

EUROSTUDENT microdata

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what you can do with it



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EUROSTUDENT collects comparable microdata on the social dimension of European higher education.

Data available: Scientific Use File



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EUROSTUDENT microdata available free of charge

- round 7 (2018–2021) → now
- round 8 (2021–2024) → in 2024

Main topics covered by EUROSTUDENT



Characteristics
of student populations



Social
background



Access and
transition



Types and modes
of study



Time budget of
students'



Employment
and paid work



Future plans and
assessments



Students'
resources



Students'
expenses



Housing
situation



Mobility

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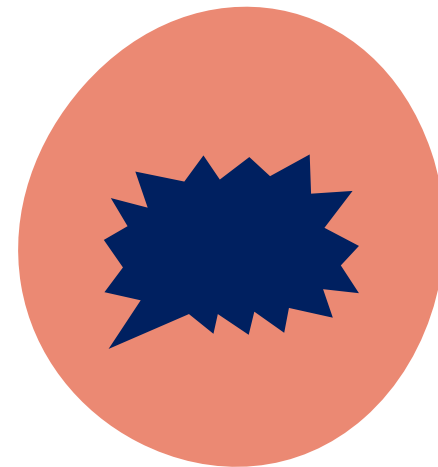
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Extra topics in round 8



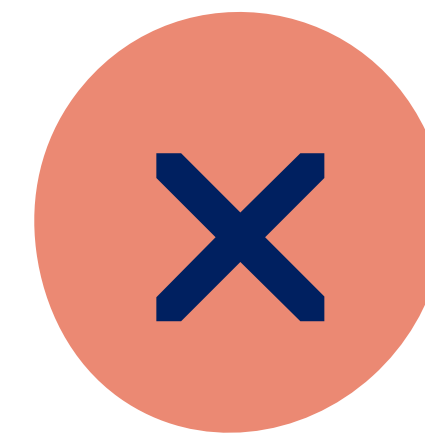
Discrimination
experiences



Mental
health



Digitalisation



COVID-19

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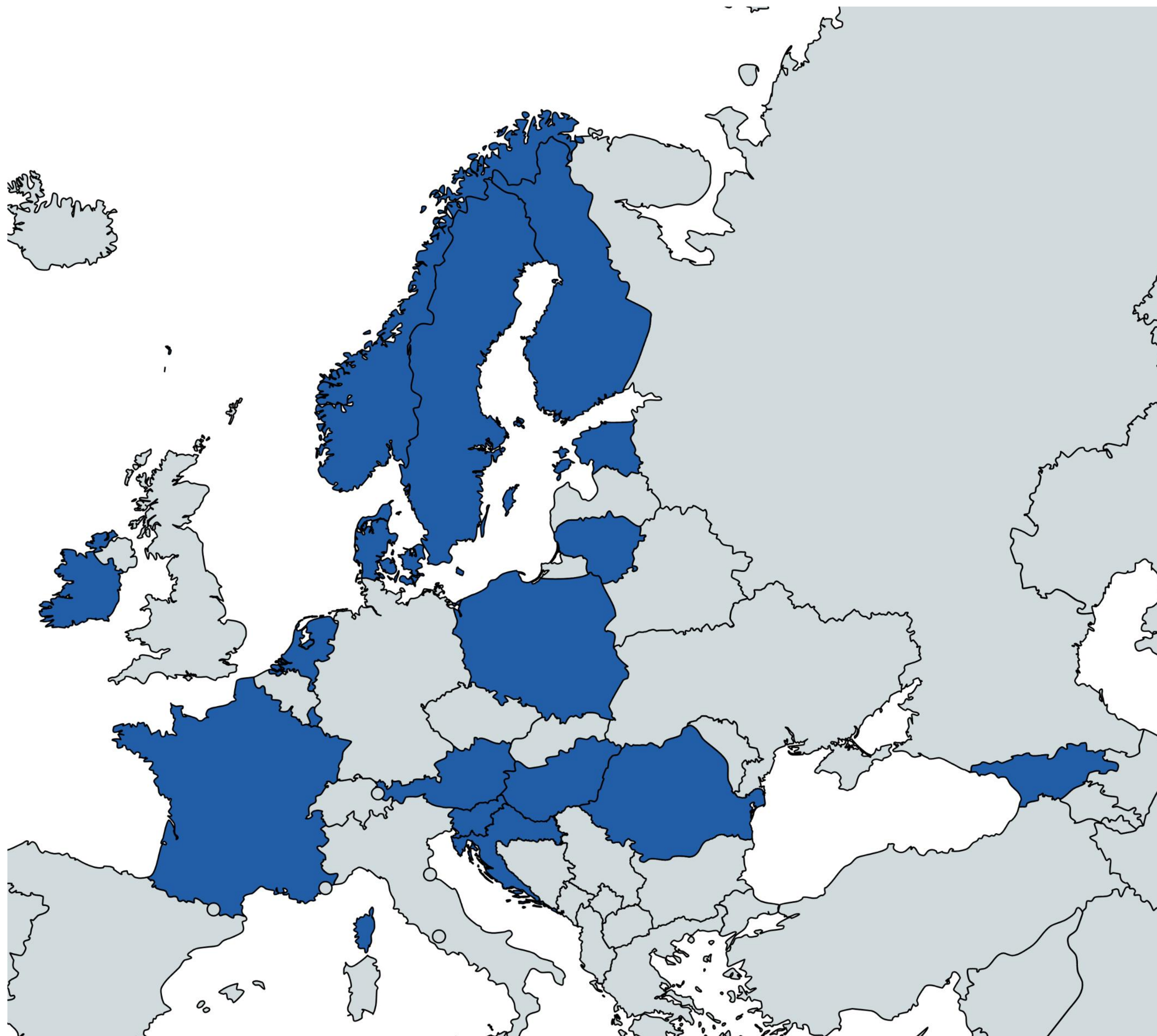
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- **Higher education researchers**
- **Researchers and non-profit organisations from other fields**



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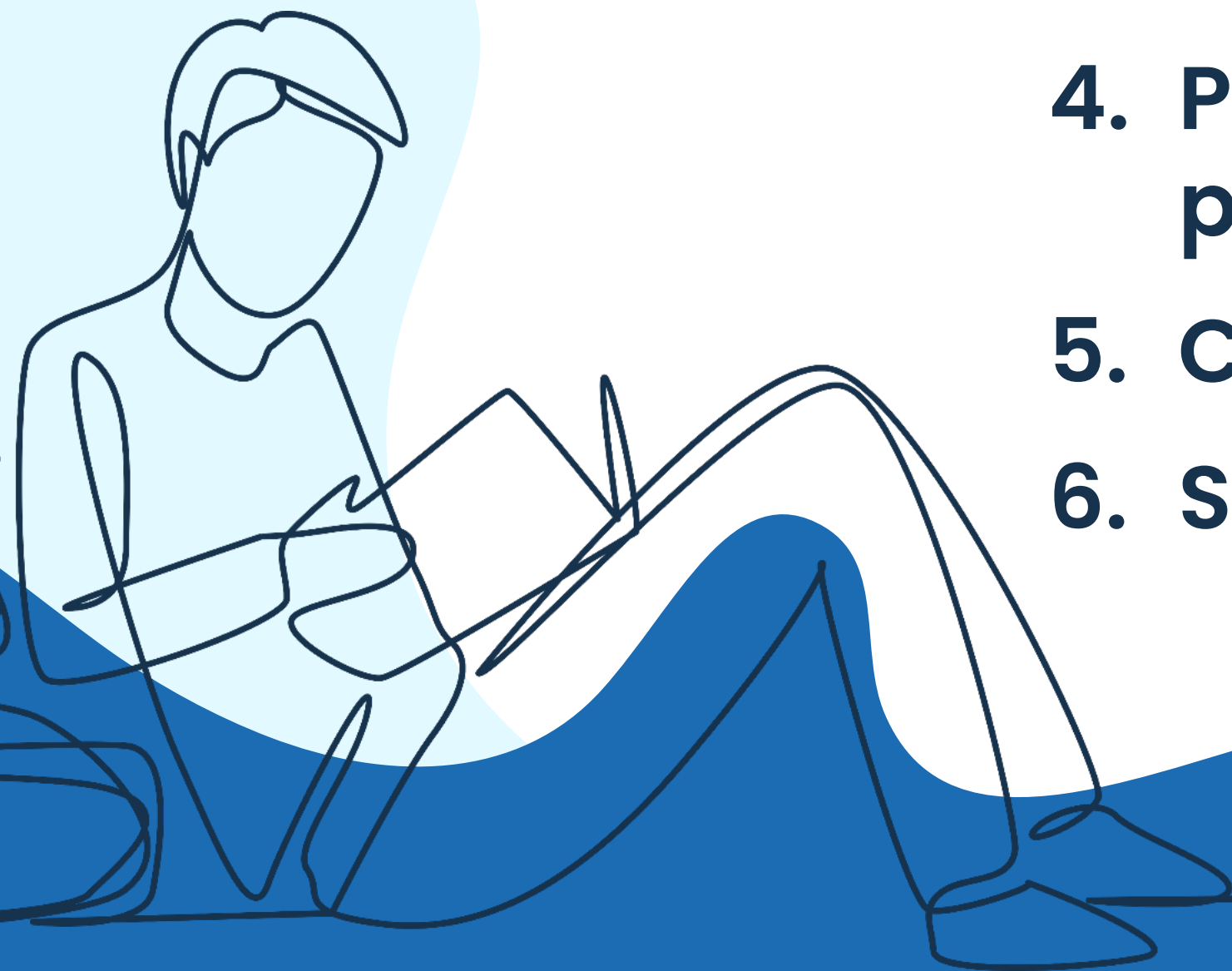
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HOW?

Data usage application

1. Register: name, e-mail, adress, password
2. Select data
3. Applicant info: position
4. Project info: project title, description of the research project, analysis methods, usage period, project scope
5. Check your application
6. SUBMIT



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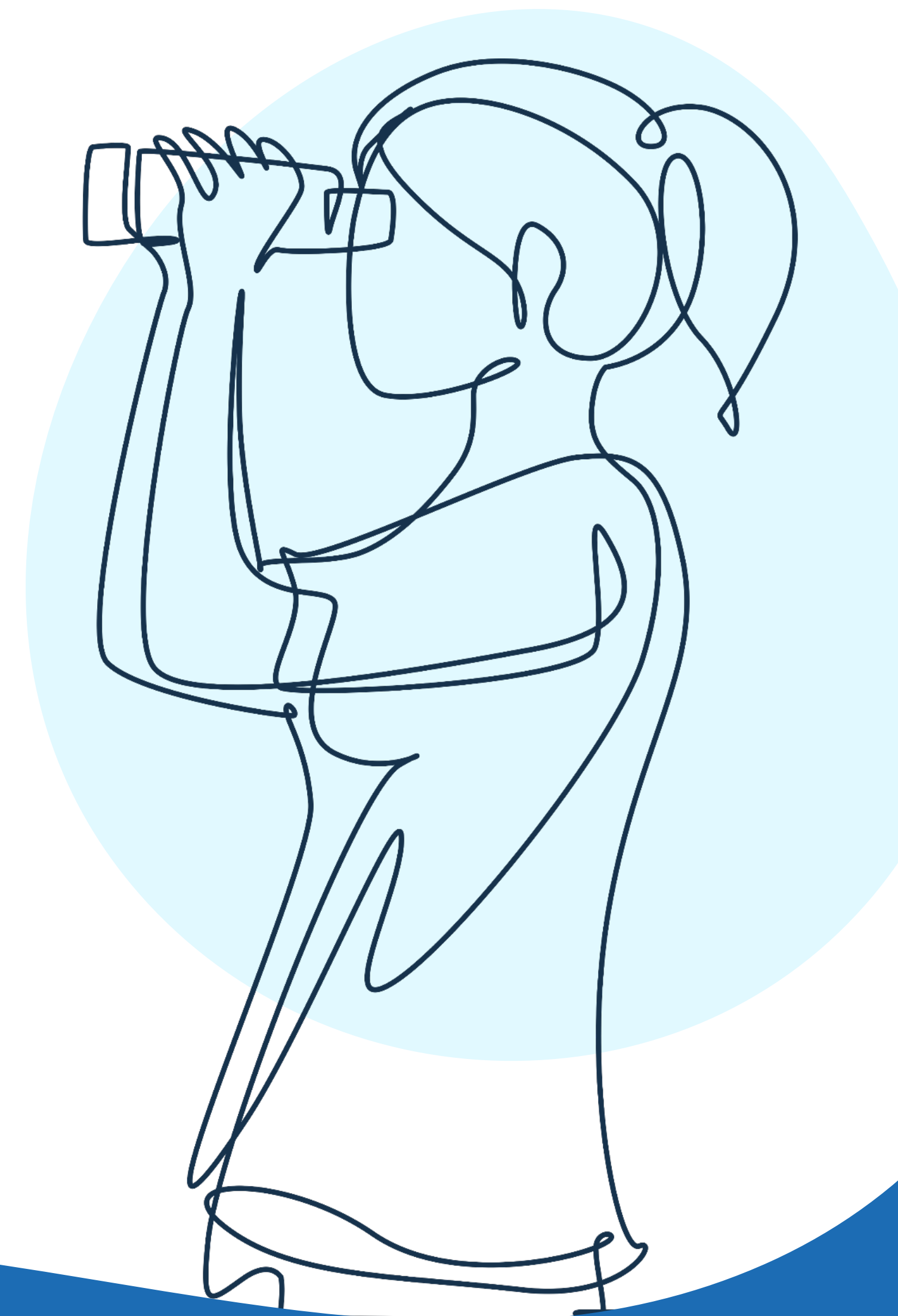
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WHERE?

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Some examples



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Example 1: Obstacles for international mobility for European students

- **What are common obstacles for international mobility and how are these related?**
- **11 potential obstacle in ES 7 questionnaire**
- **With exploratory factor analysis we looked how these are connected to each other.**



Obstacles international mobility: factor scores

	Factor score 1	Factor score 2
Difficult integration into structure of study programme	0,850	
Problem with recognition	0,798	
Low benefit for studies	0,536	
Lack of information by HEI	0,419	
Separation from social circle		0,689
Separation from partner, children		0,670
Insufficient skills in foreign language		
Additional financial burden		
Loss of paid job		
Health/disability		
Lack of motivation		

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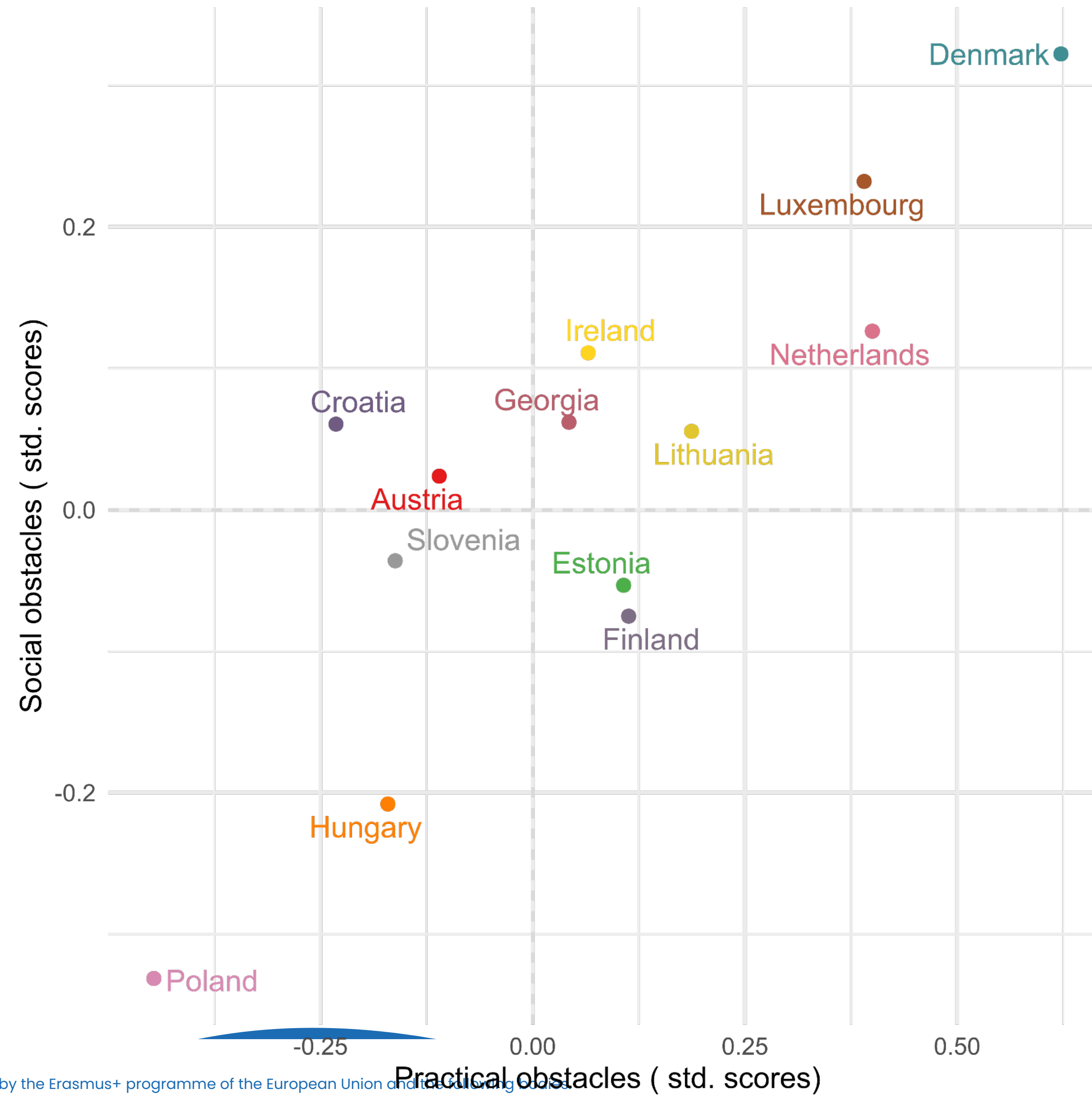


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Factor scores: distribution for countries



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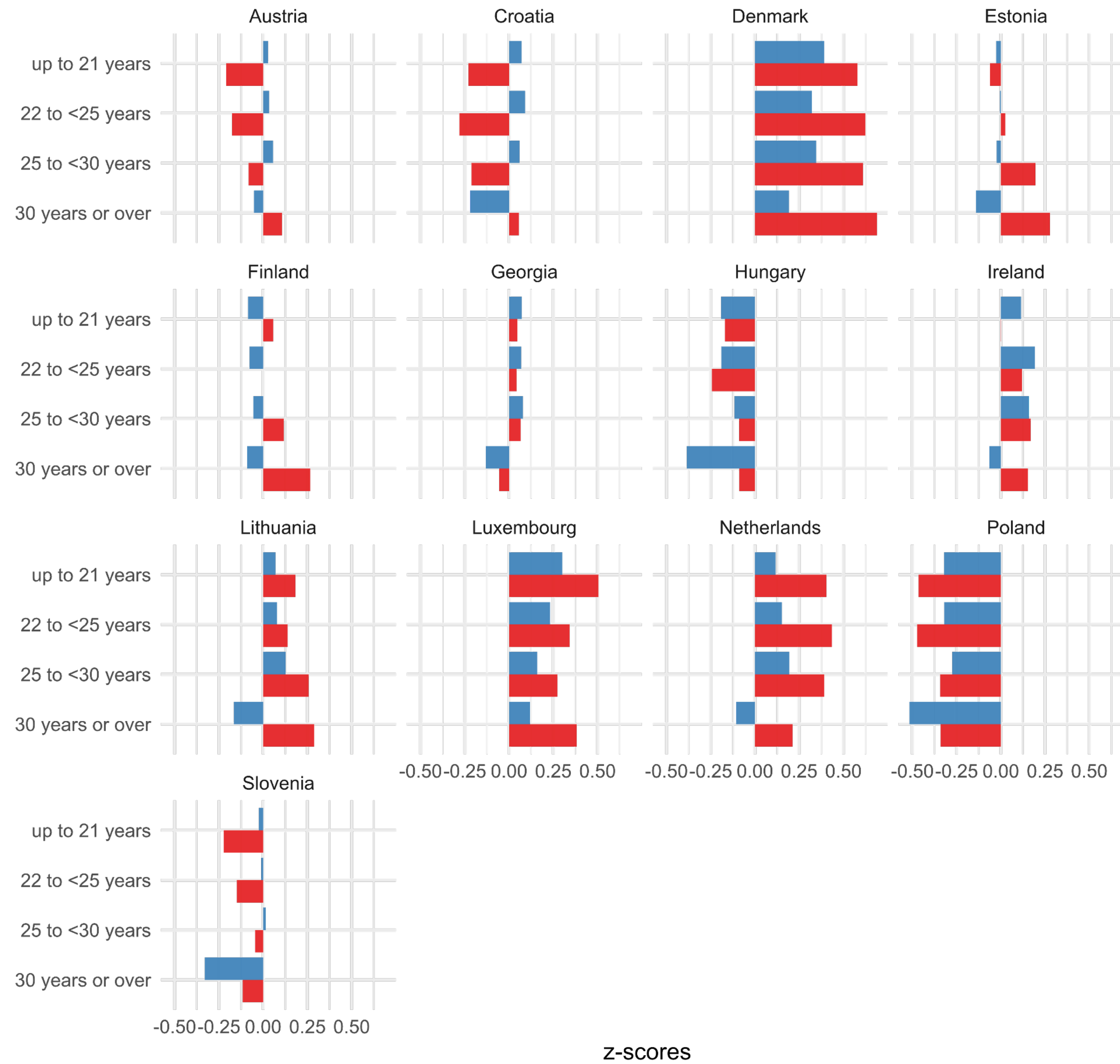


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Factor scores: distribution for age groups within countries



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Practical challenges Social challenges

Example 2: Students' social integration

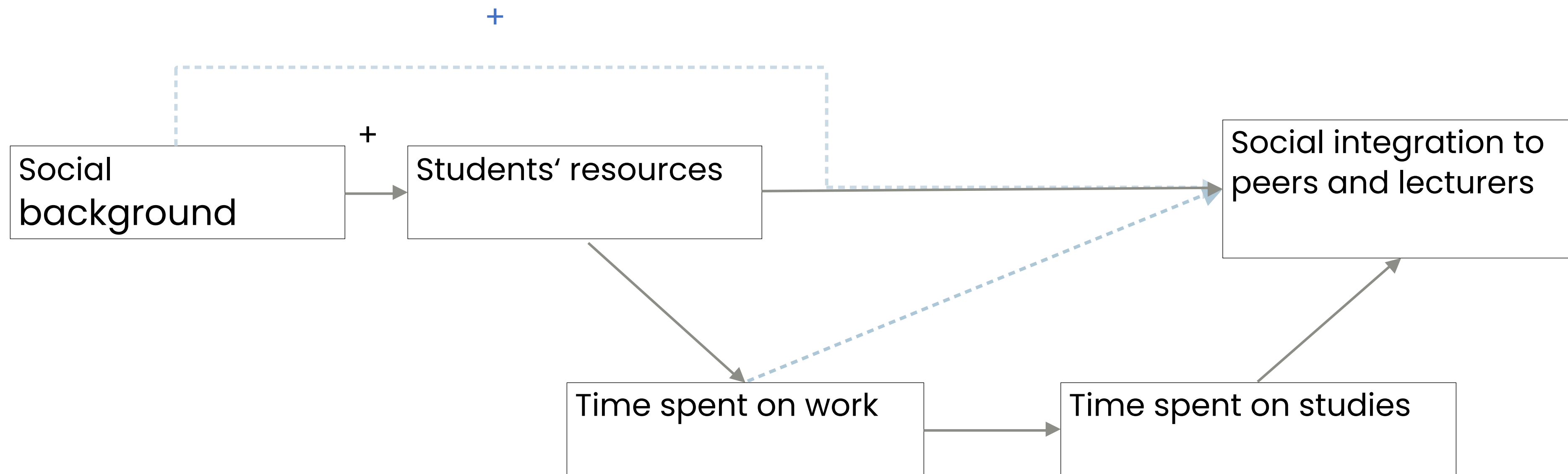
Research questions

- Which factors contribute to students' social integration at higher education institutions?
- How does this vary over different countries and can it be mitigated by dependency on student grants?

Theoretical framework

- Tinto's model of socio-academic integration (1975) and its adaptations (e.g. Bean et al. 1985; Deil-Amen 2012)
- Focus on social (not academic) integration of students, concerning a) their peers b) lecturers.





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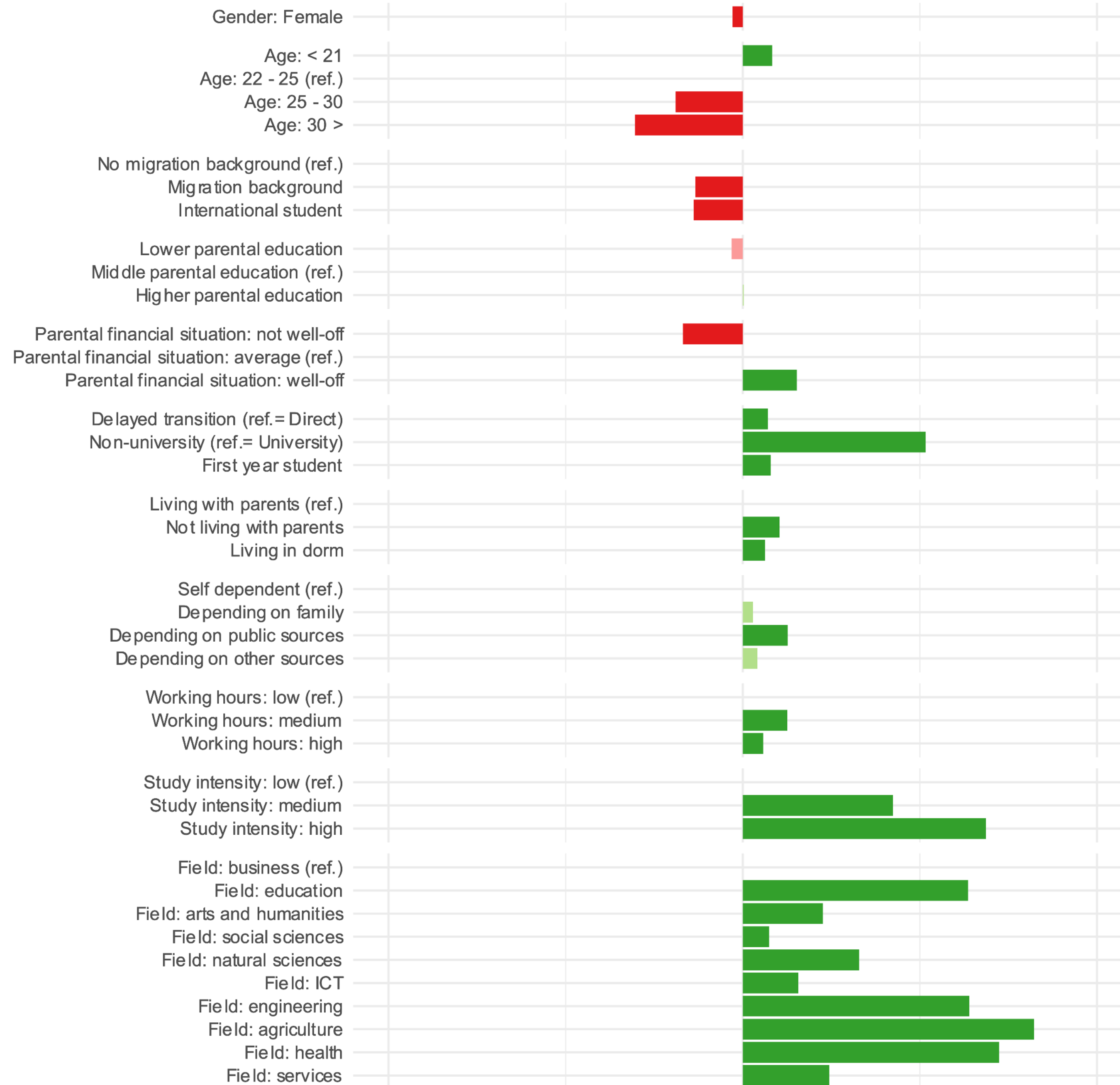


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Results: students' social integration with fellow students



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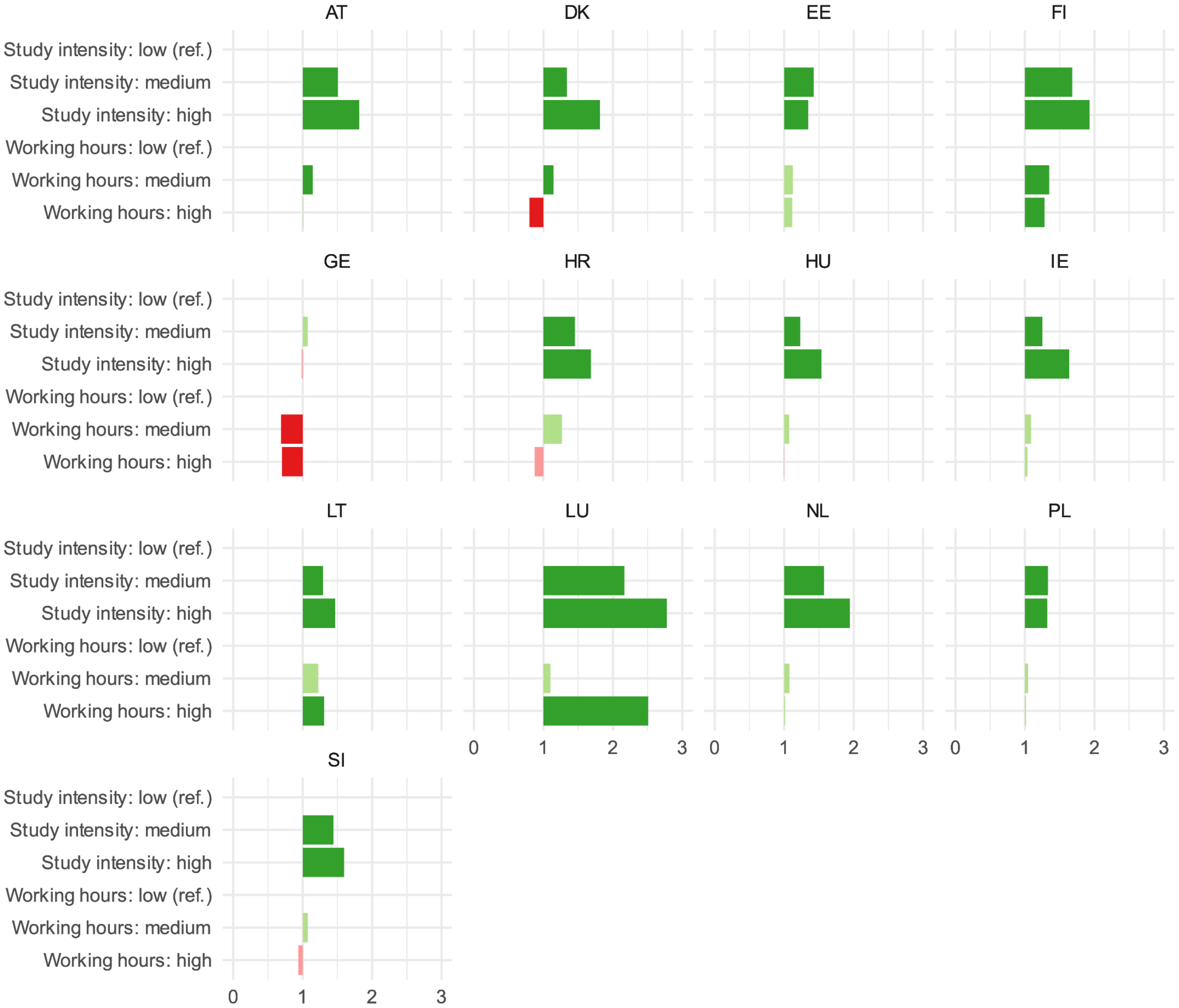


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Results: Effects of study time and working time



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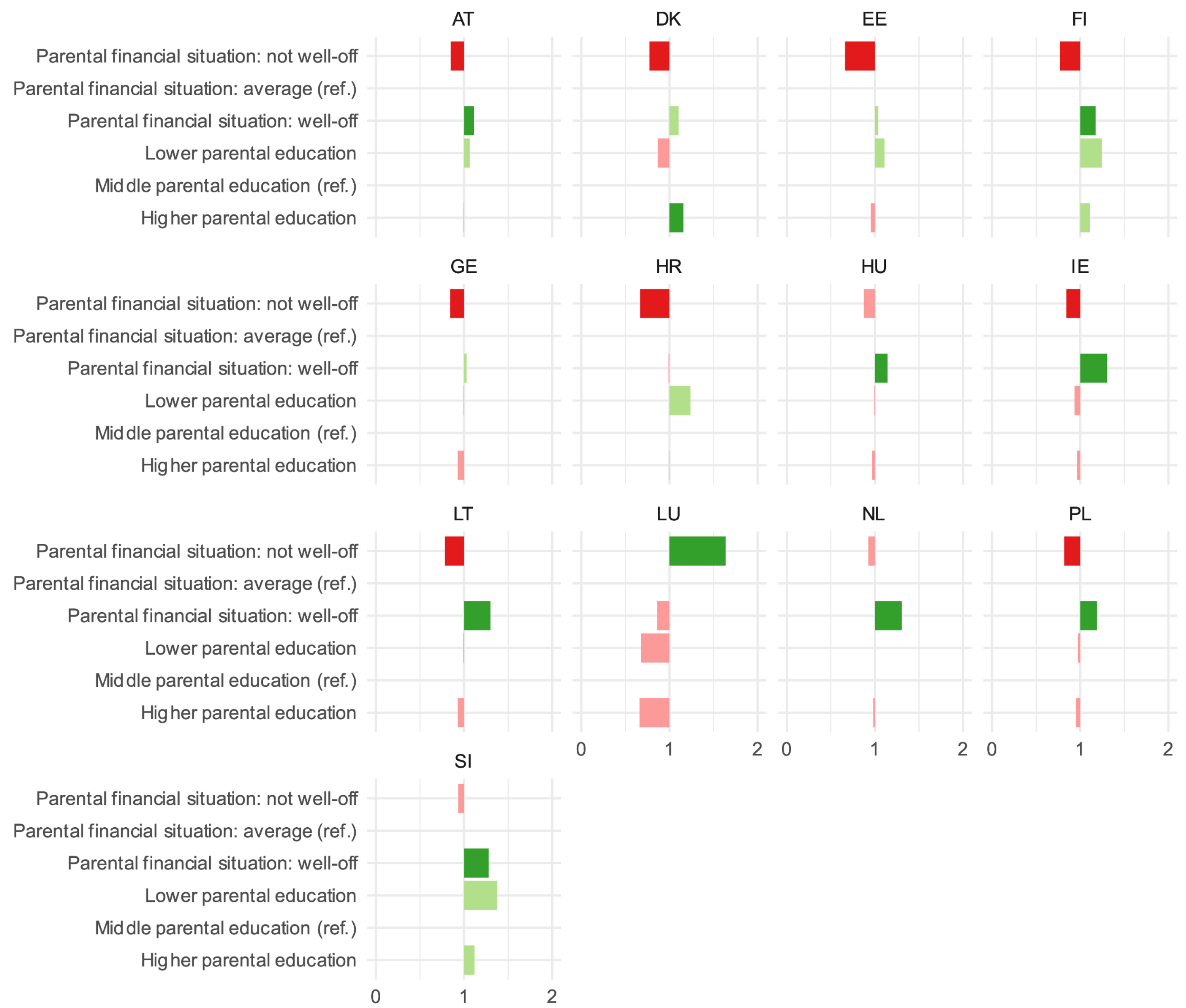
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Results: Effects of Social economic background



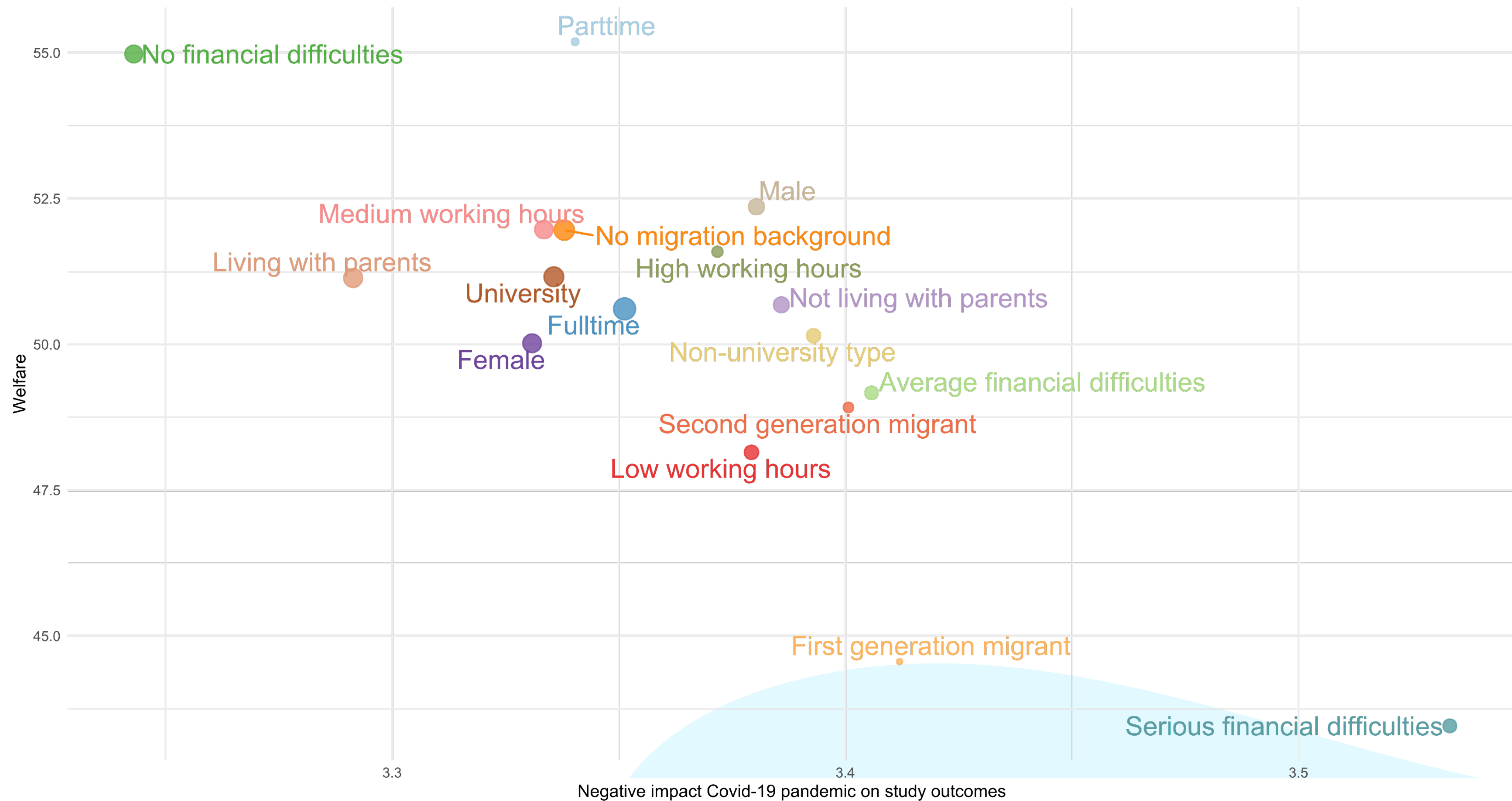
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Eurostudent 8: Sneak preview: (Dutch) Students well-being and negative impact pandemic on study



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