



Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation in the FP9

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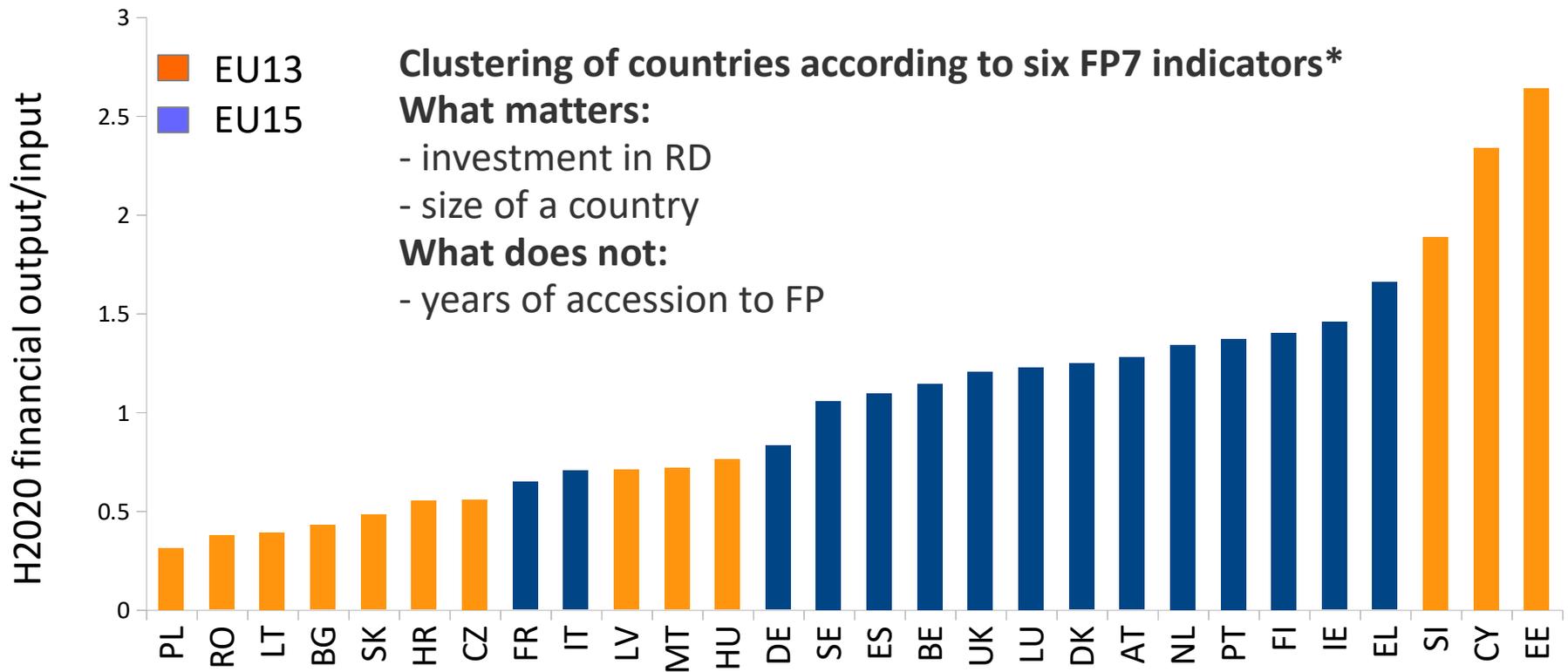
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Topics addressed:

1. Defining the problem
2. Present situation
3. The future: FP9

1. Defining the problem

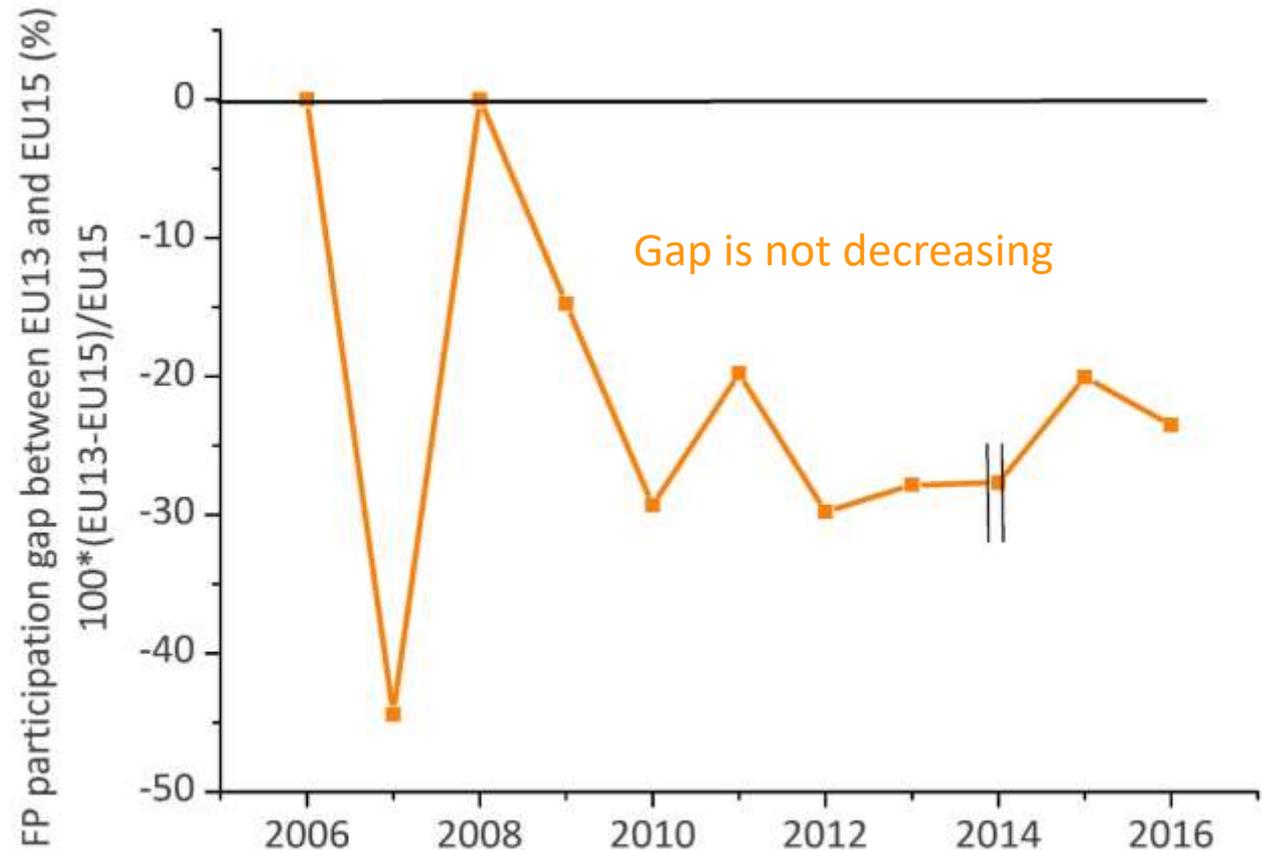
Extent of the participation gap depends on how we look at it



*Ferligoj, Kronegger, Venturini and Kolar, PARTICIPATION IN THE EU FP – policy implications, 2011

2. Defining the problem

- scientific excellence - gap is closing
- business expenditure on RD - gap is closing
- participation - gap is not decreasing





1. Defining the problem- Reasons

Some of the reasons:

- Less investment in RD (personnel, infrastructures)
 - Less efficient RD system (policy)
 - Closed networks
 - Brain drain
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A shared responsibility: Region, MS, EU

H2020 solutions:

- Institutional excellence (teaming)
- Strengthening a particular field (twinning)
- Attract researchers (ERA chairs)
- Expand the networks (COST)
- Improve policy (PSF)
- beyond 'Widening' package (e.g. CERIC-ERIC, P2Ps)

MS, Region:

- Modernise research systems (PSF)
 - Build networks (P2P, lead agency), mobility, events
 - Exploit synergies between SF and H2020 (EIT RIS, P2P)
 - Open access to RIs (eg CERIC-ERIC)
 - Support capacity building (also soft skills)
 - Adopt Seal of excellence
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