

The background of the slide features a blurred, blue-tinted photograph of a group of people, likely migrants, walking across a field. They are carrying backpacks and are seen from behind, moving away from the viewer. The image is out of focus, emphasizing the movement and the overall theme of migration.

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# **LOOKING BEHIND THE CULTURE OF FEAR**

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Cross-national analysis of attitudes towards migration

## RESEARCH QUESTION AND APPROACH

**W**hich factors may explain the differences in attitudes towards migration and migrants between European countries?

**A**pproach: to explore both macro (country level) and micro level (individual) factors.

A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of six people walking from left to right across a field. The background is a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The people are walking in a line, and their shadows are cast on the ground. The overall mood is contemplative and forward-moving.

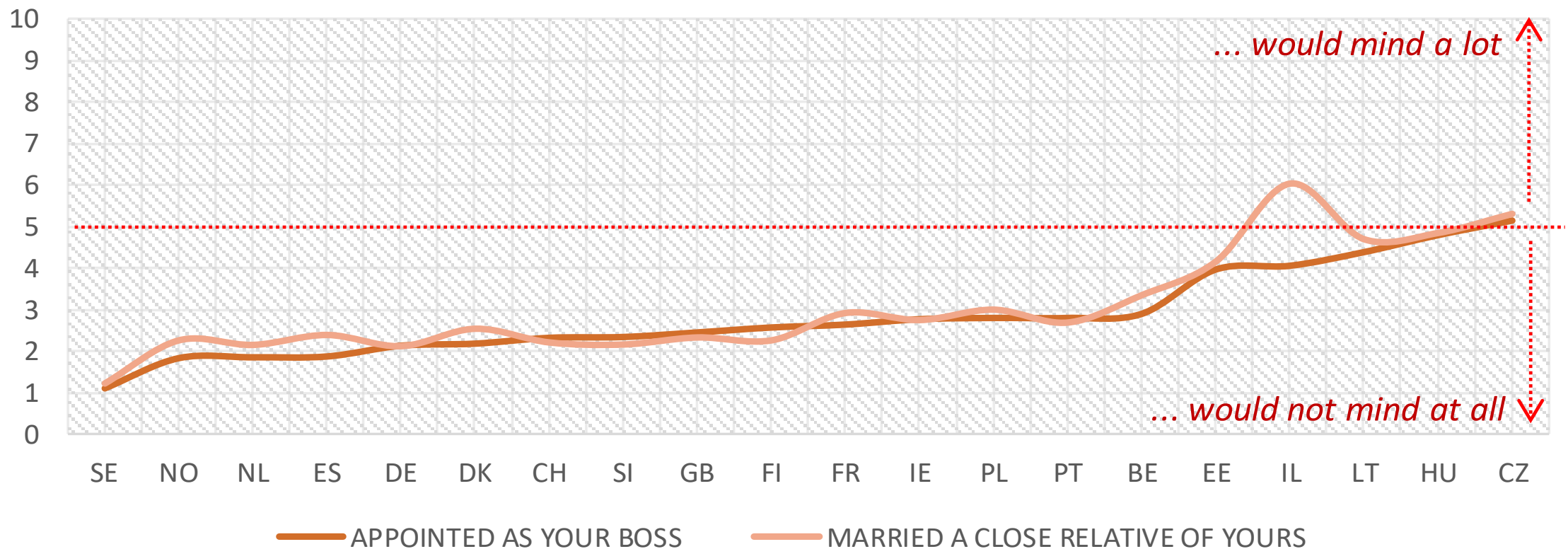
# **II**

## **MACRO-LEVEL RESULTS**

# Three facets of attitudes towards migration/ migrants 1.

**Social distance (Bogardus):** How much would you mind or not mind if someone of a different racial group or ethnic background...

- Was appointed to be your boss?
- Married to a close relative?



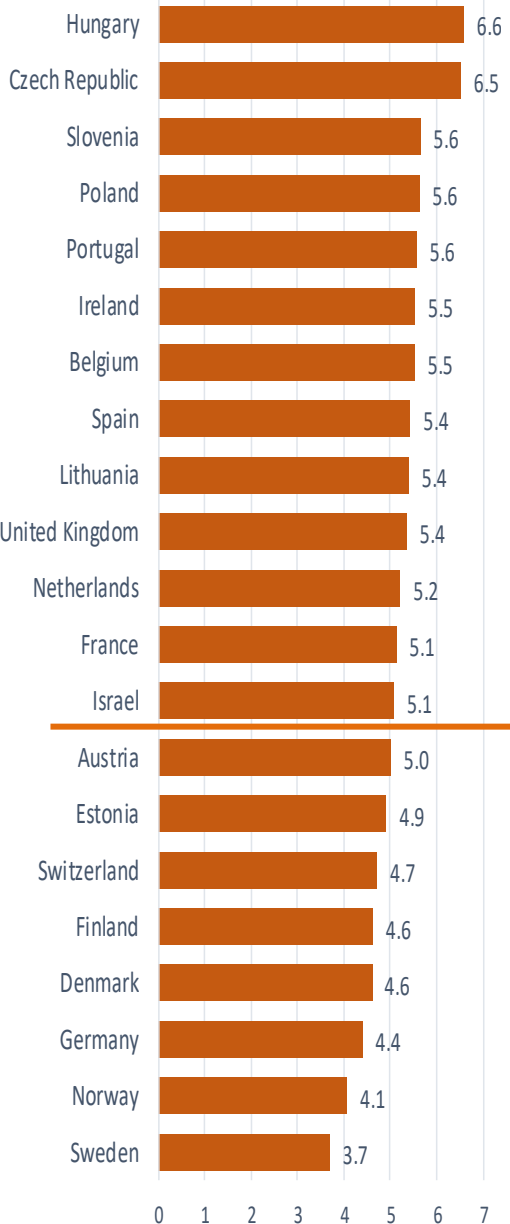
## Three facets of attitudes towards migration/ migrants 2.

*"Would you say that [country]'s cultural life is generally undermined or enriched by people coming to live here from other countries?"*

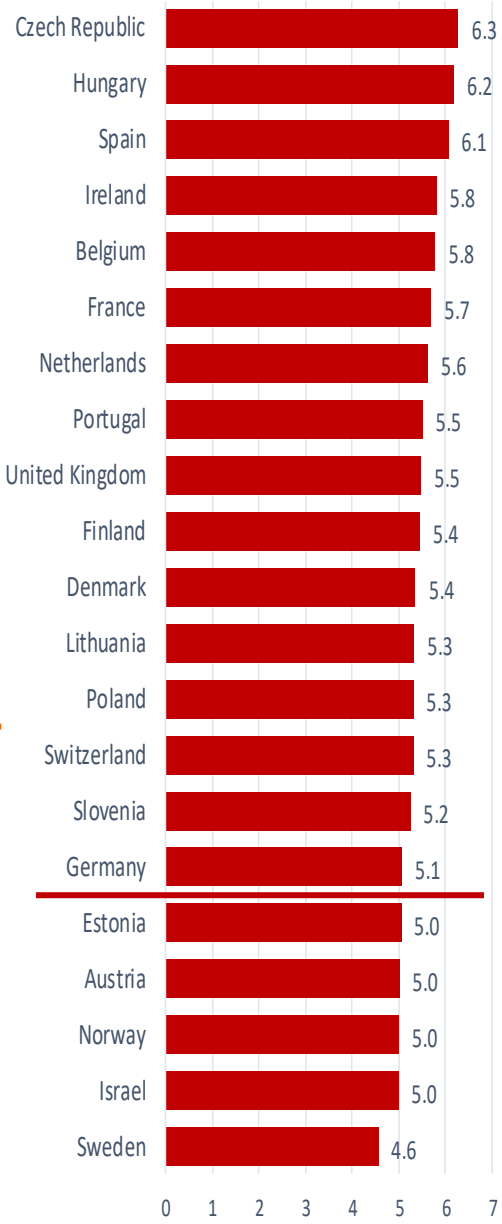
## FEAR from migrants/ migration



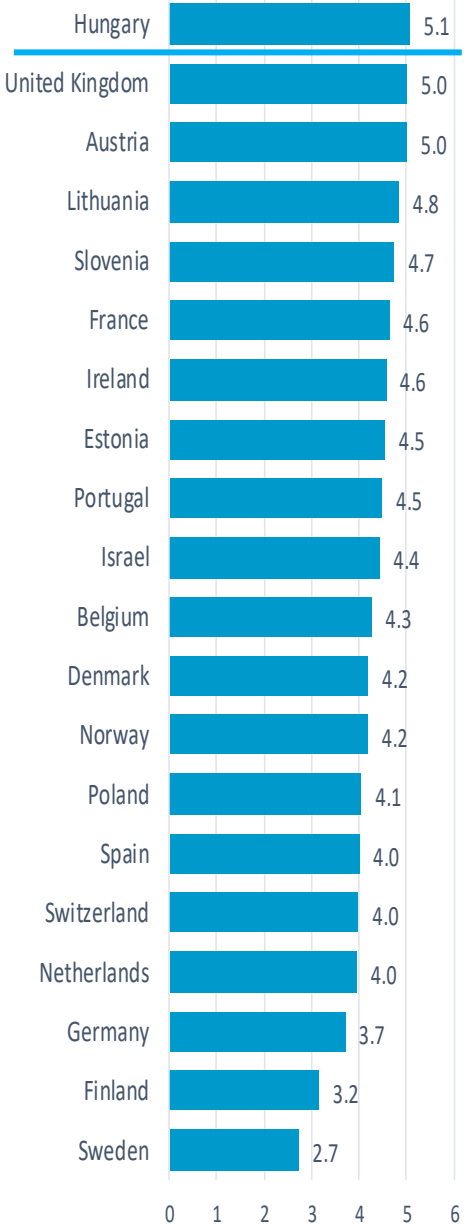
## Employment threat



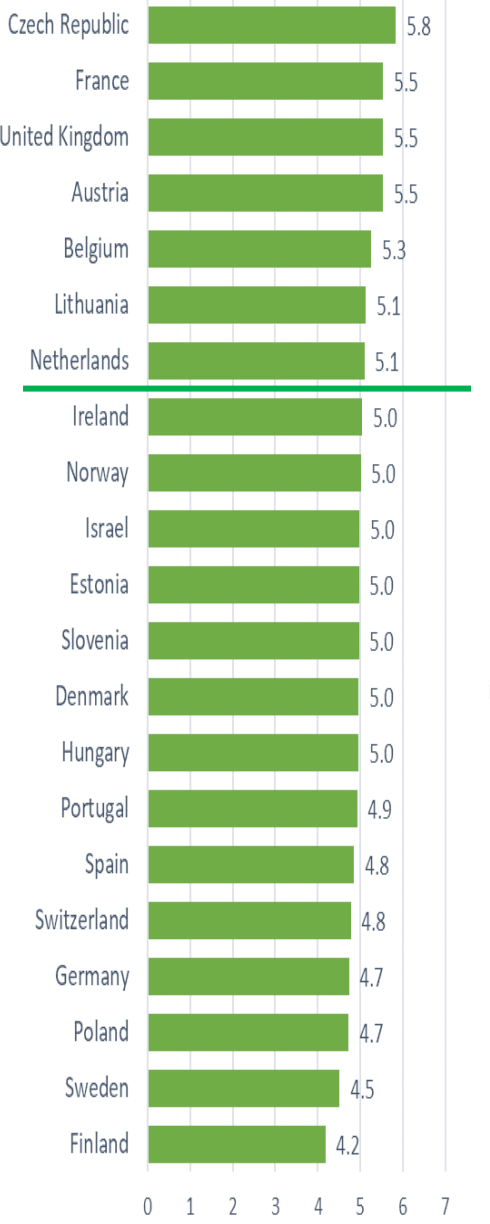
## Welfare threat



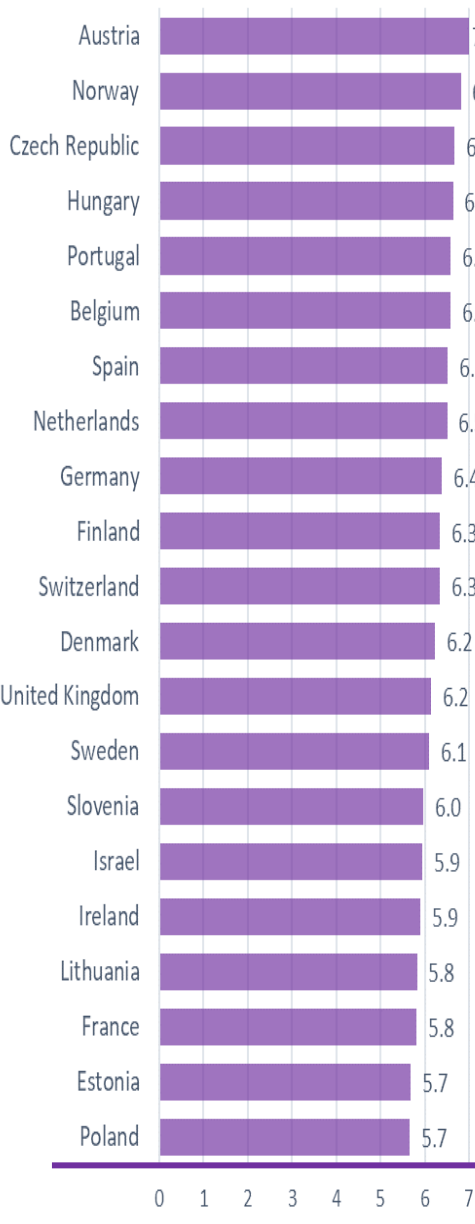
## Cultural threat



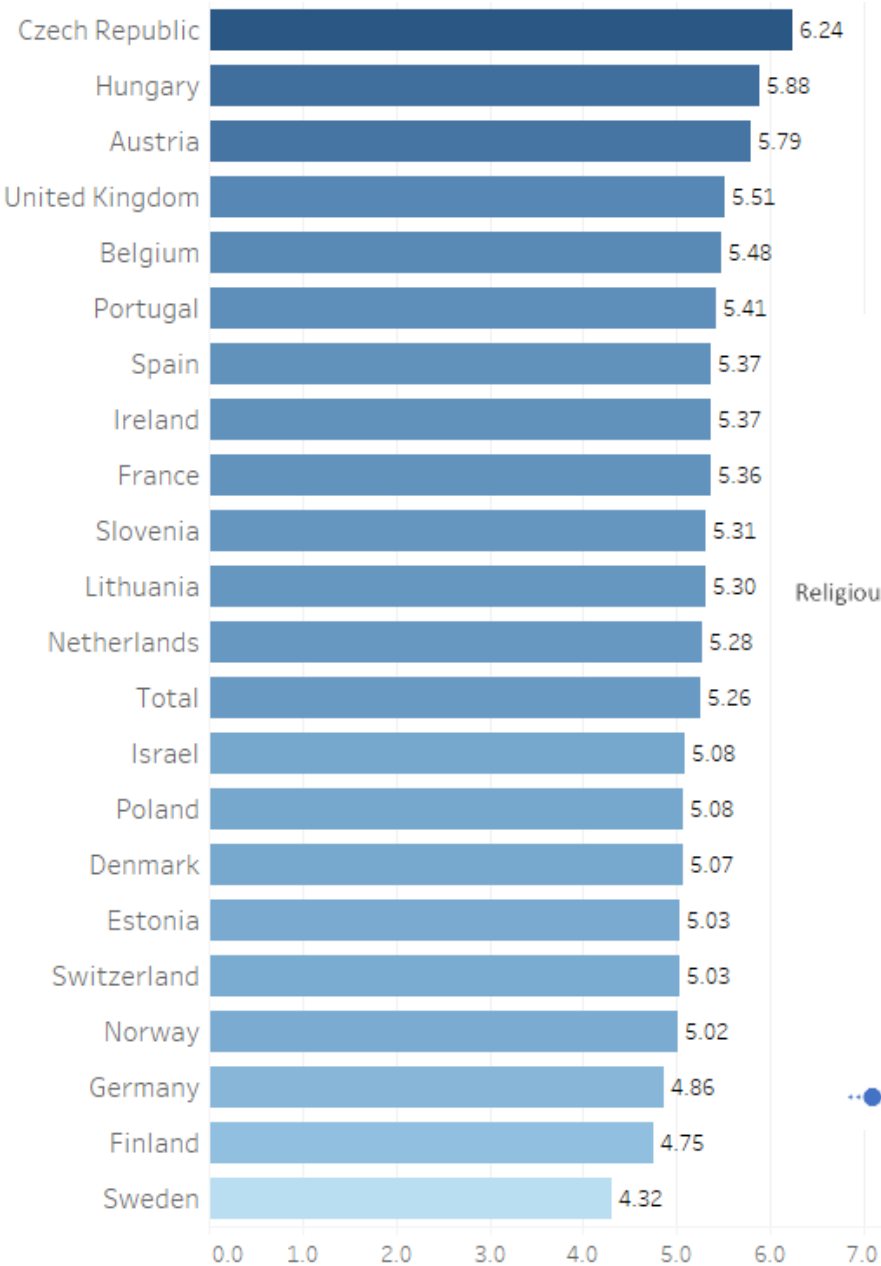
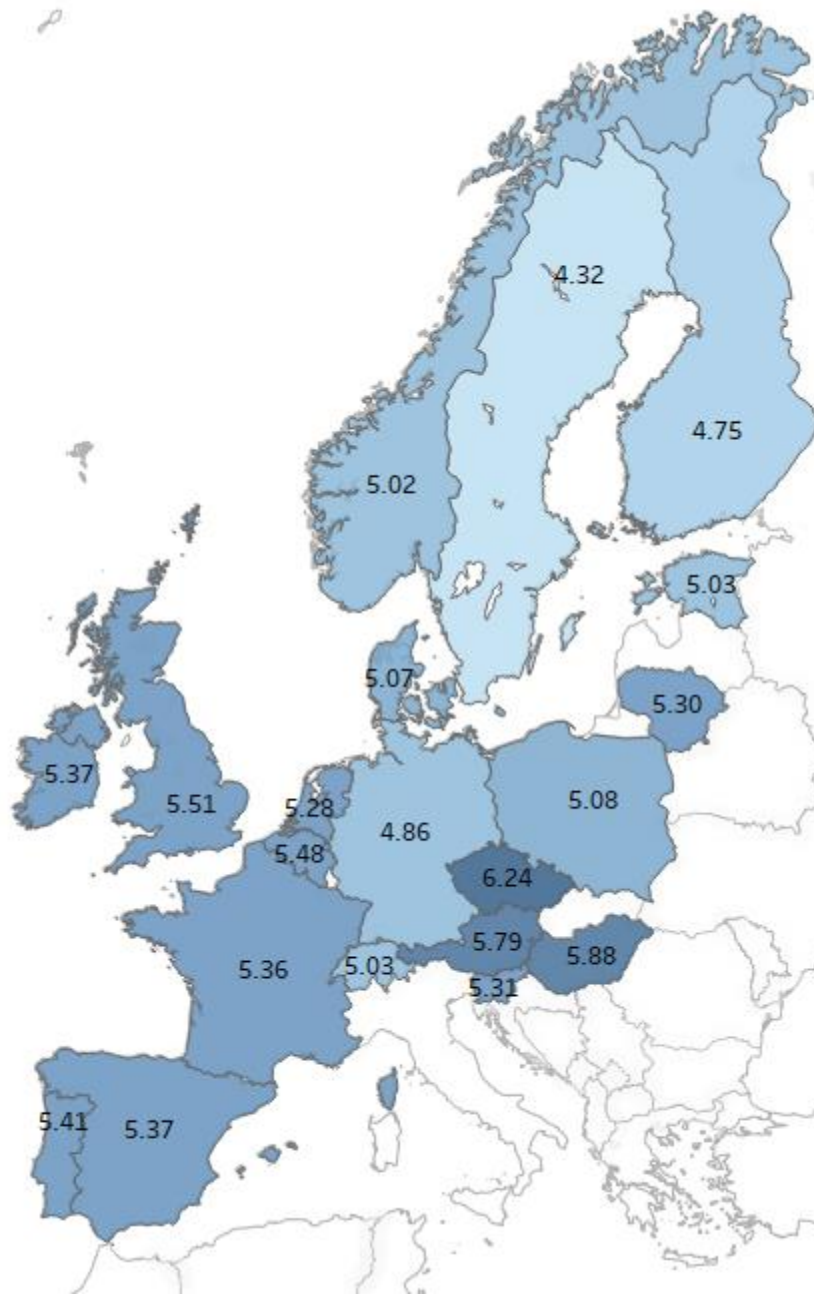
## Religious threat



## Crime threat



# COMPOSITE FEAR INDEX



**Three facets of attitudes towards migration/ migrants 2.**

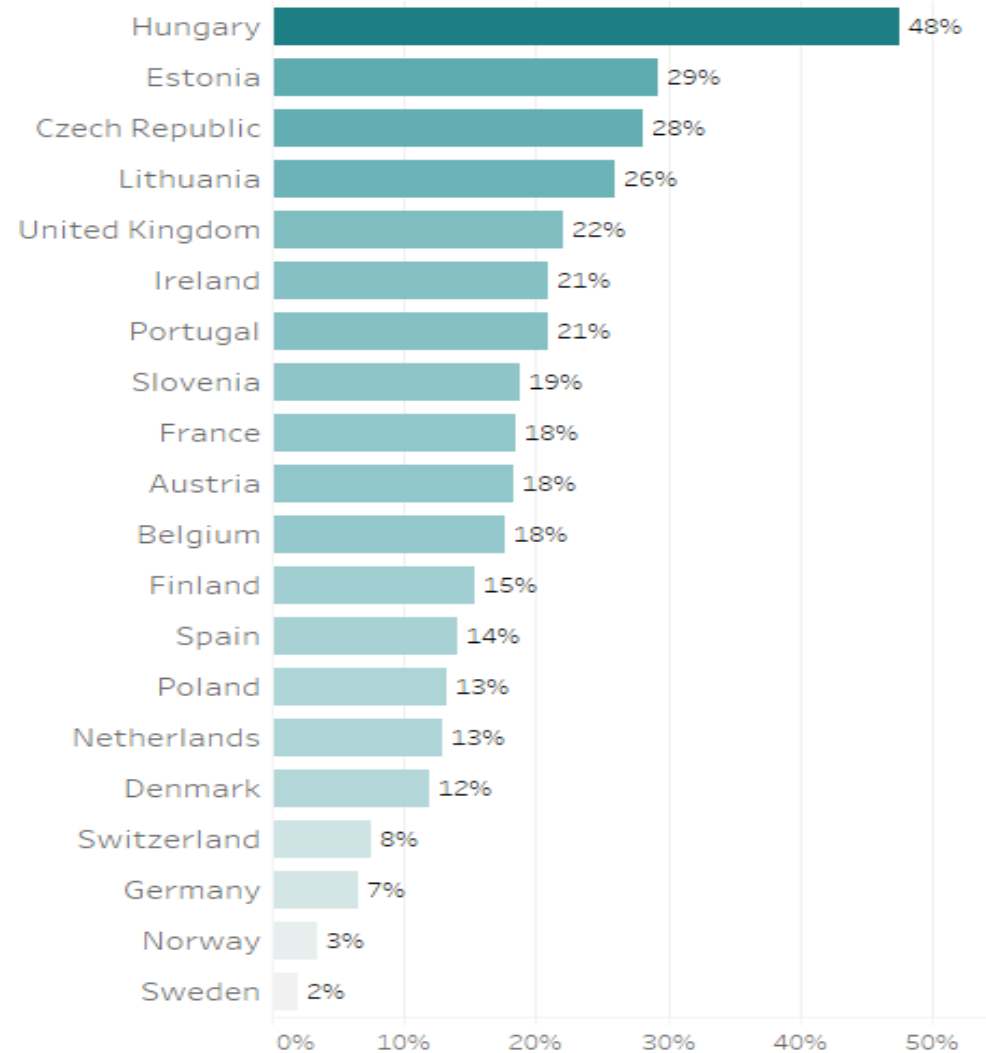
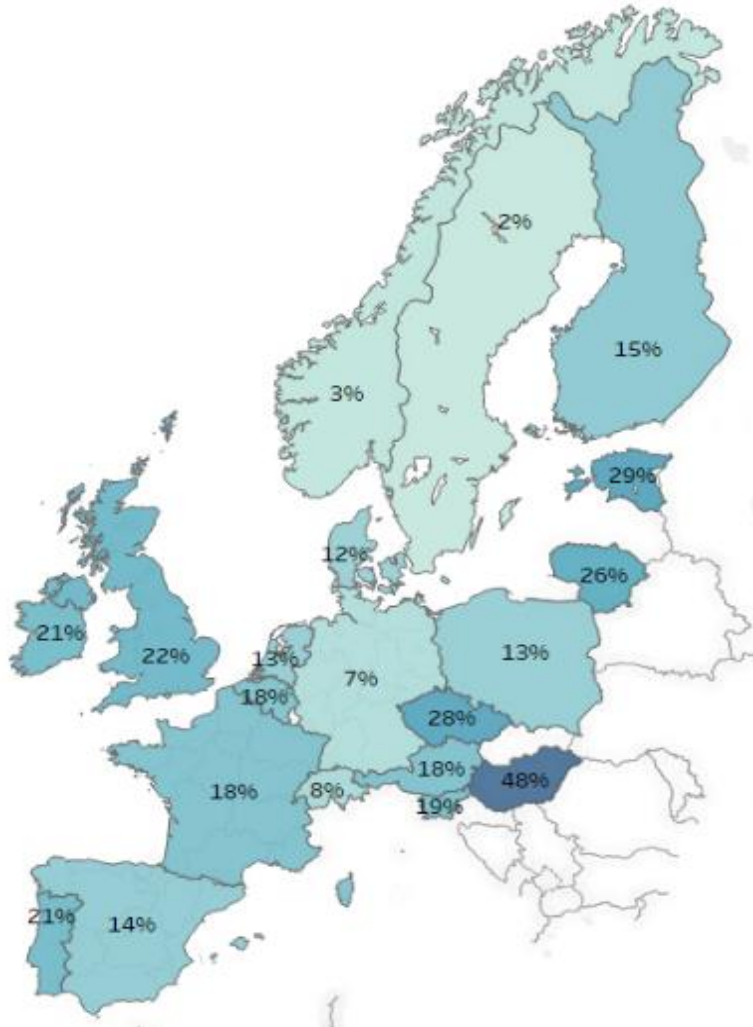




# Three facets of attitudes towards migration / migrants 3.

**Rejection:** To what extent do you think [your country] should allow people from the poorer countries outside Europe?

(Share of „allow none” responses)





# MACRO MODEL

## ECONOMIC

GDP/ capita

Corruption index

Institutional trust

## SOCIAL/ EDUCATIONAL

Social Cohesion

Poverty and Material  
Deprivation

Social inequalities

Media influence

Foreign language proficiency

Equity in education

## MIGRANT INCLUSION AND POLICIES

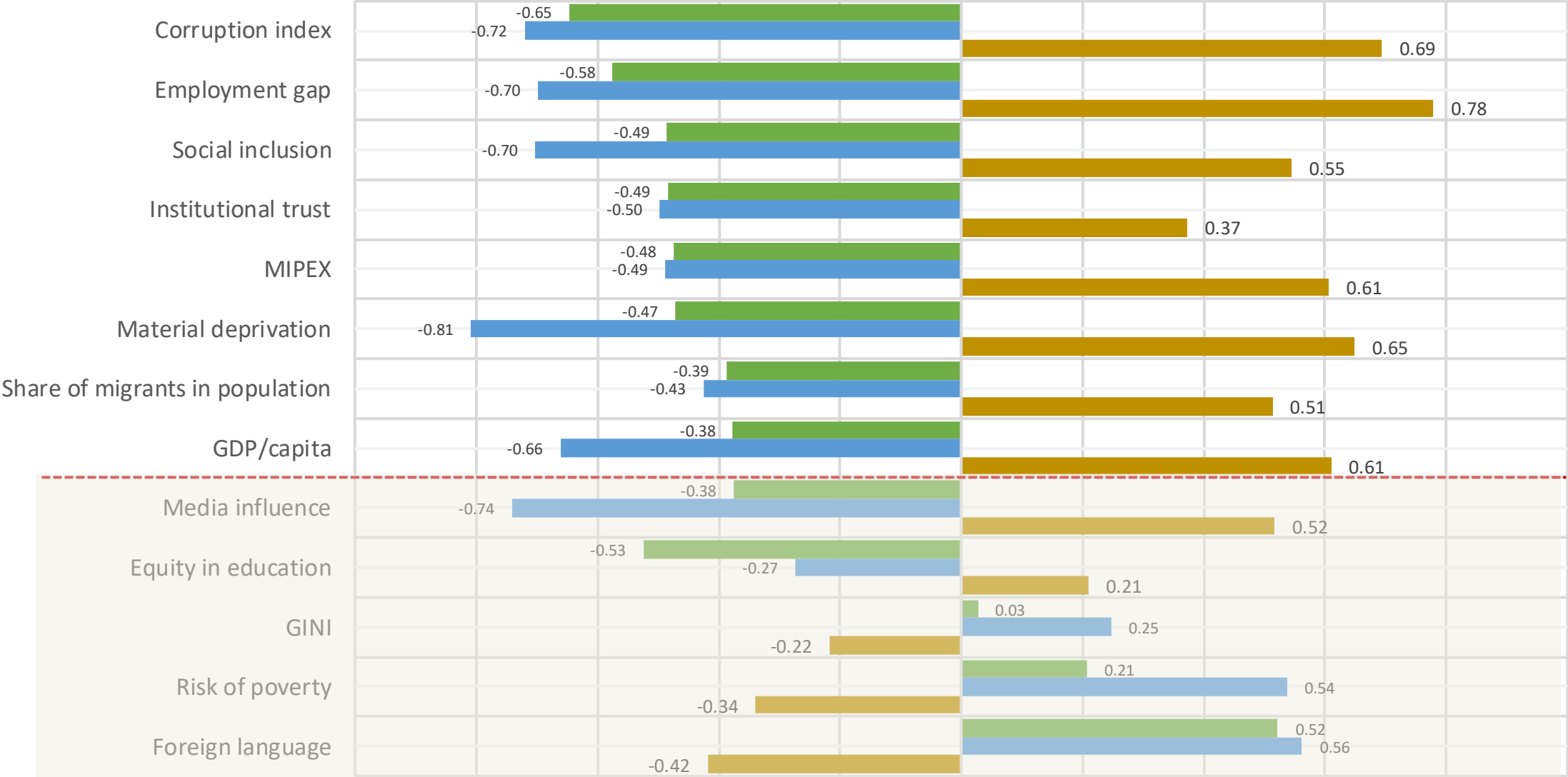
MIPEX: Migrant Integration  
Policy Index

Population share of TCN  
migrants

Employment rate of TCN  
migrants

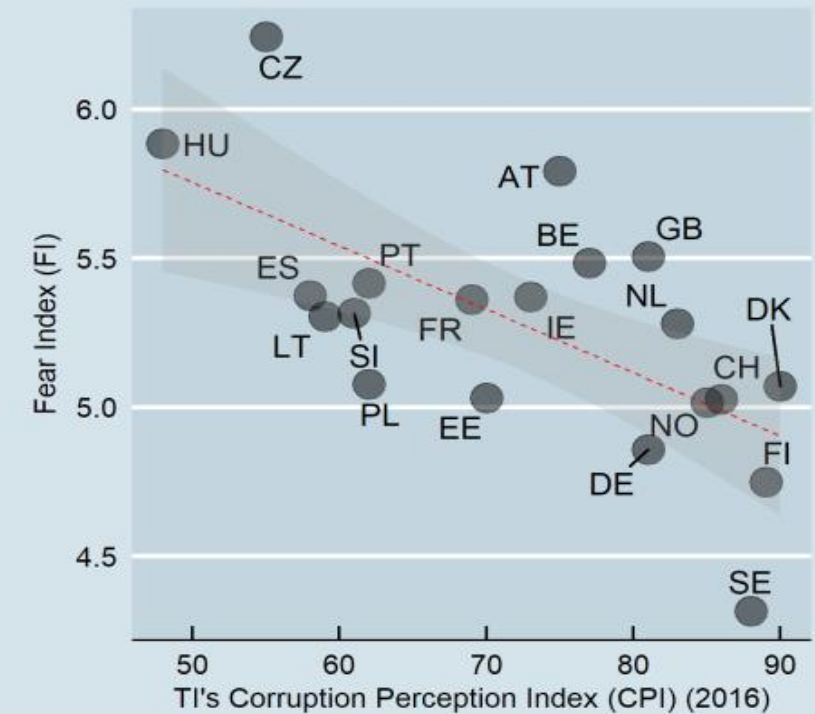
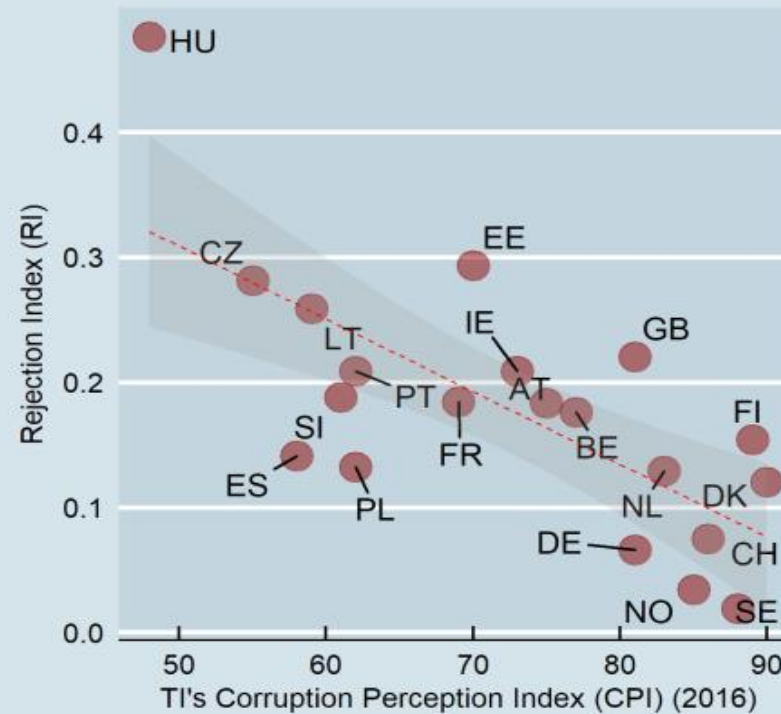
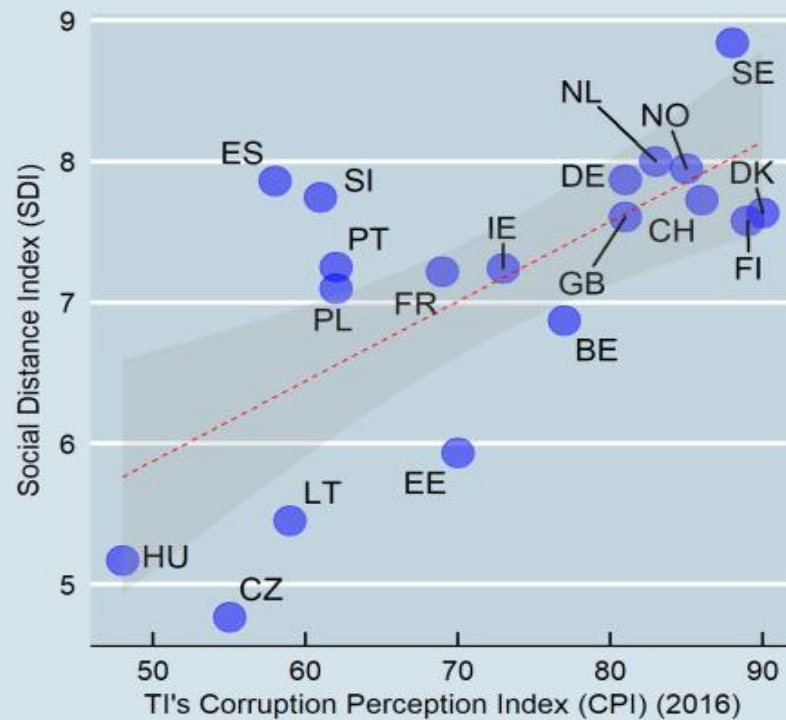
# CORRELATIONS OF MACRO FACTORS AND ATTITUDES

Fear-Index (FI)    Rejection Index (RI)    Social Distance Index (SDI)



# THE RELATION BETWEEN PERCEIVED CORRUPTION INDEX AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS MIGRATION

Source:  
Transparency  
International  
Corruption  
Perception Index



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# **III**

## **MICRO-LEVEL RESULTS**

	Contact with different race/ethnicity	Tertiary education	Institutional trust	Interpersonal trust	Feeling of safety at dark	Happiness	Satisfaction with life	Location: big city	Gender	Belonging to religion	Victim of burglary or assault	Age	Income difficulties
Austria													
Belgium													
Czech Republic													
Denmark													
Estonia													
Finland													
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United Kingdom													

# MATRIX OF RESULTS

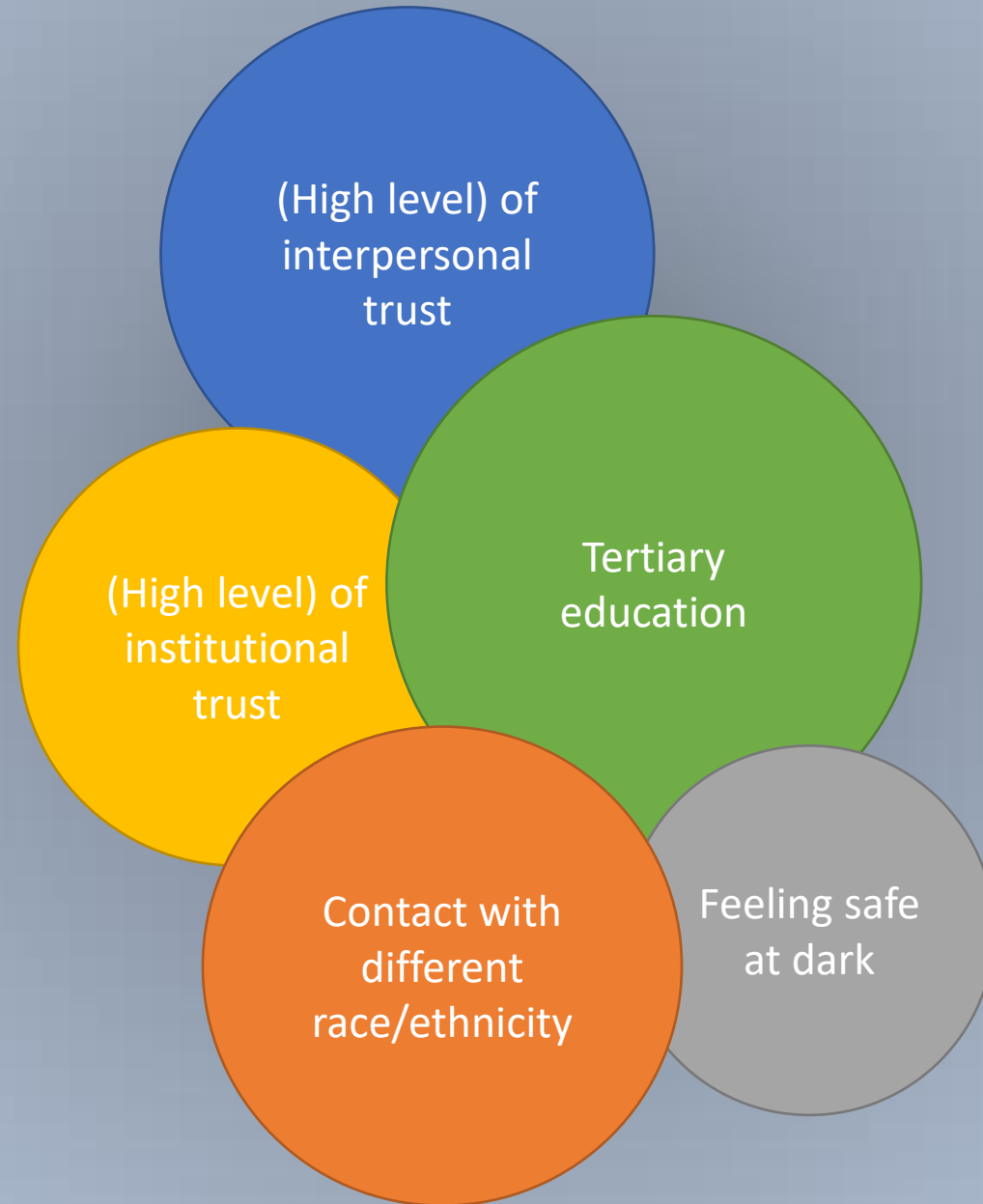
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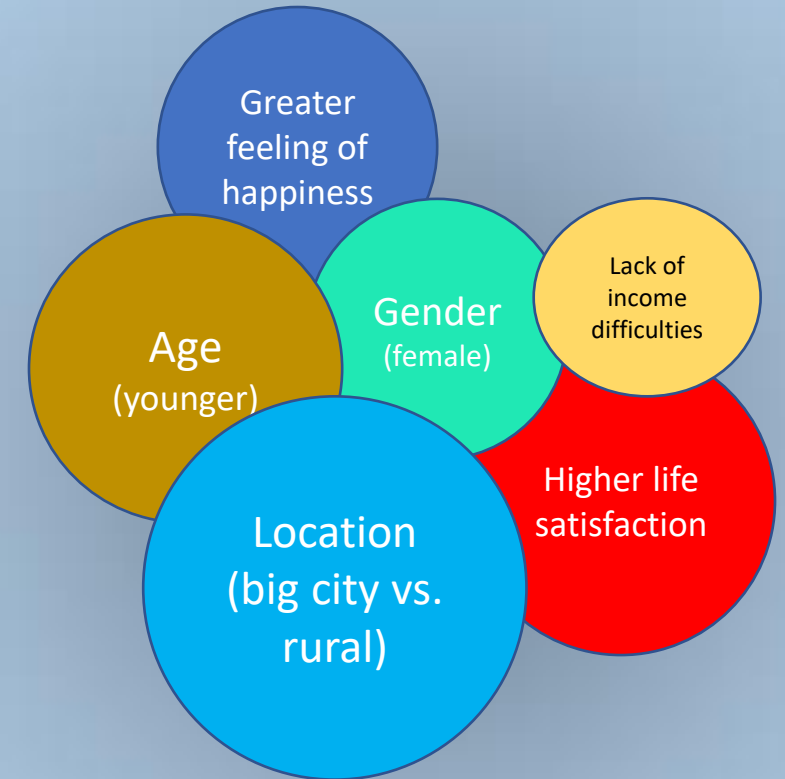
# III CONCLUSIONS

# MICRO-LEVEL

Universal factors that tend to reduce fear in (almost) all countries



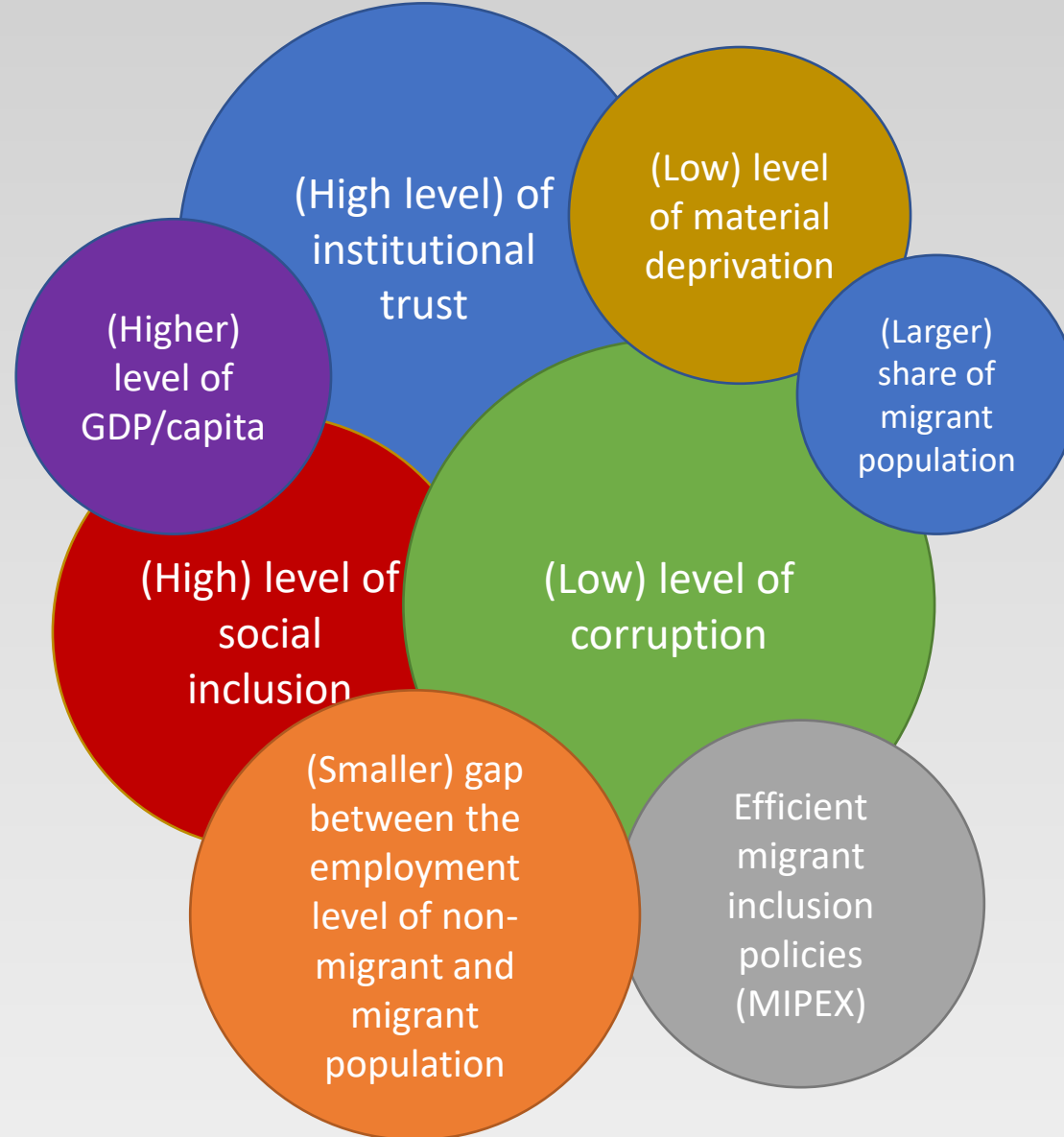
Universal factors that tend to reduce fear in some countries





# MACRO-LEVEL

## Country-level factors that tend to contribute to less fear and acceptance of migrants

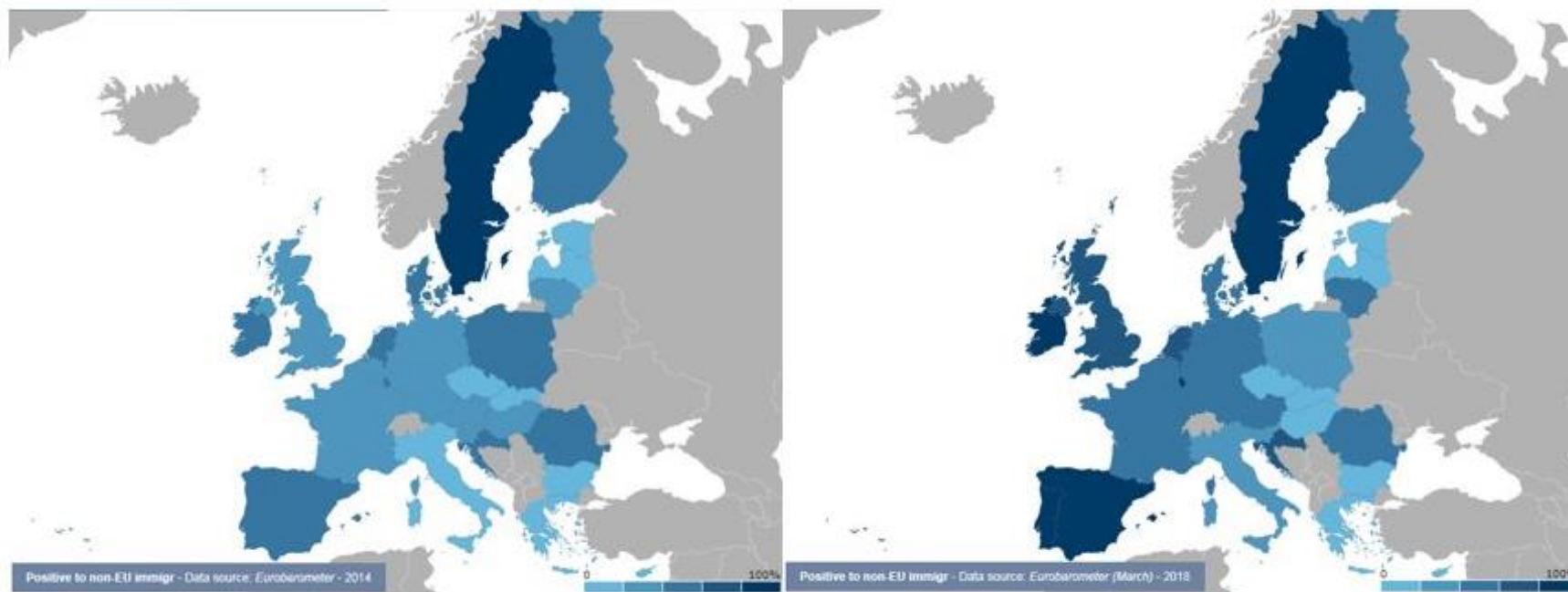


# Positive attitudes to immigration from outside EU

(source: Eurobarometer)

2014

2018



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# THANK YOU!

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