



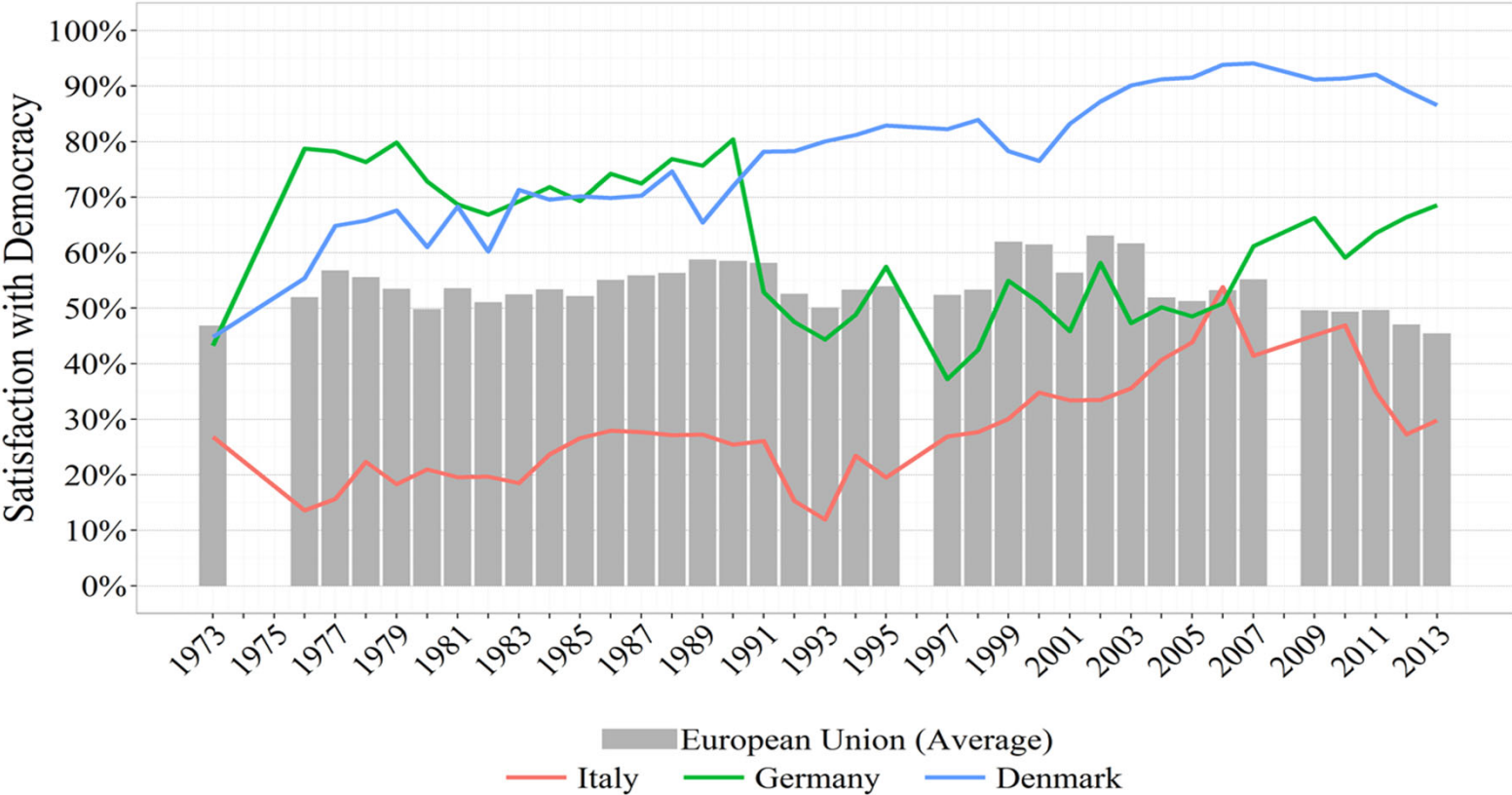
How can research and innovation in the social sciences respond to the challenges threatening inclusive and secure societies?

DG RTD Open and Inclusive Societies

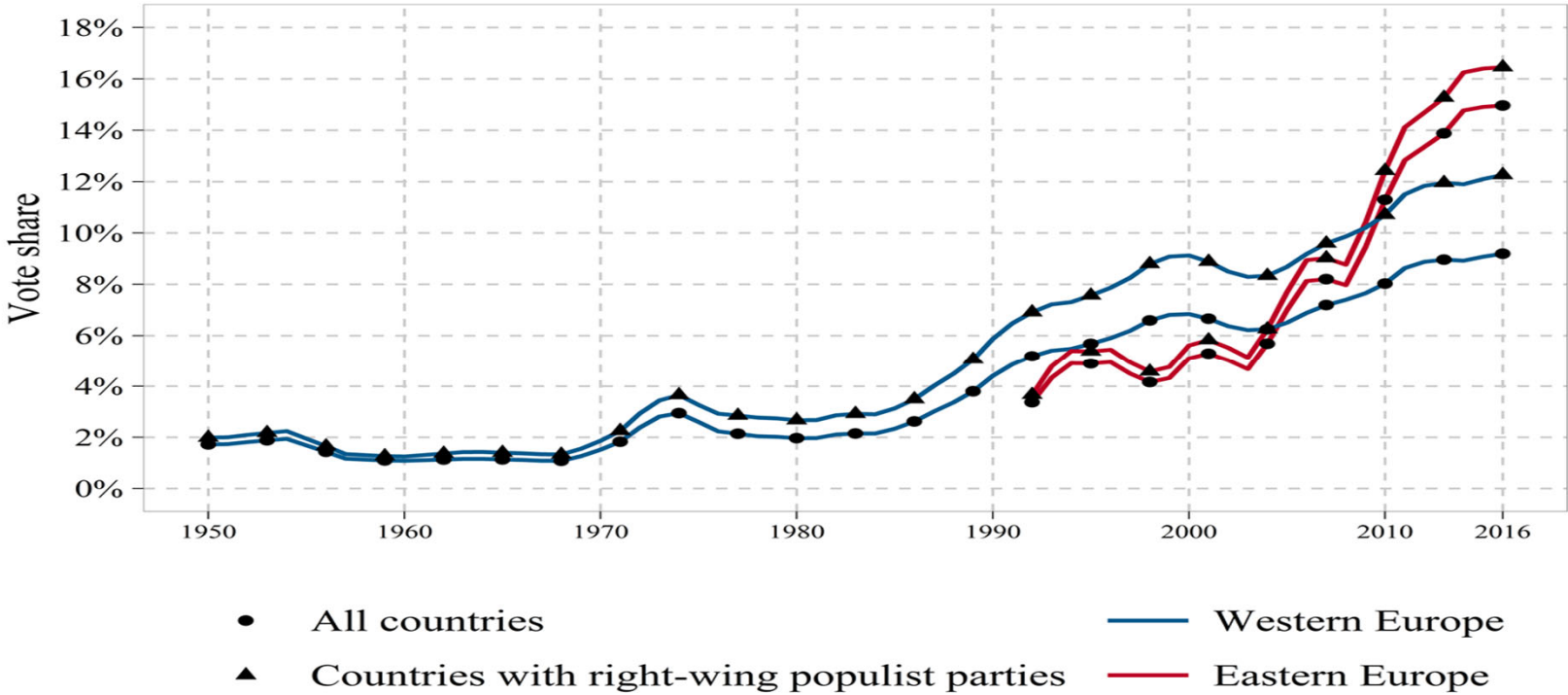
European Research on Democracy

- *Policy Review of European Research projects by Prof. Wolfgang Merkel.*
- *Challenges to Democracy. Crisis, Post-Politics & Post-Democracy?*
- *Micro-level: Individual Behaviour*
- *Meso-Level: Collective Actors*
- *Macro-Level: Legitimacy*
- *Shifting Axes of Legitimacy & Responses*

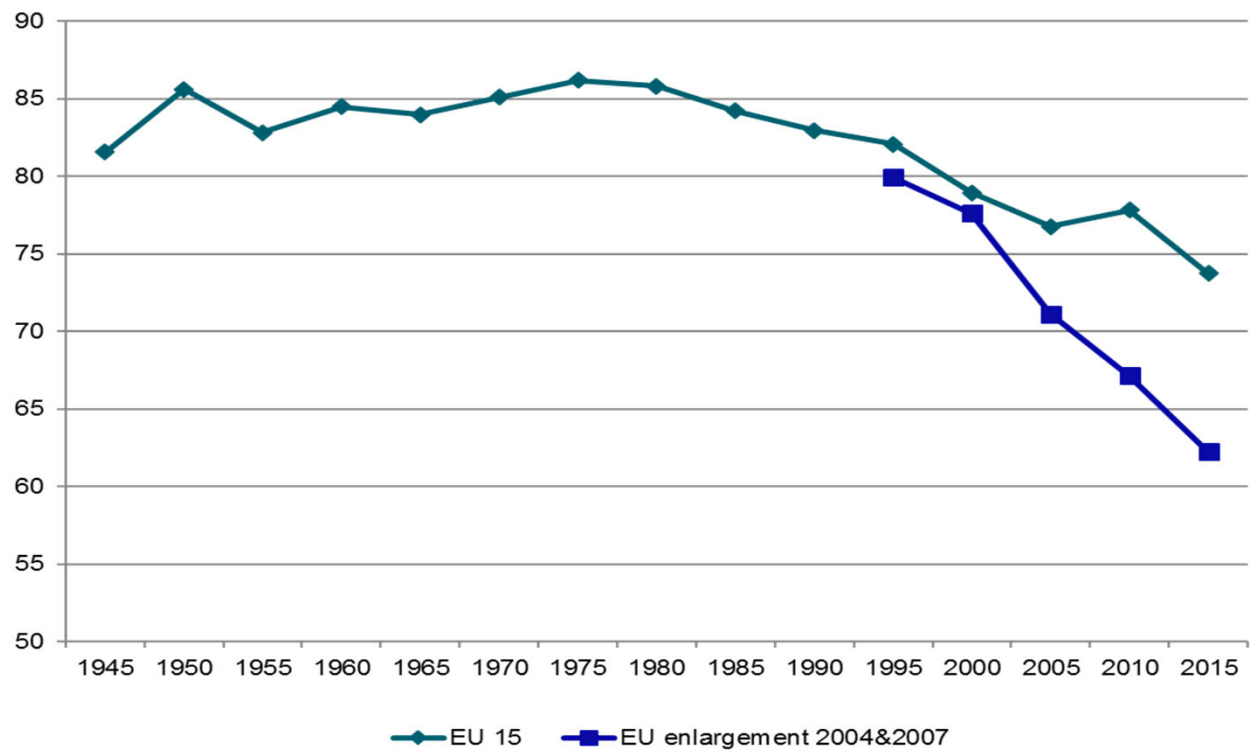
Satisfaction with Democracy in the European Union, 1973-2013



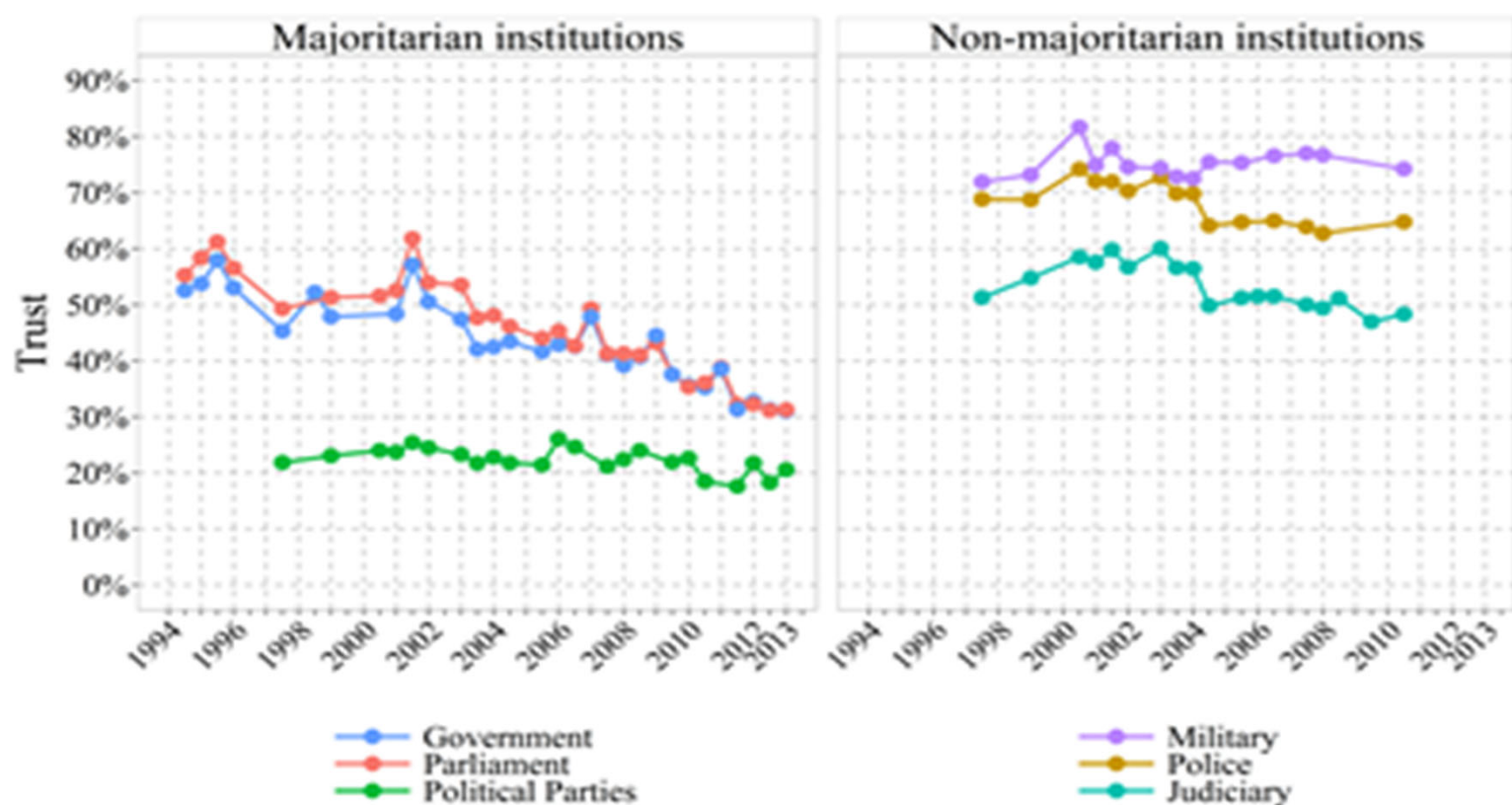
Right-wing populist parties' vote share (1950-2016)



Electoral Turnout, moving average 12 years



Trust in National State Institutions in the European Union



Semi-annual averages for member states of the EC/EU in accordance with their historical composition.
 Indicator: "For each of the following institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it."
 Source: Eurobarometer 1994-2013.

Individuals: Elections and Participation

- *Volatility*
- *Decline of voter turnout*
- *Social selectivity*
- *Polarisation*
- *Electoral integrity*

Institutions: Parties and Systems

- *Loss of Trust in Political Parties*
- *Decline of Catch-all Parties*
- *Rise of Populism and Extreme Right Wing Parties*
- *Cosmopolitans and Communitarians*

Regimes: Political Challenges to the Democratic System

- *Threat from Extreme Right Wing Parties*
- *Cosmopolitan Democracy: How Democratic is it?*
- *Capitalism as a Challenge*
- *Direct Democracy and Innovations: referenda, deliberative democracy, digitalisation*

- *As regards democratic legitimacy there are signs of a shift from technocratic approaches, multilateralism, supranationalism, and consensual policymaking*
- *Towards majoritarianism, unilateralism, nationalism, and polarization.*
- *These trends merit appropriate responses and reforms enhancing democracies.*

Horizon Europe: evolution not revolution

Specific objectives of the Programme



Pillar 2

Global Challenges & Industrial Competitiveness:

boosting key technologies and solutions underpinning
EU policies & Sustainable Development Goals

Clusters implemented through usual calls, missions & partnerships	Budget (€ billion)
Health	€ 7.7
Inclusive and Secure Society	€ 2.8
Digital and Industry	€ 15
Climate, Energy and Mobility	€ 15
Food and Natural Resources	€ 10
Joint Research Centre supports European policies with independent scientific evidence & technical support throughout the policy cycle	€ 2.2

CLUSTER 2: Inclusive and Secure Society

- Strengthen **European democratic values** and address issues of **trust**.
- Safeguard and promote our **cultural heritage**.
- Take advantage of socio-economic transformations and promote **inclusive growth** while responding to globalization, and technological advancements.
- Prepare for and respond to **human-made and natural disasters**, e.g. climate-related extreme weather events, terrorism, earthquakes
- Respond to changing **security threats**, both physical and digital, and support EU border management

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Sustainable Development Goals



Commission

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- **Democracy**

Support the transparency, responsiveness, accountability effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in full respect of fundamental rights and of the rule of law

- **Cultural Heritage**

Heritage studies and sciences, with cutting edge technologies including digital ones. Access to and sharing of cultural heritage, with innovative patterns and uses and participatory management models.

- **Social and economic transformations**

Knowledge base for advice on investments and policies especially education and training, for high value added skills, productivity, social mobility, growth, social innovation and job creation. Tackling inequalities.

Democracy: Broad Lines of Activities

- The history, evolution and efficacy of democracies, at different levels and in different forms; digitisation aspects and the effects of social network communication and the role of education and youth policies as cornerstones of democratic citizenship;
- Innovative approaches to support the transparency, responsiveness, accountability effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in full respect of fundamental rights and of the rule of law;
- Strategies to address populism, extremism, radicalisation, terrorism and to include and engage disaffected and marginalised citizens;
- Better understand the role of journalistic standards and user-generated content in a hyper-connected society and develop tools to combat disinformation;

Democracy: Broad Lines of Activities

- The role of multi-cultural citizenship and identities in relation to democratic citizenship and political engagement;
- The impact of technological and scientific advancements, including big data, online social networks and artificial intelligence on democracy;
- Deliberative and participatory democracy and active and inclusive citizenship, including the digital dimension;
- The impact of economic and social inequalities on political participation and democracies, demonstrating how reversing inequalities and combatting all forms of discrimination including gender, can sustain democracy.