



# All you need is trust: Reflections on a good society

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# A Good Society

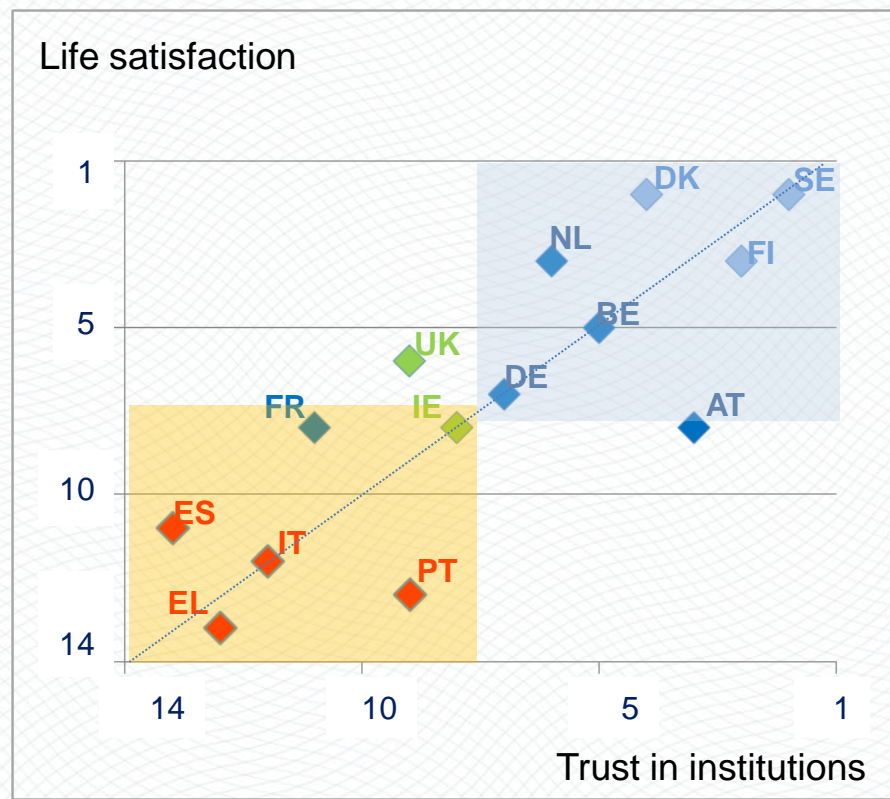
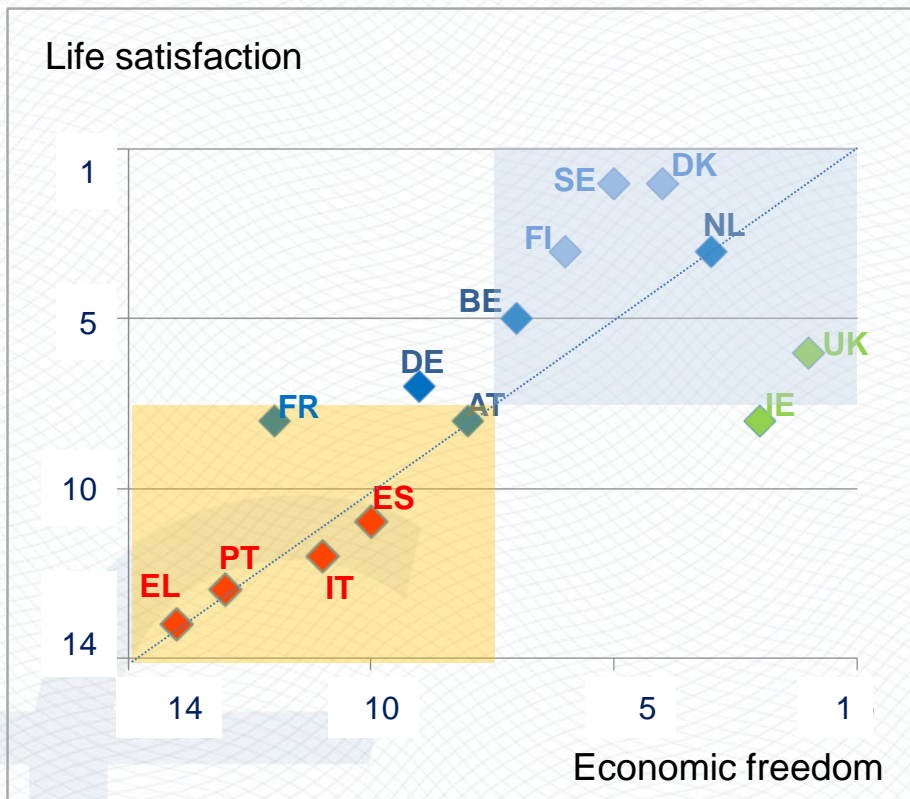
- *“The kind of society in which we should aspire to live; it is usually an egalitarian society where all people respect and appreciate each other.”*
  - Robert Shiller, one of the three Nobel-prize winners in economics in 2013
- *A nation, a region, a tribe or a global community?*
- *“We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable; that all men are created equal and independent, that from that equal creation they derive rights inherent and inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, and liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; ...”*
  - From United States Declaration of Independence drafted by Thomas Jefferson

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- Co-operation between the groups (not only between the individuals)
- Quality of institutions: inclusive – extractive
- A success is “man-made”; not geography nor weather

# Economic freedom, trust in institutions, and life satisfaction in Europe

Exhibit 1

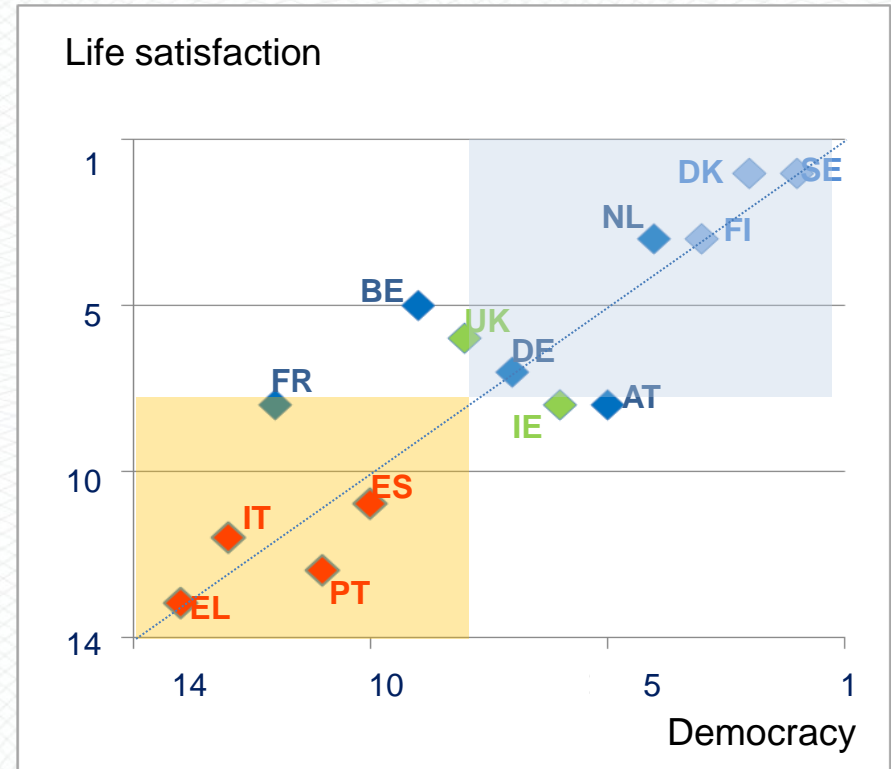
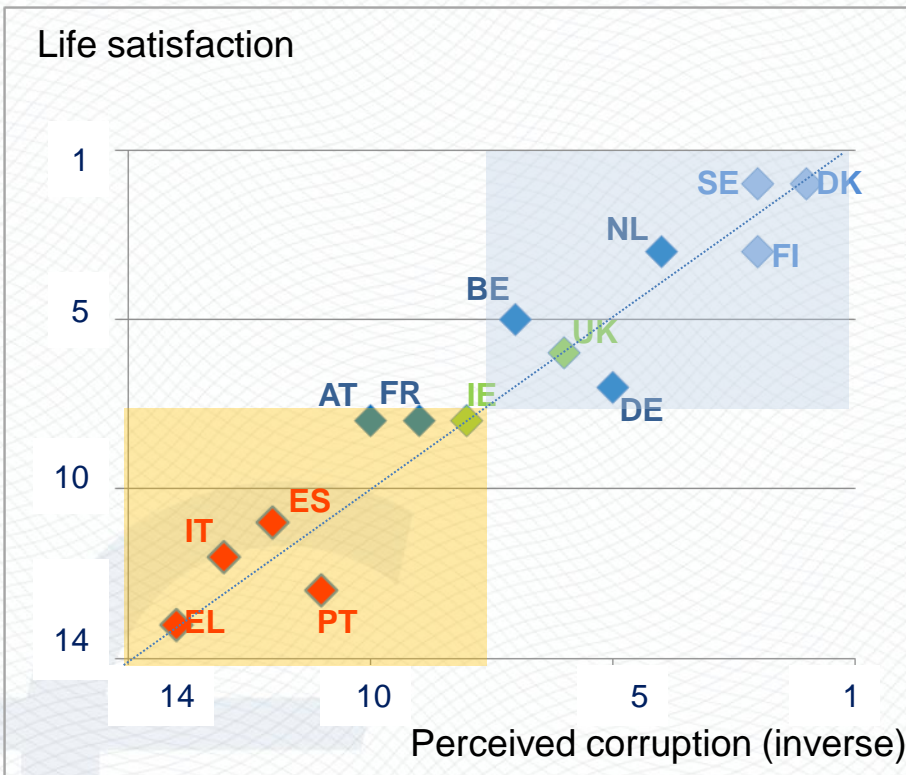


Ranking of countries (highest ranking in the upper-right corner). Fourteen countries: Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Denmark (DK), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Greece (EL), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), The Netherlands (NL), Portugal (PT), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE), United Kingdom (UK).

Sources: Economic freedom: the average ranking of the Product Market Regulation (OECD) and Employment Protection Legislation (OECD), Freedom Index (Fraser Institute), and KOF index (Zurich University). Trust in institutions: the average ranking of Eurobarometer Autumn 2013 results for trust in political parties, national parliament, national government and the European Union. Life satisfaction, Eurobarometer Autumn 2013.

# Perceived corruption, democracy, and life satisfaction in Europe

Exhibit 2



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Sources: *Corruption Perceptions Index 2013*, Transparency International; *Democracy Index 2012*, The Economist Intelligence Unit; Life satisfaction, *Eurobarometer Autumn 2011*.

**Thank you!**

