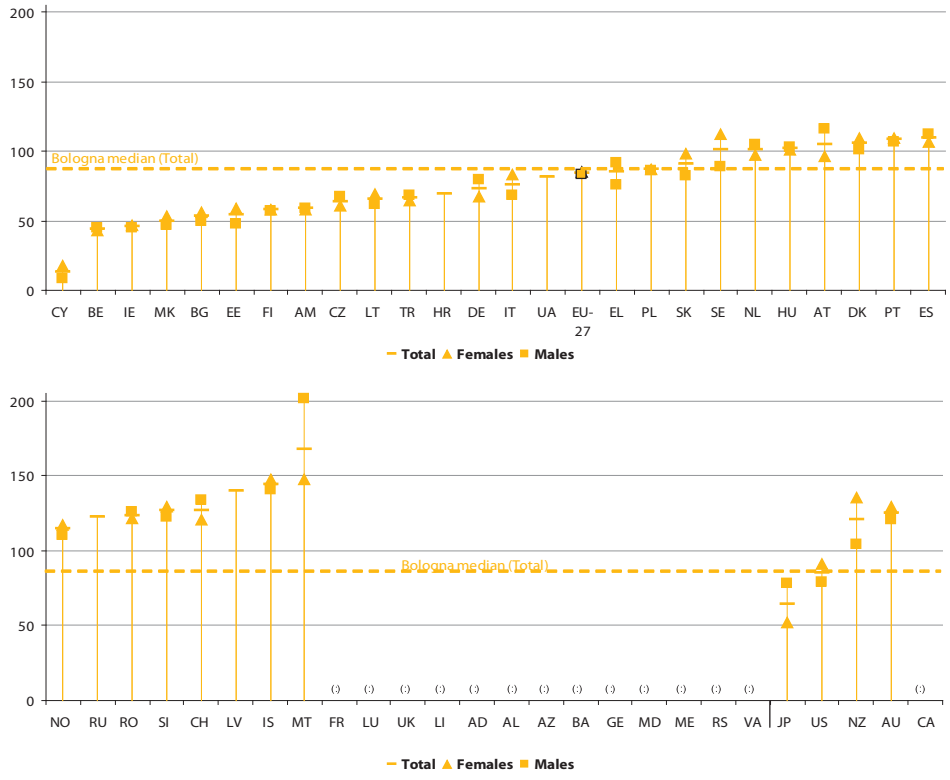
- Information on the real educational background of the population entering higher education is lacking. In fact, in some countries people who graduated from ISCED 3B (programmes designed to provide direct access to more practically oriented / occupationally specific tertiary programmes, i.e. ISCED 5B) may enter higher education and graduates of professional tertiary education (ISCED 5B) may move on to ISCED 5A subsequently. Furthermore, some higher education entrants come from abroad.
- Additionally, the age at which compulsory education ends may have an impact on the level of the indicator. Indeed, countries where compulsory education ends during upper-secondary education may register higher shares of graduates at this level than countries where compulsory education ends with lower-secondary education. As a result, the former may present lower values for this indicator, as upper-secondary schooling is not solely focussed on access to higher education.

Results

- At EU-27 level, entrants to higher education account for 84 % of qualifying graduates of general secondary schooling. Moreover, they represent at least 87 % of such graduates in half of the Bologna countries, but disparities across countries are strong. Thus, higher education institutions in Bologna countries potentially face different situations regarding the composition of the population they welcome. Finally, in nearly 60 % (17 out of 29) of Bologna countries where data are available, the ratio between entrants and secondary education graduates is higher among the female population than the male population.

Most higher education entrants follow the traditional route, especially women

Figure A.2a: Entrants at ISCED 5A as a percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling (ISCED 3A and 4A) the year before — 2006



Note : NZ 2003 data ; US 2004 data.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

- In a first cluster of countries, people entering higher education are more numerous than those who graduated from general upper-secondary education. This is especially the case in Spain, the Nordic countries (except Finland), Latvia, Hungary, Malta (albeit overestimated), the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland and Russia. With the exceptions of Austria and Sweden, the same pattern was observed for women and men. This suggests that a substantial number of people enter higher education through non-traditional routes, i.e. people entering higher education after a period of work or graduates from programmes designed to provide direct access to ISCED 5B level of tertiary education (ISCED 3B) or coming from abroad to study. For instance, in Sweden, *"Gymnasieskola"* offer both ISCED 3A and 3B and provide access to higher education. This might further be due to a number of students coming from ISCED 5B programmes. For example, in Australia and New Zealand, 17 and 14 %, respectively, of students entering an ISCED 5A programme for the first time previously studied at the tertiary-type B level (OECD, Education at a glance 2008).

People going in higher education account for less than 60 % of qualifying graduates of upper secondary education in only a few countries

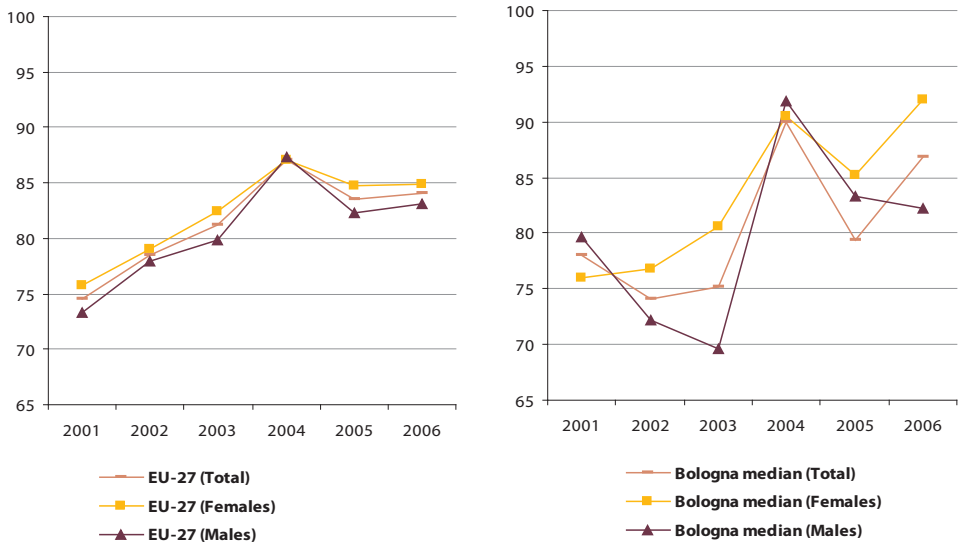
- In a second cluster, entrants in higher education account for more than 70 % of the number of graduates in upper-secondary education. In Greece, Poland and Slovakia, this share even reaches 85 % to 91 %. With the exceptions of Germany, Hungary and the Netherlands, women registered higher shares of entrants (compared to graduates) than men.
- In a third cluster, people entering higher education accounted for less than 70 % of graduates in upper-secondary education. This share was below 50 % in Belgium, Ireland, and Cyprus. This – in a similar manner to the first cluster – suggests a looser link between graduating in upper-secondary education and entering higher education.

Trend data

A growing percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling enter higher education

- Entry into higher education has increased during the past six years. At EU-27 level, entrants in higher education accounted for a growing percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling. In 2001, this percentage amounted to 75 % and reached 84 % in 2006, which represents an increase of nearly 10 percentage points. This trend is similar for men and women.
- Between 2001 and 2006, entrants as a share of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling increased on annual average in all Bologna countries except in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, Armenia and Ukraine, the annual average growth rate was even higher than 5 %.

Figure A.2b: Entrants at ISCED 5A as a percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling (ISCED 3A and 4A) the year before — 2001–2006



Source: Eurostat, UOE.

A.3. Entering higher education via non-traditional routes

Widening participation is also about reducing dead-ends in educational systems, which preclude persons with sufficient competencies but lacking standard qualifications from furthering their education. Many countries have undertaken initiatives within the past decade to reduce dead-ends and provide potential students with a second chance to enter higher education. These alternative routes are often diverse and country-specific. Nevertheless, the Eurostudent indicator applied below provides a first insight into comparative practices.

Indicator

The variety of routes to enter higher education raises some difficulties for administrative statistics to provide information on the percentage of students who enter higher education via non-traditional routes, but sample surveys may be more flexible on this issue. In fact, harmonised administrative statistics do not provide information on the educational background of entrants in higher education. Eurostudent has constructed an indicator assessing the percentage of students with non-traditional – indirect – routes into higher education among the total number of students. Quantifying such students remains difficult in comparative surveys as "non-traditional" can have different meanings from country to country. Therefore, a very narrow definition was used.

Non-traditional route is understood here as: *access to higher education through the validation of prior learning and work experience – with or without entrance examination.*

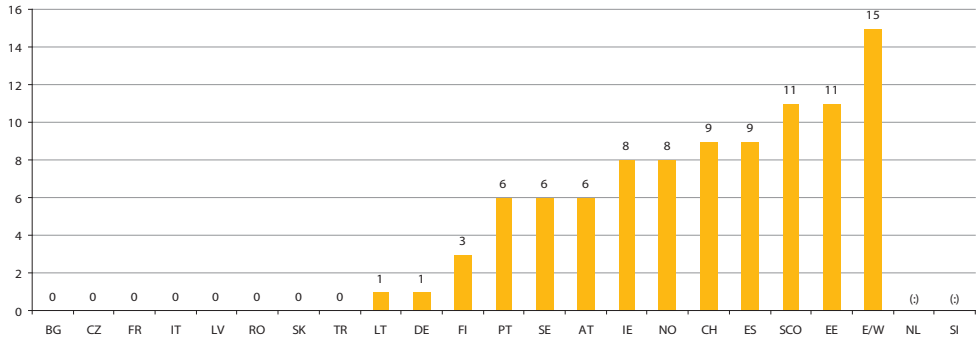
Such a narrow definition allows for more robust cross-country comparisons, but limits the scope of the analysis since it may not encompass all non-traditional routes available at national level. Comparisons between administrative data (Figure A.2a) and survey data can depict various scenarios across countries provided that data are considered comparable and consistent.

Results

In England and Wales, students from non-traditional routes accounted for 15 % of the overall student population, but this share stood below 12 % in other countries

- Spain, Austria, Portugal, Sweden and Norway show a connection between the share of entrants in higher education on qualifying graduates of secondary schooling and the percentage of students with non-traditional routes. These countries show more entrants in higher education than qualifying graduates of secondary schooling (Figure A.2a) and show in Figure A.3a between 6 % and 9 % of students coming from non-traditional routes. This suggests a close link between upper-secondary school graduation and entry into higher education and – additionally – the provision of alternative routes into higher education.
- The share of students with non-traditional routes is the highest in the United Kingdom. In England and Wales, it stood at 15 % whereas it reached 11 % in Scotland.
- In Estonia and Ireland, the share of students with non-traditional routes stood at 11 % and 8 % respectively, but higher-education entrants accounted for less than 54 % and 46 % respectively of qualifying secondary-education graduates. This suggests that these countries have a looser link between upper-secondary school graduation and routes into higher education.
- Germany, Lithuania and Finland registered low shares of non-traditional students (less than 3 %) as well as levels of entrants to qualifying graduates below 100 %. This suggests that, aside from a few exceptions, upper-secondary graduation is the main route into higher education or that countries have a wider definition of "traditional routes". Furthermore, this also indicates that a relatively large share of secondary school graduates decide – for whatever reasons – against going into higher education and choose to enter vocational education or the labour market.

Figure A.3a: Students with non-traditional routes to higher education as a share of all ISCED 5A students (%), narrow definition — 2006



Note: Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

Source: Eurostudent III.

A.4. Studying part-time in higher education

From the social dimension, analysing part-time studies in higher education is a problem. The variety of types of part-time studies (distance learning, evening and weekend courses, programmes allowing official part-time status, *de facto* part-time status, etc.) and underlying reasons (insufficient financial resources to afford full-time studies, need for employed people to update their skills) may lead to contradictory conclusions. A high share of part-time students may raise concerns about the possible lack of individual financial resources, which goes against widening access to higher education. In contrast, the developing number of workers updating their knowledge through higher education programmes could be taken as evidence that participation in higher education has been widened beyond its traditional audience and is more representative of the population as a whole. Frequency of part-time studying also depends on age. Indeed, older students are more likely to study part-time to reconcile their studies with financial independence (and thus work) and family duties.

Looking at the organisation and provision of part-time studies across the Bologna countries leads to the conclusion that the consequences of part-time studies differ between countries and, indeed, some countries do not offer this form of studying at all (see box **M3**). The two indicators shown below present administrative data (Figure A.4a and b) and self-reported assessments of study intensity from students (Figure A.4c) in an attempt to present a more complete picture.

Students studying part-time

Indicator

International statistical comparison on part-time students calls for an operational definition. A part-time student is thus one whose commitment is less than 75 % of the study week or a student who is expected to be in the programme for less than the full academic year. This definition is based on different measures (depending on specific national situations): academic value/progress, time commitment (both inside and outside the institutions where the programmes take place) or time in classroom.

Results

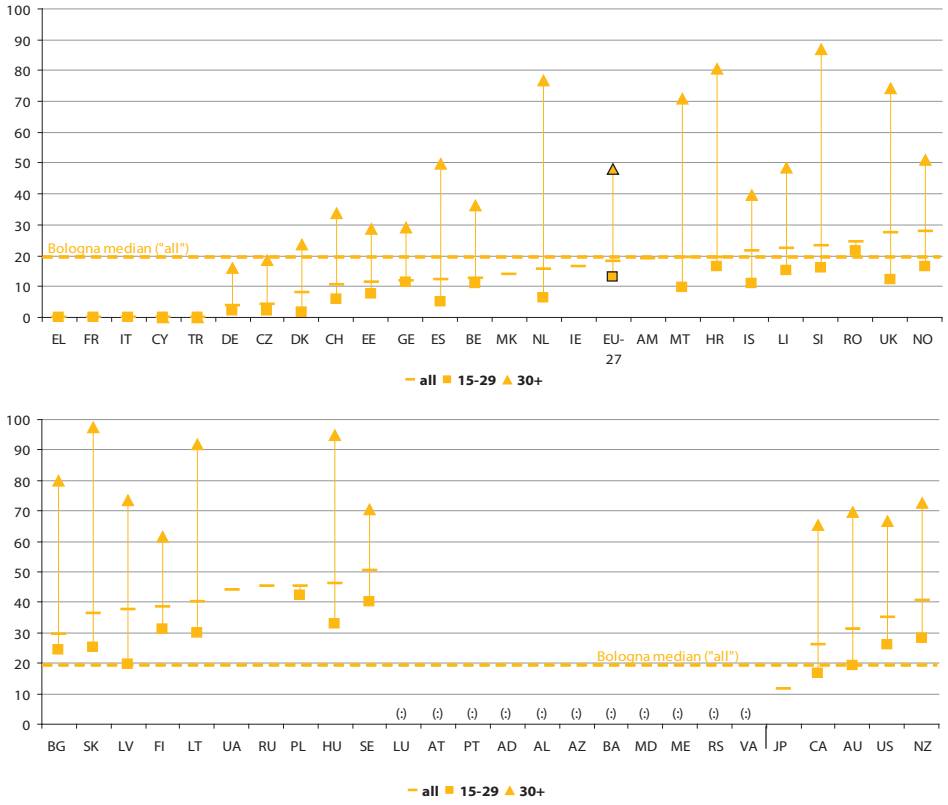
Countries registered very marked differences on part-time studying, with the share of part-time students ranging from 0 % to 50 % of the student population

- Part-time students represent less than 10 % of the total student population in only three Bologna countries for which data are available (the Czech Republic, Denmark and Germany). In addition, there are five countries where the share of part-timers is null or negligible (Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Turkey).
- Conversely, they account for more than 30 % of students in Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Finland, Russia and Ukraine (and Australia, New Zealand and the USA). In Sweden, just over half of students are part-timers. In other European countries (and Canada and Japan), part-time students represent between 10 % and 30 % of those attending higher education (ISCED 5A).
- Age is a key factor in studying part-time. In all European countries, the share of part-time students is at least three times higher in the older age group (aged 30 and over) than among the younger population, except in Finland and Sweden (around two times higher). At these ages, part-time students make up the majority except in countries where the overall share of part-time students is less than 15 % (Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Switzerland and Georgia) and in Iceland and Liechtenstein.
- The proportion of part-time students aged 30 and over is especially high in Bulgaria, Lithuania, Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and Croatia, where they represent more than 80 %.

At EU-27 level, almost half of students aged 30 and over are part-time students

- At EU-27 level, around 18 % of students in higher education (ISCED 5A) are studying part-time and the share of part-timers is especially high among students older than 29 (48 %). Actually, almost one third of part-time students are older than 29 (31 %).
- In half of the Bologna countries, the proportion of part-time students is lower than 11 % for students aged under 30. Conversely, half of the Bologna countries register more than 50 % of part-time students among those aged over 29.

Figure A.4a: Percentage of students studying part-time, by age group (15–29, 30+, all), ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: data sorted in ascending order, by "all".

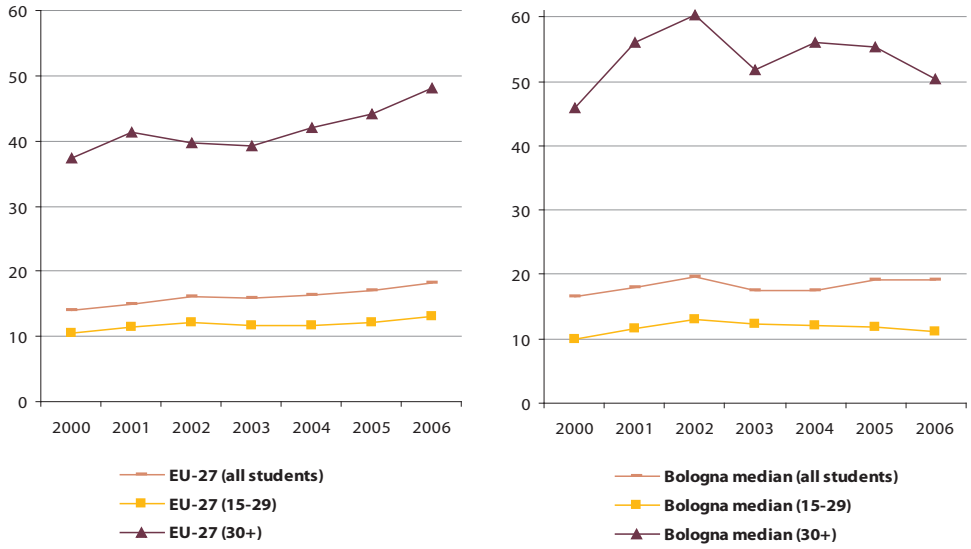
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Trend data

Part-time studying has developed more rapidly within older student groups

- Between 2000 and 2006, the share of part-time students increased on average by more than 1.6 % per year in half of the Bologna countries.
- The EU-27 registered the strongest annual increases in the proportion of part-time students between the years 2000–2001, 2001–2002 and 2005–2006. This share increased on average by 4 % per year between 2000 and 2006. The proportion of part-time students increased more rapidly in the population aged 30 and over (+4.4 % annually on average between 2000 and 2006) than among the youngest population of students (+3.6 %).
- On average, the proportion of part-time students increased in most countries over the period except in Bulgaria (-1.3 %), the Czech Republic (-1.6 %), Estonia (-5.6 %), Latvia (-1.7 %), the Netherlands (-1 %), Poland (-0.4 %), Croatia (-2.6 %), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (-3.1 %) and Russia (-0.8 %). In contrast, Belgium, Lithuania and Romania registered the strongest growth in the share of part-time students, with an annual average growth of over 9 %.

Figure A.4b: Percentage of students studying part-time, by age group (15–29, 30+, all), ISCED 5A — 2000–2006



Note: data sorted in ascending order, by "all".

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

M3 – Various forms of "part-time studies"

Focusing on study status in international comparisons may conceal differences in modus of study and study intensity. It is possible to differentiate between at least four types of "part-time" studying:

- Students enrolled in distance education. These students usually work and spend only part of their time for higher education studies.
- Students attending evening courses and weekend courses at higher education institutions. These programmes are specifically designed for students who work, and therefore can only spend part of their time on their studies, mainly outside working hours. These courses are offered by higher education institutions in addition to the courses for full-time students, mainly on evenings and weekends.
- Students enrolled in "normal" programmes, but with an official part-time status. Usually these can be expected to "allow" students to take less than 100 % of credits per year, compared with what is expected from full-time students. These students would attend "normal" courses, but as a result of dedicating only part of their time to studies, the time until graduation would be expected to take longer than for full-time students.
- Students who are enrolled as full-time students, but who actually spend only part of their time on study related activities.

In some countries one of the most significant differences is that part-time students, even if studying with the same intensity as full-time students, may have to pay higher tuition fees and/or receive less state support for their studies (e.g. in England/Wales, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic). Other countries (e.g. Germany, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic) have introduced special tuition fees for full-time students, who take considerably longer to graduate than the expected duration.

Source: Eurostudent, 2008, "Social and Economic Conditions of Student Life in Europe".

De facto part-time status (self-reported empirical data)

Another meaningful indicator to assess how many students can be considered part-time students is to ask students how many hours they spend during a typical week on study-related activities (i.e. lectures and personal study). It departs from an analysis of the formal status of student; it is also considered that the self-evaluated time in study-related activities by students is a better estimation of the phenomenon. Indeed, the Eurostudent data used here looks at the study intensity of students, who consider themselves as having full-time status in their respective national system.

Indicator

This data is based on self-reported information and is not related to any theoretical full-time commitment of a normal national student, which explains the differences in results compared with the data provided by administrative sources (Figures A.4a and A.4b).

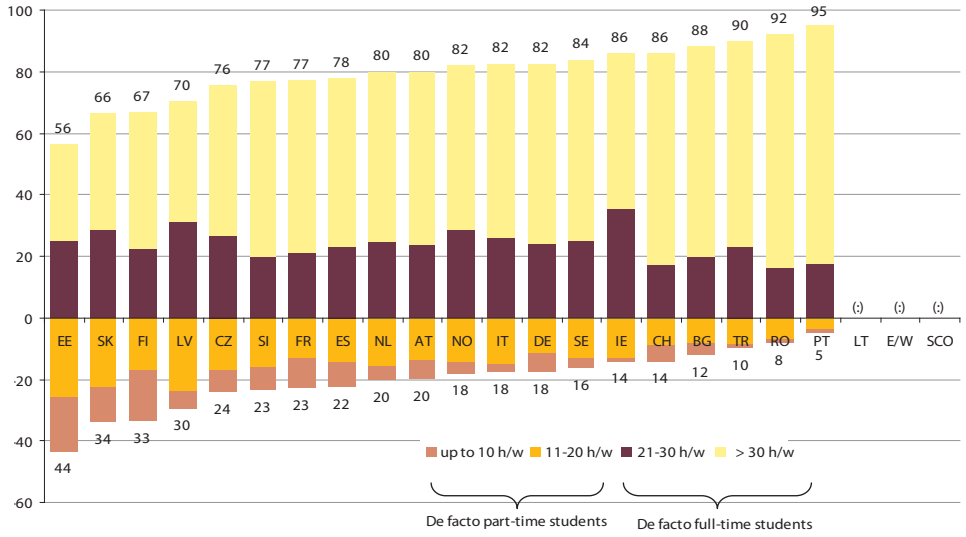
Particular emphasis is placed on students who declare spending less than 21 hours a week on study-related activities. These students are considered as studying de facto part-time.

Results

In a majority of countries, more than half of students declare spending more than 30 hours a week studying

- In all countries for which data are available, except Estonia, Slovakia and Finland, 70 % or more of full-time students declare they dedicate more than 20 hours a week to higher education studies. Among these de facto full-time students, a majority even devote more than 30 hours a week in 15 of the 20 countries for which data are available.
- In Estonia, Slovakia and Finland, more than one third of students with full-time status declared spending 20 hours or less studying during the past week. This share is six times higher than that of Portugal, which registered the lowest share of de facto part-time students.

Figure A.4c: De facto student status: students with full-time status by size of effective workload for study-related activities per week (%), ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

Source: Eurostudent III.

A.5. Social background and completion of tertiary education

A key element of the social dimension of higher education is that it should provide equitable conditions of access and success to all. Such access and success for all depend on many interrelated factors that go beyond higher education. Accessing higher education still largely depends on the ability of earlier stages of schooling (upper-secondary but also primary education) to compensate for educational effects of socioeconomic disadvantages through different structural mechanisms (tracking pupils at a late stage of education, improving teacher quality in underprivileged areas, etc.). It also depends on those specific policies that raise the educational aspiration of underprivileged populations and develop non-traditional routes to higher education.

Financial factors also play a role in access to and success in higher education. To differing degrees, European countries have set up different schemes of public financial support to students. Countries may either support students to pay tuition costs (if they exist) and/or to cover living costs, through different financial arrangements (grants, loans or mixed grants and loans) (see Chapter B). The conditions governing the award of such support and the amounts transferred to students clearly have an impact on both access to higher education and on the study framework: success is not only a question of academic excellence.

This section will look at completion of tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) by social background, in an attempt to assess the degree of social bias in different education and higher education systems.

Indicator

One relevant indicator to approach the intergenerational transmission of disadvantages in education is to calculate the share of persons whose parents have completed at most low (ISCED 0-2 and 3c short) or medium (ISCED 3-4, excluding 3c short) or high (ISCED 5-6) education and who themselves have completed higher education. For instance, for the category 'low', the indicator takes the number of tertiary education graduates with parents who attained at most 'low' education and divides this by the number of people in the national population whose parents attained at most 'low' education. Such an indicator goes beyond monitoring the widening access to higher education. Indeed, it establishes a correlation between those who entered and successfully competed higher education and the highest educational level of their parents.

Results by sex (Figure A.5a) provide some insight into whether increasing female participation over the past decades has benefited all young women or predominantly those from a higher socioeconomic background.

Nonetheless, direct cross-country comparisons are still to be considered with caution, since the maximum educational attainment of parents is only a proxy for the socioeconomic background of those who completed higher education. Furthermore, the educational attainment of the overall population differs across European countries and the chances people have to attend and complete higher education irrespective of the level of the educational attainment of their parents differ greatly across countries. Moreover, some studies argue that there is a significant loss in predictive power by aggregating the levels ISCED 5A and 6 – essentially academic courses – with ISCED 5B – with a more vocational focus[4].

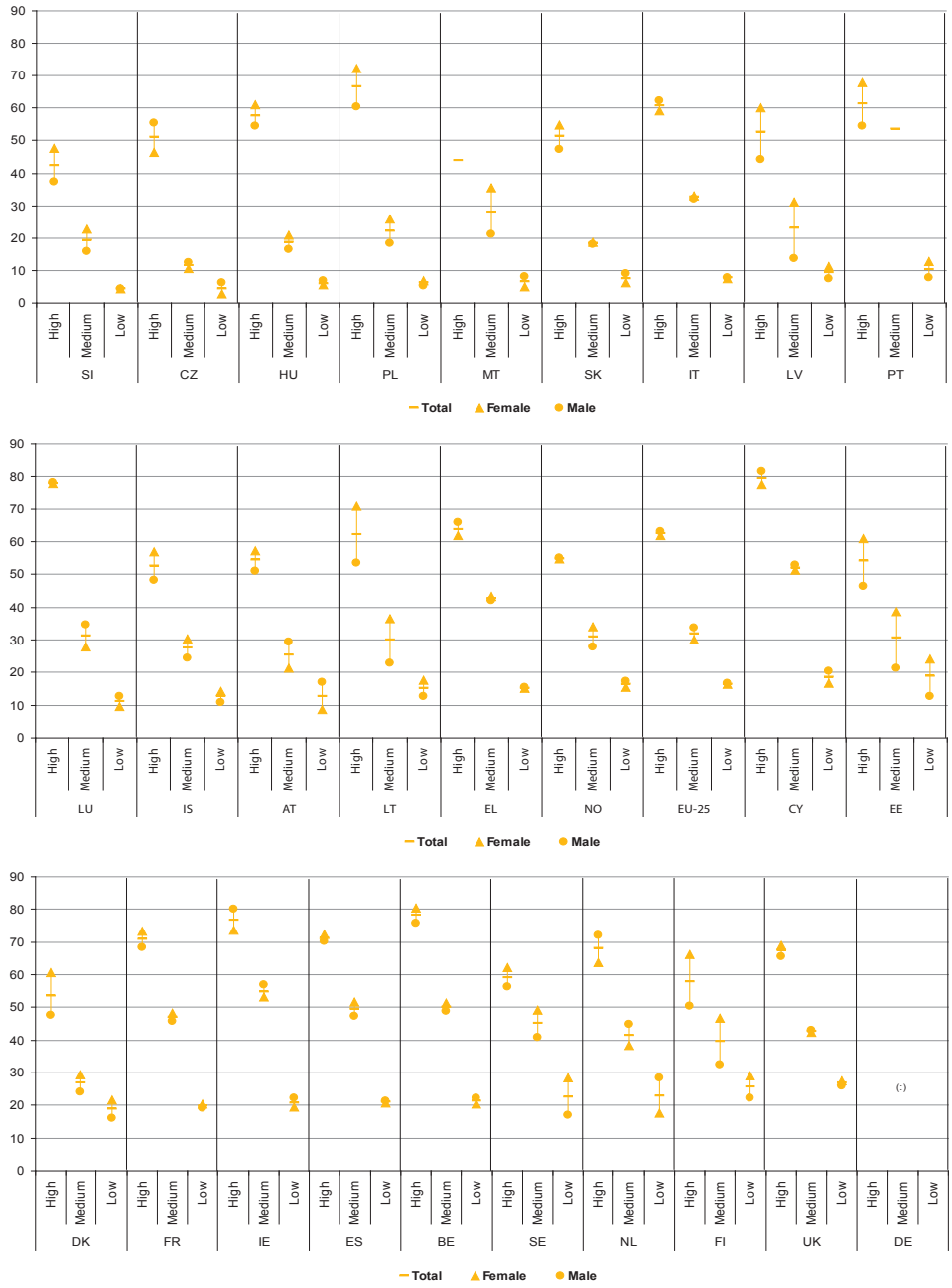
[4] Schneider, Silke (2008). Nominal comparability is not enough: Evaluating cross-national measures of educational attainment using ISEI scores. *Sociology Working Papers No. 2008-04,* University of Oxford.

The level of education of parents still has an impact on success in higher education

Results

- At European level, there is a clear influence of the educational level of parents on the success (and thus access) of their children in higher education. Out of 100 persons whose parents' maximum educational level is at most lower-secondary education, around 17 have completed higher education. For those whose parents completed at most upper-secondary education, there are 32 % who successfully completed higher education.

Figure A.5a: Percentage of individuals (aged 25 and over) having completed tertiary education (ISCED 5-6), according to the educational background of their parents (low, medium, high), by sex — 2005



Note: Data sorted in ascending order, by Total, Low.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

This share reaches 63 % for those whose parents have completed tertiary education. People whose parents have graduated from high educational thus have higher chances than others of accessing and completing tertiary education.

- Overall, the impact of the educational level of parents on successful completion of higher education is especially high in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Cyprus, Poland and Slovakia as well as in Belgium, Italy, and Luxembourg.
- Four of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway), Estonia and the United Kingdom registered a more limited impact of the educational level of parents. This may be related to universal public financial support in these countries (see Chapter B).
- When considering the total population, the influence of the educational level of parents on completing higher education reveals marked difference between countries. In the Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, less than 10 % of those whose parents have at most lower-secondary education completed higher education, but this share stood at slightly more than one fourth in Finland and the United Kingdom.

In some countries, less than 10 % of those whose parents have low education graduate from higher education

- Completion of higher education increases when considering people whose parents have completed at most upper-secondary education, but remains below 25 % in some countries (the Czech Republic, Latvia, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia). This share exceeded 50 % in Belgium, Ireland, Cyprus and Portugal.
- In all European countries (except Malta and Slovenia), more than 50 % of those whose parents achieved higher education also completed higher education. In Belgium, Ireland, Cyprus and Luxembourg, more than 75 % of those whose parents were highly educated also completed higher education; in Spain and France, this share amounted to 71 %.

The transmission of disadvantages through generations tends to affect males and females equally

- At EU-25 level, the transmission of disadvantages through generations affects sons and daughters to a similar extent, even if women continue to have lower chances of accessing and completing higher education than men (especially those from households with medium educational backgrounds). However, this overall picture hides remarkable disparities across countries.
- Regardless of the level of education of their parents, women have lower chances of completing higher education in the Czech Republic, Ireland, Cyprus, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The opposite holds true in the Nordic countries (except Norway), the Baltic states, France, Poland and Slovenia.
- In the Czech Republic, Malta, the Netherlands and Austria, daughters of parents with a low educational level are proportionally far less likely to complete higher education than sons from similar households. For instance, in the Czech Republic, only 3 % of women whose parents were educated to a lower-secondary level successfully completed higher education. This proportion is half of the one of men from an identical background.
- In Denmark, the Baltic States, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and Iceland daughters from an underprivileged socioeconomic background have much higher chances of completing higher education than sons in a similar position.
- In a majority of countries, daughters of households with a high educational level have better chances of finishing higher education than sons, with the exception of Italy and the Netherlands, where the opposite pattern was observed.

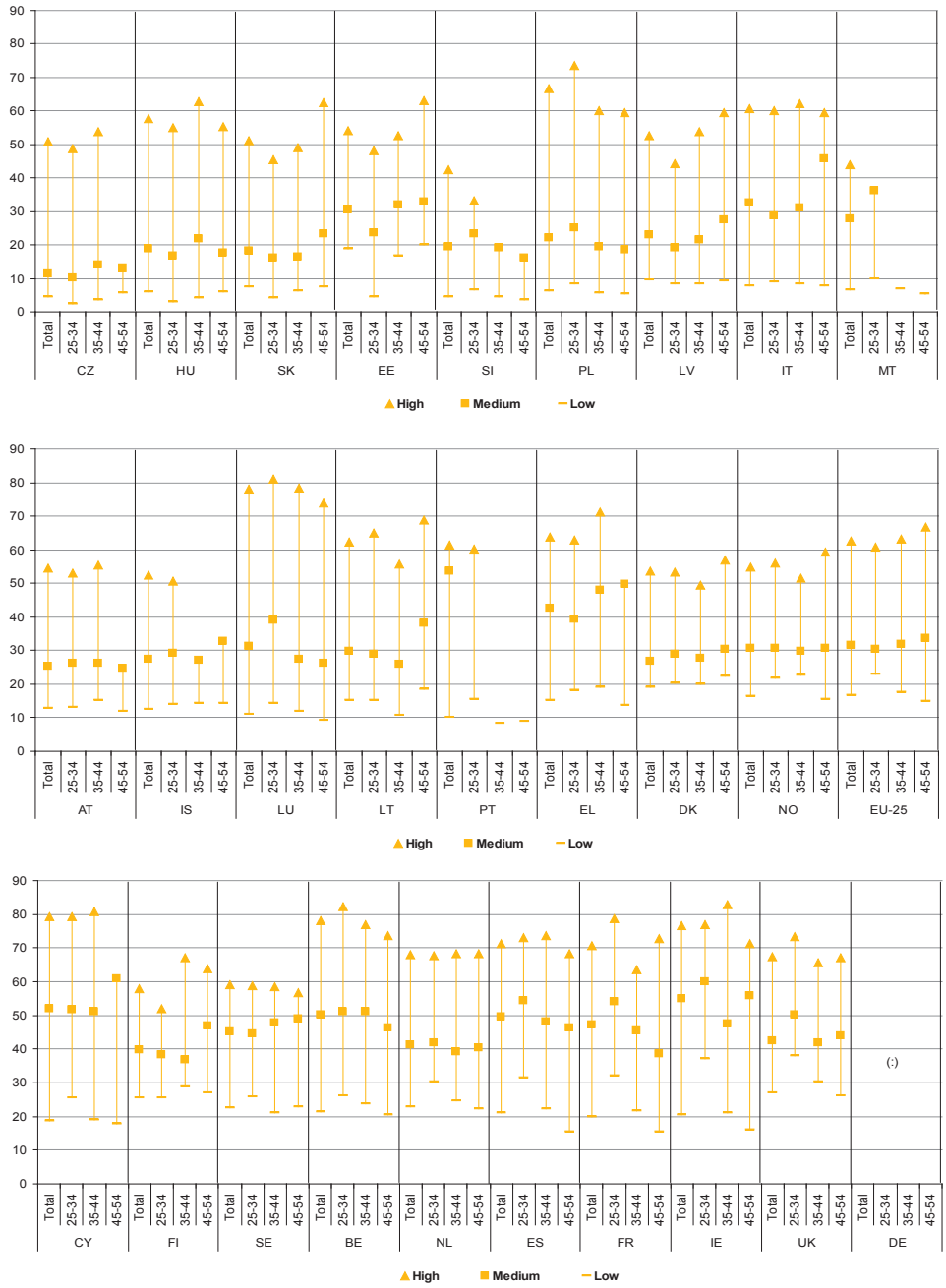
Indicator

Widening access to higher education implies that young generations have more chances of successfully completing higher education than their elders. The following indicator presents the intergenerational transmission of disadvantages for three age groups (25–34, 35–44 and 45–54); results by age group provide information on how chances of success in higher education have changed over time for a specific virtual cohort. Cross-country comparisons should be considered with caution due to sample sizes and structural differences in higher education systems. In fact, in countries where higher education lasts longer than in others, the indicator is less accurate for the youngest age group (25–34-year-olds).

Results

- At EU-25 level, for someone whose parents only had basic schooling (lower-secondary education), the chances of graduating from higher education have increased over time. Only 15 % of persons aged between 45 and 54 years whose parents achieved at most lower-secondary education graduated from higher education, but this share stood at 23 % among those aged between 25 and 34.

Figure A.5b: Percentage of individuals (aged 25–34, 35–44, 45–54) having completed tertiary education (ISCED 5-6), according to the educational background of their parents (low, medium, high) — 2005



Note: Data sorted in ascending order, by Low, 25-34.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

- The European pattern is slightly different for those whose parents have achieved at least upper-secondary education. Indeed, at EU-25 level, those aged between 25 and 34 years whose parent have upper-secondary or tertiary education and who completed tertiary education are proportionally less numerous than those aged between 35 and 44 years.
- Underprivileged young people have benefited from the development of higher education. In many EU Member States, the proportion of those whose parents achieved at most lower-secondary education and who graduated from tertiary education is higher among 25–34-year-olds than those aged between 35 and 44. For instance, these shares increased by more than 40 % between these two age groups in Ireland, Spain, France, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia, but still stand at very different levels between these countries.
- In the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary and Slovakia, the share of people born in households with low educational level who completed tertiary education decreased between the two youngest age groups.

Young people from households with low educational level have more chances of graduating than their elders

B

Study framework

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- Between 2001 and 2005, annual public expenditure on tertiary education increased at the same pace as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Bologna countries. In 2005, half of Bologna countries spent more than 1.1 % of GDP on higher education. As a share of total public expenditure, half of Bologna countries devoted more than 2.8 % to higher education.
- Annual expenditure by student reflects investment by the size of the respective higher education systems, i.e. the number of students serviced. Expenditure per student varies on a scale of 1 to 7 among Bologna countries. A "typical" Bologna country spent EUR 8 300 PPS per full-time equivalent student in 2005, of which nearly 30 % was devoted to R&D and ancillary services. Spending on core educational goods and services per student were twice as high in the US as in most Bologna countries.
- Bologna countries are increasingly investing in R&D and ancillary services, while expenditure on core educational goods and services increase at a lower rate.
- In the Bologna Area, higher education institutions receive one fifth of their total resources from private funding. Private funding increased in almost all Bologna countries, although its level remains low compared to the US and Japan.
- One major component of private funding is student fees. Although the complexity and diversity of contribution schemes make it difficult to assess how much a student ultimately pays, the data show that students devote up to 25 % of their total budget to the payment of tuition or other fees. In higher education systems with fees, the amount varies in a proportion of 1 to 8 according to the country considered.
- In all countries for which data are available, students combine income from job, family and state support in order to pursue their studies. In many cases, students largely rely on their family and/or job as major income sources. In most countries state support is essential, but insufficient as a compensation for dependence on family and/or job income.
- The median Bologna country dedicates around 10 % of public expenditure on tertiary education to non-repayable grants. Around half of the Bologna countries for which data are available offer public subsidised loan schemes, which account for around 7 % of public expenditure on tertiary education at EU-27 level. In the Bologna Area the share of public expenditure allocated as loans is particularly high in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Norway, and in Australia, New Zealand and Japan outside this area.
- Public support schemes which provide direct monetary support to students vary across the Bologna countries. In general, they are based on universal, compensatory or meritocratic criteria. Further support is frequently provided indirectly, by providing infrastructure for the benefit of students (e.g. discount accommodation) or their parents (e.g. tax discounts), however, these schemes are hard to quantify in fiscal terms.

Main issues

Once a student has entered the higher education system, an effective use of public and private resources can only be ensured by providing a study environment, which is conducive to the successful completion of studies. The study environment influences a student's experience of higher education and his/her learning process and therefore impacts on the effect of higher education studies. This challenge for both policy and practice becomes even more relevant in view of the changing student body entering higher education and, especially, in relation to efforts to ensure the study success of non-traditional students (see Chapter A).

This chapter looks at income and expenditure in higher education systems in order to highlight some of the aspects of the study framework from both a macro and micro perspective.

In the first instance, public expenditure is compared across the countries in relation to the strength of a country's economy and its public expenditure (Figures B.1a and B.1b) and in relation to the number of students in the respective higher education system (Figures B.1c and B.1d).

Public expenditure is not the only source of funding for higher education institutions and therefore the mix between public and private funding sources is analysed in the subsequent section (Figures B.2a and B.2b).

A major source of private income for HEIs, and one particularly relevant within the context of the social dimension of higher education, is students' fees and other financial contributions. The analysis looks at these by comparative price (Figure B.2c) and by share of students' total monthly income (Figure B.2d).

Students finance their studies through three main income sources – parents, state support and jobs. The analysis shows a comparative picture for European higher education (Figure B.3c). Of particular interest from a policy perspective is the design of state support. The analysis in this chapter compares countries by the share of repayable and non-repayable support (mix of loans and grants – Figures B.3a and B.3b), by the use of equity-based criteria (Figure B.4a) and by the supplementary provision of indirect support (Figure B.3d). Finally, case-study data will also be provided to illustrate the effects of both direct and indirect state support on students' incomes (Figure B.4b).

B.1. Expenditure on tertiary education

Public expenditure on higher education represents the efforts made by respective countries to ensure the basic operation of the higher education enterprise, which encapsulates, in general, research and teaching activities, as well as ancillary services in order to support these primary activities. Both the recent expansion of higher education participation in terms of volume and the widening of participation in terms of participative equity (see Chapter A) lead to increased demands on public funding and, therefore, present challenges for the public purse. These challenges become more acute because of the concurrent increases in demands in other areas of the public budget (e.g. social services and health care).

Public expenditure in relation to strength of a country's economy and share of public budget

Public expenditure (from local, regional and national levels of governments) on tertiary education includes not only the funding of universities and higher education institutions, but also all other tertiary educational institutions which provide education-related services. This includes entities administering education (for example, ministries or departments of education), entities providing ancillary services (vocational and psychological counselling, student transport, accommodation etc.), and entities performing educational research, curriculum development, and educational policy analysis.

Indicators

One relevant indicator to assess a country's financial effort in supporting its higher education system is the share of public expenditure on higher education in relation to gross domestic production (GDP), i.e. public expenditure weighted by the strength of a country's economy. This indicator represents the share of available income generated in an economy which is allocated to higher education and, as such, may reflect government efforts to invest in tertiary education (Figure B.1a).

Governments have to make policy choices in respect of their investment in higher education as opposed to other areas. A further indicator can be used to reflect these choices and respective priority given to higher education over other areas of public funding. This indicator presents public expenditure on higher education as a share of total public expenditure (Figure B.1a).

Results

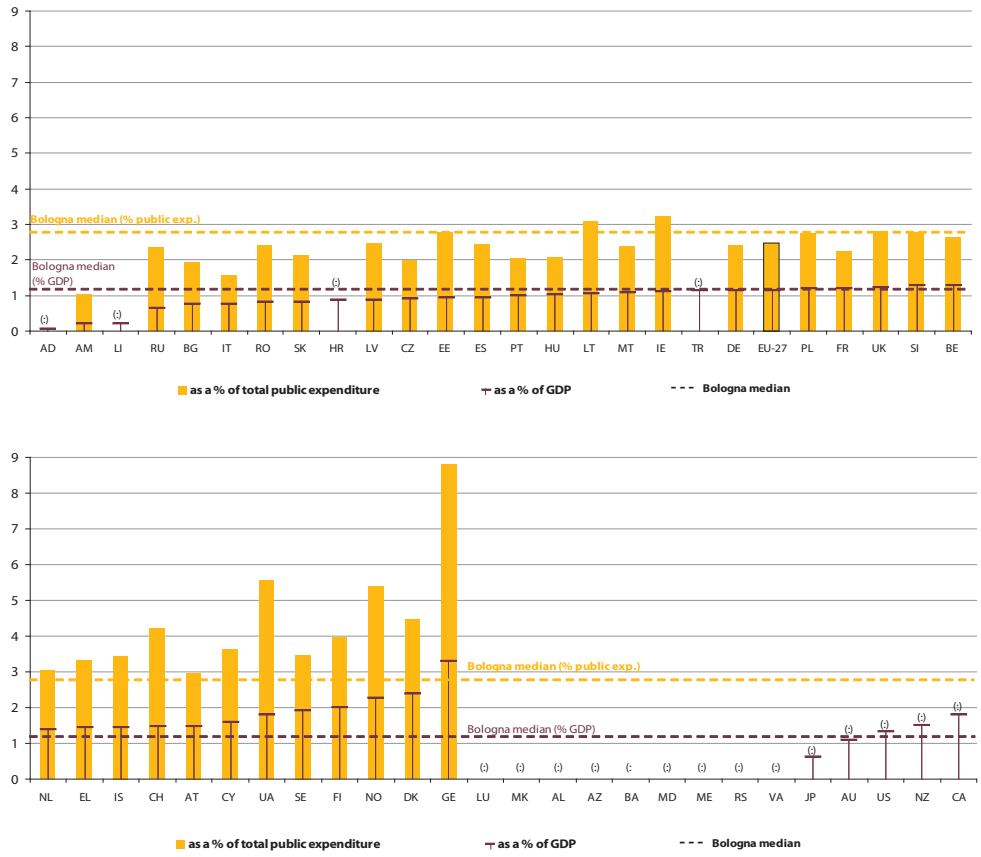
- The results shows that in 2005, the median Bologna country invested 1.1 % of GDP and 2.8 % of total public expenditure in higher education (median values – see box **M4**) – these values are used in Figure B.1a to determine the benchmark. At EU-27 level, expenditure on higher education stood at 1.2 % of GDP, or 2.5 % of total public expenditure.
- The Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway) invest the highest shares of GDP in higher education, ranging in 2005 from 1.9 % of GDP in Sweden to 2.4 % in Denmark. A large part of that expenditure was devoted to financial aid to students in the form of grants and loans (see Figure B.3a below). Beside the Nordic countries, Georgia shows the highest share (3.3 %) of GDP invested in higher education.
- Regarding the share of total public expenditure invested in higher education, a further group of countries join the first Nordic group and Georgia – Cyprus, Iceland, Switzerland and Ukraine with a share of investment ranging from 3.6 % (Cyprus) to 5.6 % (Ukraine).
- Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Hungary, Malta, Portugal and Slovakia allocate around or less than 2 % of their public budget to higher education; in comparison these are low values.

In 2005, half of Bologna countries devoted more than 2.8 % of total public expenditure to higher education

M4 – Bologna median values

The median value is the point dividing the Bologna countries into two equal halves, meaning that half of the Bologna countries are below the median value and the remaining half are above. This value is computed for all countries for which data are available and is unweighted (i.e. it does not take account of the countries' population size).

Figure B.1a: Annual public expenditure allocated to tertiary education, as a percentage of GDP and of total public expenditure, ISCED 5-6 — 2005



Note: TR, RU, 2002 data; CA, 2002 data.

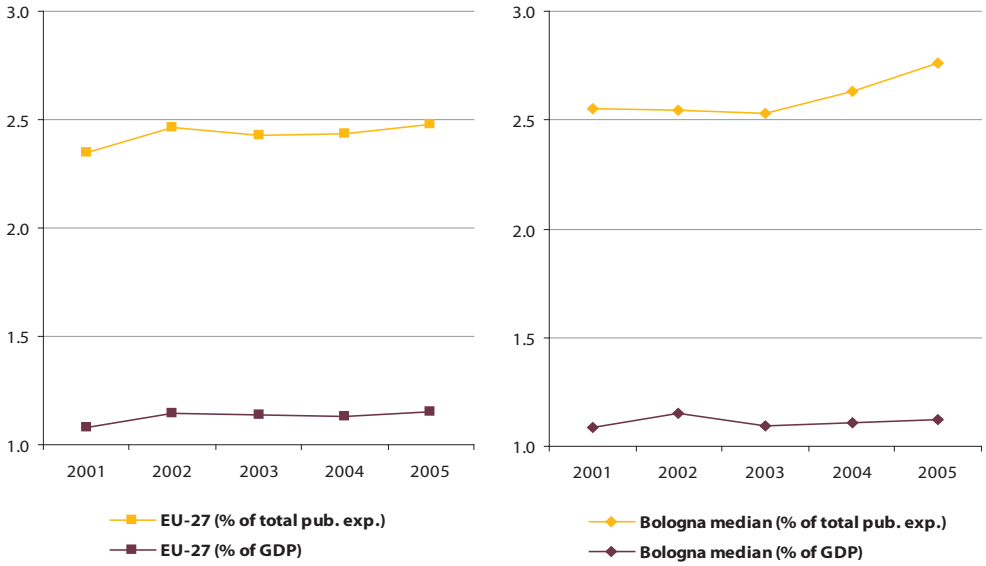
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

From 2001 to 2005, annual public expenditure on tertiary education increased at the same pace as GDP

Trend data

- In all Bologna countries for which data are available the unweighted median indicates that tertiary education expenditure in relation to GDP has not increased between 2001 and 2005. In this period, the share of public expenditure devoted to higher education remained relatively stable (see Figure B.1b right-hand chart – data for all countries are available in the annex).
- Using the EU-27 weighted average, we can see that EU countries increased public expenditure on tertiary education in relation to GDP by around 6 % between 2001 and 2005, with an average annual growth rate of 1.4 %.
- Huge variations across countries were also observed: public expenditure on tertiary education in relation to GDP was reduced by 22 % between 2001 and 2005 in Lithuania, whereas in the United Kingdom and Russia, it increased by 50 %.

Figure B.1b: Annual public expenditure allocated to tertiary education, as a percentage of GDP and of total public expenditure, ISCED 5-6 — 2001–2005



Note: the EU-27 aggregate is a weighted average which is not directly comparable to the Bologna unweighted median, for which small-sized countries are given a greater weight.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Total expenditure on higher education by number of students

When considering the performance of education systems in relation to their financial resources, it is also relevant to look at total expenditure (both public and private) per student. This indicator reflects the financial investment of a country in relation to the size of the student population.

Annual expenditure per full-time student is a key indicator to compare resources devoted to higher education across countries

Indicator

Total expenditure on educational institutions per student represents the amount of income a tertiary institution has per enrolled student. These amounts are expressed in EUR PPS (Purchasing Power Standards see box **M5**) which take into account the different price levels in each country.

The annual expenditure per student shown here includes direct expenditure on educational institutions, provided by public and private sources. However, it does not include expenditure directed outside educational institutions (see box **M6**). Direct expenditure on educational institutions is more directly connected to the provision of educational programmes and therefore to its quality.

Two kinds of expenditure on educational institutions can be distinguished. "Core expenditure" is expenditure directly related to the provision of instructional services. Additionally, expenditure may be used for educational peripheral goods and services which include research and development as well as ancillary services (meals, transport, accommodation, etc.).

It should be noted that it is currently not reliable to differentiate between these two categories – ancillary services and research – which limits the value of a comparison between "core expenditure" and other at the present, since expenditure in ancillary services may be made to improve the study conditions of students.

The median Bologna country spent EUR 8 300 PPS per full-time equivalent student in 2005, of which nearly 30 % was devoted to R&D and ancillary services

Expenditure per student varies on a scale from 1 to 7 among Bologna countries

Results

- From the unweighted median computed on available data, it appears that the median Bologna country spent EUR 8 290 PPS per full-time equivalent student in 2005 (Figure B.1c). When considering only core expenditure (total expenditure minus expenditure on research and ancillary services), this amounted to EUR 5 900 PPS in 2005, corresponding to a share of 71 % of total expenditure.
- On the basis of the EU-27 average one can see that core expenditure accounted for two thirds of spending; one third of total expenditure on educational institutions being devoted to research and development and ancillary services.
- In 2005, five countries (Denmark, Austria, Sweden, Liechtenstein and Norway) spent more than 1.5 times the Bologna median level of total expenditure, whereas the Baltic countries, Bulgaria, Romania and Russia spent less than half of this median amount. This reveals a significant gap between Bologna countries in terms of investment per student in tertiary education: expenditure per student ranges from EUR 2 400 PPS in Romania up to EUR 17 000 PPS in Liechtenstein.
- This variation is partly due to the differences between countries investing in research and development (R&D) and in ancillary services with a share of annual expenditure devoted to "core education" varying from less than 60 % in Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom, to (almost) 100 % in Estonia and Croatia.
- Outside the Bologna Area, expenditure per student in 2005 amounted to EUR 7 940 PPS in New-Zealand and EUR 20 950 PPS in the United States (Figure B.2a). This amount was more than double the total expenditure in 75 % of countries reported here. Expenditure in the US was greater than anywhere else, especially in terms of "core expenditure", as only 23 % of total expenditure was devoted to R&D and ancillary services.

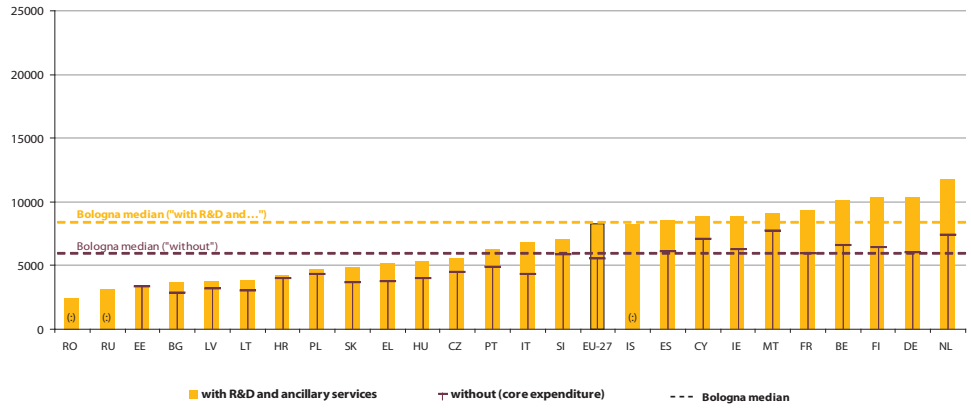
M5 – Purchasing Parity Standards

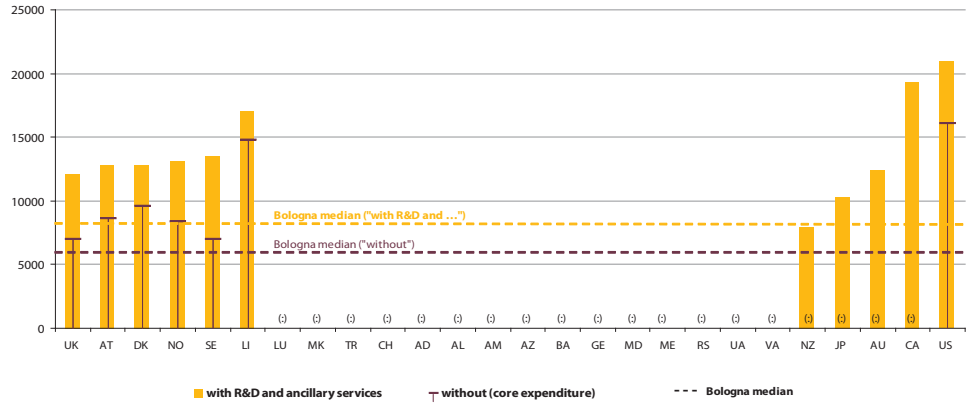
Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) refers to the artificial common reference currency unit used in the European Union to express the volume of economic aggregates for the purpose of spatial comparisons in such a way that price level differences between countries are eliminated. Economic volume aggregates in PPS are obtained by dividing their original value in national currency units by the respective PPP (Purchasing Power Parity). 1 PPS thus buys the same given volume of goods and services in all countries, whereas different amounts of national currency units are needed to buy this same volume of goods and services in individual countries, depending on the price level.

M6 – Collating total expenditure on higher education

Education expenditure includes direct expenditure on educational institutions and indirect expenditure on goods, services purchased outside educational institutions to support educational activities and transfers from governments to private entities earmarked for education or from private entities to households in the form of financial aid to students. The funding of this expenditure is provided by public (government at local, regional and national level) and private (households and other private entities) sources. It can be argued that expenditure on educational institutions is more directly connected to the provision of educational programmes and therefore to its quality. Actually, data on funds from private entities (private businesses, non-profit organisations and labour organisations) and households directed outside educational institutions (household expenditure on education goods, services purchased outside educational institutions and financial aid to students given by other private entities) are difficult to collect in many countries. To ensure reliable comparisons across countries, it is thus appropriate to focus only on expenditure directed inside tertiary educational institutions.

Figure B.1c: Annual total expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student (in EUR PPS) including and excluding expenditure on research and ancillary services, ISCED 5-6 — 2005





Note: DK, 2004 data; CA, 2002 data.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

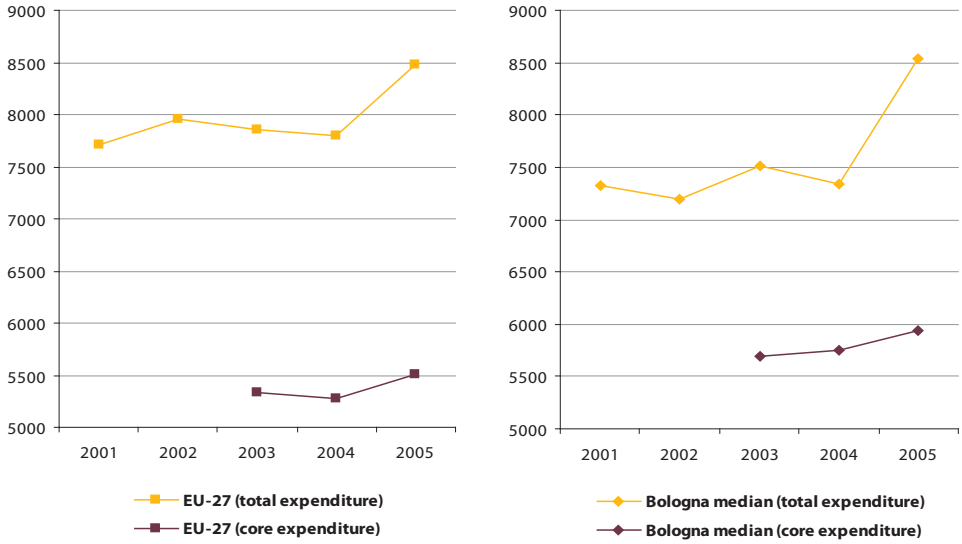
Spending on core educational goods and services per student were twice as high in the US as in most Bologna countries

Trend data

- The evolution of total expenditure per student showed strong disparities, at least recently, within the Bologna Area. Despite a decrease in Slovakia (-11 %) between 2004 and 2005, strong increases were registered over the same period in Latvia (+28 %), Poland (+27 %), Portugal (+34 %), the United Kingdom (+29 %) and Russia (+35 %) – see Figure B.1d.
- There appears to be a general trend towards increases in expenditure on research and development and ancillary services, and a concurrent relative decrease in expenditure on core goods and services. For example, for the EU-27 weighted average, the annual core expenditure per student annually increased by only 1.6 % on average between 2003 and 2005, whereas expenditure on R&D and ancillary services increased by 4.1 %. This differentiated pattern can be observed in 19 out of 25 Bologna countries for which data is available, and was especially marked in Belgium, Ireland, Slovakia and the United Kingdom. In the latter country, core expenditure decreased on average by 4 % a year between 2003 and 2005, whereas expenditure on research and development and ancillary services increased by 65 %. A similar trend is visible in the US data.
- In contrast, expenditure on core education increased on average by 17 % a year in Greece and Poland, while expenditure on R&D per student increased at an annual average growth rate of 2 % and 5 %, respectively.

Bologna countries are increasingly investing in R&D and ancillary services, while expenditure on core educational goods and services increase at a lower rate

Figure B.1d: Annual total expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student (in EUR PPS) with and without expenditure on research and ancillary services, ISCED 5-6 — 2001–2005



Note: in order to compare data in a reliable way, only countries for which data were available on both dimensions (total and core exp.) were taken into account.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Synthesis: Public expenditure and total expenditure by student numbers

Since both analyses above present different perspectives on expenditure in higher education, it is informative to compare the results for Bologna countries. Figure B.1e shows total expenditure per student (y-axis) against public expenditure as a share of GDP (x-axis) for 2005.

As a reminder, the x-axis includes expenditure outside educational institutions, while the y-axis includes private funds to tertiary institutions (of which tuition fees and all other costs paid by households) in addition to public subsidies.

Results

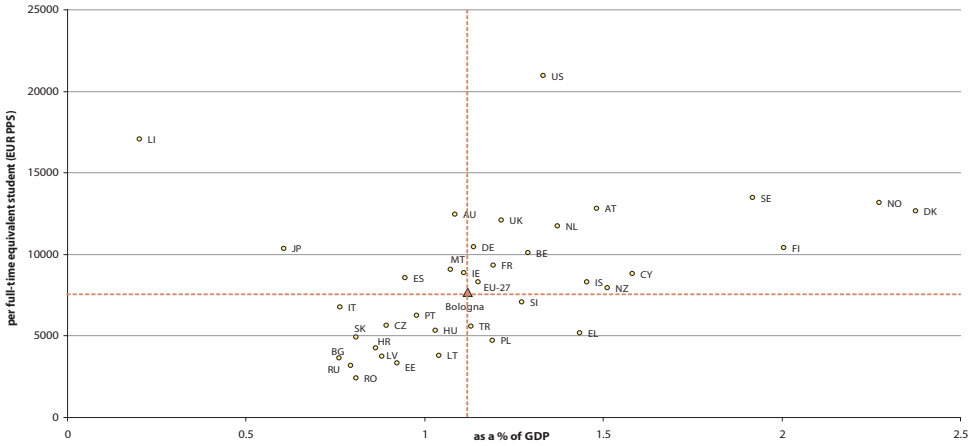
Taking the unweighted median of all Bologna countries (for which data are available) as a baseline, four groups of countries stand out.

- *Bottom right-hand part of the dispersion chart:* In Greece, Poland and Turkey the public financial effort is relatively high, but overall educational institutions have rather limited resources per enrolled student.
- *Bottom left-hand part of the dispersion chart:* A dozen countries where limited public spending related to the strength of the national economy is coupled with limited total expenditure per student.
- *Top right-hand part of the dispersion chart:* Considerable public financial effort made in most Nordic countries (around or more than 2 % of GDP), but this does not result in high resources per student for educational institutions in comparison to other Bologna countries. Indeed, financial resources per student in educational institutions of those countries are quite similar to those in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria or the United Kingdom.

This is partly due to the fact that in Nordic countries a large share of expenditure is devoted to public support for students (and therefore not directed inside institutions), and to the fact that private sources of educational institutions' income (included in y-axis) are low (e.g. low or non-existent tuition fees).

- *Top left-hand part of the dispersion chart:* Taking the example of Japan, this is clearly a higher education system which is largely funded through high private contributions to higher education institutions, since the public investment is comparatively low. Other factors might however explain this particular pattern, such as comparatively fewer student enrolled inside the country, or a stronger economy in terms of GDP.

Figure B.1e: Annual total expenditure per full-time equivalent student (in EUR PPS) compared to public expenditure on tertiary education as a percentage of GDP, ISCED 5-6 — 2005



A high share of GDP allocated to public expenditure in tertiary education does not always mean that total investment per student is higher

Note: TR, 2004 data. Bologna median was computed only from countries for which data were available on both dimensions.
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

B.2. Higher education institutions' income from private sources and from student contributions

In order to cope with increasing costs due to the increasing number and diversity of students, new technologies and diversification of specialisations, higher education institutions have two alternatives in order to maintain or improve levels of funding. They may either demand additional funds from governments or collect funds from private entities. Concerning the latter choice, higher education institutions may charge fees to students: this is the most common form of cost sharing, as it will be seen below.

Share of institutional income from private sources overall

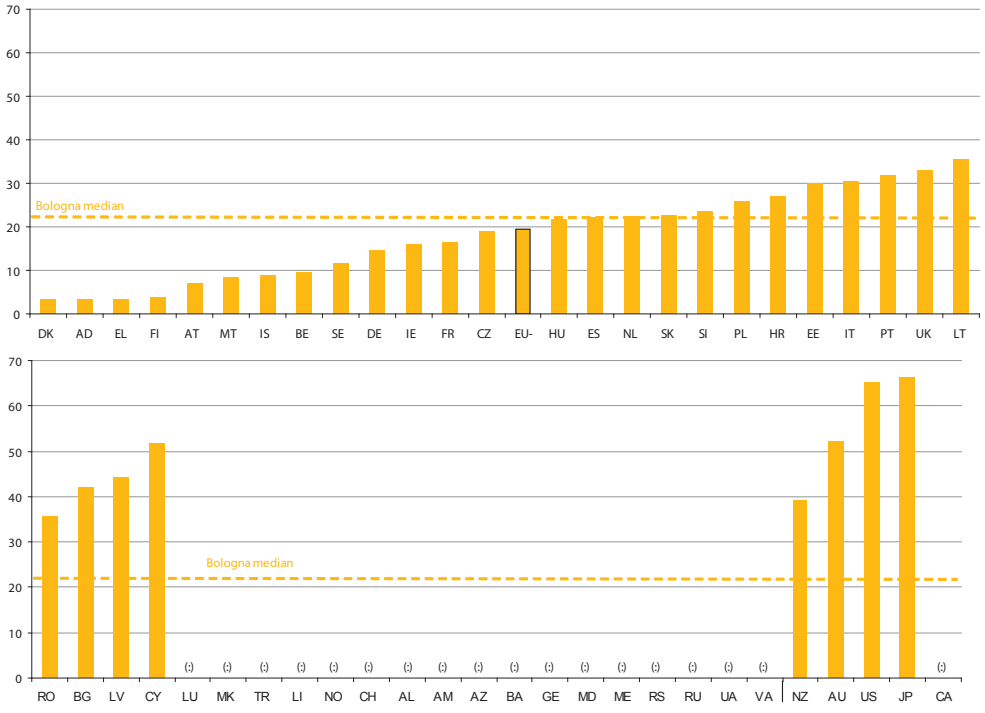
Indicator

Private contributions to higher education institutions may take one of two forms. Firstly, students and their families make payments to educational institutions, not only tuition fees but also in the form of fees for ancillary services, such as accommodation and meals. Secondly, private businesses, non-profit organisations and labour organisations make transfers to educational institutions. All these represent the contribution of the private sector to the financial resources of higher education institutions.

However, it should be noted that even when educational institutions receive their funds from private entities, it does not mean that they do not come originally from the government, in the form of transfers or social benefits given by government to those private entities.

Figure B.2a presents the share of private funding in the total income of higher education institutions from private and public sources (international sources are excluded here).

Figure B.2a: Higher education institutions' income from private sources (households and other private entities) as a percentage of all public and private sources, ISCED 5-6 — 2005



Note: MT, 2004 data.
Source: Eurostat, UOE .

Results

- In half of the Bologna countries for which data is available, the share of households and other private entities in higher education institutions' income was over 22 % in 2005 (unweighted median). The EU-27 average stands at a similar level at 20 %.
- In 2005, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Latvia reported very high shares of private funding, representing more than double the Bologna median.
- Conversely, private contributions to higher education institutions were less than one third of the Bologna median in Austria, and less than one sixth in Denmark, Greece, Finland, Andorra and (in 2003) Norway. Hence, educational systems in these countries predominantly rely on public funding for tertiary education.
- Private sources make up a much greater share of institutions' income in Australia, USA and Japan. The latter with a value of 65 % over the whole higher education sector, which is predominantly made up of private institutions of higher education.

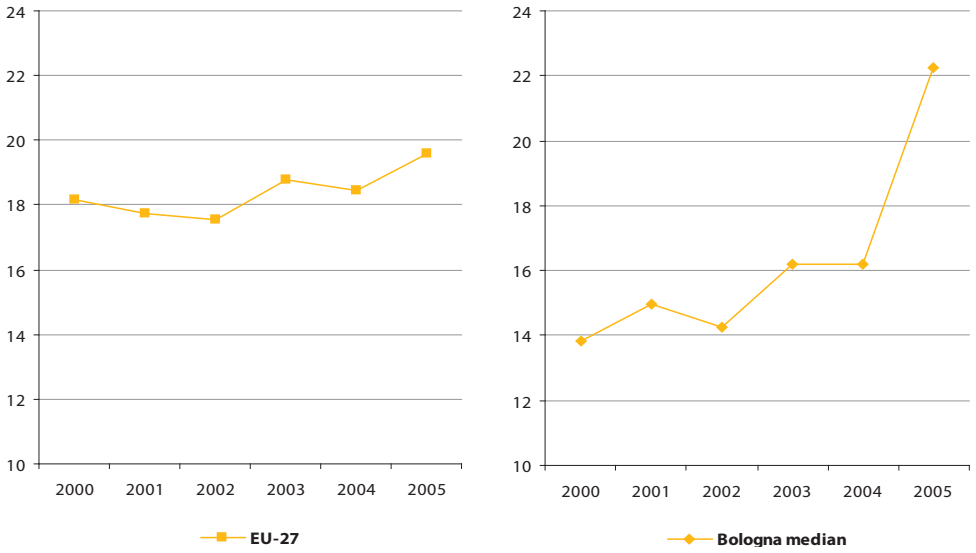
In the Bologna Area, HEIs rely on private funding for one fifth of their total resources

Trend data

- The general trend over the six years between 2000 and 2005 is an increase of contributions from household and private entities to higher education institution's income: half of Bologna countries record an average annual growth rate of 3 % or more.
- Three quarters of all Bologna countries reported increases in the share of private funding between 2000 and 2005, of which the strongest increases were observed in Portugal (average annual growth rate of +41 %), Slovakia (+29 %) and Turkey (+46 % between 2000 and 2004).
- Even among countries with a low private contributions share, the trend is upwards, although remaining low. Indeed, the share of private funding strongly increased between 2000 and 2005 in Greece (average annual growth rate of +124 %) and Austria (+17 %). Notable exceptions to this were Belgium and Cyprus, with an average annual decrease of 8 %.

Private funding increased in almost all Bologna countries but it remains low compared to the US and Japan

Figure B.2b: Higher education institutions' income from private sources (households and other private entities) as a percentage of all public and private sources, ISCED 5-6 — 2000–2005



Note: The Bologna median is very sensitive to coverage differences from one year to the next: in 2005 Estonia, Romania and Croatia entered the Bologna median with relatively high values. This explains the sharp increase observed between 2004 and 2005.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Students' financial contributions to higher education institutions

Whilst cost-sharing between public and private sources is, in a number of countries, increasingly being seen as important in order to ensure an appropriate level of resources for higher education institutions, contributions requested from students themselves are a key issue for them and their family members. These can indeed represent a large part of their budgets, depending on financial aids granted to them (for the issue of financial support, see next sections). Demanding high contributions for access to higher education may indeed constrain access for certain student groups or have repercussions for their whole study framework (e.g. the time spent studying).

A huge variety of student contributions can be requested by higher education institutions. Contributions to tuition costs are the most well-known, and are often the highest. Contributions to administrative costs can include entrance fees (payable only once), registration fees (payable every year) and certification fees (payable the year of graduation). Finally, contributions can be asked to cover ancillary services, such as those offered by student organisations. National regulations on contributions to be requested from students vary a great deal between countries. In some countries no contribution is requested from students.

The complexity and diversity of contribution schemes are obstacles to the evaluation of how much students pay for their education

The mapping exercise of Eurydice (Eurydice/Eurostat, 2007, *Key data on higher education 2007*. Brussels) considered compulsory payments to be made each year of the first cycle by full-time daytime students for a first qualification in the public and government-dependent sectors (reference year 2005/06). It found eight EU-member states, plus Scotland, where access to higher education was free of charge: the Czech Republic (ISCED 5A level), Denmark, Greece, Spain (ISCED 5B level), Ireland, Cyprus, Malta, Finland and Scotland. However, in Ireland, students must pay a student service charge to their college or institution. This amount varies depending on the college attended. This was not reported, as it is deemed another type of contribution. Moreover, in Cyprus around 65 % of students are enrolled in a private independent institution, where tuition fees are to be paid. Lastly, in all those countries (except Denmark, Greece, Cyprus and Malta), students who are held back a year have to contribute to tuition costs. This is particularly relevant from the perspective of equity, as the most affluent students could have a second chance where the poorest of them could not.

In Norway, Sweden and Finland (not Denmark and Iceland), only annual contributions to student organisations are required in the public sector (in Norway, tuition fees are charged by government-dependent private institutions). Other countries like Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Romania and Slovenia offer a limited number of study places, which are fully subsidised, while students in non-subsidised places pay fees.

Although many students can participate in higher education free of charge, the current trend seems to be towards cost sharing (tuition fees). For example, in Germany tuition fees were gradually introduced across the federal states (or Bundesländer) between 2006 and 2008, while in the United Kingdom (except in Scotland) tuition costs increased significantly in 2006, under the label *top-up fees*. According to the Eurydice mapping, contributions to institutional costs (both administrative and tuition costs) were the highest in Portugal, Latvia (for students without a subsidised place), the United Kingdom and Liechtenstein.

Contributions to be paid vary between countries and within countries as well, depending for example on the ISCED level attended, or the sector of the institution (public or government-dependent private). Besides, fees can be left at the discretion of the institutions and/or targeted at special groups of students (e.g. part-time students, students above the state admission quota, graduate students, ex post fees for failing students). As a result, this variety of regulations does not provide a reliable picture of the financial burden for an average student.

Indicator

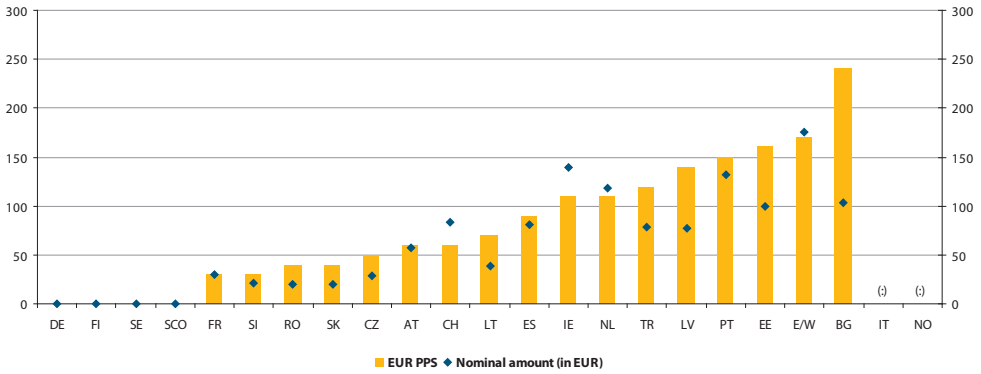
The Eurostudent III survey facilitates an assessment of the extent to which the different systems affect students' expenditure on an empirical basis, since the source of information are the students themselves.

Here, contributions paid by students include all types of contributions (tuition fees and administrative fees) and are considered irrespective of any public financial support. The sample is made up of students attending ISCED 5A institutions and can include students held back a year and part-time students.

The analysis considers the fees in Euro values (Figure B.2c) and relative to total expenditure (Figure B.2d).

Reporting those contributions as a share of total expenditure (i.e. study-related costs like books and learning material, as well as living costs) provides a better picture of the burden represented by contributions in students' budgets. For accuracy reasons, only answers from students living away from the parental home are reported here, assuming that their estimation of expenditure would be more reliable than those whose parents accommodate and feed them.

Figure B.2c: Students' monthly obligatory contributions to higher education institutions, in nominal and comparative amounts, ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: Amounts rounded at the nearest 10 EUR PPS
Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

Source: Eurostudent III.

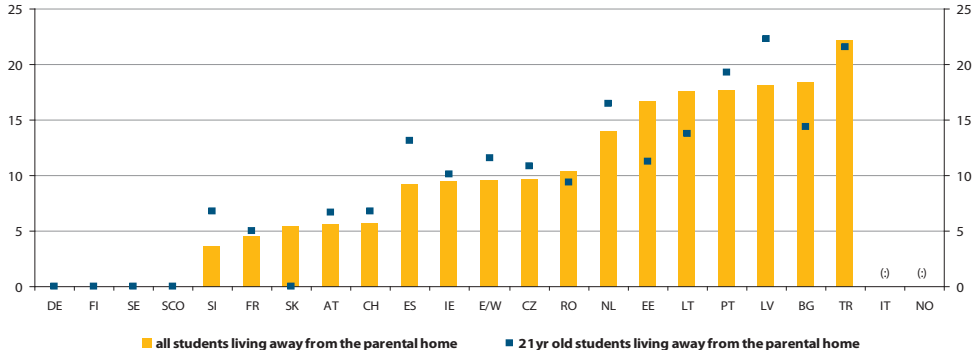
Results

- Contributions paid by students from countries participating in the Eurostudent survey differ widely according to country (Figure B.2c).
- Excluding countries where student contributions were close to zero (Germany, Finland, Sweden and Scotland), tuition and other fees paid to higher education institutions can vary in a proportion of 1 to 8: from EUR 30 PPS in France and Slovenia to EUR 240 PPS in Bulgaria.
- In four other countries (Estonia, Latvia, Portugal, and England and Wales), students pay close to or more than EUR 150 PPS a month. These results are in line with figures on higher education institutions' incomes, where the shares of private funding were among the highest in those five countries (Figure B.2a).
- In all countries considered, student contributions to educational institutions represent less than 25 % of their total expenditure.
- Higher education attendance (ISCED 5A level) may be perceived as more affordable in France, Austria, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland compared to all related expenditure (accommodation, study books and material, etc.), since tuition and other fees represent at most 6 % of a student's total expenditure.
- Conversely, in Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal and Turkey, student contributions to HEIs account for a larger share of students' budget. In these countries, close to or more than one fifth of their budgets is spent on contributions to higher education institutions.

Where applicable, tuition and other fees paid by students can vary in a proportion of 1 to 8 according to the country considered

Students spend up to 25 % of their total budget on the payment of tuition or other fees

Figure B.2d: Students' monthly contributions to higher education institutions, in percentage of total expenditure of students living away from their parental home, ISCED 5A —2006



Note: Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

Source: Eurostudent III.

B.3. Student income and public support

In many countries, state support is provided to students and their families in order to alleviate financial barriers to higher education participation. With the concurrent increases in cost-sharing initiatives (i.e. student fees) and efforts to increase the diversity of participation according to students' social backgrounds finding appropriate mechanisms of financial support is becoming even more important in order to assure effective higher education provision.

M7 – Public financial support to households and students (UOE)

Public transfers to households can represent support from any level of government and include scholarships and other grants, and student loans. Those transfers exclude any tax benefits to students or their families (such as tax credits or deductions from taxable income) as well as allowances that are independent of the student status. Public (and private) scholarships, grants, or loans are provided to students not primarily or exclusively to cover the tuition fees charged by educational institutions but often to subsidise student living expenses.

Scholarships and other grants

Scholarships and grants to students and households include public scholarships and all kinds of similar public grants, such as fellowships, awards and bursaries for students. Government scholarships that are channelled through educational institutions for administrative purposes are considered government transfers to students. Are also included child allowances (whenever contingent to student status), and special public subsidies in cash or in kind (that are contingent on student status), such as subsidies to educational institutions for ancillary services, i.e. for lodging, meals, health services, or other welfare services (transport, books and supplies, social and recreational services, study abroad, etc.).

Loans

Students loans are reported on a gross basis - that is, without subtracting or netting out repayments or interest payments from the borrowers (students or households). Thus, student loan expenditure represents the total value of loans paid by government to students during the reference year. The cost to government of servicing these loans (i.e. interest rate subsidies and the cost of default payments) is not included.

Form of student financial aid

Financial aid is provided in a variety of forms. Here are considered grants and other scholarships (of which non repayable cash support) and loans (repayable cash support) – see box **M7**.

Indicators

Figure B.3a shows the amount of grants and loans awarded to students as a share of all public expenditure on higher education. *Public expenditure on tertiary education* refers to total public expenditure at that level of education. Total public expenditure on education consists of direct public funding for educational institutions, financial support to students and public transfers to not-for-profit organisations and firms.

Results

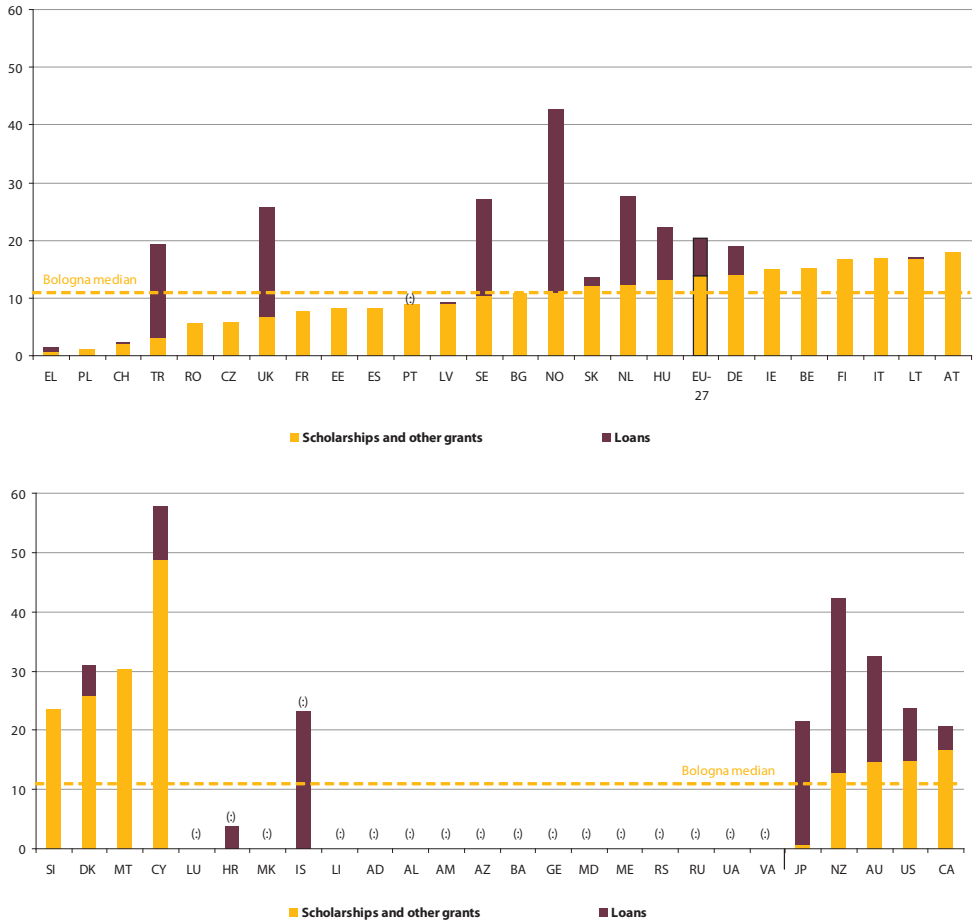
The median Bologna country dedicates around 10 % of public expenditure on tertiary education to grants

- When considering both forms of support, in all Bologna countries a median of 15 % of public expenditure on higher education was dedicated to financial support to students in 2005. This proportion ranged from less than 5 % in Greece, Poland and Switzerland to more than 20 % in the Nordic countries (except Finland), Cyprus, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the United Kingdom.
- In 2005, grants and other scholarships to tertiary students accounted for more than 10 % of public expenditure on higher education in half of Bologna countries for which data are available. Loans schemes are not so widespread in the Bologna Area: in 2005, 14 out of 28 Bologna countries subsidised loans, of which four devoted less than 1 % of total public expenditure to this kind of support.
- At EU-level, grants and subsidies accounted for around 14 % of total public expenditure, while loans accounted for 7 %. The share of loans in total public financial support to higher education (loans and grants) was thus almost one third in 2005.
- Cross-country differences are considerable, both in terms of grants and loans in total public support to tertiary students. As regards grants as a share of public expenditure in 2005, the highest shares were observed in Denmark (26 %), Cyprus (49 %), Malta (30 %, 2003 data) and Slovenia (24 %), which is more than double the Bologna median. By contrast, the share of grants in relation to public expenditure was less than half the Bologna median in Greece (1 %), Poland (1 %), Romania (6 %) and Switzerland (2 %). It must also be noted that grant levels varied from one year to the next in the Baltic countries and some Eastern countries.

Loans are more widespread in Australia and Japan than in the Bologna Area

- Around half of the Bologna countries for which data is available offer publicly subsidised loan schemes. In some countries, loans were in 2005 the only form of public financial support, such as Iceland, or represented more than half of financial aid, such as in the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Norway and Turkey (2004). Loans are less frequently offered or taken out by students in French Community of Belgium, France, Italy and Lithuania.
- Considering other countries outside the Bologna Area, Australia, Japan and United States differ considerably in the importance given to loans and grants: in Japan public financial aid comprised almost exclusively loans, whereas the opposite was observed in the United States, which is more similar to the EU.
- It is worth noting that, as a share of public expenditure on tertiary education, financial aid to students and their family were the highest in countries where access to higher education is free of charge (Denmark, Cyprus, Malta and Slovenia). This seems quite paradoxical, but it has to be kept in mind that students bear many costs associated with higher education participation. For example, in many countries, students have to live far away from home, or even abroad, to attend tertiary education, and spend much on transport and accommodation.

Figure B.3a: Public financial aid to tertiary students, by type (loans and grants), as a percentage of public expenditure on tertiary education, ISCED 5-6 — 2005

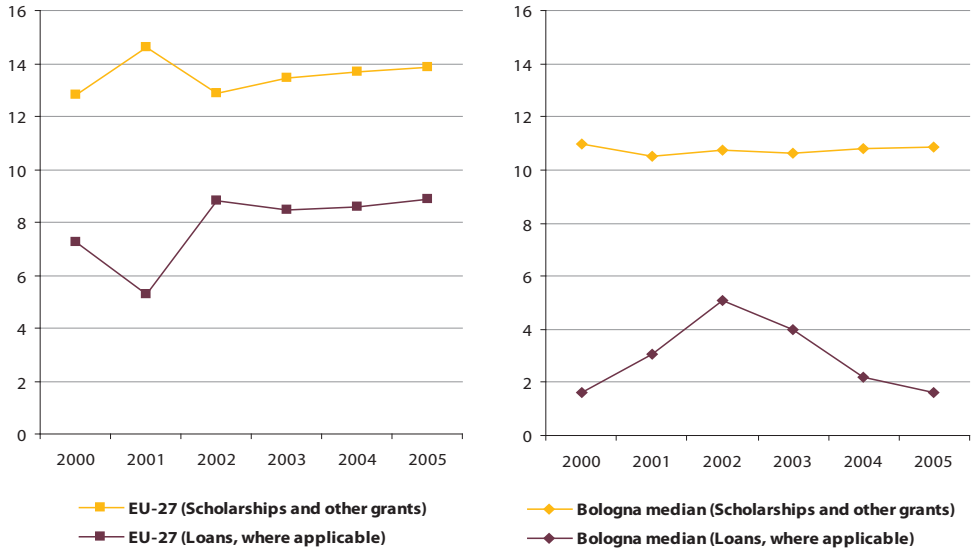


Note: HU, CA: 2002 data; MT: 2003 data; AT, TR: 2004 data. Data sorted in ascending order, by Scholarships and other grants.
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Trend data

- Between 2000 and 2005 (Figure B.3b), for all Bologna countries the median of average annual growth rate for grants (as a share of public expenditure on tertiary education) was +1.6 %. When considering only Bologna countries where loans are awarded to students, this median was +1.1 % for grants and +0.2 % for loans. In other words, expenditure increased faster for grants than for loans, even when considering only countries where loans can be contracted by students.
- However, a different picture emerges at EU level, as the share of loans in total public support (grants and loans) grew on average by 2.3 % a year between 2000 and 2005, in countries where loans exist.
- Considering other countries outside the Bologna Area, the evolution between 2000 and 2005 was rather stable in Australia (average annual growth rate of +0.5 %), New-Zealand (+0.7 %) and Japan (+1.1 %). In contrast, the share of loans in total public support grew by 25 % in the United States.

Figure B.3b: Public financial aid to tertiary students, by type of aid (loans vs grants), as a percentage of public expenditure on tertiary education, ISCED 5-6 — 2000–2005



Note: The Bologna median is very sensitive to coverage differences from one year to the next.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Components of students' income

State support is clearly only one component of a students' income. These components can be broadly described by three categories:

- *Parents' or relatives' contributions:* In many countries, parents are seen as the "first stop" for financial support. In some cases the state supports parents by providing special benefits to them for the support of their children. In all cases, direct financial support from parents is a common and essential form of financial support for students.
- *State support:* To alleviate a dependency on parental support, countries often introduce programmes to support students financially. These programmes are often targeted at those students in need of such support (e.g. based on their socio-economic background). Other approaches are to support all students based on the premise that they are independent young adults or to support the best students according to merit. This latter option is used in order to stimulate or reward students' efforts. Mixed approaches also exist.
- *Income from employment:* This form of income can be seen as a coping strategy used by students to top-up their other funding sources. Additionally, it is also a flexible source of income since it is based on the actions of the students themselves and not their parents or the state.

Indicators

Figure B.3c shows the relative importance of students' sources of income: state financial support (repayable or not), family support, and earnings from gainful employment. Only answers from students living away from the parental home are reported here and only direct cash support is considered. Other direct forms of support for students excluding state, parents and employment are also not shown in the chart in order to simplify comparisons.

Direct non-cash support (e.g. subsidised accommodation, exemption or reduction of tuition fees, health insurance, etc.) is not taken into account and support to parents (e.g. prolonged child benefit or tax reliefs) is also excluded.

It may be assumed that parents pass that support on to their children: in some countries, this kind of support can therefore be reflected through the parental source of income. In such cases, state support may be underestimated, while family support is overestimated.

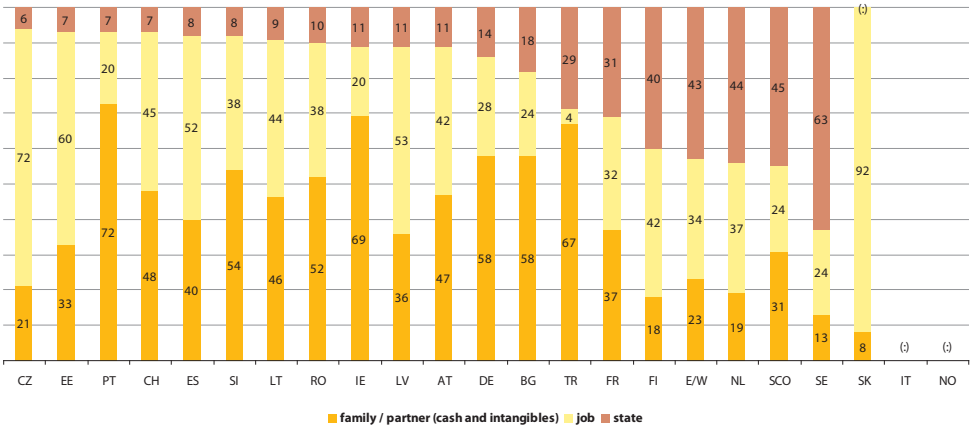
Results

- The empirical self-reported data show that in four countries (the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom) students essentially rely on state support for living, as it accounts for close to or more than 40 % of their total income. It has to be kept in mind that in three of the four countries (not Finland), a large share of this support is repayable after studies (Figure B.3a).

Students mainly rely on their family and/or job to finance their studies

- In countries where state support represents 15 % or less of total income, the main source of income for students is the family or partner (Ireland, Portugal, Romania and Slovenia) or a paid job (Czech Republic, Estonia, Spain, Latvia and Slovakia) or both in similar proportions (Lithuania, Austria and Switzerland).
- Turkey is the only country where job earnings accounted for such a low share in the income of independent students (4 %). Overall, a large share of higher education students appears to be able to find the opportunity to work in a paid employment alongside their studies. However, this is likely to be at the expense of an increased workload and lower involvement in studies, leading in some cases to longer studies.

Figure B.3c: Income sources (job, state, family) as a percentage of total student income (students living away from the parental home), ISCED 5A — 2006



In most countries state support is essential but vastly insufficient to study in higher education

Note: data sorted in ascending order by State. Data for income category "other" not included. Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007)

Source: Eurostudent III.

Composition of overall public support to households

As mentioned above, public support to students can take many forms and is often provided by a multitude of state agencies (i.e. both education and social affairs ministries). This makes a comprehensive assessment of overall public investment in higher education and investment forms problematic.

A recent explorative comparative study has analysed the streams of public subsidies, which are meant for students, in six countries – Czech Republic, England and Wales, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Spain (Schwarzenberger, 2008). Three main streams were investigated:

- *Direct cash support:* Cash which is allocated directly to students. This is included in the Eurostudent figures in the analysis above.

- *Non-cash support:* This support has the effect of decreasing students' expenditure, e.g. subsidised accommodation, transport, health insurance or meals and support students through ancillary provisions such as libraries and counselling.
- *Indirect cash support:* Cash (e.g. prolonged child benefit) or tax discounts which are allocated to students' parents in order to help them assist their student children. Under the assumption that parents do pass on this support to their student children, as mentioned above, this support would be reflected to a certain degree in the extent of parental support to students' income in the Eurostudent figures in the analysis above.

Indicator

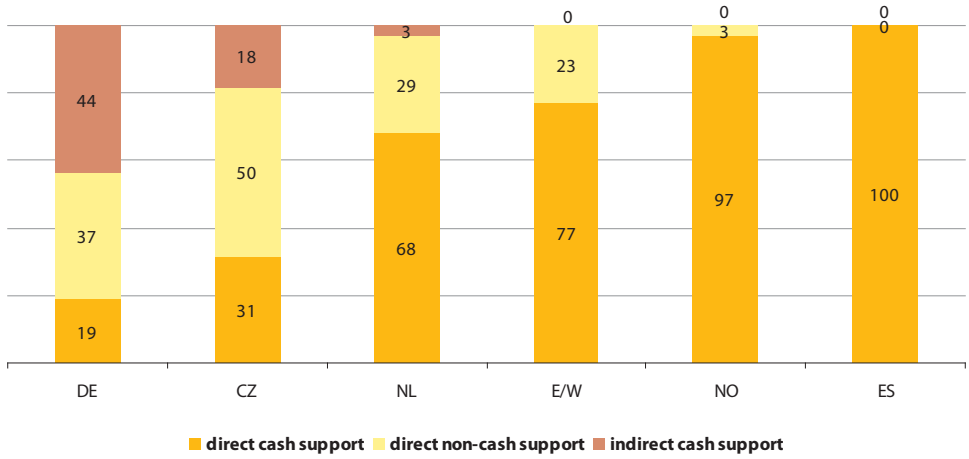
The analysis carried out by the international team for the Schwarzenberger project collated information on the availability and utilisation of support schemes – from grants to child benefits and tax exemptions – and calculated their relative weight in total expenditure on higher education using national accounts data. The results can be seen in Figure B.3d.

Results

Two groups of countries are visible from the exploratory analysis:

- It can be seen that both indirect cash support (via parents) and direct non-cash support (in the form of infrastructure) are particularly important components of state support to households in the Czech Republic and Germany.
- In Spain and Norway, particularly, state support is largely provided as direct cash support to students.

Figure B.3d: Composition of public support to households (direct/indirect cash support – non-cash support), ISCED 5A — 2006



Source: Schwarzenberger, A. (2008, ed.), Public/private funding of higher education: A social balance. HIS, Hanover.

B.4. Allocation of state support by social background

Public support schemes can be based on universal, compensatory or meritocratic criteria

In order to promote the participation of certain groups of students in higher education, states frequently offer financial support, as seen in the analyses above. Irrespective of the amount and the significance of this income component for students, such schemes may variously target different student groups:

- From a social perspective, a fundamental mechanism of financial support is to target students from underprivileged backgrounds who are deemed as needing it the most. Such a compensation mechanism is one way of awarding financial support.
- A second way is to base financial support on results obtained by students. This meritocratic criterion is often used in combination with the social one and is rarely used alone.
- In a third option, all students are considered equal irrespectively of their family background and, therefore, are all entitled to the same amount of support. This universal principle is often associated with the idea that students are financially independent of their parents, or should be.

Targeting direct state support to specific student groups

In this analysis, direct state support will be analysed by social background. In this way, it is possible to see to what degree state support given as cash to students is targeted to specific student groups.

Indicator

In the Eurostudent III survey, a proxy of students' socio-economic background was estimated through the educational attainment level of their father (low versus high) (see box **M8**).

Figure B.4a shows the state support that two groups of students (father with low *or* high level of education) receive in comparison with the average support per student, in percent. A positive ratio means that the corresponding group of students received more than an average student, while a negative one means the opposite.

M8 – Socio-economic background by highest education attainment of parents

In international comparisons the educational attainment of students' parents is often viewed as an indicator for the impact of socio-cultural and economic factors on access to higher education. Using parents' educational background instead of, for instance, their occupational status as an indicator of students' social background has the advantage of a greater reliability in international comparisons, due to the availability of an international coding scheme. The analysis of students' educational background is focused on two groups, which represent two extremes on a social scale. On the one hand, the share of students whose parents graduated from tertiary education (ISCED 5 and 6) is analysed to assess the extent of social reproduction in a higher education system. On the other hand, the share of students whose parents have only completed lower secondary school (ISCED 0-2) is analysed to assess social disadvantage. Despite the existence of data for both fathers and mothers, a particular focus is placed in Eurostudent data on fathers' educational attainment. That way of presenting the data rests on the common – though not uncontroversial – assumption that a family's socio-economic and social status is best reflected by the educational attainment of the father.

It should be noted that the data here do not distinguish between repayable and non-repayable support, which is an important aspect for the most underprivileged households. Yet in some countries such as the United Kingdom, some grants are awarded to the poorest students in addition to universal loans (cf. Eurostudent III (2008) for further analyses).

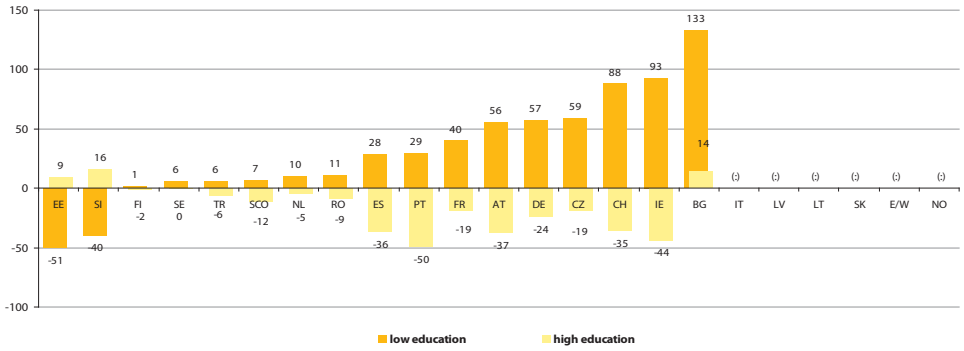
Results

- In Ireland, Switzerland and Bulgaria, the contrast between the amounts of support by social group is highest for the countries available. For example, in Ireland, students whose fathers have a low education level receive nearly double the support which an average student receives (+93 %), while students from highly educated backgrounds receive around one half of this average support. Such a compensatory scheme was reported in most countries.
- In Nordic countries, the Netherlands, Romania, Scotland and Turkey, this difference between students from low and high education family backgrounds is essentially absent, indicating that support schemes in these countries tend to be more universal. Considering all students as (almost) equal is often justified by the fact that financial ties to parents should be minimal at this age. However, according to Eurostudent data, strictly speaking this does not appear to be true, even for students living away from the parental home, especially in Romania and Turkey (Figure B.3c).
- Results in Estonia and Slovenia may be explained by the fact that social criteria are not used to allocate funds, but results-based or meritocratic criteria are used instead. As a result, students from highly-educated families appear to be advantaged by these criteria. In addition, the group of students from a low social background is very small in Estonia (5 % of the student population).

Meritocratic systems may have unexpected pernicious effects

Figure B.4a: Deviation from state support for average student according to the educational level of students' fathers (low or ISCED 0-2 vs high or ISCED 5-6), students living away from the parental home, ISCED 5A — 2006

All countries try to compensate socio-economic disparities, but results are difficult to assess



Note: Year 2006 or last year available (2005-2007)

Source: Eurostudent III.

Overall assessment of the impact of state support

More data are still needed to better assess the impact of state support on the social situation of students

As already mentioned, it is highly problematic to collate all financial flows of state support and, therefore, to assess the full impact of the allocation of support. The above mentioned study from Schwarzenberger (2008) has attempted this for a selection of countries.

Indicator

Figure B.4b takes the sum of total support to students with low education backgrounds as a baseline with an index value of 100. Index values lower than 100 indicate a percentage decrease in the level of support by higher social backgrounds.

It should be noted that this was an exploratory study, which can provide some insights into the overall impact of state support, but more research is necessary.

Results

- Figure B.4b shows that the high levels of indirect cash support and direct non-cash support in Germany and the Czech Republic have the effect of levelling out the targeted supported provided to students of low socio-economic backgrounds (compare with Figure B.4a).
- England/Wales and, particularly, Spain provide examples of countries in which public support is highly targeted by social background.

Figure B.4b: Total public subsidies by socio-economic background, ISCED 5A — 2006

	low	lower medium	higher medium	high
CZ	100	89	98	96
DE	100	99	90	90
ES	100	69	70	18
NL	100	88	85	78
E/W	100	102	79	57
NO	100	91	96	97

Source: Schwarzenberger, A. (2008, ed.). Public/private funding of higher education: A social balance. HIS, Hanover.

Student and staff mobility

C. Student and staff mobility

- The percentage of students enrolled abroad in Europe is quite low (2.3 % of students with citizenship in the European Union were studying abroad in Europe in 2006), but this outbound mobility rate is increasing continuously, both in the EU-27 and in the Bologna Area (+5 % annually on average between 2000 and 2006).
- Inbound mobility rates in Europe on the whole stood at 7 %, with around half of these students being non-citizens from within the Bologna Area. However, amongst others, Belgium, France, Austria, the United Kingdom and Switzerland registered an inbound mobility rate above 14 %, similar to that of Canada.
- Despite a continuous increase of foreign students enrolled in the EU-27 at ISCED levels 5 and 6 (albeit remaining low compared to Australia or New Zealand) the proportion of them coming from the Bologna Area has dropped.
- In the EU-27, more than 10 % of graduates were not citizens of the country of graduation. In Australia and New Zealand non-nationals accounted for around one third of all graduates. Within the European Higher Education Area, the highest share of foreign graduates was registered in the United Kingdom, with 22 %.
- In most countries, students from highly educated backgrounds are more likely to have experienced a study-related stay abroad: in some countries, this share was more than three times higher than for students from low-educated families.
- In some countries, the absence of public financial support to mobility appears to hamper its development. As reported by students, financial constraints are the most important obstacles in planning a study-related stay abroad. This reason was most often given by students from low-educated backgrounds. But many of them, whatever their social background, highlighted the lack of information available in their home country.
- Staff mobility through the Erasmus mobility programme remains quite limited, but has been on the increase since 2001 (+7 % annually on average).

Main issues

Student and staff mobility is expected to have a significant role to play in the development of a European Higher Education Area. As stated in the London Communiqué (2007), "mobility of staff, students and graduates is one of the core elements of the Bologna Process, creating opportunities for personal growth, developing international cooperation between individuals and institutions, enhancing the quality of higher education and research, and giving substance to the European dimension".

The aim is to promote mobility so as to enable students, academics, researchers and administrative staff to benefit from the richness of the European Higher Education Area, including its democratic values and diversity of cultures and languages. Aside from fostering European citizenship, international mobility contributes to personal fulfilment and the development of competences, such as languages and intercultural understanding. Such skills are becoming more valued on an increasingly international labour market, and therefore can substantially enhance the employability of those students (Chapter D).

This chapter will take a look at student mobility and, to a less extent (due to a lack of available data), at staff mobility.

The number of students from a particular country studying abroad is a first indicator of student mobility (Figures C.1a&b). This outbound mobility rate is complemented by the inbound flows, i.e. the enrolment of foreign students in a given country. Inbound mobility reflects the attractiveness of tertiary education in that particular country and its capacity to enrol foreign students (Figures C.1c&d). In order to better assess mobility in the Bologna Area, special focus will be set on those foreign students from the Bologna Area.

Enrolments abroad do not provide any information on the rate at which students remain abroad until graduation. More than just accessing studies abroad as reflected in enrolment rates, graduating abroad implies a deeper involvement in studies abroad and as such is an important indicator of mobility (Figure C.2a).

Empirical data provide an insight into the obstacles students face studying abroad, and which therefore must be overcome by policy-makers (Figure C.3b). Specific attention is paid to the social dimension of mobility: as mobility is likely to provide students with desirable skills for the labour market, equal opportunities to study abroad must be ensured. In this respect, the social background of participation in mobility abroad is examined in Figure C.3a, and Figure C.3c provides details on the perceived obstacles to mobility.

Lastly, a comparative analysis on staff mobility is presented using Erasmus programme data (Figure C.4a).

M9 – Defining internationally mobile students

According to the UOE conventions, "internationally mobile students" are students who have crossed borders expressly with the intention to study. The measurement of student mobility depends to a large extent on country-specific immigration legislations and data availability constraints. In most cases, the definition remains based on the nationality of the student; although this is not always the case and various practices do exist. Non-citizenship of the host country is a simple measure; however it is not the most reliable way of assessing student mobility, as this includes immigration flows.

Two other criteria are used in the data collections of some countries, which provide a better picture of real mobility for study purposes: the criteria of residence and prior education. Considering non-resident students as mobile students reduces the incidence of migration flows, but is not yet perfect: some students residing close to a bordering country choose to carry out their entire studies in this neighbouring country and, as such, are not strictly mobile (in the sense of having moved from a given educational system to another). This is also true for the citizenship criterion. Besides, both criteria are legal concepts which vary in definition from one country to the next. Country-specific legislation is also a factor influencing the validity of those criteria. For instance, some students from outside the European Union reside in Belgium prior to starting their tertiary education in the country for visa purposes. The residence criterion would therefore be an imperfect proxy of student mobility, as the number of tertiary students who come to Belgium for the purpose of study would be likely underestimated. The criterion of prior education (according to which students from another educational system in their previous studies are deemed as mobile) is expected to be a better indicator of mobility.

Due to the low availability of data based on residence or prior education, most of data reported here consider citizenship as the criterion for mobility. In figure C.2a, in countries where other criteria were available, the best criterion was used according to the following hierarchy: prior education, country of residence, and then citizenship.

C.1. Mobility in enrolment of students

At first glance, enrolments abroad provide an indication on the mobility of tertiary students. Even if the time spent abroad is limited (e.g. one academic year), it provides those students with a study experience in a different country, possibly with a different culture and language. Two main indicators can be used to measure enrolments abroad. On the one hand, the number of students from a given country going abroad (outbound mobility) is a partial reflection of measures taken in that country to promote student mobility. On the other hand, the number of foreign students enrolled in a given country (inbound mobility) provides an indication of the attractiveness of its tertiary education system, as well as its capacity and willingness to enrol students from abroad.

Percentage of national students enrolled abroad in Europe

This indicator reflects students' mobility outside their country of origin. From a policy point of view, such behaviour may be fostered by providing relevant information to tertiary students, and/or by regulations obliging students to spend part of their studies abroad, and/or by public financial support awarded to them.

In some countries (as in Luxembourg), it is mandatory to have had a study-related stay abroad (training course, internship) before obtaining a degree in some Master programmes. In France, engineers are urged to spend time abroad for linguistic reasons, as an acceptable level in English is required to graduate. In Austria, students from polytechnic institutes are required to spend one semester abroad[1] . In a further group of countries, large shares of students have little choice but to study abroad due to the small size and limited provision of specialist courses in their country; those students are sometimes even more numerous than those who choose to remain in their country—this phenomenon is often referred to as 'vertical mobility'.

The issue of portable student support is highly relevant in fostering international mobility. According to the Eurydice network (Eurydice/Eurostat, 2007, *Key data on higher education 2007*, Brussels), many countries combine two kinds of mobility support: specific measures to encourage mobility and portability of national student support (reference year 2005/06). In some countries there is no portability (Latvia and Romania), and sometimes no centrally regulated support of any kind is provided to mobile students (Greece, Poland, Portugal and Turkey), although institutions may help at the local level.

M10 – Erasmus exchange programme

Exchange students are theoretically excluded from the UOE data on mobility. These programmes, characterised by a relatively short duration, are called 'exchanges' because originally the goal was an exchange of students between different countries. No trade-off is actually required, so a student is allowed to go to another country without finding a counterpart in that country to exchange with. Various EU programmes were created to support learning mobility across Europe. The most famous of them is probably Erasmus, often considered the European Union's flagship mobility programme.

In 2006 at EU-27 level, Erasmus exchange students represented less than 1 % of total enrolments at ISCED 5A level, with an average stay of 6 to 7 months. More than half of them went to one of the following four countries: Spain (18 %), France (14 %), Germany (11 %) and the United Kingdom (10 %).

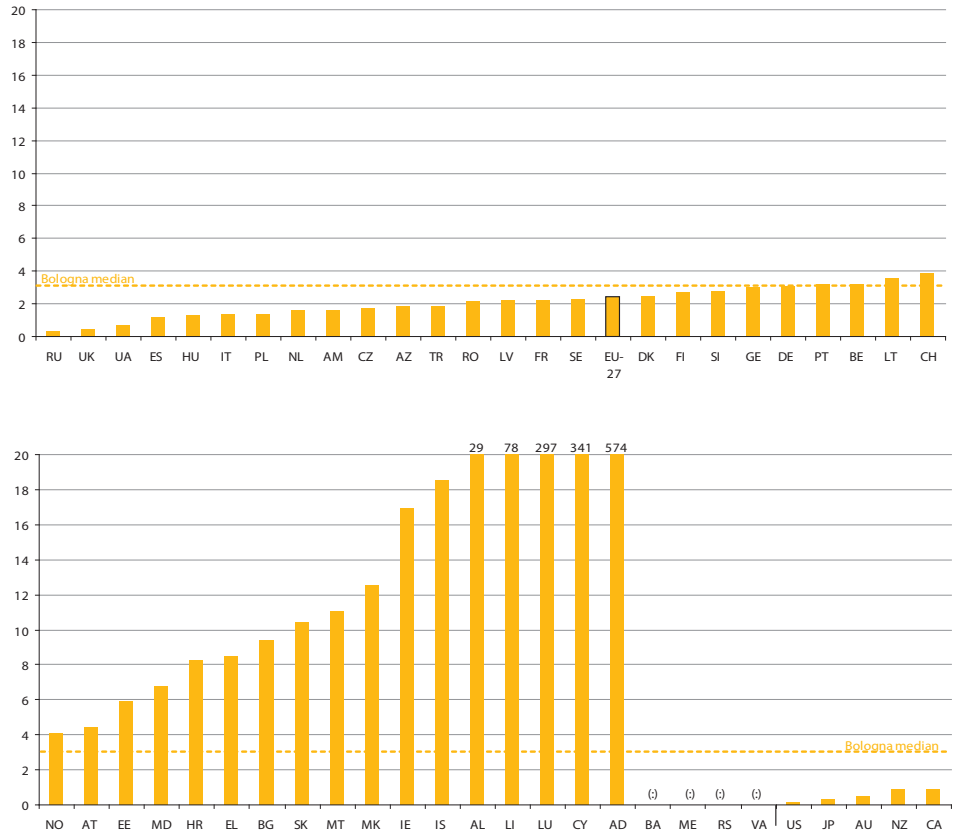
[1] Bertoncini, Y. (2008). Le soutien de l'État à la mobilité européenne des jeunes: un rôle plus que subsidiaire. La note de veille, 116, 1-6.

Indicator

Figures C.1a and C.1b present the number of outgoing students for each country, based on their citizenship, as a percentage of all students enrolled in their home country. Although this is a standard indicator it does have a number of limitations. According to UOE conventions, only study periods of one full academic year or more are considered (e.g. excluding Erasmus students– see box **M10** for more information on this exchange programme). Additionally, the definition of mobile students causes some inaccuracies (see box **M9**).

Furthermore, the following figures only present data for students studying abroad within Europe, meaning here (due to data availability) EU-27, candidate countries (Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey) and EFTA countries (European Free Trade Association: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). Indeed, as the data collected only consider students from abroad (and not students abroad) by country of origin, the list of host countries is limited to those countries participating in the data collection. As a result, the share of foreign students in other countries of the world cannot be assessed. Besides, the lack of data on the distribution of students by nationality in some countries[(2)] leads to an underestimation of the values and hampers comparability over time, as students going to those countries are not included here.

Figure C.1a: Outbound mobility rate: number of students who are nationals of a given country, studying in another country in Europe (EU-27, EFTA and candidate countries) as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A and 6 – 2006



Source: Eurostat, UOE.

[(2)] The Czech Republic in 2000 and 2002, Ireland in 2000–2006, Greece in 2000–2003, Italy in 2001–2003 and 2005, Cyprus in 2000, Lithuania in 2000–2004, Luxembourg in 2000–2006, Poland in 2000–2006, Portugal in 2002, and Liechtenstein in 2000–2004.

Results

- The median value (see box **M11**) shows that in half of Bologna countries, more than 3 % of students were enrolled abroad in Europe in 2006. This share was quite similar at EU 27 level, where 2.5 % of students were internationally mobile. However, these data do not take into account students enrolled in Australia, Canada or the United States.
- The highest outbound mobility rates were observed in the countries where the range of tertiary programmes is more limited (Cyprus, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and Andorra). In most of these countries, tertiary students are more numerous outside than inside the country. In Ireland, Iceland and Albania, students enrolled abroad represented more than 15 % of all students enrolled in those countries. It has to be noted that 94 % of Irish students studying abroad in Europe went to the United Kingdom, and nearly 75 % of Albanian students went to Italy.
- Conversely, student mobility is very low (less than 1 %) in the United Kingdom, Russia and Ukraine. Except for Greece and Portugal, countries where there is neither public financial support for mobile students nor portability of national support (data only available for EU, EEA countries and Turkey) reported outbound mobility rates below the EU average.
- Outside the Bologna Area, students from Australia, New-Zealand and Canada are more likely to be enrolled in Europe than those from Japan or the United States.

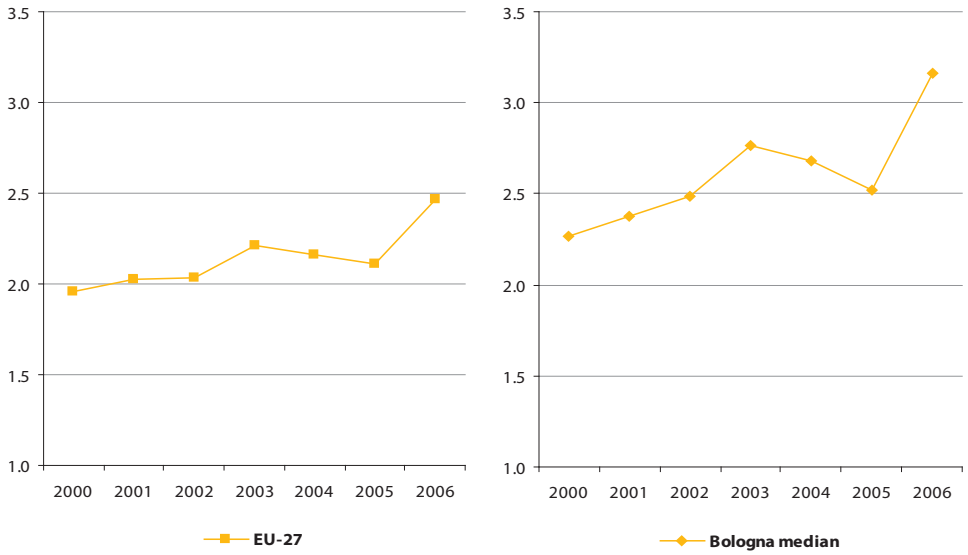
In view of enrolments abroad, it seems that most European countries are still far below the target of 20 % of graduates having had a study experience abroad

The absence of public financial support for mobility appears to hamper student mobility

M11 – Bologna median values

The median value is the point dividing the Bologna countries into two equal halves, meaning that half of the Bologna countries are below the median value and the remaining half are above. This value is computed for all countries for which data are available and is unweighted (i.e. it does not take account of the countries' population size). This measure was used because it is more robust to missing data for some countries, which happens for several indicators.

Figure C.1b: Number of students who are nationals of a given country, studying in another country in Europe (EU-27, EFTA and candidate countries) as a percentage of the total enrolment in that given country, ISCED 5A and 6 — 2000–2006



Note: break in series (availability of data in some European countries) limit comparability over time.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Trend data

The outbound mobility rate is increasing continuously in both the EU-27 and the Bologna Area

- Between 2000 and 2006, in half of the Bologna countries the outbound mobility rate increased by more than 4.5% on average (Figure C.1b). With an average annual growth rate of +4.2%, the EU-27 registered a similar trend over recent years.
- The outbound mobility rate fell significantly in Greece and Turkey, with an annual decrease of around 10 % on average. Conversely, with an average annual growth rate around or above +20 %, Bulgaria, Georgia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia registered the highest increases in terms of students going abroad.

Percentage of foreign students enrolled in national higher education systems

Two dimensions are investigated here. On the one hand, the number of foreign students from the Bologna Area provides information on student mobility within the Bologna Area. On the other hand, focusing on students from all over the world sheds light on the attractiveness of higher education systems in the Bologna countries.

This indicator provides an insight into the attractiveness of a specific country for foreign students and will reflect efforts on the part of host countries to attract students.

Indicator

Figures C.1c and C.1d present the number of ***incoming students*** for each country, based on their nationality, as a percentage of all students enrolled in the host country. Although this is a standard indicator it does have a number of limitations (see notes above), as both figures use non-citizenship as a criterion of mobility.

Results

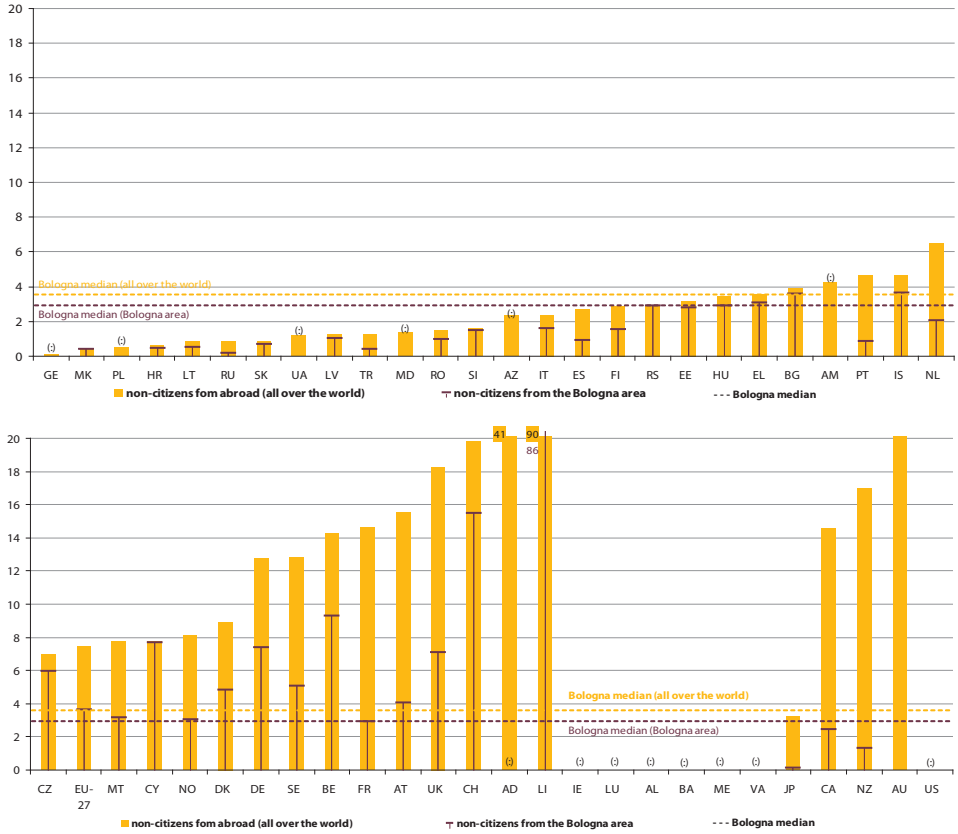
Countries enrolling more than 13% of non-citizen students tend to be located in Western Europe

- At EU level, around 7 % of students enrolled were from abroad in 2006, half of which came from another Bologna country (Figure C.1c). This figure was significantly lower when considering the Bologna Area, where a median 3 % of non-citizen students were enrolled at ISCED 5A and 6 levels. In half of Bologna countries, foreign students from the Bologna Area represented 65 % or more of the total number of foreign students (counting all citizenships).
- In Belgium, Germany, France, Austria, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Switzerland, more than one in eight students enrolled were not nationals. These rates were similar to those registered in Canada (14 %).

Inbound mobility rates in Europe are often below those observed in Australia or Canada

- Along with the Czech Republic, Cyprus and Liechtenstein, the above-mentioned countries also registered the highest enrolment rates for citizens from the Bologna Area, with the exception of France. This is due to the fact that students from the Bologna Area represent only around 20 % of all foreign students in France, similarly to Portugal and Russia. In France and Portugal, this ratio is among the lowest for historical reasons, as many non-citizen students come from former African colonies and, as regards Portugal, from Brazil. In contrast, in Cyprus, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Liechtenstein, almost all non-citizens students come from the Bologna Area (more than 95 % of them).

Figure C.1c: Incoming mobility: number of foreign students (world and Bologna Area) studying in a given country, as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A and 6 — 2006



Note: AU, NZ: 2005 data

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

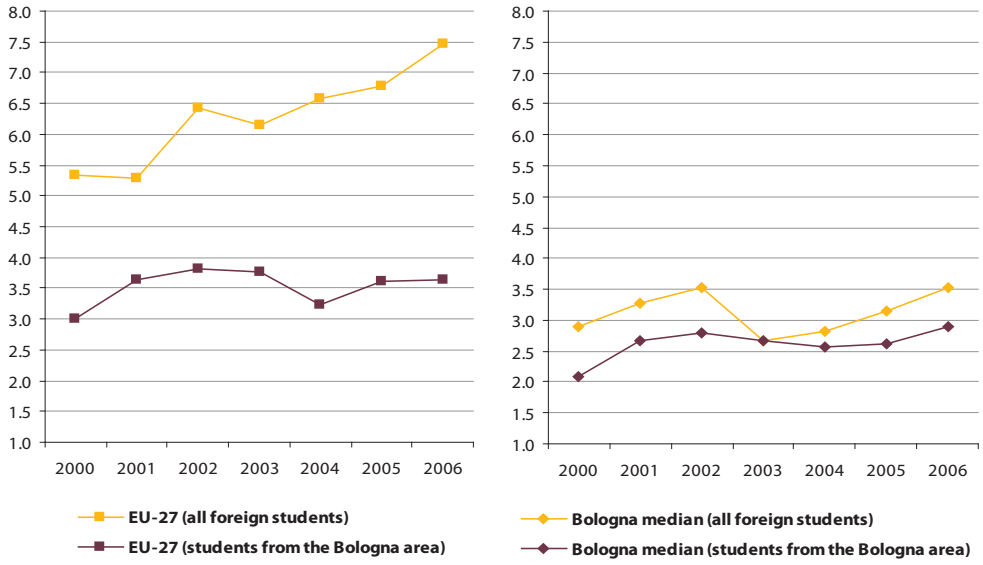
Trend data

- With an average annual growth rate of +6 % between 2000 and 2006, the EU 27 inbound mobility rate shows that higher education in the EU has not lost its attractiveness. In the Bologna Area, half of countries increased their number of non-citizen students by more than 4 % per year on average.
- With an average annual growth rate of around or more than +20 %, the Czech Republic, Estonia and Armenia registered the most important increases in enrolling foreign students over the past years. Conversely, in Slovakia, Romania, Turkey and Albania, as a share of the total tertiary student population, a decreasing number of students are enrolled from abroad (average annual decrease of 5 % or more).
- The number of Bologna country citizens enrolled in the EU-27 has not increased at the same pace as all foreign students (of any citizenship). In relation to all foreign students, the number of foreign students from the Bologna Area has decreased by 6 % a year on average since 2001. At the Bologna level, this is also true for 17 out of 28 countries with available data. In other words, it seems that mobility within the Bologna Area has proportionally decreased over recent years. This trend is especially marked in France, Malta, Sweden, Turkey and Norway.
- Outside the Bologna Area, the attractiveness of higher education systems has increased at a higher rate than in the EU-27, with an average annual growth rate of +11 % in Australia, and +30 % in New Zealand.

In the EU-27, in relation to all foreign students enrolled at ISCED levels 5A and 6, an ever-smaller share of students come from the Bologna Area

The attractiveness of higher education is low in many parts of the EU-27 compared to Australia or New Zealand

Figure C.1d: Incoming mobility: number of foreign students (world and Bologna Area) studying in a given country, as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A and 6 — 2000–2006



Note: break in series (availability of data in some European countries) limit comparability over time.
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

C.2. Mobility in graduation of students

Probably more than enrolment, graduating abroad reflects a stronger involvement in international studies, as this often requires a long period of time and as well as a high level of integration in a foreign higher education system. Even though the final graduation certificate is often recognised in their country of origin, students with a foreign degree can also apply for a job in the host country, thus giving a professional extension to their mobility as a student.

Percentage of graduates from abroad

Indicator

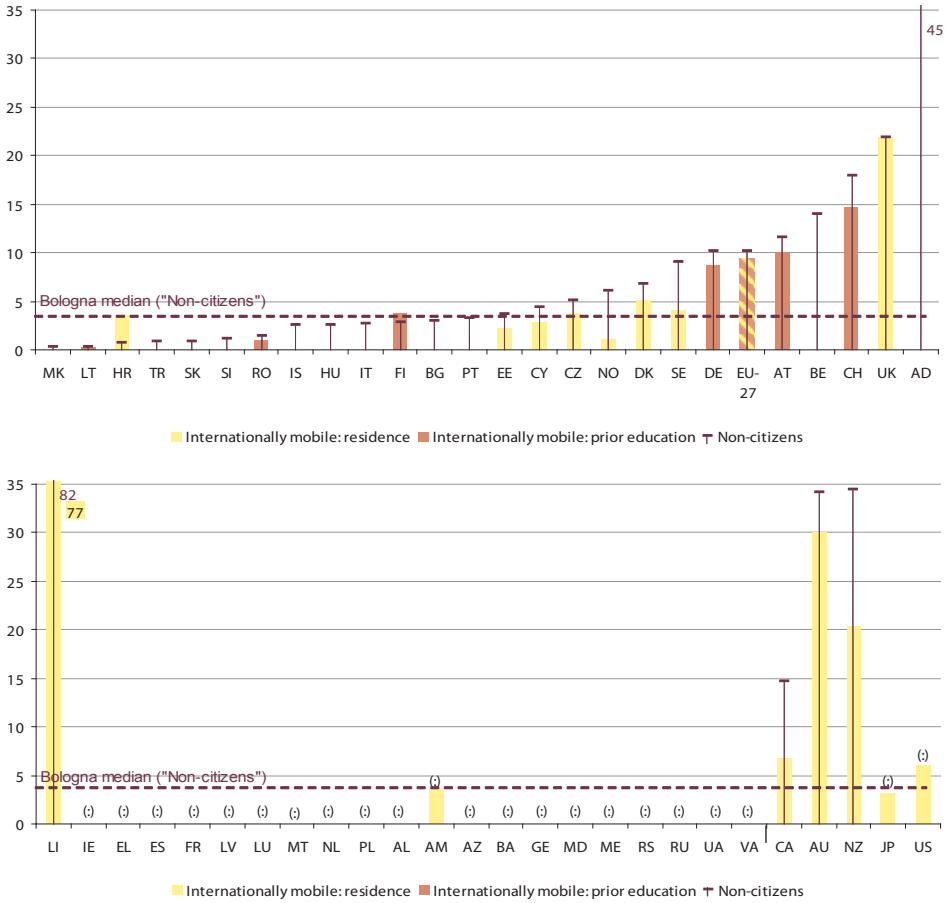
The following indicators on foreign graduates (ISCED 5A and 6) are calculated in a similar way as above: by taking the number of graduates from abroad as a percentage of all graduates in a given national system of higher education. Besides the criterion of non-citizenship, permanent residence or prior education is shown whenever available (see box **M9**, above).

Results

In 2006, in the EU-27, more than one out of ten graduates were not nationals of the country of graduation

- In the EU-27, 10 % of graduates were not nationals of the country of graduation. Surprisingly, this ratio is much higher than the ratio of enrolment of foreign students (7 % - Figure C.1c). This can be partly (yet not fully) explained by the limited number of countries participating in the EU-27 aggregate (only 17 countries included, with the notable absence of France, which records a high rate of foreign students enrolled).
- In Lithuania, Slovakia, Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the proportion of foreign graduates was less than 1 %. This is in line with inbound mobility rates (Figure C.1c). In contrast, the shares of non-national graduates were the highest in Belgium, Germany, Austria, the United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Andorra, with a share higher than 10 %.

Figure C.2a: Percentage of foreign (non-citizens) and international graduates (permanent residence or prior education outside the country), ISCED 5A and 6 — 2006



Note: EU-27, internationally mobile students, results from the aggregation of both criterion (permanent residence and prior education). Moreover, both EU figures (international and non-citizens) are not directly comparable due to coverage differences).

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

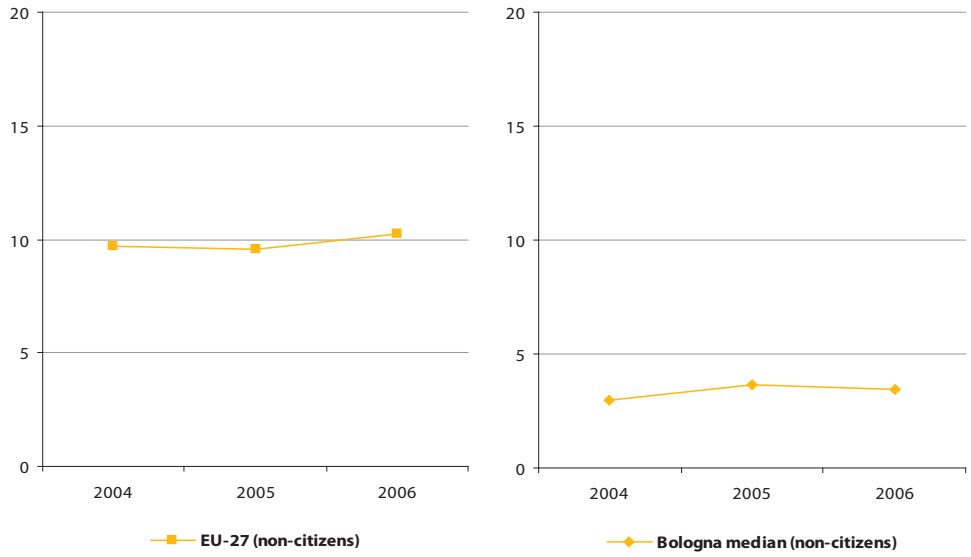
Foreign graduation rates in Europe are far behind those observed in Canada or Australia

- With the exception of the United Kingdom and Liechtenstein, highest shares recorded in Europe are nevertheless far behind those observed in other countries outside the Bologna Area, such as in Canada (15 %), Australia or New Zealand (34 %).
- Ratios of foreign enrolment and graduation are obviously linked. Exceptions to this rule include Cyprus, Lithuania, Portugal, Sweden, Iceland and Turkey, where the number of foreign graduates is less than expected compared to the level of foreign enrolment. This may be explained by the increase in inbound enrolments over recent years in Portugal and Sweden (around 10 % of average annual growth) as well as in Lithuania (+7 % annually on average), and to a lesser extent in Cyprus and Iceland (+2 %). Conversely, in Estonia, United Kingdom, Croatia and Andorra, the share of foreign graduates is more important than the share of foreign students enrolled. This can be partly due to a decrease in foreign enrolments in Andorra (-2.1 % annually on average), but not in other countries.
- From a methodological perspective, it has to be noted that "mobility" figures are systematically overestimated through the non-citizenship criterion (compared to the two other ones), except in Finland and Croatia (underestimation of international mobility) whereas both figures are very similar in the United Kingdom.

Trend data

- Between 2004 and 2006, at EU level (data for only 17 countries are available), the proportion of foreign graduates increased by 10 % per year on average. In half of the Bologna Area, this rate stood at 2 % or more.
- Despite this general trend, some countries registered a decrease of around 15 % on average over the same period (Lithuania, Croatia and Turkey). The strongest increases were observed in Switzerland (average annual growth rate of 18 %), Iceland (+ 19 %), Slovenia (+23 %) and especially the Czech Republic (+44 %).

Figure C.2b: Percentage of foreign graduates (non-citizens), ISCED 5A and 6— 2004–2006



Source: Eurostat, UOE.

C.3. Mobility by social background and perceived obstacles

In the Bergen Communiqué (2005), the Ministers in charge of higher education stressed their willingness to lift obstacles to mobility by facilitating the delivery of visas and work permits and by encouraging participation in mobility programmes. The issue of public financial support is also a major lever of international mobility. As mobility is considered a key opportunity for learning and self-development, ensuring mobility for all students whatever their background is a priority from a social point of view.

This section will investigate the issue of participative equity in European mobility and the perception of students on the most significant obstacles to mobility. This data necessarily comes from surveying students and the analysis is, therefore, based on Eurostudent data. In contrast to the previous section in this chapter, the data here refer to national students in their higher education system reflecting on study-related periods abroad (see box **M12**).

M12 – Data on mobility in the Eurostudent survey

Instead of considering how many students are currently enrolled abroad, the Eurostudent III survey asked a cross-section of students (currently in their own country) whether they have had a study experience abroad in the course of their higher education studies. Therefore, students currently abroad are not included and students may still go abroad during the course of their studies. However, the Eurostudent data is more comprehensive than other sources (e.g. it includes Erasmus figures), as it covers various types of mobility (enrolments in a university abroad, as well as language courses and work placements / internships). The figures cannot, therefore, be compared directly to the previous ones in this chapter.

Mobility by social background

Indicator

Figure C3.a presents the share of a cross-section of national students who have been on a study period abroad during the course of their normal studies. For each country, the national average is compared to students from high and low education backgrounds in order to assess the effects of social background. The social background of students is estimated by their parents' educational level: low (up to lower-secondary school, i.e. up to ISCED 2) and high (ISCED 5 or 6).

Results

- The share of students reporting having been enrolled abroad during the course of their studies is well above 7 % in Finland (11 %), Austria (8 %) and Germany (8 %).
- In most countries, students from highly-educated backgrounds are more likely to have been abroad to study. This is especially the case in Bulgaria, Italy, Slovenia, Romania and Turkey, as students from highly-educated families were three times more likely to have studied abroad than students from low-educated backgrounds.
- Parity was nearly achieved only in Austria and Switzerland. These differences by social background are less pronounced due to indirect mechanisms. For instance, in Austria, students from the polytechnic schools are required to study abroad for one semester; these students were also more likely to come from lower social backgrounds. The field of study can also affect mobility rates. For instance, in humanities and social sciences students from lower educated families were over-represented in Switzerland, and this field of study also registered the highest mobility rates[3].

In most countries, students from highly educated backgrounds are more likely to have been abroad to study

Perceived obstacles to mobility

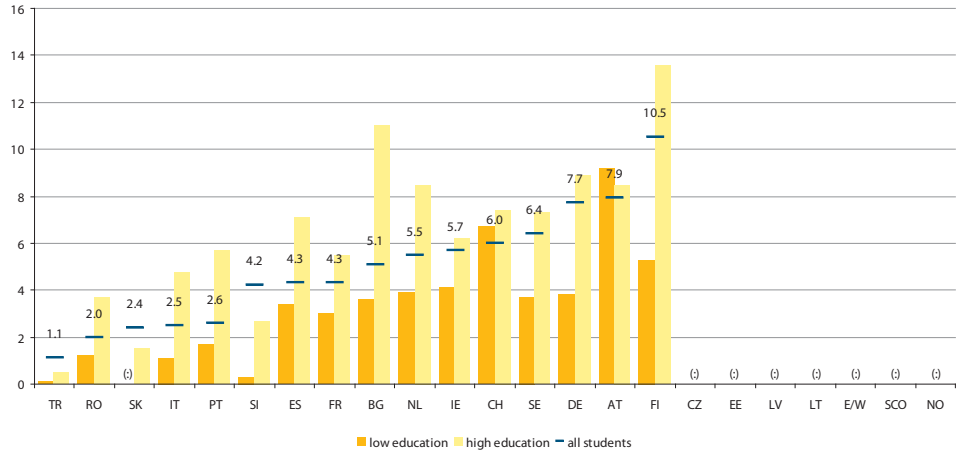
Several types of obstacles to mobility were identified in the Eurostudent survey. The lack of financial support, for example through the portability of support awarded in the country of origin, is one of them. Broadly speaking, other obstacles included lack of language skills, lack of motivation, and insufficient support both in the home and the host country.

Indicators

Figure C.3b shows the percentage of students evoking the different obstacles to a study-related stay abroad, both for the entire student population and for those enrolled in engineering. Figure C3.c reports the share of surveyed students having been abroad, broken down by their father' educational level: low (up to lower-secondary education) and high (tertiary education). Only the median of all participating countries is shown here. Detailed data per country can be found in tables in the annex.

[3]See Eurostudent National Profiles on: http://www.eurostudent.eu/publications

Figure C.3a: Enrolment abroad during course of normal studies, by educational level of fathers (%), ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: Data from 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

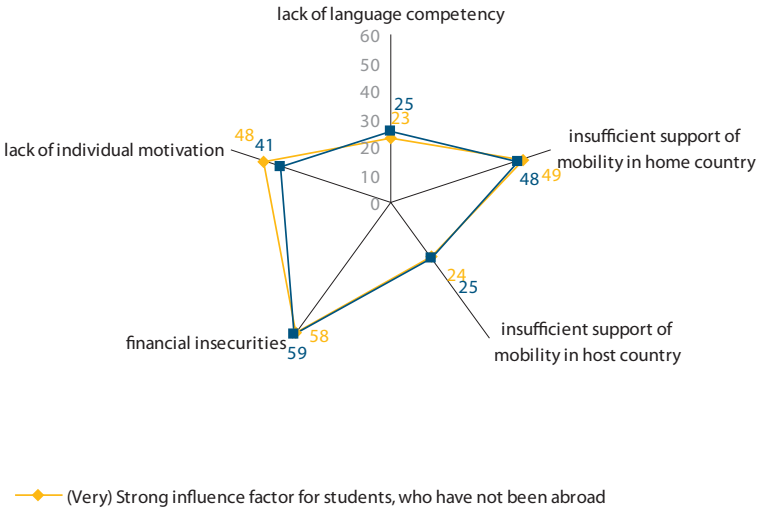
Source: Eurostudent III.

Results

Financial aspects are the most important barriers to the international mobility of students

- According to the students surveyed, the linguistic issue is not the main obstacle to their mobility. The main barrier preoccupying students is financial. Within this category, the possible loss of social benefits (for instance the non-portability of support) is not as important as the risk of additional financial burden in itself. A second factor hampering mobility is a perceived insufficient support in the home country for mobility. In half of the countries, more than 50 % of surveyed students consider this as a significant barrier. More precisely, their main fear is to be delayed in the course of their studies (on average, nearly one third of them pointed out this aspect as important). They are also concerned about the validity or transferability of the qualifications obtained abroad (mentioned by nearly one quarter of them on average).

Figure C.3b: Main barriers to studying abroad (%), ISCED 5A — 2006



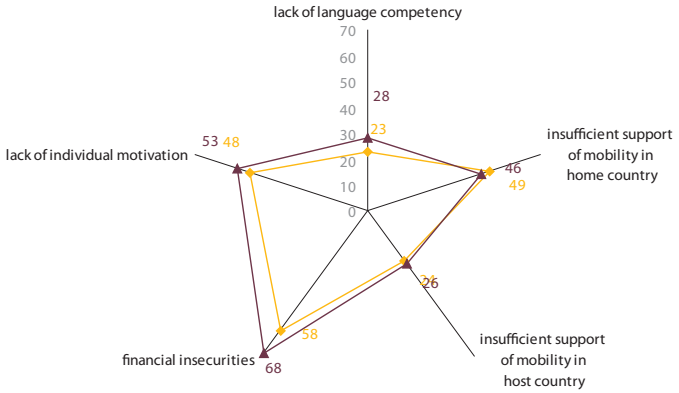
Note: Values represent the median of the values given for countries available. Data from 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).

Source: Eurostudent III.

- The financial barrier was frequently cited by students in Estonia and Turkey, where more than 80 % of students consider it as a major obstacle to enrolling abroad. By contrast, less than one third of students reported this concern in Italy and the Netherlands. Insufficient support in the home country was reported by more than 60 % of students in Estonia, Slovakia and Turkey. Students in Bulgaria and Italy are more satisfied regarding this aspect, as less than one quarter of them consider it as a very strong obstacle to studying abroad.
- Two types of obstacles particularly distinguish engineers from the rest of students: motivation and lack of language competency. On the one hand, engineers report a higher level of motivation (higher personal drive, and less worry about being separated from a partner or friends). On the other hand, however, they do not feel confident enough in their linguistic skills. Measures to improve their study programmes with languages courses (as in France) could help give those students more self-confidence in that matter.
- Differences in perceived obstacles by social background (Figure C.3c) are also reflected in the lack of language skills and individual motivation, along with the financial aspect. Comparing students from a low-educated family with all students shows that they differ the most on the financial dimension. Students from low-educated backgrounds are more numerous in pointing out this matter as a significant obstacle to their mobility.
- This contrast by social background is particularly marked in Austria (where financial insecurity was mentioned by students from low-educated backgrounds twice as much as the entire population), Bulgaria and Italy. However, this contrast was negligible in the Czech Republic, Estonia and Turkey, but this is due to the fact that this preoccupation is generalised and considered as important by all students, regardless of their social background.
- The second differentiating dimension is languages. More students from low-educated families consider that their language skills could prevent them from making the most of their experience abroad.
- This contrast is especially marked in Estonia (where students from low-educated backgrounds are twice as less confident about their language skills than the entire student population) and, to a lesser extent, Switzerland.

Financial and linguistic barriers are especially perceived as obstacles by students from low-educated backgrounds

Figure C.3c: Main barriers to studying abroad, by fathers' educational level (%), ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: Values represent the median of the values given for countries available. Data from 2006 or last year available (2005-2007).
Source: Eurostudent III.

C.4. Staff mobility

Like student mobility, staff mobility helps give substance to the European dimension. Indeed, staff mobility is likely to be linked to student mobility, as it can foster the ties needed for international cooperation between institutions. Staff mobility is furthermore important in that students who have never been abroad will be able to benefit from the international dimension brought by mobile teachers.

The data is very limited on staff mobility, which is largely related to problems of statistical capture. The data source chosen is taken from the Erasmus programme.

Mobility of academics

Indicator

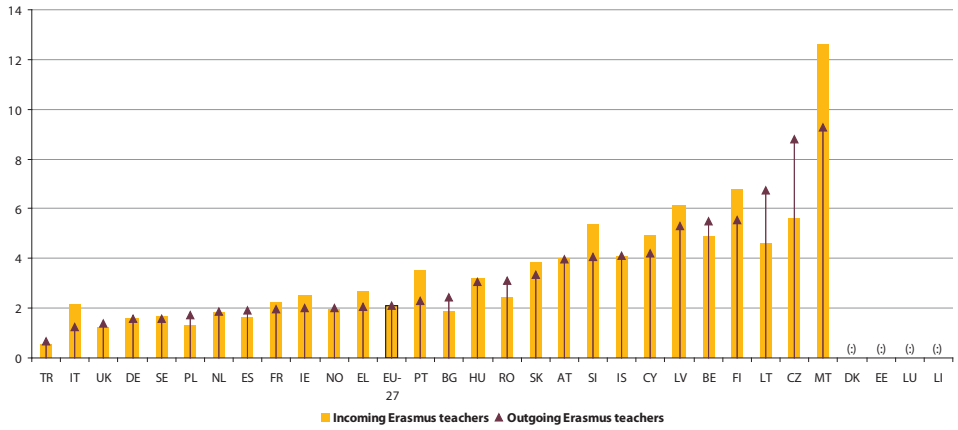
Figure C.4a shows the number of stays abroad by academics and academic staff in the framework of the Erasmus programme. Those data are limited in scope, as those stays abroad are of short duration (five to six days on average). Nevertheless, they shed some light on international cooperation between institutions.

Results

The number of stays abroad per year represents 2% of the total number of academics and academic staff

- Only few academics take the opportunity to visit another country, despite the Erasmus mobility programmes: the number of stays abroad represent around 2 % of all academics and academic staff at ISCED 5-6.
- However, in some countries the number of stays abroad as a percentage of staff can exceed 5 % (in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Malta), but this share remained below 10 % in all countries.
- Compared to their academic population, some countries welcome a relatively high share of tertiary academics from abroad, such as in Malta (12 %).

Figure C.4a: Teacher mobility in the framework of the Erasmus programme: total number of stays abroad, by home and host country, as a percentage of total number of academics and academic staff, ISCED 5-6 — 2006



Note: Finland: data for 2005.

Source: ERASMUS mobility programme.

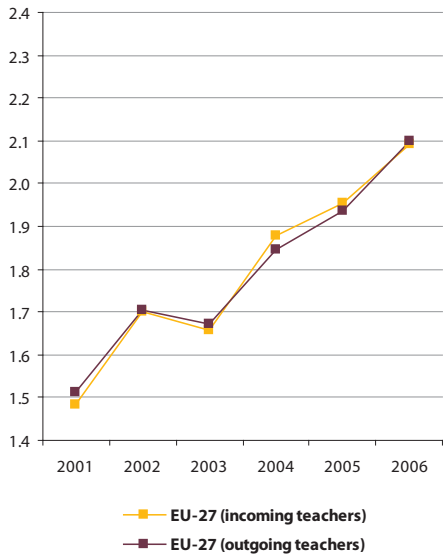
- The number of incoming academics and academic staff is highly correlated to the number of outgoing staff, which reveals that an exchange scheme has been put into place. In most countries, inflows and outflows are quite balanced. However, academic staff in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Turkey are more likely to go abroad to another country rather than vice versa. Conversely, in Italy, Malta, Portugal and Slovenia, there are more incoming than outgoing academics within the framework of the Erasmus programme.

Trend data

- At EU-27 level, the number of academics staying abroad within the framework of the Erasmus programme has been on the increase since 2001. On average, the annual growth rate was +7 % from 2001 to 2006.
- This growth was especially marked in Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia, with an average annual growth rate of more than +20 %. Conversely, the United Kingdom was the only country to register an average annual decrease (-1 %) in the number of outgoing academic staff.

A growing share of academics and academic staff are going abroad in the framework of the Erasmus programme

Figure C.4b: Teacher mobility in the framework of the Erasmus programme: total number of stays abroad, by home and host country, as a percentage of total number of teachers and academic staff, ISCED 5-6 — 2001–2006



Source: Erasmus mobility programme.

Effective outcomes and employability

D. Effective outcomes and employability

- In the EU-27, almost a third of the population aged between 25 and 34 has completed higher education. This share is increasing in younger generations in almost all Bologna countries. This increase in the number of higher education graduates particularly benefits women, who are closing the gap with men, which is often high among the oldest generation (45–64 year olds).
- In 2006, one in three individuals in the EU-27 at typical age of graduation obtained higher-education qualifications (ISCED 5A). The national rates of study completion in higher education (ISCED 5A) vary in the proportion of one to two in the Bologna Area.
- High qualifications play a major role in securing a job, but a high level of education is not always an immediate asset in all labour markets of the Bologna Area. Unemployment is also a matter of age. Indeed, recent graduates (who completed their studies within the last two years) often experience problems entering the labour market. This is reflected by their high unemployment rate in comparison to their more experienced counterparts.
- Women are in most countries more affected by unemployment than men, whatever their educational attainment. The field of study also affects a graduate's chances of entering the labour market: 10 % of young EU graduates in the broad field of humanities, languages and arts are unemployed – twice as high as for health and welfare.
- Differences in wage levels are above all a matter of educational attainment. Highly educated EU-25 workers earn twice as much as medium- and low-educated workers. However, not all workers benefit equally from their education. The range of income levels from highly educated workers is very wide, with the rare exception of the Nordic countries (excluding Iceland). Gender disparities are also found in wage levels, as in all Bologna countries the median income of men is higher than that of women.
- In around half of the Bologna Area, 20 % or more of young workers with tertiary education are employed below their theoretical skill level (vertically mismatched). In this, men are slightly more often mismatched than women. Graduating in the field of services often results in being employed below the theoretical skill level. According to the self-assessment of workers, being employed at the relevant skill level, but in another field than the one studied for (horizontal mismatch) affects between 3 % and 10 % of graduates.
- In some countries, high educational attainment among the population aged 25–34 is associated with a high rate of vertical mismatch for young tertiary graduates. However, no clear link is apparent between high educational attainment and vertical mismatch on the labour market.

Main issues

Once students have entered the higher education system (Chapter A), the amount of resources invested in their education (Chapter B) is no guarantee of their successful completion of studies and subsequent entry into the labour market. In a nutshell, the effective outcomes of tertiary education can be measured by how many students graduate from tertiary education, and how adapted they are to the labour market.

Two aspects of effective outcomes will be investigated here: the output of the higher education system, and its input into the labour market, or "employability" of graduates.

In the first instance, the educational attainment of the population in the Bologna countries will be considered for different groups by gender and age (Figure D.1a) and by field of graduation (Figure D.1b). Educational attainment of the different age groups will provide an insight into the trends over past decades, and will be complemented by more recent graduation rates (Figures D.2a and D.2b). An attempt will be made to link graduation and entry rates using the "completion rate" (Figure D.2c), in order to gauge the ability of higher institutions to transform students into qualified future workers.

Employability was, alongside entrepreneurship, adaptability and equal opportunities, one of the four 'pillars' of the European Employment Strategy, until it was emphasised in guidelines 18, 23 and 24 of the 2005-2008 employment guidelines. The improvement of graduate employability is also a key issue for the Bologna Process (London Communiqué, 2007). It refers to a person's ability to secure initial employment, remain in employment, and obtain new employment if required.

As a result, a large section is devoted to unemployment rates in order to assess the employability of different groups of graduates, according to their educational attainment and sex (Figure D.3a), number of years since graduation (D.3b), and field of graduation (D.3c). Ideally, the notion of employability also encompasses the quality of such work or employment. Graduates may be able to obtain work, but it may be below their theoretical skill level or they may be employed in low paid, undesirable or unsustainable jobs. In line with this, the income of tertiary education graduates will be presented by educational attainment (Figure D.4a) and sex (D.4b). Lastly, a section will be devoted to what is called qualification mismatch (Figures D.5a to D.5d).

In line with the previous chapters, it would be appropriate to look at many of the issues in this chapter by social background. This is because reducing inequalities within higher education should foster equal opportunities in the labour market. However, at present there are significant data gaps in this area and no data is available.

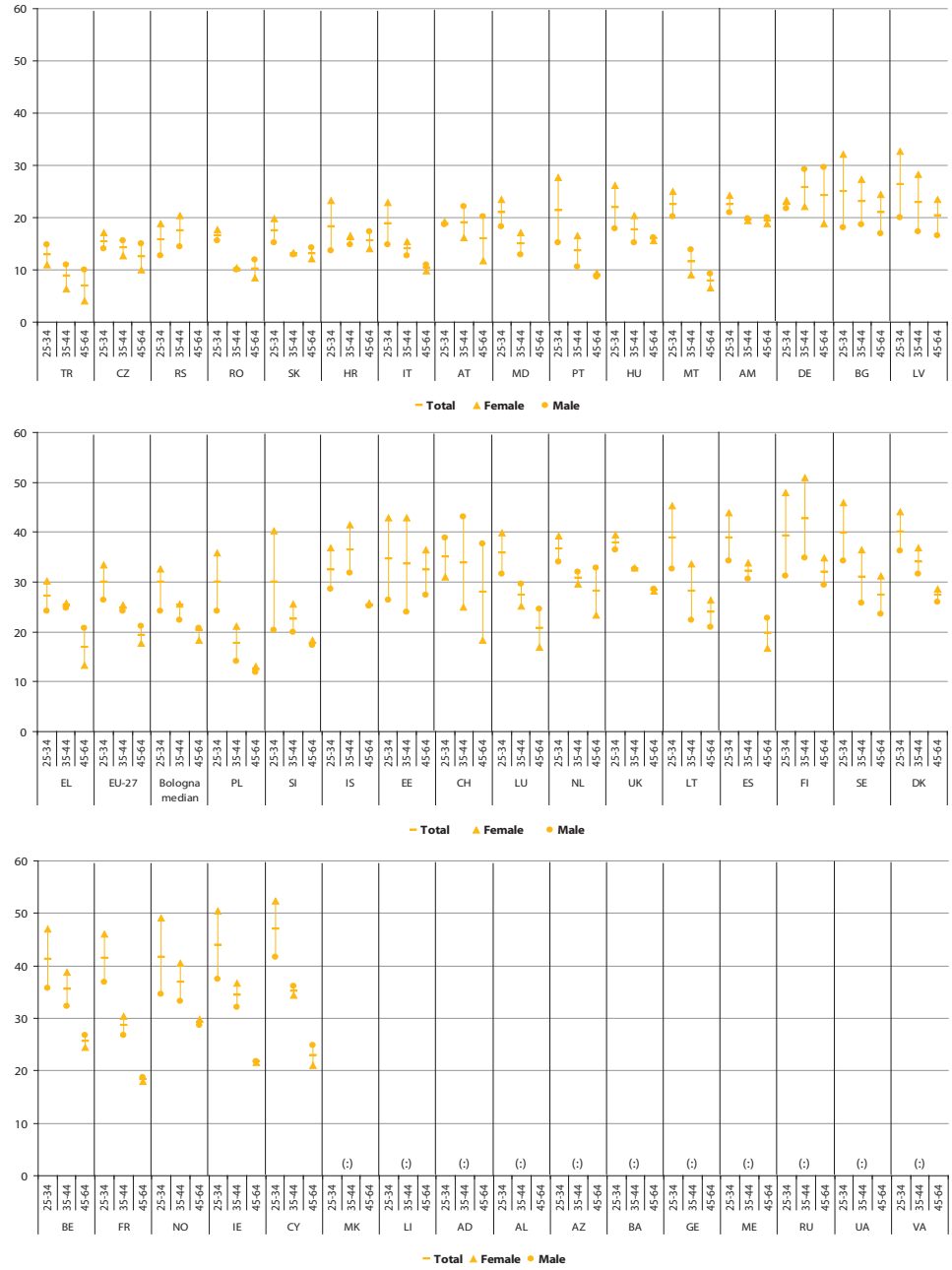
D.1. Educational attainment of the population

At society level, a first indicator of outcome to be considered is the level of education of the population, that is the share of individuals having obtained high-level qualifications (ISCED 5A, 5B or 6).

Educational attainment across generations

Comparing educational attainment across different age groups can give an idea of how much the share of tertiary graduates in the population has changed over the past decades.

Figure D.1a: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6), by sex and age group (25–34, 35–44, 45–64) — 2007



Note: Countries are sorted in ascending order, by Total, 25-34 y. RS: 2008 data.
Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

Indicator

Figure D.1a shows the share of tertiary education graduates in three age groups (25–34, 35–44, 45–64) as a percentage of all individuals of the same age group and gender.

The upper age limit has been set at 64, as it seems that the amount of schooling correlates with a higher life expectancy (e.g. Rogot, Sorlie & Johnson, 1992[1]), and the age limit should therefore reduce this bias.

Results

In the EU-27, almost a third of 25–34 year-olds are highly educated. This share is increasing through generations in most of the Bologna Area

- At EU-27 level, a steady increase was observed in educational attainment through generations: tertiary education graduates accounted for around 20 % of the population aged 45–64, 25 % of those aged 35–44, and 30 % of 25–34-year-olds. The only country where educational attainment of younger generations is lower than that of both 35–44 and 45–64-year-olds is Germany. However, this particular pattern disappears once 30-34 year-olds are considered (27 %), meaning that a significant share of German students tend to graduate when aged above 25.
- Recent changes were most striking in France, Malta, Poland and Portugal, where the proportion of tertiary graduates increased at a rate of around 50 % from one age group to the next. Changes were more recent in Romania and Slovakia, where an increase of around +60 % and +30 % respectively was observed among those aged 25–34 compared to 35–44-year-olds, whereas this latter age group registered the same educational attainment level as the older generation.
- Intergenerational differences vary according to gender in favour of women: the increase in educational attainment was sharper for women than for men. At EU-level and in all Bologna countries (median), there are more tertiary graduates among men than among women in the oldest generation (45–64), whereas a balance was struck among the population aged 35–44, and the opposite was observed among the youngest generation.

This increase particularly benefits women, who have closed the gap with men often observed in older generations (45–64

- This balance point occurs later in some countries (in the youngest generation in Germany and Austria) or has not been reached yet (Turkey and Switzerland), whereas in Bulgaria, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and the Baltic States, there were already more female than male higher education graduates in the oldest generation (45–64).

Educational attainment by field of study

This educational parity (or indeed dominance of female graduates) seen between the sexes on average is not maintained by field of study, where there are quite wide educational disparities. In this section comparisons between the sexes by field of study are shown to highlight the extent of those differences. This data, in turn, might lead to considerations on where initiatives would be needed to achieve a more balanced educational attainment across genders.

Indicator

Figure D.1b shows the higher education attainment rate by field of study, i.e. the percentage of higher education graduates among all graduates at any level of education.

[1] Rogot, E, Sorlie, P. D., & Johnson, N. J. (1992). Life Expectancy by Employment Status, Income, and Education in the National Longitudinal Mortality Study. Public Health Reports, 107 (4), 457-461.

For reliability purposes (sufficient sample size), not all detailed ISCED 97 fields are shown, but only broad fields of study. For each field of study, the EU-27 figure is displayed (on the left-hand side), as well as the Bologna median (see box **M13**), and the minimum and maximum observed among the Bologna countries.

M13 – Bologna median values

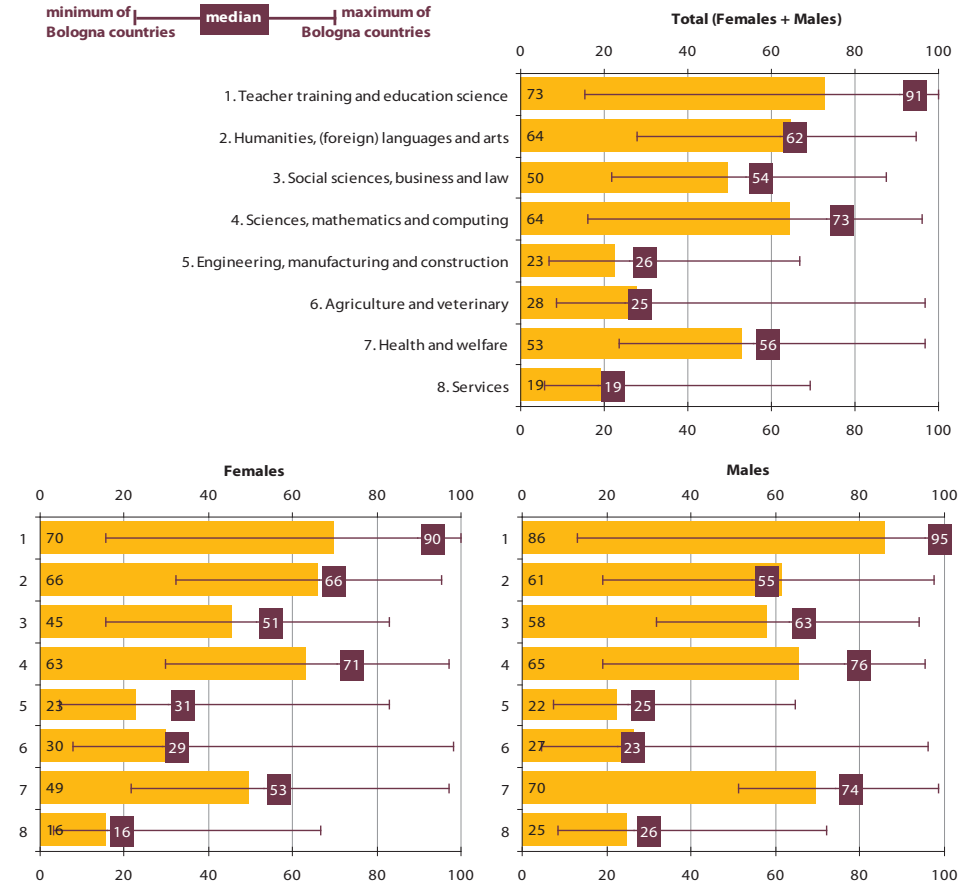
The median value is the point dividing the Bologna countries into two equal halves, meaning that half of the Bologna countries are below the median value and the remaining half are above. This value is computed for all countries for which data are available and is unweighted (i.e. it does not take account of the countries' population size).

Results

In half the broad fields of education, more women tend to graduate in the lower-level programmes

- In the EU-27, 73 % of those who graduated in education science did so in tertiary institutions. By contrast, the broad fields of engineering, manufacturing and construction as well as services registered the lowest shares of tertiary education graduates.
- In some fields (teacher training, social sciences, and especially health and welfare and services), higher level programmes tend to train more men than women. In the field of health, for example, this can be due to the differences between caring occupations (traditionally female) and other more qualified (ISCED 5-6) occupations.
- Conversely, it seems that there are proportionally more highly qualified women than men in the fields of agriculture and veterinary care and humanities, languages and arts. A relatively balanced share was observed in the field of engineering, manufacturing and construction.

Figure D.1b: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25–39, by field of study — 2007



Note: RS: 2008 data.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

D.2. Graduation and completion rates

A population's educational attainment is directly related to the graduation rate of students who accessed tertiary education. In order to register high educational attainment, high entrance rates in tertiary education need to be translated into high graduation rates. The completion rate makes the link between these two measures, and is also a measure of the effectiveness of a higher education system.

Access to and completion of tertiary studies

Indicators

In order to visualise the gap between entry and exit rates for higher education, Figure D.2a compares net entry rates with gross graduation rates:

- Net entry rates are the sum of entry rates by single year of age, the latter being obtained by dividing the total number of new entrants of a specific age by the total population of that age and multiplying by 100.
- Gross graduation rates are calculated by dividing the total number of first time graduates (all ages) in public and private institutions by the population at the theoretical age of graduation and multiplying by 100.

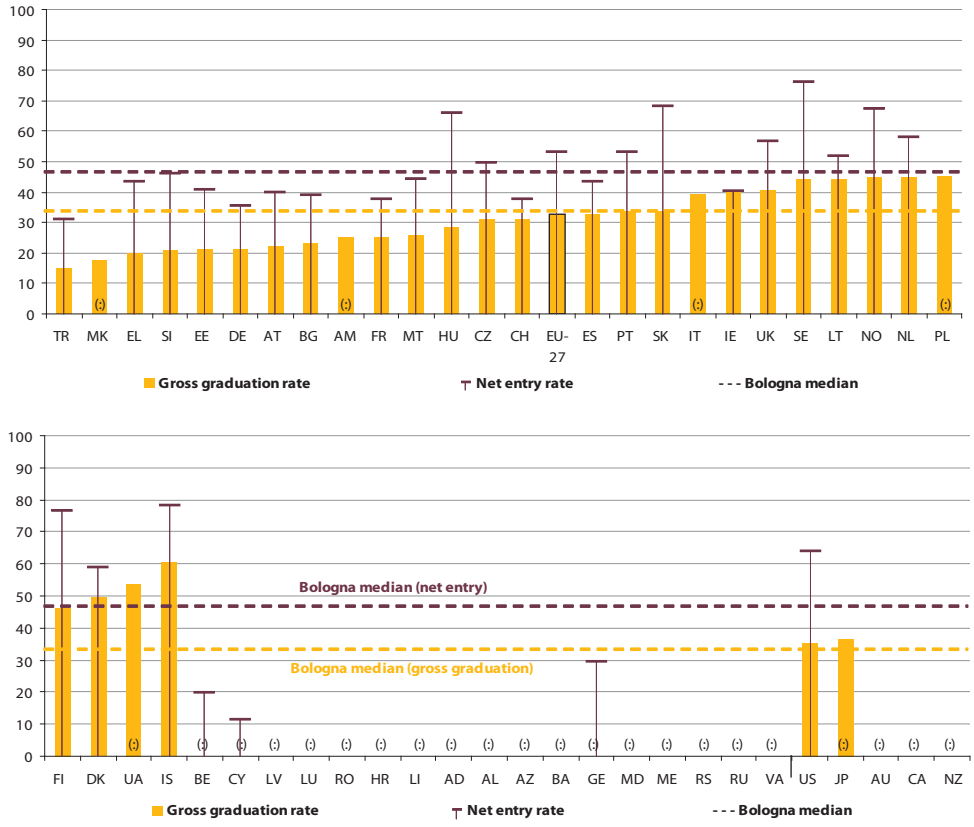
Both indicators refer to ISCED 5A only, which can result in an underestimation of figures for tertiary education in countries where ISCED 5B programmes represent a large part of the tertiary education system. As mentioned in the introductory chapter of this report, in Cyprus, the majority of tertiary students belong to ISCED 5B level; in Belgium and Slovenia, around half of tertiary students are enrolled at that level; in Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Croatia and Turkey, more than 25 % of them study ISCED 5B courses (see Table 0 in annex). For those countries, entry rates reported here underestimate the entry rate to ISCED 5 level as a whole.

Results

- As regards the net entry rates, figures range from less than one third (33 %) in Belgium, Cyprus, Turkey and Georgia to more than two thirds (66 %) in the Nordic countries (excluding Denmark) and Slovakia. Gross graduation ratios range from less than 20 % in Greece, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, up to around or more than 50 % in Denmark, Ukraine and Iceland. Some low values can be explained by the number of students entering or graduating in higher education abroad (Chapter C), or by the structure of the higher education system, specifically the importance of ISCED 5B (not taken into account here) among all tertiary programmes.
- In the EU-27, a net entry rate of 53 % was registered in 2006 (ISCED 5A), whereas the number of graduates represent 33 % of the population at theoretical age of graduation (in different programmes of any duration) at that level. The gross graduation rate thus represents 60 % of the net entry rate. This ratio of graduation rate to entry rate is a rough measure of the gap between access and outcome.

In the EU-27, one individual in two entered higher education (ISCED 5A) in 2006, whereas one in three individuals at typical age of graduation qualified at the first degree of that level

Figure D.2a: Gross graduation rate and net entry rate (%), ISCED 5A — 2006



Note: Countries are sorted by graduation rate in ascending order;
FR: 2003 data; EL, net entry rate: 2005 data; EE, gross graduation rate: 2004 data; MT, gross graduation rate: 2005 data; those countries are not taken into account in the EU-27 aggregate (19 countries in 2006 for graduation rate).

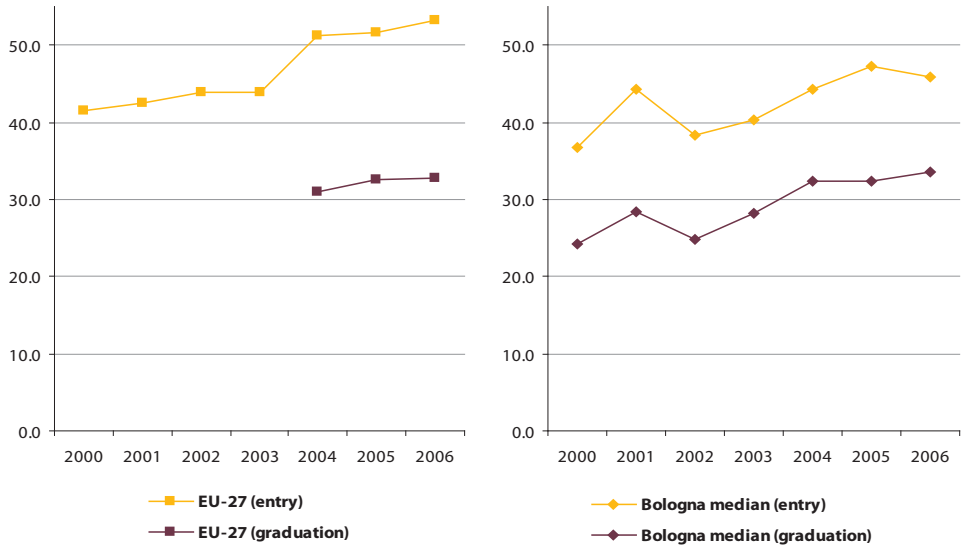
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

- Wide variations from less than 50 % to over 90 % can be seen in the ratio between graduation rate and entry rate. Denmark, Ireland, Lithuania, and Switzerland registered the highest values of all countries reported here (above 80 %), whereas the United States recorded a lower share than the EU-27, at 55 %.
- Graduation rates are quite obviously related to the educational attainment of 25–34-year-olds (Figure D.1a). The relation is not, however, perfect, as phenomena such as graduation abroad or brain drain occur in some countries. In the Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Iceland, the educational attainment of 25–34-year-olds is lower than what might be expected from the graduation rate.

Trend data

- On average, entry as well as graduation rates seem to have increased since 2000, with an average annual growth rate of +4.4 % for entry rates at EU-27 level (Figure D.2b). Both indicators (graduation and entry rates) seem to evolve together over time, but limited availability of data prevents drawing reliable conclusions on this point.

Figure D.2b: Gross graduation rate and net entry rate (%), by sex, ISCED 5A — 2000–2006



Note: Gross graduation rate for EU-27: only 18 countries in 2004, 20 in 2005, 19 in 2006.
Source: Eurostat, UOE.

A quantification of the gap between access and graduation: the completion rate

Comparing entry and graduation rates (Figure D.2a) is not a strict measure of progress of students in tertiary education. Indeed, the notional length of first-cycle studies varies from one country to the next and also between different programmes within a given country. Although limited in availability and still in progress from a methodological point of view, the so-called completion rate aims to provide a better quantification of the gap between access and graduation.

Indicator

An estimate of the completion rate has been calculated with due regard for several factors, including the notional length of programmes. In a number of countries (see table at the end of the report), the completion rate has been calculated by following the entrants of a single year until all have either dropped out or graduated.

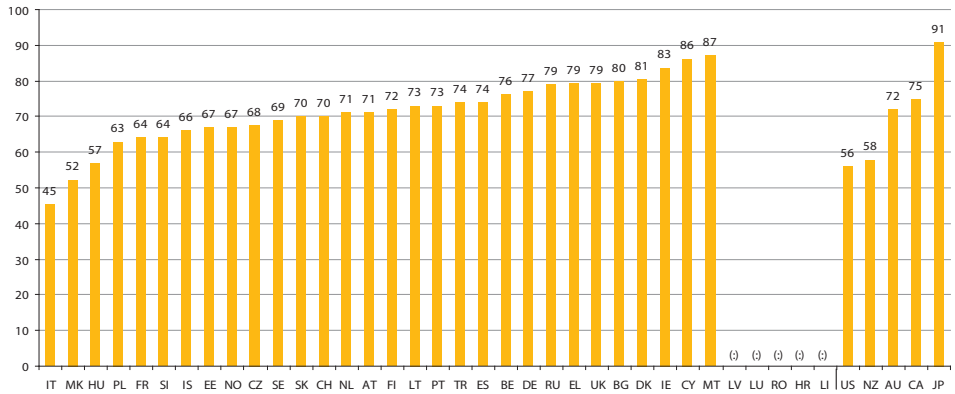
In other countries, the method is cross-sectional, meaning that the number of graduates in the year of reference in a first 5A programme is divided by the number of new entrants to the level the appropriate number of years before.

Results

- Apart from 6 countries (France, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), all countries considered here register at least two thirds of students having completed at least a first programme once they have entered higher education (ISCED 5A). In the case of France, another 15 % of students were successfully reoriented to an ISCED 5B programme.
- The percentage of students who graduate may be higher than or equal to 80 % (as in Bulgaria, Denmark, Ireland, Cyprus and Malta) or in the order of 50 % (Italy and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).
- Substantial variations are also observed outside the Bologna Area, ranging from around 60 % in New Zealand and the United States, to 91 % in Japan.

Completion rates in higher education (ISCED 5A) vary in the proportion of one to two in the Bologna Area

Figure D.2c: Completion rates (%), ISCED 5A (at least first 5A programme) — 2005



Note: EL, ES, EI, CY, LT, MT, TR, MK: 2004 data.

Source: OECD.

D.3. Unemployment rates of tertiary education graduates

Beyond access and graduation in tertiary education, entering the labour market successfully is another challenge graduates must face. The first step is basically to get a job. This section focuses on unemployment rates of tertiary graduates by age, gender, field of study and recency of graduation. The unemployment rate is the percentage of unemployed people in the labour force (employed and unemployed). The inactive population, e.g. unemployed people who are not seeking a job, is therefore excluded from this calculation.

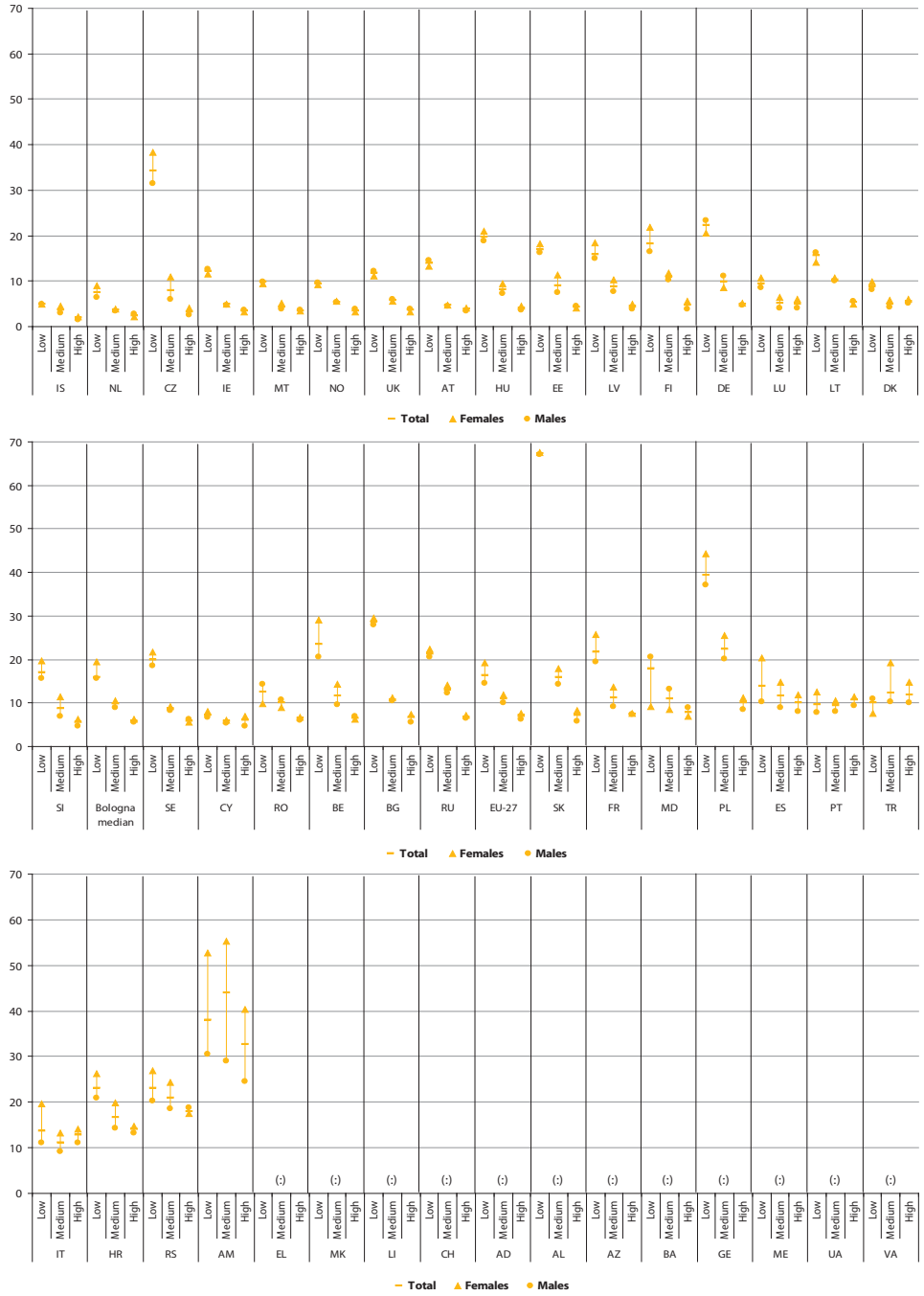
Unemployment and educational attainment

Widening access to tertiary education and improving graduation rates, notably by ensuring the best study framework for all students, provides a potential stock of highly skilled workers for the labour market. As tertiary education requires varying amounts of investment from the state, the taxpayer and the student (Chapter B), an assessment of the employment prospects of graduates is of prime relevance in order to evaluate the effectiveness of such investments.

Indicator

Figure D.3a shows the unemployment rate of graduates aged 20–34 of three educational levels: low (ISCED 1, 2 and 3c short), medium (ISCED 3 — excluding 3c short — and 4), and high (ISCED 5 and 6). Within each of those categories, separate figures are shown for women and men. For example, the first value on the left hand side of the graph is the estimated unemployment rate of women having completed a "low" level educational programme.

Figure D.3a: Unemployment rate of people aged 20–34, by sex and by educational attainment (low, medium, high), % — 2003–2007, cumulated



Note: Countries sorted in ascending order by Total, High. RS: 2008 data. Unreliable estimates: MD, low, female and male; RS, low, female and male & high, male.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

Results

- Educational level obviously correlates with employment: the more qualified people are, the less affected they will be by unemployment. In half of the Bologna countries, the unemployment rate of low-educated people is higher than 16 %, while it was a third less for highly educated people (6 %) and stood at 10 % for the medium category. Figures within the EU-27 were either quite similar or higher.

In the Bologna countries, a high-level qualification plays a major role in securing a job…

- This correlation must however be qualified by country. The gap between low and highly educated is especially wide in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, but this is partly due to a very high unemployment rate for low-educated people (34 % and 67 %, respectively), as well as in Bulgaria, Germany, and Poland.
- Although graduating from tertiary education is clearly an asset in most Bologna countries, this is less the case in the labour markets in Italy, Portugal and Turkey, where the unemployment rate of tertiary graduates is similar or even above that of other educational attainment categories.

… but a high educational level is less of an asset in some labour markets in the Bologna Area

- The unemployment rate of men aged 20–34 is lower than that of women of the same age, whatever the educational attainment. At EU level, in the highly educated group, the unemployment rate of men is 19 % lower than that of women, 15 % lower in the medium category, and 23 % lower among the low-educated group. This result is quite surprising given the fact that the number of women on the labour market (i.e. the number of women employed, or unemployed but actively seeking work, as a percentage of all women of the same age group) is already lower than for men, e.g. due to childcare responsibilities.
- In most countries, educational attainment does not seem to reduce or increase the employment gap between women and men. In some countries, however, gender differences in employment vary widely according to educational attainment. This is the case in Belgium, Estonia, the Netherlands, and Serbia, where relatively important gender differences in favour of men are observed in lower educational categories (low and medium) but disappear in the highly educated group. In Romania and Moldova, in particular, men are more affected than women by unemployment in the lower categories, but this gap is reduced among the highly educated population.

In most countries, women are more often faced with unemployment than men, regardless of their educational attainment

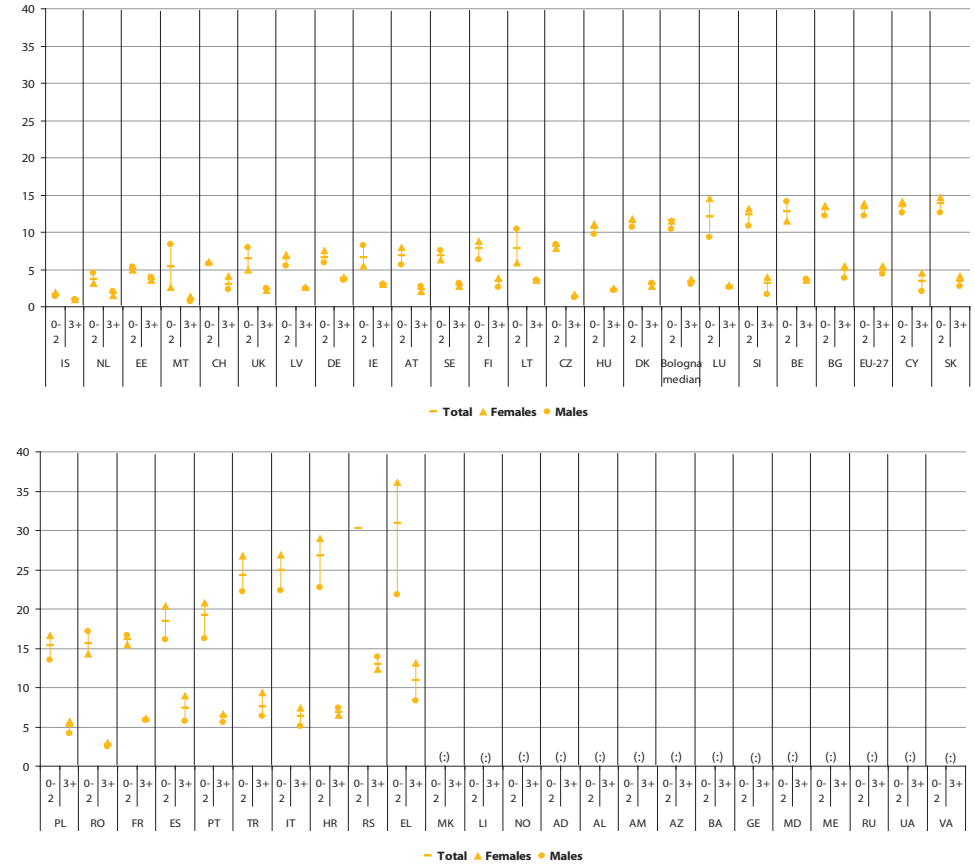
Unemployment and recency of graduation

Employers frequently require work experience from employment candidates. Consequently, some governments have set up employment programmes for young graduates. The data below present the extent to which recent graduates experience problems entering the labour market compared to their seniors.

Indicator

Figure D.3b shows unemployment rates broken down by recency of graduation from tertiary education (ISCED 5-6): those who graduated within the two last years against those who graduated at least three years ago. Data are limited to the age group 20–34 in order to avoid any interference with the age effect, especially for the gender comparisons.

Figure D.3b: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6) aged 20–34, by sex and number of years since graduation (%) — 2003–2007, cumulated



Note: Countries sorted in ascending order by Total, 0-2. RS: 2008 data. Some data from some countries were very unreliable and not taken into account here (see table in annex).

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

The most recent graduates have a higher rate of unemployment than their more experienced counterparts

Results

- In the EU-27, more than one recent graduate in eight (13 %) is unemployed; this is nearly three times more than those who graduated at least three years ago (5 %). A similar pattern was observed for the Bologna countries (median).
- With the exception of Iceland, where unemployment rates are similar in both groups, recent graduates are more affected by unemployment than those who graduated at least three years ago. Recent graduates have an unemployment rate four to five times higher in the Czech Republic, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Romania and Slovakia. It could be expected that the phenomenon is more acute where labour market conditions are more difficult (i.e. with higher unemployment rates for 20–34-year-olds with tertiary education), but it appears that the situation of recent graduates compared to their more experienced counterparts is not simply a matter of the overall unemployment rate (analysis not shown).
- For all countries as a whole, this discrepancy between recent and other graduates applies equally for men and women. However, being recently graduated is especially impeding for women in Luxembourg and Austria. In Austria for example, men are twice as likely to be unemployed when they are recent graduates; for women the figure is nearly four times higher.

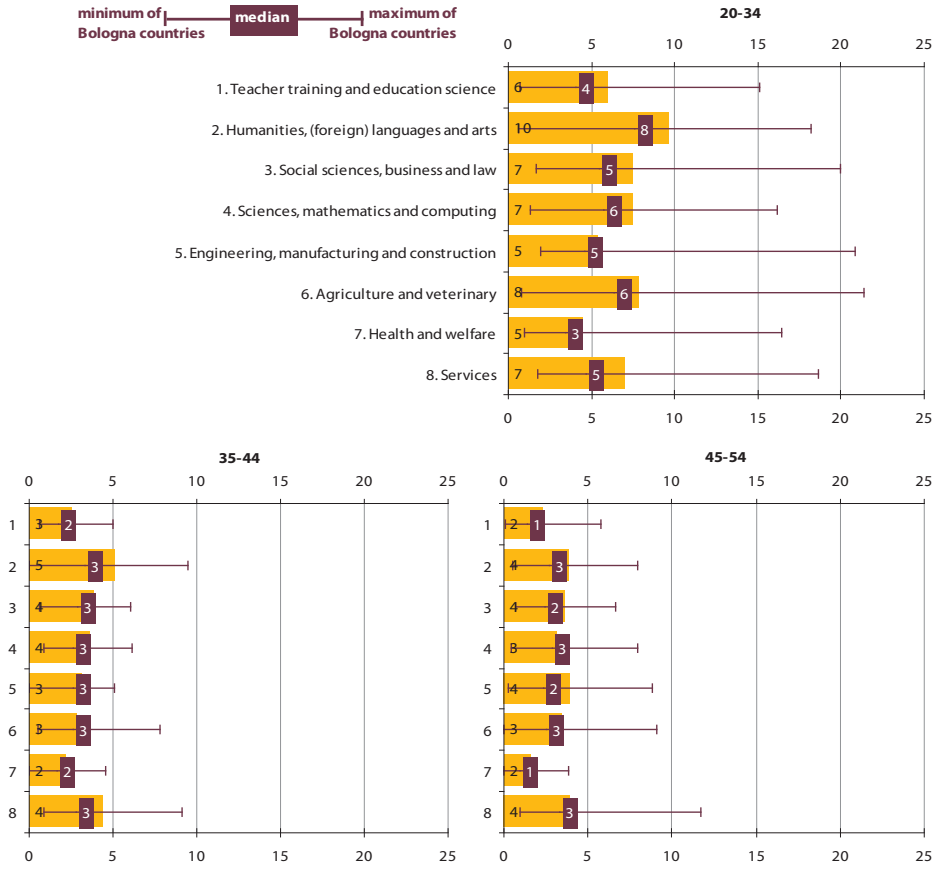
Unemployment and field of study

Different fields of study enjoy varying degrees of professional orientation in the labour market; graduates, therefore, have a more or less direct transition to the workplace. Furthermore, different fields of study prepare for economic sectors which may be driving or delaying the European transition to a knowledge society. In this section, therefore, unemployment rates of graduates will be considered by field of study.

Indicator

Figure D.3c shows unemployment rates by broad field of study for three age groups (20–34, 35–44 and 45–64). In order to ensure sufficient sample sizes and compute reliable estimates, data from 2003 to 2007 were cumulated. For each field of study, the EU-27 figure is displayed (the value is given on the left) as well as the Bologna median, and the minimum and maximum observed among the Bologna countries.

Figure D.3c: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6), by field of study and age (%) — 2003–2007, cumulated



In the EU, 10 % of economically active graduates in humanities, languages and arts are unemployed, twice as high as those from the field of health and welfare

Note: RS: 2008 data. Some data from some countries were very unreliable and not taken into account here (see table in annex).
Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

Results

- The field of humanities, languages and arts appears to be the field most affected by unemployment in all age groups. As regards the youngest age group (20–34), the unemployment rate of graduates in humanities, languages and arts can be twice as high as in the field of health and welfare or engineering, manufacturing and construction.
- These stark differences between fields of study remain for the older age groups, but are strongly reduced, due to a significant decrease in the unemployment rate with increasing age, especially above the age of 35.

After educational attainment, unemployment is above all a matter of age

Actually, more detailed analyses (not reported here) show that, across countries, differences in unemployment rates are above all a matter of educational attainment and then a matter of age. With age, not only are differences across fields reduced, but also those observed across educational attainment levels and across the sexes (yet never eradicated, especially for educational attainment).

D.4. Returns on education

Finding a job is a necessary prerequisite for a successful professional life, but a well-paid job is even better. The question of private returns on higher education has recently become more relevant in the context of discussions on cost-sharing for higher education participation (Chapter B). The higher the private returns on education, the easier it is to see the benefits of private investment in higher education participation (inter alia through tuition fees). Moreover, a higher income results in higher income tax payments, which can be seen as the payback of the original investment of taxpayers' money. A high return on investment for individuals is, therefore, not necessarily a justification for raising tuition fees. It is, however, relevant to this debate.

Income and educational attainment

What are the differences in wage levels by education attainment? This first overall analysis will look at the relative advantage or disadvantage of higher or lower levels of educational attainment.

Indicator

Figure D.4a shows the gross income of workers (family workers excluded) on an annual basis by educational attainment. Cash as well as fringe benefits are included. All amounts are given in EUR PPS in order to make them comparable between countries (see box **M14**).

M14 – PPS (Purchasing Power Standard)

Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) is a currency conversion rate that converts economic indicators expressed in a national currency to an artificial common currency that equalises the purchasing power of different national currencies. In other words, PPP is both a price deflator and a currency converter; it eliminates the differences in price levels between countries in the process of conversion to an artificial common currency, called Purchasing Power Standard (PPS).

For each category of educational attainment – low (ISCED 1, 2 and 3c short), medium (ISCED 3 – excluding 3c short – and 4), and high (ISCED 5 and 6) – the median income as well as percentiles 25 and 75 (see box **M15**) are provided. The difference between those percentiles, therefore, looks beyond the average to show the range of income levels earned by educational attainment. This analysis indeed reveals that large overlaps between educational levels exist. .

M15 – Percentile, P25 & P75, interquartile range

The percentile X (with X ≥0 and ≤100) of a sampled variable is the value of the variable under which are X percent of the observations in the sample. For example, a percentile 25 (denoted P25) of EUR 1000 for an income variable means that 25 % of people in that sample earn less than EUR 1000.

Percentile 0 is the minimum, and P100 the maximum. The median is percentile 50.

The difference between P75 and P25 (also called quartile 3 and 1 respectively) is called the 'interquartile range' and measures the values' dispersion.

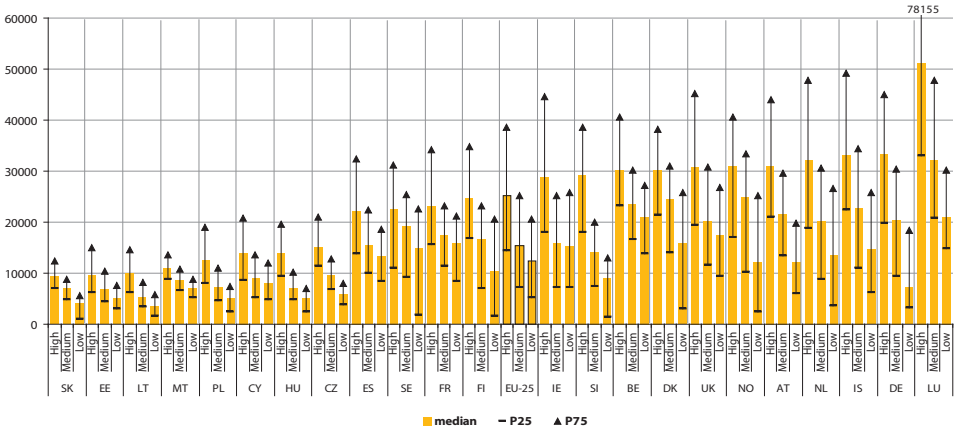
Results

- Wages vary considerably according to educational level attainment. Considering the median income, those having a high educational level in the EU-25 earn nearly twice as much as those with a low or medium level of education.
- Wage differences across educational attainment categories are the most marked in Germany, where the gross income trebles for highly educated workers: the difference between high- and low-educated workers reaches a factor of almost 5. In contrast, in Belgium, France, Malta and Sweden, the income of the highly educated is less than 1.5 times more than that of other educational attainment categories.
- As regards dispersion of earnings, interquartile ranges show that wages are more disparate among the highly educated (in the EU, the individual under whom are the 25 % lowest wages earns EUR 24 200 PPS less than the one over whom are the 25 % highest salaries) than among workers educated to a medium (interquartile range of EUR 17 900 PPS) and low level (EUR 15 400 PPS).
- In contrast to this tendency, the dispersion of wages is quite balanced in the three educational level groups in the Nordic countries (except Iceland).
- Clear overlaps exist between income ranges earned by highly educated workers and the ranges for lower educational levels. This means that a higher education does not translate into a higher annual wage for everyone.

With a high educational level, EU-25 employees double their pay slip compared to medium and low educated employees

With the rare exceptions of the Nordic countries (excluding Iceland), wage disparities are higher among highly educated employees

Figure D.4a: Annual gross income (cash and non-cash) of workers (family workers excluded) in PPS EUR, by educational attainment — 2006



Note: Countries sorted in ascending order by Median, High.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

- More detailed analyses (not presented here) show that the difference between graduates of high and low educational levels (ratio high/low of medians) tend to increase with age. This is especially the case in Ireland, Spain, Cyprus, Slovenia and the United Kingdom. For instance, in Ireland, graduates of higher education earn 1.5 times more than graduates of lower levels in the age group 25–34, twice as much among age group 35–44, and three times a much among 45–54-year-olds. There are, however, rare examples where income differences between high and low educational attainment decrease by age (Germany) or are quite stable (Denmark). The general tendency of increasing wage disparity by educational attainment according to the age of the graduate may be affected by two factors: either career advancement is facilitated by higher education attainment or/and graduation provided better chances on the labour market in the past due to the relative scarcity of qualifications (Figure D.1a).

Income and sex

It is of particular relevance for a report on the social dimension of higher education to investigate the wide range of income levels by educational level for social disparities. At the moment it is only possible to do this for gender due to gaps in data availability.

Indicator

Figure D.4b considers gender equity in wages, presenting as before median gross income as well as 1st and 3rd quartiles for men, women and the total.

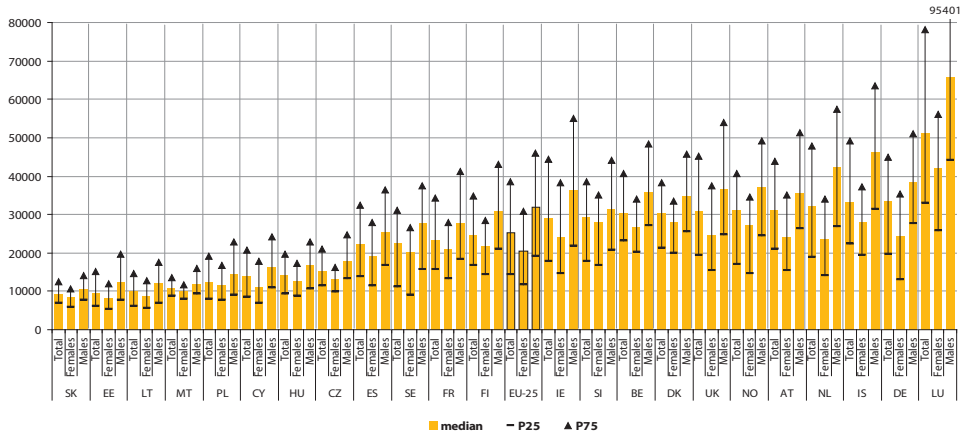
Results

In all Bologna countries, the median income of men is higher than that of women

- At EU-25 level, the median income of women represents two thirds of that of men. The domination of men on this criterion is observed in all countries without exception. The gap is especially prominent in Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Iceland, where the median income of women represents less than 65 % of that of men. This can be explained, at least in Germany, by the higher share of women working part-time. Gender disparities are less significant in Denmark, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, as women's wages account for between 80 % and 90 % of men's income.
- According to the interquartile range, wage levels are more disparate among men than among women. This is partly due to the fact that income variance is higher in the categories where the median is higher. However, in the Czech Republic, Estonia and Malta, the dispersion according to gender is wide despite small differences in the median.

- More detailed statistical analyses show that gender disparities are smaller among workers with tertiary education (Figure D.4b) than among the population educated to a medium or low level (not shown). The gap typically observed in favour of men is reduced (but not closed) among those with a high educational attainment. This is especially marked in Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (where gender disparities are huge among those with a low level of education: by a factor of close to 3 in Ireland and the Netherlands). In contrast, the gap (when comparing median incomes) increases in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Finland. For example, in Hungary highly educated men earn 30 % more than women in the same category, whereas men and women are paid evenly among the workers with a low level of educational attainment.

Figure D.4b: Annual gross income (cash and non-cash) of workers (family workers excluded) with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) in PPS EUR, by sex — 2006



Note: Countries sorted in ascending order by Median, Total.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

D.5. Qualification mismatch

Another perspective on the comparative utility of educational attainment can be provided by turning to educational attainment and the skills required in a graduate's current occupation; in other words, a look at the quality of the job obtained.

This section focuses on qualification mismatch. There are two main types of mismatch – vertical and horizontal mismatch (see matrix below). They will be analysed by looking at graduate employment.

	Employment position is in the same field as the educational qualification	Employment position is not in the same field as the educational qualification
Employment position equates to educational attainment	*Qualification match*	*Horizontal mismatch*
Position is below level of educational attainment	*Vertical mismatch*	*Vertical and horizontal mismatch*

The assessment of qualification mismatch should help to evaluate the value of a higher education qualification for an employee in each country. In terms of both private and public investment, permanent (or long-term) employment below theoretical skill level might be considered a waste of resources. However, it should be noted that this argument assumes a rather static view of the labour market, as the labour market is likely to adapt to the situation by providing more highly-skilled jobs (i.e. move towards becoming a "knowledge society"). Such dynamic adaptations cannot be shown in the following data.

Mismatch and sex

Indicator

Based on the skill levels corresponding to the different ISCO categories of jobs (see box **M16**), it is assumed that graduates from educational levels ISCED 5 and 6 are intended to occupy jobs with the skill corresponding to the ISCO levels 1, 2 or 3. As a result, a tertiary education graduate is considered as vertically mismatched when he or she occupies a post not included in categories ISCO 1, 2 or 3.

M16 – ISCO – International Standard Classification of Occupations

The International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) is a tool under the responsibility of ILO for organising jobs into a clearly defined set of groups according to the tasks and duties undertaken in the job. The third version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations, ISCO-88, was adopted in 1987. The updated classification was adopted in December 2007 and is known as ISCO-08. This last version was not used here.

Ten major groups are determined of which the first three are of interest here: Legislators, Senior officials and Managers (ISCO 1), ISCO 2 Professionals (ISCO 2), and ISCO 3 Technicians and associate professionals (ISCO 3). ISCO 1 and 2 occupations require a skill level corresponding to ISCED 5A and ISCED 6 – academic – levels of education (ISCED 97). ISCO 3 skill level is closer to that taught at ISCED 5B – more vocationally-orientated – (and possibly 5A) levels. In all, those three first ISCO categories include posts to be typically occupied by tertiary education graduates.

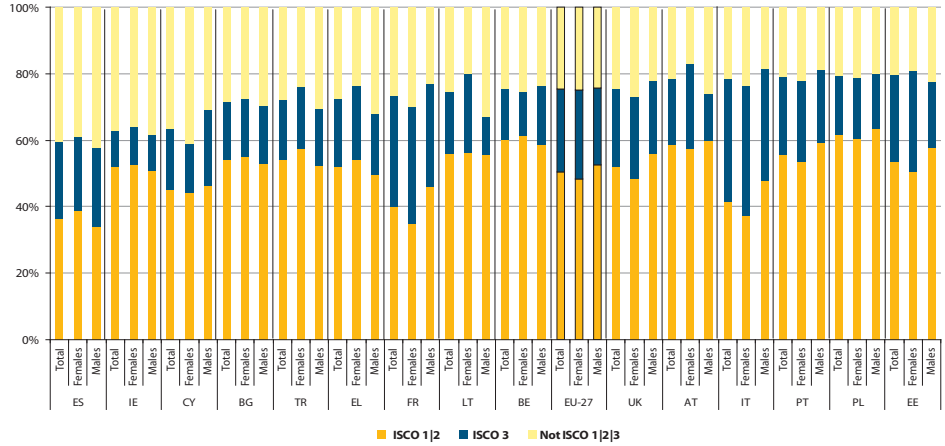
Figure D.5a shows the number of tertiary graduates aged 25–34 employed in different ISCO categories as a percentage of all employees; economically inactive and unemployed persons are therefore excluded here. Three ISCO groups are taken into account. Employees in an occupation not classified in the categories ISCO 1, 2, or 3 are considered vertically mismatched. ISCO 1, 2 and 3 employees are all in a relevant occupation as regards their qualification level, but ISCO 3 is presented separately as this category refers more specifically to less theoretical programmes (typically ISCED 5B). ISCED 5A graduates in this category would therefore be considered vertically mismatched. However, the data do not allow a distinction to be made between ISCED 5B and ISCED 5A and 6 graduates.

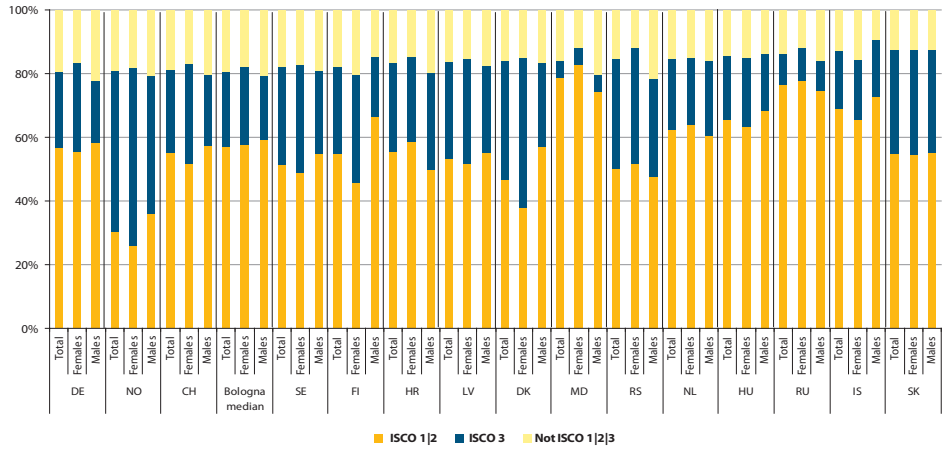
In around half of the Bologna area, 20 % or more of young employees with tertiary education are vertically mismatched

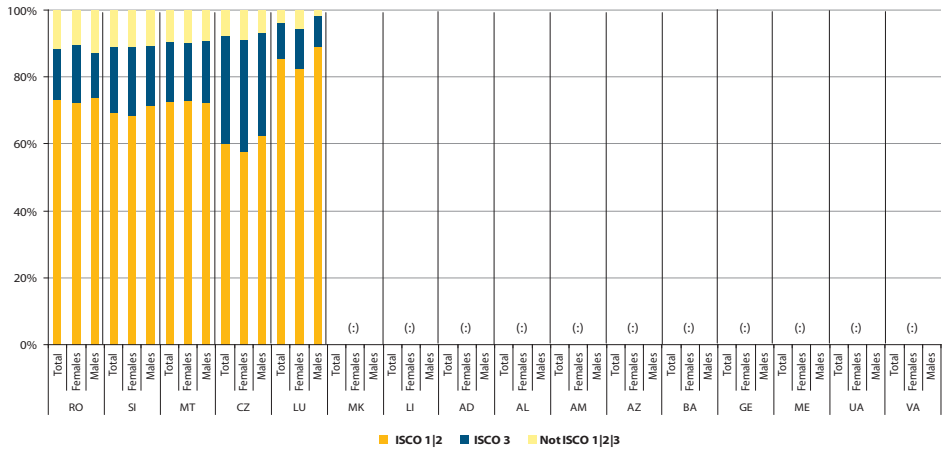
Results

- In nearly half of the Bologna Area, more than one in five graduates aged 25–34 are employed below their skill level. This vertical mismatch affects 25 % of tertiary graduates in the EU-27.
- Situations can be very diverse across the European continent. The vertical mismatch rate is lower than 10 % in the Czech Republic, Luxembourg and Malta, but reaches 30 % or more in Cyprus, Ireland and especially Spain (41 %).

Figure D.5a: Percentage of people with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25-34 and employed in ISCO 1 or 2 (legislators, senior officials, managers and professionals), in ISCO 3 (technicians and associate professionals) and not in ISCO 1|2|3, by sex — 2007







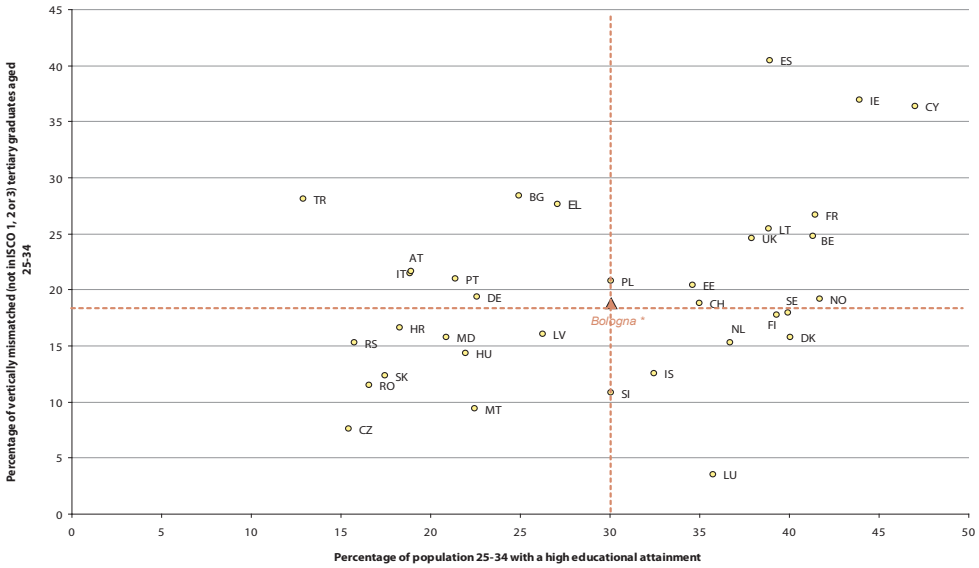
Note: Countries sorted in descending order by Total, not ISCO 1|2|3. Unreliable estimates (probability of 0.95 to vary between plus and minus 5 up to 10 percentage points): EE, Men, ISCO 1|2 and Not ISCO 1|2|3; LV, Men, ISCO 1|2; EE: Men, ISCO 1|2 and ISCO 3; RS, all data except total Not ISCO 1|2|3 & Women Not ISCO 1|2|3.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

As regards vertical mismatch, disparities vary above all according to country, but men are slightly more often mismatched

- The Nordic countries registered a vertical mismatch rate below the EU-27 average (from 13 % to 19 %), but presented a large share of tertiary graduates occupying ISCO 3 posts (excluding in Iceland). It is not possible to say whether all these graduates come from an ISCED 5B level programme (fundamentally practical and technical) and are therefore in principle not mismatched, or if a large part of them indeed work in an occupation below their theoretical skill level.
- At EU-level, there is a balance between women and men as regards vertical mismatches. But this is not true for every country. In Luxembourg, women are proportionally 4 times more vertically mismatched than men, whereas in Lithuania, Austria and Moldavia, men are around 1.5 times more in this situation. In a half of the Bologna countries, men are at least 10 % more mismatched than women.
- Vertical mismatches might be caused by difficulties in entering the labour market. However, computations show that the unemployment rate of tertiary graduates (Figure D.3a) is not generally linked to vertical mismatch. Although the relatively high rate of unemployment among tertiary graduates aged 25–34 is associated with a relatively high vertical mismatch rate in Belgium, Bulgaria, Spain and France.
- In addition, the proportion of tertiary graduates working in ISCO 3 jobs may explain a reduced added-value in terms of income (Figure D.4a) for highly educated graduates compared to their counterparts with a medium educational attainment.
- The correlation between higher educational attainment (the proportion of 25–34-year-olds having graduated in tertiary education) and vertical mismatch is particularly interesting. Figure D.5b locates every country simultaneously on both dimensions. In general terms, as suggested by the positive correlation, it seems that the larger the share of graduates of tertiary education, the higher the share of graduates beginning their career below their theoretical skill level. Ireland, Spain and Cyprus are highly representative of this trend.

Figure D.5b: High educational attainment (ISCED 5-6) and vertical mismatch — 2007



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

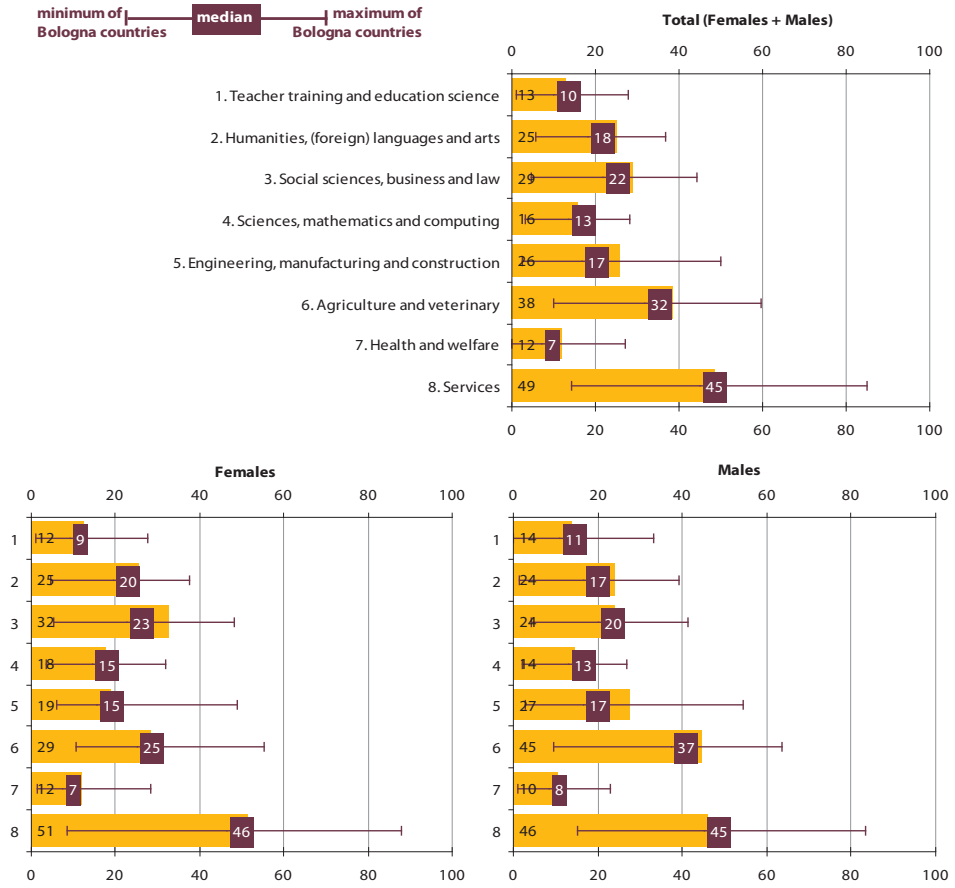
- The Nordic countries (excluding Iceland) and Luxembourg appear to contradict this link. They display a low level of vertical mismatch despite a relatively high level of educational attainment. However, it should be borne in mind that this is both a very broad look at higher education (including ISCED 5B) and appropriate levels of employment (including ISCO 3). For example, in the Nordic countries many tertiary education graduates are employed at ISCO level 3 (especially in Norway and Denmark).
- Despite a relatively high correlation between both dimensions, a comparison of countries along the vertical mismatch at around 20 % suggests that there is no clear link between these two dimensions.

No clear link is apparent between high educational attainment among 24-34 year olds and vertical mismatch on the labour market

Mismatch and field of study

As mentioned above, different fields of study enjoy varying degrees of professional orientation in the labour market. Furthermore, these fields are more or less affected by changes in the general economy and specifically in the labour market. These differences may affect the frequency of vertical mismatch by field of study which is investigated in this section.

Figure D.5c: Percentage of people aged 25–34 with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) who are vertically mismatched (not in ISCO 1, 2 or 3), by field of study and sex — 2003–2007, cumulated



Note: Countries sorted in ascending order by Total, High. RS: 2008 data. Unreliable estimates: see Table D5c in annex.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force Survey).

Indicator

Figure D.5c shows vertical mismatch rates by broad field of study, separately for women, men, and total. For each field of study, the EU-27 figure is displayed (the value is given on the left), as well as the Bologna median, and the minimum and maximum observed among the Bologna countries.

Results

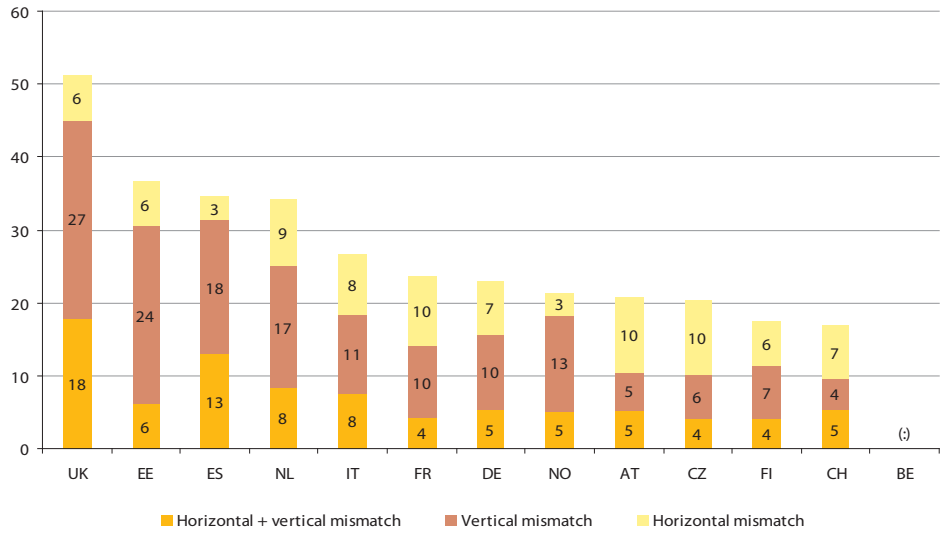
Graduates in the field of services have jobs frequently below their theoretical skill level

- More than a matter of gender, vertical mismatch is above all correlated with the field of study in which employees graduated. For example, in the EU-27, only one in eight graduates in the fields of teacher training and education science, or in health and welfare, are vertically mismatched. By contrast, in the field of services, nearly half of employees with tertiary education occupy a position below their skill level, with a maximum of 85 % recorded in Cyprus. The appropriateness of this field of study for higher education might therefore be called into question. Despite a low number of students graduating from tertiary programmes within this field (Figure D.1b), the unemployment rate is among the highest (Figure D.3c), as well as the share of vertically mismatched employees.
- Gender differences are quite balanced overall and depend on the field of study. Men are relatively more frequently affected as graduates in the fields of engineering, manufacturing and construction and agriculture and veterinary studies while women are proportionally more mismatched as graduates in sciences, mathematics and computing, and above all in social sciences, business and law.

Self-perception of qualification and skills mismatch

On the basis of the Reflex survey, it is possible to provide a more comprehensive perspective on skills mismatch, which looks at both horizontal and vertical mismatches together. Based on survey data, this section captures graduates' self-perception on whether their current occupation 'fits' their academic studies. It may be assumed that the closer the fit, the higher the self-perception of the utility of tertiary education for these graduates.

Figure D.5d: Qualifications mismatch as reported by employed graduates with more or less 5 years of experience since leaving higher education, by type of mismatch (horizontal, vertical, or both), %, ISCED 5A second degree — 2005



Note: Countries are sorted in ascending order by exact match. BE: data not reported due to a low return rate.

Source: Reflex, 2005.

Indicator

Qualification mismatch as measured by the Reflex survey is measured by self-assessment. The individuals of the sample (people who graduated 5 years ago) were asked to assess their job in relation to their education. The measure is certainly less standardised than a variable based on the ISCO international classification. However, a distinction is made between three types of mismatch: horizontal mismatch (being at the relevant skill level, but in another field than that of graduation), vertical mismatch, and both. The two latter categories correspond to the vertical mismatch as considered in the previous indicators.

As for previous figures, only workers are included in the denominator; unemployed persons are excluded.

Results

- Vertical mismatch in the same field as graduation can be seen to be the most common type of qualification mismatch. Taken together with horizontal and vertical mismatch, over a quarter of graduates consider themselves to have a job not fitting their educational attainment in the Netherlands (25 %), Estonia (30 %), Spain (31 %) and the United Kingdom (45 %).
- Being employed at the relevant skill level but in another field (horizontal mismatch) was reported by between 3 % and 10 % of graduates, with the highest levels registered in France, Austria and the Czech Republic.
- The self-perceptions from the Reflex survey are quite consistent with the match rates obtained in LFS by the ISCO methodology. Indeed, excluding horizontal mismatch from other types of mismatch, only graduates in Estonia, the Netherlands and especially the United Kingdom tend to overestimate their qualification mismatch, as compared with ISCO matching.

Country profiles

How to read the country profiles

The country profiles present the same set of indicators for each country of the Bologna area. These indicators are extracted from each of the four chapters included in this report. Detailed explanation and methodological notes are provided at the end of the report.

The country profile presents a range of statistical data for each indicator:

- the value of the indicator for the country under consideration;
- the median of the distribution of countries: the median value is the point dividing the number of countries into two equal halves, meaning that half of the countries are below the median value and the remaining half are above. This value is computed for all countries for which data are available and is unweighted (i.e. it does not take account of the countries' population size);
- percentiles 10, 25, 75 and 90 aim at describing the dispersion of the countries under investigation. The percentile X (with X ≥0 and ≤100) of a sampled variable is the value of the variable under which are X percent of the observations in the sample.
    - *Example:* "Percentile 10 of female entrants in science as a percentage of total entrants in science is 30 %" means that in 10 % of the EU-27 countries, female entrants in science represent less than 30 % of the total entrants in science at ISCED level 5a. It also means that in 90 % of the EU-27 countries, female entrants in science represent more than 30 % of the total entrants in science.

When, for a given country, the indicator is not available, this country is not presented in the graph.

Two sources were used to compile the information: Eurostat and Eurostudent III. As a result, the distribution of countries is based:

- on the 27 Member States of the European Union for information provided by Eurostat (except for indicator A.5b which displays EU-25);
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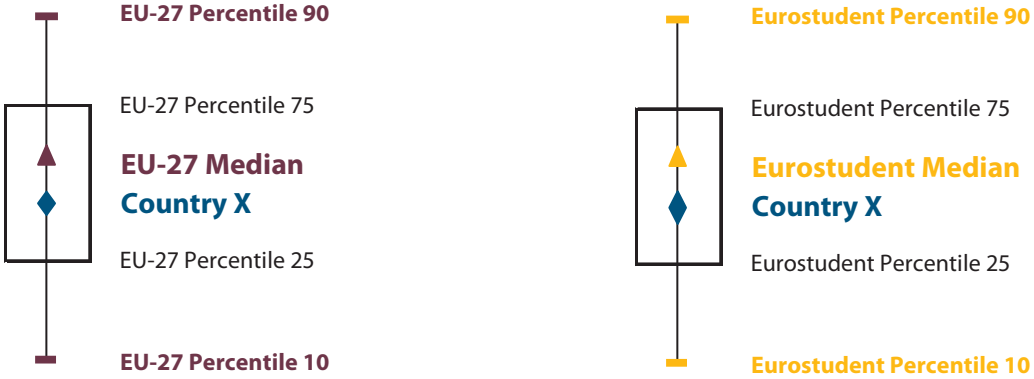

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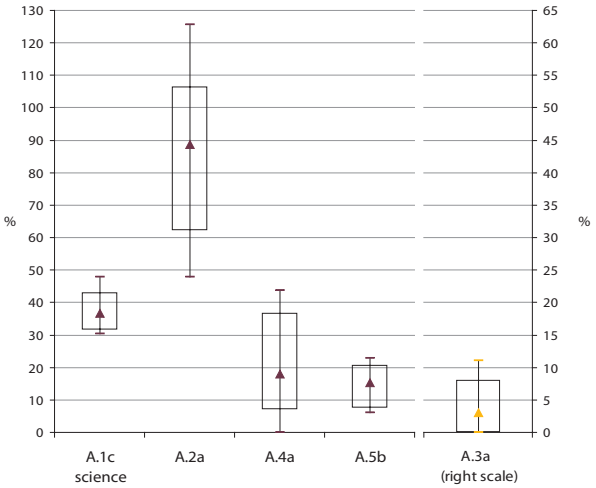

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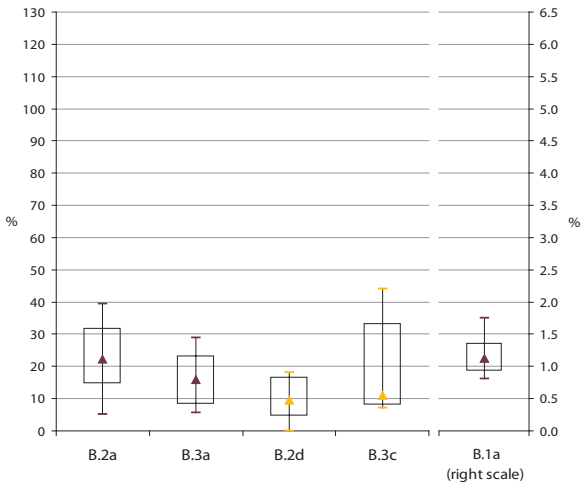

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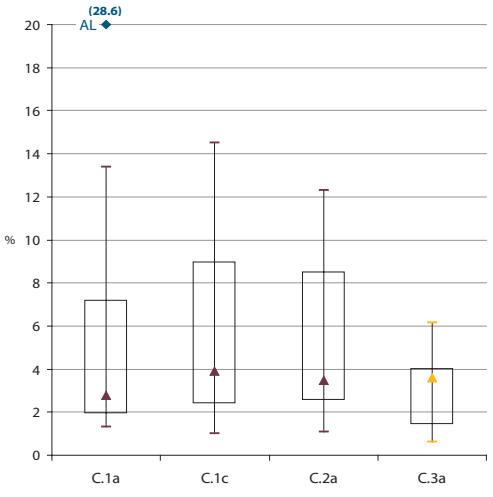

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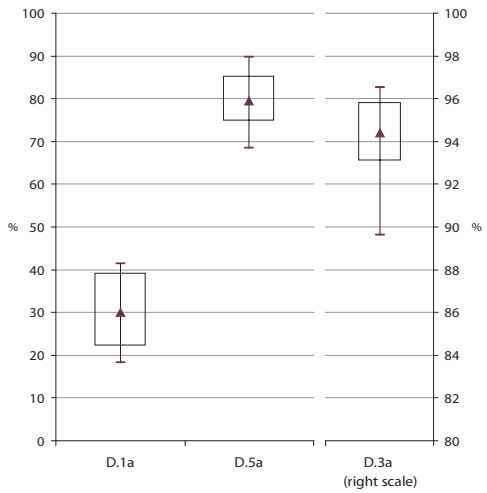

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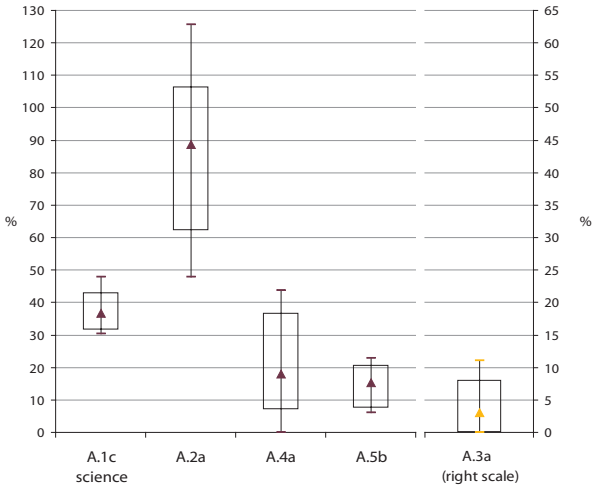

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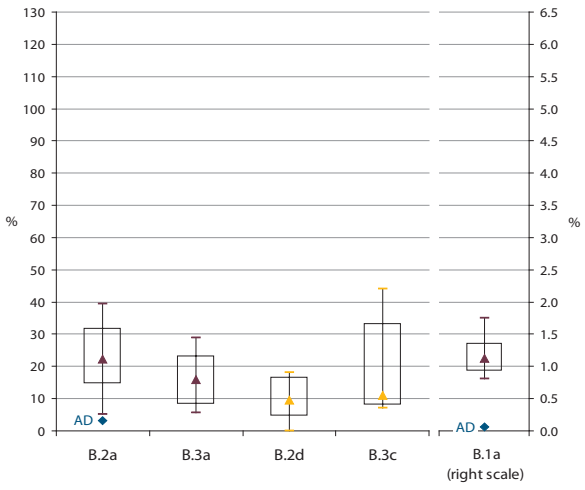

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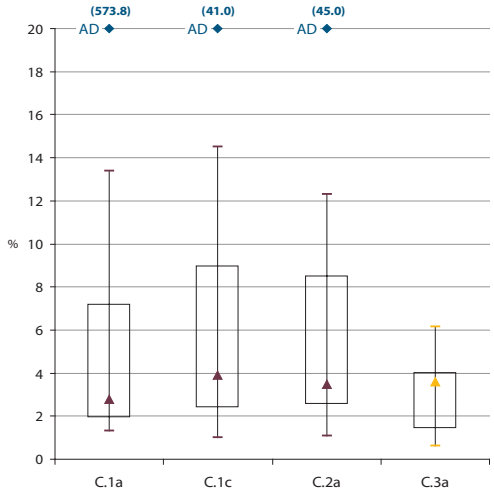

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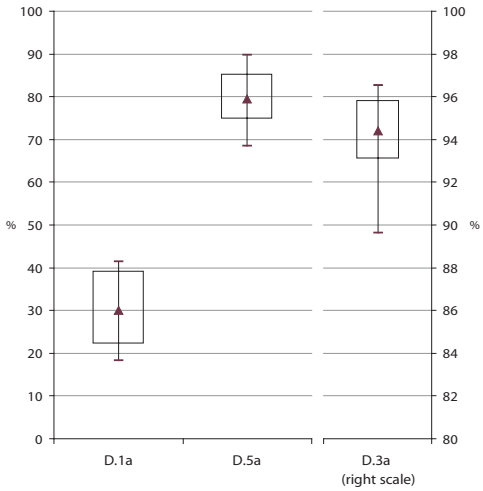

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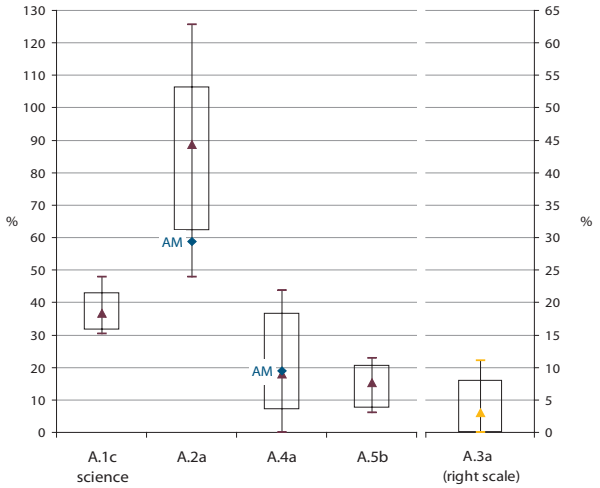

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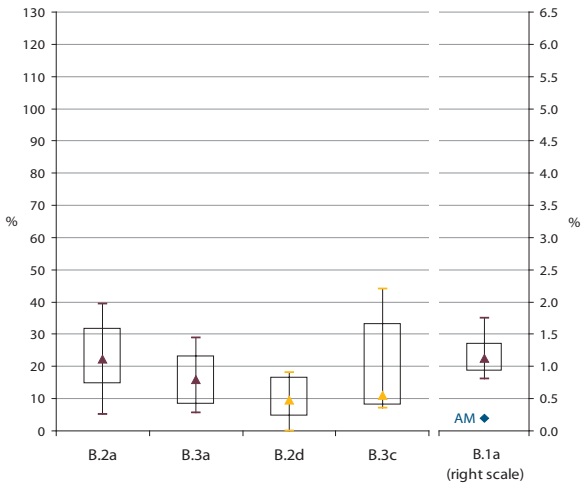

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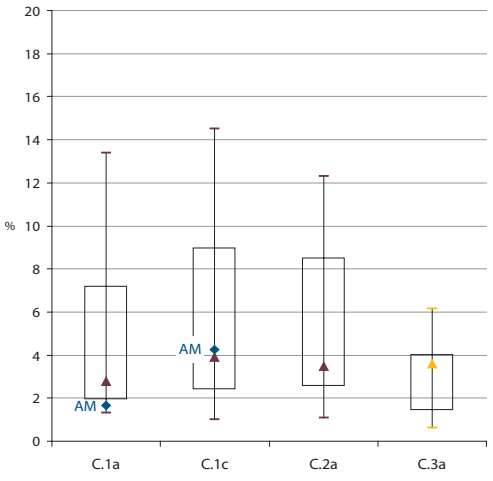

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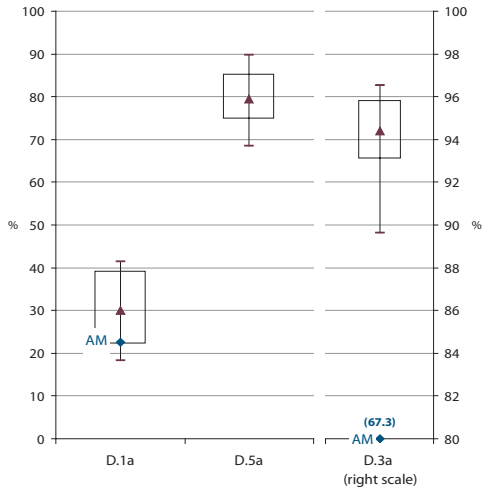

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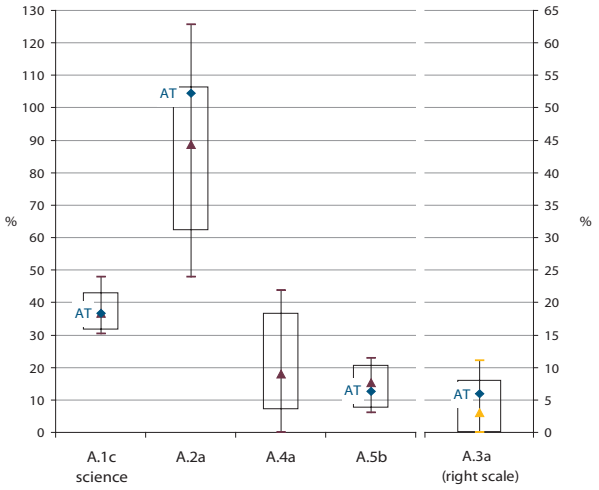

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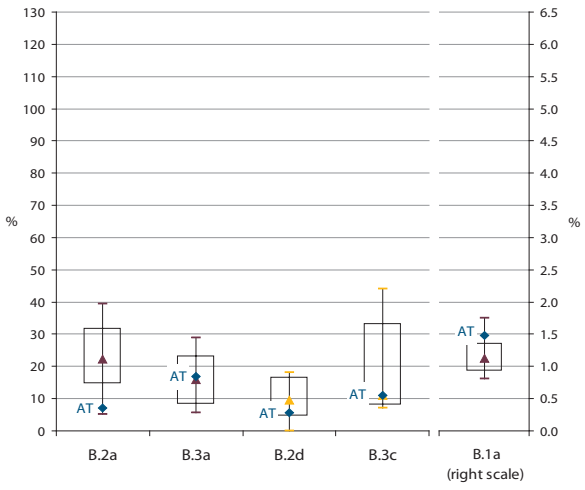

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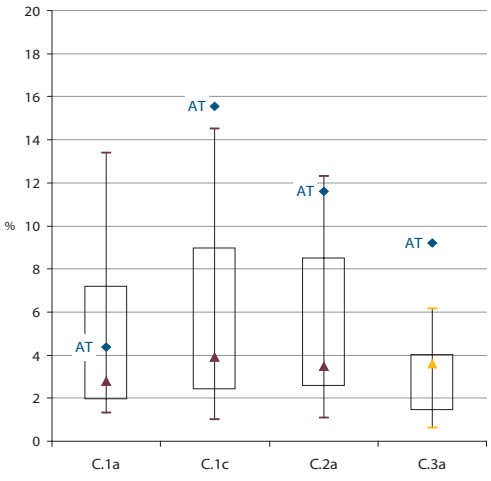

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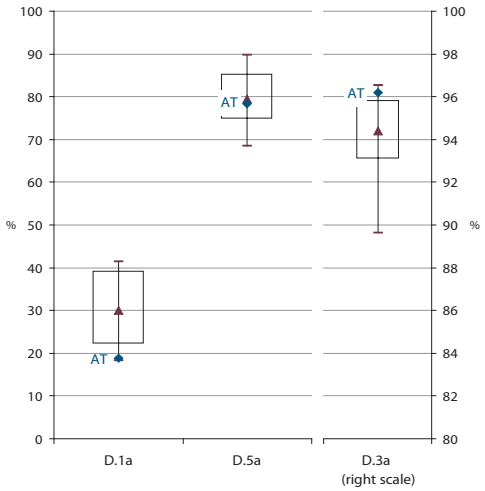

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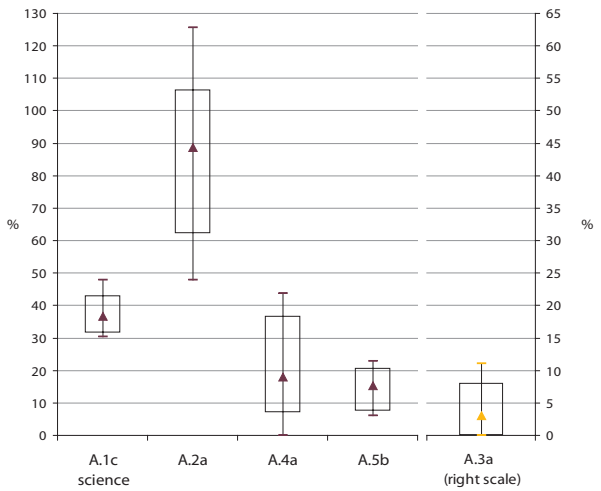

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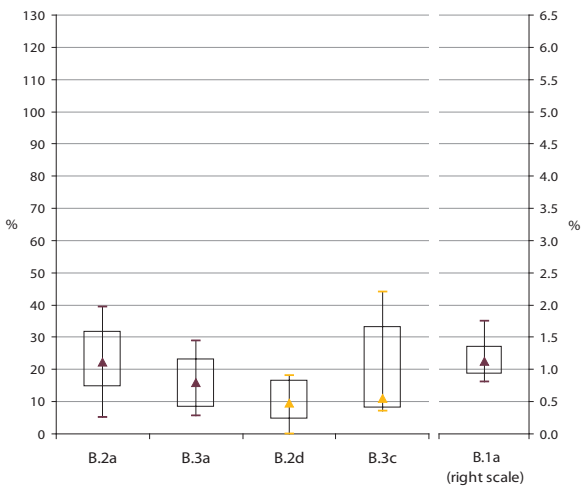

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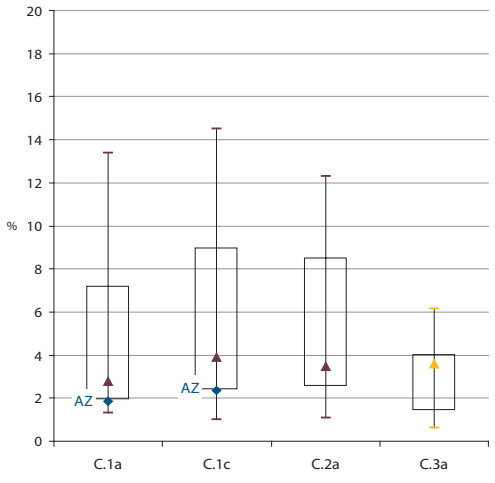

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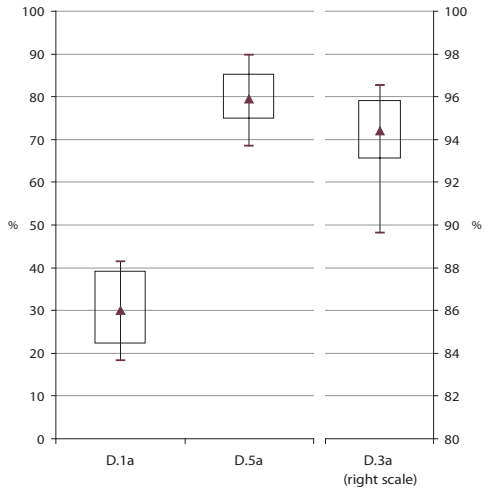

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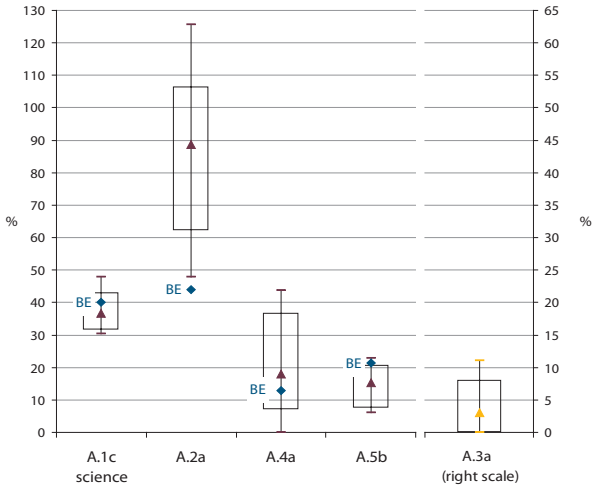

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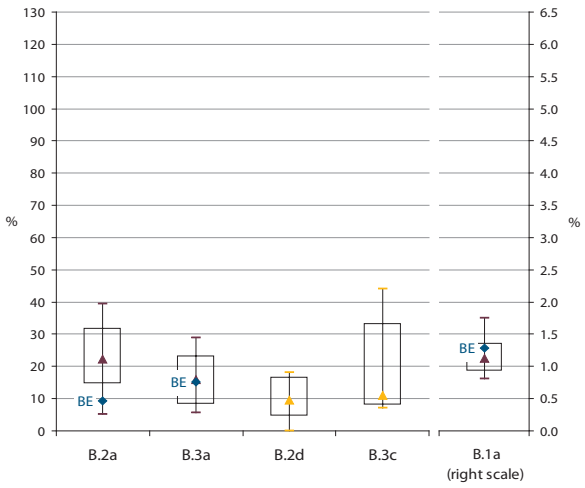

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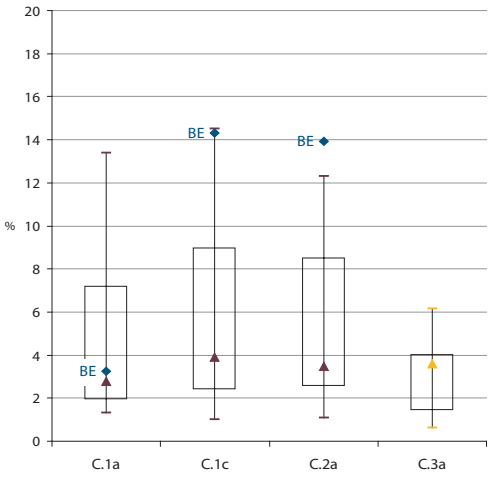

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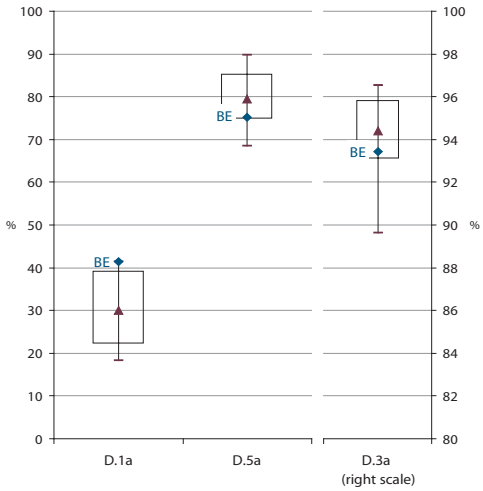

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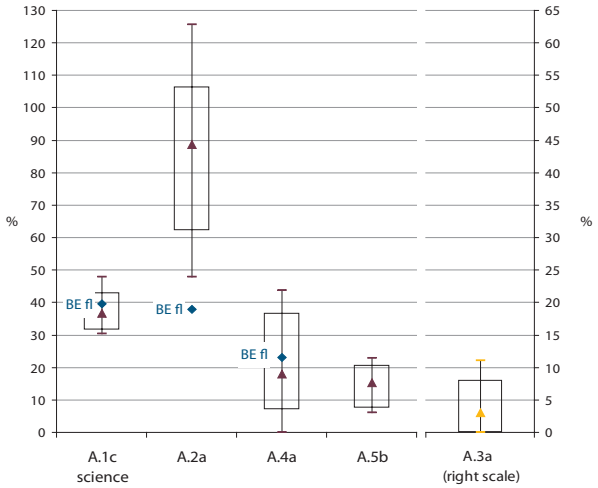

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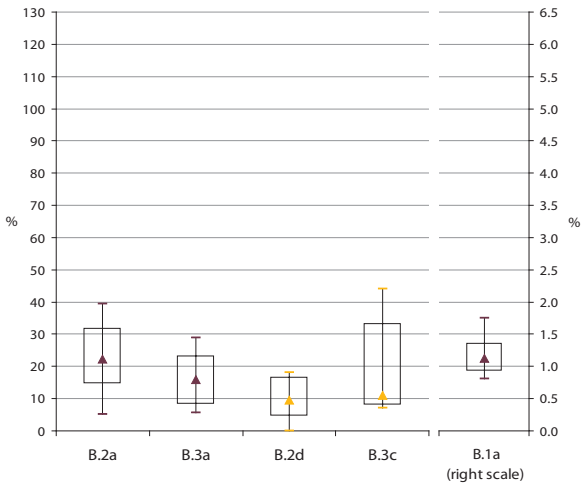

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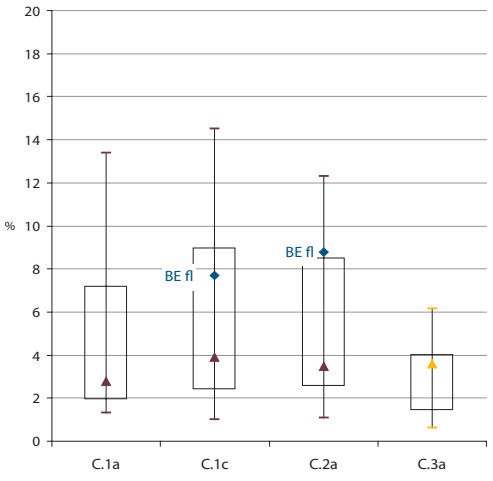

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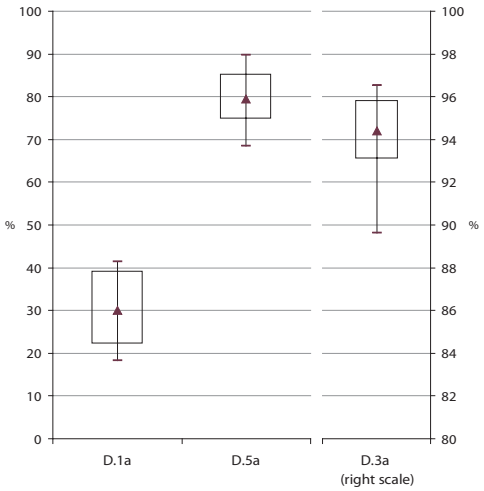

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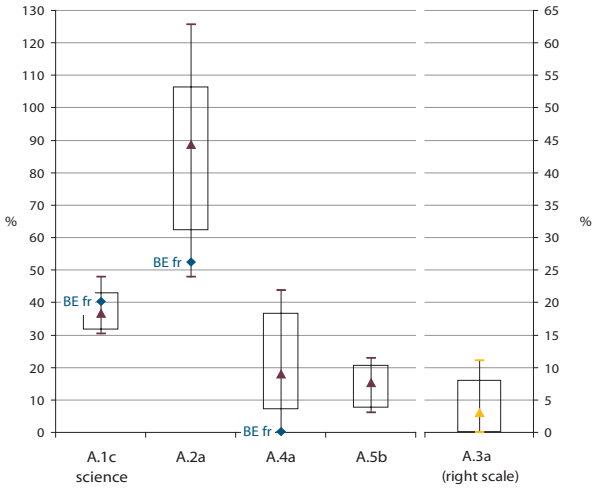

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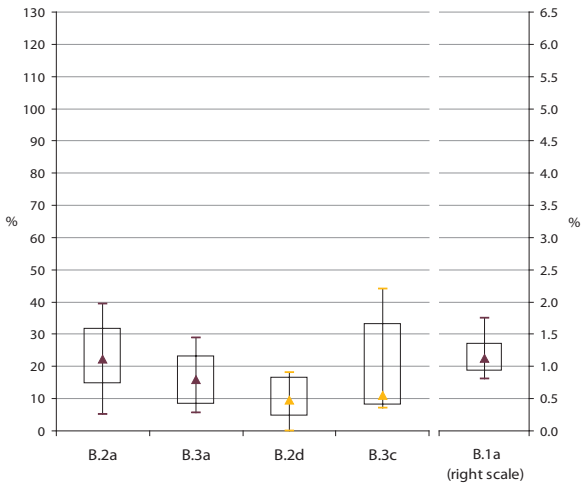

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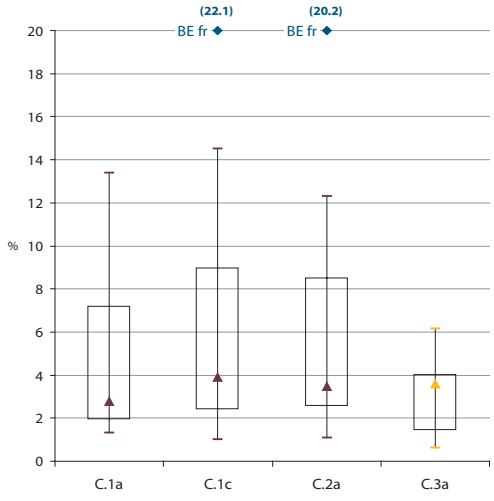

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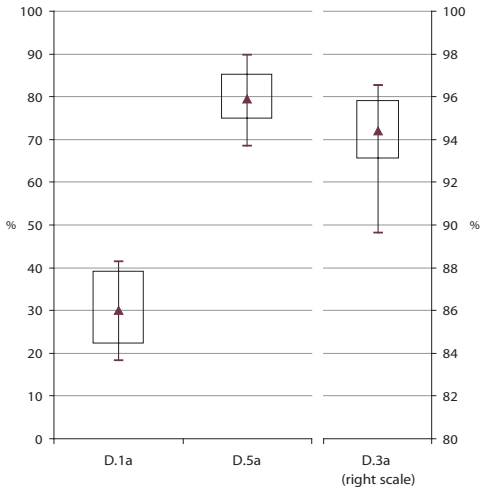

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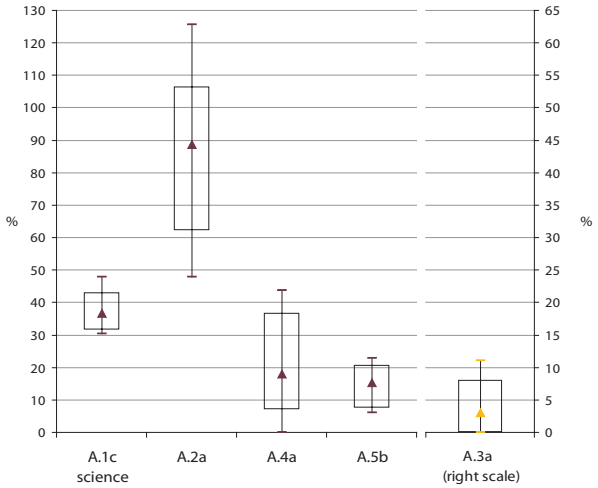

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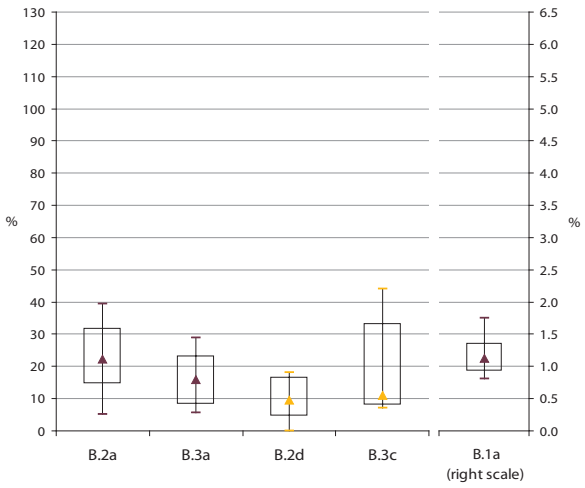

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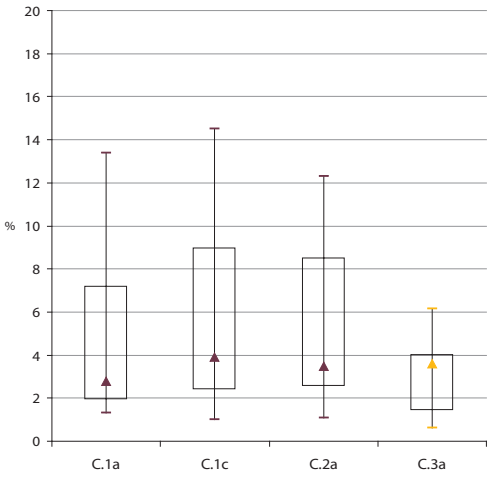

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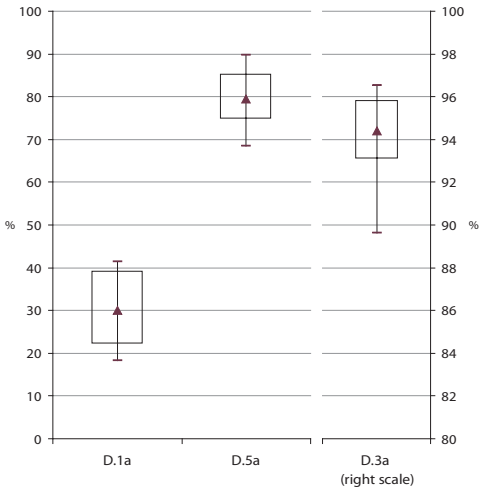

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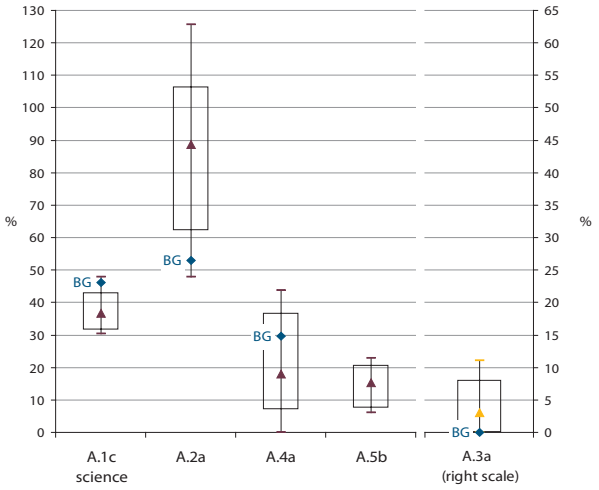

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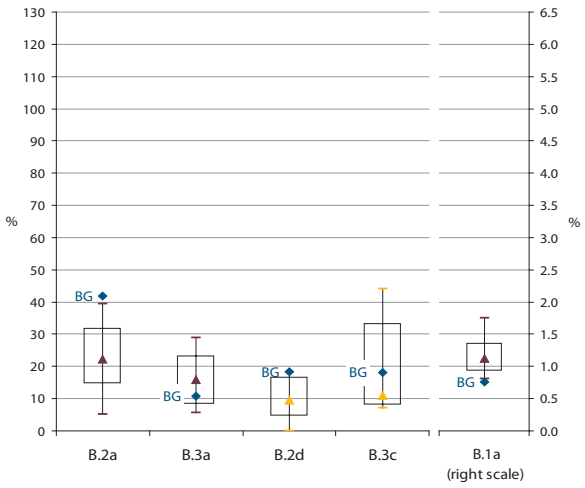

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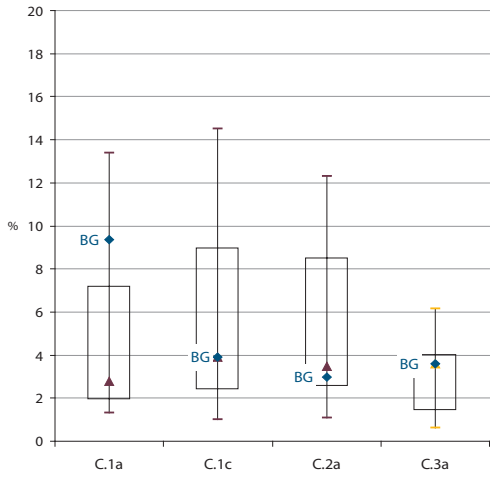

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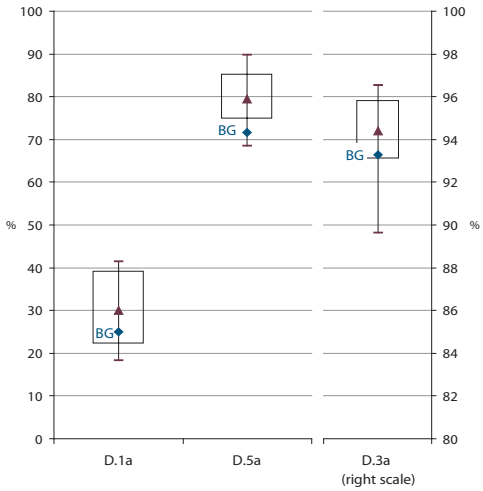

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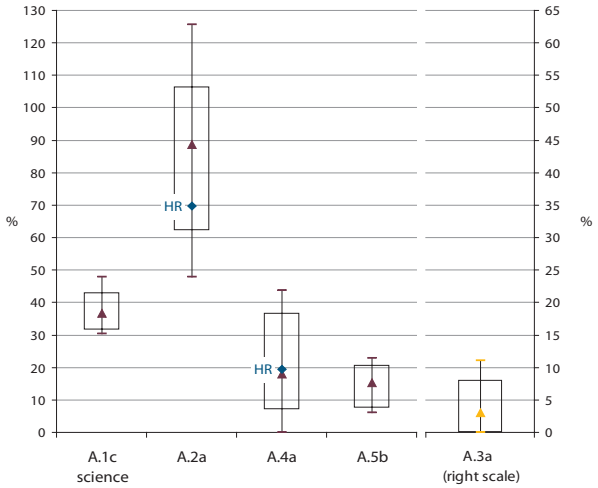

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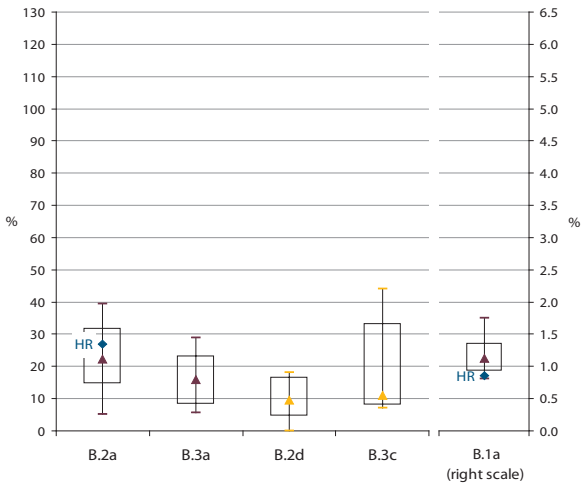

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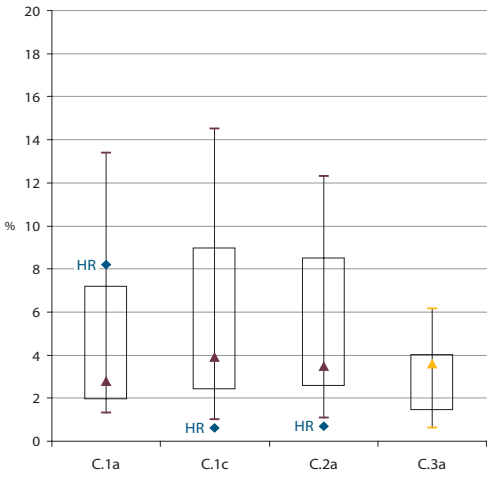

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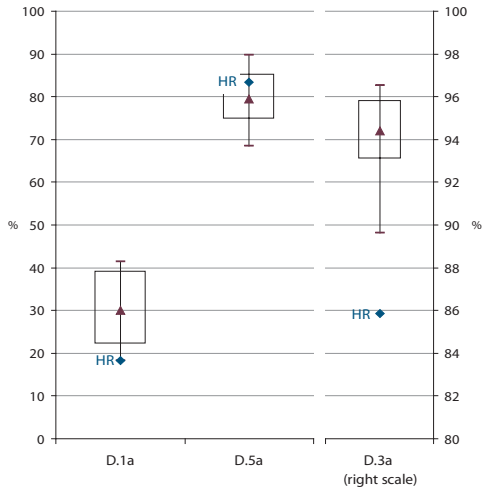

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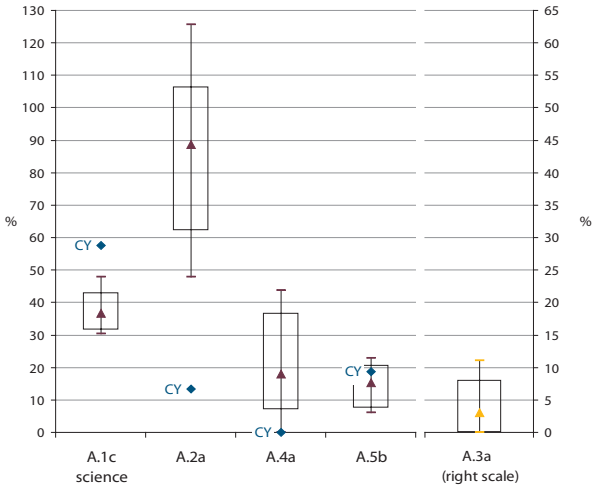

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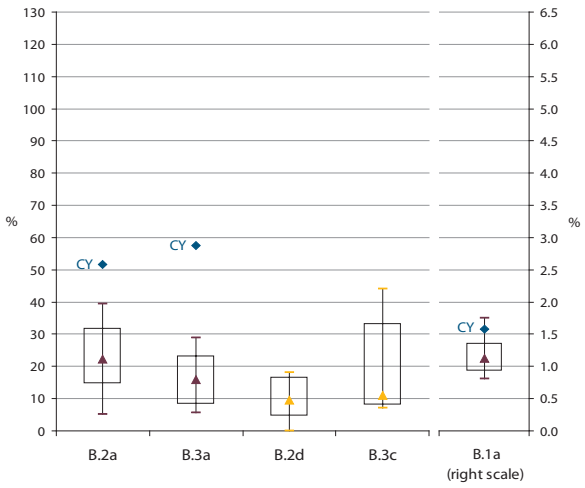

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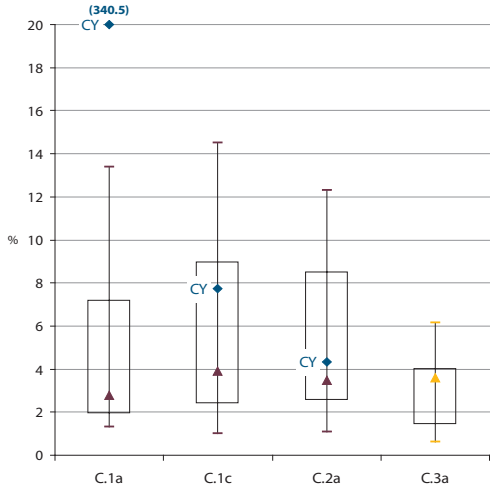

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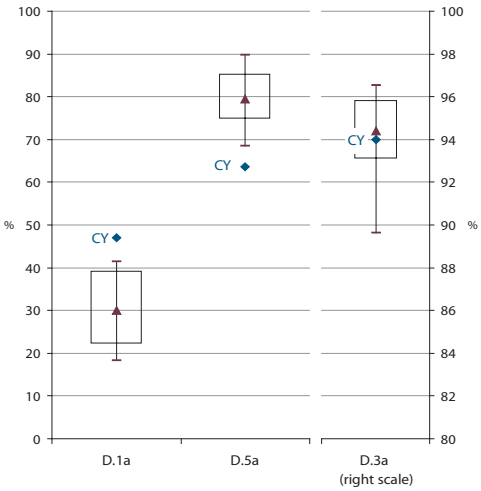

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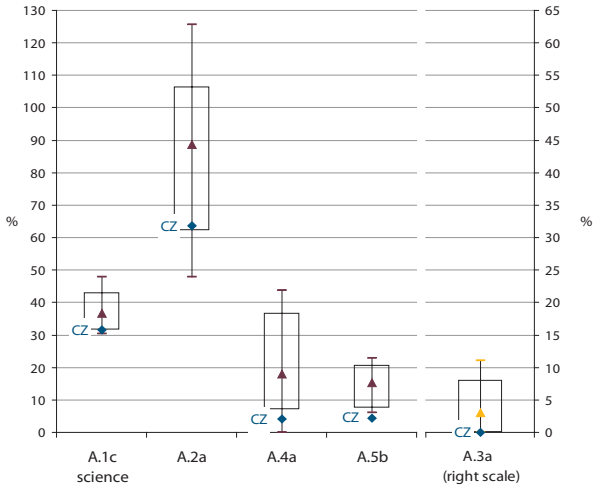

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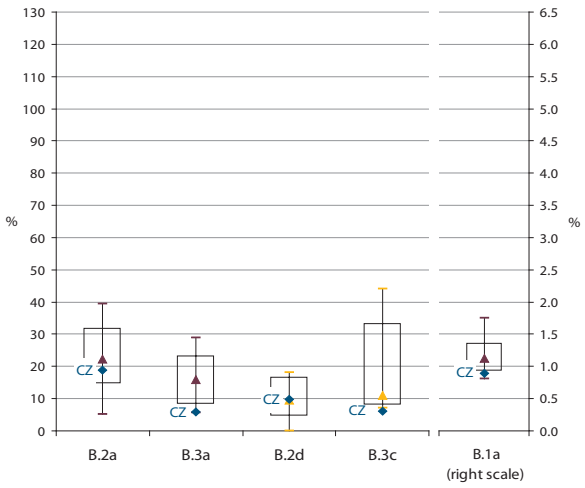

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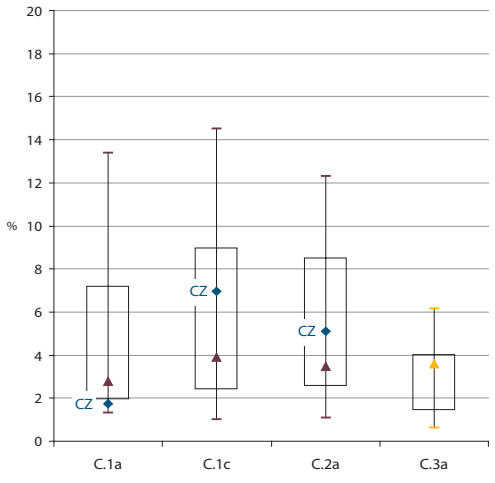

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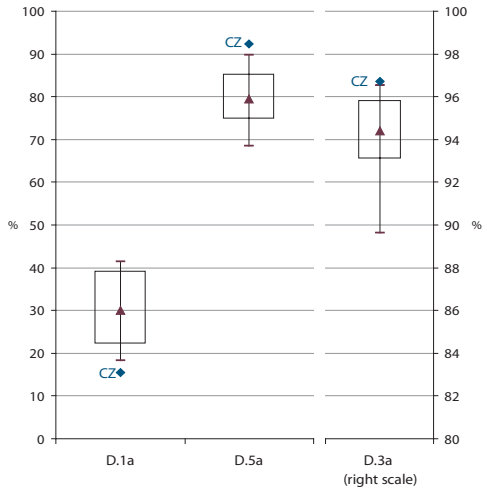

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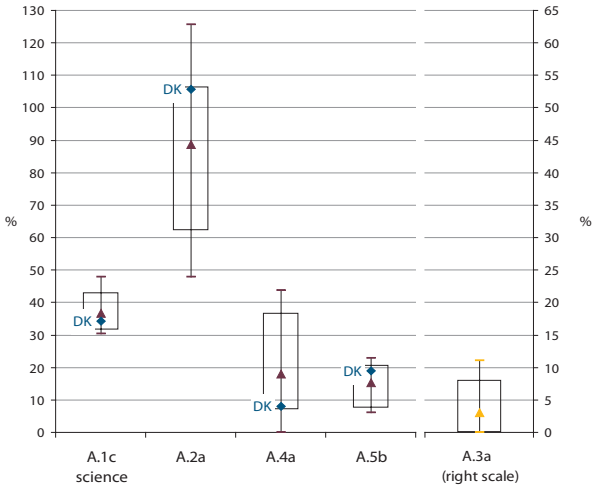

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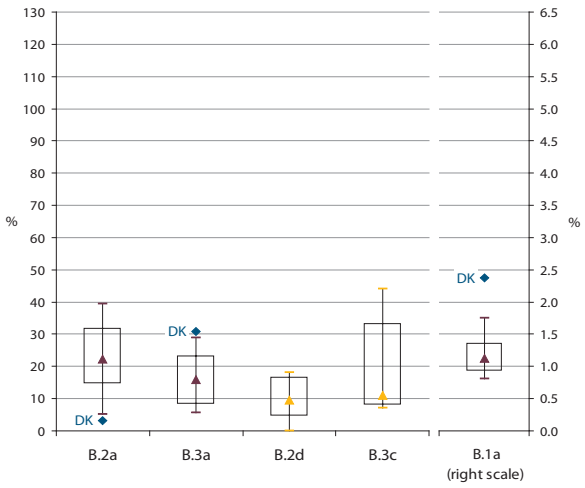

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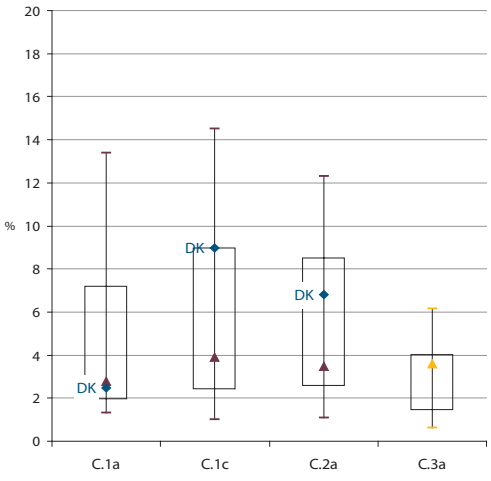

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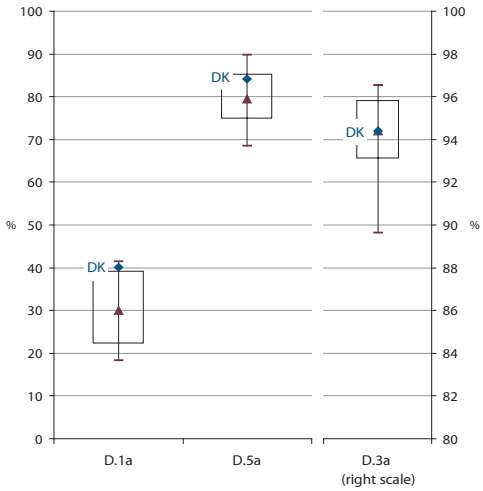

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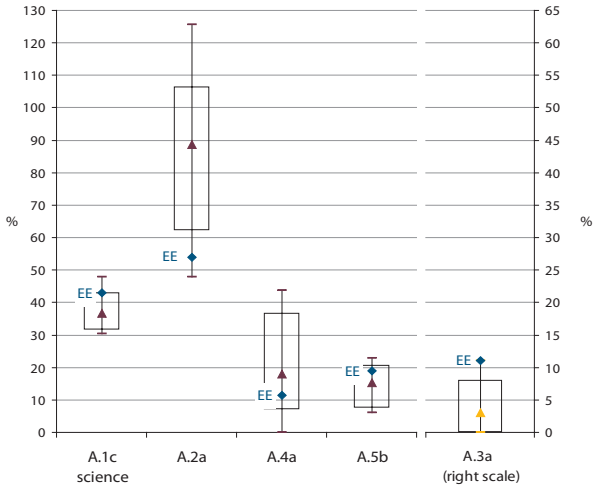

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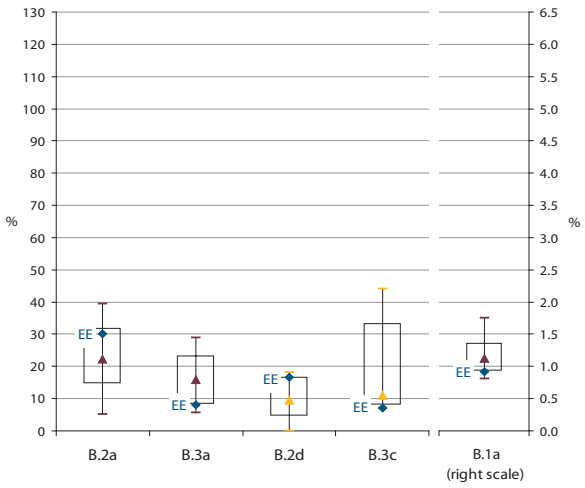

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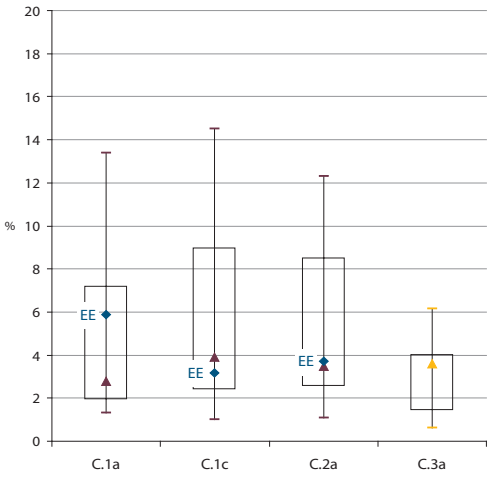

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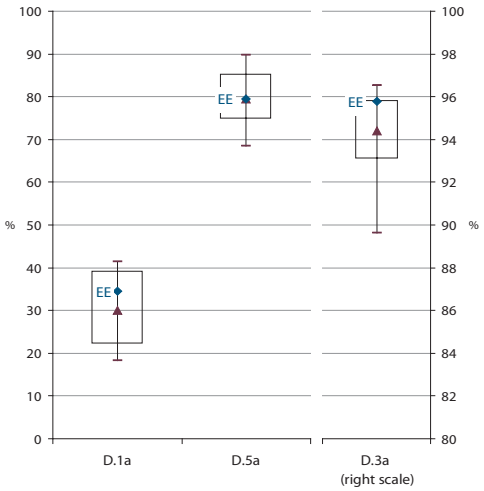

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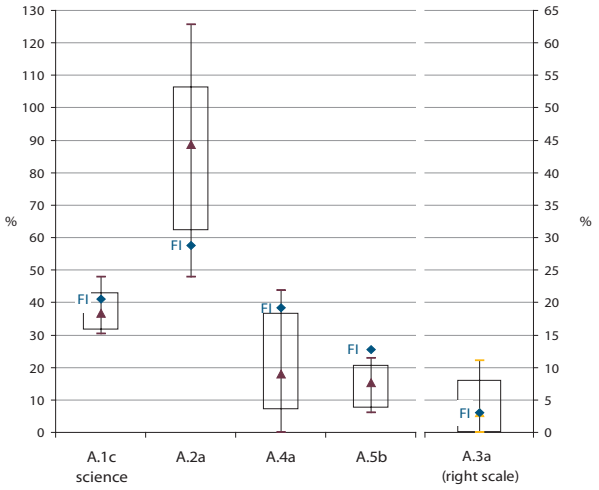

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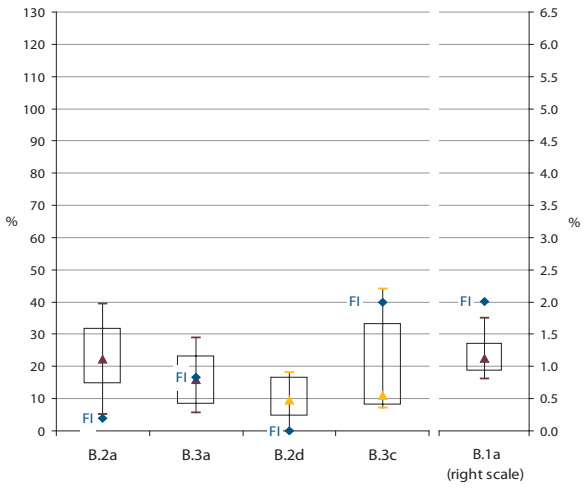

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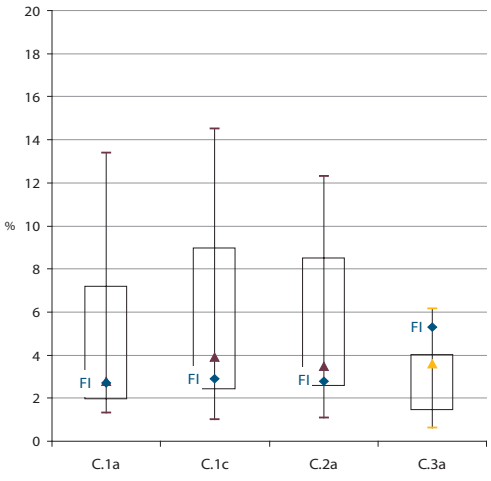

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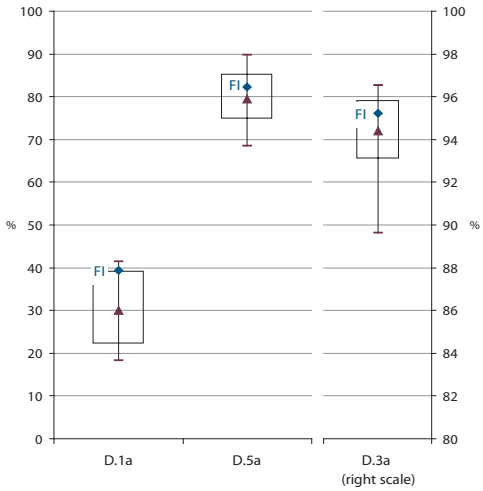

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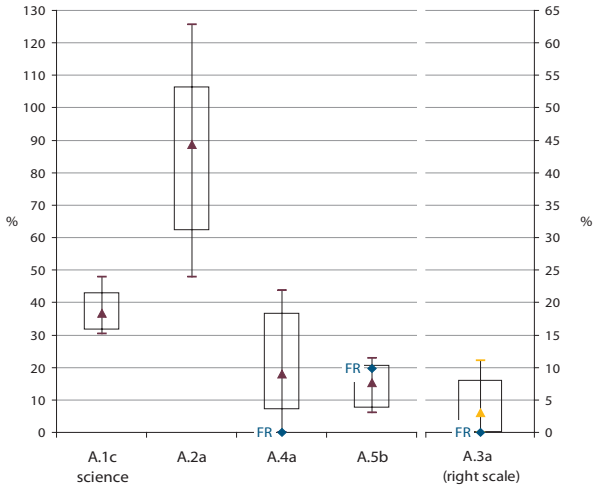

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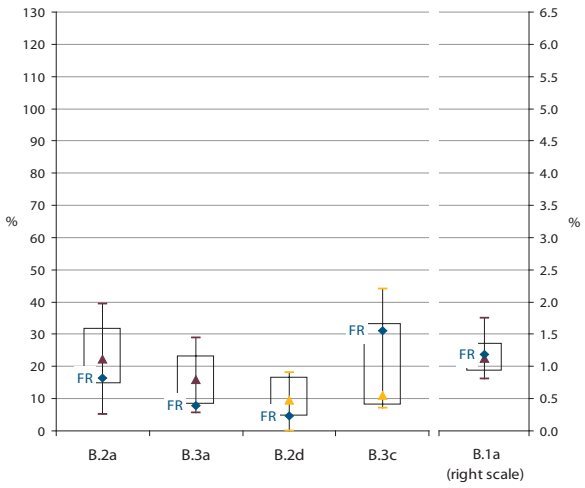

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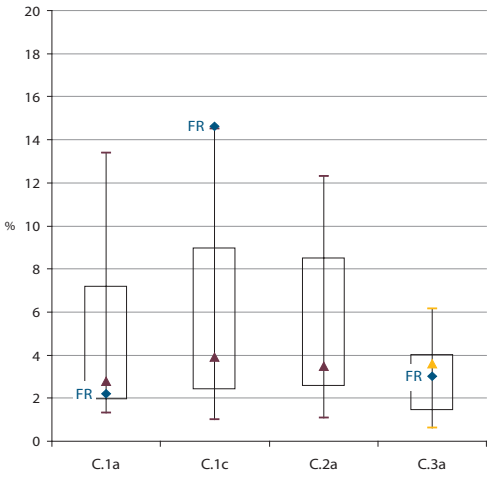

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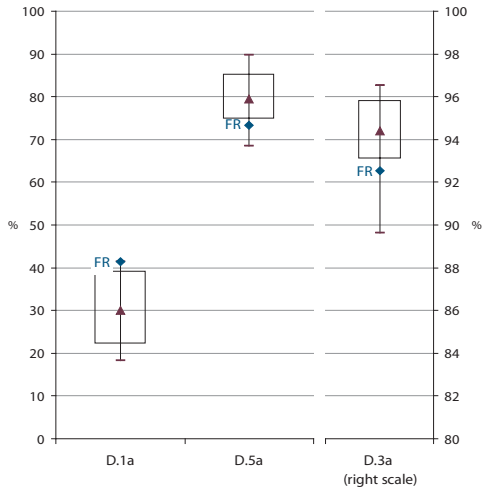

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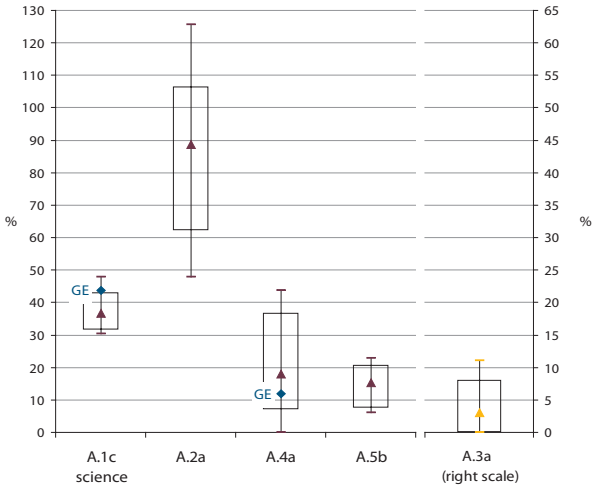

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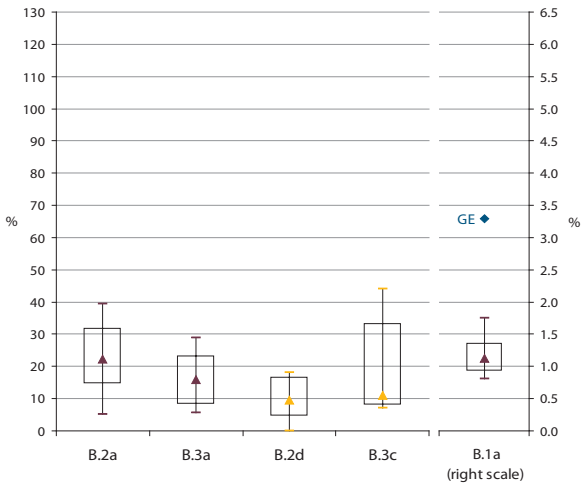

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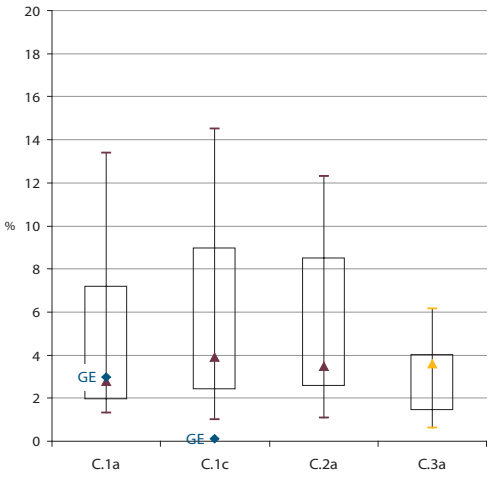

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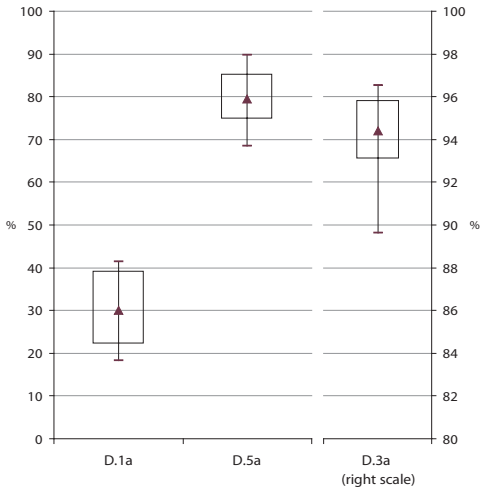

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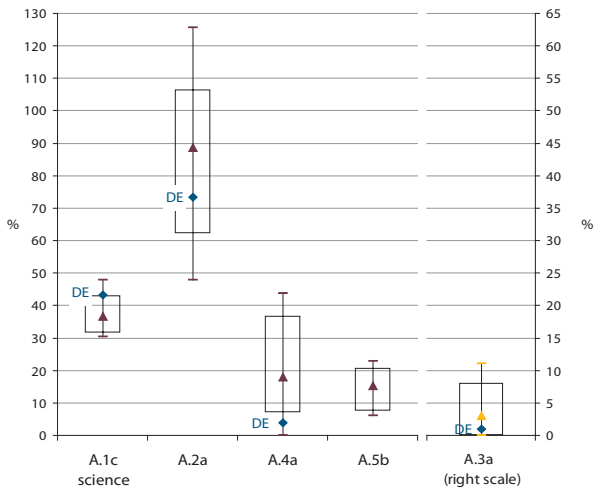

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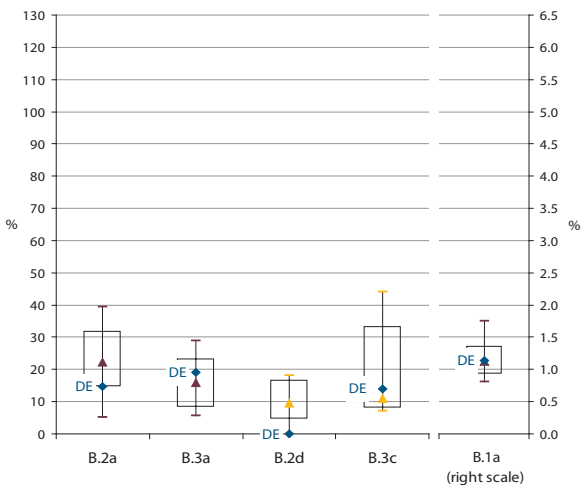

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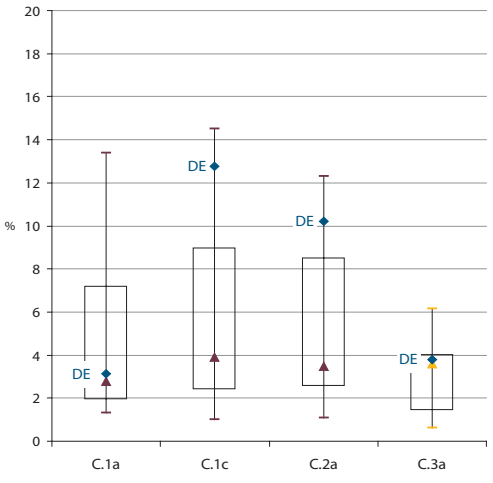

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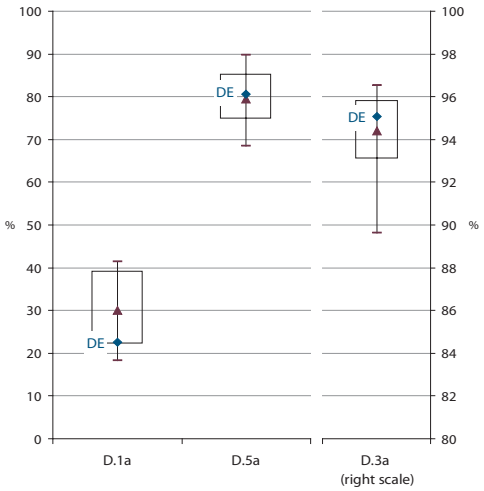

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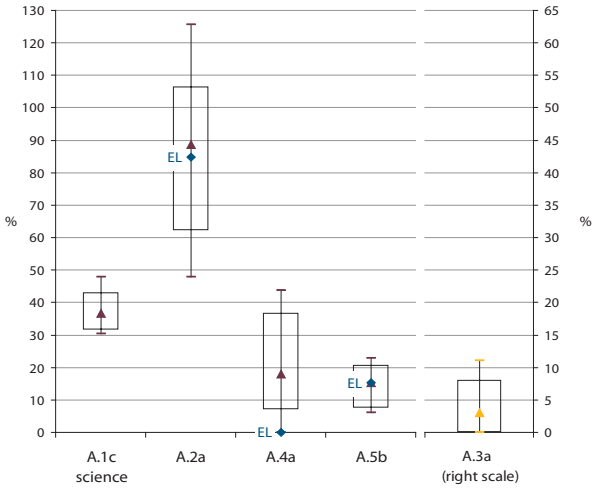

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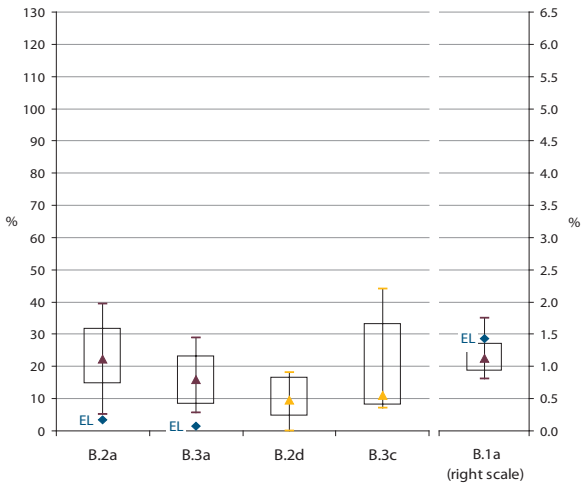

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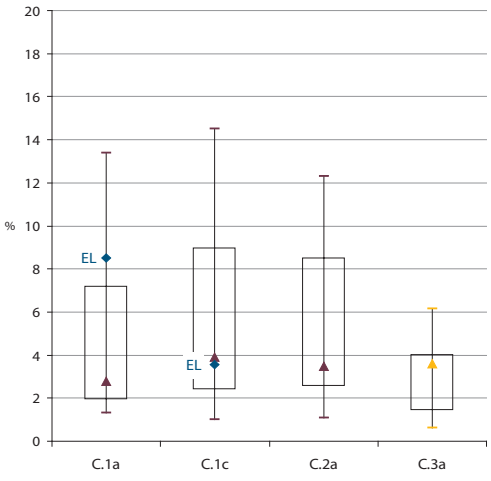

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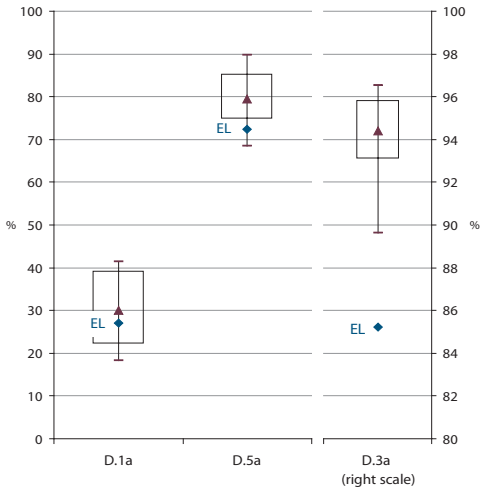

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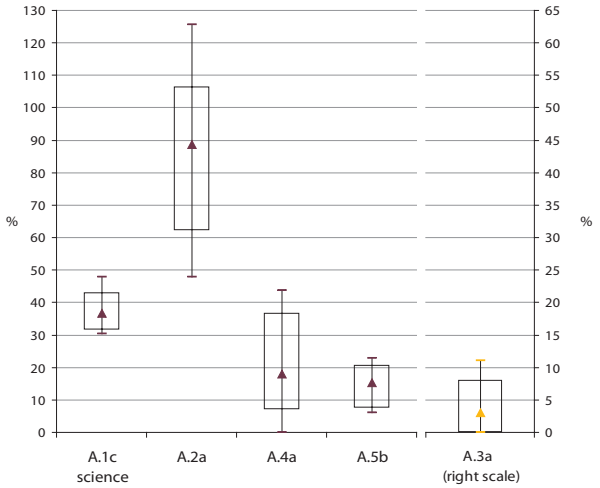

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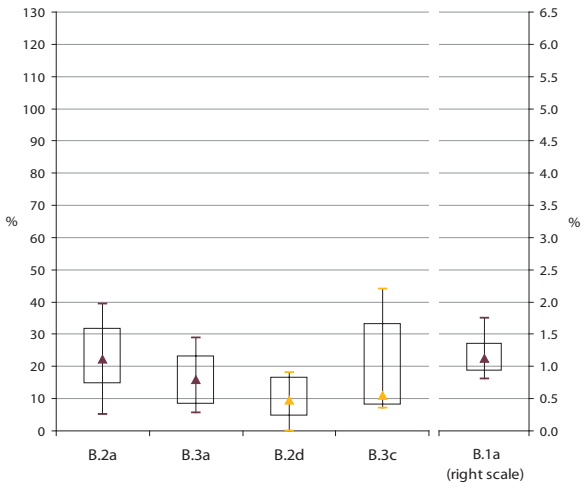

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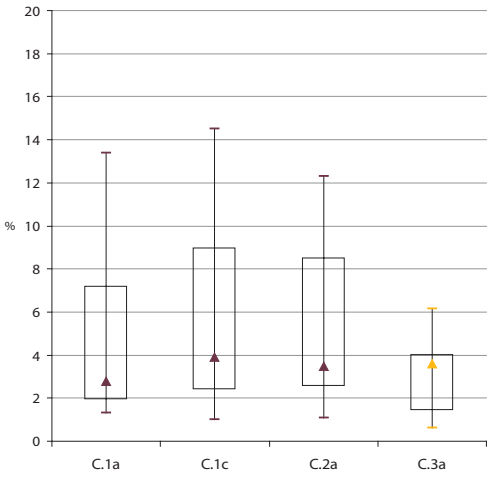

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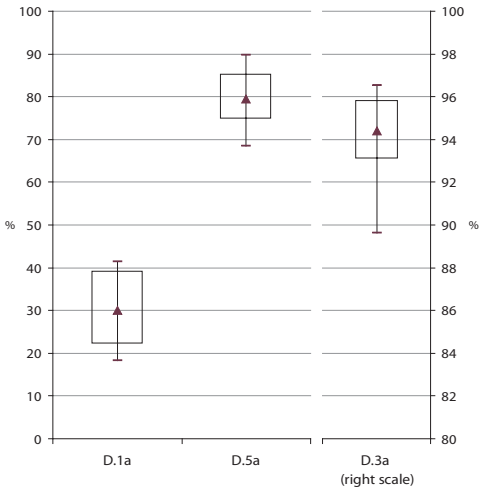

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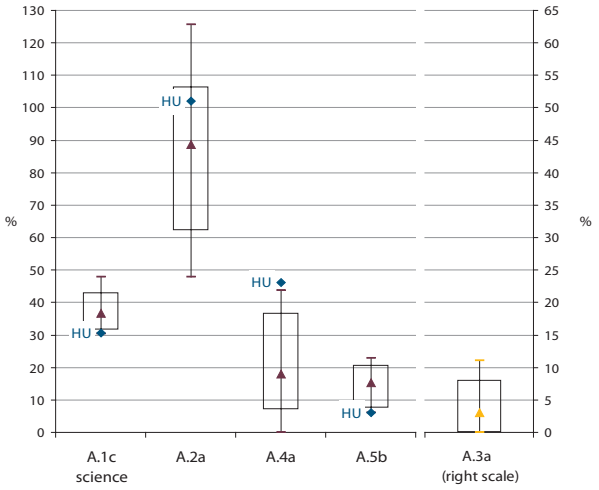

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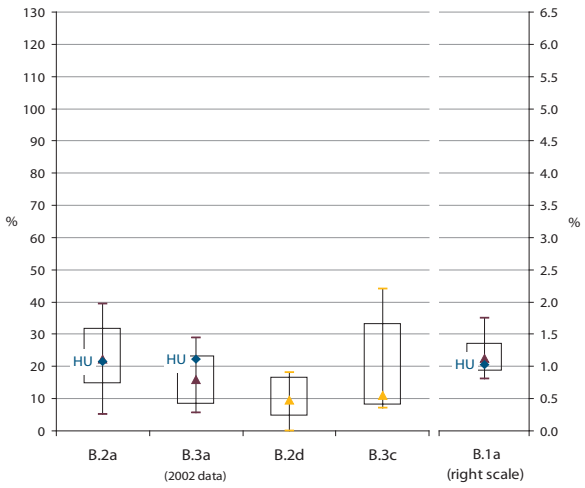

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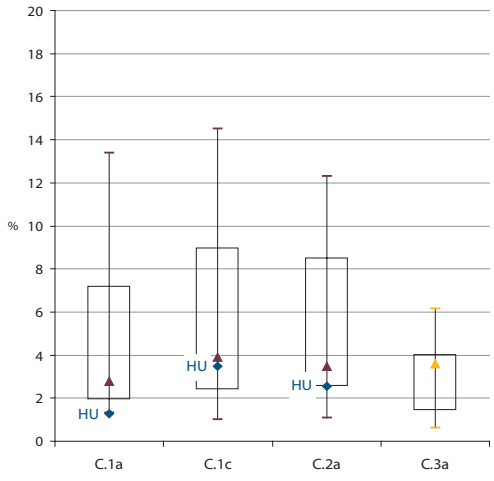

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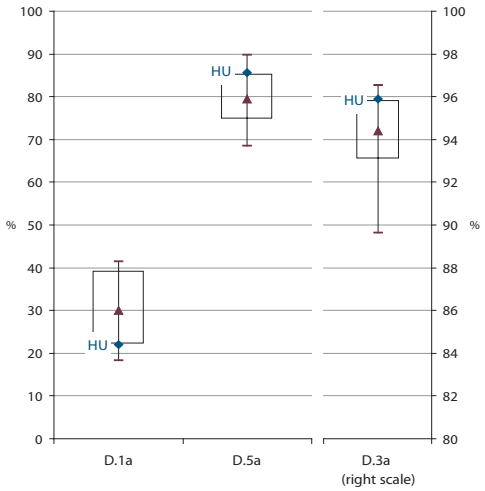

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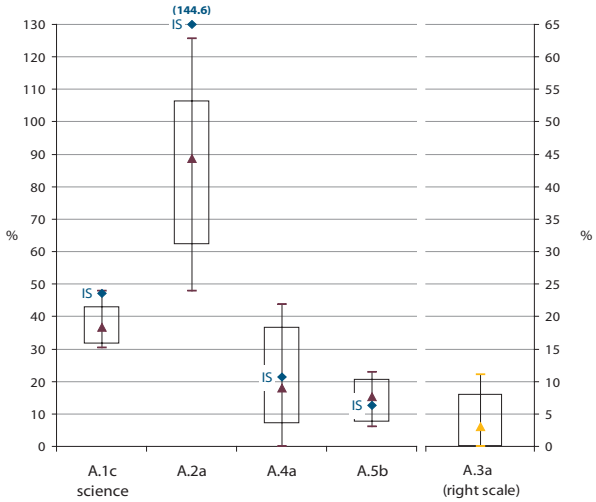

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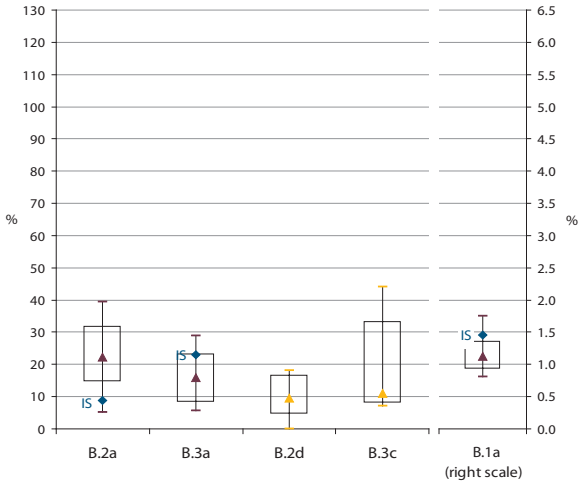

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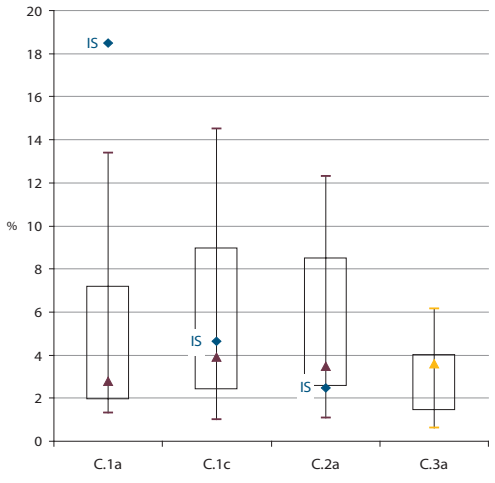

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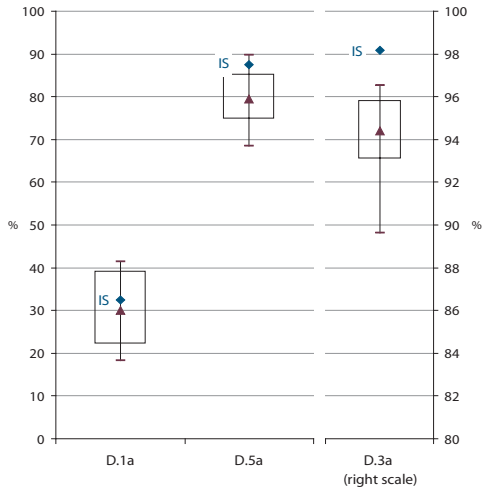

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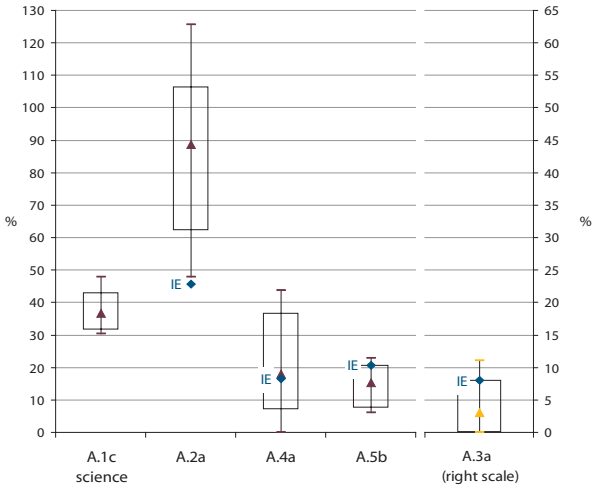

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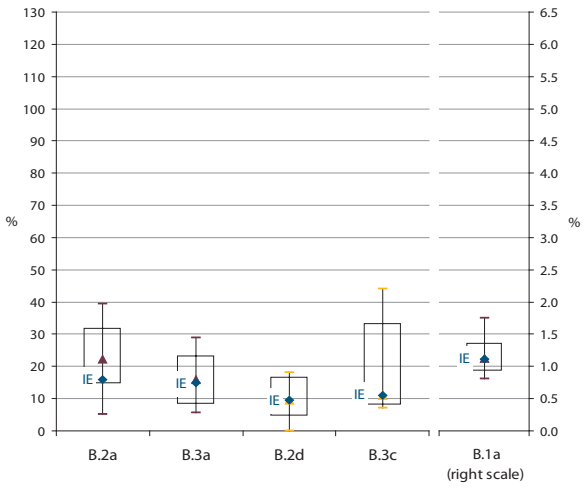

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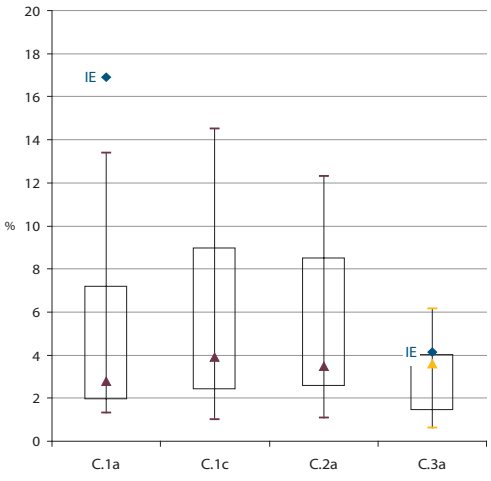

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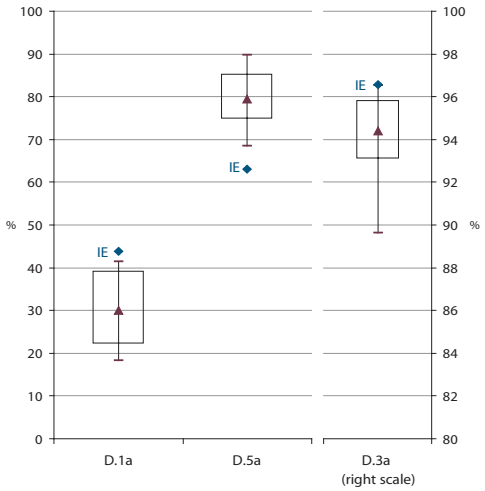

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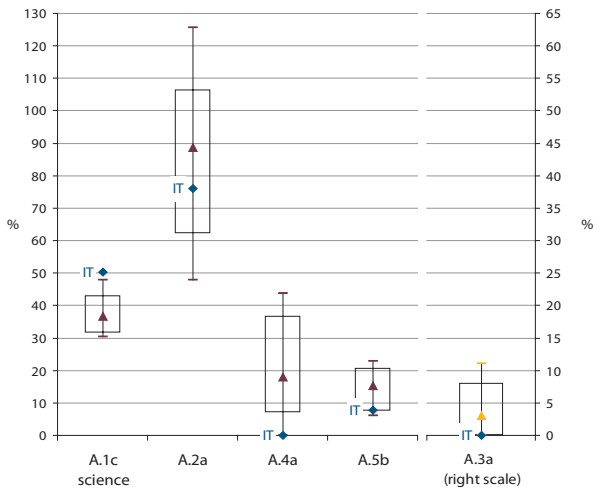

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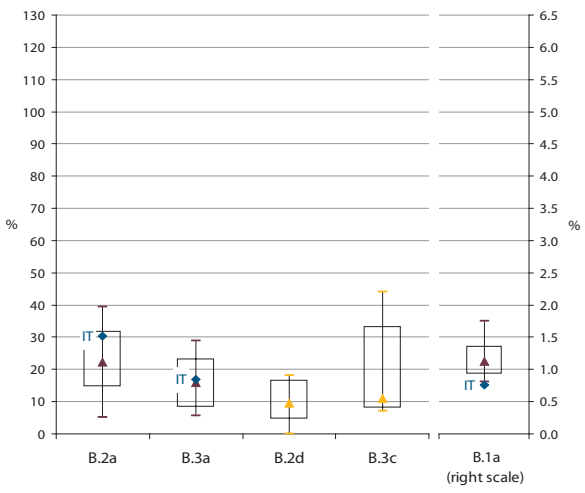

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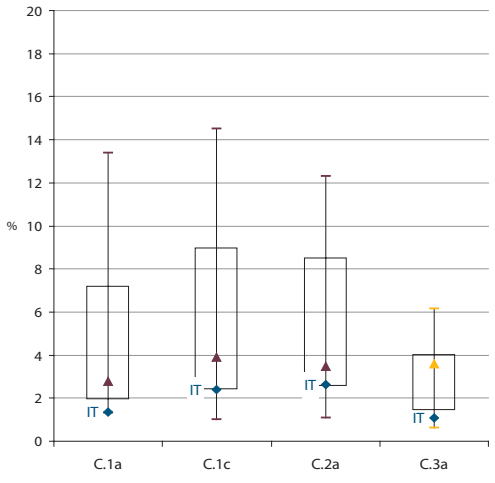

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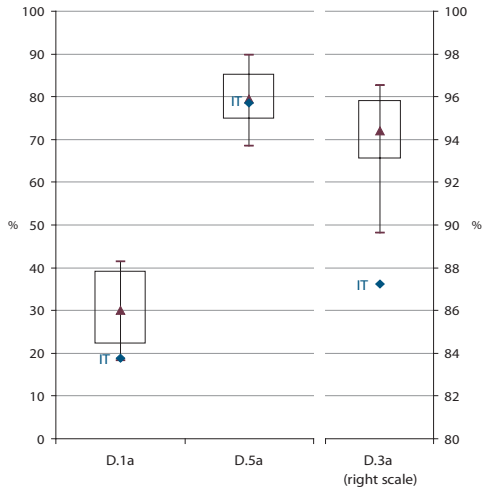

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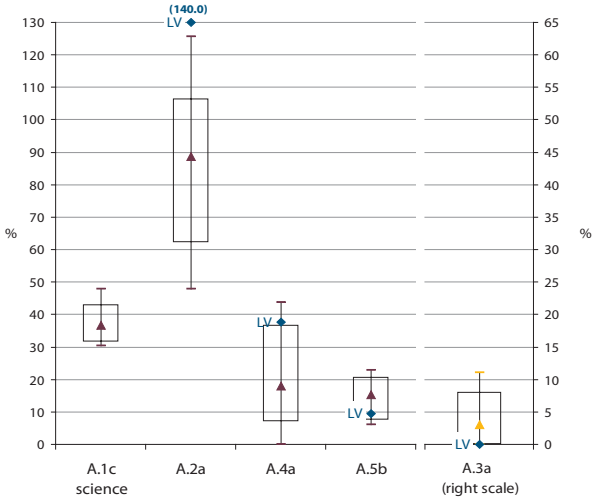

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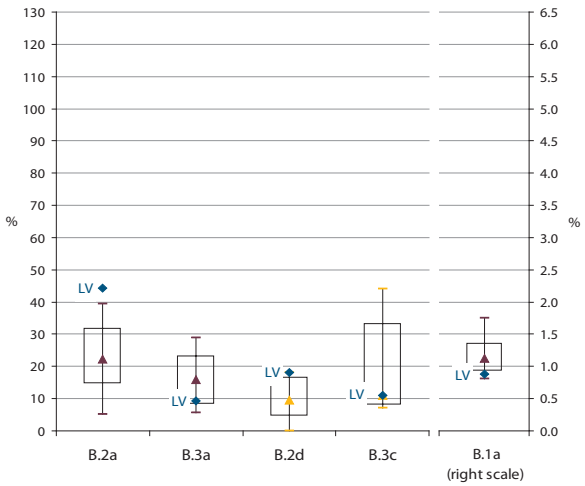

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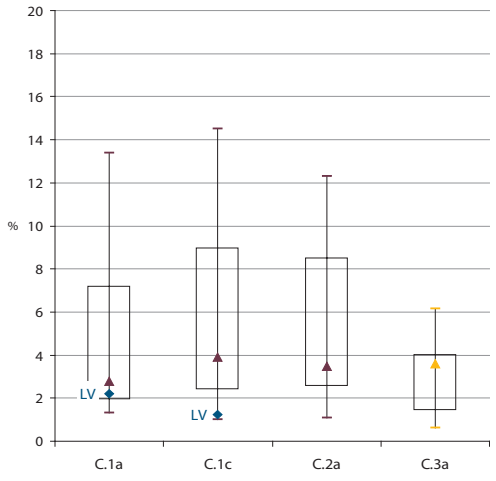

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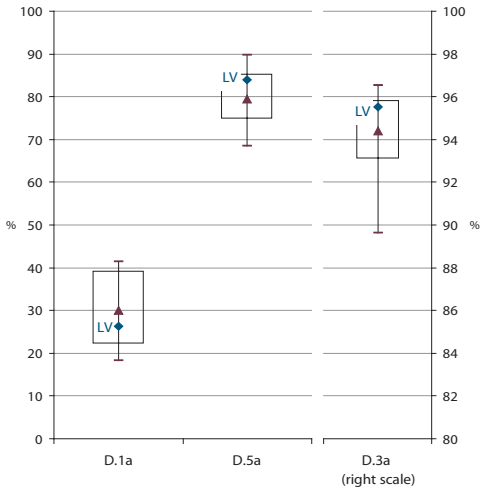

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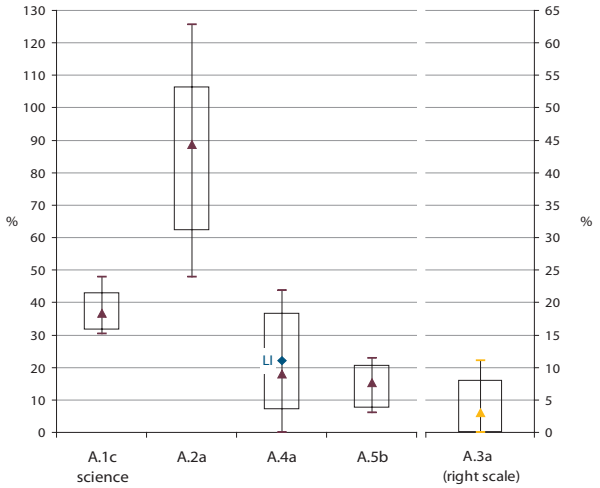

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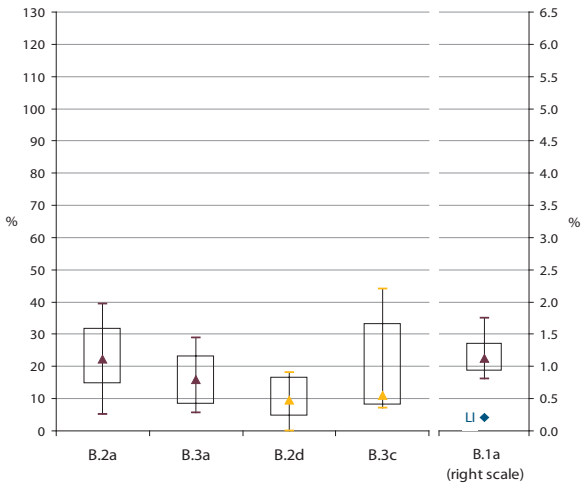

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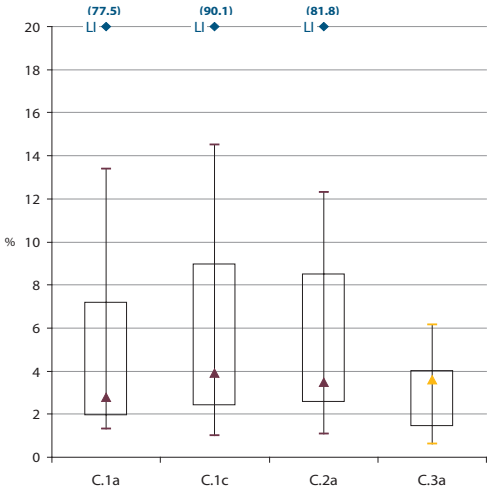

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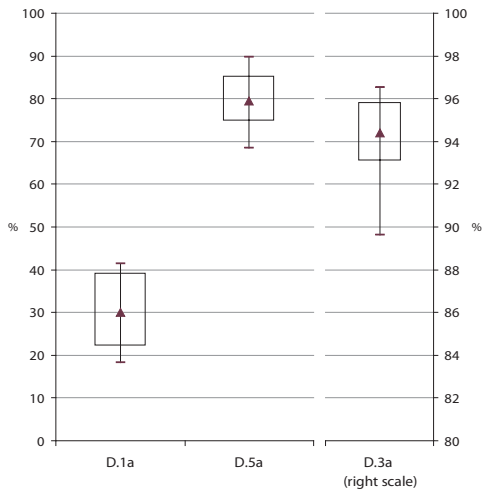

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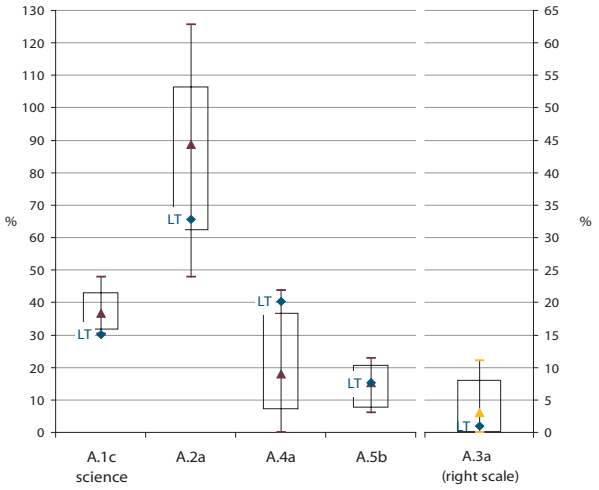

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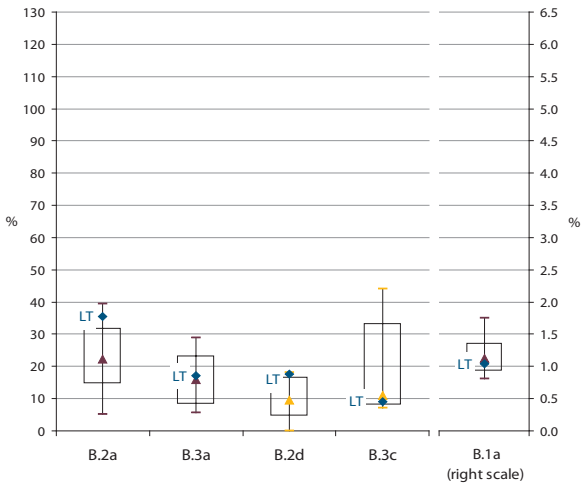

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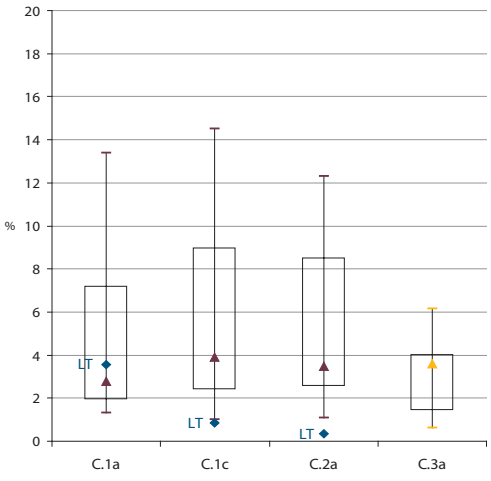

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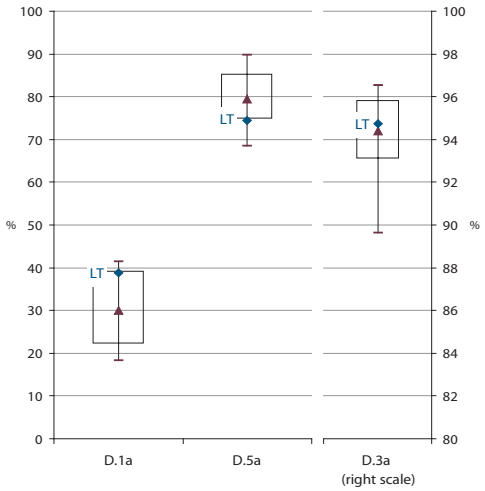

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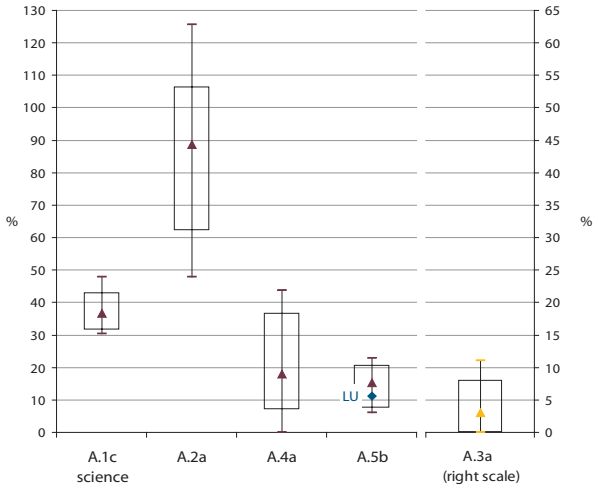

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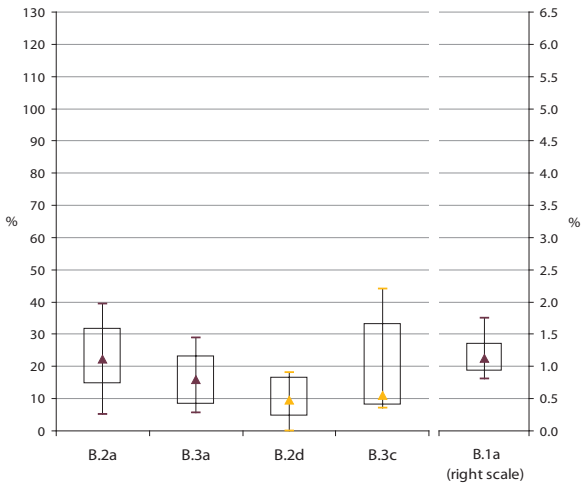

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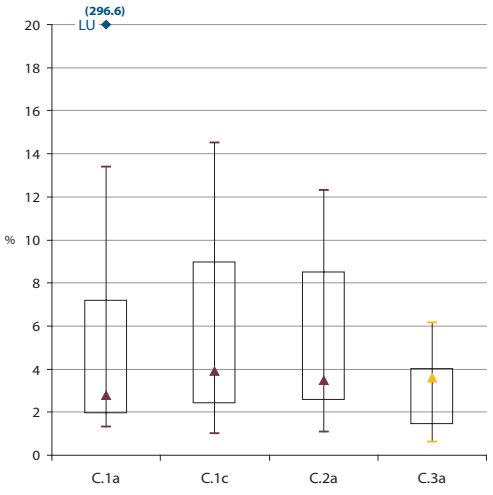

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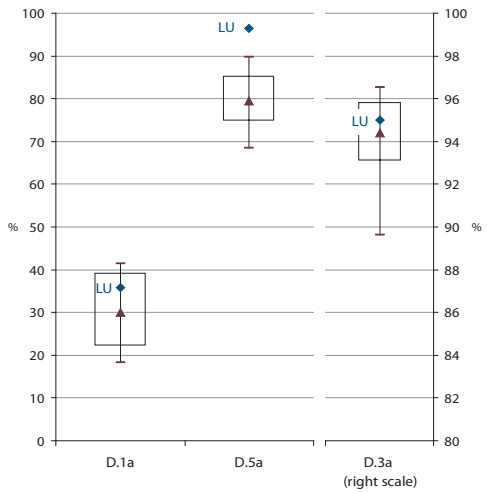

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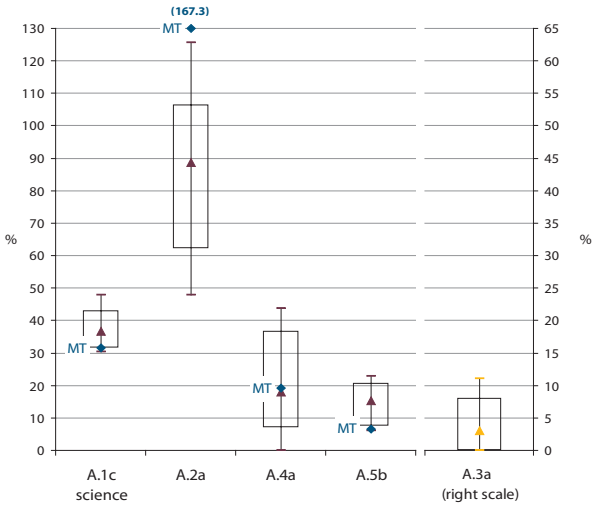

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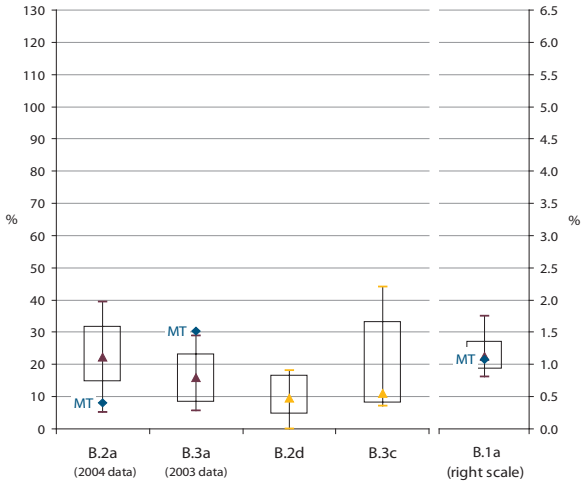

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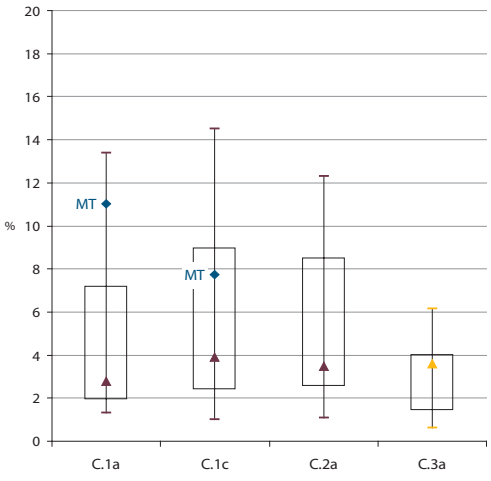

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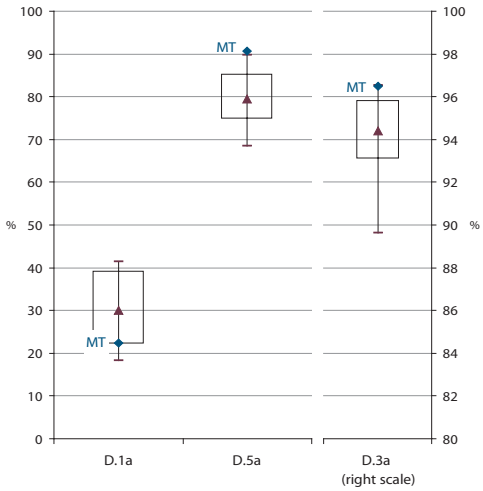

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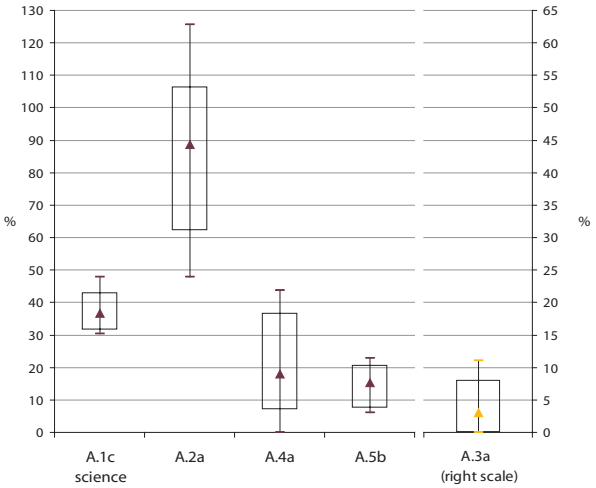

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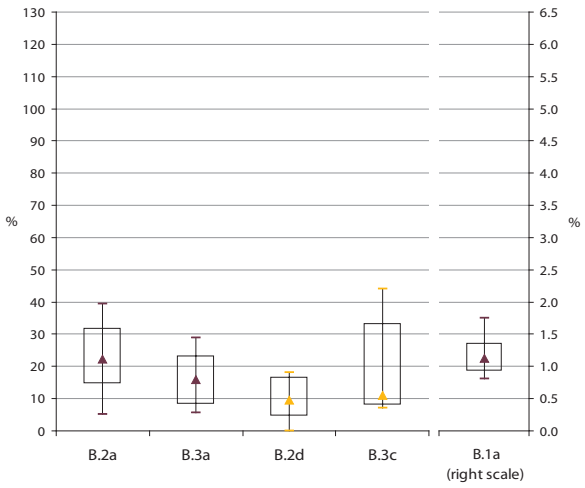

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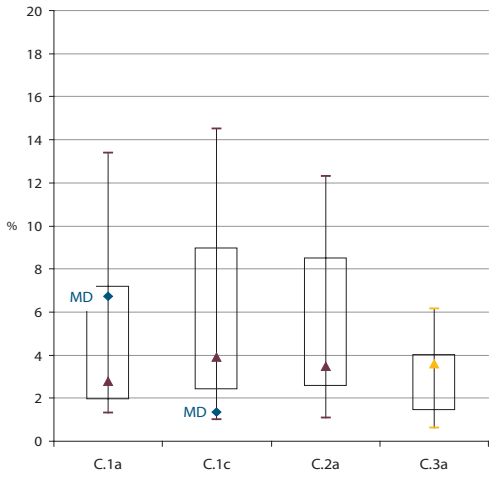

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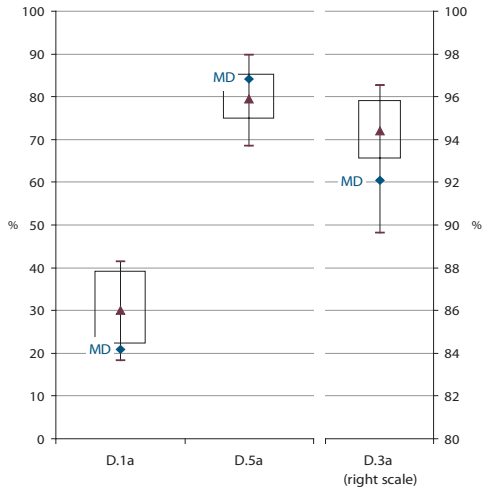

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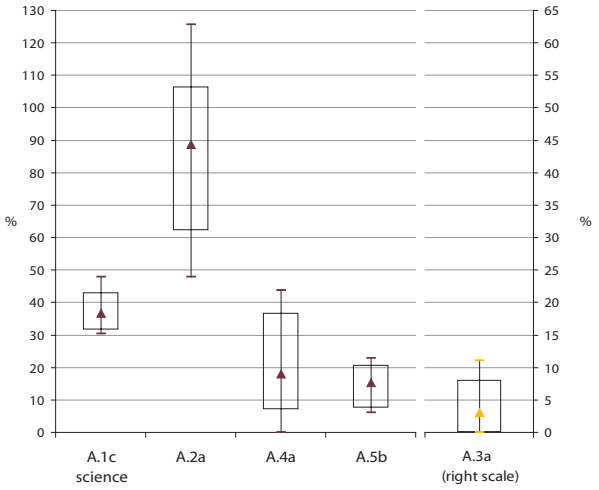

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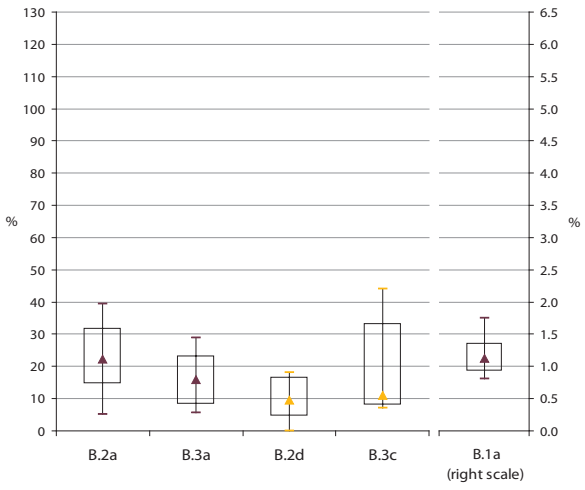

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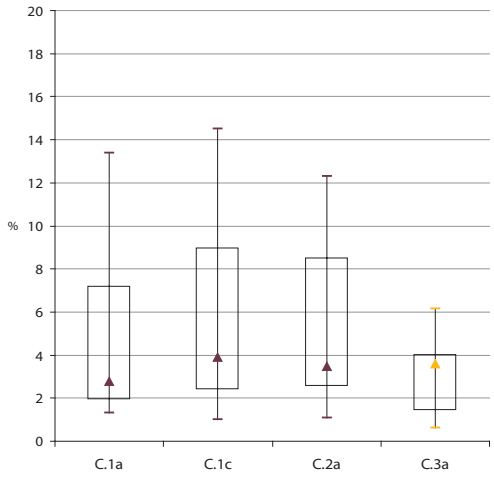

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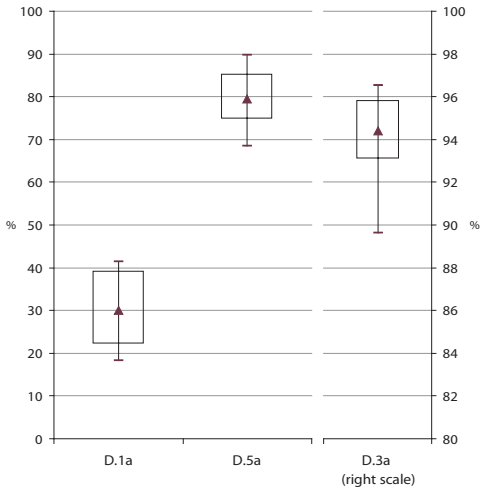

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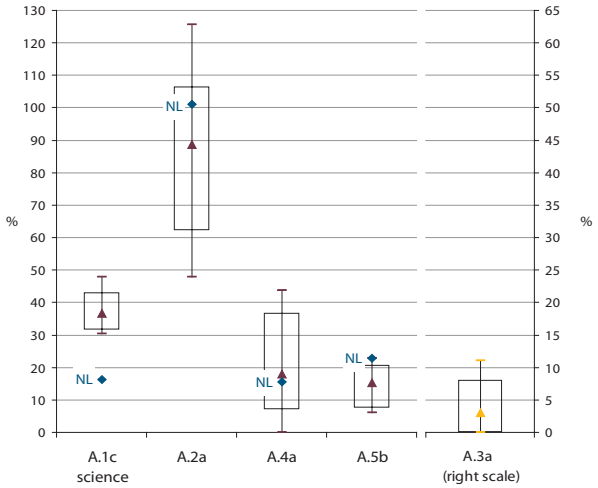

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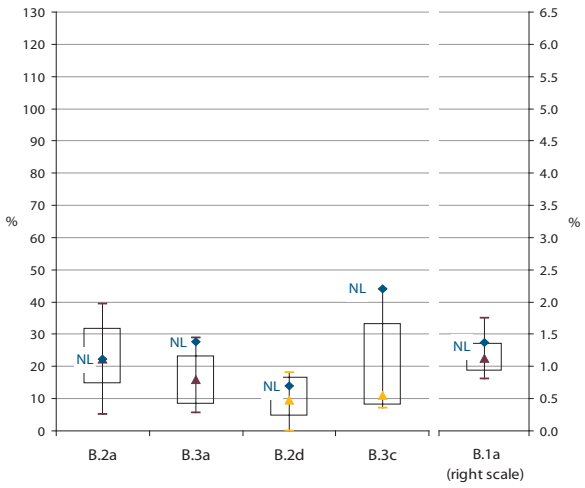

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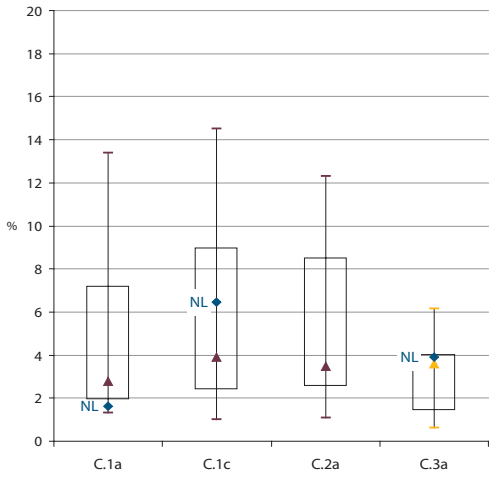

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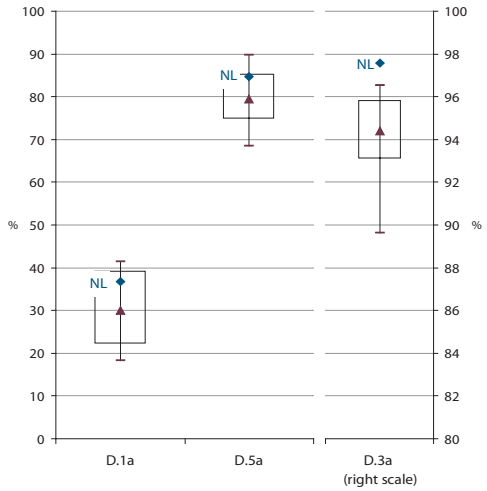

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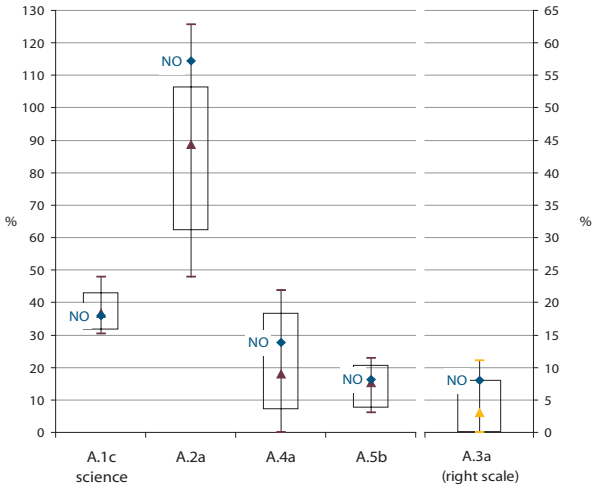

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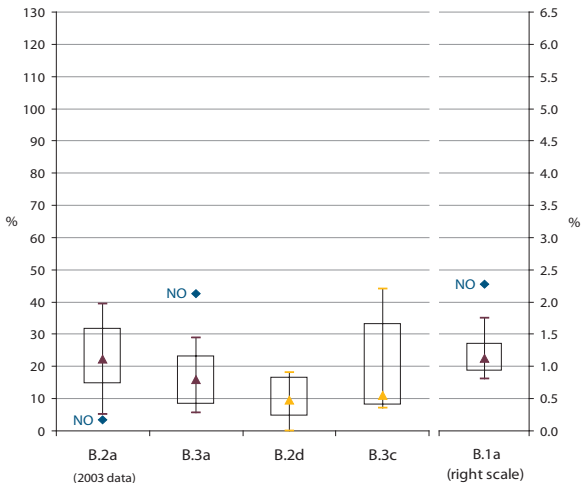

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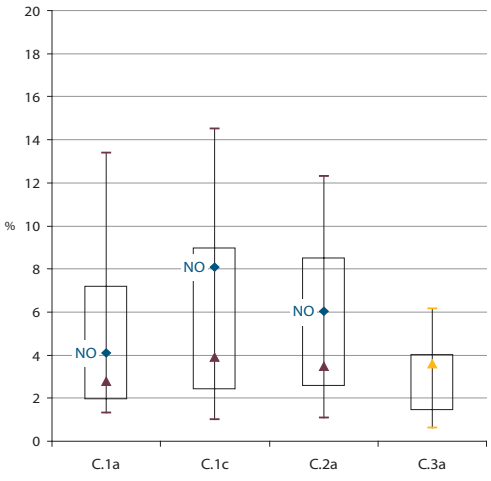

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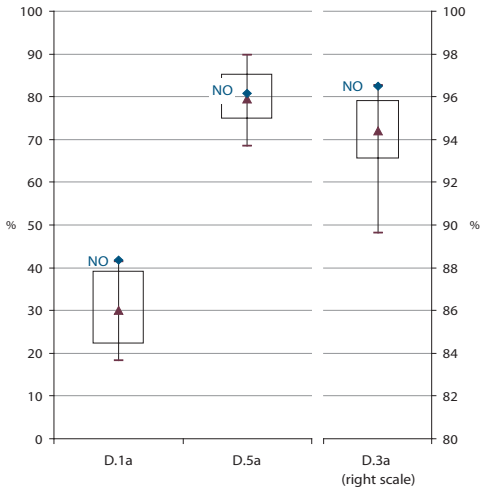

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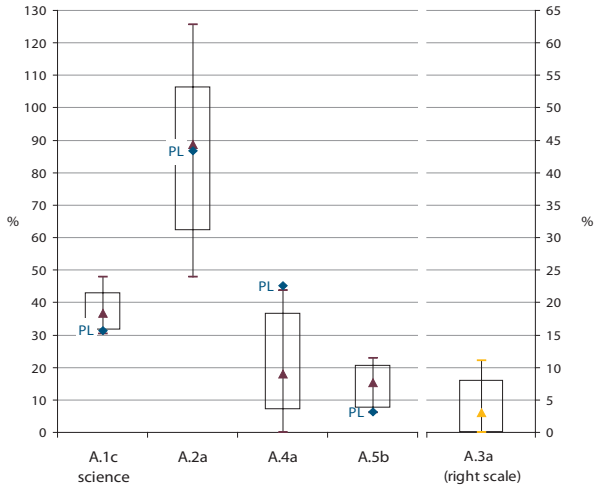

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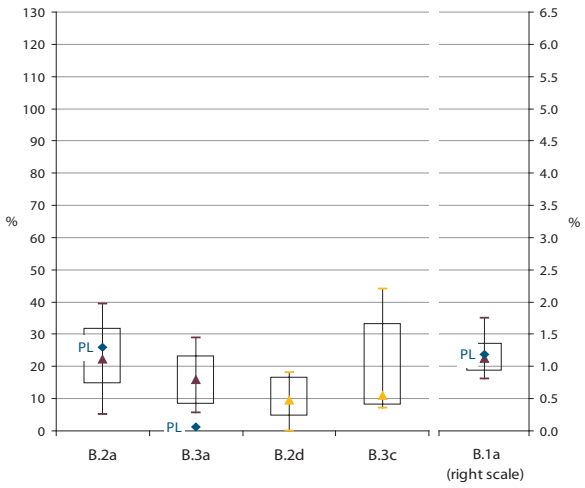

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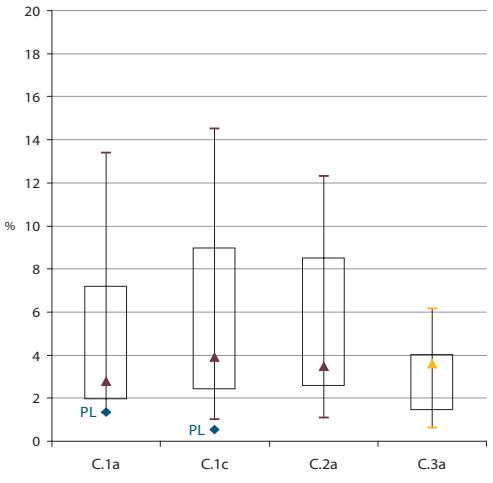

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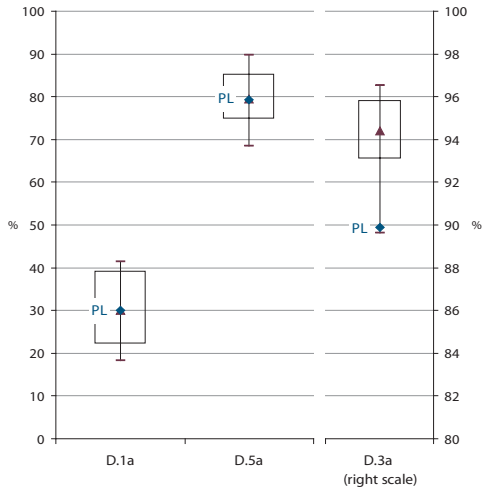

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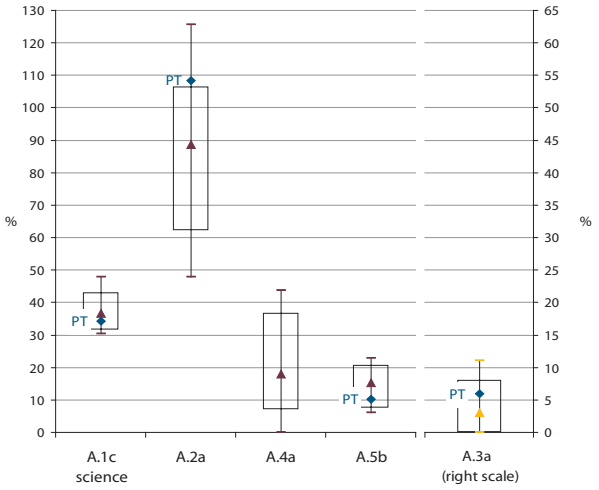

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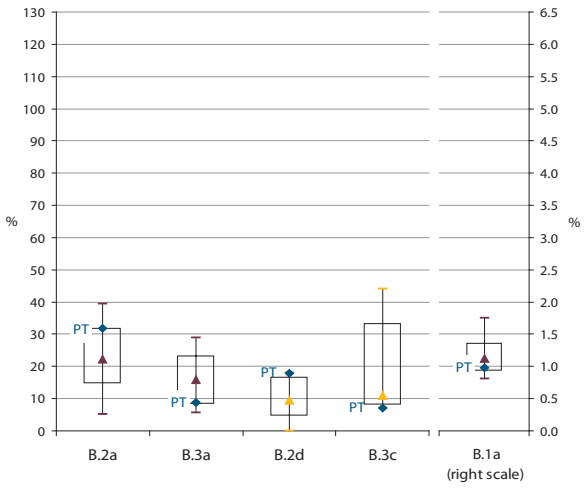

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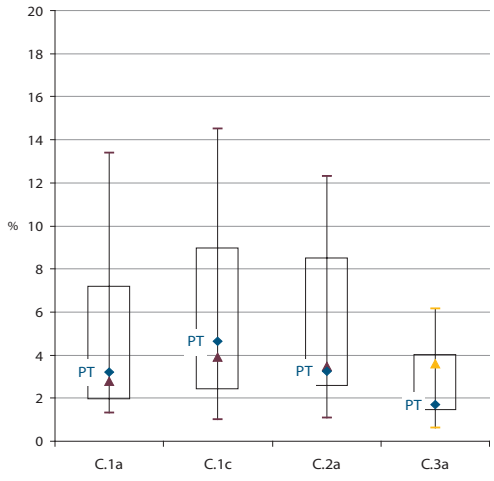

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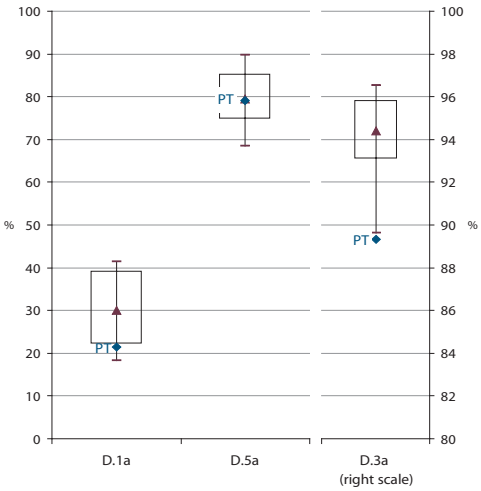

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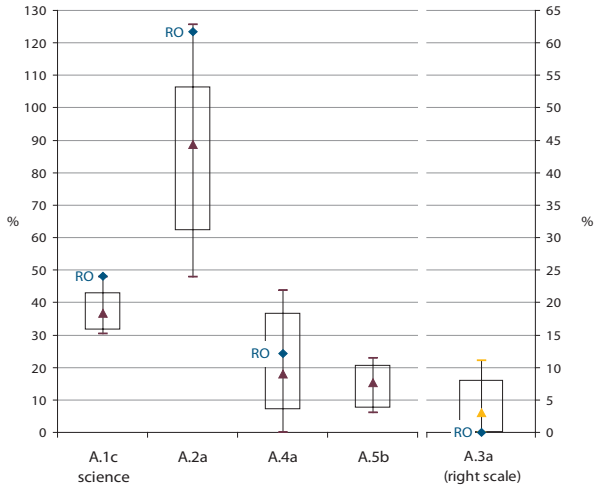

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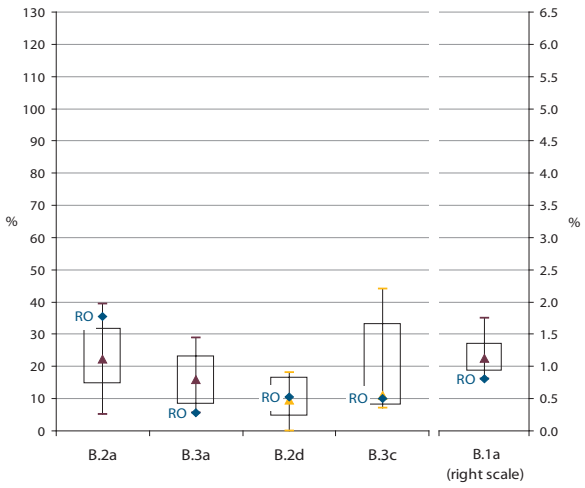

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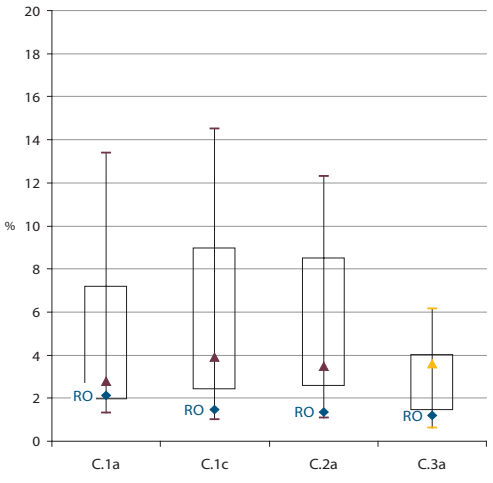

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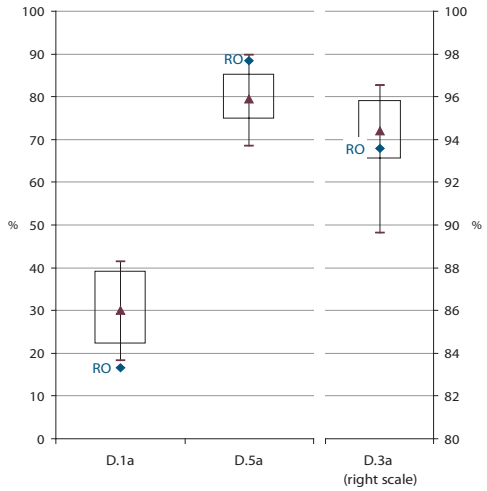

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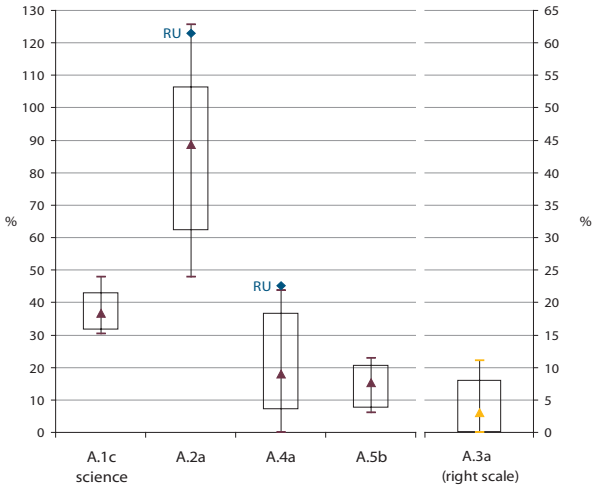

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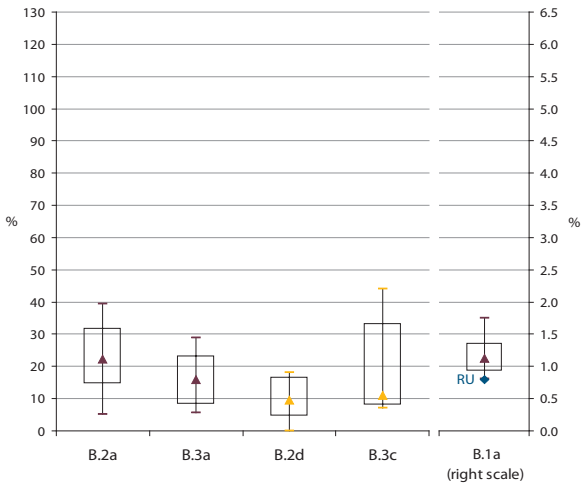

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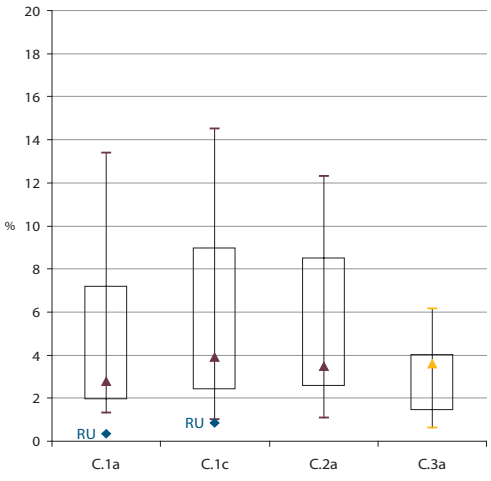

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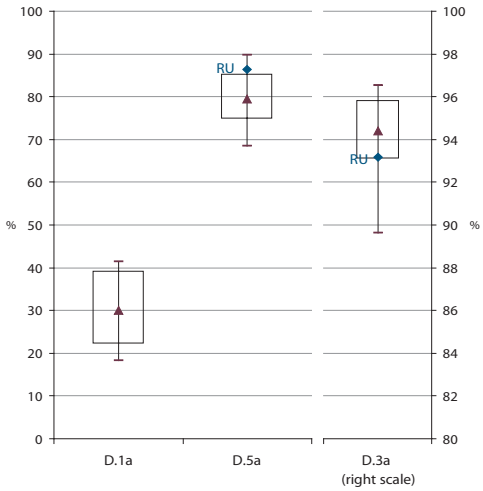

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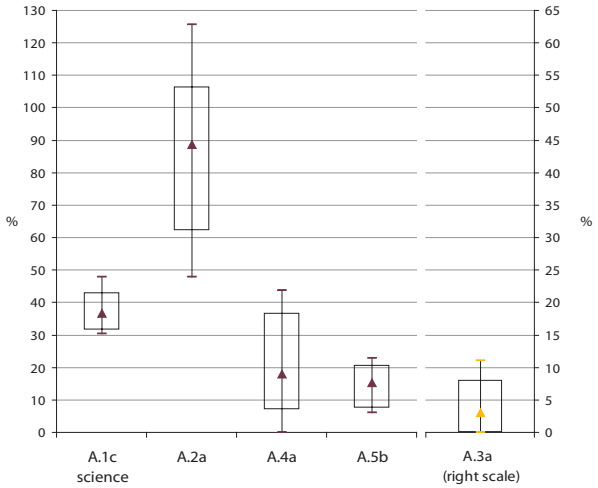

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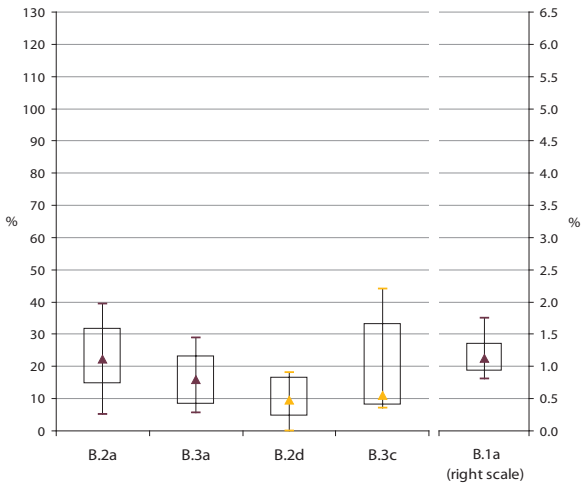

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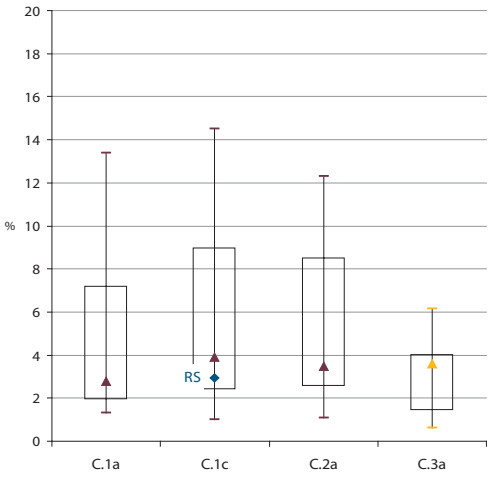

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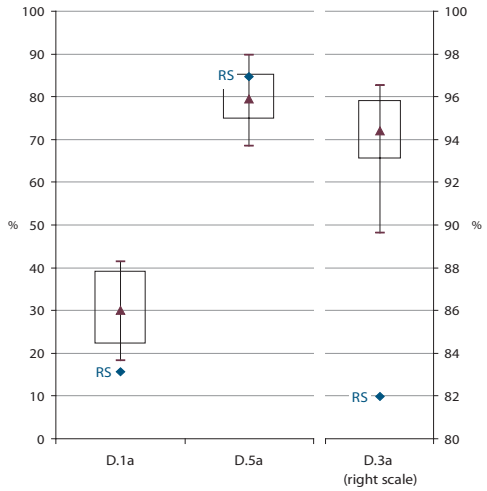

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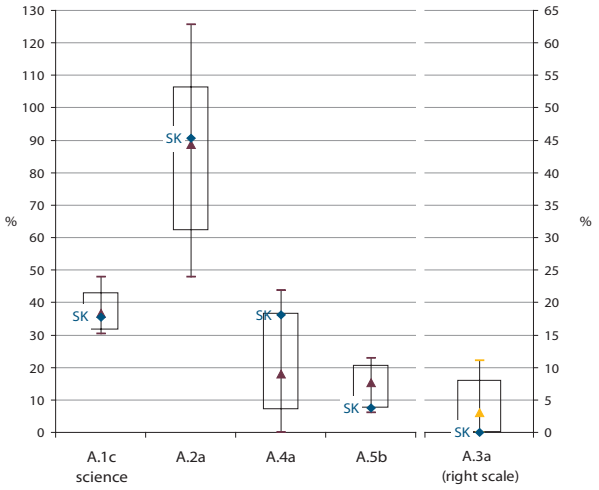

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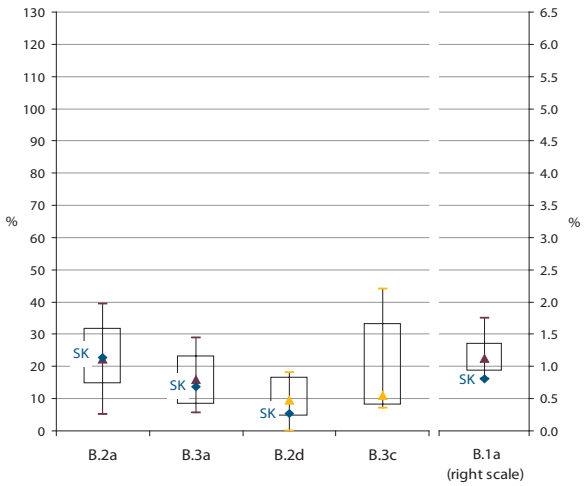

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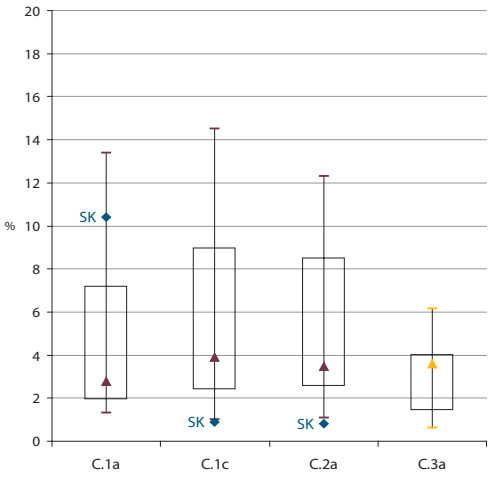

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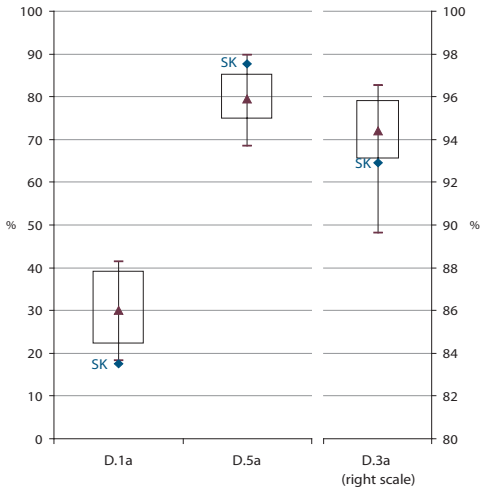

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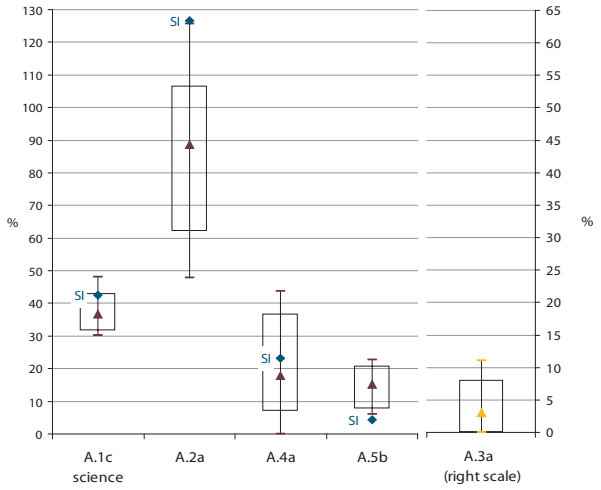

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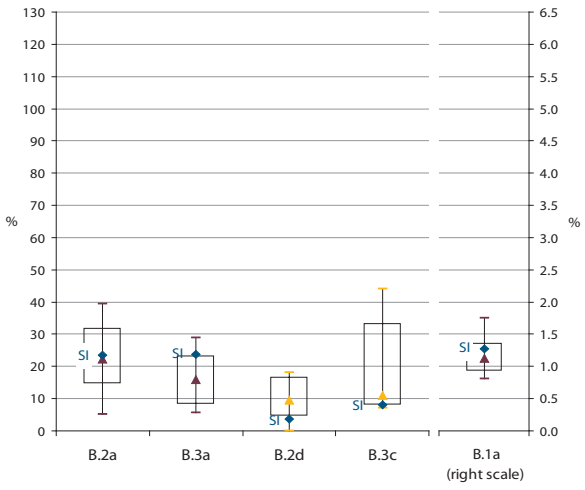

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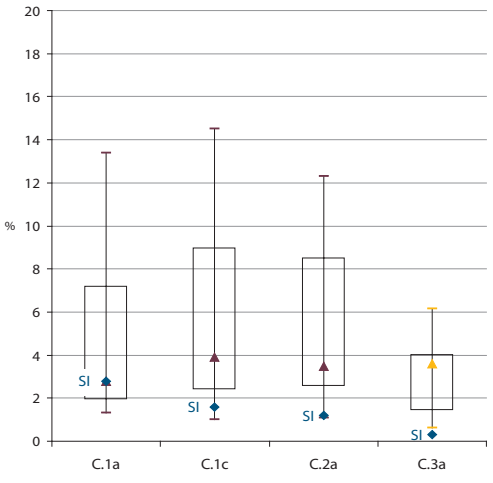

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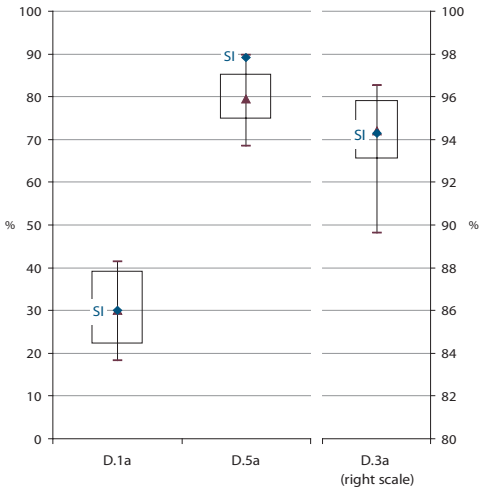

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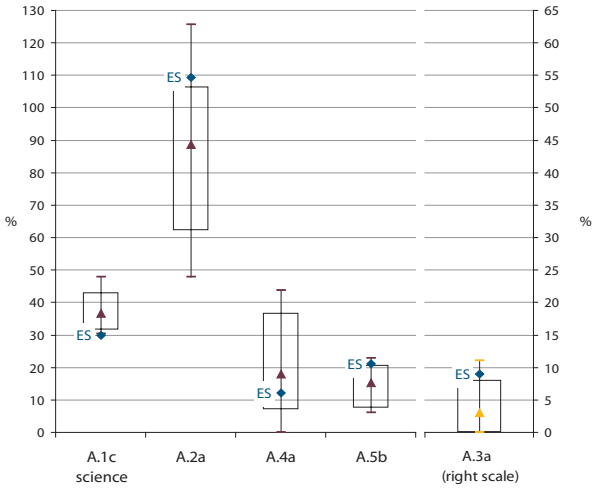

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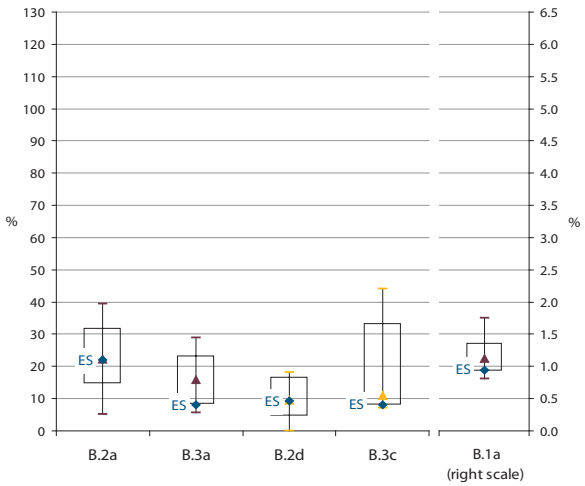

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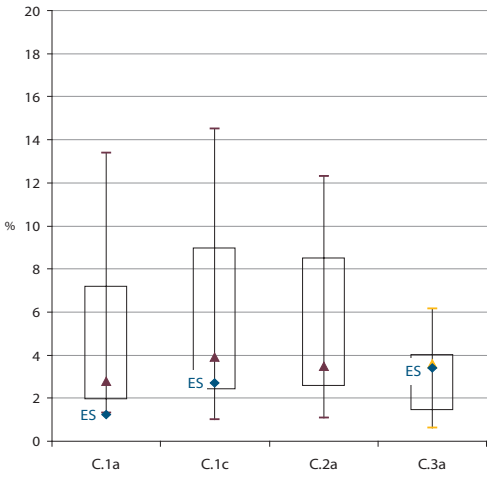

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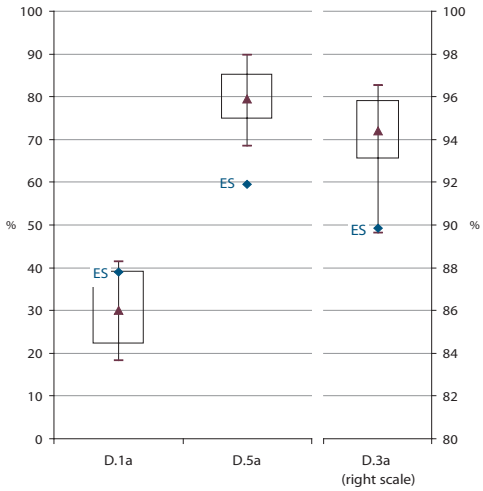

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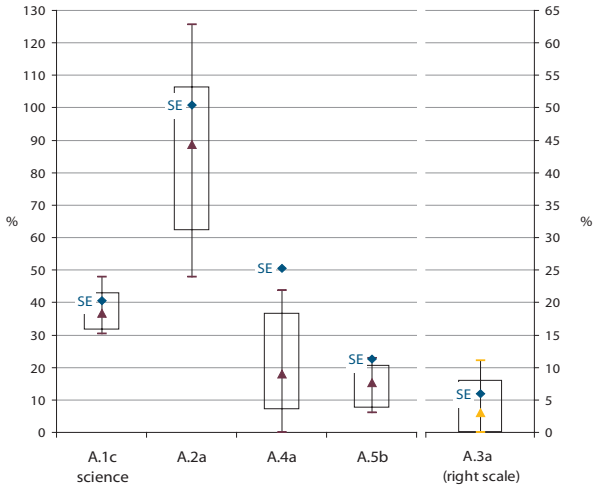

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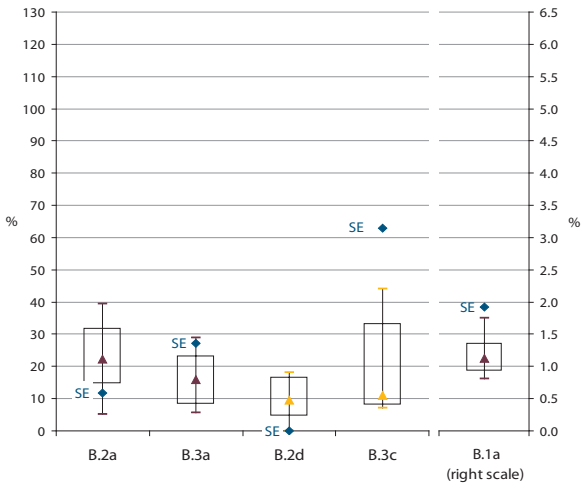

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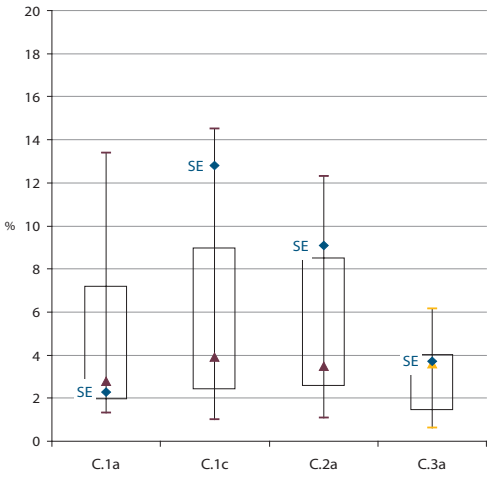

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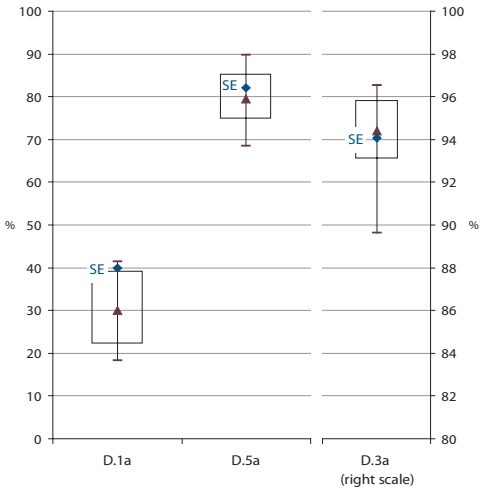

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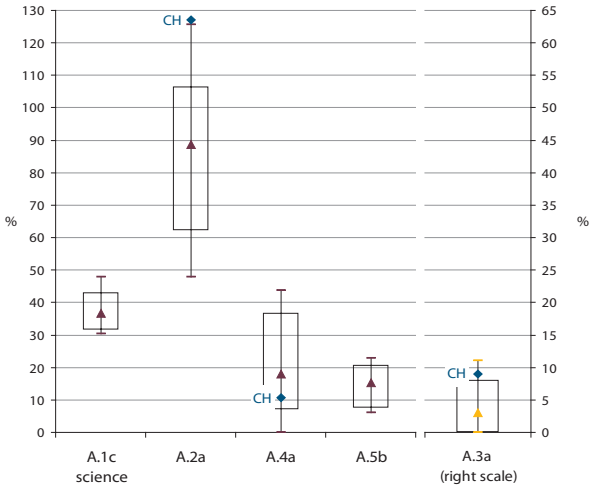

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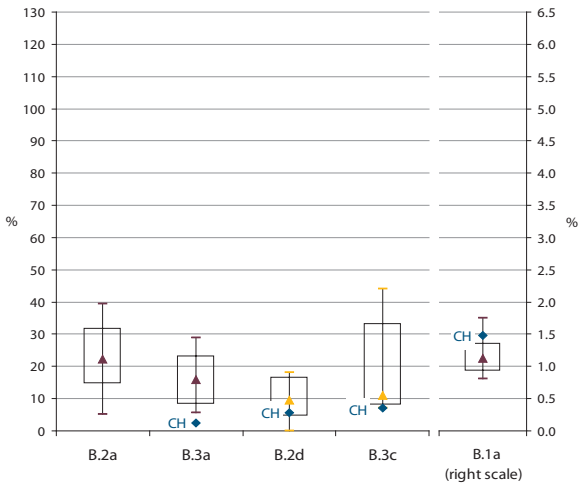

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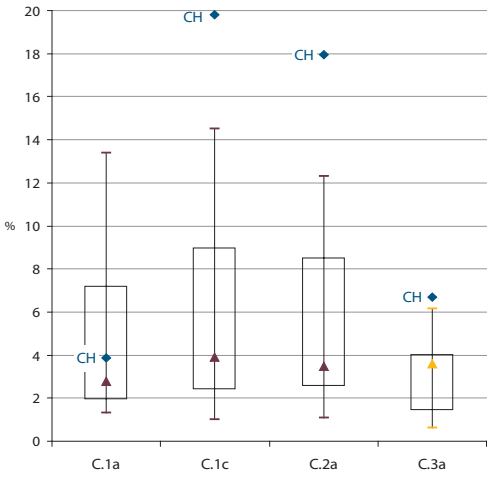

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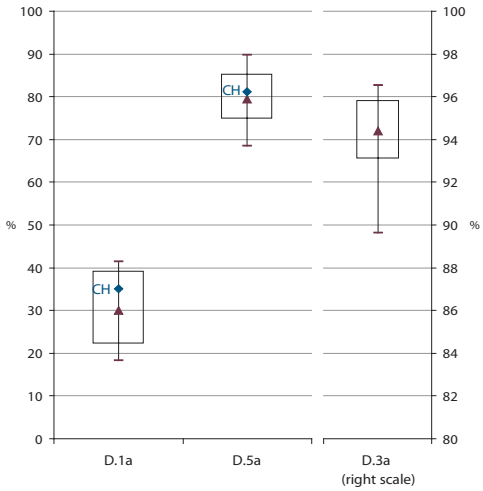

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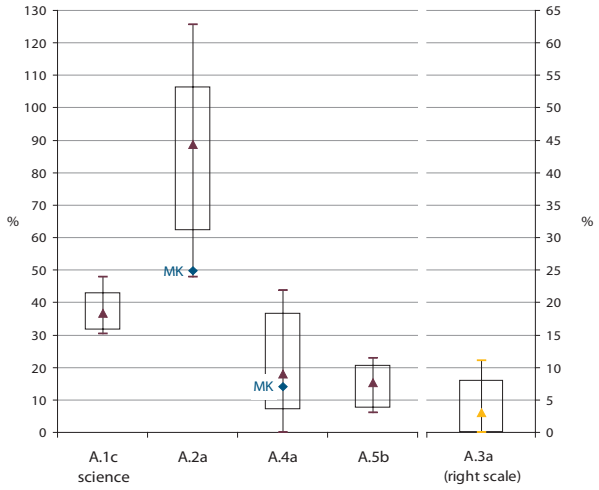

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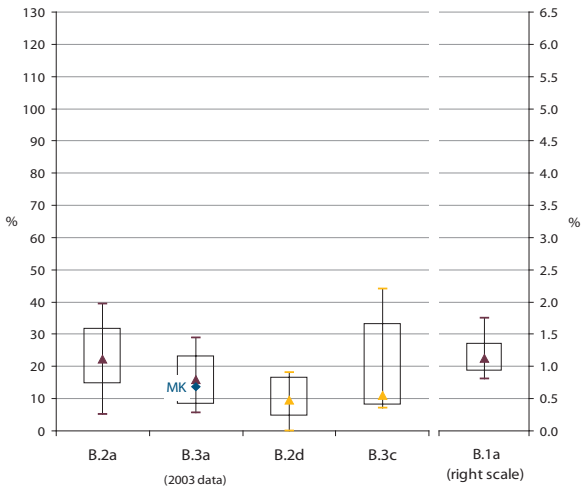

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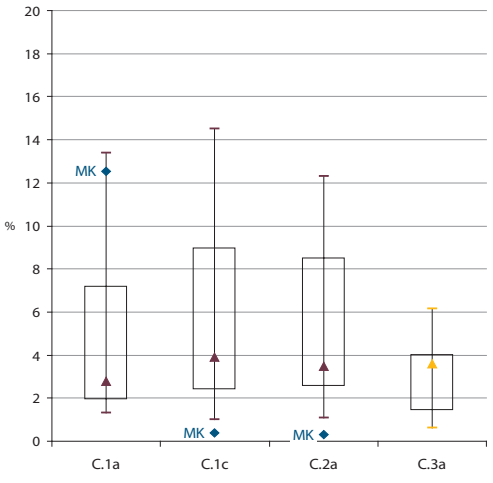

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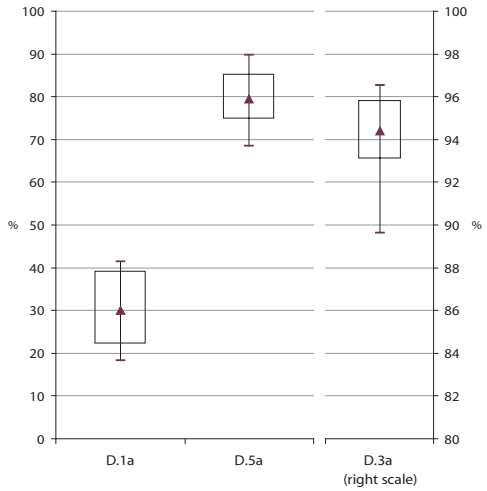

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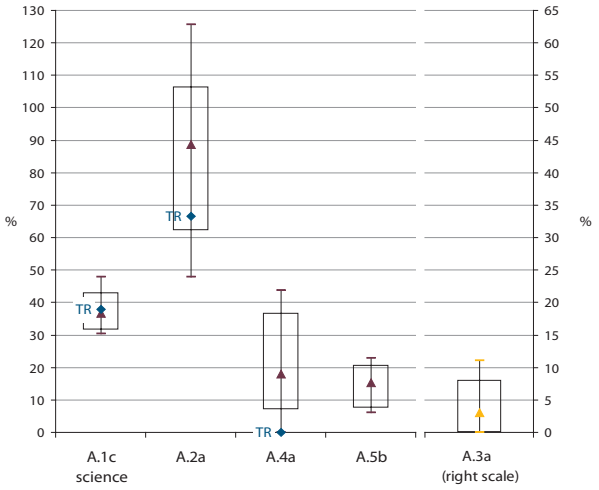

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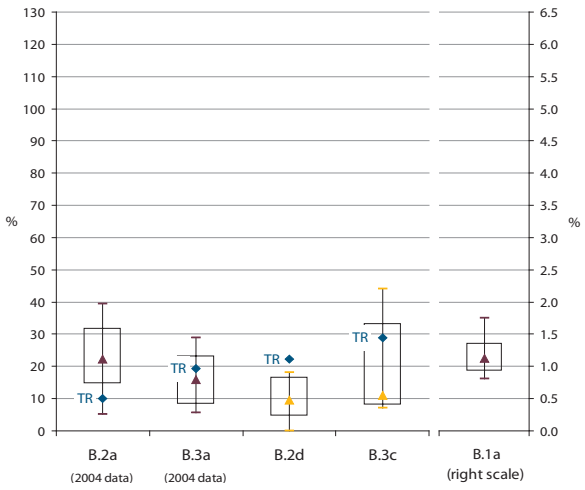

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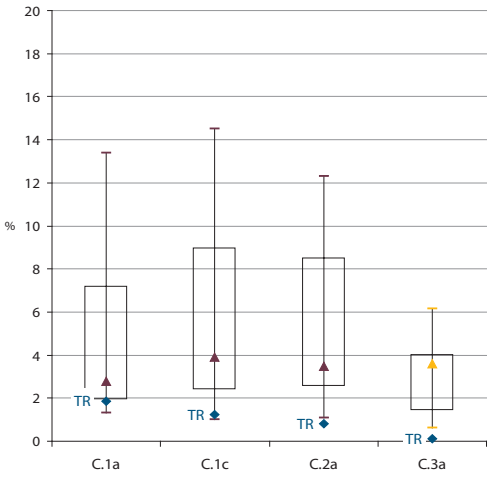

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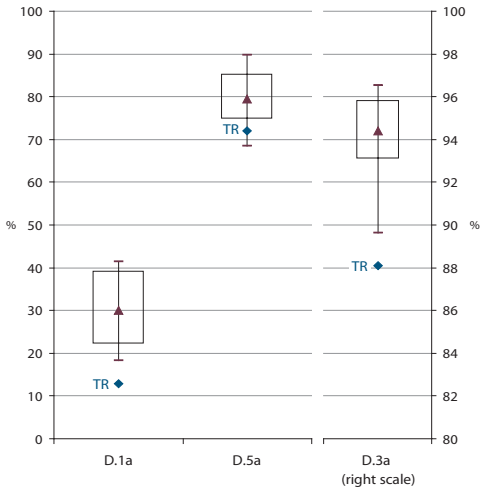

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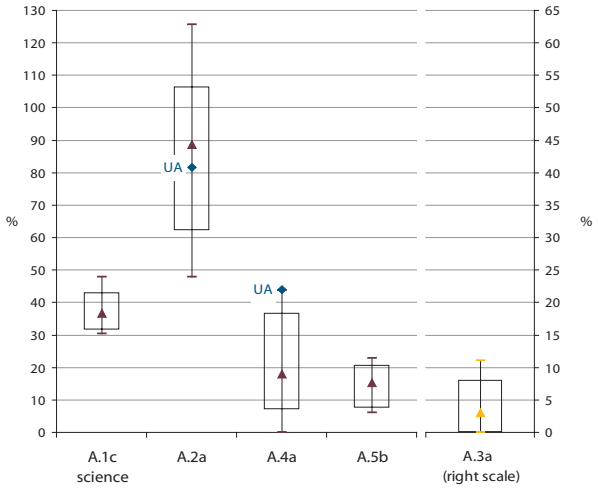

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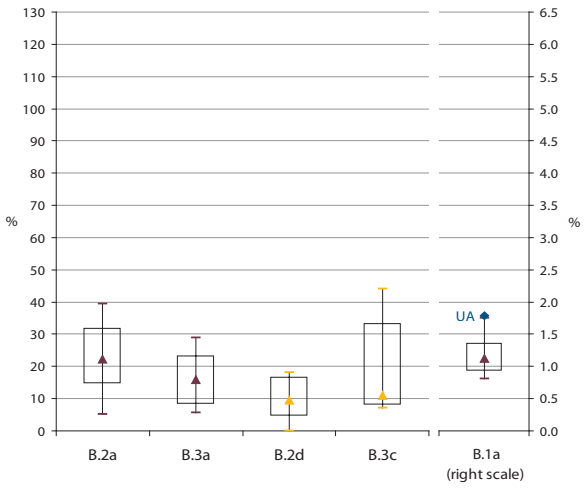

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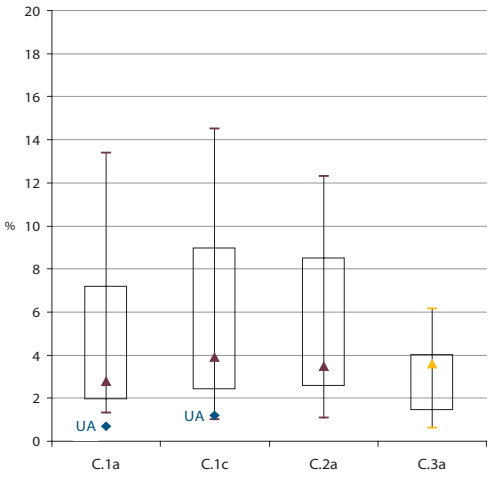

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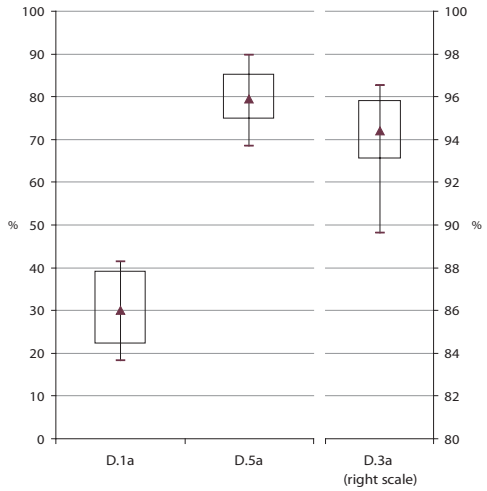

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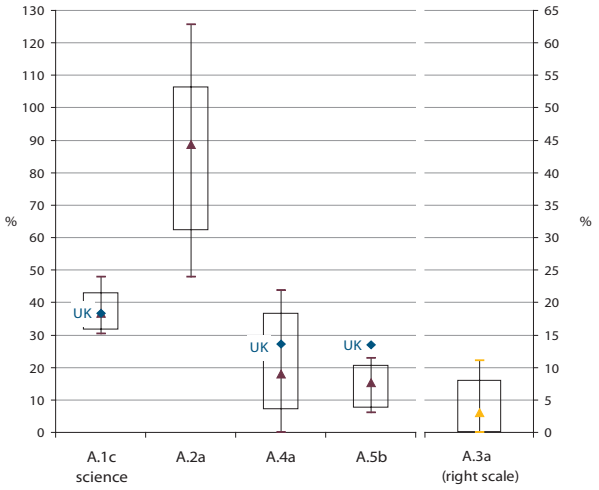

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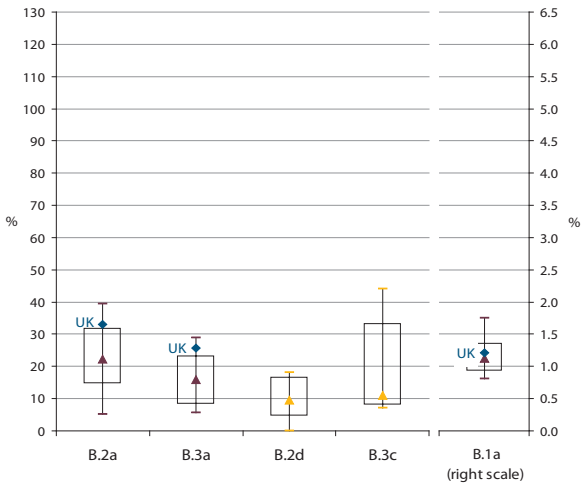

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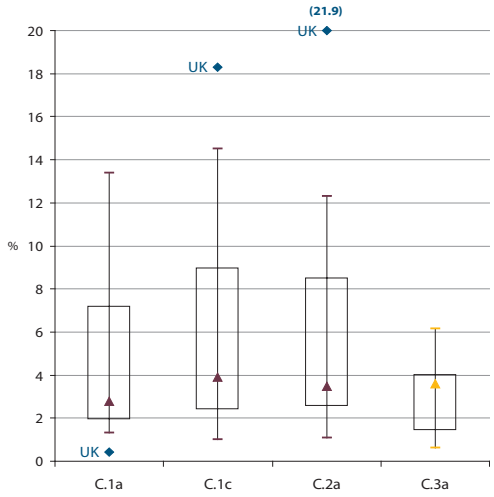

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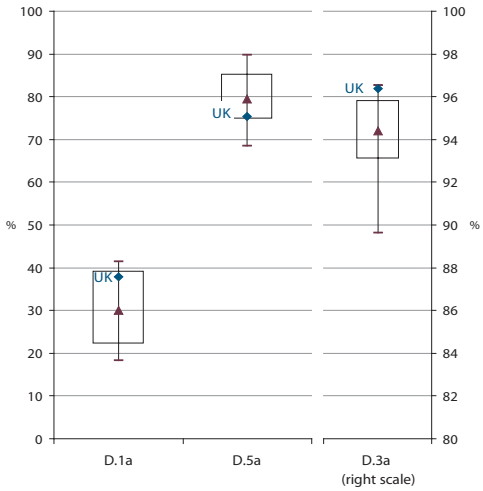

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-	Not applicable or zero by default
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p	Provisional data
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s	Estimate
x	Included in another category
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Introductory table: participation in tertiary education by ISCED level

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	5A	5B	6	5A	5B	6	5A	5B	6	5A	5B	6	5A	5B	6	5A	5B	6
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BG	92	7	1	91	7	2	92	6	2	91	7	2	90	8	2	88	10	2
CZ	83	11	7	83	10	7	82	10	7	82	10	7	83	10	7	84	9	7
DK	88	10	3	87	10	2	89	9	2	85	13	2	84	14	2	85	12	2
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EE	85	12	3	85	13	2	59	38	2	60	37	3	62	36	3	63	34	3
IE	61	38	2	59	39	2	62	36	2	64	34	2	67	30	3	68	29	3
EL	65	32	2	65	32	3	64	33	3	63	34	3	61	35	3	59	37	3
ES	86	11	3	84	12	4	83	13	4	82	14	4	82	14	4	82	13	4
FR	71	25	5	70	25	5	71	24	5	71	24	5	72	24	4	72	24	3
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CY	23	76	1	22	77	1	19	80	1	19	80	1	21	77	1	22	76	1
LV	88	11	1	84	15	1	80	19	1	87	12	1	86	13	1	85	14	1
LT	69	30	2	70	28	1	70	29	1	70	29	1	70	29	1	70	29	1
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AT	81	10	9	81	12	7	82	11	7	83	11	7	83	10	6	84	9	7
PL	98	1	1	97	1	1	97	1	2	97	1	2	97	1	2	97	1	2
PT	94	3	3	95	2	3	95	1	4	94	1	4	94	1	5	93	1	6
RO	91	9	0	91	9	0	88	8	4	91	7	3	91	6	3	94	3	3
SI	51	49	0	51	49	0	50	50	0	50	50	0	50	49	1	54	45	1
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DE: percentage of ISCED 5A and 5B students (ISCED 6 not available).
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A. Widening access

Table A.1a,b: Net entry rate (%) by age, ISCED 5A, 2002 and 2006

	Total (Females + Males), 2006															
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30-34	35-39
EU-27	0.0	0.9	9.4	15.7	8.1	4.4	2.8	1.9	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
Bologna*	0.0	0.1	4.9	11.2	7.7	3.7	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
BE	0.0 i	0.3 i	13.1 i	3.1 i	1.2 i	0.8 i	0.5 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i
BG	0.0	0.1	2.5	20.7	6.2	2.6	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
CZ	0.0	0.1	0.5	17.8	15.8	3.7	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
DK	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.9	10.1	12.2	8.7	5.2	3.4	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.4
DE	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	0.9 bi	6.6 bi	9.3 bi	5.9 bi	3.5 bi	2.6 bi	1.8 bi	1.2 bi	0.9 bi	0.6 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.2 bi	0.1 bi
EE	0.0	0.2	6.5	17.4	4.1	2.1	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
IE	0.0	3.6	16.1	11.5	2.8	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
EL	-	6.1	24.7	3.6	1.4	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.8	: x
ES	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	23.8 bi	6.1 bi	3.3 bi	2.3 bi	1.7 bi	1.2 bi	0.8 bi	0.6 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.3 bi	0.3 bi	0.2 bi	0.1 bi
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	-	-	3.8	31.6	6.5	2.3	1.2	0.8	0.6	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
CY	0.0 i	1.0 i	5.1 i	0.9 i	1.4 i	0.2 i	0.5 i	0.4 i	0.4 i	0.3 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	0.1 i	0.0 i
LV	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
LT	-	0.4	6.2	24.2	5.6	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	0.0	0.0	9.8	17.1	8.3	5.5	3.8	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.5
MT	0.0	0.0	0.1	9.4	10.2	3.7	3.0	3.1	2.1	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3
NL	0.0	6.3	15.3	10.9	7.5	5.2	3.1	1.9	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1
AT	0.0	0.0	4.8	9.2	8.4	5.4	3.2	2.2	1.7	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
PL	-	: x	0.8	33.2	17.4	7.6	4.5	2.9	1.8	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.2	: x
PT	0.0	0.0	18.9	10.0	5.2	3.1	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3
RO	-	-	11.0	22.1	7.8	4.1	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.6
SI	0.0	0.0	3.5	29.7	5.5	1.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
SK	0.0	0.0	2.9	20.7	15.6	5.3	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6
FI	0.0	0.0	0.4	19.7	13.5	9.7	5.7	4.0	3.0	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.6
SE	0.0	0.0	0.9	12.3	12.3	10.1	7.5	5.8	4.2	3.1	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.6
UK	0.0	1.2	21.5	10.6	4.3	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
TR	0.2	2.4	7.9	6.9	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
IS	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.5	16.0	13.3	7.8	5.3	4.0	4.1	2.6	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.2	0.8
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	0.0	0.3	15.9	17.6	8.0	4.0	2.5	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
CH	0.0	0.1	1.8	5.9	8.0	5.7	3.3	2.4	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	0.0	3.7	20.1	12.4	7.4	5.6	5.0	4.6	3.7	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.6
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	0.1	1.6	19.2	9.5	5.8	4.0	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8
JP	0.0	: x	35.1	6.3	1.0	0.3	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
US	0.2	2.2	24.0	10.9	5.7	2.9	2.0	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.4

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: For information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DE (2005): ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
ES (2003): Population data have been revised 2003 which has led to a break in time series.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1a,b: Net entry rate (%) by age, ISCED 5A, 2002 and 2006 (continued)

	Females, 2006																
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30-34	35-39	
EU-27	0.0	1.0	11.2	18.7	8.4	4.2	2.7	1.9	1.4	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	
Bologna*	0.0	0.1	8.0	12.9	8.0	3.9	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	
BE	0.0 i	0.3 i	12.1 i	3.2 i	1.7 i	1.7 i	1.7 i	1.3 i	0.9 i	0.7 i	0.5 i	0.5 i	0.3 i	0.3 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	
BG	0.0	0.1	3.0	22.7	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
CZ	0.0	0.1	0.5	20.2	16.4	4.1	1.9	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	
DK	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.8	12.9	15.4	10.5	5.7	3.8	2.6	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	
DE	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	1.2 bi	8.8 bi	9.4 bi	4.8 bi	3.0 bi	2.2 bi	1.5 bi	1.0 bi	0.7 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.3 bi	0.1 bi	0.1 bi	
EE	0.0	0.3	8.7	20.8	4.5	2.2	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	
IE	0.0	4.2	18.3	12.7	3.0	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
EL	-	8.1	32.4	4.2	1.0	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.8	: x	
ES	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	29.3 bi	6.8 bi	3.6 bi	2.6 bi	1.9 bi	1.3 bi	0.8 bi	0.7 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.3 bi	0.3 bi	0.2 bi	0.1 bi	
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
IT	-	-	4.5	38.7	6.9	2.3	1.1	0.8	0.6	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
CY	0.0 i	1.9 i	9.3 i	0.8 i	0.2 i	0.4 i	1.0 i	0.6 i	0.4 i	0.3 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	
LV	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
LT	-	0.6	8.2	27.1	5.2	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
HU	0.0	0.0	11.5	18.2	8.4	5.4	3.8	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.7	
MT	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	12.8	3.8	3.3	3.7	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	
NL	0.0	7.5	17.1	12.1	7.8	5.0	2.8	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	
AT	0.0	0.0	7.8	12.3	8.2	4.4	2.9	2.1	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	
PL	-	: x	0.9	40.0	17.0	6.7	3.9	2.3	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.6	: x	
PT	0.0	0.0	23.9	12.1	5.8	3.3	2.2	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	
RO	-	-	12.9	25.9	8.4	4.2	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.7	
SI	0.0	0.0	4.7	37.4	7.0	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	
SK	0.0	0.0	3.4	24.1	16.7	5.4	3.1	2.4	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	
FI	0.0	0.0	0.5	21.1	17.7	9.9	6.2	4.4	3.2	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.8	
SE	0.0	0.0	1.2	14.5	14.1	11.6	8.4	6.1	4.2	3.0	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	
UK	0.0	1.4	24.5	11.4	4.4	2.9	2.2	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
MK	:	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
TR	0.2	2.5	8.2	6.4	3.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	
IS	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	17.5	16.6	10.2	6.7	4.8	4.7	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.5	1.1	
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
NO	0.0	0.4	22.2	21.7	8.7	4.1	2.6	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	
CH	0.0	0.1	2.0	7.3	8.6	5.3	3.0	2.1	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AU	0.0	4.6	24.0	14.5	8.4	5.9	5.2	4.7	3.7	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7	
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
NZ	0.1	2.0	22.8	11.0	6.5	4.6	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	:	:	
JP	0.0	: x	31.3	3.8	0.5	0.1	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
US	0.1	3.0	26.6	10.1	5.5	3.1	2.0	2.6	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.5	

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: For information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DE (2005): ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
ES (2003): Population data have been revised 2003 which has led to a break in time series.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1a,b: Net entry rate (%) by age, ISCED 5A, 2002 and 2006 (continued)

	Males, 2006																
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30-34	35-39	
EU-27	0.0	0.7	7.7	13.0	7.9	4.6	2.9	2.0	1.5	1.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	
Bologna*	0.0	0.1	2.8	10.1	7.2	3.4	2.3	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	
BE	0.0 i	0.2 i	9.0 i	3.0 i	1.7 i	1.3 i	1.2 i	1.0 i	0.9 i	0.6 i	0.5 i	0.5 i	0.4 i	0.3 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	
BG	0.0	0.1	2.0	18.8	5.9	2.6	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	
CZ	0.0	0.1	0.5	15.6	15.2	3.3	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	
DK	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.9	7.3	9.1	6.9	4.7	3.1	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.2	
DE	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	0.6 bi	4.4 bi	9.1 bi	7.0 bi	4.0 bi	2.9 bi	2.1 bi	1.4 bi	1.0 bi	0.7 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.2 bi	0.1 bi	
EE	0.0	0.1	4.5	14.2	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	
IE	0.0	3.2	14.0	10.4	2.7	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	
EL	-	4.4	17.4	3.0	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	: x	
ES	0.0 bi	0.0 bi	18.6 bi	5.4 bi	3.0 bi	2.0 bi	1.5 bi	1.2 bi	0.8 bi	0.6 bi	0.5 bi	0.4 bi	0.3 bi	0.3 bi	0.2 bi	0.1 bi	
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
IT	-	-	3.1	24.9	6.1	2.4	1.3	0.8	0.6	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
CY	0.0 i	0.2 i	0.9 i	1.0 i	2.6 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.5 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	
LV	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
LT	-	0.2	4.3	21.5	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
HU	0.0	0.0	8.1	15.9	8.2	5.6	3.7	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.4	
MT	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.1	7.8	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.3	
NL	0.0	5.2	13.6	9.8	7.3	5.5	3.3	2.0	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	
AT	0.0	0.0	1.8	6.2	8.5	6.3	3.5	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	
PL	-	: x	0.6	26.7	17.7	8.5	5.1	3.4	2.0	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	: x	
PT	0.0	0.0	14.1	8.0	4.6	2.9	1.9	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	
RO	-	-	9.3	18.3	7.2	4.1	2.9	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.6	
SI	0.0	0.0	2.3	22.3	4.1	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	
SK	0.0	0.0	2.5	17.4	14.6	5.1	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	
FI	0.0	0.0	0.3	18.5	9.5	9.4	5.1	3.7	2.8	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.4	
SE	0.0	0.0	0.7	10.3	10.6	8.7	6.7	5.5	4.3	3.2	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.4	
UK	0.0	1.1	18.6	9.8	4.2	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
MK	:	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
TR	0.2	2.3	7.6	7.4	4.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	
IS	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.2	14.4	10.2	5.4	4.0	3.3	3.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.5	
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
NO	0.0	0.2	9.9	13.8	7.4	4.0	2.5	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	
CH	0.0	0.1	1.5	4.6	7.4	6.0	3.7	2.8	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
AU	0.0	2.9	16.4	10.4	6.5	5.3	4.9	4.5	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.5	
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
NZ	0.1	1.3	15.7	8.1	5.1	3.5	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	
JP	0.0	: x	38.7	8.6	1.6	0.4	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	
US	0.3	1.5	21.5	11.6	5.9	2.8	2.0	1.5	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

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BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DE (2005): ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
ES (2003): Population data have been revised 2003 which has led to a break in time series.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1a,b: Net entry rate (%) by age, ISCED 5A, 2002 and 2006 (continued)

	Total (Females + Males), 2002															
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30-34	35-39
EU-27	0.0	0.9	11.5	11.7	5.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1
Bologna*	0.0	0.1	7.0	11.0	5.0	2.5	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
BE	0.0 i	0.6 i	18.9 i	4.6 i	1.5 i	1.3 i	1.0 i	0.9 i	0.6 i	0.5 i	0.5 i	0.3 i	0.3 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i
BG	0.0	1.2	8.1	13.2	3.6	2.1	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
CZ	0.0	0.0	3.4	12.6	7.9	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
DK	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.5	7.6	10.1	8.1	5.1	3.4	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.3
DE	0.0	0.0	0.7	5.7	8.7	6.0	3.9	3.0	2.1	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
EE	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
IE	0.0	3.4	17.1	13.2	2.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	0.0	0.0	22.6	11.0	5.0	3.7	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
FR	0.0	1.8	19.0	8.2	3.8	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
IT	-	: x	4.0	27.6	6.5	2.8	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
CY	0.0 i	0.9 i	3.9 i	0.9 i	0.9 i	0.2 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.1 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i
LV	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
LT	-	0.2	14.7	14.5	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.3
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	0.0	0.2	10.0	15.4	8.0	4.7	3.4	2.7	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.4
MT	0.0	0.1	15.5	4.9	1.5	2.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	: x
NL	0.0	5.4	13.4	11.0	7.1	4.4	2.5	1.5	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
AT	0.0	0.0	5.1	8.2	6.3	3.6	2.1	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0
PL	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
PT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RO	-	-	13.3	14.1	5.0	2.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2
SI	0.0	0.0	3.4	23.2	3.6	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1
SK	0.0	0.0	12.9	11.8	4.9	2.6	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2
FI	0.0	0.0	0.3	15.3	14.0	11.0	6.2	4.1	3.0	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6
SE	0.0	0.0	0.3	11.7	13.6	9.9	6.7	4.9	3.6	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.8
UK	0.0	1.3	19.3	9.8	3.3	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
TR	0.3	1.6	6.0	4.1	2.3	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0
IS	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.8	14.2	12.0	7.9	5.3	4.0	2.9	2.5	2.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.8
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CH	0.0	0.1	1.2	4.7	7.4	6.0	3.4	2.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	0.1	3.9	20.4	8.9	5.7	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.0	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.0	0.7
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	0.1	1.2	13.0	6.9	4.8	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.9
JP	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
US	0.1	0.7	8.8	11.4	9.5	8.6	5.7	3.5	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.2

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: For information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DE (2005): ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
ES (2003): Population data have been revised 2003 which has led to a break in time series.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1c: Percentage of female entrants, by field of education, ISCED 5A, 2006

	All fields of education	Education (field 14)	Teacher training (field 141)	Education science (field 142)	Humanities and arts (broad group 2)	Arts (field 21)	Humanities (field 22)	Social sciences (broad group 3)	Social and behavioural science (field 31)	Journalism and information (field 32)	Business and administration (field 34)
EU-27	54.8	74.2	72.0	77.6	66.1	61.6	68.0	56.9	61.7	63.6	53.3
Bologna*	56.2	76.5	75.2	81.5	66.7	62.4	69.1	57.5	63.5	65.6	54.3
BE	51.3 i	89.1 i	83.9 i	89.5 i	62.6 i	58.1 i	65.1 i	54.3 i	64.2 i	64.5 i	41.9 i
BG	52.6	64.0	63.2	69.5	62.0	56.3	63.9	61.5	61.2	67.6	61.5
CZ	54.2	76.2	76.7	73.0	68.1	56.9	71.4	61.2	61.7	68.7	61.4
DK	59.8	69.7	68.9	77.4	62.9	60.0	63.5	50.9	55.3	52.5	46.3
DE	53.1	69.5	84.0	66.4	70.8	65.8	71.6	52.0	59.5	69.4	45.8
EE	59.4	92.3	93.2	85.7	74.1	73.2	74.5	61.8	65.3	65.6	59.5
IE	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	56.5	75.7	75.2	81.5	60.4	62.4	59.1	57.2	61.3	65.5	55.5
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	55.6	90.0	-	90.0	69.9	64.4	74.1	54.3	55.8	60.7	46.8
CY	69.5 i	81.1 i	83.1 i	71.4 i	84.4 i	- i	84.4 i	72.3 i	74.4 i	- i	69.3 i
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	55.5	70.7	68.4	89.8	74.8	68.2	78.0	68.1	74.1	75.7	67.1
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	58.2	72.4	71.3	85.0	68.1	58.6	69.2	65.2	63.7	70.2	65.5
MT	56.3	78.0	76.4	80.4	61.0	62.5	60.3	55.0	65.8	55.6	53.4
NL	52.8	75.8	73.2	92.4	54.7	48.6	63.7	47.5	62.5	56.0	37.5
AT	53.6	76.5	67.7	85.2	71.5	67.1	73.2	57.8	62.5	69.5	52.0
PL	52.8	67.8	63.5	74.6	66.2	64.0	66.6	57.5	60.2	63.8	56.1
PT	58.1	82.1	81.9	82.7	59.5	57.0	62.5	57.3	62.4	65.6	51.4
RO	54.2	83.9	21.6	91.1	67.3	54.7	69.3	59.8	67.0	70.0	59.3
SI	60.5	75.8	75.8	: x	75.1	64.6	77.4	67.4	70.9	84.7	64.3
SK	57.5	76.8	72.8	85.5	59.8	53.9	61.2	64.0	66.6	70.5	64.3
FI	56.4	80.0	78.4	85.2	71.8	67.9	76.0	64.3	69.2	72.8	63.4
SE	56.6	74.8	74.0	77.3	61.7	56.0	63.7	58.9	64.4	63.9	51.8
UK	55.5	81.9	83.1	80.7	61.7	60.5	62.7	56.2	63.4	57.2	47.4
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	53.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	44.3	50.5	48.1	76.4	52.5	52.8	52.4	43.7	44.3	45.4	42.7
IS	61.0	79.2	78.6	87.1	68.1	64.5	69.1	59.2	66.7	77.3	55.2
LI	:	-	-	-	:	-	:	:	-	-	:
NO	60.0	75.0	78.6	59.8	64.3	64.8	63.9	57.3	63.6	58.0	52.0
CH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AD	56.1 i	95.1 i	-	-	-	-	78.6	56.4 i	- i	57.1	-
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	57.3	78.3	0.0	78.3	75.1	68.7	80.1	56.7	47.2	84.9	44.9
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
JP	41.0	59.4	53.6	59.9	67.0	69.2	66.6	32.3	: x	: x	: x
US	54.8	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included. The fields of education in Cyprus are limited.
AD: 2007 data. Students in Psychology are included in the field "Education" instead of "Social and behavioral science". "Health" only includes "Nursery". "Computing" includes computing, multimedia and telecommunications.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1c: Percentage of female entrants, by field of education, ISCED 5A, 2006 (continued)

	Law (field 38)	Science (broad group 4)	Life sciences (field 42)	Physical sciences (field 44)	Mathematics and statistics (field 46)	Computing (field 48)	Engineering (broad group 5)	Engineering and engineering trades (field 52)	Manufacturing and processing (field 54)	Architecture and building (field 58)	Agriculture (broad group 6)
EU-27	56.7	37.9	60.8	43.9	49.4	15.1	24.1	17.3	41.2	34.4	48.9
Bologna*	58.7	37.3	64.7	43.5	46.6	16.8	25.4	17.3	48.6	35.9	48.7
BE	60.3 i	40.0 i	55.5 i	28.6 i	47.1 i	7.0 i	21.8 i	9.6 i	73.3 i	36.4 i	50.7 i
BG	58.7	46.2	64.5	49.2	40.4	39.0	31.3	27.9	46.4	44.3	50.7
CZ	52.5	31.7	71.5	47.7	49.4	14.1	25.4	15.4	61.4	36.7	59.4
DK	59.8	34.2	61.9	40.1	38.9	13.2	27.6	25.5	77.1	28.3	75.7
DE	57.2	43.1	68.3	43.5	58.3	17.4	19.8	12.1	42.3	39.7	50.7
EE	59.7	43.0	73.5	30.9	72.2	22.5	25.4	20.8	32.8	27.3	48.7
IE	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	54.3	30.0	63.8	45.0	48.5	15.5	28.5	23.3	37.5	38.2	44.7
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	58.3	50.4	66.9	41.5	49.4	13.0	28.3	17.1	55.0	39.6	43.7
CY	- i	57.7 i	83.3 i	55.7 i	76.1 i	44.3 i	33.6 i	19.2 i	- i	50.0 i	- i
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	63.6	30.2	69.1	39.8	54.0	14.0	23.4	14.3	69.0	28.9	53.4
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	62.2	30.6	64.9	37.6	37.8	20.9	18.6	8.6	52.4	35.1	45.0
MT	48.9	31.6	25.4	14.3	48.1	24.8	26.0	17.8	-	43.5	100.0
NL	64.0	16.2	55.3	27.6	27.0	9.3	14.9	7.4	75.6	16.6	48.6
AT	58.2	36.7	65.3	31.7	39.7	19.1	24.5	14.3	32.2	40.8	60.9
PL	53.8	31.3	62.0	53.5	57.3	8.6	23.4	15.3	36.8	30.3	48.0
PT	60.8	34.3	66.1	48.4	44.6	16.3	26.3	17.5	61.7	35.4	58.8
RO	47.3	48.2	63.0	:	39.9	:	29.3	26.4	32.0	56.1	34.4
SI	70.4	42.6	77.5	51.2	69.7	13.6	31.6	15.3	59.1	40.5	60.5
SK	54.4	35.5	63.1	45.9	52.1	11.0	28.5	22.9	50.8	33.6	38.1
FI	60.0	41.0	75.2	50.5	50.4	28.1	18.9	16.8	44.9	20.3	48.6
SE	62.5	40.7	60.5	44.8	43.4	21.9	24.2	21.1	33.5	37.9	47.3
UK	60.6	36.7	50.0	42.1	38.8	17.9	18.8	11.8	33.4	24.7	69.9
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	47.4	37.9	54.1	35.7	44.0	21.0	27.3	12.0	43.1	31.8	32.5
IS	55.2	47.2	74.3	47.7	35.5	12.1	33.2	26.6	75.0	47.6	45.0
LI	-	-	-	-	-	-	:	-	-	-	-
NO	63.2	36.0	65.1	46.5	46.0	18.0	23.2	18.6	55.8	28.0	63.4
CH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AD	-	:	-	-	-	9.9 i	-	-	-	-	-
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	57.8	43.8	42.3	0.0	25.2	39.6	0.4	39.6	15.9	18.0	36.7
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
JP	: x	25.9	: x	: x	: x	: x	10.6	: x	: x	: x	39.2
US	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x

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Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.1c: Percentage of female entrants, by field of education, ISCED 5A, 2006 (continued)

	Agriculture, forestry and fishery (field 62)	Veterinary (field 64)	Health and welfare (broad group 7)	Health (field 72)	Social services (field 76)	Services (broad group 8)	Personal services (field 81)	Transport services (field 84)	Environmental protection (field 85)	Security services (field 86)	Not known or unspecified
EU-27	44.6	72.6	75.4	73.8	81.7	50.7	59.4	17.8	47.0	28.8	46.6
Bologna*	45.0	73.5	76.5	76.0	82.6	49.3	59.0	16.0	50.2	21.9	53.2
BE	36.0 i	70.1 i	63.0 i	62.9 i	100.0 i	29.6 i	32.6 i	11.2	20.0 i	55.0 i	71.4 i
BG	47.0	62.3	66.1	63.3	74.9	39.7	49.7	20.7	57.9	30.1	47.0
CZ	56.8	81.0	75.1	76.8	72.1	45.4	57.4	16.2	53.2	21.0	22.2
DK	62.5	89.8	81.2	84.2	78.7	33.7	47.6	-	-	4.4	-
DE	42.2	84.7	72.4	67.6	79.9	50.6	67.4	23.4	35.3	29.7	71.7
EE	39.4	83.6	82.6	80.5	92.3	58.8	44.6	48.2	70.0	-	-
IE	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	34.4	66.4	77.1	76.6	79.4	57.6	61.1	17.1	51.7	6.5	-
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	39.6	68.4	67.2	64.8	89.8	46.1	47.8	22.9	47.8	13.4	-
CY	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i	- i
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	47.1	72.8	82.9	80.7	88.9	42.0	25.8	13.8	57.2	4.4	-
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	42.5	69.5	76.5	72.4	83.1	57.1	71.0	-	48.8	39.9	-
MT	100.0	-	71.7	69.5	77.8	85.2	85.2	-	-	-	-
NL	44.8	75.4	75.5	72.9	80.1	50.1	59.2	14.3	39.6	23.5	53.5
AT	53.6	87.4	62.4	60.6	74.4	49.3	59.0	34.4	46.5	7.1	11.3
PL	46.6	65.3	75.4	75.4	-	48.0	59.1	12.1	41.3	22.7	-
PT	49.7	66.4	78.9	77.4	89.6	47.5	48.5	15.9	60.2	25.2	-
RO	34.4	:	70.3	70.3	:	43.8	56.0	7.0	:	:	48.2
SI	56.6	77.5	77.4	73.4	90.9	54.2	71.5	48.0	56.6	54.5	-
SK	34.9	60.8	82.4	83.9	81.0	41.4	61.1	40.1	53.5	27.7	-
FI	47.6	89.7	88.5	87.7	91.2	74.4	80.7	9.3	75.8	16.2	-
SE	43.4	74.1	82.1	81.5	84.6	53.6	61.2	14.7	47.8	47.7	72.0
UK	66.9	78.0	77.7	76.6	82.6	66.0	67.9	-	46.0	-	64.8
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	53.0
TR	33.4	29.0	57.4	60.7	35.9	41.4	54.7	10.0	33.6	8.8	-
IS	45.0	-	84.1	83.1	88.3	73.2	73.4	-	72.2	-	-
LI	-	-		-	:	-	-	-	-	-	-
NO	55.6	84.7	82.1	82.0	83.4	52.1	57.5	38.8	60.7	18.8	56.0
CH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AD	-	-	:	75.0 i	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	27.7	36.7	0.0	78.3	0.0	14.1	0.0	14.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
JP	37.7	49.9	58.3	58.3	: x	90.3	: x	: x	: x	: x	46.4
US	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	: x	54.8

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Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.2a,b: Entrants at ISCED 5A as a percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling (ISCED 3A and 4A) the year before, 2001–2006

	2001			2002			2003			2004			2005			2006		
	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males
EU-27	74.6 i	75.7 i	73.3 i	78.5 i	79.1 i	77.9 i	81.2 i	82.4 i	79.8 i	87.1 i	87.0 i	87.3 i	83.5 i	84.7 i	82.2 i	84.0 i	84.9 i	83.1 i
Bologna *	78.1 i	76.0 i	79.7 i	74.1 i	76.8 i	72.1 i	75.2 i	80.6 i	69.6 i	89.9 i	90.6 i	91.9 i	79.3 i	85.3 i	83.3 i	86.8 i	92.0 i	82.2 i
BE	46.0 i	44.0 i	48.0 i	46.7 i	45.0 i	48.7 i	48.2 i	46.1 i	50.6 i	50.9 i	48.4 i	53.8 i	50.9 i	53.6 i	47.9 i	44.0 i	42.8 i	45.4 i
BG	47.1	50.0	44.4	48.9	52.5	45.5	69.6	74.4	65.0	50.1	54.2	46.2	53.0	56.9	49.3	53.1	56.4	49.8
CZ	109.5	119.3	98.6	52.1	44.7	61.9	54.3	49.2	61.1	50.7	46.3	56.4	53.3	48.4	59.5	63.6	60.8	67.2
DK	93.6	100.7	83.6	102.3	108.6	93.5	:	:	:	111.0	115.7	104.6	107.8	110.0	104.5	105.8	109.3	101.0
DE	78.1	74.1	82.4	86.6	82.0	91.7	86.0	82.7	89.5	87.4	81.3	94.0	79.3 i	74.0 i	85.1 i	73.3	67.5	79.8
EE	106.9	114.3	98.0	83.5	91.3	74.4	86.3	93.7	76.8	76.2	86.2	64.1	79.3	89.4	67.6	54.0	59.3	47.8
IE	42.0	44.0	39.7	46.0	47.8	43.9	48.1	50.0	46.0	50.2	53.0	47.2	51.1	54.2	47.6	45.8	46.9	44.5
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	56.9	55.1	59.1	73.6	71.6	76.0	84.9	92.0	76.3
ES	92.4	92.0	92.8	102.5	101.2	104.2	101.0	101.7	100.2	107.6	106.0	109.7	107.9	104.7	112.2	109.4	107.0	112.7
FR	69.9	72.0	67.3	72.5	74.9	69.3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	65.0	68.7	61.0	71.3	75.7	66.5	75.2	80.6	69.6	:	:	:	76.5	83.3	69.5	76.1	83.2	68.7
CY	8.8 i	12.9 i	4.1 i	8.6 i	13.3 i	3.4 i	9.8 i	14.8 i	4.7 i	9.7 i	14.5 i	4.9 i	10.9 i	16.0 i	5.5 i	13.3 i	18.2 i	8.2 i
LV	124.6	:	:	113.4			114.8	:	:	144.9	:	:	150.7	:	:	140.0	:	:
LT	72.6	76.0	68.3	74.1	76.8	70.6	69.5	75.5	62.5	67.6	73.9	60.5	61.8	66.5	56.5	65.6	69.1	61.7
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	88.5	89.6	87.3	95.4	94.8	96.1	106.8	106.7	106.8	119.5	117.3	122.2	100.5	103.8	96.4	102.0	101.2	102.8
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: i	: i	: i	167.3	147.7	201.6
NL	91.2	89.1	93.6	92.9	89.2	97.4	86.6	85.6	87.8	105.4	102.5	108.8	102.9	100.4	105.9	101.0	97.4	105.3
AT	:	:	:	85.5	82.1	90.0	:	:	:	106.0	100.2	113.7	:	:	:	104.4	96.1	116.0
PL	94.2	:	:	94.0	:	:	90.2	:	:	92.4	94.9	89.8	88.6	90.0	87.2	86.8	87.3	86.3
PT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	108.4	109.3	107.1
RO	86.1	85.1	87.3	86.7	85.7	88.0	89.9	89.9	90.0	101.1	101.7	100.4	101.5	101.9	100.9	123.5	121.4	126.1
SI	103.4	103.5	103.3	115.1	112.7	118.4	119.2	118.5	120.2	118.4	116.0	122.0	110.3	109.9	110.8	126.7	129.4	122.6
SK	53.5	46.7	62.0	66.1	61.0	72.1	63.1	60.7	65.8	100.8	104.4	96.8	84.4	85.3	83.3	90.5	97.8	82.2
FI	57.4	58.4	56.0	58.1	58.1	58.0	59.3	56.3	63.2	58.2	57.1	59.7	:	:	:	57.7	58.1	57.2
SE	98.1 i	116.0 i	79.7 i	114.3 i	134.2 i	93.3 i	120.6 i	141.8 i	98.5 i	113.5 i	132.6 i	94.1 i	104.0	118.1	89.6	100.8	112.2	89.1
UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	69.7	:	:
MK	53.0	56.3	49.5	59.7	60.7	58.8	51.2	53.0	49.1	43.5	47.5	39.2	48.5	51.8	45.0	49.7	53.0	46.5
TR	54.1	52.9	55.1	61.7	60.5	62.6	66.6	64.2	68.4	64.5	61.2	67.2	50.8	49.7	51.7	66.5	64.7	68.0
IS	125.7	133.2	113.8	148.4	152.2	142.3	155.7	161.8	146.1	132.9	136.1	127.6	120.6	123.4	115.9	144.6	147.4	140.3
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	96.7	99.9	92.0	:	:	:	107.4	109.5	104.6	122.7	120.7	125.5	120.0	119.2	121.2	114.3	117.0	110.6
CH	:	:	:	:	:	:	127.6	119.8	135.5	122.8	114.6	131.6	126.1	119.7	133.2	127.0	120.7	133.8
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	47.9 i	46.4 i	47.9 i	48.8 i	48.7 i	48.8 i	52.3 i	52.2 i	52.4 i	55.9 i	53.4 i	58.7 i	58.9 i	58.5 i	59.3 i
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	98.1 i	:	:	109.7 i	:	:	111.1 i	:	:	118.2 i	:	:	117.3 i	:	:	122.9 i	:	:
UA	58.3 i	:	:	62.7 i	:	:	66.4 i	:	:	68.8 i	:	:	76.5 i	:	:	81.7 i	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	97.5	99.9	94.9	112.1	114.8	109.1	98.9	98.3	99.5	102.3	101.5	103.2	121.6	124.7	118.0	125.5	129.8	120.6
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	118.1	133.4	101.4	105.2	117.6	91.1	120.5	135.5	103.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
JP	57.6	43.5	72.8	60.1	47.1	73.9	60.5 i	48.5 i	73.2 i	61.1	49.0	73.9	62.6 i	50.1 i	75.7 i	64.5	51.8	77.8
US	:	:	:	87.7	94.6	80.8	89.0	95.0	82.7	87.2	96.3	78.3	85.1	91.4	78.6	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note : for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
EU-27 and Bologna median cover only countries where data are available by sex.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DE (2005): ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included. The fields of education in Cyprus are limited.
MT, 2005: graduates at ISCED 4A are not available (the share is overestimated in 2006).
SE, 2000-2004: graduates at ISCED4A not included (the share is overestimated in 2001-2005).
AM, RU, UA: data on graduates (ISCED 3A and 4A) and entrants (ISCED 5A) refer to the same reference year.
JP, 2003, 2005: graduates at ISCED4A not included (the share is overestimated in 2004 and 2006).

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.3a: Students with non-traditional routes to higher education as a share of all ISCED 5A students (%), narrow definition, 2006

	Students with a non-traditional route to higher education, as a percentage of all ISCED 5A sudents
BG	0
CZ	0
DE	1
EE	11
IE	8
ES	9
FR	0
IT	0
LV	0
LT	1
NL	:
AT	6
PT	6
RO	0
SI	:
SK	0
FI	3
SE	6
E/W	15
SCO	11
TR	0
NO	8
CH	9

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
Definition: Accreditation of formal or informal prior learning and experience (with or without special entrance examination).

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table A.4a,b: Percentage of students studying part-time, by age group (15–29, 30+, all), ISCED 5A, 2000–2006

	2000			2001			2002			2003			2004			2005			2006		
	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+	all	15-29	30+
EU-27	13.9	10.6	37.4	14.9	11.3	41.4	16.2	12.1	39.8	15.9	11.7	39.2	16.3	11.6	42.0	17.1	12.1	44.0	18.2	13.0	48.1
Bologna *	16.6	10.0	45.8	18.0	11.6	56.0	19.6	13.0	60.2	17.4	12.3	51.8	17.4	12.0	56.0	19.1	11.9	55.4	19.3	11.2	50.5
BE	3.9 i	2.7 i	19.4 i	3.1 i	2.1 i	18.4 i	3.7 i	2.6 i	20.7 i	3.8 i	2.5 i	21.0 i	5.8 i	4.1 i	26.8 i	6.8 i	5.1 i	27.7 i	12.9 i	11.1 i	36.3 i
BG	32.2	29.6	76.2	30.7	27.2	76.8	28.2	24.2	73.5	29.7	25.3	76.2	30.0	25.2	79.7	29.4	24.6	79.6	29.6	24.4	80.1
CZ	8.2	7.7	16.9	8.0	7.4	16.9	11.7	10.8	24.1	3.7	2.1	19.8	4.4	2.5	21.1	4.2	2.5	17.9	4.2	2.0	18.5
DK	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6 b	0.3 b	5.4 b	7.2	1.9	21.0	7.9	1.5	23.4
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.8	1.9	14.7	4.0	1.9	15.8
EE	20.9	17.2	:	23.4	17.9	:	25.3	18.0	:	14.8	8.3	:	17.3	9.6	:	19.3	11.0	55.4	11.5	7.4	28.8
IE	13.0	10.7	62.4	17.0	11.6	56.0	15.3	:	:	15.9	:	:	15.9	:	:	15.7	:	:	16.6	:	:
EL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:
ES	8.7	4.5	45.5	9.3	4.6	50.7	10.1	4.9	51.5	10.7	4.9	51.1	11.7	5.2	52.6	11.3	4.6	49.4	12.1	4.9	49.9
FR	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	:
IT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CY	0.0 i	0.0 i	:	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i
LV	43.2	30.9	83.5	43.4	28.9	82.5	40.3	25.2	79.6	41.4	25.8	76.8	32.8	21.3	65.1	35.8	18.6	70.7	37.6	19.8	73.5
LT	23.7	19.9	74.4	27.6	23.0	78.9	32.4	25.3	85.4	35.5	27.4	85.8	37.4	27.8	89.3	39.8	29.2	90.7	40.4	29.9	91.7
LU	0.0	:	:	0.0	:	:	7.1	:	:	0.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	42.7	35.1	:	44.3	35.3	95.2	45.4	36.2	95.0	47.4	37.4	95.9	47.9	36.8	95.7	47.4	35.3	95.6	46.3	33.1	95.0
MT	6.3 i	2.0 i	45.8 i	8.4 i	4.2 i	:	10.2 i	4.8 i	60.3 i	13.6 i	:	:	11.2 i	6.3 i	52.0 i	10.3 i	2.2 i	67.7 i	19.3 i	9.7 i	71.1 i
NL	16.6	6.9	81.6	17.3	7.3	81.5	17.7	7.5	80.1	17.4	7.4	78.7	17.5	7.4	79.2	16.7	6.9	78.4	15.5	6.5	76.9
AT	0.0	0.0	0.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	:	:	:	:	:	:
PL	46.8	45.1	93.9	46.9	46.0	93.6	43.9	42.3	:	42.9	40.7	:	41.3	38.7	:	40.0	37.4	:	45.2	42.5	:
PT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RO	14.5	12.9	:	19.5	17.1	:	21.3	18.8	:	22.0	19.3	:	20.9	18.3	:	21.6	18.9	:	24.4	21.5	:
SI	18.5	12.8	82.2	17.8	12.7	81.3	19.7	13.9	85.5	18.6	13.8	82.5	18.3	13.5	81.9	19.1	12.9	83.6	23.1	15.9	86.7
SK	25.4	21.2	96.2	26.9	22.3	96.5	29.7	25.2	95.8	28.4	23.3	95.2	32.4	25.4	96.3	34.0	25.1	96.9	36.3	25.4	97.2
FI	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.5	29.1	60.2	38.8	32.1	61.8	38.9	32.3	60.8	39.5	32.6	62.1	38.4	31.2	61.6
SE	44.5	36.1	63.4	44.7	35.8	63.8	45.8	36.3	65.2	47.6	37.4	67.0	48.3	38.1	67.5	49.2	39.4	68.1	50.5	40.4	70.5
UK	22.5	9.3	68.8	22.3	9.2	69.2	25.6	11.2	72.7	24.8	10.8	71.3	27.7	12.0	74.5	27.4	12.2	74.3	27.3	12.4	74.2
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	21.2	17.7	:	21.3	17.8	83.3	21.8	18.1	83.9	19.5	16.4	80.4
MK	17.5 i	:	:	20.2 i	:	:	17.3 i	:	:	16.5 i	:	:	15.9 i	:	:	15.6 i	:	:	14.1 i	:	:
TR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IS	19.1	11.0	44.1	20.7	12.7	43.6	23.6	13.0	49.9	26.2	14.3	51.7	24.9	12.8	47.4	23.6	11.6	44.5	21.5	10.8	39.8
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	28.1 i	17.3 i	56.6 i	22.2 i	15.0 i	48.5 i
NO	26.8	21.5	41.0	26.3	19.2	42.4	32.0	22.4	51.4	28.4	16.8	51.8	28.0	17.6	48.8	28.3	17.3	50.9	27.7	16.5	51.1
CH	:	:	:	:	:	:	10.0	5.3	32.5	10.7	5.6	34.8	10.8	5.7	35.1	10.9	5.7	35.7	10.7	5.8	33.9
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	7.1	:	:	6.9	:	:	9.9	:	:	15.5	:	:	19.0	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	21.5	19.7	67.0	18.2	17.5	68.4	19.6	18.2	65.7	18.6	17.4	60.7	16.9	15.8	59.3	13.4	12.5	42.7	11.8	11.4	29.2
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	46.9	:	:	42.0	:	:	43.8	:	:	44.9	:	:	45.1	:	:
UA	36.9	:	:	38.7	:	:	40.5	:	:	41.3	:	:	42.3	:	:	43.0	:	:	44.0	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	37.8	26.4	74.1	38.9	27.6	74.6	34.3	21.5	71.4	32.8	20.0	70.1	32.2	19.7	70.0	31.4	19.0	69.8	31.2	19.1	69.8
CA	32.4	22.0	71.5	32.3	22.1	71.2	:	:	:	:	:	:	30.5	20.9	69.3	25.8	16.9	66.1	25.9	16.9	65.6
NZ	30.5	16.3	64.1	30.5	16.0	64.3	29.6	16.0	62.9	44.6	33.6	71.9	49.7	37.7	76.7	40.8	27.4	72.6	40.7	28.0	72.5
JP	9.6	:	:	9.6	:	:	9.6	:	:	9.7	:	:	10.3	:	:	10.3	:	:	11.6	:	:
US	35.1	23.6	74.9	36.9	33.2	51.5	24.3	14.8	63.1	35.8	22.3	73.1	35.6	24.8	72.6	35.3	26.0	68.8	35.0	26.0	66.6

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data exclude independent private institutions.
DK (2004): Improved coverage. Adult education programmes are included for the first time.
CY: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students, but are not included.
MT, LI: Tertiary students studying abroad are not included.
MK: Data exclude ISCED 5A second degrees.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table A.4c: De facto student status: students with full-time status by size of effective workload for study-related activities per week, ISCED 5A, 2006

	up to 10 hours/week	11-20 hours/week	21-30 hours/week	> 30 hours/week
BG	3.9	8.0	19.6	68.5
CZ	7.7	16.6	26.7	49.0
DE	6.0	11.5	23.8	58.6
EE	18.0	25.6	24.9	31.5
IE	1.3	12.8	35.1	50.8
ES	8.4	14.1	23.0	54.6
FR	10.0	12.7	20.7	56.6
IT	2.7	15.0	25.8	56.5
LV	6.0	23.6	31.1	39.3
LT	:	:	:	:
NL	4.8	15.2	24.5	55.5
AT	6.2	13.7	23.3	56.7
PT	1.6	3.4	17.3	77.7
RO	1.1	6.8	16.1	76.0
SI	7.3	15.8	19.7	57.2
SK	11.0	22.6	28.5	37.9
FI	16.4	16.8	22.1	44.7
SE	3.1	13.0	24.9	59.0
E/W	:	:	:	:
SCO	:	:	:	:
TR	1.5	8.4	23.0	67.0
NO	4.0	13.9	28.2	53.9
CH	5.0	9.0	17.0	69.0

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table A.5a: Percentage of individuals (aged 25 and over) having completed tertiary education (ISCED 5-6), according to the educational background of their parents (low, medium, high), by sex, 2005

	High			**Medium**			**Low**		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
EU-25	62.5	61.9	63.2	31.7	29.9	33.6	16.5	16.4	16.7
BE	78.2	80.4	75.8	50.2	51.5	48.8	21.4	20.5	22.3
CZ	50.9	46.4 u	55.4 u	11.4	10.5	12.3	4.4	2.8	6.1
DK	53.6	60.7	47.6 u	26.8	29.3	24.2	19.0	21.8	16.2
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	54.0	61.0	46.5	30.7	38.8	21.2	18.8	24.0	12.7
IE	76.7	73.7 u	80.2 u	54.9	53.2	57.0 u	20.6	19.6	22.2
EL	63.8	61.8 u	66.0 u	42.7	43.4 u	42.0 u	15.3	15.0	15.6
ES	71.2	72.3	70.1	49.6	51.8	47.2	21.1	20.8	21.3
FR	70.8 p	73.2 p	68.2 p	47.1 p	48.3 p	45.8 p	19.8 p	20.4 p	19.1 p
IT	60.7	59.2	62.3	32.6	33.1	32.0	7.7	7.5	7.9
CY	79.4	77.6 u	81.6 u	52.0	51.3	52.7	18.7	16.9	20.6
LV	52.6	60.1 u	44.3 u	23.0	31.2	13.5	9.5	11.1	7.6
LT	62.2	70.7	53.4 u	29.9	36.6	22.8	15.3	17.6	12.6
LU	78.0	77.9	78.1	31.2	27.9	34.6	11.1	9.5	12.7
HU	57.6	61.0	54.4	18.7	20.8	16.6	6.1	5.5	6.7
MT	43.9 u	: u	: u	27.9 u	35.6 u	21.0 u	6.7	5.1	8.2
NL	68.0	63.8	72.1	41.4	38.2	44.8	22.9	17.7	28.4
AT	54.4	57.4	50.9	25.3	21.2	29.3	12.7	8.6	16.9
PL	66.6	72.4	60.5	22.1	25.9	18.3	6.2	7.0	5.4
PT	61.4 u	67.9 u	54.4 u	53.7 u	: u	: u	10.2	12.6	7.8
SI	42.4 u	47.6 u	37.4 u	19.3	22.7	15.9	4.4	4.4	4.3
SK	51.2	54.8	47.4	18.3	18.6	18.1	7.5	6.4	8.9
FI	57.9	66.1	50.3	39.7	46.8	32.4	25.6	28.9	22.2
SE	59.1	62.1 u	56.3 u	45.1	49.1 u	40.8 u	22.6	28.3	17.2
UK	67.3	68.9	65.5	42.5	42.3	42.8	26.9	27.6	26.1
IS	52.5 u	56.8 u	48.4 u	27.5	30.5	24.3	12.5	14.3	10.9
NO	54.9	54.8	54.9	30.8	34.1	27.8	16.3	15.4	17.2

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
FR: data are still under revision (ISCED codification, etc…), but should not lead to fundamentally different conclusions in this context.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

Table A.5b: Percentage of individuals (aged 25–34, 35–44, 45–54) having completed higher education, according to the educational background of their parents (low, medium, high), 2005

	High					Medium					Low				
	Total	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Total	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	Total	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
EU-25	62.5	60.9	63.1	66.9	60.1	31.7	30.3	31.9	33.8	31.3	16.5	22.9	17.5	14.9	12.5
BE	78.2	82.3	76.8	73.7 u	77.2 u	50.2	51.2	51.0	46.3 u	52.7 u	21.4	26.2	23.7	20.4	17.3
CZ	50.9	48.6 u	53.7 u	: u	: u	11.4	10.1	14.2	12.8	8.3	4.4	2.5	3.5	5.7	4.6
DK	53.6	53.4 u	49.4 u	57.0 u	70.9 u	26.8	28.9	27.7	30.5	18.9	19.0	20.3 u	19.8	22.3	15.4
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	54.0	48.0 u	52.6 u	63.0 u	70.4 u	30.6	23.7	32.1	32.9	38.3	18.8	4.6	16.7	20.1	22.0
IE	76.7	77.0 u	83.0 u	71.2 u	69.4 u	54.9	60.0 u	47.6 u	55.9 u	54.4 u	20.6	37.0	21.0	16.1	12.8
EL	63.8	63.0 u	71.2 u	: u	: u	42.7	39.3 u	47.9 u	49.6 u	37.0 u	15.3	18.1	18.9	13.6	10.6
ES	71.2	73.0	73.6	68.2	60.5	49.6	54.3	48.1 u	46.4 u	38.2 u	21.1	31.6	22.1	15.4	10.9
FR	70.8 p	78.9 p	63.4 u	72.9 u	57.9 u	47.1 p	54.0 u	45.3 u	38.6 u	40.4 u	19.8 p	32.1 p	21.7 p	15.6 p	11.6 p
IT	60.7	60.2	62.2 u	59.6 u	61.2 u	32.6	28.8	31.0	45.7	34.7	7.7	9.1	8.4	7.8	5.5
CY	79.4	79.2 u	80.7 u	: u	: u	52.0	51.6	51.1 u	60.8 u	44.9 u	18.7	25.6	19.1	17.8	14.1
LV	52.6	44.3 u	53.9 u	59.4 u	64.0 u	23.0	19.0	21.6	27.4	33.6	9.5	8.5	8.4	9.3	10.6
LT	62.2	65.0 u	55.7 u	68.8 u	59.5 u	29.9	29.0	25.8	38.2 u	39.0 u	15.3	15.3	10.7	18.4	16.3
LU	78.0	81.2	78.4 u	73.9 u	69.0 u	31.2	39.0	27.3	26.2	36.8	11.1	14.3	12.0	9.2	10.0
HU	57.6	55.0	62.8	55.4	59.9	18.7	16.9	21.7	17.8	20.4	6.1	2.9	4.2	6.1	8.8
MT	43.9 u	: u	: u	: u	: u	27.9 u	36.1 u	: u	: u	: u	6.7	10.0	6.8	5.5	4.6
NL	68.0	67.8	68.2	68.4 u	68.6 u	41.4	41.8 u	39.3	40.3 u	48.1 u	22.9	30.2	24.8	22.4	18.0
AT	54.4 u	53.0 u	55.4 u	: u	: u	25.3	26.2	26.1	24.8	22.8	12.7	13.0	15.3	11.9	10.6
PL	66.6	73.6	60.1 u	59.6 u	61.0 u	22.1	25.1	19.6	18.6	21.8	6.2	8.5	5.7	5.4	7.0
PT	61.4 u	60.2 u	: u	: u	: u	53.7 u	: u	: u	: u	: u	10.2	15.4	8.3	8.9	7.2
SI	42.4 u	33.1 u	: u	: u	: u	19.3	23.4	19.2	16.3	13.2	4.4	6.5	4.6	3.7	3.8
SK	51.2	45.4 u	49.0 u	62.4 u	62.5 u	18.3	16.0	16.4	23.3	20.0	7.5	4.2	6.2	7.6	8.8
FI	57.9	52.1	67.3	63.9 u	76.4 u	39.7	38.2	36.9	46.9 u	58.7 u	25.6	25.6	28.9	27.1	22.7
SE	59.1	58.7 u	58.5 u	56.7 u	66.7 u	45.1	44.4 u	47.7 u	49.1 u	43.8 u	22.6	26.0	21.1	22.9	21.2
UK	67.3	73.3	65.8	67.2	55.2	42.5	50.2	41.9	43.9	33.7	26.9	38.0	30.3	26.2	18.8
IS	52.5 u	50.6 u	: u	: u	: u	27.4	29.3 u	27.1 u	32.7 u	14.8 u	12.5	14.1 u	14.4	14.4	6.3
NO	54.9	56.0	51.6	59.4 u	52.5 u	30.8	30.6	29.8	30.6	32.7	16.3	21.9 u	22.7 u	15.4	10.5

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Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

B. Study framework

Table B.1a,b,e: Annual public expenditure allocated to tertiary education, as a percentage of GDP and of total public expenditure — 2001–2005

	Annual public expenditure on tertiary education as a % of GDP										Annual public expenditure on tertiary education as a % of total public expenditure									
	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
EU-27	1.08	s	1.14	s	1.14	s	1.13	s	1.15	s	2.35	s	2.46	s	2.43	s	2.43	s	2.48	s
Bologna *	1.09		1.15		1.09		1.11		1.12		2.56		2.55		2.53		2.63		2.76	
BE	1.34	i	1.33	i	1.31	i	1.29	i	1.29	i	2.73	i	2.67	i	2.57	i	2.63	i	2.62	i
BG	0.82		0.83		0.83		0.80		0.76		:		2.09		2.07		2.02		1.92	
CZ	0.79		0.86		0.94		0.94		0.89		1.78		1.87		1.98		2.08		1.99	
DK	2.71	i	2.70	i	2.50	i	2.51	i	2.38	i	4.94	i	4.89	i	4.49		4.56		4.46	i
DE	1.10		1.16		1.19		1.16		1.14		2.31		2.41		2.46		2.46		2.43	
EE	1.03		1.08		1.02		0.87		0.92		2.95		3.03		2.95		2.54		2.76	
IE	1.22		1.18		1.09	i	1.11	i	1.11	i	3.66		3.53		3.26		3.27		3.25	
EL	1.06	i	1.15	i	1.11	i	1.33	i	1.44	i	2.36	i	2.57	i	2.46	i	2.93	i	3.32	
ES	0.97		0.97		0.99	i	0.97	i	0.95	i	2.50		2.50		2.59		2.50		2.46	
FR	1.21		1.22		1.23		1.21		1.19		2.34		2.32		2.30		2.27		2.23	
IT	0.80		0.85		0.78		0.77		0.76		1.66		1.80		1.61		1.62		1.59	
CY	1.14	i	1.38	i	1.55	i	1.48	i	1.58	i	2.99	i	3.43	i	3.44	i	3.45	i	3.63	i
LV	0.89		0.85		0.74		0.68		0.88		2.59		2.37		2.12		1.91		2.47	
LT	1.34		1.41		1.00	i	1.06	i	1.04	i	3.63		4.04		3.00	i	3.19	i	3.09	i
LU	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
HU	1.08		1.22		1.21		1.02		1.03		2.29		2.38		2.47		2.08		2.06	
MT	0.88		0.90		0.81		0.53		1.07	b	2.04		2.09		1.70		1.17		2.38	b
NL	1.27		1.26		1.33		1.35		1.37		2.79		2.73		2.82		2.93		3.04	
AT	1.35		1.28		1.29		1.42		1.48		2.65		2.52		2.53		2.83		2.97	
PL	1.04		1.05		1.02		1.15		1.19		2.37	i	2.38	i	2.29	i	2.69	i	2.74	i
PT	1.03	i	0.95	i	1.00	i	0.83	i	0.98	i	2.32	i	2.15	i	2.21	i	1.79	i	2.05	i
RO	0.79		0.70		0.68	i	0.70	i	0.81	i	2.02		1.77		2.02		2.14		2.41	
SI	1.30		1.29		1.32		1.32		1.27		2.70		2.75		2.80		2.85		2.77	
SK	0.82	i	0.87	i	0.85	i	0.98	i	0.81	i	1.85	i	1.93	i	2.11	i	2.59	i	2.12	i
FI	1.99		2.02		2.05		2.07		2.01		4.17		4.13		4.10		4.12		3.98	
SE	2.00		2.10		2.11		2.04		1.92		3.58		3.70		3.70		3.68		3.47	
UK	0.80	i	1.07	i	1.06	i	1.01	i	1.21	i	2.00	i	2.62	i	2.51	i	2.36	i	2.78	i
HR	:		0.68	i	0.84	i	0.81		0.86	i	:		:		:		:		:	
MK	:		0.55	i	0.51	i	:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
TR	1.17	i	1.20	i	1.21	i	1.13	i	:		:		:		:		:		:	
IS	1.07	i	1.25	i	1.33	i	1.39	i	1.46	i	2.52	i	2.83	i	2.92	i	3.15	i	3.44	i
LI	:		0.35		0.32		0.34		0.20		:		:		:		:		:	
NO	1.84		2.08		2.29		2.40		2.27		4.17	i	4.43	i	4.76	i	5.27	i	5.40	i
CH	1.25		1.39		1.62		1.65		1.48		3.60		3.85		4.46		4.60		4.19	
AD	:		:		:		0.13		0.07		:		:		:		:		:	
AL	:		0.50	s	:		:		:		:		1.48	s	:		:		:	
AM	0.29	i	0.26	i	0.24	i	0.20	i	0.19	i	1.37	i	1.34	i	1.26	i	1.15	i	1.03	i
AZ	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
BA	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
GE	3.70		3.93		3.25		3.50		3.29		13.05		11.80		11.60		12.00		8.80	
MD	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
ME	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
RS	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
RU	0.54		0.65		0.68		0.65		0.79		1.99		1.81		2.26		2.37			
UA	1.49		1.85		1.73		1.69		1.79		5.49		6.91		6.11		5.74		5.57	
VA	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AU	1.11		1.13		1.10		1.13		1.09		:		:		:		:		:	
CA	1.82		1.80		:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
NZ	1.67		1.73		1.65		1.65		1.51		:		:		:		:		:	
JP	0.55	i	0.54	i	0.62	i	0.65	i	0.61	i	1.59		:		:		:		:	
US	1.48	i	1.40	i	1.50	i	1.32	i	1.33	i	5.00	i	:		:		:		:	

* 'Bologna' indicator refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Source: Eurostudent III.

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE (2001-2005): Expenditure exclude independent private institutions and the German speaking Community.
DK (2001-2002): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary level of education is not available. Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary levels of education is not available.
DK (2005): R&D expenditure is not available.
DK (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure of post secondary non-tertiary level of education is partially included in upper secondary and tertiary level of education.
IE (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.
EL (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at local level of government is not available.
EL (2001-2002): Imputed retirement expenditure is not available.
EL (2003, 2004): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Student loans from public sources are not available.
ES (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.
LT (2003-2005): Public transfers to other private entities are not available.
LU (2001, 2002): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at tertiary level of education is not available.
LU (2001, 2002): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Imputed retirement expenditure is not available.
LU (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Public transfers to other private entities are not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at post-secondary non-tertiary and tertiary levels of education is not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure for ancillary services are not available.
PL (2001-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Including child care expenditure at pre-primary level of education.
PT (2001-2002): Expenditure at local level of government is not available.
PT (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at local level of government is not available. Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at regional and local levels of government is not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Student loans from public sources are not available
PT (2001-2005): Imputed retirement expenditure is not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at post-secondary non-tertiary level of education is not available. Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.
RO (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at local level of government is not available.
SK (2001-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Including child care expenditure at pre-primary level of education.
SK (2001-2002): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at ISC 5B is included under upper secondary level of education.
SK (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure of ISC 5B is included under upper secondary level of education.
UK (2001-2005): Adjustment of GDP to the financial year that is running from 1st of April to 31st of March. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Adjustment of total public expenditure to the financial year that is running from 1st of April to 31st of March.
UK (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.
HR (2002): Expenditure on educational institutions from public sources.
HR (2003, 2005): Public transfers to other private entities are not available. R&D expenditure is not available. Expenditure as a % of GDP; Scholarships and other grants are not available.
MK (2002, 2003): Expenditure at local level of government is not available.
TR (2001, 2004): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at regional and local levels of government is not available.
TR (2001, 2003): Expenditure at regional and local levels of government is not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure at pre-primary level of education is not available.
TR (2002): Direct expenditure at regional and local levels of government is not available.
TR (2003, 2005): Public transfers to other private entities are not available.
TR (2004): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Public transfers to other private entities are not available.
IS (2001-2002): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary level of education is partly included under tertiary level of education.
IS (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of GDP and as a % of total public exp; Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.
NO (2001-2002): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Including child care expenditure at pre-primary level of education.
NO (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Including child care expenditure at pre-primary level of education.
JP (2001-2005): Adjustment of GDP to the financial year that is running from 1st of April to 31st of March.
JP (2003-2005): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Adjustment of total public expenditure to the financial year that is running from 1st of April to 31st of March.
JP (2001-2002): Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary level of education is partly included under tertiary level of education.
US (2001, 2002): Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Expenditure on educational institutions from public sources. Expenditure as a % of GDP; Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary level of education is included under tertiary level of education.
US (2001-2005): Adjustment of GDP to the financial year that is running from 1st of July to 30th of June.
US (2003-2005): Direct expenditure at post-secondary non-tertiary level of education is not available. Expenditure as a % of public expenditure; Adjustment of total public expenditure to the financial year that is running from 1st of July to 30th of June.
AM: data provided by the national Static Institute .

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table B.1c,d,e : Annual total expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student (in EUR PPS) with and without expenditure on research and ancillary services, ISCED 5-6 —

	Annual expenditure (with R&D and ancillary services)										Annual core expenditure (without R&D and ancillary services)					
	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2003		2004		2005	
EU-27	7710	s	7957	s	7901	s	7873	s	8282	s	5336		5271		5505	
Bologna *	7330		7197		7087		6879		8290		5697		5752		5934	
BE	10238	i	10481	i	10007	i	9621	i	10117	i	6535		6171		6534	
BG	2950		3462		3646		3610		3642		2911		2848		2812	
CZ	5087		5312		5914		5583		5624		4783		4539		4428	
DK	12569		13167		11765	i	12820	i	12654	i	8555		9588		:	
DE	9340		9566		10138		10125		10425		5875		5892		5996	
EE	:		:		:		:		3338		:		:		3336	
IE	8493		8367		7940	i	8510	i	8856	i	6140		6204		6248	
EL	3856	i	4151	i	4126		4705		5186		2767		3426		3772	
ES	6577		6942		7520	i	7871	i	8535	i	5519		5752		6076	
FR	8679		9117		8789		8871		9302		:		:		5934	
IT	7276		6979		7087	i	6416		6786		4533		3736		4270	
CY	8492		8695		7506		7342		8817		6353		5968		7038	
LV	2750		2945		2840	i	2931		3765		2499		2583		3151	
LT	2957	i	3191	i	3341	i	3685		3801		2793		2979		3023	
LU	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
HU	:		:		:		5535		5353		:		4215		4006	
MT	5885	i	7023	i	5763	i	5807		9079	b	:		:		7683	b
NL	11427		11777		11320		11505		11744		7030		7174		7374	
AT	9639		10828		11018	i	11891	i	12813	i	7181		8087		8631	
PL	3362		4123		3543	i	3716	i	4716	i	3138		3277		4266	
PT	4220	i	3983	i	4429	i	4652	i	6244	i	:		:		4907	
RO	:		:		:		:		2403		:		:		:	
SI	7384		6216		5804		6242		7080		4731		5348		5815	
SK	4766	i	4142	i	4027	i	5485	i	4892	i	3333		4013		3615	
FI	7832		9689		9811		10525		10390		6113		6478		6406	
SE	13211		13449		13534		13775		13490		6970		7096		7005	
UK	9104	i	9751	i	9831	i	9383	i	12106	i	7564		7183		6984	
HR	:		3320	u	3332	u	3390	u	4235	u	2925	u	3295	u	4004	u
MK	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
TR	3349	u	3978	u	3372	u	5576	u	:		:		5495	u	:	
IS	6778	i	7371	i	6675	i	7684	i	8290	i	4833		:		:	
LI	:		17469	i	13972		10536		17061		12579	i	9520	i	14752	i
NO	11661		11781		11850	i	12554	i	13156	i	7834		8593		8373	
CH	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AD	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AL	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AM	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AZ	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
BA	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
GE	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
MD	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
ME	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
RS	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
RU	:		:		2254		2347		3158		:		:		:	
UA	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
VA	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
AU	11175		:		10651		11574		12453		:		:		:	
CA	:		19301		:		:		:		:		:		:	
NZ	:		:		:		7047		7940		:		:		:	
JP	9621	i	9976	i	9688	i	10269	i	10324	i	:		:		:	
US	19127	i	17635	i	20446	i	19044	i	20949	i	16594		15029		16037	

* 'Bologna' indicator refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

BE: Expenditure excludes independent private institutions and the German speaking Community.

DK, LI (2003): Expenditure for ancillary services: not applicable.

DK (2003-2005): Expenditure of post secondary non-tertiary level of education is partially included in upper secondary and tertiary level of education.

DK (2005): R&D expenditure is not available.

DK, PL, PT, IS, NO (2003-2005): Payments from other private entities to educational institutions are not available.

IE, ES, PT, UK, IS (2003-2005): Expenditure for ancillary services is not available.

IT, LV, LT, TR, JP (2003): Expenditure for ancillary services were included in another category.

LT (2001-2002): Public expenditure in public and private educational institutions.

MT (2001-2002), PT (2001-2002), LI (2002): Full-time equivalent enrolment is estimated by assuming that it corresponds to full-time enrolment and half of part-time enrolment.

MT (2005): private payments to educational institutions are not included.

PT (2003-2005): Expenditure at regional and local levels of government is not available.

PT, JP (2003): Expenditure for R&D activities were included in another category.

SK (2001-2005), IS (2003-2005): expenditure at ISCED 5B level is not included.

IS, JP, US (2001-2002): Expenditure at post secondary non-tertiary level of education is partly (IS, JP) or totally (US) included under tertiary level of education

LI (2003-2005): Payments from private entities and households are not available.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table B.2a,b: Higher education institutions' income from private sources (households and other private entities) as a percentage of all public and private sources, ISCED 5-6 — 2000–2005

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
EU-27	18	18	18	19	18	20
Bologna *	14	15	14	16	16	22
BE	15	16	14	13	10	9
BG	41	44	44	43	42	42
CZ	15	15	12	17	15	19
DK	2	2	2	3	3	3
DE	8	9	8	13	14	15
EE	:	:	:	:	:	30
IE	14	15	14	16	17	16
EL	0	0	0	3	2	3
ES	26	24	24	23	24	22
FR	16	16	16	16	16	16
IT	22	22	21	28	31	30
CY	80	58	58	56	52	52
LV	41	46	49	53	54	44
LT	:	:	:	35	34	35
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	23	22	21	22	21	22
MT	1	3	6	6	8	:
NL	22	22	21	22	22	22
AT	4	5	8	7	6	7
PL	:	:	30	31	27	26
PT	8	8	9	8	14	32
RO	30	:	:	:	:	36
SI	:	23	24	24	24	23
SK	9	7	15	14	19	23
FI	3	4	4	4	4	4
SE	12	12	10	11	12	12
UK	32	29	28	30	30	33
HR	:	:	18	:	:	27
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	5	4	10	5	10	:
IS	5	5	4	11	9	9
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	4	3	4	3	:	:
CH	:	:	:	:	:	:
AD	:	:	:	:	2	3
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	43	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	39	49	51	52	52	52
CA	39	44	44	:	:	:
NZ	:	:	:	:	39	39
JP	55	57	59	60	59	66
US	66	66	55	57	65	65

* 'Bologna' indicator refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table B.2c: Students' monthly obligatory contributions to higher education institutions, in nominal and comparative amounts, ISCED 5A — 2006

	Nominal amount (in EUR)	EUR PPS
BG	103	240
CZ	29	50
DE	0	0
EE	100	160
IE	140	110
ES	81	90
FR	29	30
IT	:	:
LV	78	140
LT	38	70
NL	118	110
AT	57	60
PT	132	150
RO	20	40
SI	21	30
SK	20	40
FI	0	0
SE	0	0
E/W	176	170
SCO	0	0
TR	79	120
NO	:	:
CH	84	60

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
EUR PPS: amounts rounded to the nearest 10 EUR.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table B.2d: Students' monthly contributions to higher education institutions, in percentage of total expenditure of students living away from the parental home, ISCED 5A —2006

	all students living away from the parental home	21yr old students living away from the parental home
BG	18.5	14.4
CZ	9.7	10.8
DE	0.0	0.0
EE	16.7	11.2
IE	9.5	10.1
ES	9.3	13.1
FR	4.6	5.0
IT	:	:
LV	18.1	22.3
LT	17.6	13.7
NL	14.0	16.5
AT	5.6	6.7
PT	17.8	19.2
RO	10.4	9.3
SI	3.7	6.7
SK	5.4	0.0
FI	0.0	0.0
SE	0.0	0.0
E/W	9.6	11.6
SCO	0.0	0.0
TR	22.2	21.6
NO	:	:
CH	5.7	6.8

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table B.3a,b: Public financial aid to tertiary students, by type of aid (loans vs grants), as a percentage of public expenditure on tertiary education, ISCED 5-6 — 2000–2005

	Scholarships and other grants						Loans					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
EU-27	12.8	14.6	12.9	13.4	13.7	13.9	3.9 i	4.8 i	8.1 i	7.1 i	6.8 i	6.6 i
Bologna *	11.0	10.5	10.7	10.6	10.9	10.9	1.6	3.1	5.1	4.0	2.2	1.1
BE	16.3	17.3	15.1	15.8	15.7	15.2	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i
BG	10.1	11.7	11.5	10.6	10.8	10.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	8.6	7.9	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK	33.9	29.8	26.2	26.8	25.2	25.8	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.0
DE	10.9	11.7	12.7	13.5	14.1	14.1	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.8	5.1
EE	5.9	2.8	7.8	5.0	0.0	8.2	0.0	:	:	0.0	0.0	:
IE	12.4	11.9	12.3	13.8	14.8	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EL	5.8	6.4	5.5	6.0	5.2	0.8	:	:	:	:	:	0.7
ES	8.5	8.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FR	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IT	18.3	12.4	15.8	17.0	16.7	16.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CY	40.6	39.7	39.6	44.5	47.7	48.7	10.8	11.8	12.9	11.5	9.1	8.9
LV	12.7	12.0	12.7	14.6	13.0	9.0	12.2	12.8	8.0	5.1	2.2	0.4
LT	16.0	10.5	10.1	17.0	17.3	16.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.2
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	11.1	16.4	13.2	14.7	15.8	15.7	-	3.1	9.1	:	:	:
MT	35.2	26.6	25.2	30.2	:	:	-	-	-	-	-	-
NL	11.4	10.8	8.2	12.1	12.2	12.3	14.7	12.8	13.4	13.7	14.9	15.5
AT	13.6	12.7	15.4	16.6	18.1	16.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
PL	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
PT	6.7	6.2	4.9	2.2	5.4	8.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
RO	0.0	9.7	8.3	7.7	7.2	5.6	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
SI	:	25.6	25.3	25.2	23.7	23.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
SK	2.1	9.3	15.8	6.8	9.2	12.1	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
FI	16.9	18.2	17.8	17.4	16.7	16.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SE	9.6	10.3	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.3	19.9	19.9	18.6	18.0	17.6	16.8
UK	12.9	5.3	1.6	1.6	0.2	6.7	-	-	22.4	23.2	23.7	19.1
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4.3	3.3	3.9
MK	:	:	7.1	7.3	:	:	:	:	9.1	6.4	:	:
TR	1.3	6.2	4.2	3.2	2.9	:	6.6	7.8	8.4	10.0	16.3	:
IS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	:	:	21.9	23.7	21.0	21.4	22.2	23.1
LI	:	:	-	-	-	-	:	:	-	-	-	-
NO	11.5	10.4	11.6	14.9	11.0	10.9	17.1	20.4	21.2	21.8	29.8	31.7
CH	:	0.7	0.7	1.2	2.0	2.2	:	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	14.5	15.9	14.1	13.5	14.6	14.7	17.2	17.0	20.8	21.5	18.1	17.7
CA	13.6	15.7	16.8	:	:	:	5.7	6.0	3.9	:	:	:
NZ	22.2	14.7	14.2	13.3	13.7	12.7	:	31.5	33.5	30.9	29.8	29.6
JP	:	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.0	0.7	11.1	13.5	15.1	16.2	17.2	20.9
US	9.2	11.3	13.8	13.9	15.4	14.9	8.1	26.1	1.7	3.9	5.3	8.6

* 'Bologna' indicator refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
EU-27: includes countries where loans are not applicable (then considered as 0).
BE: loans only exist in the French Community.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table B.3c: Income sources (job, state, family) as a percentage of total student income (students living away from the parental home) — 2006

	family / partner (cash and intangibles)	job	state
BG	58	24	18
CZ	21	72	6
DE	58	28	14
EE	33	60	7
IE	69	20	11
ES	40	52	8
FR	37	32	31
IT	:	:	:
LV	36	53	11
LT	46	44	9
NL	19	37	44
AT	47	42	11
PT	72	20	7
RO	52	38	10
SI	54	38	8
SK	8	92	:
FI	18	42	40
SE	13	24	63
E/W	23	34	43
SCO	31	24	45
TR	67	4	29
NO	:	:	:
CH	48	45	7

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
To ease comparability, the category "other" is not shown in the chart (i.e. all values minus "other" = 100%). The values are: PT 2%, IE 4%, TR 2%, DE 8%, BG 4%, SI 2%, RO 19%, CH 4%, AT 10%, LT 3%, ES 5%, FR 0%, LV 8%, EE 14%, SCO 6%, CZ 6%, NL 16%, FI 10%, E/W 12%, SE 3%, SK 4%.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table B.3d: Composition (%) of public support to households (direct/indirect cash support – non-cash support), ISCED 5A — 2006

	direct cash support	direct non-cash support	indirect cash support
CZ	31	50	18
DE	19	37	44
ES	100	0	0
NL	68	29	3
E/W	77	23	0
NO	97	3	0

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Schwarzenberger, A. (2008, ed.), Public/private funding of higher education: A social balance. HIS, Hanover.

Table B.4a: Deviation from state support for average student according to the educational level of students' fathers (low or ISCED 0-2 vs high or ISCED 5-6), students living away from the parental home, ISCED 5A — 2006

	low education	high education
BG	133	14
CZ	59	-19
DE	57	-24
EE	-51	9
IE	93	-44
ES	28	-36
FR	40	-19
IT	:	:
LV	:	:
LT	:	:
NL	10	-5
AT	56	-37
PT	29	-50
RO	11	-9
SI	-40	16
SK	:	:
FI	1	-2
SE	6	0
E/W	:	-1
SCO	7	-12
TR	6	-6
NO	:	:
CH	88	-35

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table B.4b: Total public subsidies by socio-economic background, ISCED 5A — 2006

	low	lower medium	higher medium	high
CZ	100	89	98	96
DE	100	99	90	90
ES	100	69	70	18
NL	100	88	85	78
E/W	100	102	79	57
NO	100	91	96	97

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Schwarzenberger, A. (2008, ed.), Public/private funding of higher education: A social balance. HIS, Hanover.

C. Student and staff mobility

Table C.1a,b: Outbound mobility rate: number of students who are nationals of a given country, studying in another country in Europe (EU-27, EFTA and candidate countries) as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A and 6 – 2000-2006

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU-27	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.5
Bologna *	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.5	3.2
BE	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.6	3.7	3.5	3.3
BG	2.7	4.4	6.3	7.9	8.8	8.7	9.4
CZ	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7
DK	4.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.5
DE	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.5	3.1
EE	2.7	3.5	3.4	4.9	5.4	5.3	5.9
IE	13.0	10.8	10.2	10.1	11.2	11.8	16.9
EL	19.6	14.8	11.1	10.0	10.8	7.6	8.5
ES	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
FR	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2
IT	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.3
CY	255.8	244.9	147.6	343.6	336.9	345.7	340.5
LV	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.8	2.2
LT	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.6
LU	755.7	322.2	294.0	309.1	:	:	296.6
HU	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.3
MT	9.6	7.9	15.8	6.8	9.7	8.2	11.0
NL	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.6
AT	3.5	3.4	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.2	4.4
PL	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4
PT	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	3.2
RO	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.1	2.1
SI	2.8	2.9	2.9	4.3	2.8	2.2	2.8
SK	2.3	5.7	3.6	8.5	7.9	8.5	10.4
FI	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.7
SE	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.3
UK	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
HR	:	:	:	8.7	9.1	7.0	8.2
MK	6.2	7.3	4.4	9.7	11.0	12.5	12.5
TR	3.7	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.9
IS	17.2	18.4	16.8	17.5	16.8	18.1	18.5
LI	:	:	:	122.3	83.6	86.3	77.5
NO	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1
CH	:	:	4.8	3.4	4.3	3.4	3.9
AD	:	:	1036.1	930.2	1274.5	933.0	573.8
AL	9.1	5.1 i	5.8	6.9 i	21.8	6.3 i	28.6 i
AM	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6
AZ	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.3	3.0
MD	6.5	6.5	5.5	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.7
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
UA	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5
CA	0.5	:	0.6	:	0.7	0.7	0.9 i
NZ	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8
JP	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
US	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
CA, 2006: total enrolment at ISCED 5A+6 refers to 2005 (missing in 2006).
AL, 2005-2006: total enrolment at ISCED 5A+6 refers to 2004 (missing in 2005 and 2006).
AL, 2001-2003 and 2005: students enrolled in Italy are not included, so that those figures are underestimated.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table C.1c,d : Incoming mobility: number of foreign students (world and Bologna Area) studying in a given country, as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A and 6 — 2000–2006

	Number of students from abroad studying in a given country, as a percentage of the total enrolment in that country, ISCED 5A & 6, 2000-2006							Number of foreign students from the Bologna area, as a percentage of all students enrolled in the host country, ISCED 5A & 6, 2000-2006						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU-27	5.3	5.3	6.4	6.2	6.6	6.8	7.5	3.0	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.6
Bologna *	2.9	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.5	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.9
BE	12.1 i	12.2 i	12.5 i	13.0 i	13.6 i	13.9 i	14.3 i	7.0 i	7.3 i	7.7 i	8.0 i	8.3 i	8.8 i	9.3 i
BG	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.6
CZ	2.5	3.2	3.7	3.9	5.1	6.0	7.0	0.8	2.2	:	3.3	3.3	4.3	5.9
DK	7.9	6.5	7.3	8.4	7.7	7.2	9.0	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.8
DE	10.0 i	10.6 i	11.2 i	11.9 i	12.4 i	12.8 i	12.8 i	6.4 i	6.7 i	7.0 i	7.3 i	7.4 i	7.5 i	7.4 i
EE	1.8	1.2	0.8	2.7	1.9	1.9	3.2	1.8	1.1	0.8	2.3	1.6	1.7	2.8
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	2.5 i	2.6 i	2.6 i	3.6 i	:	:	:	2.4 i	2.4 i	2.4 i	3.1 i
ES	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.4	2.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
FR	8.2	8.8	9.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	14.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9
IT	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	0.9	:	:	:	1.4	:	1.6
CY	7.3 i	6.2 i	7.4 i	7.5 i	7.0 i	7.0 i	7.8 i	6.0 i	6.0 i	5.3 i	6.2 i	5.4 i	6.9 i	7.7 i
LV	7.0	8.6	3.4	2.4	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.0
LT	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.5
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	:	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	:	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9
MT	5.6	5.3	5.8	5.6	6.3	7.2	7.7	2.7	3.6	4.7	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.2
NL	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.9	5.6	6.5	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.4	1.0	1.6	2.1
AT	12.9 i	12.9	14.1	14.9	14.1 i	14.1 i	15.6 i	2.3 i	11.1	12.4	13.1	2.6 i	2.9 i	4.0 i
PL	0.4	0.4	:	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	3.0	3.7	:	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.6	0.6	0.7	:	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
RO	3.0 i	2.4 i	2.0 i	1.6 i	1.6 i	1.5 i	1.5 i	2.1 i	1.9 i	1.6 i	1.2 i	1.0 i	1.0 i	1.0 i
SI	1.0 i	1.2 i	1.2 i	1.2 i	1.3 i	1.5 i	1.6 i	1.0 i	1.1 i	1.1 i	1.1 i	1.3 i	1.4 i	1.5 i
SK	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
FI	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
SE	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.9	8.6	9.4	12.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.0
UK	13.4 i	13.5 i	12.5 i	14.1 i	15.6 i	16.3 i	18.3 i	6.9 i	6.8 i	5.8 i	5.8 i	5.7 i	5.7 i	7.1 i
HR	:	:	:	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	:	:	:	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
MK	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4
TR	2.0	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
IS	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.5	3.4	3.3	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.7	2.6	2.5	3.6
LI	:	:	:	:	:	89.2 i	90.1 i	:	:	:	:	:	60.5 i	86.0 i
NO	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.3	5.8	6.2	8.1	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.0
CH	:	:	18.4	19.0	19.4	19.6	19.8	:	:	14.5	14.8	15.0	15.2	15.5
AD	47.0 i	48.0 i	43.0 i	41.0 i	42.0 i	43.0 i	41.0 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	1.7 i	1.6 i	: i	1.1 i	0.9 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	2.7 i	4.2 i	4.4 i	4.3 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	1.5 i	1.6 i	1.8 i	1.5 i	1.6 i	2.0 i	2.4 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	1.9 i	2.5 i	2.7 i	2.1 i	2.1 i	1.7 i	1.3 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	3.7 i	4.0 i	3.7 i	3.0 i	3.0 i	3.0 i	2.9 i	3.7 i	4.0 i	3.6 i	3.0 i	2.9 i	3.0 i	2.9 i
RU	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.0 i	0.8 i	0.9 i	1.0 i	0.8 i	:	:	:	:	:	0.2 i	0.2 i
UA	1.0 i	0.9 i	0.8 i	0.8 i	0.8 i	1.1 i	1.2 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	12.5 i	13.9 i	17.7 i	18.7 i	16.6 i	20.2 i	: i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CA	:	:	:	:	11.9	:	14.6	:	:	:	:	2.2	:	2.5
NZ	4.8 i	6.2 i	9.6 i	13.5 i	17.0 i	17.0 i	:	:	:	:	:	1.2 i	1.4 i	1.3 i
JP	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
US	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note : for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
UK: the figure is based on country of permanent residence instead of nationality.
AL, AM, AZ, BA, MD, RU, AU, NZ (2000-2006): data on foreign students include ISCED 5B level.
BE, 2000-2006: Data exclude independent private institutions.
BE, 2003-2005: Enrolments in BE exclude independent private institutions and the German speaking community.
BE, 2000-2003: Enrolments in BE exclude independent private institutions.
DE, 2000-2006: Data exclude ISCED level 6.
DE, 2005: Enrolments in DE exclude enrolments in ISCED 6; ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
DE, 2000-2004: Enrolments in the country exclude enrolments in ISCED 6.
DE, 2005: ISCED 5A part-time students included for the first time (3.8% of ISCED 5A).
IE, 2003: Data on foreign students in IE refer to full-time students only.
IE, 2000-2006: Data on foreign students refer to full-time students only.
IE, 2000-2006: Data refer to country of domicile of students the year before entering tertiary education in IE.
GR, 2000, 2001: Data on foreign students in Greece are missing, which affect the indicators for countries with many out-going students studying in Greece.
CY, 2000, 2001: The percentage of students studying in another EU27/EEA country is underestimated as the Cypriot students studying in Greece are not included (data on foreign students in Greece are missing). The percentages can be estimated from national Cypriot data (2001- 56,8 %, 2000 - 56,0 %, 1999 - 54,0 %).
CY, 2000-2006: The number of students studying abroad accounts for over half of the total number of Cypriot tertiary students. The fields of education in Cyprus are limited.
LU, 2000-2003, 2006: Most tertiary students study abroad and are not included.
LU, 2006: Partial coverage: the data is underestimated as coverage of ISCED 5A and ISCED 5B programmes is partial.
AT, 2000, 2004-2006: ISCED 5B included.
RO, 2000-2002: Data exclude ISCED level 6.
SI, 2000-2005: Data exclude ISCED level 6.
LI, 2005, 2006: Data for Liechtenstein shows the students studying in Liechtenstein (e.g. using the domestic concept). Many pupils/students study and graduate abroad, mainly in Switzerland and Austria (ISCED levels 3 to 6 after obligatory schooling).
AD, RS, UA: Data provided by the National Statistics Institute.
RS: data refer to ISCED 5A only.
RU: data on foreign students from the Bologna area refer to ISCED 5A only.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table C.2a,b : Percentage of graduates from abroad (non-citizens, permanent residence and prior education outside the country), ISCED 5A and 6,— 2004-2006

	Trends data: Non-citizen graduates						Different criteria of students' international mobility		
	2004		2005		2006		Criterion	2006 data	
EU-27	9.7	i	9.5	i	10.2	i	-	9.47	i
Bologna *	3.0		3.6		3.5		-	-	
BE	14.6		14.4		13.9		citizenship	13.9	
BG	3.0		3.4		3.0		citizenship	3.0	
CZ	2.5		3.9		5.1		residence status	3.8	
DK	6.4		6.2		6.8		residence status	5.1	i
DE	8.9		9.9		10.2		prior education	8.8	
EE	:		:		3.7		residence status	2.2	
IE	:		:		:		:	:	
EL	:		:		:		:	:	
ES	:		:		:		:	:	
FR	:		:		:		:	:	
IT	1.5		1.1	b	2.6	b	:	:	
CY	5.5		4.1		4.3		residence status	2.8	
LV	:		:		:		:	:	
LT	0.5		0.3		0.3		prior education	0.3	
LU	:		:		:		:	:	
HU	2.8		2.4		2.6		citizenship	2.6	
MT	:		:		:		:	:	
NL	:		:		:		:	:	
AT	10.4		11.2		11.6		prior education	10.1	
PL	:		:		:		:	:	
PT	2.9		3.2		3.2		citizenship	3.2	
RO	:		:		1.3		prior education	1.0	
SI	0.8		0.9		1.2		citizenship	1.2	
SK	0.9		0.9		0.8		citizenship	0.8	
FI	:		3.4		2.8		prior education	3.7	
SE	7.5		7.9		9.1		residence status	4.0	
UK	20.4	i	20.5	i	21.9	i	residence status	21.9	
HR	1.1		0.6		0.7		residence status	3.6	
MK	0.3		0.3		0.3		citizenship	0.3	
TR	1.1		1.1		0.8		citizenship	0.8	
IS	1.8		2.3		2.5		citizenship	2.5	
LI	12.3		81.8		81.8		residence status	77.3	
NO	5.0		5.5		6.0		residence status	1.1	
CH	13.1		17.6		18.0		prior education	14.7	
AD	:		47.0	i	45.0	i	citizenship	45.0	i
AL	:		:		:		:	:	
AM	:		:		:		residence status	3.5	
AZ	:		:		:		:	:	
BA	:		:		:		:	:	
GE	:		:		:		:	:	
MD	:		:		:		:	:	
ME	:		:		:		:	:	
RS	:		:		:		:	:	
RU	:		:		:		:	:	
UA	:		:		:		:	:	
VA	:		:		:		:	:	
AU	31.6		33.0		34.2		residence status	30.1	
CA	:		18.8		14.7		residence status	6.7	
NZ	26.0		29.7		34.4		residence status	20.3	
JP	:		:		:		residence status	3.1	
US	6.0	i	:		:		residence status	6.1	

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
EU-27: aggregate of only 11 countries where international mobility data (either residence, or prior education criterion) are available.
DK: Students who have completed a bachelor's degree as international students and subsequently enrol in a second programme (e.g. master's programme) are not counted as international students. As a result, mobility of those students in a subsequent programme is underestimated.
IT, 2004: ISC5A+6; 2005: ISC5A first degrees; 2006: ISC5A+6.
UK: data on non-citizens are based on country of residence.
AD, US: data refer to ISCED 5A only.
AD: Data provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table C.3a: Foreign enrolment abroad during course of normal studies, by educational level of fathers (%), ISCED 5A — 2006

	all students	low education	high education
BG	5.1	3.6	11.0
CZ	:	:	:
DE	7.7	3.8	8.9
EE	:	:	:
IE	5.7	4.1	6.2
ES	4.3	3.4	7.1
FR	4.3	3.0	5.5
IT	2.5	1.1	4.8
LV	:	:	:
LT	:	:	:
NL	5.5	3.9	8.5
AT	7.9	9.2	8.5
PT	2.6	1.7	5.7
RO	2.0	1.2	3.7
SI	4.2	0.3	2.7
SK	2.4		1.5
FI	10.5	5.3	13.6
SE	6.4	3.7	7.3
E/W	:	:	:
SCO	:	:	:
TR	1.1	0.1	0.5
NO	:	:	:
CH	6.0	6.7	7.4

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table C.3b,c: Main barriers to studying abroad, (in general and by parents' educational level), ISCED 5A — 2006

	(Very) Strong influence factor for students, who have not been abroad					(Very) Strong influence factor for students, who have not been abroad and who study engineering					(Very) Strong influence factor for students with low education backgrounds (up to low secondary school certificate), who have not been abroad				
	lack of language competency	insufficient support of mobility in home country	insufficient support of mobility in host country	financial insecurities	lack of individual motivation	lack of language competency	insufficient support of mobility in home country	insufficient support of mobility in host country	financial insecurities	lack of individual motivation	lack of language competency	insufficient support of mobility in home country	insufficient support of mobility in host country	financial insecurities	lack of individual motivation
BG	37.3	23.2	13.5	32.5	29.7	25.3	23.7	26.9	32.2	25.6	36.0	34.4	56.0	49.0	32.0
CZ	35.4	55.6	36.7	65.5	60.5	33.6	55.8	34.4	62.8	54.8	38.8	53.1	33.0	68.4	57.3
DE	22.9	56.7	11.1	68.6	54.2	23.4	53.7	10.4	65.3	51.3	23.4	53.9	11.9	80.0	57.1
EE	22.3	62.8	35.2	80.7	52.0	26.7	74.5	28.5	83.8	53.0	42.9	54.2	31.0	79.1	66.5
IE	40.3	48.0	24.0	57.5	53.7	28.9	43.0	25.8	58.6	41.4	40.6	48.7	24.9	61.4	55.1
ES	47.1	45.5	24.5	64.2	46.6	42.9	42.3	24.1	63.3	42.0	48.4	44.7	25.7	69.7	55.1
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	11.2	24.1	15.7	26.9	16.3	9.8	22.4	13.5	24.5	13.9	13.0	30.6	19.5	36.2	16.4
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	10.4	49.4	5.2	29.4	47.7	10.1	51.5	5.2	27.1	43.0	10.2	43.2	2.8	31.3	52.3
AT	8.6	35.2	5.6	34.6	32.5	10.1	47.6	4.6	56.4	26.4	9.8	45.1	4.2	71.3	49.5
PT	22.7	55.3	24.0	54.8	53.3	9.8	22.4	13.5	24.5	13.9	28.0	56.8	25.6	58.0	54.2
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	37.4	65.4	47.6	68.3	48.5	34.2	59.2	43.5	70.1	48.1	:	:	:	:	:
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	14.7	39.1	n.d.	55.4	:
E/W	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SCO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	46.6	69.0	68.9	82.5	29.6	32.7	63.6	62.6	76.0	23.8	55.4	70.1	72.1	86.0	28.7
NO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CH	12.0	45.0	:	57.0	24.0	17.0	40.0	:	51.0	18.0	17.0	46.0	:	73.0	27.0

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostudent III.

Table C.4a,b: Teacher mobility in the framework of the Erasmus programme: total number of stays abroad, by home and host country, as a percentage of total number of teachers and academic staff, ISCED 5-6 —2001-2006

	Incoming Erasmus teachers						Outgoing Erasmus teachers					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU-27	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1
BE	3.0	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.6	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.5
BG	:	:	:	1.4	1.4	1.9	:	:	:	2.0	2.2	2.5
CZ	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.4	4.6	5.6	4.4	5.2	6.3	6.2	7.8	8.8
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DE	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6
EE	1.3	:	2.3	2.5	:	:	1.8	:	1.7	1.9	:	:
IE	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.0
EL	:	:	:	2.7	2.9	2.7	:	:	:	1.6	2.0	2.0
ES	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.9
FR	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	2.0
IT	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
CY	:	4.2	3.3	3.7	4.5	4.9	:	2.5	1.6	2.0	3.3	4.2
LV	1.0	1.5	2.2	2.6	3.6	6.1	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.1	4.3	5.3
LT	:	1.5	1.9	2.3	3.4	4.6	:	2.4	3.2	4.2	5.6	6.8
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.8	3.2	2.5	2.7	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.1
MT	:	2.9	6.4	14.8	8.8	12.6	:	7.1	7.5	7.5	8.5	9.3
NL	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9
AT	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.7	4.3	4.0	2.7	3.3	3.6	4.1	4.3	3.9
PL	0.6	:	0.7	:	1.0	1.3	0.8	:	1.0	:	1.4	1.7
PT	:	:	2.2	2.8	3.3	3.6	:	:	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.3
RO	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.1
SI	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.7	5.4	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.3	4.3	4.1
SK	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.2	2.1	3.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.6	3.3
FI	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.2	6.8	:	4.6	4.2	4.6	5.3	5.5	:
SE	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6
UK	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
TR	:	:	:	:	0.3	0.5	:	:	:	:	0.4	0.7
IS	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.8	4.1	2.2	3.0	2.9	4.6	4.4	4.1
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	:	:	1.4	1.5	:	2.0	:	:	1.8	1.9	:	2.0

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: ERASMUS mobility programme.

D. Effective outcomes and employability

Table D.1a: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6), by sex and age (25-34, 35-44, 45-64) — 2007

	25-34			35-44			45-64		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
EU-27	29.9	33.5	26.4	24.8	25.4	24.2	19.4	17.7	21.1
Bologna*	30.0	32.7	24.2	25.3	25.5	22.4	20.3	18.3	20.6
BE	41.3	47.0	35.8	35.5	38.8	32.3	25.6	24.4	26.8
BG	24.9	32.0	18.2	23.0	27.3	18.7	20.9	24.5	16.9
CZ	15.5	17.0	14.0	14.3	12.8	15.7	12.4	10.0	14.9
DK	40.1	44.0	36.2	34.1	36.8	31.6	27.3	28.7	26.0
DE	22.6	23.4	21.8	25.7	22.1	29.1	24.2	18.8	29.7
EE	34.6	43.0	26.3	33.7	42.8	23.9	32.4	36.5	27.3
IE	43.9	50.4	37.5	34.3	36.6	32.1	21.8	21.7	21.9
EL	27.1	30.1	24.2	25.3	25.8	24.9	16.9	13.4	20.6
ES	38.9	44.0	34.2	32.2	33.9	30.6	19.7	16.8	22.7
FR	41.5	46.1	36.8	28.7	30.5	26.8	18.3	17.9	18.7
IT	18.9	22.9	14.8	14.0	15.4	12.7	10.4	9.9	11.0
CY	47.0	52.3	41.7	35.2	34.5	36.0	22.9	21.1	24.8
LV	26.3	32.7	20.0	22.9	28.3	17.3	20.3	23.5	16.5
LT	38.9	45.3	32.6	28.1	33.6	22.4	23.9	26.4	21.0
LU	35.7	39.8	31.7	27.3	25.2	29.5	20.7	16.9	24.6
HU	22.0	26.2	17.9	17.8	20.4	15.2	15.9	15.6	16.2
MT	22.5	25.0	20.1	11.5	9.0	13.9	7.9	6.6	9.2
NL	36.7	39.3	34.1	30.8	29.6	32.1	28.1	23.4	32.8
AT	18.9	19.2	18.6	19.1	16.1	22.1	15.9	11.8	20.2
PL	30.0	35.9	24.2	17.7	21.2	14.1	12.6	13.2	11.9
PT	21.4	27.8	15.1	13.6	16.5	10.6	9.0	9.3	8.7
RO	16.6	17.7	15.6	10.1	10.3	9.9	10.1	8.5	11.8
SI	30.1	40.3	20.4	22.6	25.5	19.9	17.8	18.3	17.2
SK	17.5	19.9	15.1	13.1	13.4	12.8	13.2	12.2	14.2
FI	39.3	47.9	31.1	42.7	50.9	34.8	32.1	34.8	29.4
SE	39.9	45.8	34.3	31.0	36.4	25.8	27.4	31.1	23.7
UK	37.9	39.4	36.3	32.7	32.8	32.7	28.4	28.2	28.5
HR	18.3	23.4	13.6	15.7	16.5	14.9	15.7	14.0	17.4
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	12.9	11.1	14.8	8.8	6.4	11.0	7.0	4.1	9.9
IS	32.5	36.8	28.5	36.4	41.5	31.8	25.5	25.8	25.1
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	41.7	49.1	34.5	36.8	40.6	33.2	29.2	29.7	28.8
CH	35.0	31.0	38.9	33.8	24.9	43.1	28.0	18.3	37.6
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	22.5 i	24.2 i	20.9 i	19.6 i	19.5 i	19.8 i	19.4 i	18.8 i	20.0 i
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	20.9 i	23.5 i	18.3 i	15.1 i	17.0 i	13.0 i	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	15.7 i	18.9 u i	12.8 u i	17.5 i	20.4 u i	14.5 u i	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data.
AM, MD, RS: Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.1b: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25-39, by field of study and sex— 2007

	Total (Females + Males)							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	73.0	64.5	49.7	64.3	22.5	27.7	53.0	19.3
Bologna*	90.7	62.1	53.9	73.1	26.0	25.0	55.6	18.7
BE	95.2	76.6	69.1	84.5	28.7	45.5 u	72.2	18.6
BG	99.9	83.1	78.0	91.0	14.5	18.1	96.8	31.7
CZ	76.4	41.7	21.7	66.8	7.1	12.7	32.9	6.4
DK	100.0	68.2	40.1	47.1	31.0	35.4	69.8	26.4
DE	68.7	55.0	27.2	75.5	21.2	31.0 u	35.8	13.1
EE	82.1 u	94.0	77.8	88.1 u	28.8	24.3 u	79.6 u	29.4
IE	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
EL	91.7	66.4	66.9	56.7	35.3	79.4	61.3	45.2
ES	95.0	93.1	82.5	96.2	66.7	81.2	77.7	62.1
FR	100.0	62.1	54.7	63.8	27.9	30.6	55.6	34.6
IT	15.5	44.1	32.2	24.1	20.9	22.8	71.9	12.1
CY	98.4	56.1	50.9	80.6	33.7	: u	94.9	69.2
LV	90.7	60.6 u	76.9	81.2 u	18.0	24.1 u	29.4 u	17.5
LT	92.9	94.6	81.9	88.2	30.0	32.6	82.3	20.3
LU	76.7	60.2 u	53.0	62.0 u	31.2	: u	38.1 u	8.7
HU	97.5	61.8	35.4	66.2	9.1	29.1	32.7	14.4
MT	97.4	: u	87.6	84.4 u	26.0	: u	81.5 u	18.4 u
NL	74.0	69.7	53.9	67.6	24.0	25.6	45.7	18.7
AT	76.0	56.2	22.3	73.1	16.7	21.8	34.6	10.5
PL	94.9	91.5	60.5	69.4	10.1	14.0	36.0	5.6
PT	86.7	27.8	52.9	37.5	60.2	57.7	76.8	48.2
RO	55.4	47.5	63.3	41.3	6.6	8.7	33.7	17.7
SI	86.5	62.1 u	45.6	94.8	15.5	23.7	51.8	17.5
SK	79.1	64.9	27.7	60.8	7.2	13.9	31.2	8.2
FI	98.9	68.6 u	73.9	89.0 u	36.3	24.5 u	62.2	24.1
SE	87.8	47.8	49.5	77.1	33.5	18.3	53.2	24.0
UK	84.0	88.4	70.6	88.5	49.0	60.9 u	62.3	23.0
HR	93.5	65.1 u	27.3	50.4 u	10.0	28.3 u	38.5 u	8.0
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	83.9	33.7	66.5	86.5	31.2	96.8	73.4	40.4
IS	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	96.5	35.7	63.3	60.3	25.1	23.7 u	68.5	36.4 u
CH	67.9	58.4	44.4	90.0	31.0	32.1 u	47.8	26.2
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	92.2 u i	:	34.0 i	16.0 u i	8.3 i	9.6 u i	23.4 u i	12.5 i
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.1b: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25-39, by field of study and sex— 2007 (continued)

	Females							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	69.9	66.1	45.3	63.0	22.8	29.8	49.5	15.7
Bologna*	89.7	66.3	51.5	70.7	30.6	29.1	53.3	16.1
BE	95.0	80.4	64.4	87.6	37.3	: u	69.0	16.1
BG	99.9	86.9	73.9	91.3	17.5	28.4 u	97.2	31.6 u
CZ	71.2	38.7	15.5	56.7	5.9	10.1	28.1	4.3
DK	100.0	69.5	33.3	40.4 u	53.4	40.5 u	66.6	9.1
DE	62.0	58.2 u	21.1	73.4 u	25.4	30.2 u	31.2	11.0
EE	80.6 u	92.8 u	74.1	: u	31.5 u	31.5 u	80.7 u	27.3 u
IE	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
EL	90.0	71.5	61.7	54.0	64.4	77.7	54.3	22.0
ES	94.0	94.7	80.1	97.2	83.1	93.0 u	75.9	58.4
FR	100.0	64.4	51.5	64.9 u	40.2	: u	53.3	26.9
IT	15.7	46.5	30.2	29.9	34.8	35.2	69.3	10.8
CY	97.9	57.2	50.3	81.2 u	47.1 u	: u	93.5	66.6 u
LV	89.7	56.6 u	73.0	: u	19.4	25.1 u	30.1 u	11.2
LT	92.2	95.4	76.8	85.7 u	30.7	34.5 u	80.7	18.7
LU	74.9 u	65.4 u	46.0	: u	: u	: u	32.3	7.3
HU	97.2	66.3	30.2	63.3 u	9.7	33.7	27.7	10.8
MT	98.3	: u	83.0 u	91.3 u	: u	: u	82.2 u	13.5 u
NL	76.4	73.6	50.6	65.6 u	18.4	26.8 u	42.5	14.2
AT	73.9	57.3	18.3	70.7 u	15.7	21.5	31.0	7.6
PL	95.0	92.4	54.4	67.6	10.7	16.2	31.5	4.0
PT	89.0	32.2	56.1	45.2	81.0	: u	79.5	45.9 u
RO	50.7	46.5	59.7	35.9	4.7	7.7	29.6	12.8
SI	86.7	67.8 u	44.7	94.0 u	20.3	29.1 u	51.9	17.5
SK	75.1	70.4 u	21.2	54.6 u	5.6	13.7	26.7	4.9
FI	98.6	75.3 u	75.6	89.9 u	47.0 u	: u	61.3	22.5
SE	89.7	49.8	48.2	74.4	60.3	29.0	52.1	17.0
UK	82.7	91.2	66.1	88.8	74.6 u	70.1 u	59.2	18.5
HR	94.1	67.6 u	25.7	46.5 u	13.1	13.1 u	38.0 u	3.1
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	71.9	35.4	62.2	85.2	42.3	98.1	73.0	60.6
IS	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	96.8	56.0 u	57.4	56.1 u	: u	: u	65.3	27.2 u
CH	63.5	57.6 u	31.6	87.7	30.6	: u	41.6	22.5
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	95.0 u i	:	29.1 i	:	9.9 i	14.7 u i	21.7 u i	10.3 u i
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.1b: Percentage of persons with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25-39, by field of study and sex— 2007 (continued)

	Males							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	85.8	61.4	58.0	65.2	22.4	26.6	69.7	24.8
Bologna*	95.3	54.6	63.2	76.3	25.2	22.8	74.1	26.3
BE	95.9	70.7	77.0	82.9	26.9	39.5 u	86.4	23.1
BG	100.0	76.2 u	87.7	90.7 u	13.0	15.0	95.6	31.7
CZ	95.4	46.2	44.0	73.9	7.4	15.2	75.7 u	8.7
DK	100.0	65.8	49.3	50.1	26.9	33.1 u	89.9	42.9
DE	88.6 u	48.9 u	39.3	76.3 u	20.6	31.5 u	57.1 u	16.6
EE	: u	97.4 u	90.5 u	91.6 u	27.7	18.1 u	: u	31.5 u
IE	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
EL	: u	50.1	75.2	59.2	30.5	80.8	80.4	62.7
ES	99.0	90.5	87.2	95.5	64.6	76.7 u	84.5	72.0 u
FR	: u	57.3 u	61.8	63.2	26.0	27.5 u	71.5 u	48.6 u
IT	13.1	37.4	35.4	19.2	18.4	17.8	79.5	13.7
CY	: u	52.9 u	51.9	80.2	30.8	: u	98.7	71.4
LV	98.3	: u	86.2	92.1 u	17.6	22.8 u	: u	28.7 u
LT	96.8	91.5 u	94.1	90.6	29.7	31.1 u	93.7 u	22.6
LU	82.9 u	: u	63.2	63.7 u	26.5	: u	: u	10.2
HU	98.7	54.4 u	53.2	67.2	9.0	26.2	64.0 u	19.2
MT	95.3 u	: u	92.3	82.3 u	21.3	: u	: u	: u
NL	67.4 u	64.8 u	57.2	68.3	25.2	25.0	60.2	25.8
AT	86.0	54.6	31.7	74.4	16.8	22.0	51.2	17.3
PL	94.6	89.2	76.3	70.8	9.9	12.3	59.7 u	8.6
PT	78.5 u	19.2	48.0	29.9	52.9	: u	68.3 u	51.3 u
RO	71.8 u	49.6	70.5	46.8	7.9	9.5	52.7 u	19.2
SI	: u	51.5 u	47.7	95.3	14.2	19.5	51.3 u	17.6
SK	95.3	57.3 u	60.2	67.2 u	7.8	14.0	69.2 u	12.8
FI	: u	: u	70.2 u	88.2 u	34.6	22.7 u	: u	26.8 u
SE	81.9	44.9	51.4	79.0	29.3	11.1	58.9	31.6
UK	91.0 u	84.7	76.8	88.3	46.1	54.7 u	77.3 u	31.2 u
HR	: u	: u	33.4 u	: u	8.9	40.1 u	: u	11.7
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	97.8	32.3	69.9	87.5	28.8	96.1	74.2	31.6
IS	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u	: u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	95.9	24.9	72.7	63.5 u	21.9	19.6 u	84.2 u	43.1 u
CH	77.4 u	59.7 u	63.9	90.8	31.1	32.9 u	74.0 u	31.6
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	45.7 u i	:	7.7 i	4.7 u i	:	14.1 u i
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.2a,b: Gross graduation rate and net entry rate (%), ISCED 5A — 2000-2006

	Gross graduation rates, ISCED 5A							Net entry rates, ISCED 5A						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU-27	:	:	:	33.2 i	31.1 i	32.5 i	32.7 i	41.4	42.5	44.0	43.9	51.1	51.6	53.3
Bologna *	24.2	28.5	24.9	28.2	32.3	32.4	33.6	36.8	44.3	38.4	40.3	44.4	47.2	45.8
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	32.3	32.5	32.9	34.0	33.4	19.7
BG	17.4	16.2	24.9	18.9	24.3	23.3	23.1	36.9	32.4	33.9	35.0	35.8	37.5	38.7
CZ	13.8	14.1	15.2	17.0	19.7	24.8	31.0	24.7	:	30.5	32.3	37.4	41.4	49.8
DK	37.9	46.4	:	43.1	46.3	50.6	49.4	29.2	44.3	49.9	51.9	53.9	57.1	58.9
DE	19.3	19.0	19.2	19.5	20.6	20.5	21.4	30.2	32.4	35.1	35.6	37.4	36.1	35.3
EE	:	:	:	21.0	21.3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	40.9
IE	43.6	30.5	33.0	36.9	38.2	38.3	40.2	:	38.9	39.5	41.1	:	:	40.1
EL	:	:	:	:	:	24.5	20.0	:	:	:	:	:	43.1	:
ES	:	:	:	32.0	32.6	32.4	32.7	46.8	46.9	48.6	44.9	43.2	43.0	43.3
FR	24.2 i	24.3 i	:	25.4 i	:	:	:	:	:	37.3 i	37.7 i	:	:	:
IT	18.3	20.5	24.3	32.1	35.5	41.8	39.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	7.1	7.4	8.4	8.1	8.6	11.3
LV	14.2	28.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	:	:	:	31.0 i	33.9 i	39.7 i	44.2 i	41.0	47.2	52.6	53.5	55.5	51.7	51.7
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	:	:	:	:	26.9	30.0	28.2	:	56.3	61.6	67.3	66.3	67.6	66.0
MT	35.0	19.8	22.1	23.1	:	25.7	:	29.4	:	:	:	:	51.2	44.5
NL	:	:	:	:	40.7	44.1	44.8	:	54.2	53.4	49.8	54.2	58.6	58.1
AT	16.3	18.1	17.8	18.4	19.5	20.5	22.1	33.6	34.2	31.0	34.3	36.8	37.1	40.0
PL	:	38.5 i	42.3 i	43.5	44.3	44.9	45.3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	:	:	:	:	32.1	32.6	33.6	:						52.9
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SI	:	:	:	18.5	19.4	17.7	20.6	26.7	31.2	36.3	35.7	37.7	40.5	45.8
SK	:	:	22.9	25.1	27.0	29.4	33.7	36.7	39.5	43.5	39.5	45.6	59.5	68.2
FI	39.7 i	43.5 i	47.1 i	47.2 i	:	46.7 i	46.3 i	71.2	72.0	71.4	70.5	70.0	73.2	76.3
SE	30.5	31.3	33.4	35.1	37.5	41.2	44.1	67.2	69.3	75.1	74.6	73.7	76.0	76.0
UK	:	40.7	36.6	37.8	39.1	40.5	40.7	47.1	46.2	47.7	46.4	50.2	51.4	56.8
HR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	14.2	15.4	17.6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	10.4	:	10.9	15.0	20.8	20.1	22.3	23.3	25.5	27.0	31.0
IS	34.5	39.5	40.9	43.1	50.0	54.5	60.6	65.6	61.1	72.0	76.7	72.4	74.2	78.3
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	:	:	41.1	37.6	43.3	42.7	44.6	58.9	61.9	:	63.2	63.9	75.9	67.3
CH	:	:	21.8	20.9	25.6	28.7	31.0	:	:	34.8	36.9	37.5	36.7	37.8
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	18.8 i	19.3 i	18.7 i	20.3 i	20.8 i	22.5 i	25.4 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	25.7 i	:	:	:	29.3 i
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	39.3 i	42.8 i	50.1 i	56.8 i	39.5 i	47.4 i	53.9 i	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
JP	31.3	30.4	30.9	31.6	33.0	34.1	36.7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
US	33.1	:	48.4	34.4	35.0	34.5	35.4	:	:	61.5	61.5	62.0	63.6	64.0

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
EU-27, gross graduation rates: unreliable in coverage (based on 12 countries in 2000 and 2002, to 19 in 2006 and 20 in 2005).
FR, LT, PL (2001, 2002), FI: Graduates from programs over 6 years of duration are not included.
FR, net entry rates: statistics on new entrants are not reliable.
AM, GE, UA: Data provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, UOE.

Table D.2c: Completion rates (%), ISCED 5A — 2005

	5A completion rates (at least first 5A programme)	Not completed 5A level but re-oriented with success at 5B level	Total	Year used for new entrants	Method
EU-27	:	:	:		
BE	76.0 i	:	:	1998-2001	Cross-section
BG	80.0	:	:	:	Cross-section
CZ	67.7	:	:	:	Cross-section
DK	80.5	2.5	83.1	1995-96	True cohort
DE	76.9	0.0	76.9	2001-02	Cross-section
EE	67.0	:	:	2003	Cross-section
EL	79.3 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
ES	73.9 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
FR	64.0	15.0	79.0	1996-2003	True cohort
IE	83.5 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
IT	45.3	:	:	1998-99	True cohort
CY	86.1 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
LV	:	:	:	:	Cross-section
LT	72.9 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
LU	:	:	:	:	Cross-section
HU	57.0	:	:	2001-04	Cross-section
MT	87.0 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
NL	71.0	-	71.0	1997-98	True cohort
AT	71.0	:	:	2000-03	Cross-section
PL	63.0	:	:	2001-04	Cross-section
PT	73.0	:	:	2001-06	Cross-section
SI	64.0	:	:	2001-02	Cross-section
SK	70.0	:	:	2000-03	Cross-section
RO	:	:	:	:	Cross-section
FI	72.0	-	72.0	1995	Cross-section
SE	69.0	1.0	70.0	1995-96	True cohort
UK	79.4	:	:	2003-04	Cross-section
HR	:	:	:	:	Cross-section
TR	73.8 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
MK	52.2 i	:	:	:	Cross-section
IS	66.0	1.0	67.0	1996-97	True cohort
LI	:	:	:	:	Cross-section
NO	67.0	:	:	1994-95	True cohort
CH	70.0 i	:	:	1996-2001	True cohort
RU	79.0	:	:	2001-02	Cross-section
AU	72.0	:	:	2003-05	Cross-section
CA	75.0	0.0	75.0	2000	True cohort
NZ	58.0	3.0	61.0	1998	True cohort
JP	91.0	:	:	2000 & 2002	Cross-section
US	56.0	:	:	1999	True cohort

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
BE: Data refer only to the Flemish Community. Students in social advancement education, in the Royal Military School, the Open University, etc. were omitted.
EL, ES, EI, CY, LT, MT, TR, MK: 2004 data.
CH: The entrance cohort is composed of students enrolled for the first time in a specific type of higher education at the ISCED 5A level, independently of whether they had already enrolled in another type of higher education institution. The completion rate is calculated five (ISCED 5A programmes of three to five years duration) or ten (ISCED 5A programmes of five to six years) years after the students' entrance: the final year was actually defined when the proportion of students still remaining in the system was less than 5% of the entrance cohort.

Source: OECD.

Table D.3a: Unemployment rate of people aged 20-34, by sex and educational attainment (low, medium, high), % — 2003-2007 cumulated

	Low			Medium			High		
	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males
EU-27	16.3	19.2	14.6	10.9	11.9	10.1	7.1	7.7	6.3
Bologna*	15.9	19.5	15.7	9.9	10.6	9.0	5.9	6.3	5.6
BE	23.6	29.0	20.6	11.7	14.4	9.7	6.6	6.3	6.9
BG	28.6	29.5	28.1	10.8	11.2	10.6	6.7	7.4	5.6
CZ	34.2	38.4	31.5	8.0	10.8	6.1	3.3	4.2	2.6
DK	8.8	9.7	8.1	5.0	5.9	4.3	5.6	6.1	5.1
DE	22.2	20.6	23.2	9.9	8.5	11.1	4.9	5.2	4.6
EE	16.8	18.2	16.3	9.1	11.3	7.5	4.2	4.0	4.5
IE	12.3	11.6	12.6	4.8	4.9	4.8	3.4	3.3	3.6
EL	13.0	23.7	8.8	16.0	22.5	10.7	14.8	18.2	10.5
ES	13.8	20.3	10.4	11.7	14.7	9.0	10.1	11.9	8.2
FR	21.7	25.8	19.4	11.1	13.7	9.1	7.5	7.5	7.4
IT	13.7	19.5	11.1	11.1	13.2	9.2	12.8	14.0	11.1
CY	7.2	8.0	6.8	5.7	6.1	5.4	6.0	6.9	4.7
LV	15.9	18.3	15.0	8.9	10.3	7.8	4.5	4.8	3.9
LT	15.6	14.1	16.3	10.3	10.6	10.1	5.3	5.0	5.6
LU	9.5	10.7	8.6	5.2	6.4	4.2	5.0	6.0	4.0
HU	19.6	21.0	18.9	8.1	9.5	7.3	4.1	4.5	3.7
MT	9.8	9.4	9.9	4.3	5.1	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.6
NL	7.4	9.0	6.5	3.6	3.9	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.8
AT	13.9	13.3	14.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	3.8	4.1	3.5
PL	39.5	44.3	37.1	22.3	25.5	20.0	10.1	11.2	8.5
PT	9.7	12.5	7.7	9.4	10.6	8.0	10.7	11.4	9.4
RO	12.6	9.9	14.4	10.0	9.0	10.7	6.4	6.7	6.1
SI	17.1	19.8	15.7	8.8	11.4	6.8	5.7	6.3	4.6
SK	67.2	67.6	67.0	15.8	17.9	14.3	7.1	8.3	5.8
FI	18.2	21.9	16.4	10.9	11.7	10.3	4.8	5.5	3.8
SE	19.8	21.8	18.6	8.7	9.2	8.3	5.9	5.6	6.4
UK	11.8	11.1	12.2	5.8	5.6	6.0	3.6	3.3	3.9
HR	23.0	26.3	20.9	16.7	19.9	14.4	14.2	14.8	13.2
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	10.1	7.6	10.9	12.3	19.3	10.2	11.9	14.7	10.0
IS	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.7	4.4	3.1	1.8	2.1	1.5
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	9.5	9.2	9.7	5.4	5.5	5.3	3.5	3.2	3.9
CH	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	38.1 i	52.8 i	30.5 i	44.0 i	55.3 i	29.1 i	32.7 i	40.3 i	24.6 i
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	17.8 i	9.3 u i	20.7 u i	11.0 i	8.6 i	13.2 i	7.9 i	7.0 i	8.9 i
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	23.0 i	26.9 u i	20.3 u i	20.9 i	24.4 i	18.6 i	18.0 i	17.5 i	18.8 u i
RU	21.2 i	22.5 i	20.6 i	12.9 i	14.1 i	12.2 i	6.8 i	7.1 i	6.5 i
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data.
AM, MD, RS, RU: Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.3b: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6) aged 20-34, by sex and number of years since graduation, % — 2003-2007 cumulated

	0-2 years since graduation			3 years and more since graduation		
	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males
EU-27	13.1	13.9	12.2	4.9	5.5	4.3
Bologna*	11.7	11.5	10.5	3.4	3.7	3.0
BE	12.7	11.5	14.1	3.6	3.5	3.7
BG	13.0	13.6	12.1	4.9	5.5	3.8
CZ	8.1	7.8	8.3	1.4	1.6	1.3
DK	11.3	11.8	10.7	3.0	2.8	3.2
DE	6.6	7.5	5.9	3.8	4.0	3.6
EE	5.1	4.9	5.4	3.8	3.5	4.0
IE	6.6	5.4	8.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
EL	30.9	36.1	21.8	10.9	13.1	8.3
ES	18.5	20.4	16.1	7.4	9.0	5.7
FR	16.0	15.5	16.7	5.9	6.0	5.8
IT	24.9	26.8	22.4	6.4	7.4	5.0
CY	13.5	14.1	12.6	3.5	4.5	2.1
LV	6.5	7.0	5.5	2.5	2.6	2.4
LT	7.8	5.8	10.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
LU	12.0	14.5	9.3	2.8	2.9	2.6
HU	10.5	11.0	9.7	2.3	2.5	2.1
MT	5.3	2.6	8.3	1.0	1.3	0.7
NL	3.8	3.1	4.5	1.8	1.5	2.1
AT	6.8	8.0	5.6	2.4	2.1	2.7
PL	15.4	16.6	13.4	5.0	5.7	4.2
PT	19.2	20.8	16.2	6.3	6.7	5.6
RO	15.6	14.3	17.2	2.7	3.0	2.5
SI	12.4	13.2	10.9	3.2	4.0	1.6
SK	13.8	14.7	12.6	3.4	4.1	2.7
FI	7.7	8.7	6.3	3.4	3.9	2.6
SE	6.9	6.3	7.5	2.9	2.8	3.1
UK	6.4	5.0	7.9	2.3	2.1	2.4
HR	26.7	28.9	22.8 u	6.9	6.4	7.5
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	24.3	26.7	22.2	7.5	9.3	6.3
IS	1.7	1.9	1.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	:	:	:	:	:	:
CH	5.8	6.0	5.7	3.0	4.1	2.3
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	30.2 u i	: u	: u	13.0 i	12.4 u i	13.9 u i
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:

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RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.3c: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6), by field of study and age (%) — 2003-2007 cumulated

	Age 20-34							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	6.0	9.7	7.5	7.5	5.4	7.9	4.5	7.0
Bologna*	4.0	7.6	5.5	5.7	4.6	6.3	3.5	4.7
BE	4.7	11.6	7.0	5.8	4.6	7.2	3.3	5.7
BG	9.9	8.0	6.7	6.8	5.7	15.0	3.6	4.7
CZ	4.0	3.7	2.6	3.2	3.0	4.0	2.8	3.5
DK	3.8	12.9	5.5	8.2	5.8	3.5	3.1	3.6
DE	3.9	7.5	4.2	5.6	4.7	3.4	4.2	4.5
EE	4.9	3.3	5.1	3.3	4.8	9.6 u	1.1	4.9
IE	2.2	4.9	1.9	3.5	2.6	2.1	1.7	3.5
EL	15.1	18.2	14.6	15.2	10.6	21.3	16.4	7.8
ES	11.5	15.2	10.4	10.7	5.9	13.2	9.1	11.6
FR	2.1	10.7	8.7	7.5	6.3	6.4	3.3	7.3
IT	10.1	17.5	13.5	12.8	8.6	15.9	6.6	13.1
CY	3.9	10.7	5.2	10.0	2.3	5.0 u	6.3	3.8
LV	2.7	3.7	4.8	5.6	3.7	1.9	4.8	3.5
LT	4.9	4.1	4.8	4.3	4.2	7.5	2.4	4.1
LU	3.6	7.5	5.1	5.6	4.3	4.5 u	5.6	3.4
HU	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.0	2.5	5.9	2.2	5.8
MT	0.7	10.6 u	4.0	4.1	1.9	: u	2.0	2.3
NL	1.3	3.8	2.4	3.7	2.4	2.6	1.8	1.8
AT	3.2	7.6	4.1	5.4	2.4	0.8	3.9	4.4
PL	10.3	9.9	9.0	10.0	6.1	9.4	6.3	12.7
PT	13.7	14.3	9.7	10.8	8.5	7.5	6.5	11.7
RO	3.1	6.5	6.5	7.2	5.7	4.8	5.4	5.6
SI	6.4	7.3	6.7	2.5	3.6	7.2	3.7	8.4
SK	6.2	8.3	6.8	8.6	5.7	10.9	4.1	9.0
FI	3.7	9.4	6.2	7.7	3.7	2.7	3.4	3.8
SE	4.1	12.0	6.9	10.0	6.4	6.2	3.2	4.7
UK	1.6	3.9	3.3	4.0	2.3	3.6	1.7	4.3
HR	15.0	12.2 u	14.3	8.8	7.9	13.2 u	9.1 u	18.7 u
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	7.7	12.8	13.6	16.2	12.9	14.5	4.4	14.3
IS	1.6	0.6	1.7	1.3	3.8	: u	1.2	3.2
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	1.7	4.7	2.8	3.5	3.5	7.2 u	1.0	2.1
CH	2.3	5.5	4.4	4.8	3.2	2.9	2.1	6.5
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	6.7 u	7.2 u	20.0 u	: u	20.8 u	: u	: u	: u
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.
RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.3c: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6), by field of study and age (%) — 2003-2007 cumulated (continued)

	Age 35-44							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	2.6	5.1	3.8	3.6	3.1	2.8	2.2	4.4
Bologna*	1.8	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.6	2.8
BE	1.5	5.2	3.8	2.2	2.4	3.6	1.6	5.8
BG	5.0	5.1	3.1	2.2	3.4	1.8	1.9	5.5
CZ	0.6	0.8	2.8	1.1	1.3	2.7	1.4	1.8
DK	1.7	6.7	2.6	5.0	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.8
DE	3.4	5.3	3.4	4.1	3.8	3.1	3.1	4.2
EE	3.9	0.6	5.2	5.1	3.7	3.1	0.9	8.2
IE	1.3	1.3	2.0	3.1	1.5	1.1	1.2	4.2
EL	2.8	5.4	5.2	3.1	4.3	7.8	3.3	2.5
ES	3.9	6.6	5.5	5.2	3.3	4.6	4.6	6.8
FR	1.2	8.7	6.0	5.9	3.9	1.3	1.8	9.1
IT	2.8	3.7	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.4	2.3
CY	1.9	3.4	1.9	1.7	2.9	: u	1.7	3.7
LV	1.5	1.3	3.0	2.4	2.9	0.6	1.2	4.8
LT	4.0	4.1	2.3	1.7	4.0	0.6	2.1	8.7
LU	1.4	3.7	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.9	3.3	2.5
HU	1.5	2.8	1.7	3.8	1.1	1.2	0.3	2.7
MT	1.5	0.7	1.1	1.6	0.0 u	: u	0.0 u	7.6 u
NL	1.6	3.3	1.9	2.5	2.3	3.5	1.6	2.5
AT	1.9	2.6	3.3	3.9	2.1	1.1	1.3	2.5
PL	1.6	4.5	2.7	3.5	2.4	0.8	0.6	4.1
PT	2.4	4.7	5.2	2.5	3.2	2.8	0.7	3.2
RO	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.8	0.9
SI	1.9	2.4	1.9	0.9	1.1	0.8	3.7	1.6
SK	2.2	2.5	4.2	6.1	1.6	7.0	1.8	2.9
FI	1.5	5.6	4.7	5.0	3.3	3.8	2.3	2.1
SE	2.4	9.5	5.0	5.2	4.4	6.0	1.9	2.6
UK	1.9	2.9	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.1	1.1	2.8
HR	3.0	6.6 u	5.4	4.4	5.1	3.4	1.1	1.6
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	1.0	3.2	4.0	2.2	4.1	4.8	0.7	2.0
IS	0.8	0.0 u	0.6	2.7	0.9	: u	0.3	1.5
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	1.6	2.5	2.0	3.7	1.1	3.2	0.5	0.8
CH	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.5	1.9	1.2	2.6	2.8
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.3c: Unemployment rate of tertiary education graduates (ISCED 5-6), by field of study and age (%)— 2003-2007 cumulated (continued)

	Age 45-54							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	2.3	3.8	3.6	3.1	4.0	3.5	1.6	3.9
Bologna*	1.4	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.6	0.9	3.3
BE	1.2	3.5	4.0	3.4	2.3	3.1	1.7	3.3
BG	3.2	6.3	3.6	4.1	3.7	7.4	2.1	4.0
CZ	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.4	2.1	1.5	0.6	4.9
DK	2.3	7.0	2.5	3.2	2.2	3.0	1.9	2.1
DE	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.8	6.3	5.1	2.6	4.5
EE	5.8	1.8	3.1	3.2	5.1	9.1	1.6	7.3
IE	0.8	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.9
EL	1.1	2.1	3.3	0.9	2.6	4.0	0.9	1.2
ES	2.9	3.4	5.1	2.7	3.0	1.7	1.2	4.5
FR	1.4	8.0	5.2	3.8	4.2	3.0	2.1	7.9
IT	0.9	1.3	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.1
CY	0.3	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.5	: u	0.0	3.5
LV	2.9	5.2	6.7	8.0	8.8	1.1	0.7	9.0 u
LT	1.3	4.9	4.2	0.7	3.9	3.5	3.9	8.8 u
LU	1.6	2.2	4.0	6.0	1.8	: u	1.5	:
HU	1.2	2.3	1.7	2.2	1.4	2.5	1.0	3.5
MT	2.8	1.6	1.2	1.0	4.0	: u	0.9	: u
NL	1.4	2.9	2.4	5.0	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.9
AT	1.6	4.3	2.4	3.1	2.4	1.8	0.6	1.3
PL	1.4	2.8	3.9	2.4	3.5	3.3	0.4	4.6
PT	0.5	2.4	1.5	0.9	2.9	1.2	0.3	: u
RO	0.1	0.6	1.6	0.4	2.1	1.8	0.1	1.8
SI	0.8	1.7	2.1	3.9	2.2	2.2	0.1	1.8
SK	1.4	2.4	1.9	4.0	2.2	5.9	0.6	11.7
FI	1.7	4.9	4.5	5.2	3.3	2.5	1.1	3.1
SE	1.3	5.7	3.2	7.1	6.0	3.9	1.7	1.0
UK	0.9	2.8	2.5	2.8	1.6	2.6	1.0	2.2
HR	2.6	3.8	4.3	3.3	3.3	6.1 u	0.6	5.3
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	1.7	0.6	3.8	0.6	2.6	3.0	1.7	2.4
IS	0.4	1.8	2.3	1.5	2.1	: u	0.0	6.3 u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	0.9	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.6	2.9
CH	1.9	2.9	2.0	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	2.5
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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RS: 2008 data. Data outside the LFS framework, provided by the National Statistics Institute.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.4a: Annual gross income (cash and non-cash) of workers (family workers excluded) in PPS EUR, by educational attainment — 2006

	High			Medium			Low		
	median	P25	P75	median	P25	P75	median	P25	P75
EU-25	25178	14369	38571	15428	7254	25192	12349	5194	20576
Bologna*	24695	16801	34781	16687	8771	23167	12208	3636	19843
BE	30276	23100	40583	23653	16554	30221	21047	13882	27273
BG	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	15051	11356	20960	9505	6713	12718	5706	3762	8056
DK	30280	21318	38216	24498	14073	31065	15879	3077	25799
DE	33371	19744	44953	20484	9412	30396	7138	3141	18457
EE	9512	6110	15040	6820	4389	10362	5016	3055	7653
IE	28885	17927	44502	15827	7219	25157	15246	7262	25873
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	22195	13799	32430	15419	9988	22342	13383	8423	18644
FR	23298 p	15625 p	34157 p	17390 p	11393 p	23132 p	15767 p	8322 p	21260 p
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	13909	8554	20863	9022	5183	13561	7989	4822	12054
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	10080	6166	14552	5274	3481	8286	3563	1639	5795
LU	51278	33023	78155	32166	20845	47700	20915	14860	30271
HU	14021	9347	19673	7031	4715	10298	4963	2482	6972
MT	10970	8702	13605	8528	6526	10761	6932	5283	8702
NL	32169	18774	47781	20227	8771	30592	13645	3636	26652
AT	31032	20913	43946	21587	13492	29683	12208	6091	19843
PL	12543	7991	19065	7254	4583	10936	5012	2418	7443
PT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SI	29252	17933	38501	14268	7381	20004	8990	1305	12937
SK	9397	6968	12451	6907	4746	8769	4229	940	5638
FI	24695	16801	34781	16687	7008	23167	10466	1593	20618
SE	22651	11076	31205	19104	9200	25482	14739	1715	22515
UK	30856	19305	45269	20206	11614	30856	17382	9360	26742
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IS	33208	22419	49145	22762	10983	34482	14616	6257	25831
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NO	31010	16955	40613	24734	10224	33386	12214	2457	25126
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* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

Table D.4b: Annual gross income (cash and non-cash) of workers (family workers excluded) with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) in PPS EUR, by sex — 2006

	Total			Females			Males		
	median	P25	P75	median	P25	P75	median	P25	P75
EU-25	25178	14369	38571	20595	11652	30856	31801	19055	45898
Bologna*	24695	16801	34781	21846	13406	28422	30778	20667	42957
BE	30276	23100	40583	26530	20136	34118	35779	27032	48330
BG	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	15051	11356	20960	13072	9734	16218	17902	13341	24753
DK	30280	21318	38216	27872	19940	33509	34856	25461	45654
DE	33371	19744	44953	24428	13053	35253	38407	27630	51058
EE	9512	6110	15040	8321	5259	12063	12539	7811	19615
IE	28885	17927	44502	24123	14530	38198	36440	21743	55063
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	22195	13799	32430	19096	11383	27966	25450	16857	36511
FR	23298 p	15625 p	34157 p	20864 p	13406 p	27905 p	27597 p	18329 p	41255 p
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	13909	8554	20863	11289	6926	17733	16227	11011	24108
LV	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	10080	6166	14552	8737	5598	12830	12180	6961	17554
LU	51278	33023	78155	42090	25648	56048	65588	44031	95401
HU	14021	9347	19673	12780	8682	17205	16730	10739	22827
MT	10970	8702	13605	10030	8052	11602	11979	9393	15827
NL	32169	18774	47781	23617	14129	34069	42284	26821	57362
AT	31032	20913	43946	24286	15404	35113	35704	26409	51270
PL	12543	7991	19065	11672	7584	16676	14376	8972	22824
PT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SI	29252	17933	38501	27848	16673	35041	31280	20667	44082
SK	9397	6968	12451	8457	5779	10572	10627	7698	14208
FI	24695	16801	34781	21846	14397	28422	30778	20877	42957
SE	22651	11076	31205	20144	8966	26672	27731	15812	37485
UK	30856	19305	45269	24685	15428	37542	36751	24685	53999
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IS	33208	22419	49145	27987	19413	37160	46374	31455	63629
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NO	31010	16955	40613	27063	14495	34528	37299	24377	49246
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Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostat, EU-SILC.

Table D.5a: Percentage of people with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) aged 25-34 and employed in ISCO 1 or 2 (legislators, senior officials, managers and professionals), in ISCO 3 (technicians and associate professionals) and not in ISCO 1|2|3, by sex — 2007

	Total			Females			Males		
	ISCO 1|2	ISCO 3	Not ISCO 1|2|3	ISCO 1|2	ISCO 3	Not ISCO 1|2|3	ISCO 1|2	ISCO 3	Not ISCO 1|2|3
EU-27	50.4	24.9	24.7	48.5	26.5	25.0	52.7	23.0	24.3
Bologna*	55.1	22.6	18.8	55.0	23.9	16.9	57.5	19.6	20.0
BE	60.2	15.1	24.7	61.5	13.1	25.4	58.6	17.5	23.9
BG	54.2	17.4	28.4	55.0	17.3	27.7	52.9	17.7	29.4
CZ	60.3	32.1	7.6	57.8	33.5	8.7	62.4	31.0	6.6
DK	46.7	37.6	15.8	37.8	47.2	15.0	56.7	26.6	16.7
DE	56.7	23.9	19.4	55.1	28.2	16.7	58.3	19.6	22.1
EE	53.5	26.0	20.5	50.5	30.4	19.1	57.8	19.8	22.3
IE	51.8	11.2	37.0	52.6	11.4	36.0	50.8	11.0	38.1
EL	51.9	20.5	27.6	54.2	22.2	23.6	49.4	18.6	32.0
ES	36.4	23.1	40.5	38.6	22.6	38.8	34.1	23.6	42.3
FR	40.2 p	33.1 p	26.7 p	35.0 p	35.4 p	29.6 p	46.3 p	30.5 p	23.2 p
IT	41.7	36.8	21.5	37.3	39.1	23.6	47.7	33.6	18.6
CY	45.0	18.6	36.4	44.1	14.9	41.0	46.1	23.1	30.7
LV	53.2	30.7	16.1	51.8	33.0	15.2	55.2 u	27.4	17.4
LT	56.0	18.5	25.5	56.2	23.9	20.0	55.8 u	11.4	32.8 u
LU	85.6	10.8	3.5	82.6	12.0	5.4	89.2	9.4	1.4
HU	65.5	20.2	14.3	63.2	21.9	14.9	68.2	18.2	13.6
MT	72.4	18.2	9.4	72.7	17.7	9.5	72.1	18.6	9.2
NL	62.1	22.6	15.3	63.8	21.4	14.9	60.3	23.9	15.8
AT	58.7	19.6	21.7	57.5	25.6	16.9	59.7	14.1	26.2
PL	61.8	17.4	20.8	60.6	18.1	21.3	63.5	16.5	20.0
PT	55.7	23.3	21.0	53.6	24.3	22.1	59.4	21.6	19.0
RO	73.0	15.5	11.5	72.3	17.4	10.3	73.7	13.5	12.8
SI	69.3	19.9	10.8	68.1	20.9	11.0	71.3	18.2	10.5
SK	54.8	32.9	12.3	54.5	33.3	12.2	55.1	32.5	12.4
FI	54.9	27.3	17.7	45.8	34.0	20.2	66.4	18.9	14.6
SE	51.6	30.5	17.9	48.8	34.1	17.1	55.1	26.0	18.9
UK	52.1	23.4	24.6	48.4	24.6	27.0	55.9	22.0	22.1
HR	55.1	28.3	16.6	58.4	27.0	14.6	49.9 u	30.3 u	19.8
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	54.1	17.8	28.1	57.5	18.6	23.9	52.2	17.4	30.4
IS	68.9	18.6	12.5	65.3	19.1	15.6	72.8	18.0	9.3
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	30.2	50.6	19.2	25.9	56.1	18.1	35.8	43.5	20.7
CH	55.2	26.0	18.8	51.7	31.4	16.9	57.5	22.3	20.2
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GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	78.8 i	5.5 i	15.8 i	82.9 i	5.4 i	11.7 i	74.2 i	5.6 i	20.3 i
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RS	50.3 ui	34.4 ui	15.3	51.8 ui	36.5 ui	11.7	47.6 ui	30.8 ui	21.7 ui
RU	76.4 i	10.0 i	13.6 i	77.8 i	10.5 i	11.7 i	74.7 i	9.5 i	15.9 i
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* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.5c: Percentage of people aged 25-34 with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) being vertically mismatched, by field of study and sex — 2003-2007,cumulated

	Total (Males + Females)							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	12.8	25.0	28.9	15.8	25.9	38.5	11.7	48.6
Bologna*	10.1	18.3	21.8	13.5	16.7	31.9	7.3	44.9
BE	11.2	28.6	38.0	15.5	19.4	34.4 u	9.0	55.5
BG	23.4	26.0	27.2	22.5	37.6	27.9 u	12.1	53.6
CZ	5.2	8.7	9.1	4.5	5.8	10.1	4.5	30.8
DK	6.8	33.6	17.1	12.2	15.1	47.7 u	3.4	52.4 u
DE	7.9	16.4	21.7	6.3	30.8	48.0	11.0	58.5
EE	3.4 u	13.0	25.9	25.0 u	33.1	: u	5.0	45.4 u
IE	11.4	34.0	34.4	27.3	29.6	33.0 u	16.7	58.0
EL	17.9	21.5	27.9	13.7	23.6	36.2	14.8	73.5
ES	28.0	36.8	44.4	28.2	50.1	34.5	27.1	64.0
FR	2.0	26.8	35.2	11.8	20.6	57.7	4.1	37.5
IT	19.8	29.2	29.4	18.5	9.6	20.8	8.5	26.4
CY	15.1	27.2	39.0	19.2	30.7	: u	19.6	85.0
LV	13.7	14.6	15.0	20.2 u	21.4 u	: u	0.0 u	14.3 u
LT	13.9	13.4	25.6	18.8	48.7	59.5 u	6.9	58.9 u
LU	0.9	6.3	4.8	4.0	4.2	13.0 u	4.9	19.5 u
HU	10.5	7.8	14.4	8.5	8.8	22.1	8.1	42.8
MT	1.5 u	8.8	13.1	3.7	2.5	: u	6.3	: u
NL	10.4	19.7	15.7	8.1	12.6	21.6	9.9	33.3
AT	9.8	18.4	18.1	14.6	33.9	55.0	8.0	49.2
PL	13.9	14.0	24.4	17.6	18.1	27.3	5.8	40.4
PT	11.7	27.3	23.9	13.2	12.1	23.0 u	7.3	43.2 u
RO	6.8	8.1	12.4	12.4	12.1	18.2	3.3	32.5
SI	2.1	5.7	11.5	3.2	7.5	24.6 u	2.5	22.8
SK	7.5	8.9	15.0	8.8	11.9	27.3	4.2	35.1
FI	4.9	18.1	31.3	6.6	9.9	39.6 u	10.5	58.2
SE	8.8	33.2	21.0	19.3	14.4	30.5	10.2	46.8
UK	13.1	26.3	26.0	16.6	24.5	35.7 u	17.7	44.4
HR	8.6 u	6.8	21.9	7.7 u	11.3	: u	3.2	24.2 u
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	5.8	11.7	42.9	19.1	31.5	31.9	4.5	59.1
IS	5.9 u	26.8	16.8	10.5	15.2 u	: u	1.2	: u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	12.2	26.2	15.8	18.5	12.6	: u	7.2	37.2
CH	10.5	17.5	18.0	6.6	22.7	55.0 u	9.8	47.4 u
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Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.5c: Percentage of people aged 25-34 with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) being vertically mismatched, by field of study and sex — 2003-2007,cumulated (continued)

	Females																	
	Teacher training and education science		Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts		Social sciences, business and law		Sciences, mathematics and computing		Engineering, manufacturing and construction		Agriculture and veterinary		Health and welfare		Services	
EU-27	12.5		25.4		32.5		17.9		18.8		28.5		12.1		51.4	
Bologna*	9.4		19.6		22.6		14.7		15.5		25.2		7.3		46.3	
BE	10.7		30.6		42.5		20.2		23.8		25.0	u	9.2		61.9	u
BG	21.8		26.7		28.2		26.8	u	46.6		:	u	11.2		54.8	u
CZ	3.7		7.4		13.3		3.5		6.0		10.8	u	6.0		21.8	u
DK	7.2		37.5		21.8		21.5	u	21.2		28.9	u	3.3		:	u
DE	8.0		17.1		22.7		8.2		18.8		24.9	u	11.1		63.0	
EE	3.9		11.5	u	27.9		:	u	45.9	u	:	u	5.3		:	u
IE	11.2		35.7		38.4		27.7		18.1	u	:	u	16.2		53.7	u
EL	17.1		19.5		28.9		14.9		15.4		34.4		16.6		60.0	
ES	27.5		35.1		48.1		31.9		23.8		18.5	u	28.4		65.5	
FR	1.8		26.8		40.3		13.2		16.6		44.2	u	4.5		44.4	
IT	19.1		28.7		31.4		20.3		11.6		20.2	u	8.5		22.0	
CY	16.4		29.7		47.7		30.6	u	24.3	u	:	u	20.3		88.1	
LV	12.9		16.5	u	17.8		:	u	:	u	:	u	:	u	8.7	u
LT	14.3		13.3		26.6		20.8	u	48.8	u	55.5	u	7.0		59.9	u
LU	1.0		8.1		5.4		8.8		6.8		:	u	6.0		25.8	u
HU	10.3		10.6		15.9		9.2		13.2		31.7		8.8		31.4	
MT	2.2		13.6	u	14.5		3.9	u	:	u	-		7.3		:	u
NL	8.7		20.9		16.8		9.2		13.5		25.5	u	10.2		34.9	
AT	10.0		21.4		20.6		14.5		23.5		34.0	u	7.2		53.5	u
PL	11.6		14.2		25.5		16.3		15.5		27.7	u	5.6		40.3	u
PT	10.4		31.1		26.1		11.6		12.8		19.9	u	8.1		46.3	u
RO	6.9		8.2		10.2		11.1		13.5		17.0	u	3.3		21.8	u
SI	1.4		4.9		12.2		4.4		12.5		23.1	u	2.7		25.5	u
SK	6.4		10.4		16.8		11.2		14.6		41.4	u	2.8		31.7	u
FI	5.0		19.6		35.7		9.1		12.1		:	u	9.9		53.5	u
SE	7.5		32.0		21.9		19.3		12.2		20.8	u	9.7		46.4	
UK	14.3		28.9		30.7		18.1		18.7		24.5	u	19.2		51.9	u
HR	6.9		4.7	u	22.5		8.1	u	10.3	u	:	u	3.8		:	u
MK	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
TR	3.1		11.9		46.0		15.6		25.0		33.2	u	3.1		49.0	u
IS	5.6		32.5	u	19.0		17.9	u	:	u	:	u	1.5		:	u
LI	:		:		:		:		:		:		:		:	
NO	11.7		33.0		16.4		17.9	u	9.1	u	:	u	6.8		40.2	u
CH	10.3		19.4	u	20.6		6.1		19.4		:	u	8.8		42.3	u
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Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.5c: Percentage of people aged 25-34 with tertiary education (ISCED 5-6) being vertically mismatched, by field of study and sex — 2003-2007,cumulated (continued)

	Males							
	Teacher training and education science	Humanities, (foreign) languages and arts	Social sciences, business and law	Sciences, mathematics and computing	Engineering, manufacturing and construction	Agriculture and veterinary	Health and welfare	Services
EU-27	13.7	24.1	23.9	14.5	27.4	44.5	10.5	46.0
Bologna*	10.9	16.5	20.1	13.0	16.7	37.4	8.4	45.3
BE	12.6	24.9	31.8	12.9	18.3	38.1 u	8.4	47.0 u
BG	33.1 u	24.2 u	25.1	17.4	33.0	16.5 u	15.9	52.9 u
CZ	8.1	10.3	5.1	5.0	5.8	9.7	1.0	35.1 u
DK	5.9	27.0	12.8	8.7	12.6	55.3 u	4.0	53.2 u
DE	7.9	15.1	20.7	5.6	33.2	59.9	10.9	54.3
EE	: u	: u	22.3 u	16.1 u	27.9 u	: u	2.8 u	55.0 u
IE	12.6 u	30.9 u	29.0	27.0	31.0	30.3 u	19.2 u	63.4 u
EL	22.3 u	30.3	26.6	13.0	26.6	37.4	11.6	78.1
ES	29.4	39.4	38.3	25.7	54.5	43.9 u	23.0	61.7
FR	2.6	26.8	26.5	10.9	21.4	63.5	2.5	31.0
IT	25.1 u	30.8	26.8	16.3	8.9	21.2	8.7	30.9 u
CY	11.1 u	20.6 u	27.4	12.8	32.4	: u	17.8 u	83.2
LV	: u	9.9 u	10.1	17.1 u	19.9 u	: u	: u	16.6 u
LT	11.2 u	13.8 u	23.5	17.1	48.6	61.6 u	6.2 u	58.3 u
LU	0.8	1.3	4.1	2.5	3.4	: u	2.3	15.3 u
HU	10.9	3.3	12.1	8.3	7.7	15.9	6.2	50.4
MT	0.0 u	3.6 u	11.9	3.7	2.9	: u	5.1	: u
NL	15.7	18.1	14.7	7.7	12.5	19.5	8.8	31.9
AT	9.0	12.9	15.1	14.6	35.3	62.8 u	10.3	43.7 u
PL	22.0	13.5	22.3	18.5	18.6	27.1	6.5	40.5 u
PT	17.9	18.0	19.6	15.5	11.7	: u	4.8	37.9 u
RO	6.8	7.9	15.9	13.6	11.7	18.8 u	3.5	34.1
SI	6.9	9.9 u	9.9	2.3	5.6	26.2 u	1.7	20.3 u
SK	11.0	6.8	12.7	7.3	11.3	20.4 u	7.1	35.9 u
FI	4.5	13.5 u	22.4	4.4	9.4	47.1 u	13.9	65.9 u
SE	13.1	35.2	19.6	19.3	15.1	39.2 u	12.3	47.0
UK	9.2	22.9	20.7	15.8	25.5	46.6 u	12.6	37.1 u
HR	: u	: u	20.6 u	7.4 u	11.8 u	: u	: u	22.7 u
MK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	7.8	11.6	41.2	21.0	33.2	31.3 u	6.8	64.0 u
IS	8.9 u	19.2 u	15.0	6.5	13.8 u	: u	: u	: u
LI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NO	13.3	19.4	15.2	18.9	13.5	: u	9.0	36.0 u
CH	10.9	14.3	16.2	6.7	23.2	61.3	11.9	51.5 u
AD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AM	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
BA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
GE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
MD	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ME	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RS	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
RU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
VA	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 'Bologna' refers to the unweighted median of Bologna countries

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS (Labour Force survey).

Table D.5d: Qualifications mismatch as reported by employed graduates with more or less 5 years of experience since leaving higher education, by type of mismatch (horizontal, vertical, or both), ISCED 5A second degree (%) — 2005

	Qualifications mismatch as reported by employed graduates with more or less 5 years of experience since leaving higher education, by type of mismatch (horizontal, vertical, or both), ISCED 5A second degree (5 years or more providing direct access to doctorate), 2005			
	Exact match	Horizontal + vertical mismatch	Vertical mismatch	Horizontal mismatch
BE	:	:	:	:
CZ	80	4	6	10
DE	77	5	10	7
EE	63	6	24	6
ES	66	13	18	3
FR	76	4	10	10
IT	73	8	11	8
NL	66	8	17	9
AT	79	5	5	10
FI	83	4	7	6
UK	49	18	27	6
NO	79	5	13	3
CH	83	5	4	7

Note: for information concerning the symbols used in the table, please refer to the beginning of this chapter.

Source: Reflex, 2005.

Methodological notes

1. Statistical sources

UOE data collection

Latest reference year: up to 2005 for financial data; up to 2006 otherwise

Sample unit: not applicable (census)

Coverage: over 60 countries worldwide. Eurostat includes in its online database data for the European Union, candidate countries, EFTA countries, the USA and Japan. Data for Cyprus refer only to the areas of Cyprus controlled by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Data for France do not include the overseas departments (DOM).

Moreover, data were collected specially for this report from NSIs in countries participating in the Bologna process that are not part of the UOE data collection, but where UOE equivalent data exist. However, the level of data comparability compiled for those countries may be lower than for the countries which participate in the UOE due to differences in the underlying data sources and definitions.

Description:

The joint UNESCO-UIS (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation Institute for Statistics) / OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) / Eurostat data collection on education statistics provides internationally comparable data on key aspects of education systems, specifically on the participation and completion of education programmes, as well as the cost and type of resources dedicated to education.

The Member countries cooperate to gather the information, to develop and apply common definitions and criteria for the quality control of the data, and to verify the data and to provide the information necessary to interpret and report the submitted data.

Countries provide data, mainly coming from administrative records, on the basis of commonly agreed definitions. They fill in 32 tables, encompassing demographic statistics, statistics on enrolment, entrance and graduation of students, on teaching staff, on funding and cost of education, and on mapping of national educational programmes and qualifications.

The indicators reported here mainly used statistics on students and on funding and expenditure.

The methodological requirements are set up in cooperation with the participating countries, Eurostat and the two other international organisations. The definitions and methodological requirements are available on the following website:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/unesco_collection

EU-LFS (European Union Labour Force Survey)

Reference year: 2007. In a few cases of small sample size, the years 2003–2007 were cumulated in order to increase the sample sizes and therefore to provide more accurate estimates.

Sample unit: dwellings, households or individuals depending on the sampling framework. Different schemes are used to sample the units, ranging from the simple random sampling method to complex stratified multi-stage sampling methods of clusters. Most countries use a variant of the two-stage stratified random sampling of household units. While demographic data are gathered for all age groups, questions relating to labour market status are restricted to persons in the age group of 15 years or older, except for Spain, Sweden (before 2001), the United Kingdom, Iceland and Norway where this age threshold is 16 years.

In Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Finland, Sweden, Iceland and Norway questions on labour market characteristics are also restricted to those younger than 75 years of age. In the EFTA countries participating in LFS (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland) population data are not provided for the age-groups outside the scope of labour market questions.

Coverage: European Union, candidate countries, EFTA countries (except for Liechtenstein). Data for Cyprus refer only to the areas of Cyprus controlled by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. Data for France do not include the overseas departments (DOM). The total population usually residing in Member States is covered, except for persons living in collective or institutional households.

Moreover, data were collected specially for this report from NSIs in non-participating Bologna countries where a "LFS-equivalent" survey was carried out. However, data compiled for non-participant countries cannot be considered to be fully comparable due to differences in the underlying data sources.

Description:

The EU LFS is a quarterly household sample survey carried out in the Member States of the European Union, Candidate Countries and EFTA countries (except for Liechtenstein). It is the main source of information about the situation and trends on the labour market in the European Union. It provides data on employment, unemployment and inactivity together with breakdowns by age, sex, educational attainment, temporary employment, full-time/part-time distinction and many other dimensions.

The EU LFS is a rotating random sample survey of persons in private households. It is organised in thirteen modules, covering demographic background, labour status, employment characteristics of the main job, hours worked, employment characteristics of the second job, time-related underemployment, search for employment, education and training, previous work experience of persons not in employment, situation one year before the survey, main labour status, income, and technical items relating to the interview. For details see Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 of 9 March 1998 on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community (OJ No L 77/3).

The sample design and rotation patterns are not harmonised. All Member States apply a rotating pattern so that part of the observations can be directly paired to the observations made one survey instance earlier. These rotating patterns range from 2-() (participating for 2 consecutive quarters before being excluded from the sample) through 2-(2)-2 (participating for 2 quarters, then skipping 2 quarters and then participating again for 2 quarters) to 8-().

The survey's target population is all persons in private households aged 15 years or older. The total sample size amounts to approximately 1.5 million individuals each quarter. The quarterly sampling rates vary between 0.2% and 3.3% in each country. Eurostat started this micro-data collection in 1983 with one reference quarter per year (spring). In the period from 1998 to 2005, the survey underwent a transition to a continuous quarterly survey. Since 2005, all EU countries have been providing quarterly results.

A 'private household' is defined as "a person living alone or a group of people who live together in the same private dwelling and share expenditures, including the joint provision of the essentials of living". A household is thus defined in terms of shared household expenses. If not shared, then the person(s) constitute separate household(s) at the same address.

The definitions of employment and unemployment, as well as other survey characteristics follow the definitions and recommendations of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). In addition, harmonisation is achieved through adherence to common principles of questionnaire construction, unemployment definition and common definitions of main variables and response categories.

The "ad-hoc modules" have been a central part of the European Union labour force survey (LFS) since 1999. Council Regulation 577/98 specifies that a further set of variables may be added to supplement the information from the core questionnaire of the LFS.

Detailed information regarding the survey methods, organisation and comparability issues is available on the EU LFS webpage:

http://circa.europa.eu/irc/dsis/employment/info/data/eu_lfs/index.htm

EU-SILC (European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions)

Latest reference year: 2006, or 2005 for the ad-hoc module on intergenerational transmission of poverty. Income data from EU-SILC is typically collected for the income reference year preceding the date of the survey. Other data is typically collected for those individuals who are members of the household on the date of the survey.

Sample unit: households and, as a second step, all individuals aged 16 and over. For the ad-hoc module on intergenerational transmission of poverty, individuals aged 25 and over.

Coverage: European Union Member States, plus Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

Description:

The ECHP (European Community Household Panel) expired in 2001 and was replaced by EU-SILC (Statistics on Income and Living Conditions), first launched in six EU-15 countries plus Norway in 2003 under a gentleman's agreement. With effect from 2004, the EU-SILC data collection is governed by framework regulation 1177/2003 of the Council and the Parliament. Changes in methodology are developed in collaboration with NSIs and are announced in the Official Journal of the European Communities. Up to 2005 there was a transitional period during which data were provided by national sources which were harmonised ex-post. This creates a break in the series. As from 2005 data were available in ten EU-15 countries plus Norway in 2003 and re-launched under a Regulation with twelve EU-15 countries plus Norway and Iceland. Romania, Bulgaria, Switzerland and Turkey have launched SILC in 2007.

A 'private household' is defined as "a person living alone or a group of people who live together in the same private dwelling and share expenditures, including the joint provision of the essentials of living". EU-SILC implementing regulation number 1983/2003 on updated definitions defines households in terms of sharing household expenses and (for non-permanent members) in terms of duration of stay and (for temporarily absent members) in terms of duration of absence. However, participant countries are free to adopt the common household definition from their national statistical system instead.

Minimum effective sample sizes are specified in the EU-SILC framework regulation 1177/2003. They should be carefully designed to ensure a degree of representativeness — and are to be increased by participant countries to the extent that their national sample is not determined on a simple random basis, or to reflect likely levels of non-response, or to reflect any specific national requirements. Separate values are specified for the cross-sectional and longitudinal elements. For the EU-15 countries, the minimum effective sample size for the cross-sectional element covers some 156 000 individuals living in 80 000 private households (ranging from 3 250 in Luxembourg to 8 250 in Germany). For the 10 countries which joined the EU in 2004, the minimum effective sample size for the cross-sectional element covers some 95 000 individuals living in 41 000 private households (ranging from 3 250 in Cyprus to 6 000 in Poland).

To be in a position to carry out multi-dimensional analysis on major issues of social concern, EU-SILC produces comparable and timely cross-sectional data on income, poverty, social exclusion and other living conditions as well as longitudinal data restricted to income labour and a limited set of non-monetary indicators of social exclusion on a yearly basis (target primary area).

To investigate particular areas of policy interest in more detail, target secondary areas, to be collected every four years or less frequently, are added to the cross-sectional component of EU-SILC.

"The intergenerational transmission of poverty" was chosen as the area to be implemented for 2005. This specific module collected in 2005 had as purpose to collect and compile relevant and robust information on background factors linked to adult social exclusion minimising the burden of respondents to provide accurate detailed indicators sufficiently comparable across the EU capturing the effects of childhood experiences on poverty risk.

Eurostudent III survey

Reference year: the most recent available data between 2005 and 2008 (see table below).

Sample unit: National or resident students at an ISCED 5A level of education

Coverage: 19 EU members (UK separated into England/Wales and Scotland), plus Norway, Turkey and Switzerland.

Description:

The purpose of Eurostudent is to provide comparative data on the so-called 'social dimension' of higher education in Europe. It is the product of a network of academics and representatives of ministries responsible for higher education in 22 countries. The dataset attempts to describe a student's learning biography from entry into a higher education system, to study conditions during studies, and finally to exit from the higher education system. A fourth element is temporary mobility, which is also strongly dependent on study conditions. Due to the fact that the surveys carried out within the project collate responses from a cross-section of students during their study period, it is not possible to know anything about their graduation. However, the dataset does include topics likely to have implications on graduation (e.g. time budget for students).

The first Eurostudent reports were based on already existing national surveys which covered the same topics, but otherwise differed in methodological approach. Although this is true for the third round of Eurostudent in a minority of cases, the Eurostudent study remains the product of a decentralised network. Therefore, the network coordinators have adopted an output harmonisation approach for the execution of the study. A harmonised list of variables and indicators, together with their related definitions, has been established. These indicator definitions require the use of the set of core questions to ensure consistency between collected data (31 core questions). Methodological guidelines provide additional guidance on the target population, sampling frames, sampling design, survey instruments, etc. that should be respected in the national survey methods.

The survey is restricted to students who are:

1. studying at ISCED level 5A
2. nationals or permanent residents

The survey does include all students enrolled at higher education institutions studying at ISCED level 5A. This comprises both students in their first degree and those in their second degree or continuing programmes (e.g. master's degree). Students in ISCED level 5B (practically oriented/occupationally specific) and ISCED level 6 (doctorate students) are not included.

Eurostudent III - Metadata for national surveys

Country	Size of initial sample and return rate of final sample	Sampling method	Reference period	Survey method	Weighting scheme	Special notes on sample / survey
AT	7 444 Return rate 19%.	Stratified random sample	Summer 2006	Postal letter, online survey, no reminder	By HEI, field of study, gender, age group, national/foreigner	
BG	Initial sample: 4 700 Realized sample: 1 541 Return rate c. 33%	Stratified by type of HEI, field of study, academic degree	January – March 2007 academic year 2006-2007, second semester (Spring 2007)	Online	None	Distance students are included

Eurostudent III - Metadata for national surveys

Country	Size of initial sample and return rate of final sample	Sampling method	Reference period	Survey method	Weighting scheme	Special notes on sample / survey
CH	20 000 Return rate 64%.	Stratified random sample by university, fields of study	Spring 2005	Online, with postal letter and two postal reminders.	Sampling weight + correction for non response within strata + calibration on known population characteristics (gender, age classes [-25, 26-30, 31+], living place for beginning of study)	
CZ	Not applicable	Self-recruitment plus supplementary recruitment methods	Spring 2006 & Autumn 2006	Computer assisted web interviewing	Attendance mode, type of degree programme, gender	Sample not representative due to the use of self-recruitment
DE	53 993 Return rate 31%.	Quota: every 27th permanent resident student	Summer term 2006	Postal questionnaire, reminder	By type of HEI, country, gender, subject	
E/W	16 500 students were sent a postal opt-in questionnaire. 5 800 (35%) students opted to take part; 3 500 (21%) were interviewed.	Stratified by type of HEI, size, region. Student sample selected at random.	Academic year 2004-2005. (January to April 2005)	Postal opt-in questionnaires sent to a random sample of full and part time students; followed up with face-to-face interviews	Weighted to reflect student population	Alternative to the survey two different data sources are used: 1. HESA = central HE statistics, 2. Student Loan Company Data (include mostly full-time students)
EE	2 353 out of 2 499 (94%).	Combined: expert and random sample	May-06	online	By type of HEI, accounting to proportions of HEI's in sample, gender	
ES	4 059 Not applicable.	Stratified sampling	Spring 2006 & Spring 2007	Face-to-face interview	By HEI, age, gender, autonomous community	
FI	9 010 Return rate 48%.	Stratified random sample	Spring 2006	Online	None	
FR	75 000 18 825 questionnaires. Return rate 23%.	Quota : every 15th	2006	Postal questionnaire, reminder letter	By region, type of HEI, level and field of study, gender, age, type of baccalauréat	
IE	11 217 Return rate 18%.	Stratified by population of college, email account users	Spring 2007	Online	By institution, gender, mode of study	Survey was limited to full-time-students
IT	Initial and final sample 3 704 Return rate not applicable.	Quota: stratified by gender, level of degree, field of study, geographical area	1st and 2nd term of the academic year 2005-2006	CATI - computer assisted telephone interview	By year of enrolment, region	Only students in programmes according to Bologna reforms and only includes Masters students on one-cycle Master courses (i.e. no Bachelor phase). In this way, it represents 70% of the student population in Italy (i.e. no pre-reform courses and no separate Master courses).
LT	1 003 Return rate 62%.	Quota: stratified by type of HEI, field of study, geographical area	February-March 2007	Face-to-face 100%	By accommodation	
LV	[Please see National Profile report]					
NL	40 704 Return rate 34%.	Stratified by type of higher education, year of study and bachelor-, and master students	Spring 2006	Online	By field of study, year of study and gender	
NO	Initial sample: 4 000 Ineligible: 1 046 Gross sample: 2 954 Net sample: 2 264 Return rate: 77%.	Stratified random sample in two stages	January - June 2005	Face-to-face interview (78.6 %), telephone interview (21.4 %)	None	
PT	3 000 Return rate: Not applicable.	Quota: stratified by legal status, type of HEI, region, field of study, academic degree	Winter 2006	Face-to-face interview (on paper)	None	
RO	10 000 Return rate 23%.	Stratified by HEI, field of study, year of study quota: every 50th	2nd term of the academic year 2005-2006 (Spring 2006)	Online	None	
SCO	609 Return rate not applicable.	Quota sample selected on campus	Academic year 2004-2005 (Spring 2005)	Census for student characteristics, face-to-face interview for financial data	Gender, age and year of study	Two alternative data sources: census and interviews
SE	5 000 Return rate 55%.	Random sample	November and December 2006	Postal questionnaire	Type of study (single-subject course vs. study programme) * Gender + Type of study * country of birth (in Sweden vs. in other country) + Region (Cities (200 000 people or more) vs. Towns (50 000 - 200 000 people) vs. the rest).	
SI	Initial sample: 5 000 Realized sample: 6 280 Return rate: 31%.	Stratified random sample	April - May 2007	Online	By type of HEI	
SK	Initial sample: 1 800 Realized sample: 1 333 Return rate: 74%.	Sample stratified according to type of study (full-time and part-time), study location, university and field of study	May – June 2006	Anonymous questionnaire (paper) / face-to-face interview	None	Males are over-represented
TR	Initial sample: 67 000 Realized sample: 15 382 Return rate: 23%.	Stratified random sample	March – April 2007	Online	None	Limited to students in Bachelor programmes

REFLEX survey

Reference year : 2005

Sample unit: graduates of ISCED 5A having left higher education around 5 years previously.

Coverage: 11 EU members, Norway and Switzerland. On request of Belgium, data for this country were not published here, due to a too low return rate.

Description:

This survey focused on graduates from higher education (ISCED 5A, bachelor's and master's degree or equivalent) with more or less 5 years of experience since leaving higher education. The operational definition was, in 2005: graduates from ISCED 5A who graduated in the academic year 1999/2000. This includes foreign students who graduated in the reference country, students who after graduation moved to another country, part-time students, distance learners, etc.

For operational reasons, graduation cohorts instead of outflow cohorts were sampled, due to the lack of good registers in countries on who stayed in education and who did not. Some graduates continue their studies in higher education and enter the labour market a few years later. They will therefore have less than 5 years of experience and cannot directly be compared with graduates who entered the labour market immediately after graduation.

The project focused on the careers of highly skilled professionals. The first ten years of these careers follow more or less the following pattern: an initial phase of transition to the labour market in which the focus is on searching for a job and integrating the labour market, a second phase in which essential professional expertise is gained and career patterns start to crystallise and a third phase in which graduates assume greater responsibility on the basis of their increasing professional expertise. Appropriate moments to survey these careers should correspond more or less with the transitions between these phases.

2. Classifications

ISCED 1997

The International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) is an instrument suitable for compiling statistics on education internationally. It covers two cross-classification variables: levels and fields of education with the complementary dimensions of general/vocational/pre-vocational orientation and educational/labour market destination. The current version, ISCED 97, distinguishes between seven levels of education (from ISCED 0 to ISCED 6) as follows:

ISCED 0: Pre-primary education

ISCED 1: Primary education

ISCED 2: Lower secondary education

ISCED 3: Upper secondary education

ISCED 4: Post-secondary non-tertiary education

ISCED 5: Tertiary education (first stage)

ISCED 6: Tertiary education (second stage)

More details are available at

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/measuring_lifelong/classifications/isced97_levels .

Data in this report mainly focus on ISCED levels 5 and 6. Full details are given in the following paragraphs.

ISCED 5 – First stage of tertiary education (not leading directly to an advanced research qualification)

This level consists of tertiary programmes having an educational content more advanced than those offered at levels 3 and 4. Entry to these programmes normally requires the successful completion of ISCED level 3A or 3B or a similar qualification at ISCED level 4A. All degrees and qualifications are cross-classified by type of programmes, position in national degree or qualification structures and cumulative duration at tertiary education level. Combining these three independent dimensions is the only way to capture the broad variety in the provision of tertiary education. The choice of the combination depends on the problems to be analysed. Only types of programmes are detailed here.

For the definition of this level, the following criteria are relevant:

- normally the minimum entry requirement to this level is the successful completion of ISCED level 3A or 3B or ISCED level 4A;
- level 5 programmes do not lead directly to the award of an advanced research qualification (level 6); and
- these programmes must have a cumulative theoretical duration of at least 2 years from the beginning of level 5.

ISCED level 5 makes a distinction between the programmes which are theoretically based/research preparatory (history, philosophy, mathematics, etc.) or giving access to professions with high skills requirements (e.g. medicine, dentistry, architecture, etc.), and those programmes which are practical/technical/occupationally specific. The first type is called 5A and the second 5B.

With the increasing demand for tertiary education in many countries, the distinction between long streams and short streams is very important. The long stream programmes are more theoretical and can lead to advanced research programmes or a profession with high skills requirements. The short streams are more practically oriented.

As the organisational structure of tertiary education programmes varies greatly across countries, no single criterion can be used to define boundaries between ISCED 5A and ISCED 5B. The following criteria are the minimum requirements for classifying a programme as ISCED 5A, although programmes not satisfying a single criterion should not be automatically excluded. If a programme is similar in content to other programmes meeting each of these criteria, it should be classified at level 5A.

ISCED level 5A

ISCED level 5A programmes are tertiary programmes that are largely theoretically based and are intended to provide sufficient qualifications for gaining entry into advanced research programmes and profession with high skills requirements. They must satisfy a sufficient number of the following criteria:

- they have a minimum cumulative theoretical duration (at tertiary level) of three years' full-time equivalent, although typically they are of 4 or more years. If a degree has 3 years' full-time equivalent duration, it is usually preceded by at least 13 years of previous schooling. For systems in which degrees are awarded by credit accumulation, a comparable amount of time and intensity would be required;
- they typically require that the faculty have advanced research credentials;
- they may involve completion of a research project or thesis;
- they provide the level of education required for entry into a profession with high skills requirements or an advanced research programme.

ISCED level 5B

Qualifications in category 5B are typically shorter than those in 5A and focus on occupationally specific skills geared for entry into the labour market, although some theoretical foundations may be covered in the respective programme.

The content of ISCED level 5B programmes is practically oriented/occupationally specific and is mainly designed for participants to acquire the practical skills and know-how needed for employment in a particular occupation or trade or class of occupations or trades – the successful completion of which usually provides the participants with a labour-market relevant qualification.

A programme should be considered as belonging to level 5B if it meets the following criteria:

- it is more practically oriented and occupationally specific than programmes at ISCED 5A, and does not provide direct access to advanced research programmes;
- it has a minimum of two years' full-time equivalent duration but generally is of two or three years. For systems in which qualifications are awarded by credit accumulation, a comparable amount of time and intensity would be required;
- the entry requirement may require the mastery of specific subject areas at ISCED 3B or 4A; and
- it provides access to an occupation.

ISCED level 5 includes all the research programmes which are not part of a doctorate, such as any type of Master's degree.

In some countries, students beginning tertiary education enrol directly for an advanced research qualification. In this case, the part of the programme concentrating on advanced research should be classified as level 6 and the initial years as level 5.

Adult education programmes equivalent in content with some ISCED 5 programmes could be included at this level.

ISCED level 6 – Second stage of tertiary education (leading to an advanced research qualification)

This level is reserved for tertiary programmes which lead to the award of an advanced research qualification. The programmes are therefore devoted to advanced study and original research and are not based on course-work only.

It typically requires the submission of a thesis or dissertation of publishable quality which is the product of original research and represents a significant contribution to knowledge.

It prepares graduates for faculty posts in institutions offering ISCED 5A programmes, as well as research posts in government, industry, etc. (Subsidiary criterion).

This level includes also the part concentrating on advanced research in those countries where students beginning tertiary education enrol directly for an advanced research programme.

ISCED fields of education

The fields of education used in the UOE data collection instruments follow the revised ISCED classification by field of education. This classification distinguishes between the following fields (fields in bold are "broad fields of study", aggregation of the subsequent detailed fields):

1. Education
    - Teacher training (ISC 141)
    - Education science (ISC 142)
2. Humanities and Arts
    - Arts (ISC 21)
    - Humanities (ISC 22)
3. Social sciences, business and law
    - Social and behavioural science (ISC 31)
    - Journalism and information (ISC 32)
    - Business and administration (ISC 34)
    - Law (ISC 38)
4. Science
    - Life sciences (ISC 42)
    - Physical sciences (ISC 44)
    - Mathematics and statistics (ISC 46)
    - Computing (ISC 48)
5. Engineering, manufacturing and construction
    - Engineering and engineering trades (ISC 52)
    - Manufacturing and processing (ISC 54)
    - Architecture and building (ISC 58)
6. Agriculture
    - Agriculture, forestry and fishery (ISC 62)
    - Veterinary (ISC 64)
7. Health and welfare
    - Health (ISC 72)
    - Social services (ISC 76)
8. Services
    - Personal services (ISC 81)
    - Transport services (ISC 84)
    - Environmental protection (ISC 85)
    - Security services (ISC 86)

Students not classifiable by field of education are allocated to the category "Field of education unknown".

More details are available at

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/edtcs/library?l=/public/measuring_lifelong/classifications/isced97_fields

ISCO classification

The International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) is a tool under the responsibility of ILO for organising jobs into a clearly defined set of groups according to the tasks and duties undertaken in the job. The third version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations, ISCO-88, was adopted in 1987.The updated classification was adopted in December 2007 and is known as ISCO-08. This latest version was not used here.

Ten major groups are determined, as shown in the following table.

MAJOR GROUP 1: LEGISLATORS, SENIOR OFFICIALS AND MANAGERS
11 Legislators and senior officials
12 Corporate managers
13 Managers of small enterprises

MAJOR GROUP 2: PROFESSIONALS
21 Physical, mathematical and engineering science professionals
22 Life science and health professionals
23 Teaching professionals
24 Other professionals

MAJOR GROUP 3: TECHNICIANS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONALS
31 Physical and engineering science associate professionals
32 Life science and health associate professionals
33 Teaching associate professionals
34 Other associate professionals

MAJOR GROUP 4: CLERKS
41 Office clerks
42 Customer services clerks

MAJOR GROUP 5: SERVICE WORKERS AND SHOP AND MARKET SALES WORKERS
51 Personal and protective services workers
52 Models, salespersons and demonstrators

MAJOR GROUP 6: SKILLED AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY WORKERS
61 Skilled agricultural and fishery workers

MAJOR GROUP 7: CRAFT AND RELATED TRADES WORKERS
71 Extraction and building trades workers
72 Metal, machinery and related trades workers
73 Precision, handicraft, craft printing and related trades workers
74 Other craft and related trades workers

MAJOR GROUP 8: PLANT AND MACHINE OPERATORS AND ASSEMBLERS
81 Stationary plant and related operators
82 Machine operators and assemblers
83 Drivers and mobile plant operators

MAJOR GROUP 9: ELEMENTARY OCCUPATIONS
91 Sales and services elementary occupations
92 Agricultural, fishery and related labourers
93 Labourers in mining, construction, manufacturing and transport

MAJOR GROUP 0: ARMED FORCES

More details available on http://laborsta.ilo.org/applv8/data/isco88e.html

3. Definition of the indicators

Net entry rate by age (Figures A1a, b)

An entrant is a student who is enrolled into a programme during the current reference period but who was not enrolled in that programme during the previous reference year. Entrants can be either new entrants (never been included in the enrolment statistics at that level of education) or re-entrants (had been included some year prior to the preceding reference year).

All data on students enrolled, entrants, new entrants, and graduates include foreign and international/mobile students. Non-citizen students who are enrolling for the first time in the country for which the data are being collected are counted as new entrants, regardless of their previous education in other countries.

The net entry rate is a measure of the chances of a person entering higher education in his or her life, considering the situation in the year of reference in terms of probability of entering depending on the age. It is computed as the sum of the entry rates per single year of age, i.e. the division of the number of new entrants into higher education of that age by the total population in the corresponding age.

The entry rates by year of age are also used to assess the age pattern of entrants in higher education.

Female entrants by field of education (Figure A1c)

Number of new female entrants, as a percentage of all new entrants (men and women), in each field of education. Here are taken into account new entrants to a given field of education. New entrants to a programme or field of education at a given level of education are not necessarily new entrants to that level.

Entrants at ISCED 5A as a percentage of qualifying graduates of secondary schooling (ISCED 3A and 4A) (Figure A2a)

Number of new entrants at ISCED 5A as a percentage of graduates from ISCED 3A and 4A in the previous school year. A new entrant is a student who is enrolled at ISCED 5A during the current reference period and who has never been enrolled in any education programme at that ISCED 5A level.

Students with non-traditional routes to higher education as a share of all ISCED 5A students, narrow definition — 2006 (Figure A3a)

The narrow, or standardised, definition facilitates comparisons by country. Here, "non-traditional" routes are defined as access to higher education through the validation of prior learning and work experience – with or without entrance examination.

The data were calculated based on an ex-post analysis of national responses to the Eurostudent survey question: "What was your route to higher education?"

Percentage of students studying part-time, by age group (15–29, 30+, all), (Figure A4a)

A part-time student is one whose commitment is less than 75% of the study week or a student who is expected to be in the programme for less than the full academic year. This definition is based on different measures (depending on specific national situations): academic value/progress, time commitment (both inside and outside the institutions where the programmes take place) or time in classroom (for predominantly classroom-based studies).

De facto student status: students with full-time status by size of effective workload for study-related activities per week, ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure A4c)

In many countries the proportion of students with an official part-time status is not identical to the proportion of those who actually spend only part of their time in study-related activities. This indicator refers to the students' formal part-time status as well as the de facto part-time status. Students who report studying less than 21 hours a week are considered as de facto part-time students.

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "How many hours per week did you spend last week in taught courses, personal study and on paid jobs?" (taught studies = lessons, seminars, labs, tests, etc.; personal study time = preparation, learning, reading, writing homework; paid jobs)

Percentage of individuals having completed higher education, according to the educational background of their parents (low, medium, high) (Figures A5a,b)

To get a proxy of the socioeconomic background, the maximum level of education of the father and mother was taken into account, and coded as low (ISCED 0-2), medium (ISCED 3-4) and high (ISCED 5-6). The educational attainment of the respondents' parents was asked in the 2005 ad hoc module of EU-SILC on inter-generational transmission of poverty. This variable is not measured each year. The indicator is computed as the ratio between the number of persons who have completed higher education and the total number of persons, for each group of persons whose parents have attained a low, medium or high education level. For instance, for the category 'low', the indicator shows the share of tertiary education graduates with parents who attained at most lower secondary education. In fact, the indicator takes the number of tertiary education graduates with parents who attained at most 'low' education and divides this by the number of people in the national population whose parents attained at most 'low' education.

Public expenditure allocated to tertiary education, as a percentage of GDP and of total public expenditure (Figures B1a,b)

Public expenditure (from local, regional and national levels of governments) on tertiary education includes not only the funding of universities and higher education institutions, but also all other tertiary educational institutions which provide education-related services. This includes entities administering education (for example, ministries or departments of education), entities providing ancillary services (vocational and psychological counselling, student transport, etc.), and entities performing educational research, curriculum development, and educational policy analysis. Education expenditure includes direct expenditure on educational institutions and transfers from governments to private entities earmarked for education, such as financial aid to students.

Public expenditure on tertiary education is expressed as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and of the total public expenditure, as defined in the national accounts.

Expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student, with and without expenditure on research and ancillary services (Figures B1c,d,e)

The expenditure on tertiary educational institutions includes all the expenditure independently of what the source of the funding is, central, regional and local government, or private sources such as students and their families or other private entities (private businesses, non-profit organisations and labour organisations). Compared to the total education expenditure, the payments of private of households for education goods and services purchased outside educational institutions are not considered here. As such, this indicator reflects the cost of functioning of the educational institutions.

Expenditure on ancillary services (non-instructional goods and services: meals, transport to schools, housing on the campus, vocational and psychological counselling, etc.) and research and development (carried out in educational institutions) are distinguished from the so-called "core expenditure", i.e. all expenditure that is directly related to instruction and education (all expenditure on teachers, school buildings, teaching materials, books, tuition outside schools, and administration of schools).

Total (private and public) expenditure on tertiary educational institutions is expressed in relation with the number of full-time equivalent tertiary students. Part-time students are converted into "full-time equivalent" and added to full-time students. The coefficients for converting part-time students into full-time students are computed by type of educational programme. Where data refer to totals over different educational programmes, weighted aggregates for the conversion coefficients were created.

All amounts provided are expressed in euros PPS.

Purchasing Power Standard (PPS) represents the artificial common reference currency unit used in the European Union to express the volume of economic aggregates for the purpose of spatial comparisons in such a way that price level differences between countries are eliminated. Economic volume aggregates in PPS are obtained by dividing their original value in national currency units (NAC) by the respective PPP (Purchasing Power Parity). 1 PPS thus buys the same given volume of goods and services in all countries, whereas different amounts of national currency units are needed to buy this same volume of goods and services in individual countries, depending on the price level.

The table below provides the PPPs used when converting national amounts into the common currency PPS euros. It should be noted that the national currency unit is the euro for all countries having entered the euro area by 2009 (see NAC column in the table below).

Purchasing Power Parities, 2000-2007.

	NAC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
EU-27	EUR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
BE	EUR	1.02	1.03	1.01	1.04	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.06
BG	BGN	0.62	0.65	0.65	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.74	0.78
CZ	CZK	16.35	16.56	16.76	16.60	16.96	17.02	17.01	16.96
DK	DKK	9.67	9.86	9.71	10.10	9.98	10.07	10.20	10.20
DE	EUR	1.11	1.11	1.10	1.09	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.05
EE	EEK	8.19	8.69	8.74	8.90	9.02	9.24	9.57	10.13
IE	EUR	1.11	1.16	1.17	1.20	1.19	1.21	1.20	1.18
EL	EUR	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.84
ES	EUR	0.84	0.86	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.91	0.90	0.88
FR	EUR	1.08	1.07	1.06	1.11	1.12	1.09	1.09	1.08
IT	EUR	0.94	0.94	0.99	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.03
CY	EUR	0.84	0.84	0.85	0.88	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.86
LV	LVL	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.39	0.43
LT	LTL	1.75	1.70	1.66	1.62	1.67	1.75	1.83	1.92
LU	EUR	1.08	1.10	1.09	1.11	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.10
HU	HUF	124.09	128.86	134.43	142.58	149.92	151.92	154.55	160.49
MT	EUR	0.64	0.67	0.66	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.69
NL	EUR	1.03	1.06	1.06	1.10	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.05
AT	EUR	1.04	1.07	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.03
PL	PLN	2.12	2.17	2.14	2.18	2.21	2.24	2.25	2.30

Note: NAC stands for National Currency, according to the international standard ISO 4217. BE, FR, 2004: break in series. PL: NAC is new zloti. RO: NAC is new leu.

Source: Eurostat.

Purchasing Power Parities, 2000-2007.									
	NAC	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
PT	EUR	0.80	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.84	0.83
RO	RON	0.73	0.96	1.16	1.40	1.54	1.68	1.75	1.86
SI	EUR	0.61	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.72	0.73	0.73	0.75
SK	SKK	18.22	18.30	18.61	19.78	20.48	20.33	20.53	20.18
FI	EUR	1.14	1.18	1.17	1.20	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.17
SE	SEK	10.51	10.89	10.94	11.04	10.81	10.93	10.89	10.73
UK	GBP	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.76	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.79
HR	HRK	4.24	4.32	4.38	4.54	4.58	4.65	4.65	4.53
MK	MKD	22.77	23.15	23.38	23.42	22.66	22.53	22.83	22.55
TR	TRY	0.33	0.50	0.72	0.91	0.96	1.03	1.07	1.10
IS	ISK	96.97	103.57	106.88	111.78	111.87	114.75	124.83	128.50
LI	CHF	2.13	2.14	2.07	2.10	2.08	2.06	2.03	1.96
NO	NOK	10.50	10.69	10.66	10.78	10.67	10.45	10.57	10.59
CH	CHF	2.13	2.14	2.07	2.10	2.08	2.06	2.03	1.96
AL	ALL	:	:	:	:	:	57.40	57.32	57.09
BA	BAM	:	:	:	:	:	0.86	0.89	:
ME	EUR	:	:	:	:	:	0.43	0.42	:
RS	RSD	:	:	:	:	:	32.17	35.19	36.89
US	USD	1.15	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.19	1.18	1.19	1.19
JP	JPY	177.99	174.10	168.24	165.37	159.66	153.16	148.04	142.94

Note: NAC stands for National Currency, according to the international standard ISO 4217. BE, FR, 2004: break in series. PL: NAC is new zloti. RO: NAC is new leu.

Source: Eurostat.

Higher education institutions' income from private sources (households and other private entities) as a percentage of all public and private sources (Figures B.2a,b)

Three sources of funding for educational institutions can be distinguished in the UOE data collection: international, public and private sources. This indicator presents the share of private funding in the total income of higher education institutions from private and public sources (international sources are excluded here).

Public expenditure includes transfers to educational institutions from local, regional and central levels of government. As regards private sources of institutions' income, two types are identified: households and other private entities. "Households" means students and their families. "Other private entities" includes private businesses and non-profit organisations, including religious organisations, charitable organisations, and business and labour associations. It also includes expenditure by private companies on the work-based element of school and work-based training of apprentices and students. Private expenditure on educational institutions is not the same as expenditure on private educational institutions. Private educational institutions are regarded as service providers and the funds available to these institutions can come from the public, private or international funding sources.

Students' monthly contributions to higher education institutions, in nominal and comparative amounts, ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure B2c)

Here, contributions paid by students include all types of contributions (tuition fees and administrative fees, as well as contributions to student organisations) and are considered irrespective of any public financial support. The sample is made up of students attending ISCED 5A institutions and can include students held back a year and part-time students. Nominal amounts are expressed in euros using the conversion rate corresponding to the national currency, while comparative amounts are expressed in euros PPS (see definition of indicator expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student (Figures B1c,d,e)).

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "Please try to calculate your average monthly expenses by type of expense."

Students' monthly contributions to higher education institutions, in percentage of total expenditure of students living away from their parental home, ISCED 5A —2006 (Figure B2d)

The amount of contributions paid by students is divided by the total expenditure they have to face (i.e. study-related costs like books and learning material, as well as living costs), the result being multiplied by 100. Only answers from students living away from the parental home are taken into account, assuming that their estimation of expenditure would be more reliable than those whose parents accommodate and feed them.

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "Please try to calculate your average monthly expenses by type of expense."

Public financial aid to tertiary students, by type (loans and grants), as a percentage of public expenditure on tertiary education (Figures B.3a,b)

Public transfers to households can depend on any level of government and include scholarships and other grants, and student loans. Those transfers exclude any tax benefits to students or their families (such as tax credits or deductions from taxable income) as well as allowances that are independent of the student status. Public (and private) scholarships, grants, or loans are provided to students not primarily or exclusively to cover the tuition fees charged by educational institutions but rather to subsidise student living expenses.

"Scholarships and other grants" to students and households include public scholarships and all kinds of similar public grants, such as fellowships, awards and bursaries for students. Government scholarships that are channelled through educational institutions for administrative purposes are considered as government transfers to students. Also included are child allowances (whenever contingent to student status) and special public subsidies in cash or in kind (that are contingent on student status), such as subsidies to educational institutions for ancillary services, i.e. for lodging, meals, health services, or other welfare services (transport, books and supplies, social and recreational services, study abroad, etc.).

"Loans" are reported on a gross basis — that is, without subtracting or netting out repayments or interest payments from the borrowers (students or households). Thus, student loan expenditure represents the total value of loans paid by government to students during the reference year. The cost to government of servicing these loans (i.e. interest rate subsidies and the cost of default payments) is not included.

Grants and loans are presented as a share of all public expenditure on higher education. Public expenditure on tertiary education refers to total public expenditure at that level of education. Total public expenditure on education consists of direct public funding for educational institutions, financial support to students and public transfers to not-for-profit organisations and firms.

Income sources (job, state, family) as a percentage of total student income (students living away from the parental home), ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure B3c)

Three main sources of student income are identified here: parents' or relatives' contributions, state support and income from employment. In some cases the state supports parents by providing special benefits to them for the support of their children. These may be direct (e.g. continuance of child benefit) or indirect (e.g. tax rebates). When parents do pass on this support to their student children, it will be considered here as a family source of support.

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "Please try to calculate the average monthly income-budget at your personal disposal by sources of origin. At your disposal is the money which is meant for monthly consumption, no matter when it was earned." (provision from family/partner; financial support from state or other public sources (non-repayable grant, repayable loan, non-repayable scholarship from other public sources); self-earned income through paid job; other sources).

Composition of public support to households (direct/indirect cash support – non-cash support), ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure B3d)

A comparative study analysed the streams of public subsidies, which are meant for students in six countries or regions: the Czech Republic, England, Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Spain (see chart). Three main streams were identified: direct cash support (cash which is allocated directly to students), non-cash support (this support has the effect of decreasing students' expenditure, e.g. subsidised accommodation, transport, health insurance or meals) and indirect cash support. The latter consists of cash (e.g. prolonged child benefit) or tax discounts which are allocated to students' parents in order to help them assist their student children.

Deviation from state support for average student according to the educational level of students' fathers (low or ISCED 0-2 vs high or ISCED 5-6), students living away from the parental home, ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure B4a)

Deviation of state support paid to students whose fathers have a low educational level (at most ISCED 2 level of education) from the average support for all students. Likewise, the deviation of support is calculated for students from high-educated families.

State support includes state or other public sources (non-repayable grant, repayable loan, non-repayable scholarship from other public sources).

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "Please try to calculate the average monthly income-budget at your personal disposal by sources of origin. At your disposal is the money which is meant for monthly consumption, no matter when it was earned."

Mobility in enrolment (Figures C.1a,b,c,d) and in graduation (Figures C.2a,b)

Ideally, "internationally mobile students" are students who have crossed borders expressly with the intention to study in another country. Two criteria are currently in use in the UOE data collection to identify such mobile students: not being a resident of the host country (permanent residence criterion), or having completed the previous level of education in another country (prior education criterion).

Traditionally, because of data availability, foreign citizenship/nationality has been used as an approximation for a mobile student; this means not being a citizen of the country where a student is enrolled (citizenship criterion).

Non-citizenship is not the most reliable way of assessing student mobility, as this includes immigration flows. Not all foreign students have come to their country of study expressly with the intention to study and students with a foreign citizenship may have lived in the host country all their life without changing nationality (this status is different from the mobile student status). The concept of a mobile student using the two other criteria provides a better picture of real mobility for study purposes. Considering non-resident students as mobile students reduces the incidence of migration flows, but is not yet perfect: some students residing close to a bordering country may carry out their entire studies in this neighbouring country and, as such, are not strictly mobile (in the sense of having moved into a different educational system). There are also different criteria, depending on the country, for when a student can obtain resident status in the host country. This is also true for the citizenship criterion. The criterion of prior education for measuring mobile students (according to which students have obtained the previous educational level in another country) is expected to reduce this bias.

For data availability reasons, most of the data reported here considers citizenship as the criterion for mobility especially for the time series shown in tables C.1ab, C.1cd and C2b.

However, Figure C.2a presents a combination of all three criteria. Indeed, in countries where other criteria were available, the best criterion was used according to the following hierarchy: prior education, country of residence, and then citizenship.

The number of mobile students is expressed either as a percentage of all students enrolled/graduating in the host country (in the case of incoming mobility: Figures C.1c,d for enrolments, and C.2a,b for graduation) or of the number of students enrolled in the home country (in the case of outgoing mobility: Figures C.1a,b).

Enrolment abroad during the course of normal studies, by educational level of fathers, ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figure C3a)

Share of a cross-section of national students who have been on a study period abroad during the course of their normal studies.

Wording in the Eurostudent survey: "Have you been abroad for study reasons or been enrolled abroad as a student of higher education in the past? (Study-course, language-course, internship, others)" (yes; no)

The social background of students is estimated by their father's educational level: low (up to lower-secondary school, i.e. up to ISCED 2) and high (ISCED 5 or 6).

Main barriers to studying abroad, ISCED 5A — 2006 (Figures C3b and C3c)

Students were asked to rate some barriers to mobility (see items below) as having a moderate, strong or very strong influence or not in preventing them from going abroad. Presented here is the percentage of students who assessed at least one of the grouped items as a (very) strong influence.

Items (see below) are grouped as follows:

lack of language competency (item 1),
insufficient support of mobility in home country (items 2, 9, 10, 11, 12)
insufficient support of mobility in host country (items 13, 14)
financial insecurities (items 3, 5, 6, 7)
lack of individual motivation (items 4, 8)

Items:

Wording in the survey: "To what extend are your plans concerning a study-related stay abroad influenced by the following issues? Response scale: 1=very strongly; 2=strongly; 3=moderately; 4=weakly; 5=not at all"

1. insufficient skills in foreign language
2. difficulties in getting information
3. problems with accommodation in the host country
4. separation from partner, child(ren), friends
5. loss of social benefits (e.g. child allowance, price discount for students)
6. loss of opportunities to earn money
7. expected additional financial burden
8. lack of personal drive
9. expected delay in progress in my studies
10. presumed low benefit for my studies at home
11. problems with recognition of results achieved in foreign countries
12. limited access to mobility programmes in home country
13. problems with access regulations to the preferred country (visa, residence permit)
14. limited admittance to the preferred institution and/or study programme in foreign country

Percentage of persons with tertiary education, by sex, age group and/or field of study (Figures D.1a,b)

Number of individuals having completed a cycle or qualification in higher education, i.e. ISCED 5A, 5B and/or 6 (HATLEVEL='High'), as a percentage of all individuals of that age, sex, and/or field of graduation.

Net entry rate and gross graduation rate (Figure D.2a,b)

The net entry rate is the sum of entry rates by single year of age (as described above), through every single age. When data are only available by age group (30-34, 35-39), the net entry rate is multiplied by the number of years covered by the age group before being added to the other single-age entry rates. As regards the age group "40 and over", as a convention the denominator is the 35-39 age group, and the result is also multiplied by 5 before adding up.

Gross graduation rates are calculated by dividing the total number of first-time graduates (all ages) in public and private institutions by the population at the theoretical age of graduation and multiplying by 100. The difference between theoretical age and typical age of graduation is mainly due to the repetition rates. When a country has a high proportion of repeaters, the typical age of graduation is superior to the theoretical age of graduation. However, the impact on the gross graduation rate should be limited.

First-time graduates include those which graduated for the first time in the reference ISCED level regardless of the degree (bachelor's or master's) or the duration of the completed programme.

Completion rate (Figure D.2c)

The methodology for estimating completion rates varies across countries. They can use three methods: the cross-section method, the true cohort method, or the synthetic cohort method. The first two seem to lead to very similar estimates. The latter one was abandoned in 2001.

The "true cohort method" consists in following a single year's entrants through until all have either dropped out or graduated. At least n years of data are required, where n must be large enough to ensure that a minority of entrants are still enrolled in the system. Typically n is between eight and ten years. The completion rate gives the proportion of entrants who graduated within n years. The year of entrance gives the year when the observed cohort of students entered the level. These individual students are followed up on an individual basis until the year of reference, to establish whether they drop out or graduate. In this case the difference between the year of reference and the year of entry is no indication of the typical duration of studies. It rather presents an upper limit of the time students may need to complete studies. France, Iceland and Switzerland provided data based on a true cohort.

The method referred to as the "cross-section cohort method" provides a completion rate through the ratio of the number of students who are awarded an initial degree to the number of new entrants to the level n years before, n being the number of years of full-time study required to complete the degree. The year of reference gives the reference year for the number of graduates. The estimation assumes constant student flows at the tertiary level, owing to the need for consistency between the graduate cohort in the reference year and the entrant cohort n years before. This assumption may be an oversimplification. Results are less reliable in systems in which enrolments fluctuate markedly, or students are faced with many different options as regards the length of courses for which they may enrol or, yet again, in which there are many changes in programmes between the years of admission and graduation respectively. Furthermore, not all new entrants to tertiary education may necessarily be aiming to obtain the qualification normally corresponding to their programme. In particular, in education systems with a strong lifelong learning strategy, student ambitions may be limited solely to parts of programmes or specific courses, in which case rates of progression (calculated from data solely on all new entrants and graduates) will be underestimated. Whatever the reason for prolonging their studies beyond the theoretical duration, a large number of those students can lead to an underestimation of the completion rates (as they will graduate afterwards and should be counted as successful students), but only if the number of delayed students and/or the tertiary population is growing significantly over time, as those students are counterbalanced by those having graduated the year of reference but not counted as entrants at the denominator (as they entered the programme one or several years before the reference entrance year).

The inclusion of foreign students in the new entrant questionnaire can have an impact on the completion rates indicator. In some countries, the proportion of foreign students represents a large part of tertiary population, and all of them are considered as new entrants in tertiary education (as advised in UOE Guidelines) whereas most of them won't be graduated at this level of education. The consequence is to underestimate the completion rates in those countries with relatively large proportions of foreign students enrolled in tertiary education. It is for this reason that the indicator on completion rates should only include national student populations in order to ensure that the best possible comparison is achieved.

Unemployment rates (Figures D.3a,b,c)

The unemployment rate is the percentage of unemployed people (LFS variable ILOSTAT='unemployed') in the labour force (employed and unemployed). The inactive population, i.e. unemployed people who are not seeking a job, is therefore excluded from this calculation.

Employed persons are all persons who worked at least one hour for pay or profit during the reference week or were temporarily absent from such work. Unemployed persons are all persons who were not employed during the reference week and had actively sought work during the past four weeks and were ready to begin working immediately or within two weeks. This taxonomy therefore differs from the employment figures based on the National Accounts (domestic concept).

The indicator was computed for different categories, according to age, sex, level of graduation (LFS variable HATLEV1D ('low'=ISCED 0-2 and 3c short; 'medium'=ISCED 3-4, excluding 3c short; 'high'=ISCED 5-6) broad field of education (LFS variable HATFIELD1D), and number of years since graduation (LFS variable HATYEAR; 0-2 years and 3 years and more).

Income of employees (Figures D.4a,b)

Employee income is defined as the total remuneration payable by an employer to an employee in return for work done by the latter during the income reference period. Income reported is annual gross income, i.e. including the value of any social contributions and income taxes payable by an employee or by the employer on behalf of the employee to social insurance schemes or tax authorities.

It includes fringe benefits (non-cash income), as it was expected that more qualified employees earn more non-cash income than less qualified ones. Ignoring that income in kind would have led to underestimating the income differences. Non-cash refers to the non-monetary income components which may be provided free or at reduced price to an employee as part of the employment package by an employer (e.g. company car and associated costs, free or subsidised meals, etc.).

All amounts provided (median, quartiles 1 and 3) are expressed in euros PPS (see definition of indicator expenditure on tertiary educational institutions per full-time equivalent student (Figures B1c,d,e)) for different categories defined by educational attainment (SILC variable pe040) and sex (pb150). Only people with an income greater than zero were taken into account.

Qualification vertical mismatch (Figures D.5a,b,c)

The indicator measures the percentage of people whose highest attainment level is ISCED 5-6 and that are working in ISCO 1 and 2 occupations, in ISCO 3 ones, or working in another ISCO category (see the previous section for detailed information on the ISCO classification).

The percentage is expressed in relation to all workers with tertiary education; economically inactive and unemployed persons during the reference week are therefore excluded here. Specifically, the denominator includes all tertiary graduates who did any work for pay or profit during the reference week — one hour or more (including family workers but excluding conscripts on compulsory military or community service), or who were not working but had a job or business from which they were absent during the reference week.

It was computed for different categories, according to sex and broad field of education (LFS variable HATFIELD1D).

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