

**Empirical findings on links between
(a) EU SDS objectives and NSDS objectives, and
(b) EU SDIs and national sets of SDIs**

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Limitations

- Analysis of national priorities and sets of indicators used in **National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS)** and comparison to priorities and indicators of the **EU sustainable development strategy** → **24 countries analysed**
 - NSDS still under development
 - NSDS not available in English

– Coverage:

- EU Member States
- acceding, candidate and EFTA countries
- Switzerland

most NSDS developed before renewed EU SDS

– Reference documents:

- renewed EU SDS (2006)
- EU SDIs (2005)

most national SDI sets developed before EU SDIs

old (2005) EU SDI set as reference

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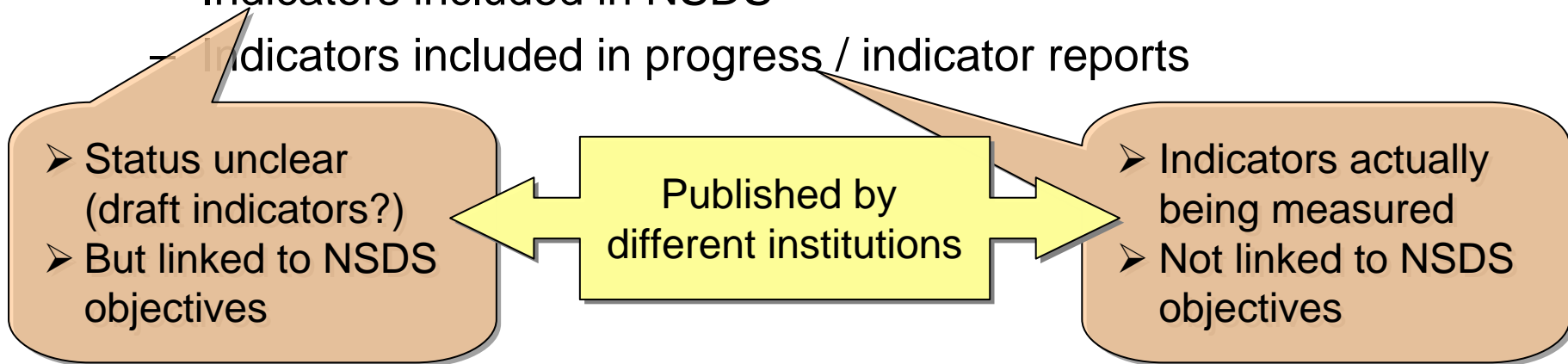
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9. Road freight

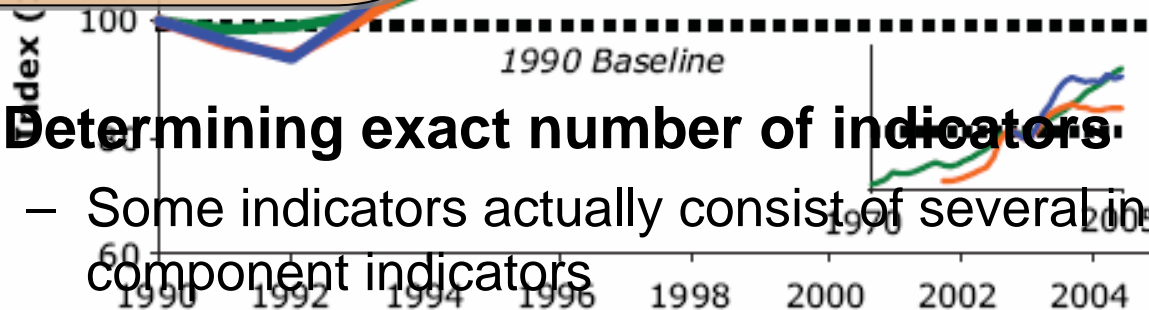
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- Status unclear (draft indicators?)
- But linked to NSDS objectives

Published by different institutions

- Indicators actually being measured
- Not linked to NSDS objectives



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EU SDI:

Volume of freight transport and GDP

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EU SDS key challenges

1. Climate change and clean energy
2. Sustainable transport
3. Sustainable consumption and production
4. Conservation and Management of natural resources
5. Public health
6. Social inclusion, demography and migration
7. Global poverty

Cross-cutting policies

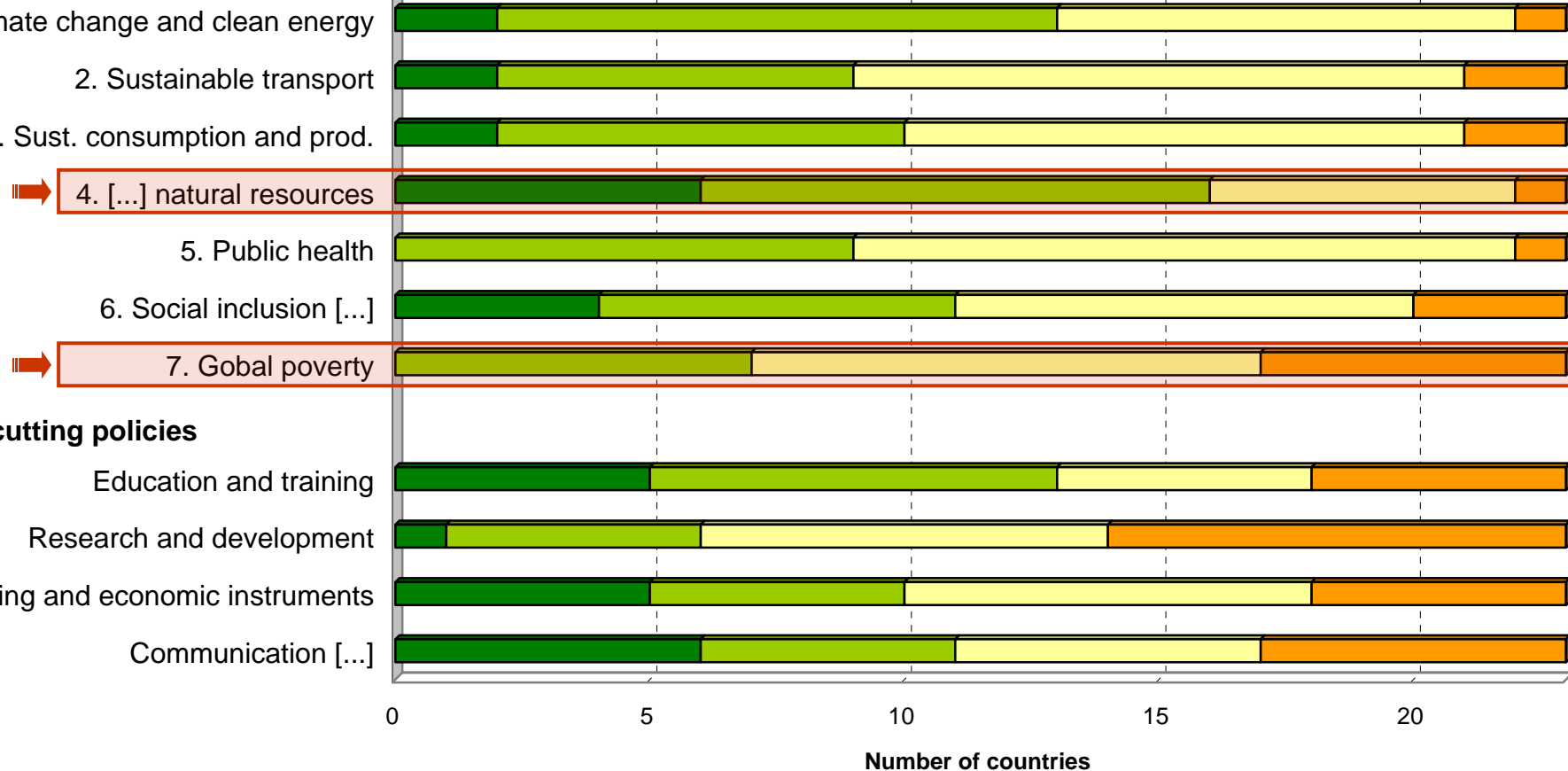
- Education and training
- Research and development
- Financing and economic instruments
- Communication, mobilising actors and multiplying success

Findings – EU SDS objectives



How are EU SDS objectives addressed by countries in their NSDS?

Key Challenges

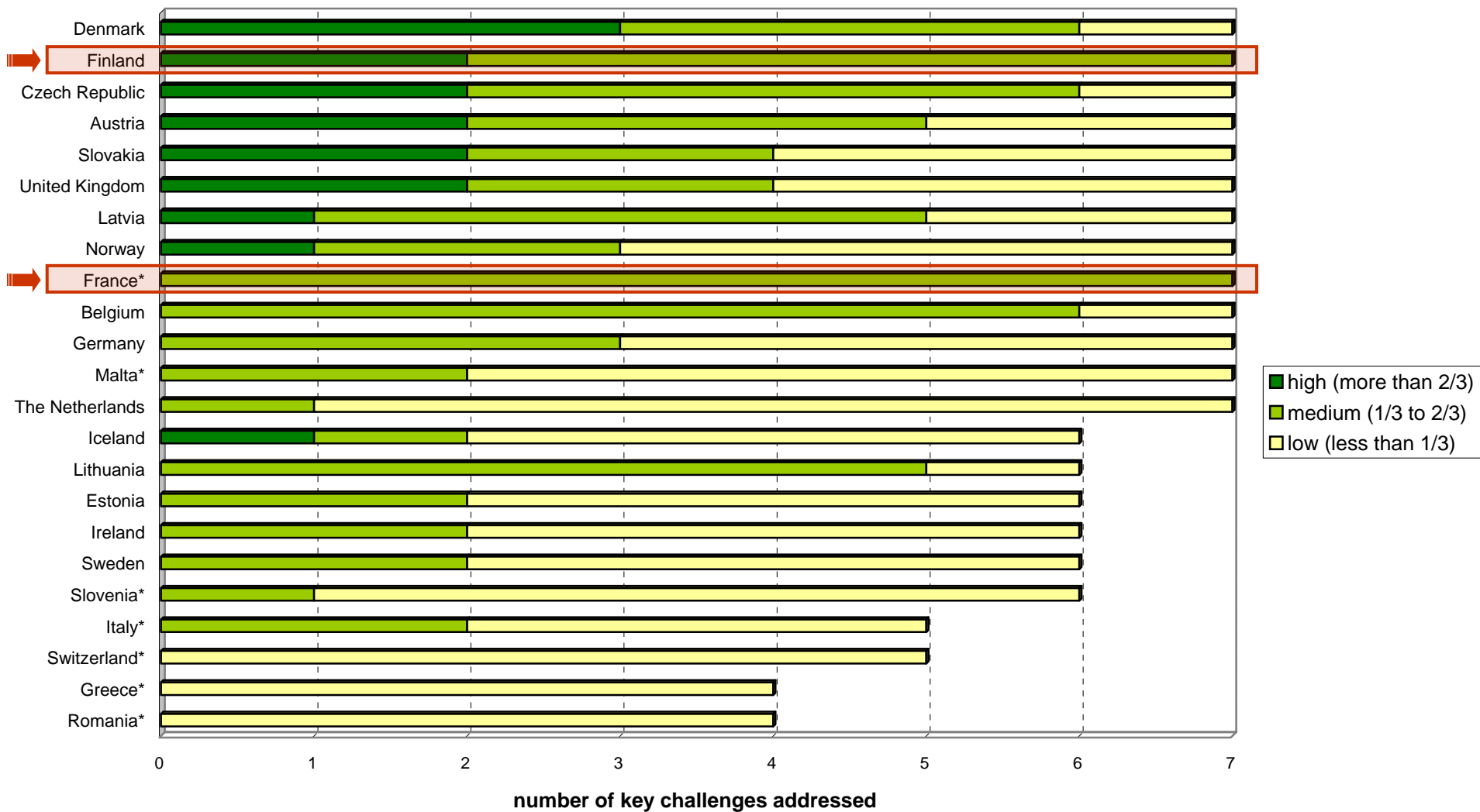


■ high (more than 2/3) ■ medium (1/3 to 2/3) ■ low (less than 1/3) ■ not addressed

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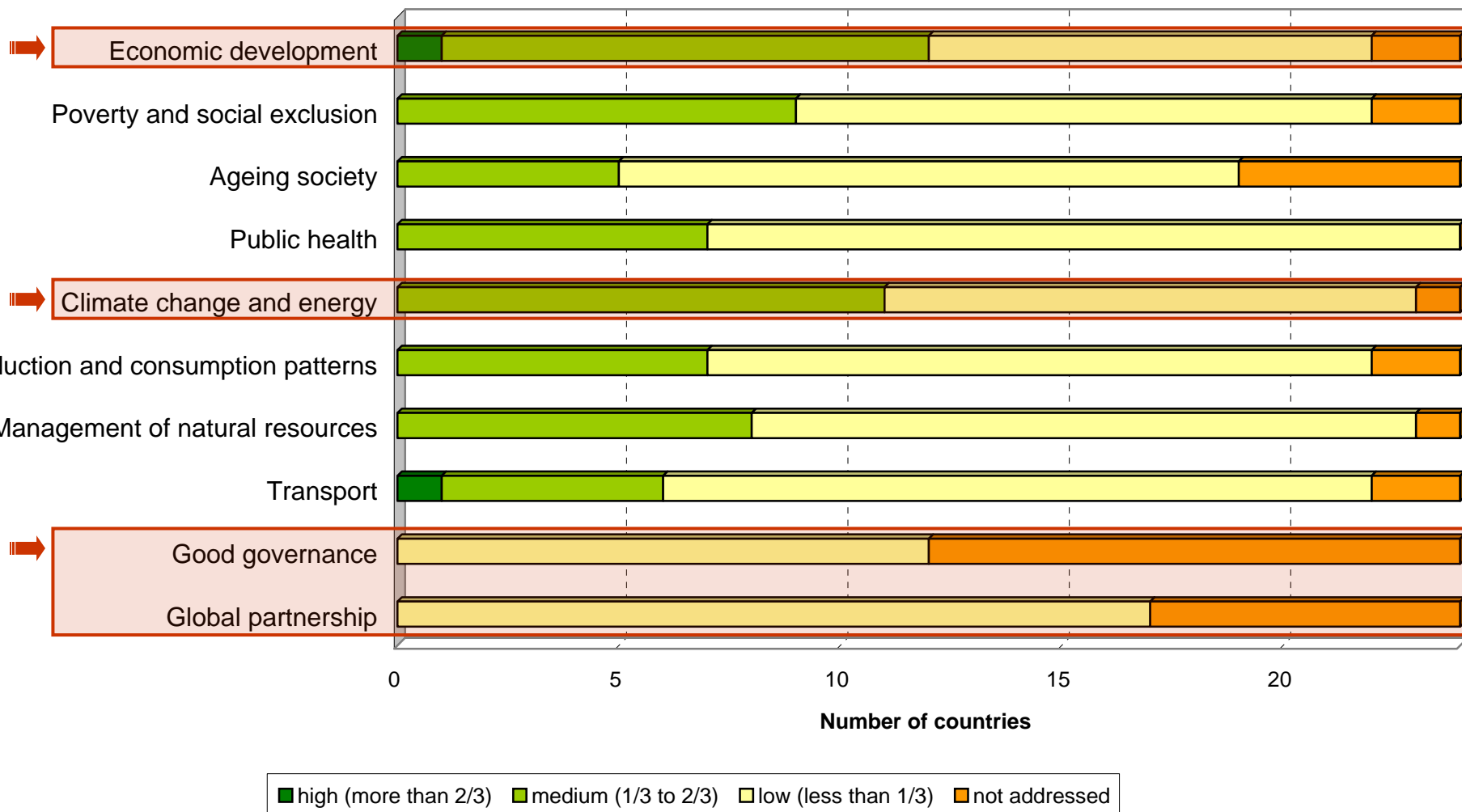
How are countries addressing the 7 EU SDS key challenges in their NSDS?



EU SDI framework themes 2005 (2007)

- Economic development (Socioeconomic development)
- Production and consumption patterns (Sustainable consumption and production)
- Poverty and social exclusion (Social inclusion)
- Ageing society (Demographic changes)
- Public health
- Climate change and energy
- Transport (Sustainable transport)
- Management of natural resources (Natural resources)
- Global partnership
- Good governance

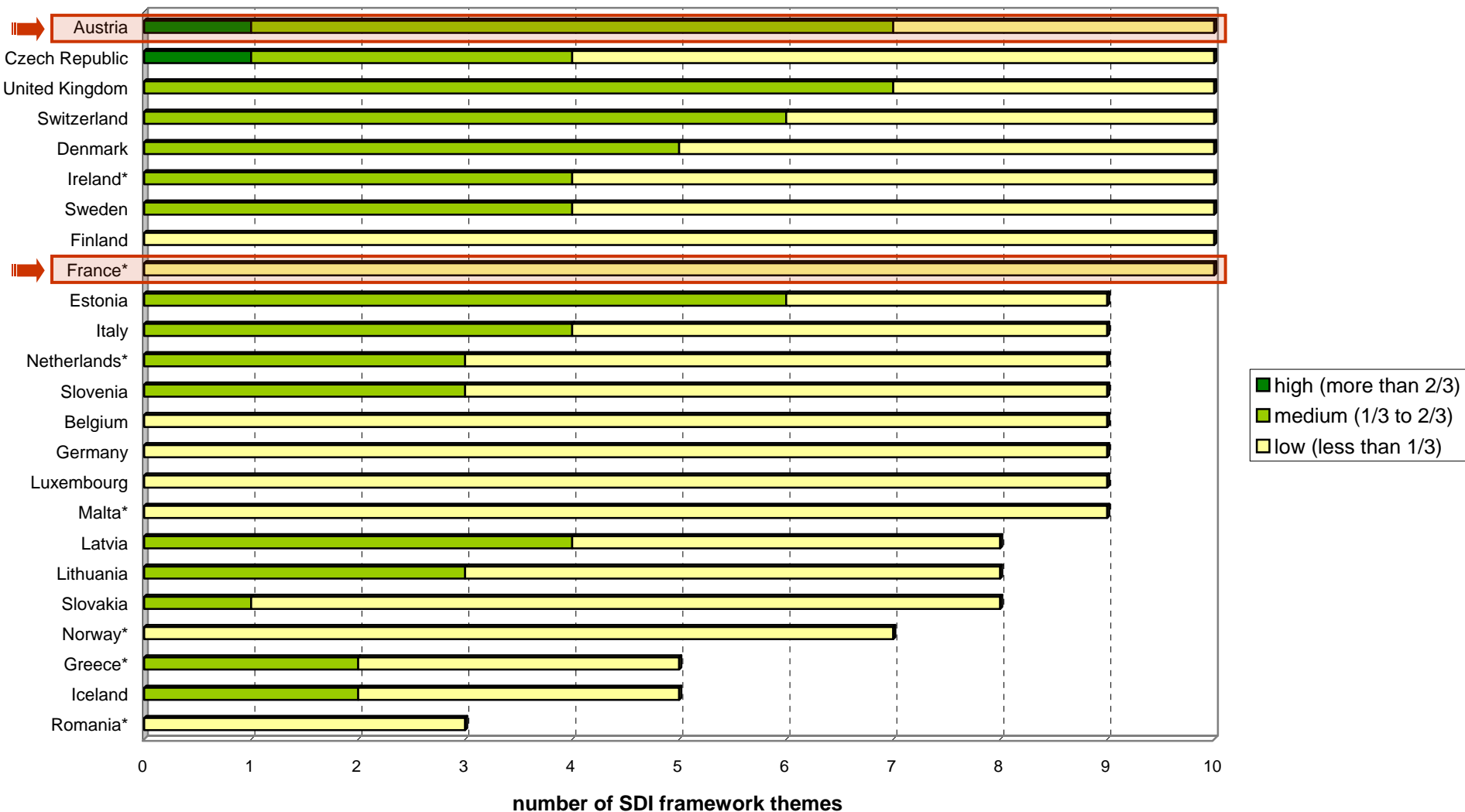
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How are national SDI sets referring to the 2005 EU SDI framework themes?



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- **Analysis:** snapshot of the situation in early 2007; meanwhile: new EU SDI set has been adopted
 - **Current trends:** some NSDS currently being reviewed; Eurostat supports development of SDIs in Member States
 - **Visibility:** analysis limited to NSDS & SDI sets at EU and national level
- How relevant are the EU SDS and EU SDIs for **everyday political discourses?**

Thank you!

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1. How visible are the Eurostat SDIs and the EU SDS in **your country**? How could their visibility be increased?
2. How visible are the Eurostat SDI set and the EU SDS objectives in **EU policies**? How could their visibility be increased?