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ABSTRACT

It is widespread opinion that the concept of poverty, as well as measures of the extent of poverty at national or local level, cannot be entirely linked to income and assets but because of its multidimensionality necessarily involves a variety of individual/household characteristics (age, gender, education level, employment status, household size and so on) and several territorial and societal level aspects. Social capital plays a crucial role, here. According to the most widely accepted definition suggested by the World Bank Social Capital Initiative Program research group, social capital INCLUDES THE INSTITUTIONS, THE RELATIONSHIPS, THE ATTITUDES AND VALUES THAT GOVERN INTERACTIONS AMONG PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. This definition encompasses economic, social and political aspects and implies that socio- institutional relationships can foster economic development and improve both the quality of the territorial context where households live and the welfare of the whole population. However, empirical research designed to test the relationships between social capital and household poverty in Europe is almost rare because of reduced data availability. The EU-SILC survey and the Eurostat statistic database certainly offer a new opportunity for research in this specific field. As a matter of fact, they represent an important reference source for comparative studies whose purpose is to assess the determinants of household poverty because they provide comparable and high quality cross-sectional indicators for all the EU countries. Taking these observations into account, this paper aims to assess the potential of EU-SILC survey and Eurostat statistic database in describing the relationships between social capital and household poverty in Europe. In particular, a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) has been performed on two sets of variables: a set of active variables proxy for community and household social capital endowment and a set of supplementary variables describing household economic well-being. Results show that there is a strong association between social capital and household economic well-being especially as far as poverty perception is regarded. Implications for public policies are also discussed.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The EU-SILC survey and the Eurostat statistic database represent an important reference source for comparative studies whose purpose is to assess of the effect of social capital on household poverty (Santini and De

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Pascale, 2012). Despite some shortcomings ², both these sources provide comparable and high quality cross-sectional indicators for all the EU countries overcoming many of the drawbacks of the European Values Survey (EVS) and the European Social Survey (ESS) used so far for cross-country comparisons. In particular, as far as social capital indicators are concerned, 2008 EU-SILC survey includes questions to assess the following components: Social Behaviour, Social Relationships and specific characteristics of the territorial context. Further information on community social capital endowment can be obtained from Eurostat statistic database (Santini and De Pascale, 2012)

This paper aims to assess the potential of 2008 EU-SILC survey and Eurostat statistic database in describing the relationships between social capital and household poverty in Europe. After a brief analysis of social capital indicators at territorial level, a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) will be performed on two sets of variables: a set of active variables proxy for community and household social capital endowment and a set of supplementary variables describing household economic well-being. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 illustrates data and the method applied. Section 3 provides a brief analysis of social capital indicators and a discussion of the results of PCA, while section 4 provides conclusions and future research prospects.

2. DATA and METHOD

2.1 DATA

As far as social capital indicators are concerned, 2008 EU-SILC survey includes questions to assess the following components: Social Behaviour, Social Relationships and specific characteristics of the territorial context [see Santini and De Pascale (2012) for a discussion on social capital components]. Further information on community social capital endowment can be obtained from Eurostat statistic database. The indicators are summarized in Table 1.

² As a matter of fact, these sources do not allow to measure all social capital components and to carry on comparative longitudinal studies .

Table 1 Social Capital Indicators

| N° | Label | Name | Type of indicator | Year | Source ³ |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Social behavior (SB)</i> | | | | | |
| 1 | <i>CRh</i> | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? ⁽ⁱ⁾ [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 2 | <i>CRc</i> | Crime recorded by the police: total crime ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ [Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants]. | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| <i>Social relationships (SR)</i> | | | | | |
| 3 | <i>PHO</i> | Do you have a phone? (including mobile) [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 4 | <i>TVC</i> | Do you have a colour tv? [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 5 | <i>PC</i> | Do you have a computer? ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 6 | <i>CHI</i> | Number of hours of child care by grandparents, others household members (outside parents), other relatives, friends or neighbors (free of charge) [per household member if less than 12 years old]. | Household | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 7 | <i>FAW</i> | Are there “family workers” in your family business? [Number] ^(iv) . | Household | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 8 | <i>BOR</i> | Household can borrow from family or friends ^(v) [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| <i>Territorial context (TC)</i> | | | | | |
| 9 | <i>DUR</i> | Degree of urbanization [1: densely populated area;2 intermediate area; 3: thinly populated area] ^(vi) . | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 10 | <i>Och</i> | Overcrowded household [0:not overcrowded; 1:overcrowded]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| | <i>Occ</i> | Overcrowding rate ^(vii) . | Community: country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 11 | <i>H1h</i> | Do you have any of the following problems related to the place where you live? (Leaking roof, Dump walls/floors/foundation, rot in windows frames or floor) [0 : NO; 1:YES] | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| | <i>H1c</i> | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames of floor. | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |

³ 2008 EU-SILC survey does not include the data for Malta which can be found from the 2009 wave onwards, however, not yet available at the time the paper was written.

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|----|------------|---|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 12 | H2h | Is your dwelling too dark, meaning is there not enough day-light coming through the windows? [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| | H2c | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population considering their dwelling as too dark . | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 13 | H3h | Do you have too much noise in your dwelling from neighbours or from outside (traffic, business, factory)? [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| | H3c | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering noise from neighbors or from the street. | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 14 | H4h | Pollution, grime or other environmental problems in the local area such as smoke, dust, unpleasant smells or polluted water [0 : NO; 1:YES]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| | H4c | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering from pollution, grime or other environmental problems. | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 15 | AP1 | Greenhouse gas emission (in CO ₂ equivalent). | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 16 | AP2 | Urban population exposure to air pollution by ozone (micrograms per cubic meter day). | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 17 | AP3 | Urban population exposure to air pollution by particulate matter (micrograms per cubic meter). | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |

(i) Crime is defined as a deviant behavior that violates prevailing norms and cultural standards prescribing how individuals ought to behave normally. (ii)The indicator includes homicides, violent crime, robbery, domestic burglary, motor vehicle theft and drug trafficking.(iii)The indicator includes portable and desktop computers.Machines dedicated to video games but without any broader functionality and computers provided only for work purposes are excluded. (iv) A *family worker* is anyone who helps a family member in agriculture or other activity, provided they are not considered employees. Persons working in a family business or in a family farm without being paid should be living in the same household as the owner of the business or farm, or in a slightly broader interpretation, in a house located on the same plot of land and with common household interests. Such people frequently receive remuneration in the form of fringe benefits and payments in kind. This category includes:- a son or daughter working in the parents' business or on the parents' farm without being paid;- a wife who assists her husband in his business, e.g. a haulage contractor, without receiving any formal pay. (v) 2008 EU-SILC module on *Over indebtedness and financial exclusion*. (vi) The degree of urbanization is classified into three categories: - *densely populated area* : this is a contiguous set of local areas, each of which has a density superior to 500 inhabitants per square kilometer, where the total population for the set is at least 50,000 inhabitants; - *intermediate area* : this is a contiguous set of local areas, not belonging to a densely-populated area, each of which has a density superior to 100 inhabitants per square kilometer, and either with a total population for the set of at least 50,000 inhabitants or adjacent to a densely-populated area; - *thinly-populated area* : this is a contiguous set of local areas belonging neither to a densely-populated nor to an intermediate area. (vii).The overcrowding rate describes the proportion of people living in an overcrowded dwelling as defined by the number of rooms available to the household, the household's size, as well as its members' ages and family situation. A person is considered as living in an overcrowded dwelling if the household does not have at its disposal a minimum number of rooms equal to one room for the household, one room per couple in the household, one room for each single person aged 18 or more, one room per pair of single people of the same gender between 12 -17 years of age, one room for each single person between 12 - 17 years of age not included in the previous category and one room per pair of children <12 years of age.

As already highlighted in Santini and De Pascale (2012):

1. Perceived crime, violence and vandalism as well as rate of crime are proxy indicators of those characteristics of the territorial context which hinder the development of economic and social cooperative behavior. In particular, local crime and perceived crime may promote fear and suspicion of neighbors that inhibit socializing and building long-term relationships. Nevertheless, the indicators have some shortcomings. The statistics about crime are drawn from administrative sources which are suitable instruments to measure only the so-called apparent crime that is the crime reported to police and courts. On the other end, the reliability of the indicators of perception is unknown. As a matter of fact, individuals directly involved in acts of crime may be led to minimize the phenomenon, despite the anonymity of the survey. Moreover, persons who are not directly involved in acts of crime may have inaccurate information about the phenomenon and simply speak from hearsay.

2. As far as social relationships indicators are concerned, a distinction has been made between real and virtual relationships. Real relationships are those based on face-to-face formal or informal socializing which can be transformed in durable networks that provide access to resources, information or assistance and from which one can derive market and non-market benefits (i.e. better social status, better educational and professional achievement). Virtual relationships provide the same benefits of real relationships but are based on networks of heterogeneous contacts generated via-computer over the internet.

The following variables from EU-SILC seem relevant to virtual and real relationships :

- the variable *Do you have a computer?* detects the availability of the technological instrument which facilitates the creation of virtual networks, while the variable *Do you have a phone? (including mobile phone)* detects the availability of a device which help to keep alive both real and virtual relationships. The variable *Do you have a tv?* measures a negative feature of social relationships. Some authors have empirically verified (Olken, 2006) that more time spent watching television is associated with substantially lower levels of participation in social activities and with lower self-reported measures of trust. Even, Putnam in a series of books and articles, famously argued that social capital in the United States has been declining over the past 40 years – and that the rise of television is a major factor behind this decline (Putnam 1995, 2000).

However, the above mentioned indicators measure only partly the phenomenon as they do not take into account the intensity with which each device is used.

- As far as real relationships are concerned EU-SILC provides three proxies: i) *Child care by grandparents, others household members (outside*

parents), other relatives, friends or neighbors ; ii) Are there “family workers”⁴ in your family business?; iii) Can household borrow from family or friends ? which capture the existence of support relationships which households can use to cope with child care, management of family firms, financial needs compensating their socio-economic vulnerability.

A relevant shortcoming of these indicators is that they do not measure the intensity with which individuals rely on family support networks.

3. Finally, a set of territorial and environment indicators have been selected as they are significant determinants of social capital formation (Loopmans, 2001; Glaeser et al., 2002). A higher urbanization rate should encourage social and economic networking although, in large urban centers, people’ behavior seems, more and more, individualistic ; moreover, a higher overcrowding rate should be a symptom of poor living conditions which could have a negative effect on the quality of family relationships. This aspect is further emphasized by the introduction of additional variables on housing and environment conditions such as features of the house or the dwelling, relationships with neighbors, urban population exposure to air pollution and greenhouse gas emission .

The above-mentioned indicators, when available, are measured both at household and at societal level in order to take into account simultaneously the families status and that of the community they belong to. In fact, the growing importance of social capital as a major determinant of household well-being increases its implications in public social policy as a tool to achieve better outcomes of traditional public policies aimed at reducing poverty. Public policies should then focus both on individual and community social capital. Public policy that focuses on individual social capital is primarily concerned with questions pertaining to the individual benefits resulting from the inclusion of the individual within his social environment. This may involve kin relationships, work relationships, or participation in groups or organizations in which the individual forges ties with others and which are often viewed in terms of civic or political participation or engagement. Similarly, policies that focus on community social capital deal with questions that refer to the collective benefits arising from participatory and associative dynamics, which can be defined socially or on a territorial basis (e.g., networking among community organizations within a given community).

⁴ A *family worker* is anyone who helps a family member in agriculture or other activity, provided they are not considered employees. Persons working in a family business or in a family farm without being paid should be living in the same household as the owner of the business or farm, or in a slightly broader interpretation, in a house located on the same plot of land and with common household interests. Such people frequently receive remuneration in the form of fringe benefits and payments in kind. This category includes:- a son or daughter working in the parents’ business or on the parents’ farm without being paid;- a wife who assists her husband in his business, e.g. a haulage contractor, without receiving any formal pay.

Table 2 shows the indicators selected from 2008 EU-SILC survey and Eurostat statistic database in order to describe a number of aspects regarding the economic status of households and of the country where they live, going also beyond economic dimension, taking in the sphere of personal perception .

Table 2 Economic well-being indicators

| N° Label | Name | Type of indicator | Year | Source |
|----------|--|------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1 GDP | GDP per capita in PPS [Index: EU27=100]. | Community : country | 2008 | Eurostat statistic database |
| 2 AME | Ability to make ends meet [1 : with great difficulty; 2 : with difficulty ; 3 : with some difficulty; 4 – fairly easily ; 5 : easily ; 6 : very easily]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |
| 3 HDI | Equivalised disposable income ⁽ⁱ⁾ [Quintiles]. | Household (respondent) | 2008 | EU-SILC |

(i) (Total disposable household income*Within-household non-response inflation factor) / Equivalised household size. The equivalised household size is defined as: $1 + 0.5 * (HM_{14+} - 1) + 0.3 * HM_{13}$. where HM_{14+} is the number of household members aged 14 and over and HM_{13} is the number of household members aged 13 or less. The *within-household non-response inflation factor* is the coefficient by which it is necessary to multiply the total disposable income to compensate the non-response in individual questionnaires. It is necessary to correct the effect of non-responding individuals within a household otherwise, income of individuals not interviewed is not added up into the total household income.

2.2 METHOD

The Principal Component Analysis (*PCA*) is a multivariate statistical technique that allows the synthesis of a large set of data with minimum loss of information. The Principal Component Analysis (*PCA*) synthesizes the information contained in the data matrix $X_{n,p}$, where n represents the number of statistical units and p the number of quantitative variables, by identifying $h \leq p$ uncorrelated latent variables (not observed), the principal components, linear combinations of the original p variables. Among all possible linear combinations that can be formed, the principal component is the one that has maximum variance. Then, the *PCA*, as a method of data reduction, tries to limit the loss of information about the degree of variability in the data that are expression of individual peculiarities.

From a geometrical point of view *the goal of the PCA is to look for the best axis, the best plane or the best subspace to represent the projections of the distances among any generic couple of points with minimum distortion* (Lebart et al., 1995).

Let $X_{n,p}$ be the data matrix characterized by n row vectors in the space R_p and p column vectors in the space R_n

$$X : \{x_{ij}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

The Principal Component Analysis aims at identifying the best subspace of reduced dimensions, respectively in R_p and in R_n , in such a way as to maximize the sum of the squares of the projections of the row points (columns points) on the new reference system. Let's \mathbf{u}_k a unit length vector (i.e. $\mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{u}_k = 1$). The projections of n row-points on vector \mathbf{u}_k are given by

$$\mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k$$

\mathbf{u}_k is obtained by maximizing the sum of squares of these projections

$$\mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k$$

with the normalization constraint $\mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{u}_k = 1$. This is a classic problem of constrained optimization that can be solved by the method of Lagrange. Let's the Lagrangian

$$L = \mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k - \lambda_k (\mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{u}_k - 1)$$

Differentiating partially with respect to \mathbf{u}_k , equating to zero and simplifying

$$\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k$$

Then \mathbf{u}_k is the eigenvector of matrix $\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X}$ associated to the eigenvalue λ_k . As the quantity to be maximized is $\mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{u}_k' \mathbf{u}_k = \lambda_k$ then we should choose λ_k to be as big as possible. Then, calling λ_1 the largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X}$ and \mathbf{u}_1 the corresponding eigenvector, the solution to

$$\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{u}_1$$

is the 1st principal component of \mathbf{X} . In general $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k$ will be the k^{th} principal component and $\text{Var}(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_k) = \lambda_k$.

The second principal component is obtained by maximizing $\mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_2$ with the normalization $\mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{u}_2 = 1$ and uncorrelation $\mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$ constraints :

$$L = \mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_2 - \lambda_2 (\mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{u}_2 - 1) - \theta (\mathbf{u}_2' \mathbf{u}_1)$$

Differentiating partially with respect to \mathbf{u}_2 , equating to zero and simplifying

$$\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_2 - \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2 - \theta \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$$

Pre-multiplying by \mathbf{u}_1'

$$\mathbf{u}_1' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_2 - \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_1' \mathbf{u}_2 - \theta \mathbf{u}_1' \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$$

and due to the constraints, θ must be zero and when this is true we are left with

$$\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \mathbf{u}_2 = \lambda_2 \mathbf{u}_2$$

Calling λ_2 the second largest eigenvalue of $\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X}$ and \mathbf{u}_2 the corresponding eigenvector the solution is the 2nd principal component of \mathbf{X} . This process

which can be repeated for $k = 1, 2, \dots, p$ yielding up to p different eigenvectors along with the corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda_k : k=1,2,\dots, p$ is called diagonalization of the matrix $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$.

It is usually considered good common practice to conduct a normalized principal component analysis where

$$\mathbf{X} : \{x_{ij}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

is obtained from the data matrix

$$\mathbf{M} : \{m_{ij}\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, p$$

performing the following transformation

$$x_{ij} = \frac{m_{ij} - \bar{m}_j}{\sqrt{ns_j}}$$

in such a way as to ensure the comparability of variables expressed in different measurement unit and with different variability. The matrix $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ is then a correlation matrix. Moreover as $\text{Var}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}_k) = \lambda_k$ and the principal components are uncorrelated, the percentage of variance accounted for by retaining the first q principal components is given by

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^q \lambda_k}{\sum_{k=1}^p \lambda_k} \times 100$$

3.RESULTS

3.1. SOCIAL CAPITAL INDICATORS : A BRIEF ANALYSIS

3.1.1. Social behavior (Table A1- Appendix)

On average, 13.08% of the European households feel the presence of problems of crime, violence and vandalism in the area where they live. The index of perception of crime has, however, a considerable variability both between and within the European countries. As a matter of fact, the indicator ranges from 5.37% (Lithuania) and 27.91% (Latvia) and it is significantly higher than the European average mainly in Eastern and Northern Europe [Latvia (+ 113.32%), Bulgaria (83.92%), Great Britain (+82.44%), Belgium (+29.85%), Denmark (17.99%), Estonia (+14.96%), France (+10.37%), Netherlands (+ 9.80%) Spain (+4.96%)] and in metropolitan areas. As pointed out by Lagrange (1992), in the context of

large metropolitan cities human relationships are more autonomous than those experienced in the provincial or small towns. So a more amplified concern for security is added to the individual apprehension while, the richness in the characterization of social relationships plays a crucial role in reducing the perception of crime risk and the stress, in increasing the feel of a serene environment and the sense of security. In particular, Fischer (1982) studies have shown that sociality and in general an adequate social integration of the individuals reduces fear.

The European regions where it is relevant the metropolitan areas effect are:

- East Austria, with the city of Vienna (+26.87 %);
- in the Czech Republic, Prague (+119.43%) and the regions immediately contiguous Central⁵ (+ 52.62%) and Northwest (+ 45.41%) Bohemia;
- the Spanish regions which include the most populous metropolitan areas⁶ : Madrid (+88.59%), Barcellona (Catalonia +34.01%), Valencia and Alicante–Elche (Valencian Community +72.75%), Seville and Malaga (Andalucia + 9.27%) ;
 - South Finland (+ 15.96%) with the city of Helsinki ;
 - Attica (+66.06%) with the city of Athen ;
 - Central Hungary (+22.67%) with the city of Budapest .

Finally, the indicator of crime perception is greater than European average

- in the South of Italy (+13.20) historically characterized by significant rates of organized crime ;
- in the Balearic Islands (+77.92%), the Canary Island (+3.85%) and in particular the autonomous city of Melilla (115.8%), an exclave on the north coast of Morocco, which are important transit areas of criminal networks traffic in drugs and in people mostly from Northern and central Africa towards North Europe (Europol, 2009). As a matter of fact, another significant criminal activity in Spain, which follows the illegal drug trade, is the organized smuggling of migrants coming from the African continent. Especially during the summer months, Spain faces the arrival of thousands

⁵ The administrative center of the region Central Bohemia is Prague which lies in the center of the region. The city is not, however, part of it and creates a region of its own.

⁶ This is the list of the Spanish metropolitan areas

| Spanish Metropolitan Areas by population (1 January 2011) | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Pos. | City | Region | Province | Population |
| 1 | Madrid | Community of Madrid | Madrid | 6.369.162 |
| 2 | Barcelona | Catalonia | Barcelona | 5.375.774 |
| 3 | Valencia | Valencian Community | Valencia | 2.516.818 |
| 4 | Seville | Andalusia | Seville | 1.877.060 |
| 5 | Alicante–Elche | Valencian Community | Alicante | 1.895.857 |
| 6 | Málaga | Andalusia | Málaga | 1.600.004 |
| 7 | Bilbao | Basque Country | Biscay | 1.136.357 |
| 8 | Oviedo–Gijón–Avilés | Asturias | Asturias | 1.055.558 |
| 9 | Zaragoza | Aragon | Zaragoza | 951.427 |
| 10 | Las Palmas | Canarias | Las Palmas | 848.460 |

Source: Eurostat Statistic Database (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>)

of illegal immigrants originating in the sub-Saharan and the western-coast regions of Africa. These immigrants, travelling in small/medium overcrowded fishing boats, undertake a hazardous trip especially into the shores of the Canary Islands.

Conversely, the crime rate (number of crimes per 100 inhabitants) shows a different geographical pattern. The European average is 5.31% and rates are significantly greater than the average in Northern Europe due partly to a higher level of crime reporting as a result of a developed sense of civic duty and responsibility.

Sweden (14.94%) has the highest crime rate, confirming the record reached by this country at international level (UNODC, 2011) : the data reported to INTERPOL show that Sweden is perhaps the most crime ridden country in the world. It is followed by Belgium (9.56%), and by the neighboring countries Denmark (8.68%), UK (8.45%) and Finland (8.29%). Slightly lower rates are recorded in the Central European countries [Netherlands (7.67%), Germany (7.45%), Austria (6.87%), Luxembourg (5.77%) and France (5.71%)].

The crime rate and the indicator of crime perception are both higher than the European average only in some countries (Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands) proving that the variables measure two distinct aspects of the same phenomenon. Actually, the crime rate measures the goodness of the behavior in the community while the indicator of crime perception evaluates how such behavior affects individual sense of security.

3.1.2. *Social relationships*⁷ (Table A2- Appendix).

The percentage of households that have a phone or a mobile (96.37%) and a color television (97.66%) is, on average, rather high. However, while the percentage of households that have a color TV shows low variability⁸ between and within the European countries, the same cannot be said for the percentage of households that have a phone. Actually, while in the Netherlands and Denmark 100% of the households have a phone, in Romania the average percentage is equal to 75.72% with a rather high variability within the country: in the metropolitan area of Bucharest the percentage is equal to 93% but in the North-East it does not reach 67%.

⁷ The variable *Can household borrow from family or friends ?* has not be taken into account because of the high rate of non-response. The rate of non-response is on average equal to 4,31 % but it is greater than 25% in Great Britain (27,1%) , Finland (39,4%) and Slovakia (43,2%).

⁸ The minimum value is detected in Finland (93.90%) and the maximum value in Spain (99.56%).

The indicator *Do you have a computer?* shows a different territorial distribution. In fact, the percentage of households that have a computer is still on average quite low (60.16%) with a very high variability between and within the European countries.

The highest percentage is recorded in Denmark (88.32%) and values greater than the average are detected only in a limited number of countries situated in

- Northern and Central Europe [Netherlands (87.69%), Sweden (83.91%), Finland (79.42%), Germany (76.37%), Luxembourg (76.52%), Belgium (69.86%), France (65.98%), Austria (63.74%)];
 - Eastern Europe [Estonia (61.46%) and Slovenia (69.33%)].
- known for the high degree of technological advancement⁹.

In all other countries, the percentage of households that have a PC is on average equal to 55 % with the lowest values recorded in Greece (36.76%), Bulgaria (27.63%) and Romania (26.30%).

Households rely on support relationships to cope with child care mainly in those countries characterized by strong ancient traditions of family cooperation but also by limited family and social care policies for children such as Romania (about 23 hours per week) Bulgaria (9.3 hours), Greece (7.0 hours), Cyprus (6.7 hours), Poland and Slovenia (5.4 hours), Italy (5 hours), Portugal (4.5 hours), Hungary (4.3 hours). Contrary to expectations, Spain records values which are about or more than 50% lower than the European average.

The Scandinavian households do not rely on support relationships for child care because these countries are characterized by strong, tax-funded and universal public provision of childcare services, though with punctual help from informal networks when public services are not available. By contrast, Middle-European and Mediterranean countries tend to privatize care but with major differences between and within countries on the nature of this private delegation of care responsibilities. In Mediterranean countries care is largely provided from within families, with very limited private childcare services. On the other hand, Germany has privatized care, but has also developed a large voluntary sector publicly funded which provides care services for elderly and children. France is a different case with a very strong distinction between care for children, which is strongly publicly supported with scarce participation of the voluntary sector, and care for elderly adults which has limited public support (Daly and Lewis, 2000)

Romania is the European country where households strongly rely on non-paid family workers in their business. On average the use of family workers in family business is negligible (0.0281 persons) and it is greater

⁹ Estonia and Slovenia stand out when compared to countries in the Central and Eastern Europe , having the highest Internet penetration rates and outperforming half of the member countries of the European Union (Kitsing, 2004).

than the average in countries with ancient traditions of family cooperation: Romania (0.1436), Greece (0.1376), Poland (0.0822), Italy (0.0375) and Lithuania (0.0359).

3.1.3. Territorial context¹⁰ (Table A3- Appendix)

Household living conditions play a crucial role in generating quality relationships inside the families and in the community they belong to since, as avowed by the European Commission¹¹, housing deprivation represents one of the most extreme examples of social exclusion in society today (Rybkowska and Schneider, 2011). In Europe 23.1 % of the total population live in an overcrowded dwelling. The poorest housing conditions are recorded in East Europe, especially in Latvia (58.1%), Romania (56.5%), Poland (50.8%), Lithuania (49.9%), Hungary (48.3%) and Bulgaria (48.1%) where the overcrowded rate is close to or even more than twice the European average. The poor housing conditions detected in East Europe is confirmed by the very high percentage, compared with the European average (17.7%), of the population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames of floor [Bulgaria (30.4%), Hungary (30.8%), Slovenia (30.2%), Romania (24.3%), Lithuania (24.8%), Latvia (25.5%) and Poland (22.8%)]. High values are also recorded in Cyprus (26.9%), Italy (20.4%), Portugal (18.9%), Greece (18.6%) and Belgium (18.0%)] showing the severity of the problems related to housing conditions in Europe.

Poor living conditions in Europe are proved also by the high percentage of the population suffering noise from neighbors/from the street (20.6%) or grime from pollution or other environmental problems (16%), related in part to the lack of attention devoted to environmental issues. The countries where both the percentages are higher than the average are Cyprus (30.5 e 20.5%), Germany (26.3% e 23.1%), Greece (22.3% e 20.3%), Italy (24.3% e 19.8%), Portugal (24.2% e 16.8%), Romania (31.3% e 17.2%) and Belgium (21.0% e 16.1%) while only in Latvia the percentage of the population suffering from pollution is more than twice the European average.

Less alarming is the average percentage of the population that considers the house too dark (7.2%); however, the percentage exceeds

¹⁰ The indicator *Degree of urbanization* will not be taken into account as it is not available for the Netherlands and Slovenia . Moreover as far as Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are concerned the items 1 - densely populated area and 2 intermediate area have been merged.

¹¹ COM(2010) 758 final- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. "The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: A European framework for social and territorial cohesion" December 2010.

10% in Hungary (10.1%), Lithuania and Great Britain (10.2%), Portugal (11.5%), Latvia (11.6 %) and Slovenia (11.8%) .

Finally, except for Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Sweden and Great Britain all the European countries analyzed seem to suffer from poor environmental quality measured by greenhouse gas emission (in CO2 equivalent) or by the exposure of the population to urban air pollution by ozone or particulate matter .

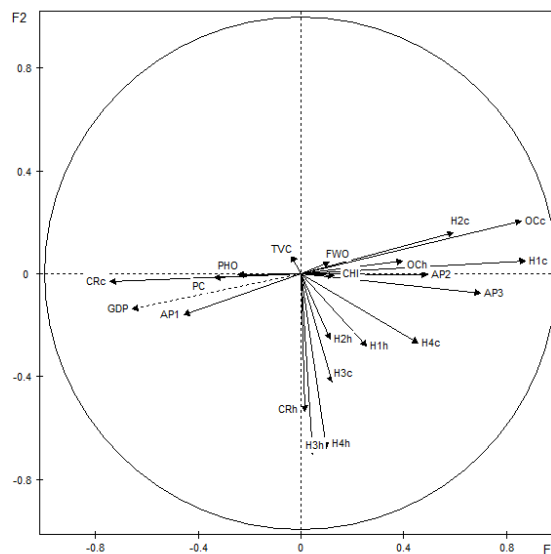
3.2. THE PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS

The principal component analysis (PCA) has been performed using two sets of variables:

- a set of active variables proxy for community and household social capital endowment (Table 1 pages 3-4)¹²;
- a set of supplementary variables describing household economic well-being (Table 2 page 7).

The variability explained by the first two principal components obtained applying the PCA¹³ to the correlation matrix of the active variables is about 30%¹⁴. The correlation circle on the principal plane is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 Principal Component Analysis : projection of the continuous active and supplementary variables on the first factorial plane.



¹² The variables *Household can borrow from family or friends ?* and *Degree of urbanization* have not been taken into account because of the high rate of non-response (see footnote 7 and 10).

¹³ The analysis has been performed using the statistical package SPAD (Système Portable pour l'Analyse des Données) release 5.0.

¹⁴ This result was expected as the majority of active variables are boolean and therefore with low variability.

In particular, the first factorial axis can be regarded as a measure of social capital endowment strongly associated with household economic well-being. As the coordinates on the first factorial axis increase, housing conditions and the quality of environment where the European families live worsen (*H1c- Housing deprivation rate : % of total population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames of floor; OCc-Overcrowding rate; AP3- Urban population exposure to air pollution by particulate matter; H2c- Housing deprivation rate: % of total population considering their dwelling as too dark*) while the crime rate and the greenhouse gas emission decrease (*CRc- Crime recorded by the police: total crime per 100 inhabitants; AP1- Greenhouse gas emission*)¹⁵. The negative correlation between the first axis and household economic well-being in Europe is proved by the projection of the supplementary variables *GDP per capita in PPS* (GDP- Fig.1), *Ability to make ends meet* [1:with great difficulty; 2:with difficulty; 3 : with some difficulty; 4 : fairly easily; 5 : easily; 6 : very easily] and *Equivalised disposable income* (in quintiles-HDI) (Fig.2) which decrease when the first factorial axis coordinates increase. The results are consistent with those obtained in previous studies: in fact, as extensively proved by empirical research (Eurostat,2010), poverty and poor housing and environmental conditions are two concepts that can be used in conjunction to analyze different aspects of households' and individuals' well-being. The two concepts are directly related to the definition of poverty that the EU Council of Ministers agreed back in 1985 and according to which the poor are 'the persons whose resources (material, cultural and social) are so limited as to exclude them from the minimum acceptable way of life in the Member State to which they belong' (Council, 1985). This definition is relative and includes both outcome elements ('the exclusion of minimum acceptable way of life...') and input elements ('... due to a lack of resources').

Implied in the above results is the possible reverse causality between household economic well-being and social capital endowment. Social capital influences household well-being because it generates and facilitates income-related knowledge and information flow; conversely, income levels are also expected to determine many forms of social capital endowment being investigated. These alternative reactions or reverse causality must be accounted for when defining the empirical model which analyzes the determinants of household economic well-being.

The positive correlation observed between household economic well-being and crime rates is confirmed by the results of a recent research which

¹⁵ Actually, the first factorial axis is positively correlated with *H1c(+0.87)*, *OCc(+0.86)*, *AP3 (+0.70)*, *H2c(+0.59)* and with low intensity to *AP2 (Urban population exposure to air pollution by ozone ; +0.49)* and *H4c(Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering from pollution, grime or other environmental problems ;+0.45)* which are opposite to the variables *CRc (-0.74)* and *AP1 (-0.46)*.

analyzes the relationships between crime and poverty status in the 27 European countries (Fraser,2011).Actually, the results show that, contrary to the expectations and trends observed in the past, poverty and conditions associated with poor socio-economic communities (as measured by gross domestic product per capita, Gini coefficient and Human Development Index -HDI) are *not* linked to higher crime rates and they may even suggest the opposite. The poorer of these nations, and those with higher degrees of inequality of wealth, and those who are less well developed in terms of important services, have *less* crime than the wealthier nations. Furthermore, higher crime rate in wealthier countries seem to depend also on the greater propensity of the population living in developed countries to denounce criminal events to the authorities of jurisdiction.

The second factorial axis can be interpreted as a measure of household social capital endowment which doesn't depend on household economic well-being as, it is worth remembering, the principal components are uncorrelated. Actually, when the coordinates of the second factorial axis increase those territorial and environmental characteristics which are significant determinants of social capital formation improve. In particular, the second factorial axis is negatively correlated

- with those environmental conditions which can exert a strong negative effect on the quality of family and community relationships such as H3h (*Do you have too much noise in your dwelling from neighbors or from outside?*; -0.70] and H4h (*Pollution, grime or other environmental problems in the local area such as smoke, dust, unpleasant smells or polluted water;*-0.68)

- and also with perceived crime, violence and vandalism CRh (*In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism?*; -0.53) a proxy indicator of those characteristics of the territorial context which hinder the development of economic and social cooperative behavior.

Thus, on the basis of the results discussed above it is possible to identify on the factorial plane two areas (Fig. 2):

- the first and second quadrants which include households characterized by high social capital endowment and both by low (Czech Republic Estonia, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania Slovenia, Hungary and Bulgaria) and medium-high levels of economic well-being (France, Austria, Great Britain, Ireland, Denmark, Finland and Sweden);

- the third and the fourth quadrants which include those households characterized by low social capital endowment and both by medium-high (Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands) and low levels of economic well-being (Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Latvia and Romania). Specifically, in the latter group of countries poor perceived

economic well-being and low social capital endowment seem strongly associated¹⁶.

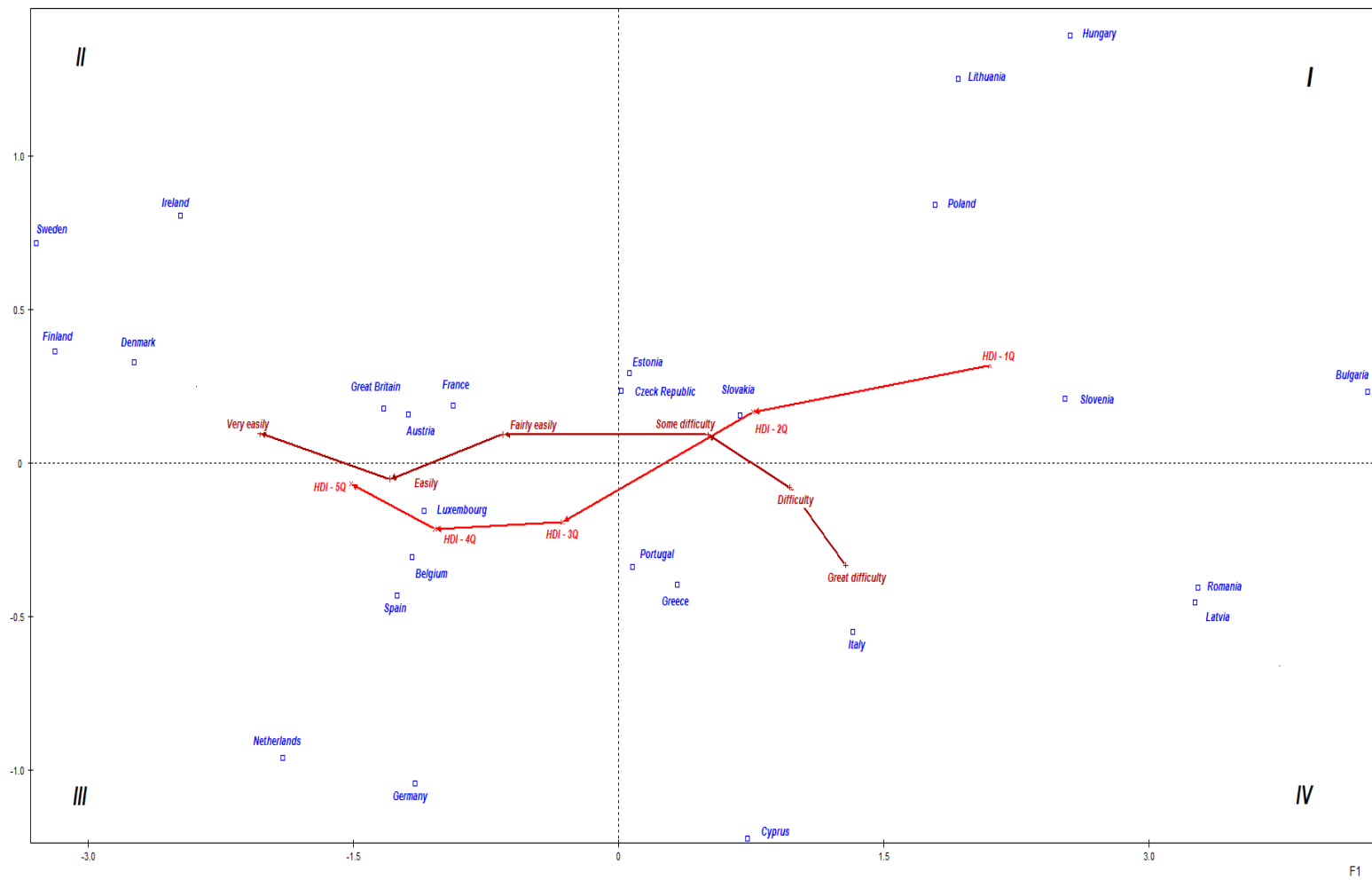
The results clearly show the essential strategies of public policies aimed at poverty reduction. In particular, in countries such as Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania Slovenia, Hungary and Bulgaria where low levels of economic well-being and high social capital endowment prevail, traditional welfare programs based on income support mechanism are recommended. In countries such as Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Latvia and Romania characterized by poor household economic well-being but also by low social capital endowment, policies aimed at poverty reduction can be effective if they reconcile traditional income support programs with measures which facilitate and support the development of desirable forms of social capital, in particular those which strengthen mutual trust relationships and foster model behavior (i.e. reducing criminality and improving housing and environmental conditions).

Actually, living in a society characterized by economic and social cooperative behavior and where trust replaces suspicion and fear can have a systematic positive effect on households' economic well-being as their socio-economic vulnerability is reduced as well as the resources they need only for the fact that they must deal with risk and avert major losses.

¹⁶ In particular, as far as Italy is concerned, these results are consistent with those of a recent study based on the Survey on Household Income and Wealth (SHIW) of the Bank of Italy (Santini, 2011)

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Fig. 2 - Principal Component Analysis : projections of the supplementary variables on the first principal plane



4. CONCLUSIONS

This paper aimed to assess the potential of EU-SILC survey and regional Eurostat statistic database in describing and explaining the relationships between social capital and household poverty in Europe. The results show a strong association between social capital and household well-being especially as far as poverty perception is regarded. Therefore, in many countries policies aimed at poverty reduction should enhance household economic well-being not only through traditional income support measures but also facilitating or supporting the development of desirable forms of social capital which strengthen mutual trust relationships and foster model behavior (i.e. reducing criminality and improving housing and environmental conditions).

If the EU-SILC survey and Eurostat statistic database would provide more social capital indicators with a greater territorial breakdown, associations between social capital and household poverty could be entirely described, thus helping considerably policy-makers to promote the suitable poverty reduction strategies.

Further research should be addressed to identify which among the individual/household socio-economic characteristics and community/household social capital endowment exert more influence on European household poverty in order to disclose the primary risk factors of household well-being. As a matter of fact in EU countries almost 84 million people live at risk of poverty, facing, depending on the country, a variety of problems from not having enough money to spend on food and clothes to suffering poor housing conditions and even homelessness; from having to cope with limited lifestyle choices that may lead to social exclusion to living in areas where social capital is deteriorating. The European Union has joined forces with its Member States supporting numerous initiatives among which we remember the *2010 European Year For Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion* : its objective was to raise public awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment of the EU and its Member States to combat poverty and social exclusion. A comparative analysis of household poverty determinants in EU countries should help to properly direct the efforts for the improvement of European population well-being.

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| <i>TAB.A1 SOCIAL CAPITAL INDICATORS - MEAN (I) / COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION (CV) AND TERRITORIAL DIVIDE (D=I_i/I_{EU})</i> | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| Social behavior (SB) | | | | |
| | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Crime recorded by the police: total crime.[Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants] | |
| Country/ <i>REGION</i> | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| <i>EAST AUSTRIA</i> | 0.1660 2.24 | 1.2687 | | |
| <i>SOUTH AUSTRIA</i> | 0.0613 3.91 | 0.4689 | | |
| <i>WEST AUSTRIA</i> | 0.0712 3.61 | 0.5442 | | |
| Austria | 0.1087 2.86 | 0.8312 | 6.87 | 1.2938 |
| <i>BRUSSELS CAPITAL REGION</i> | 0.3520 1.36 | 2.6908 | | |
| <i>FLEMISH REGION</i> | 0.1168 2.75 | 0.8925 | | |
| <i>WALLOON REGION</i> | 0.1857 2.09 | 1.4193 | | |
| Belgium | 0.1699 2.21 | 1.2985 | 9.56 | 1.8003 |
| <i>SEVERNA I IZTOCHNA</i> | 0.2342 1.81 | 1.7905 | | |
| <i>YUGOZAPADNA I YUZHNA TSENTRALNA</i> | 0.2476 1.74 | 1.8926 | | |
| Bulgaria | 0.2406 1.78 | 1.8392 | 1.66 | 0.3126 |
| Cyprus | 0.0963 3.06 | 0.7359 | 0.93 | 0.1751 |
| <i>PRAGUE</i> | 0.2871 1.58 | 2.1943 | | |
| <i>CENTRAL BOHEMIA</i> | 0.1997 2.00 | 1.5262 | | |
| <i>SOUTHWEST BOHEMIA</i> | 0.1222 2.68 | 0.9341 | | |
| <i>NORTHWEST BOHEMIA</i> | 0.1902 2.06 | 1.4541 | | |
| <i>NORTHEAST BOHEMIA</i> | 0.0972 3.05 | 0.7429 | | |
| <i>SOUTHEAST BOHEMIA</i> | 0.0778 3.44 | 0.5946 | | |
| <i>CENTRAL MORAVIA</i> | 0.0666 3.75 | 0.5089 | | |
| <i>MORAVIAN-SILESIA REGION</i> | 0.1011 2.98 | 0.7729 | | |
| Czech Republic | 0.1312 2.57 | 1.0031 | 3.30 | 0.6215 |
| Denmark | 0.1544 2.34 | 1.1799 | 8.68 | 1.6346 |
| Estonia | 0.1504 2.38 | 1.1496 | 3.80 | 0.7156 |

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| | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Crime recorded by the police: total crime.[Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants] | |
|--|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| COUNTRY/REGION | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| <i>EAST FINLAND</i> | 0.0673 3.72 | 0.5145 | | |
| <i>SOUTH FINLAND</i> | 0.1517 2.36 | 1.1596 | | |
| <i>WEST FINLAND</i> | 0.0962 3.07 | 0.7355 | | |
| <i>NORTH FINLAND</i> | 0.0926 3.13 | 0.7080 | | |
| Finland | 0.1179 2.74 | 0.9012 | 8.29 | 1.5612 |
| <i>ÎLE DE FRANCE</i> | 0.1952 2.03 | 1.4924 | | |
| <i>CHAMPAGNE- ARDENNE</i> | 0.1245 2.66 | 0.9519 | | |
| <i>PICARDIE</i> | 0.1293 2.60 | 0.9883 | | |
| <i>HAUTE-NORMANDIE</i> | 0.2271 1.85 | 1.7359 | | |
| <i>CENTRE</i> | 0.1287 2.60 | 0.9841 | | |
| <i>BASSE-NORMANDIE</i> | 0.0772 3.46 | 0.5901 | | |
| <i>BOURGOGNE</i> | 0.1022 2.97 | 0.7815 | | |
| <i>NORD - PAS-DE- CALAIS</i> | 0.2218 1.87 | 1.6952 | | |
| <i>LORRAINE</i> | 0.1849 2.10 | 1.4137 | | |
| <i>ALSACE</i> | 0.1525 2.36 | 1.1656 | | |
| <i>FRANCHE-COMTÉ</i> | 0.1231 2.67 | 0.9408 | | |
| <i>PAYS DE LA LOIRE</i> | 0.1011 2.98 | 0.7730 | | |
| <i>BRETAGNE</i> | 0.0848 3.29 | 0.6480 | | |
| <i>POITOU-CHARENTES</i> | 0.0698 3.66 | 0.5333 | | |
| <i>AQUITAINE</i> | 0.0991 3.02 | 0.7579 | | |
| <i>MIDI-PYRÉNÉES</i> | 0.1269 2.63 | 0.9701 | | |
| <i>LIMOUSIN</i> | 0.0621 3.90 | 0.4748 | | |
| <i>RHÔNE-ALPES</i> | 0.1437 2.44 | 1.0986 | | |
| <i>AUVERGNE</i> | 0.0785 3.43 | 0.6002 | | |
| <i>LANGUEDOC- ROUSSILLON</i> | 0.1750 2.17 | 1.3377 | | |
| <i>PROVENCE-ALPES- CÔTE D'AZUR</i> | 0.1720 2.20 | 1.3148 | | |
| <i>CORSE</i> | 0.0000 0.00 | 0.0000 | | |
| France | 0.1444 2.43 | 1.1037 | 5.71 | 1.0753 |

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| | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Crime recorded by the police: total crime.[Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants] | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| COUNTRY/ REGION | I CV | | I CV | D |
| Germany | 0.1297 2.59 | 0.9914 | 7.45 | 1.4030 |
| VORREIA ELLADA | 0.0722 3.58 | 0.5522 | | |
| KENTRIKI ELLADA | 0.0172 7.56 | 0.1317 | | |
| ATTICA | 0.2172 1.90 | 1.6606 | | |
| NISIA AIGAIUO. KRITI | 0.0391 4.96 | 0.2989 | | |
| Greece | 0.1021 2.97 | 0.7804 | 3.71 | 0.6987 |
| CENTRAL HUNGARY | 0.1605 2.29 | 1.2267 | | |
| TRANSDANUBIA | 0.0981 3.03 | 0.7501 | | |
| GREAT PLAIN AND NORTH | 0.1290 2.60 | 0.9860 | | |
| Hungary | 0.1280 2.61 | 0.9784 | 4.07 | 0.7665 |
| Ireland | 0.1262 2.63 | 0.9646 | 2.33 | 0.4388 |
| NORTH WEST | 0.1237 2.66 | 0.9456 | | |
| NORTH EAST | 0.1000 3.00 | 0.7647 | | |
| CENTRE | 0.1164 2.76 | 0.8896 | | |
| SOUTH | 0.1481 2.40 | 1.1320 | | |
| ISLANDS | 0.0948 3.09 | 0.7250 | | |
| Italy | 0.1191 2.72 | 0.9106 | 4.56 | 0.8587 |
| Latvia | 0.2791 1.61 | 2.1332 | 2.54 | 0.4783 |
| Lithuania | 0.0537 4.20 | 0.4105 | 2.14 | 0.4030 |
| Luxembourg | 0.1032 2.95 | 0.7889 | 5.77 | 1.0866 |
| Netherlands | 0.1436 2.44 | 1.0980 | 7.67 | 1.4444 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 0.0748 3.52 | 0.5714 | | |
| SOUTH REGION | 0.0870 3.24 | 0.6653 | | |
| EAST REGION | 0.0378 5.05 | 0.2888 | | |
| NORTHWEST REGION | 0.0508 4.32 | 0.3882 | | |
| SOUTHWEST REGION | 0.0959 3.07 | 0.7328 | | |
| NORTH REGION | 0.0847 3.29 | 0.6475 | | |
| Poland | 0.0699 3.65 | 0.5346 | 2.84 | 0.5348 |

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| | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Crime recorded by the police: total crime.[Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants] | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| <i>COUNTRY/REGION</i> | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| Portugal | 0.1010 2.98 | 0.7723 | 4.05 | 0.7627 |
| <i>NORD-EST</i> | 0.1359 2.52 | 1.0387 | | |
| <i>SUD-EST</i> | 0.1323 2.56 | 1.0115 | | |
| <i>SUD-MUNTENIA</i> | 0.0952 3.08 | 0.7280 | | |
| <i>SUD-VEST OLTENIA</i> | 0.1150 2.78 | 0.8792 | | |
| <i>VEST</i> | 0.1087 2.86 | 0.8311 | | |
| <i>NORD-VEST</i> | 0.0935 3.11 | 0.7150 | | |
| <i>CENTRU</i> | 0.1116 2.82 | 0.8534 | | |
| <i>BUCUREȘTHLFOV</i> | 0.2555 1.71 | 1.9527 | | |
| Romania | 0.1250 2.65 | 0.9559 | 1.34 | 0.2523 |
| Slovakia | 0.0892 3.20 | 0.6819 | 1.94 | 0.3653 |
| Slovenia | 0.0871 3.24 | 0.6655 | 4.05 | 0.7627 |

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| | In your local area are there any problems of crime, violence or vandalism? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Crime recorded by the police: total crime.[Number of crimes per 100 inhabitants] | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| COUNTRY/REGION | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| <i>GALICIA</i> | 0.0820 3.35 | 0.6267 | | |
| <i>ASTURIAS</i> | 0.0722 3.59 | 0.5521 | | |
| <i>CANTABRIA</i> | 0.0566 4.09 | 0.4323 | | |
| <i>BASQUE COMMUNITY</i> | 0.0924 3.14 | 0.7066 | | |
| <i>NAVARRRE</i> | 0.0690 3.68 | 0.5278 | | |
| <i>LA RIOJA</i> | 0.0856 3.27 | 0.6547 | | |
| <i>ARAGÓN</i> | 0.1019 2.97 | 0.7792 | | |
| <i>MADRID</i> | 0.2467 1.75 | 1.8859 | | |
| <i>CASTILLA Y LEÓN</i> | 0.1015 2.98 | 0.7756 | | |
| <i>CASTILE-LA MANCHA</i> | 0.1289 2.60 | 0.9856 | | |
| <i>EXTREMADURA</i> | 0.0712 3.62 | 0.5440 | | |
| <i>CATALONIA</i> | 0.1753 2.17 | 1.3401 | | |
| <i>VALENCIAN COMMUNITY</i> | 0.2260 1.85 | 1.7275 | | |
| <i>BALEARIC ISLANDS</i> | 0.2328 1.82 | 1.7792 | | |
| <i>ANDALUSIA</i> | 0.1429 2.45 | 1.0927 | | |
| <i>REGION OF MURCIA</i> | 0.1004 3.00 | 0.7673 | | |
| <i>CEUTA</i> | 0.0945 3.11 | 0.7223 | | |
| <i>MELILLA</i> | 0.2823 1.60 | 2.1576 | | |
| <i>CANARY ISLANDS</i> | 0.1359 2.52 | 1.0385 | | |
| Spain | 0.1373 2.51 | 1.0496 | 5.21 | 0.9812 |
| <i>EAST SWEDEN</i> | 0.1336 2.55 | 1.0213 | | |
| <i>SOUTH SWEDEN</i> | 0.1365 2.52 | 1.0434 | | |
| <i>NORTH SWEDEN</i> | 0.0867 3.25 | 0.6624 | | |
| Sweden | 0.1258 2.64 | 0.9613 | 14.94 | 2.8135 |
| United Kingdom | 0.2387 1.79 | 1.8244 | 8.45 | 1.5913 |
| European Union | 0.1308 2.58 | 1.0000 | 5.31 0.55 | 1.0000 |
| Min | 0.0537 4.20 | 0.4105 | 0.93 | 0.1751 |
| Max | 0.2791 1.61 | 2.1332 | 14.94 | 2.8135 |

TAB.A2 SOCIAL CAPITAL INDICATORS - MEAN (I) / COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION (CV) AND TERRITORIAL DIVIDE (D= I_{EU}/I)

| Social relationships (SR) | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| | Do you have a phone? (including mobile) [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Do you have a colour tv? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Do you have a computer? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Number of hours of Child care by grandparents, others household members (outside parents), other relatives, friends or neighbors (free of charge) [per household member if less than 12 years old] | | Are there "family workers" in your family business? [Number] | |
| COUNTRY/REGION | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| EAST AUSTRIA | 0.9845 0.13 | 1.0215 | 0.9606 0.20 | 0.9836 | 0.6425 0.75 | 1.0680 | 2.7786 2.38 | 0.7775 | 0.0075 11.47 | 0.2686 |
| SOUTH AUSTRIA | 0.9824 0.13 | 1.0193 | 0.9689 0.18 | 0.9921 | 0.5950 0.83 | 0.9890 | 3.2772 2.02 | 0.9170 | 0.0092 10.36 | 0.3291 |
| WEST AUSTRIA | 0.9906 0.10 | 1.0279 | 0.9742 0.16 | 0.9976 | 0.6553 0.73 | 1.0892 | 2.5169 2.99 | 0.7042 | 0.0117 9.19 | 0.4169 |
| Austria | 0.9863 0.12 | 1.0235 | 0.9674 0.18 | 0.9906 | 0.6374 0.75 | 1.0595 | 2.7807 2.51 | 0.7781 | 0.0095 10.24 | 0.3366 |
| BRUSSELS CAPITAL REGION | 0.9829 0.13 | 1.0199 | 0.9391 0.25 | 0.9616 | 0.6845 0.68 | 1.1379 | 1.3799 3.03 | 0.3861 | 0.0049 14.30 | 0.1735 |
| FLEMISH REGION | 0.9959 0.06 | 1.0334 | 0.9845 0.13 | 1.0081 | 0.7359 0.60 | 1.2233 | 3.3876 2.20 | 0.9479 | 0.0251 6.31 | 0.8935 |
| WALLOON REGION | 0.9937 0.08 | 1.0311 | 0.9795 0.14 | 1.0030 | 0.6418 0.75 | 1.0669 | 2.8957 2.50 | 0.8103 | 0.0156 7.95 | 0.5552 |
| Belgium | 0.9935 0.08 | 1.0309 | 0.9770 0.15 | 1.0004 | 0.6986 0.66 | 1.1612 | 2.9460 2.39 | 0.8243 | 0.0194 7.18 | 0.6895 |
| SEVERNA I IZTOCHNA | 0.9079 0.32 | 0.9421 | 0.9391 0.25 | 0.9616 | 0.2444 1.76 | 0.4062 | 8.0011 2.22 | 2.2388 | 0.0132 10.00 | 0.4701 |
| YUGOZAPADNA I YUZHNA TSENTRALNA | 0.9001 0.33 | 0.9340 | 0.9546 0.22 | 0.9775 | 0.3113 1.49 | 0.5174 | 10.7230 1.77 | 3.0004 | 0.0130 10.48 | 0.4639 |
| Bulgaria | 0.9042 0.33 | 0.9382 | 0.9465 0.24 | 0.9692 | 0.2763 1.62 | 0.4593 | 9.2622 1.98 | 2.5917 | 0.0131 10.23 | 0.4672 |
| Cyprus | 0.9934 0.08 | 1.0308 | 0.9946 0.07 | 1.0185 | 0.5311 0.94 | 0.8829 | 6.7243 1.63 | 1.8815 | 0.0471 4.62 | 1.6767 |
| PRAGUE | 0.9790 0.15 | 1.0158 | 0.9748 0.16 | 0.9981 | 0.5783 0.85 | 0.9613 | 2.2400 2.74 | 0.6268 | 0.0032 22.98 | 0.1123 |
| CENTRAL BOHEMIA | 0.9548 0.22 | 0.9907 | 0.9872 0.11 | 1.0108 | 0.4881 1.02 | 0.8113 | 4.2759 2.08 | 1.1965 | 0.0077 11.37 | 0.2734 |
| SOUTHWEST BOHEMIA | 0.9725 0.17 | 1.0091 | 0.9863 0.12 | 1.0099 | 0.4830 1.03 | 0.8029 | 5.6738 1.59 | 1.5876 | 0.0043 15.15 | 0.1545 |
| NORTHWEST BOHEMIA | 0.9633 0.20 | 0.9996 | 0.9893 0.10 | 1.0130 | 0.4882 1.02 | 0.8114 | 4.6370 1.96 | 1.2975 | 0.0046 14.74 | 0.1632 |
| NORTHEAST BOHEMIA | 0.9658 0.19 | 1.0021 | 0.9896 0.10 | 1.0133 | 0.5079 0.98 | 0.8443 | 3.1577 2.24 | 0.8836 | 0.0031 18.07 | 0.1088 |
| SOUTHEAST BOHEMIA | 0.9572 0.21 | 0.9932 | 0.9921 0.09 | 1.0159 | 0.5214 0.96 | 0.8667 | 2.9579 2.44 | 0.8276 | 0.0034 19.84 | 0.1204 |
| CENTRAL MORAVIA | 0.9609 0.20 | 0.9970 | 0.9890 0.11 | 1.0127 | 0.5113 0.98 | 0.8500 | 3.4309 2.71 | 0.9600 | 0.0021 22.02 | 0.0733 |
| MORAVIAN-SILESIA REGION | 0.9547 0.22 | 0.9906 | 0.9895 0.10 | 1.0132 | 0.4547 1.10 | 0.7559 | 2.7990 2.18 | 0.7832 | 0.0050 14.16 | 0.1767 |
| Czech Republic | 0.9627 0.20 | 0.9990 | 0.9880 0.11 | 1.0116 | 0.5014 1.00 | 0.8335 | 3.6712 2.18 | 1.0272 | 0.0041 16.31 | 0.1450 |

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|--|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|
| <i>COUNTRY/ REGION</i> | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| Denmark | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0376 | 0.9877 0.11 | 1.0114 | 0.8832 0.36 | 1.4681 | 0.0341 21.21 | 0.0096 | 0.0052 14.30 | 0.1849 |
| Estonia | 0.9755 0.16 | 1.0123 | 0.9873 0.11 | 1.0110 | 0.6146 0.79 | 1.0216 | 3.1897 2.38 | 0.8925 | 0.0065 14.54 | 0.2327 |
| <i>EAST FINLAND</i> | 0.9945 0.07 | 1.0319 | 0.9615 0.20 | 0.9846 | 0.7500 0.58 | 1.2467 | 0.3028 8.48 | 0.0847 | 0.0165 8.36 | 0.5869 |
| <i>SOUTH FINLAND</i> | 0.9978 0.05 | 1.0353 | 0.9395 0.25 | 0.9620 | 0.8152 0.48 | 1.3550 | 0.3407 6.37 | 0.0953 | 0.0099 10.77 | 0.3538 |
| <i>WEST FINLAND</i> | 0.9979 0.05 | 1.0355 | 0.9395 0.25 | 0.9620 | 0.7805 0.53 | 1.2973 | 0.6135 5.60 | 0.1717 | 0.0112 9.70 | 0.3979 |
| <i>NORTH FINLAND</i> | 0.9673 0.18 | 1.0037 | 0.9091 0.32 | 0.9309 | 0.7943 0.51 | 1.3203 | 0.5447 6.18 | 0.1524 | 0.0131 10.20 | 0.4662 |
| Finland | 0.9938 0.08 | 1.0312 | 0.9390 0.25 | 0.9615 | 0.7942 0.51 | 1.3201 | 0.4366 6.36 | 0.1222 | 0.0116 9.99 | 0.4114 |
| <i>ÎLE DE FRANCE</i> | 0.9775 0.15 | 1.0143 | 0.9452 0.24 | 0.9678 | 0.7643 0.56 | 1.2705 | 1.6388 3.66 | 0.4586 | 0.0061 12.78 | 0.2168 |
| <i>CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE</i> | 0.9849 0.12 | 1.0220 | 0.9736 0.17 | 0.9969 | 0.6113 0.80 | 1.0162 | 3.6250 2.15 | 1.0143 | 0.0453 4.60 | 1.6122 |
| <i>PICARDIE</i> | 0.9526 0.22 | 0.9885 | 0.9974 0.05 | 1.0213 | 0.5921 0.83 | 0.9842 | 4.1498 2.53 | 1.1612 | 0.0158 7.91 | 0.5622 |
| <i>HAUTE-NORMANDIE</i> | 0.9528 0.22 | 0.9886 | 0.9843 0.13 | 1.0078 | 0.6339 0.76 | 1.0536 | 0.9203 4.07 | 0.2575 | 0.0433 4.71 | 1.5419 |
| <i>CENTRE</i> | 0.9748 0.16 | 1.0115 | 0.9725 0.17 | 0.9958 | 0.6445 0.74 | 1.0713 | 2.2222 3.61 | 0.6218 | 0.0161 7.84 | 0.5716 |
| <i>BASSE-NORMANDIE</i> | 0.9790 0.15 | 1.0159 | 0.9895 0.10 | 1.0132 | 0.6049 0.81 | 1.0055 | 0.4776 4.15 | 0.1336 | 0.0664 3.76 | 2.3652 |
| <i>BOURGOGNE</i> | 0.9682 0.18 | 1.0046 | 0.9873 0.11 | 1.0109 | 0.6274 0.77 | 1.0429 | 1.8831 2.44 | 0.5269 | 0.0478 4.47 | 1.7008 |
| <i>NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS</i> | 0.9823 0.13 | 1.0193 | 0.9932 0.08 | 1.0170 | 0.6332 0.76 | 1.0525 | 2.4276 2.55 | 0.6793 | 0.0217 6.71 | 0.7740 |
| <i>LORRAINE</i> | 0.9849 0.12 | 1.0220 | 0.9828 0.13 | 1.0063 | 0.6452 0.74 | 1.0724 | 2.8848 2.59 | 0.8072 | 0.0129 8.76 | 0.4594 |
| <i>ALSACE</i> | 0.9716 0.17 | 1.0082 | 0.9858 0.12 | 1.0094 | 0.7057 0.65 | 1.1730 | 6.2419 1.69 | 1.7466 | 0.0071 11.85 | 0.2525 |
| <i>FRANCHE-COMTÉ</i> | 0.9692 0.18 | 1.0057 | 0.9808 0.14 | 1.0043 | 0.6500 0.74 | 1.0805 | 1.3846 3.05 | 0.3874 | 0.0308 5.62 | 1.0955 |
| <i>PAYS DE LA LOIRE</i> | 0.9775 0.15 | 1.0143 | 0.9831 0.13 | 1.0067 | 0.6531 0.73 | 1.0856 | 1.3858 3.10 | 0.3878 | 0.0323 5.48 | 1.1501 |
| <i>BRETAGNE</i> | 0.9724 0.17 | 1.0090 | 0.9810 0.14 | 1.0045 | 0.5941 0.83 | 0.9876 | 1.7542 2.64 | 0.4908 | 0.0276 5.94 | 0.9838 |
| <i>POITOU-CHARENTES</i> | 0.9622 0.20 | 0.9984 | 0.9855 0.12 | 1.0091 | 0.6686 0.71 | 1.1114 | 2.6284 2.92 | 0.7354 | 0.0291 5.79 | 1.0350 |
| <i>AQUITAINE</i> | 0.9658 0.19 | 1.0022 | 0.9795 0.14 | 1.0029 | 0.6479 0.74 | 1.0769 | 2.4142 2.71 | 0.6755 | 0.0291 5.79 | 1.0346 |
| <i>MIDI-PYRÉNÉES</i> | 0.9608 0.20 | 0.9969 | 0.9695 0.18 | 0.9927 | 0.6514 0.73 | 1.0828 | 1.0293 2.97 | 0.2880 | 0.0392 4.96 | 1.3962 |
| <i>LIMOUSIN</i> | 0.9814 0.14 | 1.0183 | 0.9752 0.16 | 0.9985 | 0.5404 0.93 | 0.8982 | 1.5000 4.10 | 0.4197 | 0.0435 4.71 | 1.5480 |
| <i>RHÔNE-ALPES</i> | 0.9747 0.16 | 1.0114 | 0.9735 0.17 | 0.9968 | 0.7012 0.65 | 1.1656 | 1.6396 3.56 | 0.4588 | 0.0133 8.63 | 0.4718 |
| <i>AUVERGNE</i> | 0.9711 0.17 | 1.0076 | 0.9917 0.09 | 1.0155 | 0.5950 0.83 | 0.9891 | 1.6897 2.83 | 0.4728 | 0.0661 4.01 | 2.3539 |
| <i>LANGUEDOC- ROUSSILLON</i> | 0.9677 0.18 | 1.0042 | 0.9926 0.09 | 1.0163 | 0.5906 0.83 | 0.9817 | 1.7805 3.23 | 0.4982 | 0.0149 8.14 | 0.5301 |
| <i>PROVENCE-ALPES- CÔTE D'AZUR</i> | 0.9721 0.17 | 1.0087 | 0.9788 0.15 | 1.0022 | 0.6680 0.71 | 1.1104 | 1.9654 2.87 | 0.5499 | 0.0292 5.77 | 1.0402 |
| <i>CORSE</i> | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0376 | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0240 | 0.5000 1.02 | 0.8311 | 0.0000 0.00 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| France | 0.9729 0.17 | 1.0095 | 0.9766 0.15 | 1.0000 | 0.6598 0.72 | 1.0968 | 2.0358 3.06 | 0.5696 | 0.0248 6.30 | 0.8817 |

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| COUNTRY/REGION | Do you have a phone? (including mobile) [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Do you have a colour tv? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Do you have a computer? [0 : NO; 1:YES] | | Number of hours of Child care (free of charge) [per household member if less than 12 years old] | | Are there "family workers" in your family business? [Number] | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| Germany | 0.9951 0.07 | 1.0326 | 0.9657 0.19 | 0.9888 | 0.7637 0.56 | 1.2695 | 1.4274 3.18 | 0.3994 | 0.0049 14.71 | 0.1738 |
| VORREIA ELLADA | 0.9886 0.11 | 1.0258 | 0.9943 0.08 | 1.0181 | 0.3314 1.42 | 0.5509 | 7.7061 1.78 | 2.1563 | 0.1913 2.31 | 6.8120 |
| KENTRIKI ELLADA | 0.9766 0.15 | 1.0133 | 0.9883 0.11 | 1.0120 | 0.2522 1.72 | 0.4193 | 6.9397 1.93 | 1.9418 | 0.2247 2.10 | 7.9990 |
| ATTICA | 0.9922 0.09 | 1.0295 | 0.9912 0.09 | 1.0150 | 0.5022 1.00 | 0.8348 | 6.9800 1.80 | 1.9531 | 0.0312 6.17 | 1.1099 |
| NISIA AIGAIYOU, KRITI | 0.9777 0.15 | 1.0144 | 0.9818 0.14 | 1.0054 | 0.3310 1.42 | 0.5502 | 5.1876 2.12 | 1.4516 | 0.0950 3.33 | 3.3813 |
| Greece | 0.9859 0.12 | 1.0230 | 0.9906 0.10 | 1.0143 | 0.3676 1.31 | 0.6111 | 7.0171 1.85 | 1.9635 | 0.1376 2.79 | 4.8992 |
| CENTRAL HUNGARY | 0.9294 0.28 | 0.9643 | 0.9794 0.14 | 1.0029 | 0.5429 0.92 | 0.9025 | 5.2060 2.29 | 1.4567 | 0.0063 12.61 | 0.2225 |
| TRANS DANUBIA | 0.9139 0.31 | 0.9483 | 0.9813 0.14 | 1.0048 | 0.4852 1.03 | 0.8065 | 4.3402 2.39 | 1.2144 | 0.0051 14.02 | 0.1802 |
| GREAT PLAIN AND NORTH | 0.8905 0.35 | 0.9240 | 0.9815 0.14 | 1.0050 | 0.4204 1.17 | 0.6988 | 3.8761 2.14 | 1.0846 | 0.0087 10.66 | 0.3108 |
| Hungary | 0.9072 0.32 | 0.9413 | 0.9809 0.14 | 1.0044 | 0.4704 1.06 | 0.7819 | 4.3104 2.28 | 1.2061 | 0.0070 11.88 | 0.2503 |
| Ireland | 0.9889 0.11 | 1.0262 | 0.9886 0.11 | 1.0122 | 0.5411 0.92 | 0.8994 | 1.7515 3.30 | 0.4901 | 0.0133 8.72 | 0.4750 |
| NORTH WEST | 0.9682 0.18 | 1.0047 | 0.9664 0.19 | 0.9896 | 0.4820 1.04 | 0.8012 | 6.0539 1.89 | 1.6939 | 0.0406 5.34 | 1.4443 |
| NORTH EAST | 0.9791 0.15 | 1.0159 | 0.9678 0.18 | 0.9910 | 0.5365 0.93 | 0.8918 | 4.9412 1.95 | 1.3826 | 0.0515 4.71 | 1.8320 |
| CENTRE | 0.9705 0.17 | 1.0070 | 0.9758 0.16 | 0.9992 | 0.5282 0.95 | 0.8779 | 5.7709 2.01 | 1.6148 | 0.0329 5.78 | 1.1717 |
| SOUTH | 0.9143 0.31 | 0.9487 | 0.9796 0.14 | 1.0031 | 0.4510 1.10 | 0.7497 | 3.4725 2.48 | 0.9716 | 0.0317 6.04 | 1.1304 |
| ISLANDS | 0.9401 0.25 | 0.9755 | 0.9692 0.18 | 0.9924 | 0.4469 1.11 | 0.7429 | 4.0581 2.42 | 1.1355 | 0.0166 7.70 | 0.5909 |
| Italy | 0.9579 0.21 | 0.9940 | 0.9720 0.17 | 0.9952 | 0.4966 1.01 | 0.8255 | 4.9595 2.09 | 1.3877 | 0.0375 5.50 | 1.3355 |
| Latvia | 0.9442 0.24 | 0.9797 | 0.9765 0.16 | 0.9999 | 0.4467 1.11 | 0.7425 | 2.1426 4.49 | 0.5995 | 0.0096 11.31 | 0.3426 |
| Lithuania | 0.9258 0.28 | 0.9606 | 0.9849 0.12 | 1.0085 | 0.4624 1.08 | 0.7686 | 3.1401 3.28 | 0.8786 | 0.0359 5.88 | 1.2771 |
| Luxembourg | 0.9862 0.12 | 1.0234 | 0.9759 0.16 | 0.9993 | 0.7652 0.55 | 1.2719 | 2.4751 3.11 | 0.6926 | 0.0257 6.78 | 0.9139 |
| Netherlands | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0376 | 0.9855 0.12 | 1.0091 | 0.8769 0.37 | 1.4577 | 2.8198 1.80 | 0.7890 | 0.0072 11.78 | 0.2549 |

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|-------------------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| <i>CENTRAL REGION</i> | 0.9510 0.23 | 0.9868 | 0.9729 0.17 | 0.9962 | 0.5296 0.94 | 0.8803 | 6.5862 2.15 | 1.8429 | 0.1061 3.48 | 3.7757 |
| <i>SOUTH REGION</i> | 0.9476 0.24 | 0.9833 | 0.9768 0.15 | 1.0002 | 0.5458 0.91 | 0.9072 | 4.6586 2.31 | 1.3035 | 0.0565 4.52 | 2.0122 |
| <i>EAST REGION</i> | 0.9364 0.26 | 0.9717 | 0.9699 0.18 | 0.9931 | 0.5089 0.98 | 0.8459 | 5.9733 1.98 | 1.6714 | 0.1355 3.22 | 4.8238 |
| <i>NORTHWEST REGION</i> | 0.9598 0.20 | 0.9959 | 0.9861 0.12 | 1.0097 | 0.5371 0.93 | 0.8929 | 5.0663 2.19 | 1.4176 | 0.0632 4.18 | 2.2518 |
| <i>SOUTHWEST REGION</i> | 0.9586 0.21 | 0.9947 | 0.9782 0.15 | 1.0016 | 0.5207 0.96 | 0.8655 | 4.1584 2.47 | 1.1636 | 0.0356 5.73 | 1.2669 |
| <i>NORTH REGION</i> | 0.9616 0.20 | 0.9978 | 0.9880 0.11 | 1.0117 | 0.5331 0.94 | 0.8862 | 4.8538 2.42 | 1.3581 | 0.0633 4.67 | 2.2529 |
| Poland | 0.9510 0.23 | 0.9868 | 0.9778 0.15 | 1.0012 | 0.5296 0.94 | 0.8803 | 5.3532 2.22 | 1.4979 | 0.0822 3.98 | 2.9253 |
| Portugal | 0.9091 0.32 | 0.9433 | 0.9892 0.10 | 1.0129 | 0.4430 1.12 | 0.7363 | 4.5382 2.40 | 1.2698 | 0.0285 6.29 | 1.0152 |
| <i>NORD-EST</i> | 0.6680 0.71 | 0.6932 | 0.9040 0.33 | 0.9256 | 0.2091 1.95 | 0.3476 | 20.6308 0.61 | 5.7727 | 0.2815 2.29 | 10.0233 |
| <i>SUD-EST</i> | 0.7717 0.54 | 0.8008 | 0.9394 0.25 | 0.9619 | 0.2465 1.75 | 0.4097 | 23.0561 0.64 | 6.4513 | 0.0929 3.41 | 3.3086 |
| <i>SUD-MUNTENIA</i> | 0.7369 0.60 | 0.7646 | 0.9395 0.25 | 0.9620 | 0.2357 1.80 | 0.3917 | 21.6478 0.55 | 6.0573 | 0.1574 2.90 | 5.6034 |
| <i>SUD-VEST OLTENIA</i> | 0.6725 0.70 | 0.6978 | 0.9343 0.27 | 0.9567 | 0.2324 1.82 | 0.3863 | 25.7214 0.63 | 7.1971 | 0.2594 2.60 | 9.2351 |
| <i>VEST</i> | 0.7977 0.50 | 0.8277 | 0.9608 0.20 | 0.9838 | 0.2693 1.65 | 0.4476 | 28.5351 0.57 | 7.9844 | 0.0746 4.34 | 2.6556 |
| <i>NORD-VEST</i> | 0.7751 0.54 | 0.8043 | 0.9463 0.24 | 0.9689 | 0.3005 1.53 | 0.4995 | 20.2160 0.63 | 5.6566 | 0.1423 2.86 | 5.0659 |
| <i>CENTRU</i> | 0.7720 0.54 | 0.8010 | 0.9527 0.22 | 0.9755 | 0.2838 1.59 | 0.4718 | 21.0169 0.59 | 5.8808 | 0.0605 4.88 | 2.1557 |
| <i>BUCUREȘTI-ILFOV</i> | 0.9299 0.27 | 0.9649 | 0.9891 0.11 | 1.0128 | 0.3847 1.27 | 0.6395 | 26.9592 0.59 | 7.5435 | 0.0016 25.34 | 0.0555 |
| Romania | 0.7552 0.57 | 0.7836 | 0.9422 0.25 | 0.9648 | 0.2630 1.67 | 0.4372 | 22.9554 0.61 | 6.4231 | 0.1436 3.21 | 5.1135 |
| Slovakia | 0.9503 0.23 | 0.9860 | 0.9879 0.11 | 1.0116 | 0.5279 0.95 | 0.8775 | 2.6842 2.77 | 0.7511 | 0.0015 26.08 | 0.0523 |
| Slovenia | 0.9898 0.10 | 1.0271 | 0.9813 0.14 | 1.0048 | 0.6933 0.67 | 1.1524 | 5.3563 1.88 | 1.4988 | 0.0041 16.81 | 0.1459 |

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| COUNTRY/REGION | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D | I CV | D |
| <i>GALICIA</i> | 0.9763 0.16 | 1.0130 | 0.9914 0.09 | 1.0151 | 0.5307 0.94 | 0.8822 | 2.6712 4.06 | 0.7474 | 0.0162 9.69 | 0.5761 |
| <i>ASTURIAS</i> | 0.9920 0.09 | 1.0293 | 0.9968 0.06 | 1.0207 | 0.5698 0.87 | 0.9472 | 2.8045 4.08 | 0.7847 | 0.0225 6.60 | 0.8001 |
| <i>CANTABRIA</i> | 0.9897 0.10 | 1.0270 | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0240 | 0.5424 0.92 | 0.9016 | 2.0683 3.50 | 0.5787 | 0.0129 8.77 | 0.4576 |
| <i>BASQUE COMMUNITY</i> | 0.9944 0.08 | 1.0318 | 0.9888 0.11 | 1.0125 | 0.6597 0.72 | 1.0965 | 1.7076 3.85 | 0.4778 | 0.0042 15.41 | 0.1496 |
| <i>NAVARRRE</i> | 0.9800 0.14 | 1.0168 | 0.9911 0.09 | 1.0148 | 0.6281 0.77 | 1.0440 | 1.4836 4.54 | 0.4151 | 0.0156 7.96 | 0.5551 |
| <i>LA RIOJA</i> | 0.9874 0.11 | 1.0246 | 0.9950 0.07 | 1.0188 | 0.5718 0.87 | 0.9505 | 2.0115 4.59 | 0.5628 | 0.0202 6.98 | 0.7174 |
| <i>ARAGÓN</i> | 0.9912 0.09 | 1.0285 | 0.9947 0.07 | 1.0186 | 0.6221 0.78 | 1.0342 | 2.0420 3.07 | 0.5714 | 0.0316 5.54 | 1.1263 |
| <i>MADRID</i> | 0.9970 0.06 | 1.0345 | 0.9970 0.06 | 1.0208 | 0.6643 0.71 | 1.1042 | 1.1176 4.70 | 0.3127 | 0.0121 9.03 | 0.4320 |
| <i>CASTILLA Y LEÓN</i> | 0.9831 0.13 | 1.0201 | 0.9932 0.08 | 1.0170 | 0.4994 1.00 | 0.8302 | 3.1277 2.73 | 0.8752 | 0.0575 4.22 | 2.0471 |
| <i>CASTILE-LA MANCHA</i> | 0.9780 0.15 | 1.0148 | 0.9984 0.04 | 1.0223 | 0.5031 0.99 | 0.8364 | 2.0621 4.10 | 0.5770 | 0.0314 5.55 | 1.1196 |
| <i>EXTREMADURA</i> | 0.9551 0.22 | 0.9910 | 0.9981 0.04 | 1.0220 | 0.4513 1.10 | 0.7502 | 1.1977 3.52 | 0.3351 | 0.0318 5.85 | 1.1334 |
| <i>CATALONIA</i> | 0.9937 0.08 | 1.0311 | 0.9958 0.07 | 1.0196 | 0.6494 0.74 | 1.0794 | 2.5340 2.96 | 0.7090 | 0.0203 7.42 | 0.7240 |
| <i>VALENCIAN COMMUNITY</i> | 0.9903 0.10 | 1.0276 | 0.9971 0.05 | 1.0210 | 0.5926 0.83 | 0.9851 | 2.2146 2.94 | 0.6197 | 0.0291 5.97 | 1.0360 |
| <i>BALEARIC ISLANDS</i> | 0.9871 0.11 | 1.0242 | 0.9978 0.05 | 1.0217 | 0.5841 0.84 | 0.9708 | 1.5300 3.85 | 0.4281 | 0.0323 5.48 | 1.1510 |
| <i>ANDALUSIA</i> | 0.9726 0.17 | 1.0092 | 0.9955 0.07 | 1.0194 | 0.5673 0.87 | 0.9430 | 1.7879 4.00 | 0.5003 | 0.0268 6.32 | 0.9543 |
| <i>REGION OF MURCIA</i> | 0.9792 0.15 | 1.0160 | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0240 | 0.5492 0.91 | 0.9130 | 0.7527 5.78 | 0.2106 | 0.0189 7.20 | 0.6743 |
| <i>CEUTA</i> | 0.9843 0.13 | 1.0213 | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0240 | 0.4961 1.01 | 0.8246 | 1.3559 7.68 | 0.3794 | 0.0079 11.27 | 0.2803 |
| <i>MELILLA</i> | 0.9839 0.13 | 1.0209 | 0.9919 0.09 | 1.0157 | 0.6290 0.77 | 1.0456 | 0.4255 5.38 | 0.1191 | 0.0000 ! | 0.0000 |
| <i>CANARY ISLANDS</i> | 0.9858 0.12 | 1.0229 | 0.9984 0.04 | 1.0223 | 0.5893 0.84 | 0.9795 | 1.1542 5.29 | 0.3230 | 0.0300 5.69 | 1.0687 |
| Spain | 0.9845 0.13 | 1.0215 | 0.9956 0.07 | 1.0195 | 0.5805 0.85 | 0.9649 | 1.8657 3.93 | 0.5220 | 0.0243 6.58 | 0.8645 |
| <i>EAST SWEDEN</i> | 0.9960 0.06 | 1.0334 | 0.9650 0.19 | 0.9881 | 0.8614 0.40 | 1.4319 | 0.1667 12.11 | 0.0466 | 0.0029 18.41 | 0.1048 |
| <i>SOUTH SWEDEN</i> | 0.9982 0.04 | 1.0357 | 0.9647 0.19 | 0.9878 | 0.8292 0.45 | 1.3784 | 0.1291 12.30 | 0.0361 | 0.0036 16.54 | 0.1298 |
| <i>NORTH SWEDEN</i> | 0.9993 0.03 | 1.0369 | 0.9631 0.20 | 0.9862 | 0.8193 0.47 | 1.3618 | 0.3149 6.67 | 0.0881 | 0.0035 16.95 | 0.1235 |
| Sweden | 0.9976 0.05 | 1.0351 | 0.9645 0.19 | 0.9876 | 0.8391 0.44 | 1.3947 | 0.1756 10.52 | 0.0491 | 0.0034 17.24 | 0.1194 |
| United Kingdom | 0.9966 0.06 | 1.0341 | 0.9908 0.10 | 1.0146 | 0.7343 0.60 | 1.2206 | 3.8209 2.23 | 1.0691 | 0.0010 31.49 | 0.0359 |
| European Union | 0.9637 0.19 | 1.0000 | 0.9766 0.15 | 1.0000 | 0.6016 0.81 | 1.0000 | 3.5739 2.57 | 1.0000 | 0.0281 6.68 | 1.0000 |
| Min | 0.7552 0.57 | 0.7836 | 0.9390 0.25 | 0.9615 | 0.2630 1.67 | 0.4372 | 0.0341 21.21 | 0.0096 | 0.0010 31.49 | 0.0359 |
| Max | 1.0000 0.00 | 1.0376 | 0.9956 0.07 | 1.0195 | 0.8832 0.36 | 1.4681 | 22.9554 0.61 | 6.4231 | 0.1436 3.21 | 5.1135 |

TAB.A 3 SOCIAL CAPITAL INDICATORS - MEAN (I_i) AND TERRITORIAL DIVIDE (D=I_i/I_{EU})

| Territorial characteristics (TC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---|--------|--|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|--|--------|
| Country/REGION | Overcrowding rate | | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames of floor. | | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population considering their dwelling as too dark . | | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering noise from neighbors or from the street | | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering from pollution, grime or other environmental problems | | Greenhouse gas emission (in CO ₂ equivalent) | | Urban population exposure to air pollution by ozone, micrograms per cubic metre day | | Urban population exposure to air pollution by particulate matter, micrograms per cubic metre | |
| | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D |
| Austria | 15.0 | 0.6506 | 13.6 | 0.7699 | 6.9 | 0.9646 | 21.7 | 1.0524 | 8.4 | 0.5266 | 110.0 | 1.2303 | 5186.0 | 1.4314 | 22.0 | 0.8462 |
| Belgium | 4.1 | 0.1778 | 18.0 | 1.0190 | 7.9 | 1.1044 | 21.0 | 1.0185 | 16.1 | 1.0093 | 93.0 | 1.0402 | 2601.0 | 0.7179 | 26.0 | 1.0001 |
| Bulgaria | 48.1 | 2.0863 | 30.4 | 1.7209 | 8.0 | 1.1184 | 16.9 | 0.8196 | 20.2 | 1.2664 | 52.0 | 0.5816 | 3816.0 | 1.0533 | 60.0 | 2.3079 |
| Cyprus | 3.2 | 0.1388 | 26.9 | 1.5228 | 5.3 | 0.7409 | 30.5 | 1.4792 | 20.5 | 1.2852 | 90.0 | 1.0066 | 3525.0 | 0.9730 | 26.0 | 1.0001 |
| Czech Republic | 29.8 | 1.2926 | 13.8 | 0.7812 | 4.1 | 0.5732 | 17.6 | 0.8536 | 17.0 | 1.0658 | 73.0 | 0.8165 | 4197.0 | 1.1585 | 25.0 | 0.9616 |
| Denmark | 7.3 | 0.3166 | 8.7 | 0.4925 | 4.3 | 0.6011 | 18.4 | 0.8924 | 7.7 | 0.4827 | 92.0 | 1.0290 | 2785.0 | 0.7687 | 21.0 | 0.8078 |
| Estonia | 41.7 | 1.8087 | 17.1 | 0.9680 | 5.4 | 0.7549 | 18.0 | 0.8730 | 22.3 | 1.3980 | 47.0 | 0.5257 | 1381.0 | 0.3812 | 11.0 | 0.4231 |
| Finland | 5.8 | 0.2516 | 4.4 | 0.2491 | 5.1 | 0.7130 | 15.5 | 0.7517 | 12.7 | 0.7962 | 99.0 | 1.1073 | 1918.0 | 0.5294 | 14.0 | 0.5385 |
| France | 9.7 | 0.4207 | 12.8 | 0.7246 | 8.2 | 1.1463 | 17.8 | 0.8633 | 14.3 | 0.8965 | 96.0 | 1.0737 | 3367.0 | 0.9294 | 24.0 | 0.9232 |
| Germany | 7.0 | 0.3036 | 14.0 | 0.7925 | 4.4 | 0.6151 | 26.3 | 1.2755 | 23.1 | 1.4482 | 80.0 | 0.8948 | 3472.0 | 0.9583 | 21.0 | 0.8078 |
| Greece | 26.7 | 1.1581 | 18.6 | 1.0529 | 6.8 | 0.9506 | 22.3 | 1.0815 | 20.3 | 1.2726 | 120.0 | 1.3422 | 3525.0 | 0.9730 | 26.0 | 1.0001 |
| Hungary | 48.3 | 2.0950 | 30.8 | 1.7436 | 10.1 | 1.4119 | 12.2 | 0.5917 | 11.0 | 0.6896 | 63.0 | 0.7046 | 5695.0 | 1.5719 | 29.0 | 1.1155 |
| Ireland | 4.7 | 0.2039 | 11.9 | 0.6736 | 5.4 | 0.7549 | 12.0 | 0.5820 | 7.7 | 0.4827 | 122.0 | 1.3645 | 956.0 | 0.2639 | 14.0 | 0.5385 |
| Italy | 24.2 | 1.0497 | 20.4 | 1.1548 | 7.9 | 1.1044 | 24.3 | 1.1785 | 19.8 | 1.2413 | 105.0 | 1.1744 | 6217.0 | 1.7160 | 35.0 | 1.3463 |

| <i>Territorial characteristics (TC)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|---|--------------|--|-------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|----------------|--|--------------|--------|
| Country/ <i>REGION</i> | Overcrowding rate | | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population living in a dwelling with a leaking roof, damp walls, floors or foundation, or rot in window frames of floor. | | Housing deprivation rate: % of total population considering their dwelling as too dark . | | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering noise from neighbors or from the street | | Environment of the dwelling : % of total population suffering from pollution, grime or other environmental problems | | Greenhouse gas emission (in CO ₂ equivalent) | | Urban population exposure to air pollution by ozone, micrograms per cubic metre day | | Urban population exposure to air pollution by particulate matter, micrograms per cubic metre | | |
| | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | I | D | |
| <i>Latvia</i> | 58.1 | 2.5201 | 25.5 | 1.4435 | 11.6 | 1.6216 | 20.5 | 0.9942 | 35.2 | 2.2067 | 46.0 | 0.5145 | 1354.0 | 0.3737 | 24.0 | 0.9232 | |
| <i>Lithuania</i> | 49.9 | 2.1644 | 24.8 | 1.4039 | 10.2 | 1.4259 | 16.6 | 0.8051 | 12.7 | 0.7962 | 49.0 | 0.5480 | 3653.0 | 1.0083 | 19.0 | 0.7308 | |
| <i>Luxembourg</i> | 8.0 | 0.3470 | 16.2 | 0.9171 | 5.6 | 0.7829 | 20.0 | 0.9700 | 16.3 | 1.0219 | 93.0 | 1.0402 | 3525.0 | 0.9730 | 20.0 | 0.7693 | |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 1.7 | 0.0737 | 15.6 | 0.8831 | 3.9 | 0.5452 | 29.3 | 1.4210 | 13.0 | 0.8150 | 96.0 | 1.0737 | 1761.0 | 0.4861 | 27.0 | 1.0385 | |
| <i>Poland</i> | 50.8 | 2.2035 | 22.8 | 1.2907 | 8.4 | 1.1743 | 18.7 | 0.9069 | 11.5 | 0.7209 | 70.0 | 0.7829 | 3510.0 | 0.9688 | 31.0 | 1.1924 | |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 15.7 | 0.6810 | 18.9 | 1.0699 | 11.5 | 1.6077 | 24.2 | 1.1737 | 16.8 | 1.0532 | 130.0 | 1.4540 | 2279.0 | 0.6291 | 24.0 | 0.9232 | |
| <i>Romania</i> | 56.5 | 2.4507 | 24.3 | 1.3756 | 8.2 | 1.1463 | 31.3 | 1.5180 | 17.2 | 1.0783 | 55.0 | 0.6152 | 3375.0 | 0.9316 | 39.0 | 1.5001 | |
| <i>Slovakia</i> | 42.9 | 1.8608 | 9.1 | 0.5151 | 4.4 | 0.6151 | 19.3 | 0.9360 | 19.3 | 1.2099 | 67.0 | 0.7494 | 5117.0 | 1.4124 | 27.0 | 1.0385 | |
| <i>Slovenia</i> | 39.5 | 1.7133 | 30.2 | 1.7096 | 11.8 | 1.6496 | 18.7 | 0.9069 | 20.1 | 1.2601 | 105.0 | 1.1744 | 5838.0 | 1.6114 | 29.0 | 1.1155 | |
| <i>Spain</i> | 3.6 | 0.1562 | 15.7 | 0.8888 | 5.8 | 0.8108 | 21.8 | 1.0573 | 13.4 | 0.8401 | 140.0 | 1.5658 | 4277.0 | 1.1805 | 27.0 | 1.0385 | |
| <i>Sweden</i> | 10.1 | 0.4381 | 8.0 | 0.4529 | 6.6 | 0.9227 | 13.8 | 0.6693 | 9.4 | 0.5893 | 88.0 | 0.9842 | 2507.0 | 0.6920 | 18.0 | 0.6924 | |
| <i>United Kingdom</i> | 6.5 | 0.2819 | 15.0 | 0.8491 | 10.2 | 1.4259 | 19.8 | 0.9603 | 12.4 | 0.7774 | 80.0 | 0.8948 | 1722.0 | 0.4753 | 21.0 | 0.8078 | |
| <i>European Union</i> | I CV | 23.1 0.81 | 1.0000 | 17.7 0.39 | 1.0000 | 7.2 0.33 | 1.0000 | 20.6 0.23 | 1.0000 | 16.0 0.33 | 1.0000 | 89.4 0.27 | 1.0000 | 3622.9 0.41 | 1.0000 | 26.0 0.31 | 1.0000 |
| | Min | 1.7 | 0.0737 | 4.4 | 0.2491 | 3.9 | 0.5452 | 12.0 | 0.5820 | 7.7 | 0.4827 | 46.0 | 0.5145 | 956.0 | 0.2639 | 11.0 | 0.4231 |
| | Max | 58.1 | 2.5201 | 30.8 | 1.7436 | 11.8 | 1.6496 | 31.3 | 1.5180 | 35.2 | 2.2067 | 140.0 | 1.5658 | 6217.0 | 1.7160 | 60.0 | 2.3079 |