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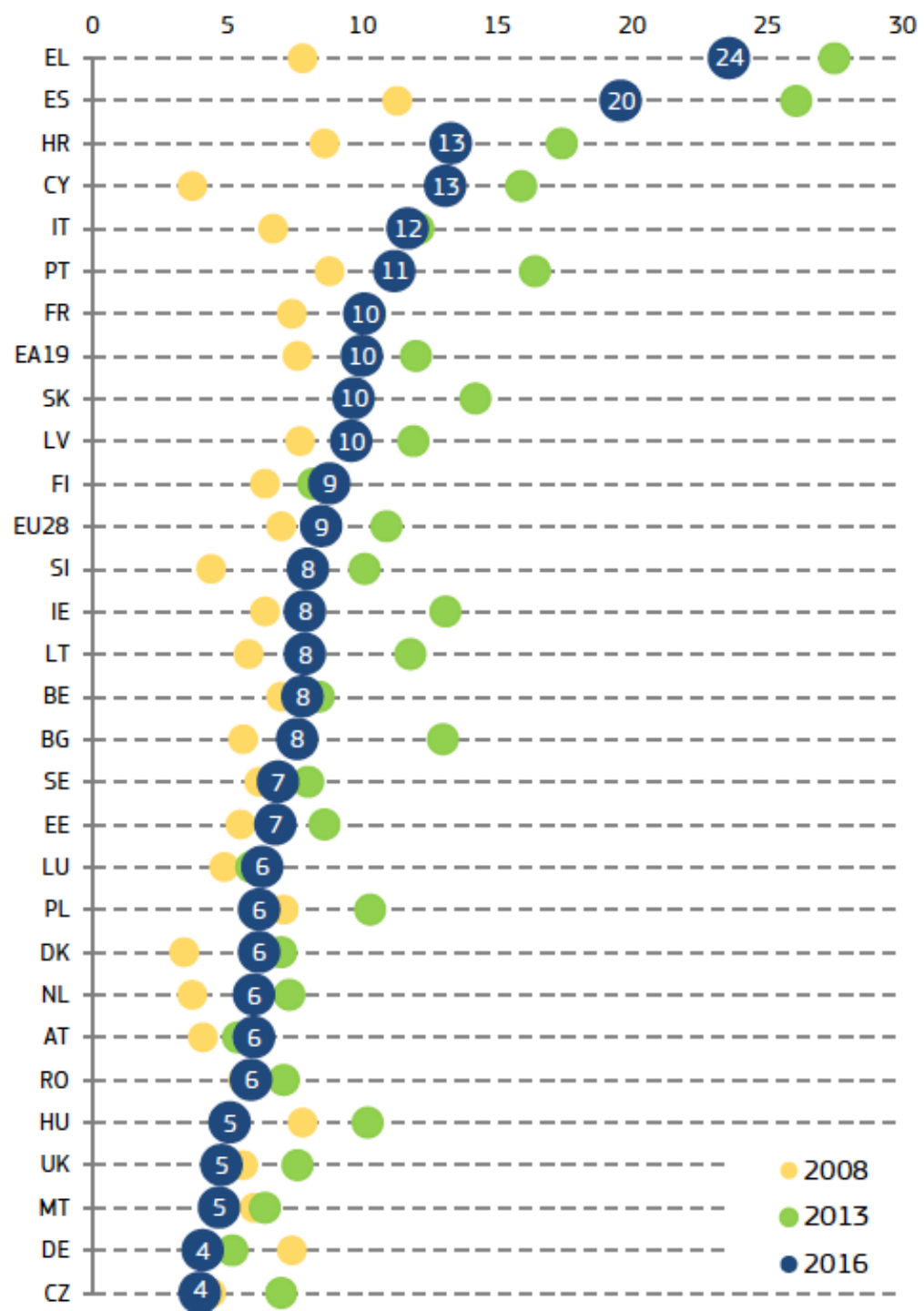
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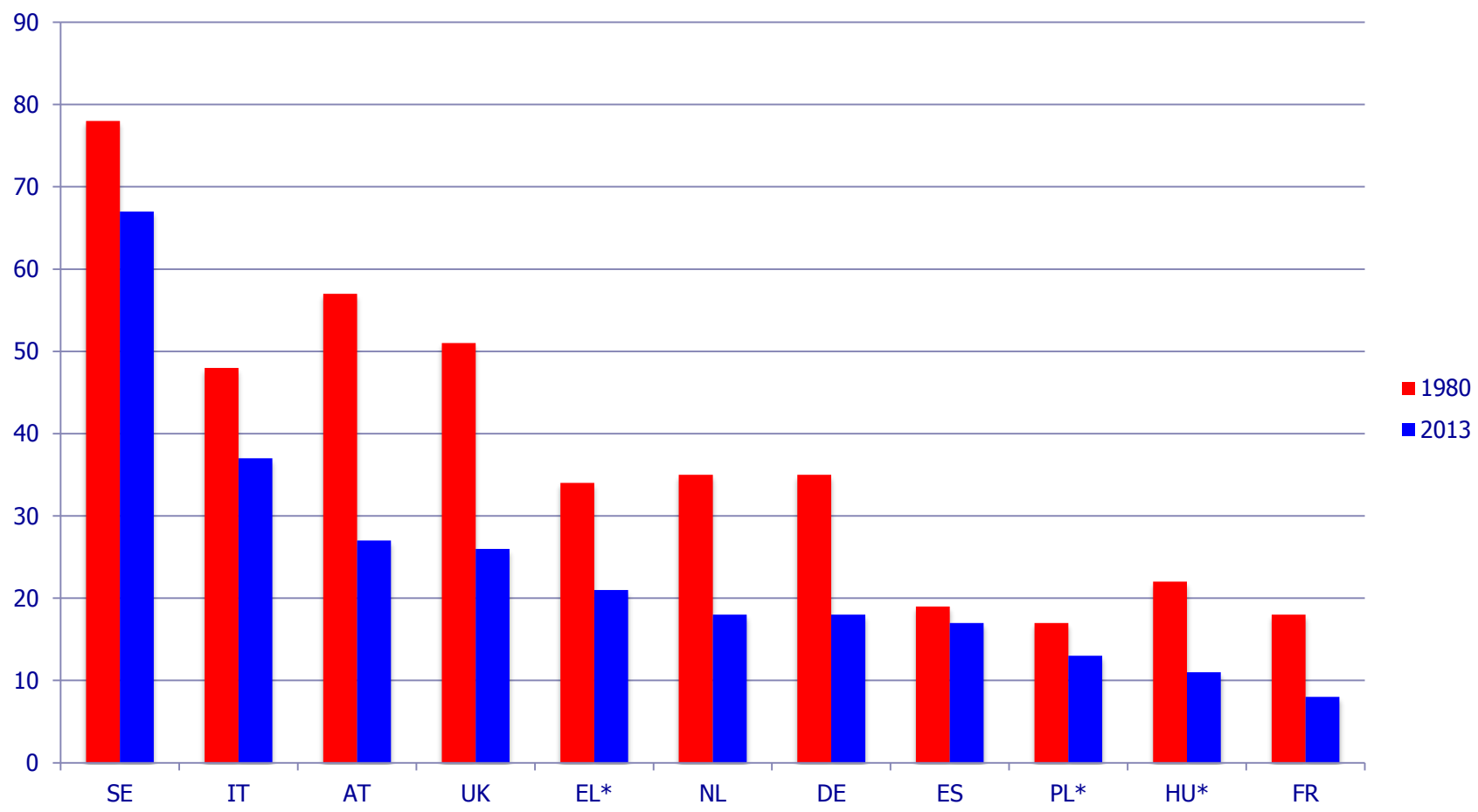
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Structural power:
Unemployment rates
EU 2008/2013/2016



Source: Eurostat (Employment and Social developments in Europe 2017)

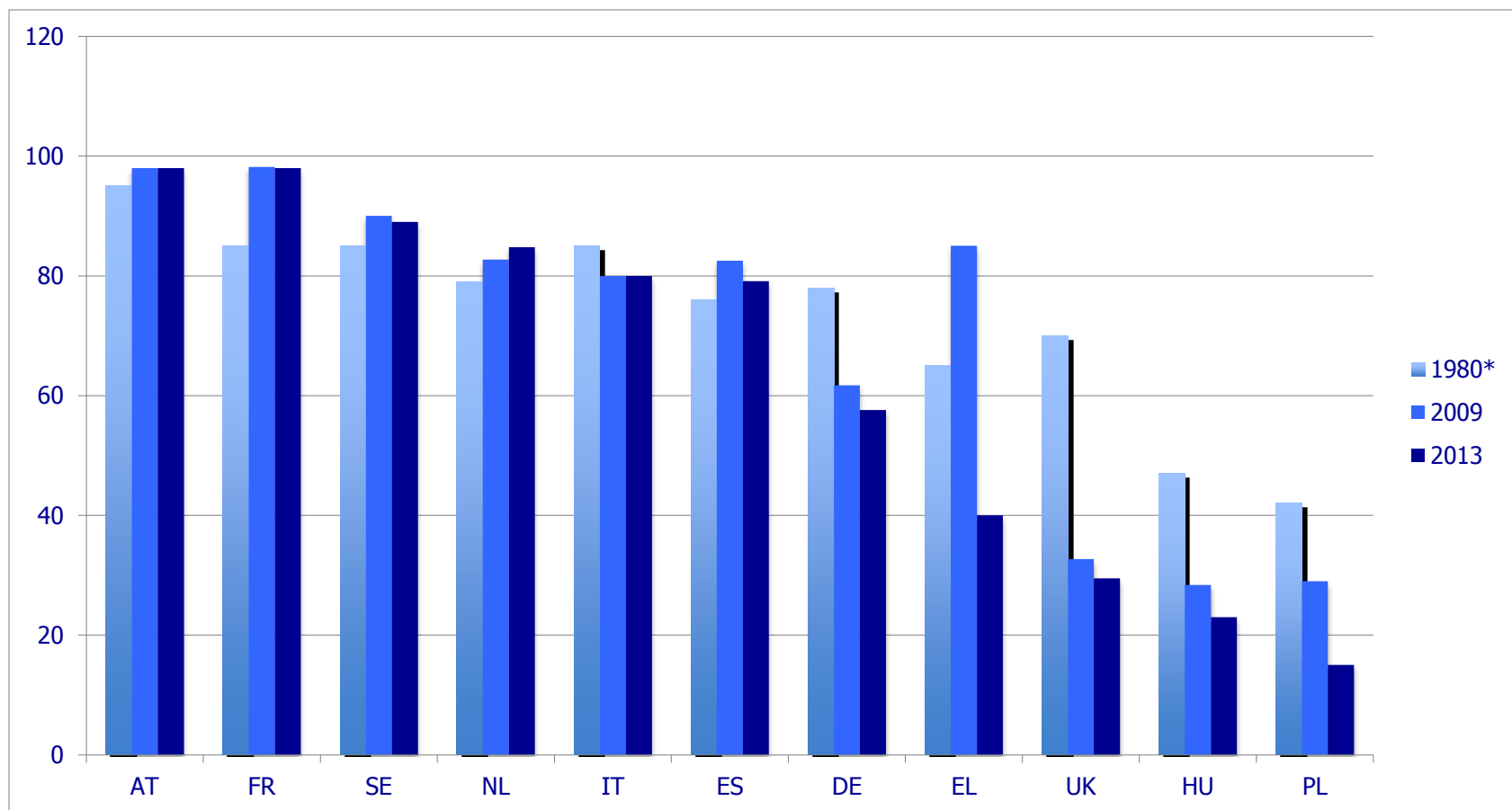
Organisational power: Net trade union density 1980 (*2000) - 2013



Source: ICTWSS

Institutional power:

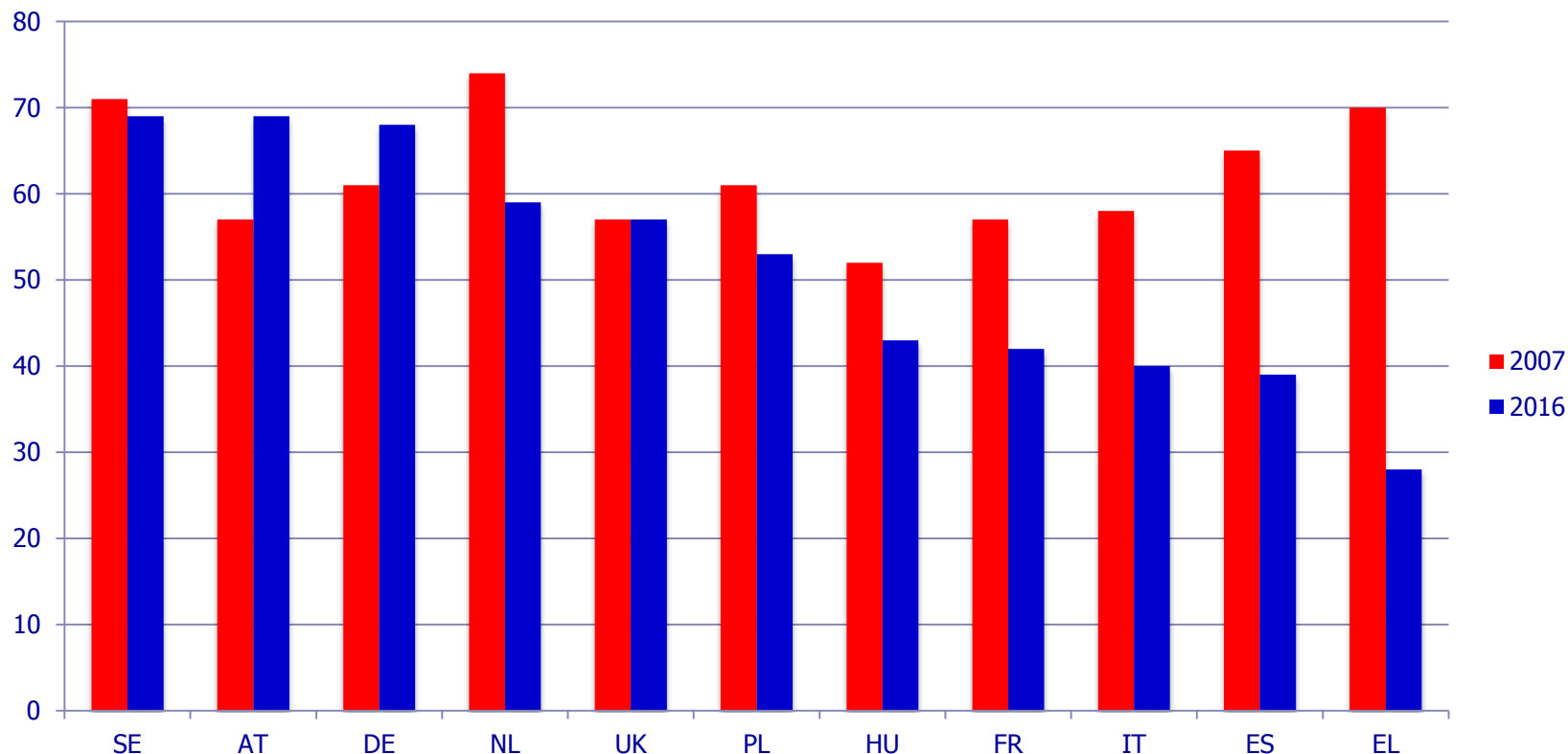
Collective bargaining coverage 1980 (*2000) - 2013



* EL, HU, PL: 2000; Source: ICTWSS

Societal power:

Trade unions bring to mind something 'very or fairly positive' to EU citizens, 2007 and 2016 (%)



Changes in configurations of power resources

ES + EL + HU: Damaging / dismantling institutional p.r.

IT + FR: Survival of institutional p.r.?

NL + PL: Between corporatism and activism

DE + UK: Recovering from earlier setbacks?

SE + AT: Continuity at the surface

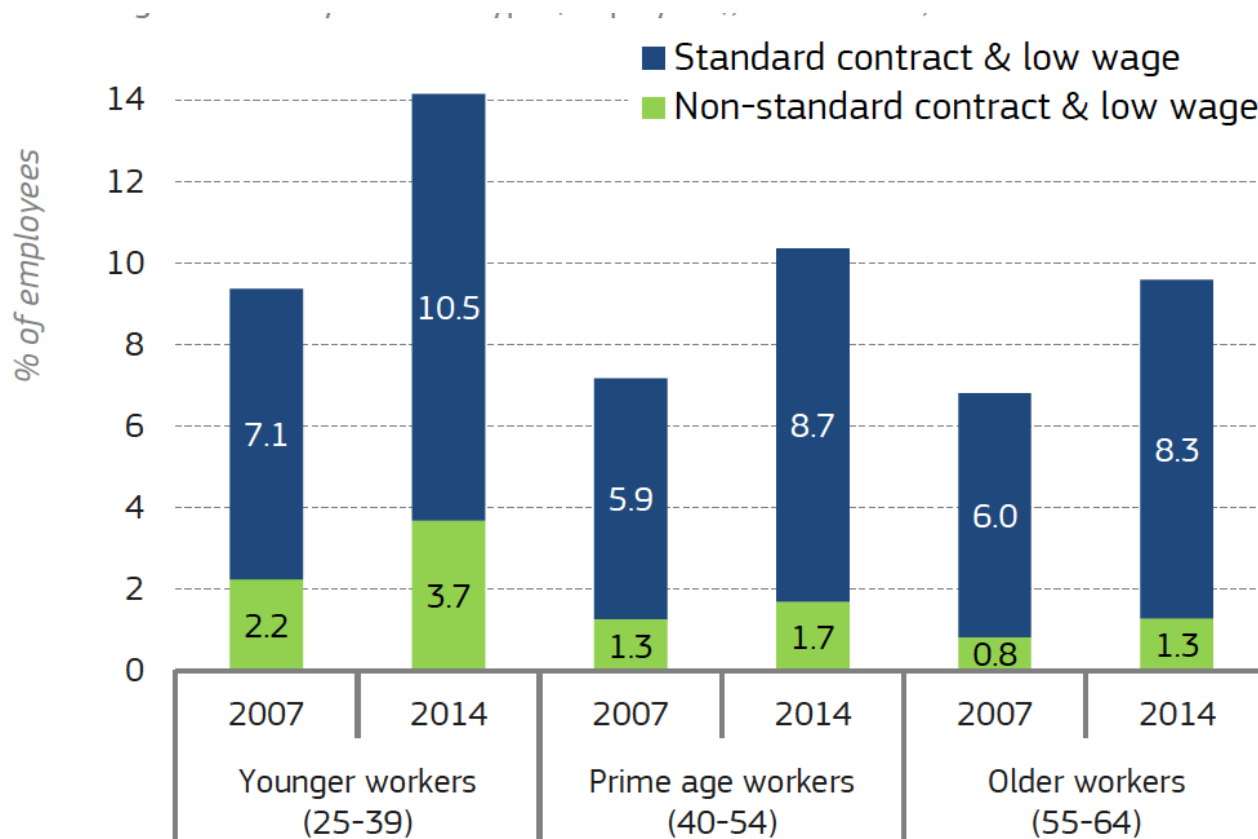
Contrasting parallels / challenges

1. How to outweigh the weakening of institutional p.r.?
2. How to gain greater political autonomy and say?
3. How to develop social counterweights at EU level?
And how to anchor them in the national TU policy agenda?

Multi-level governance requires multi-level policy approaches.

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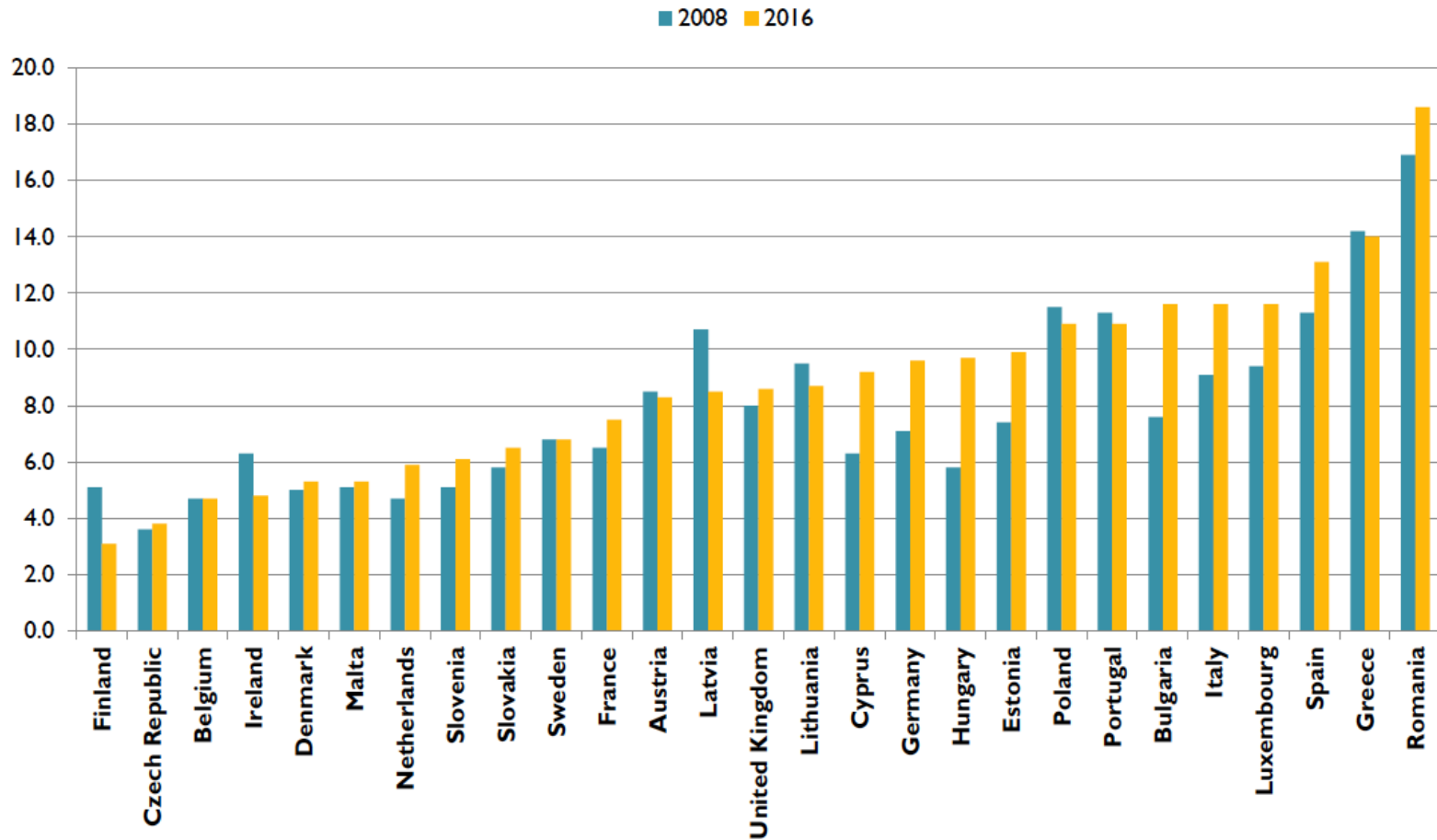
Low-wage workers by contract type (employees), 2007-2014, EU



* Green (blue) bars show the proportion of low wage earners among non-standard (standard) employees.

Source: EU-SILC (Employment and Social developments in Europe 2017)

In-work poverty rate in the EU 2008, 2016



Source: Eurostat (Karamessini 2017)

Bargaining coverage and extension practices (ca. 2010)

