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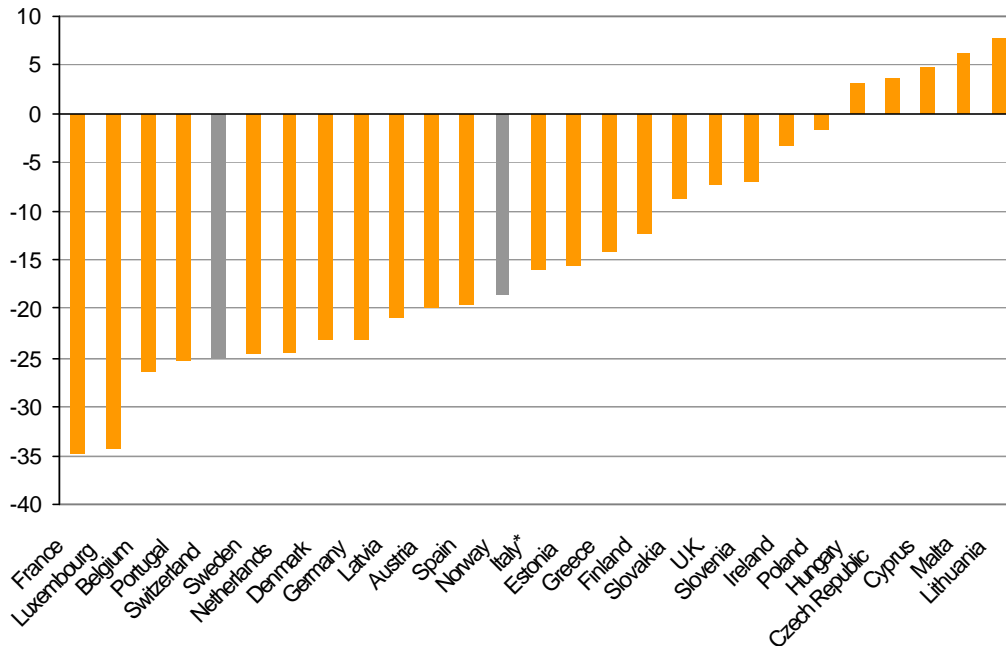
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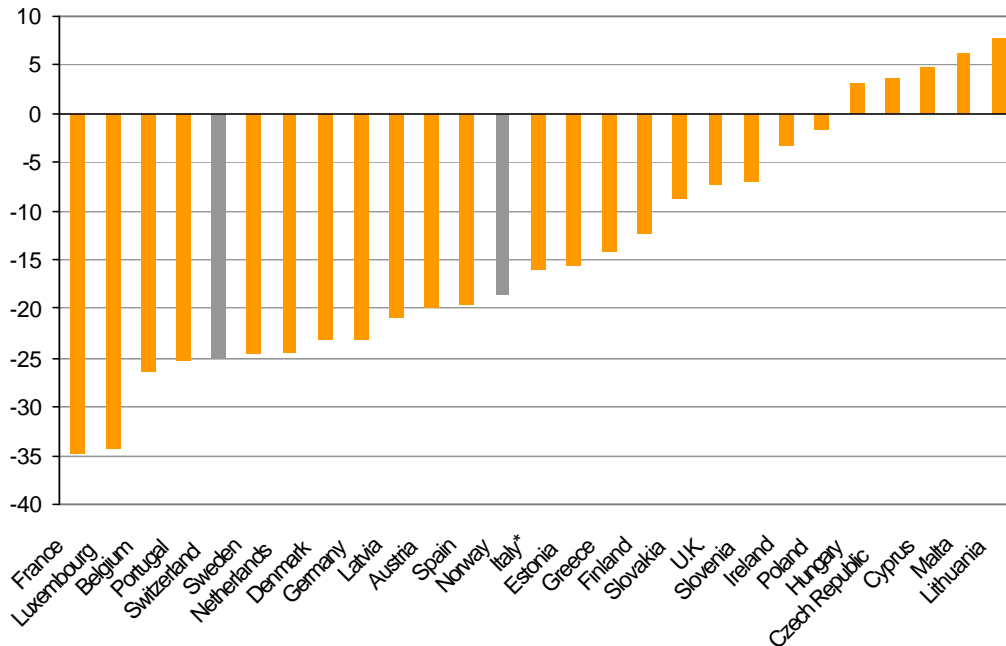
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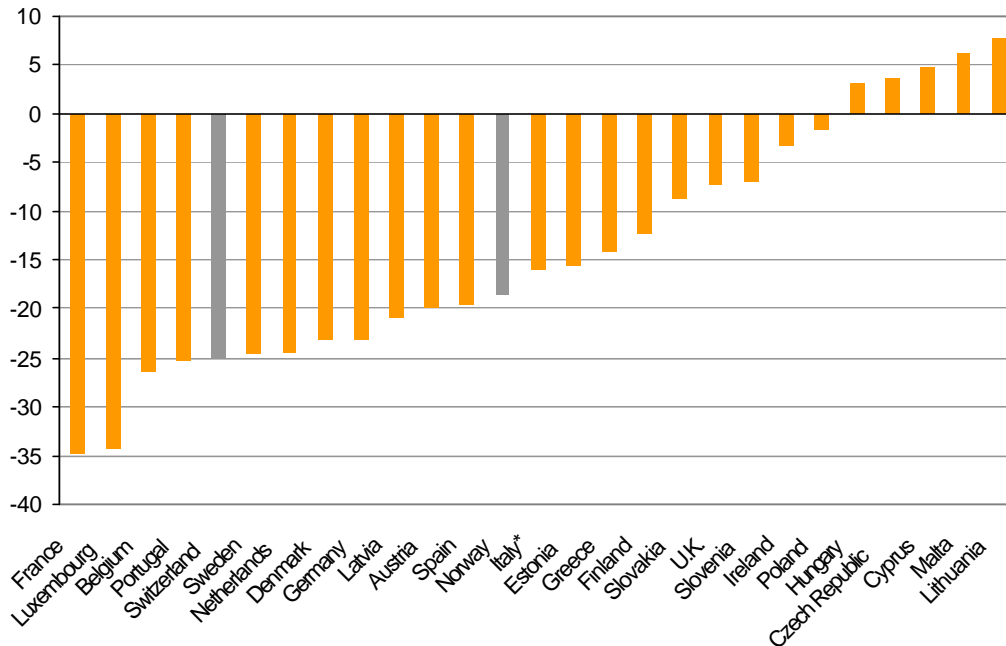
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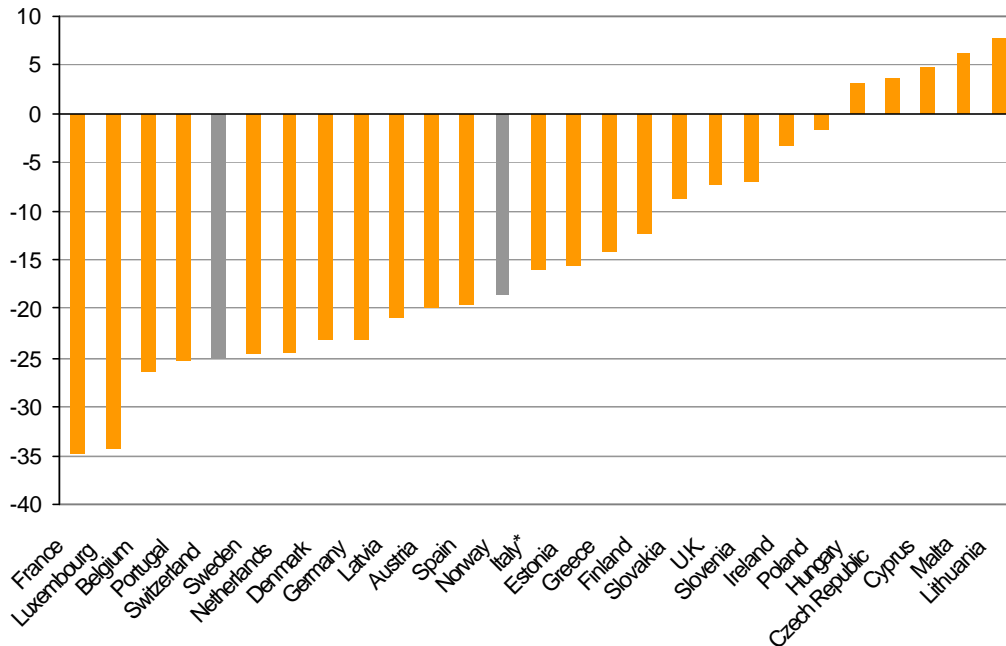
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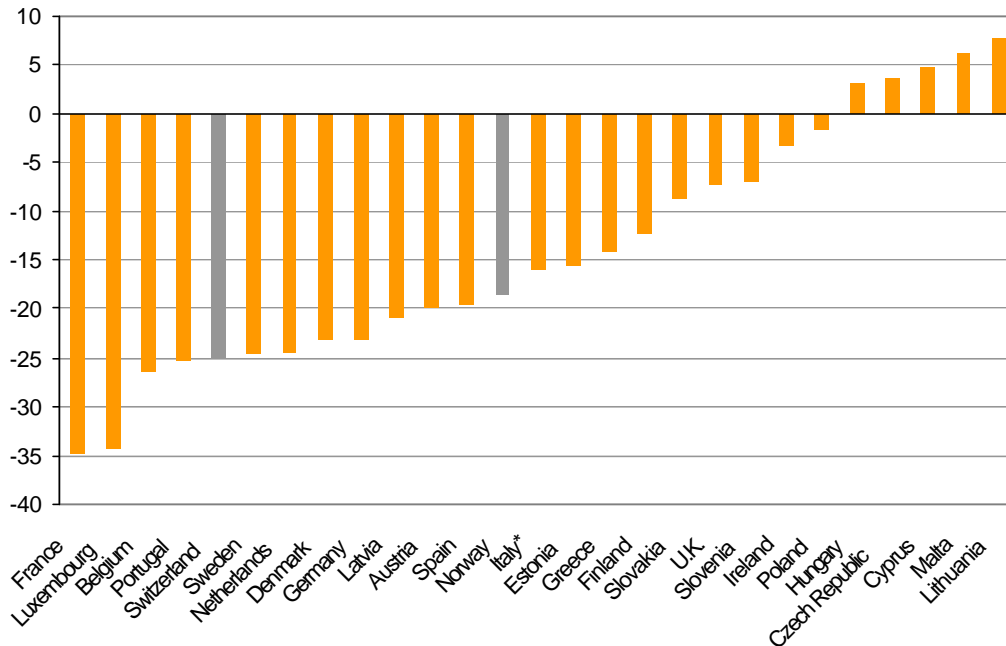
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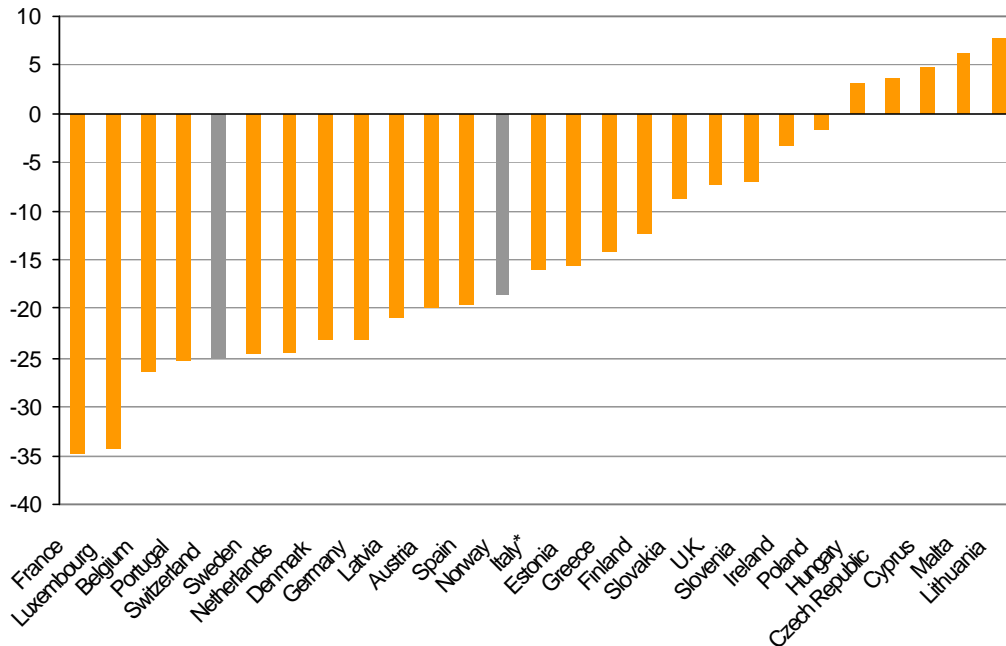
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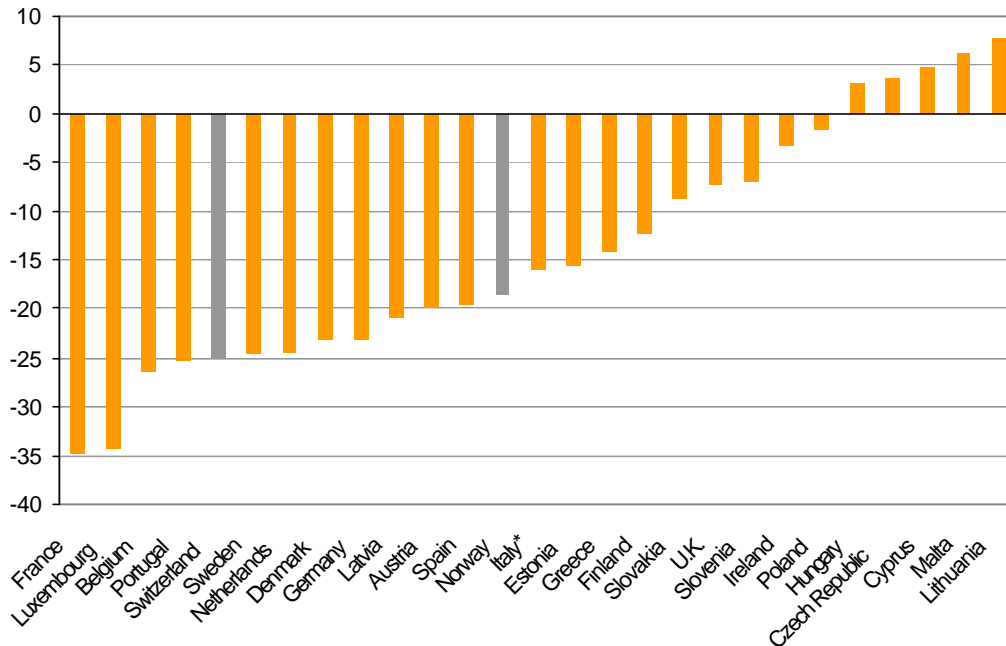
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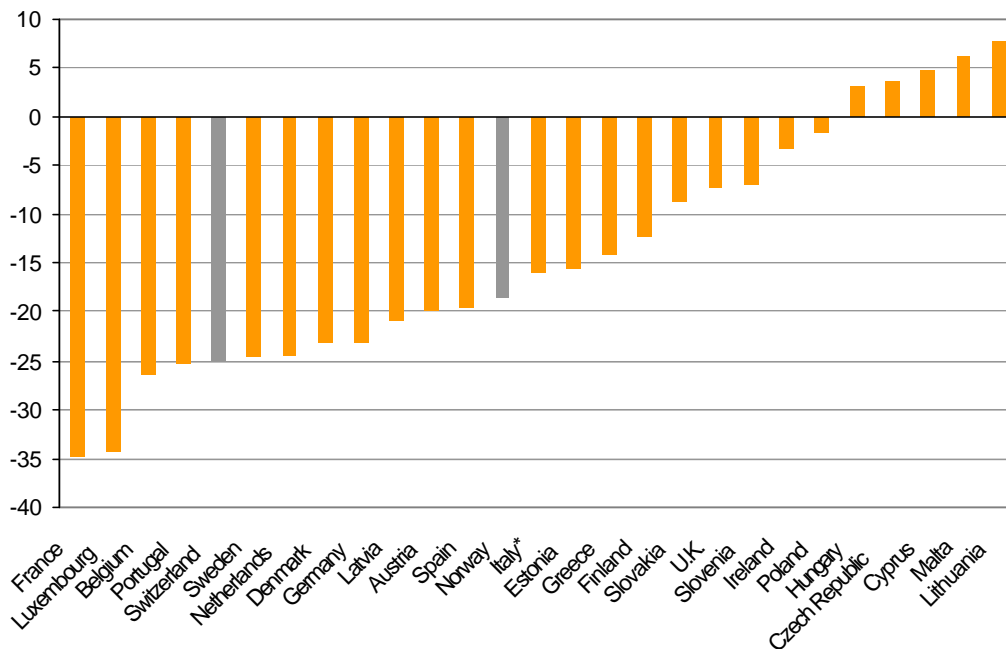
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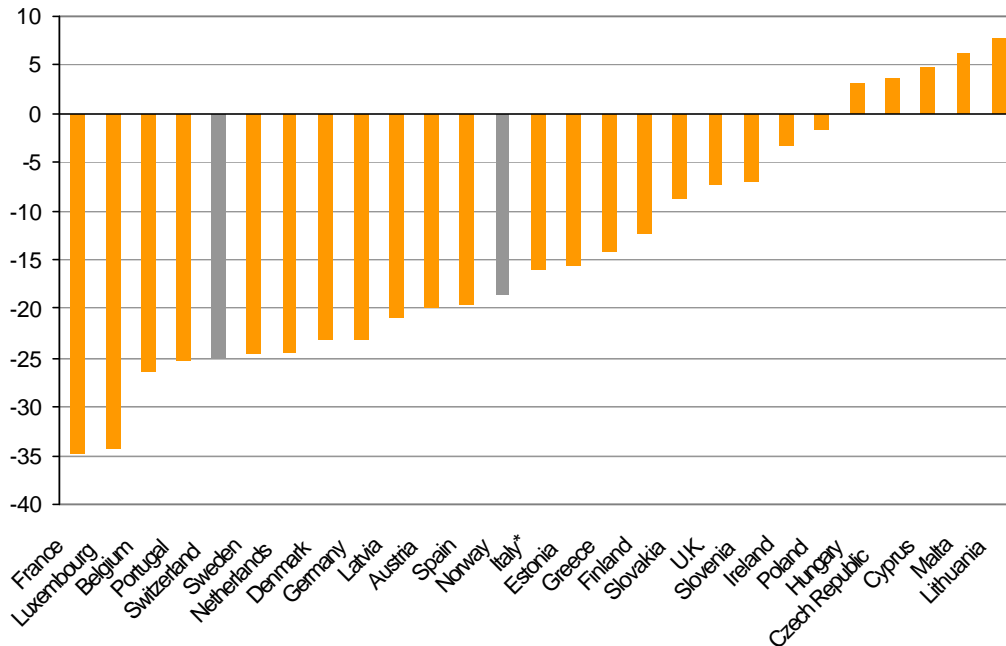
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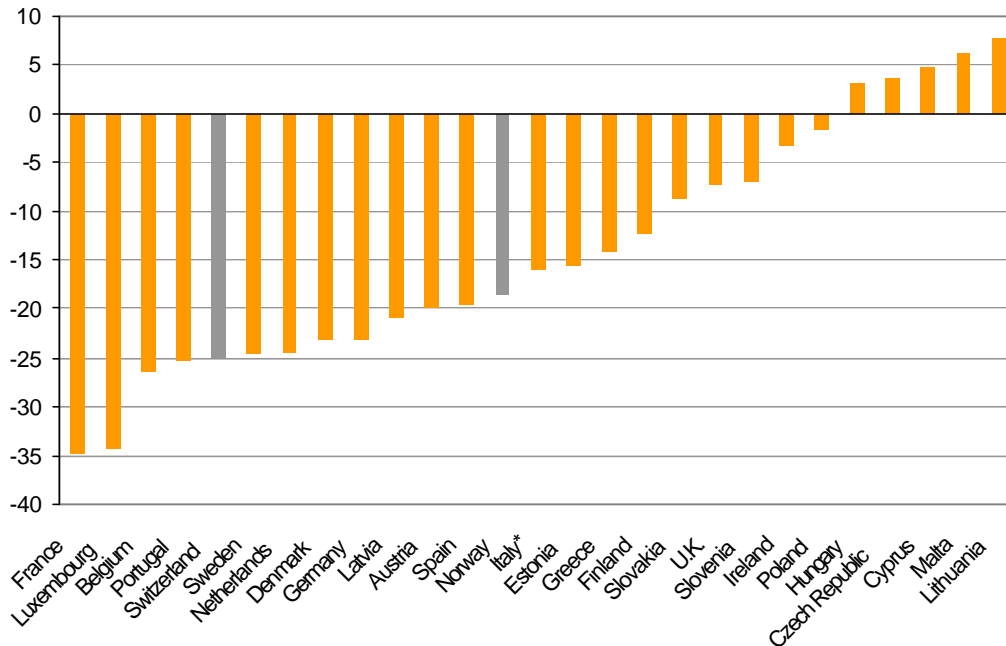
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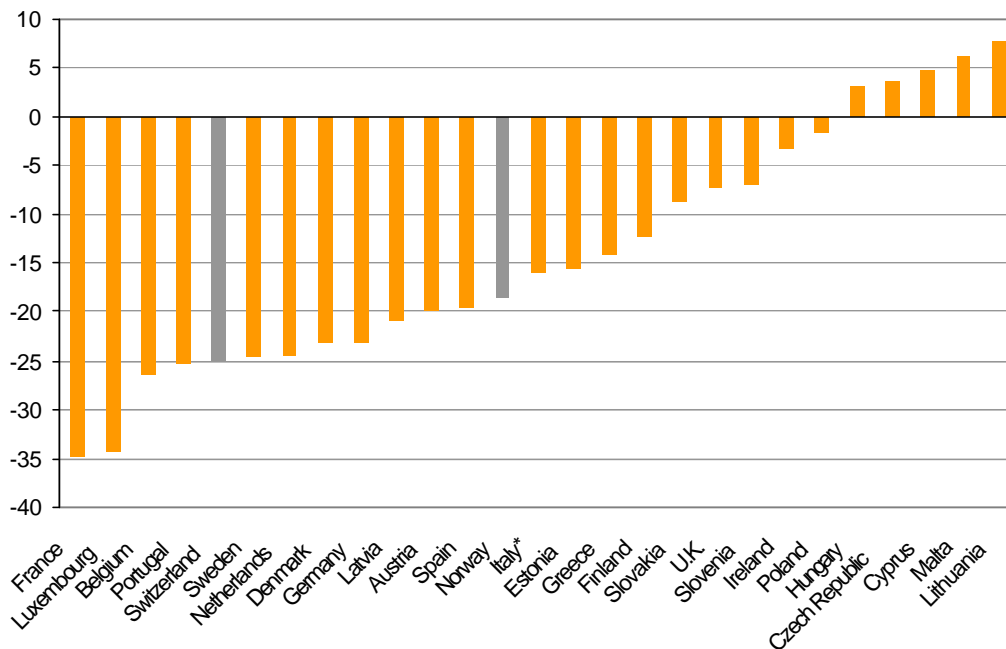
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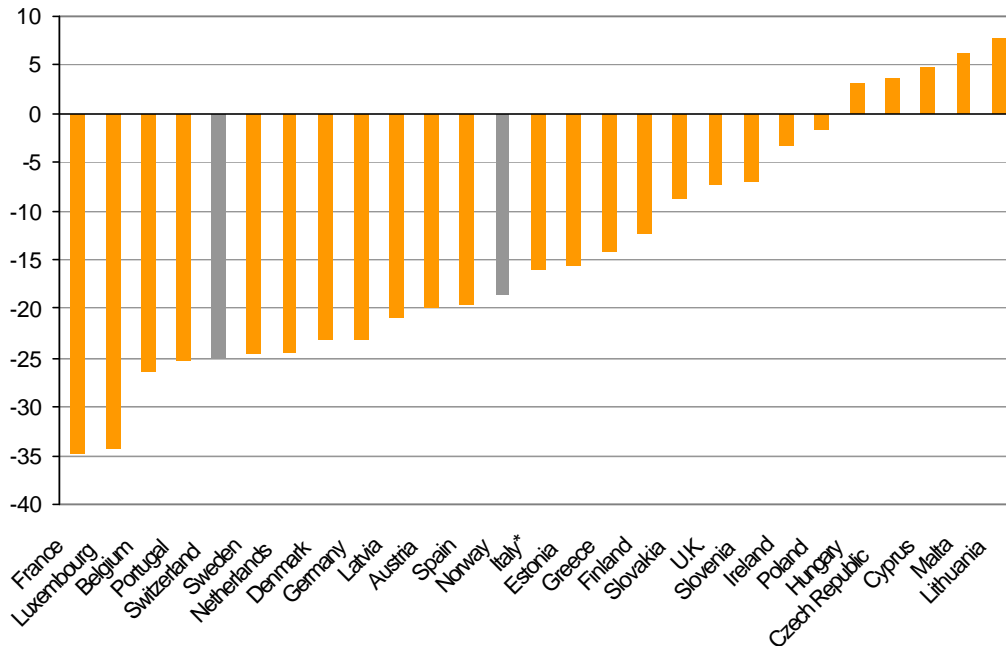
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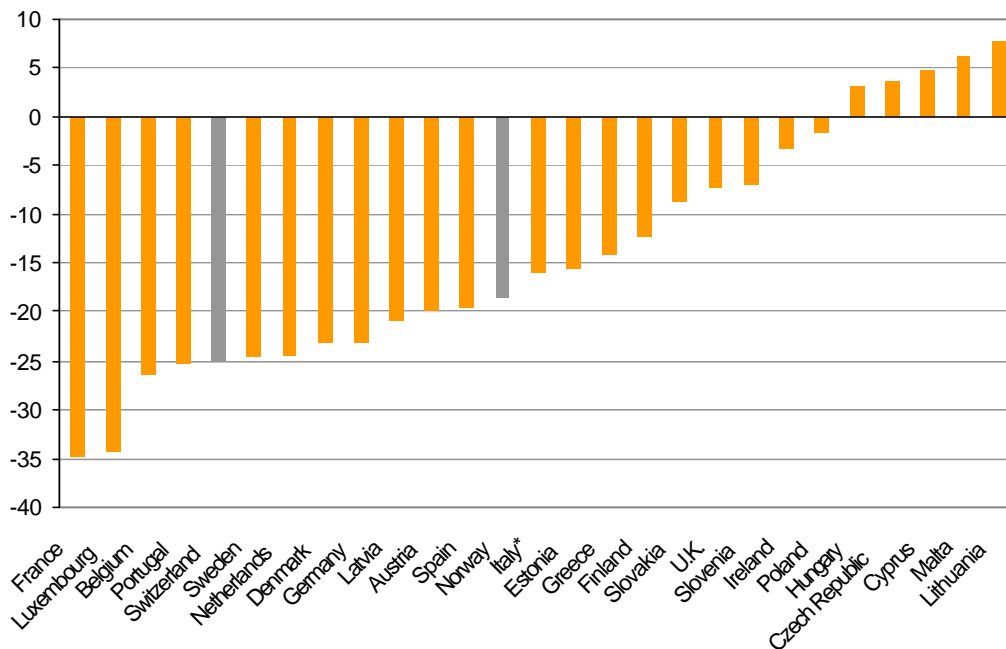
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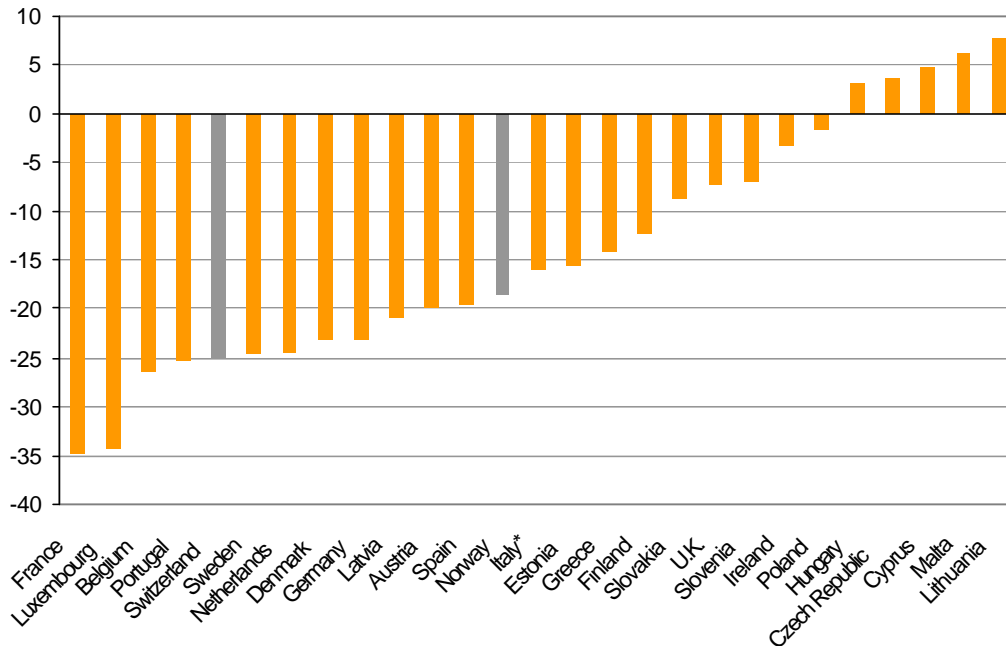
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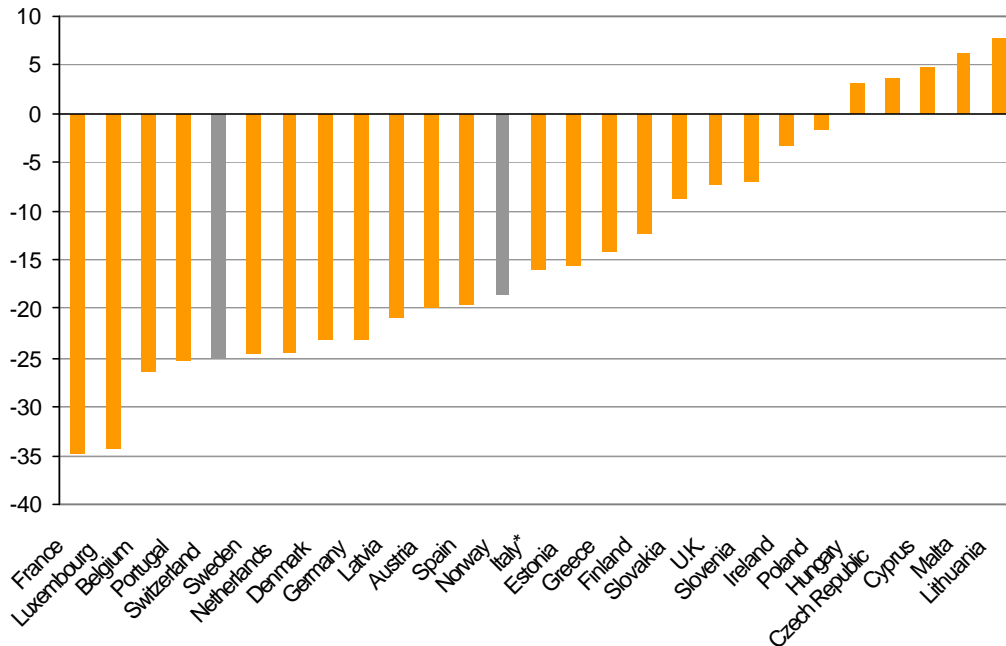
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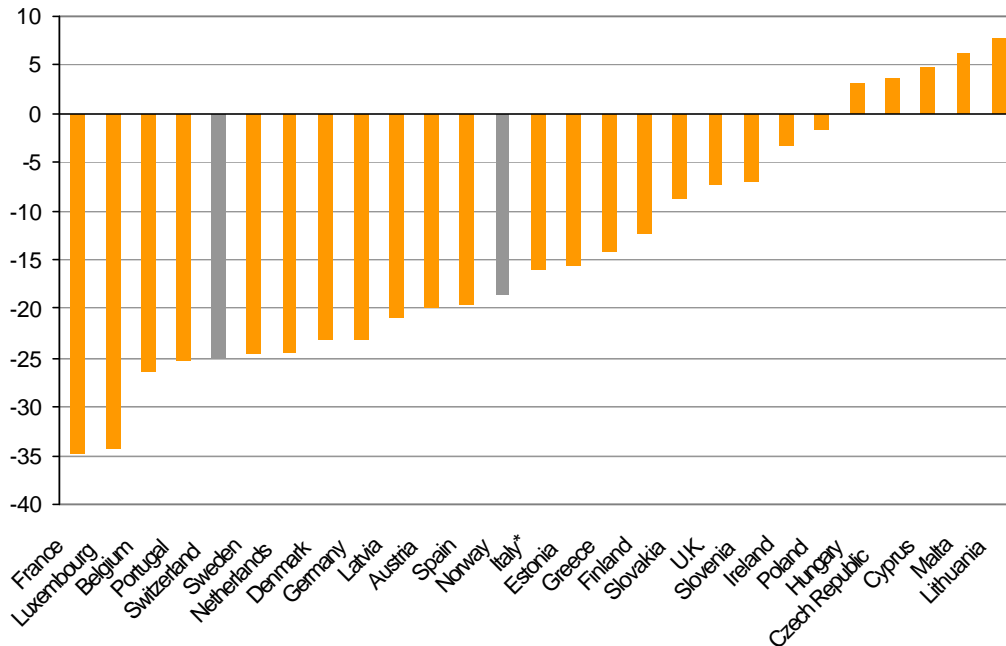
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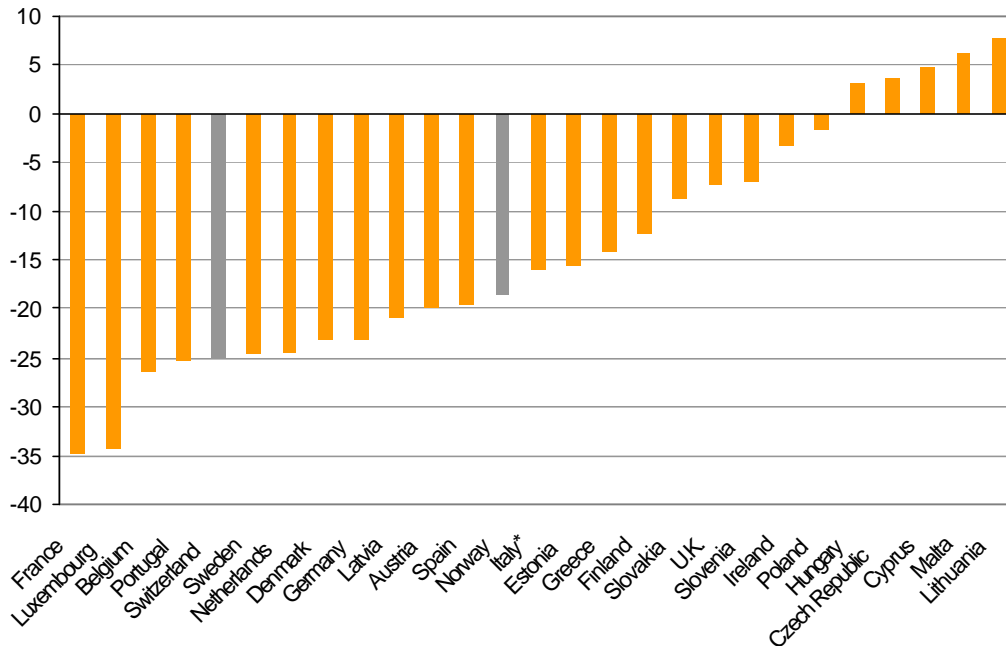
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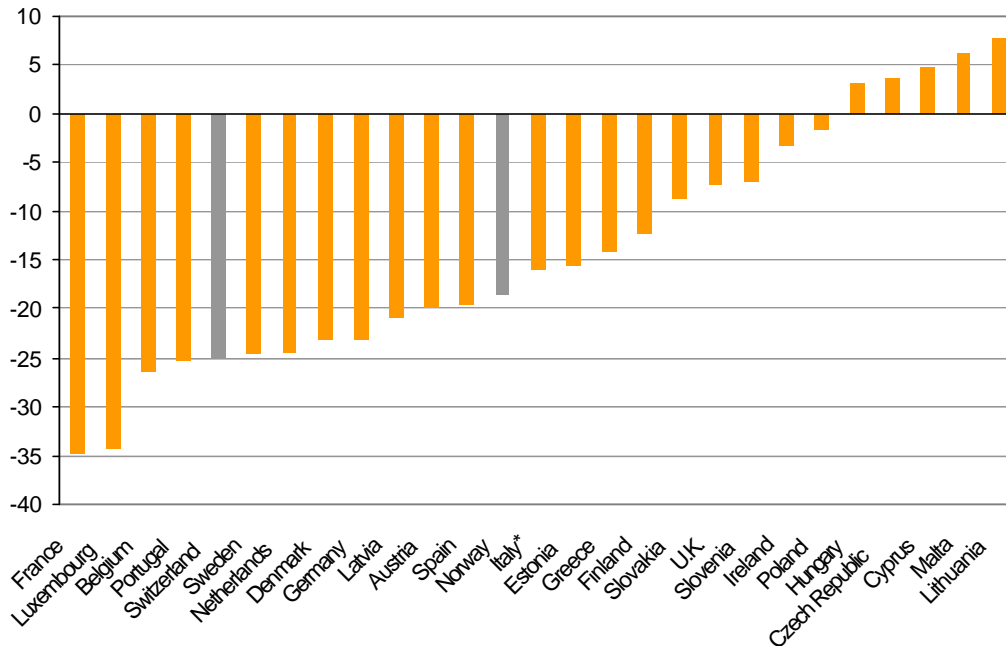
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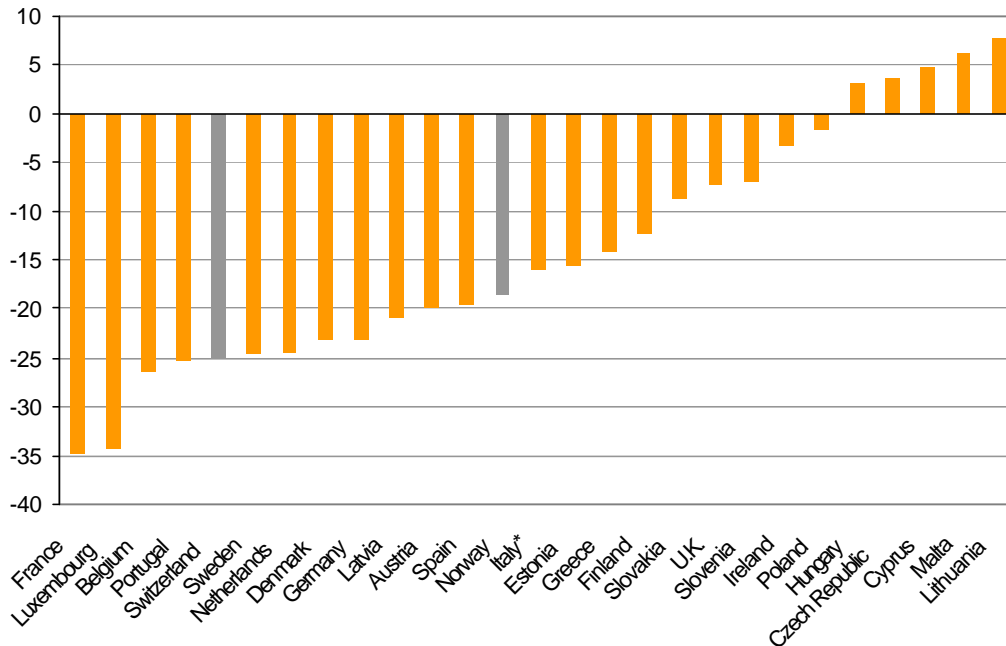
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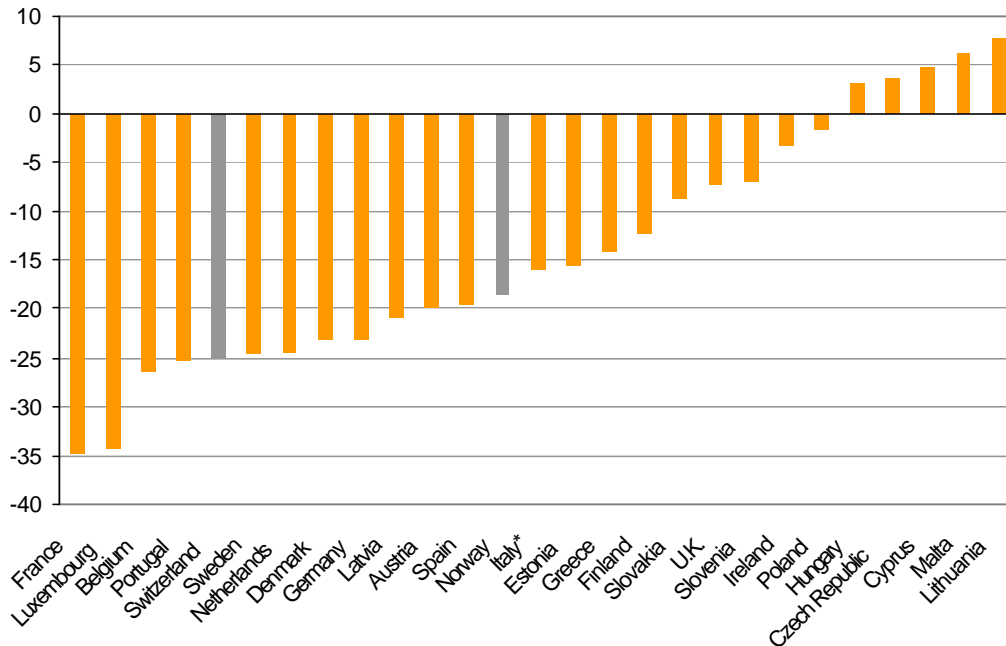
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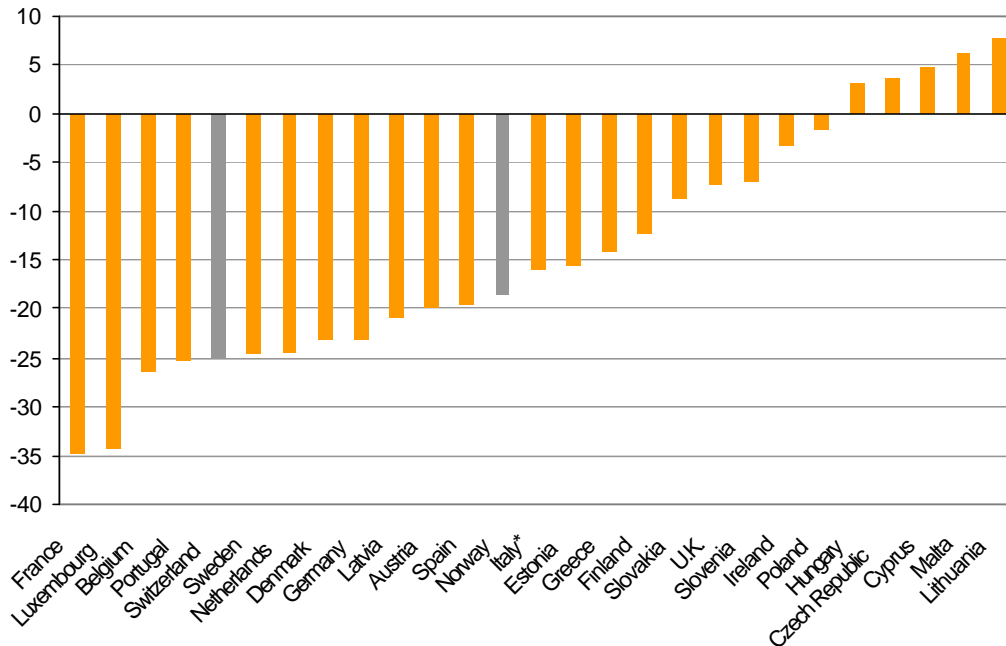
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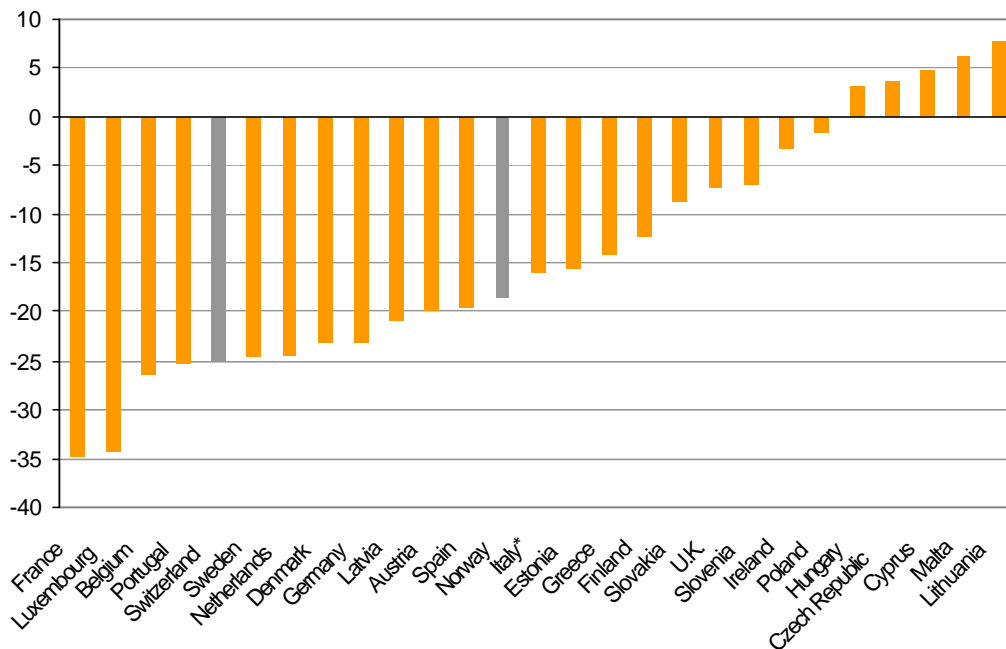
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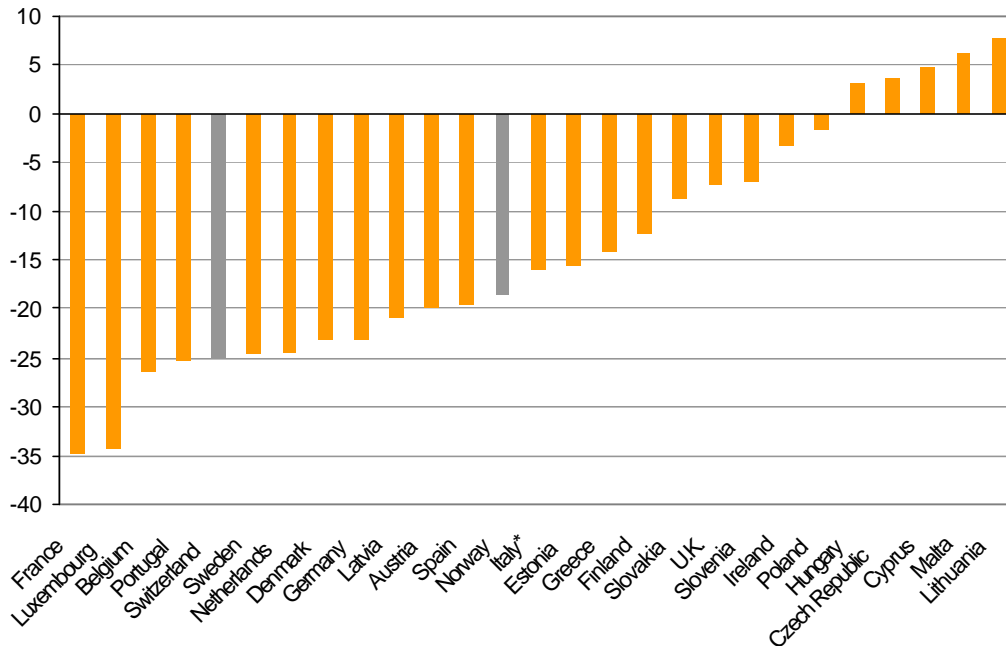
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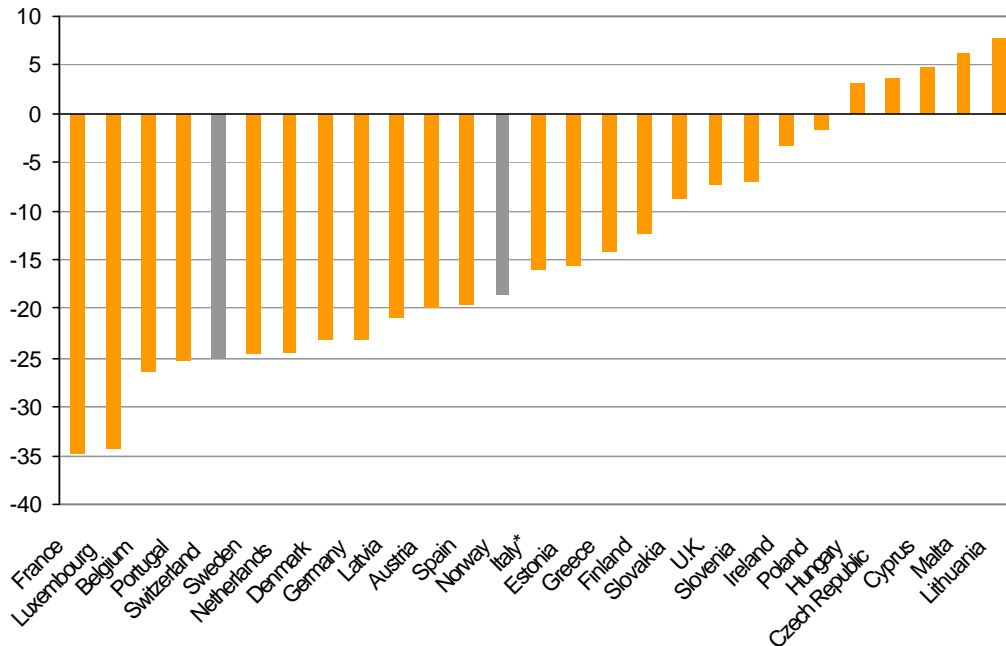
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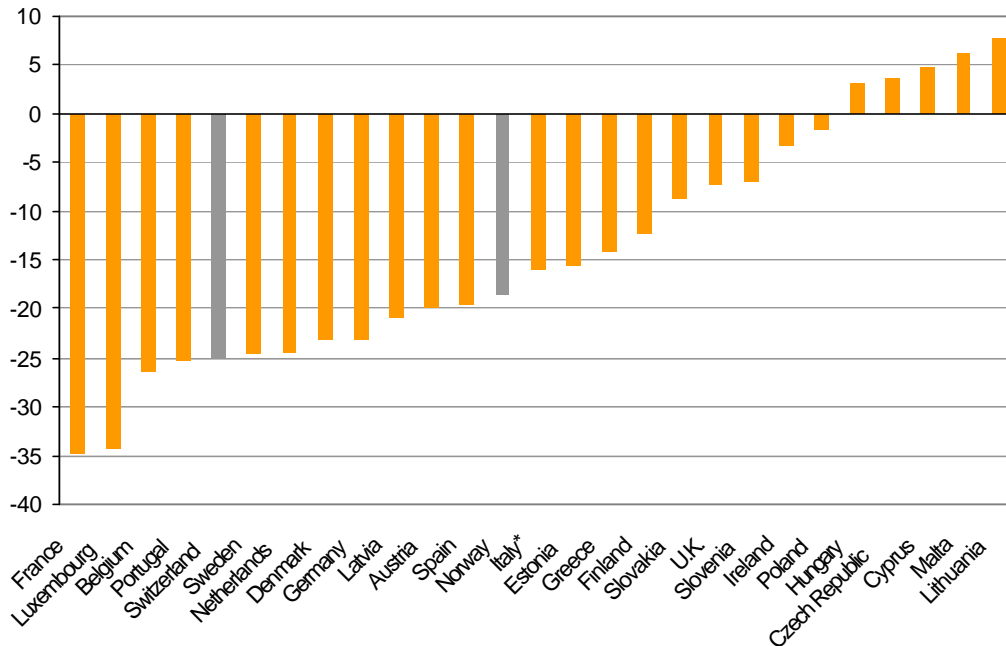
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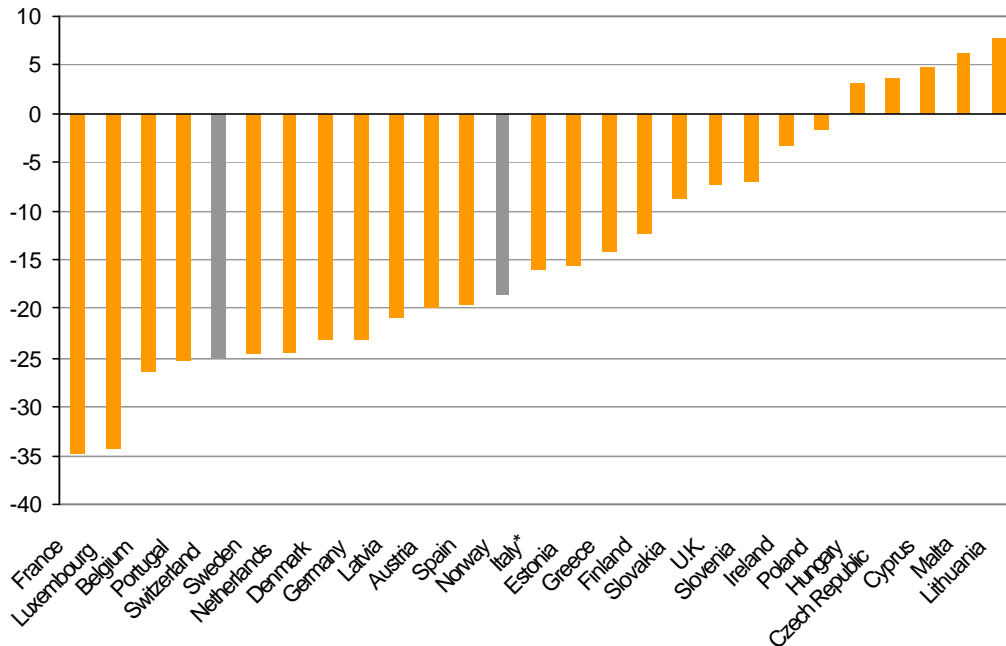
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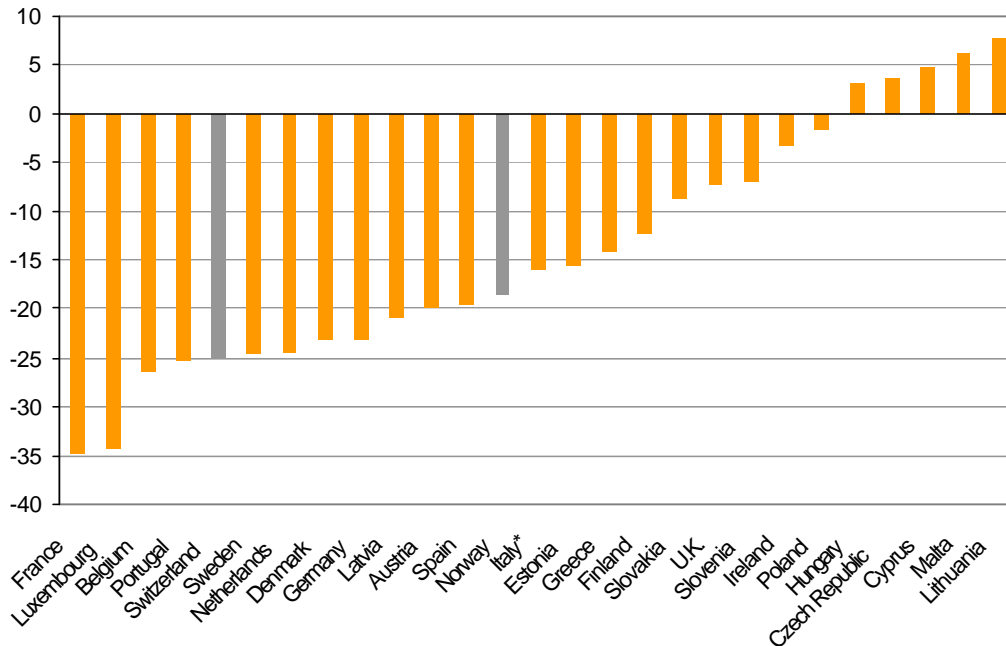
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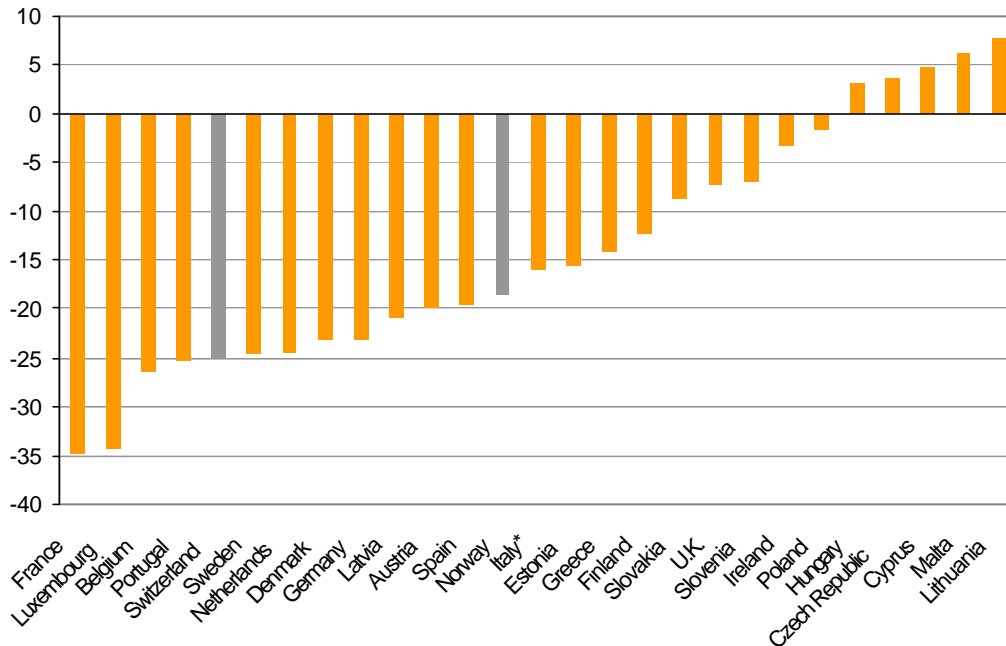
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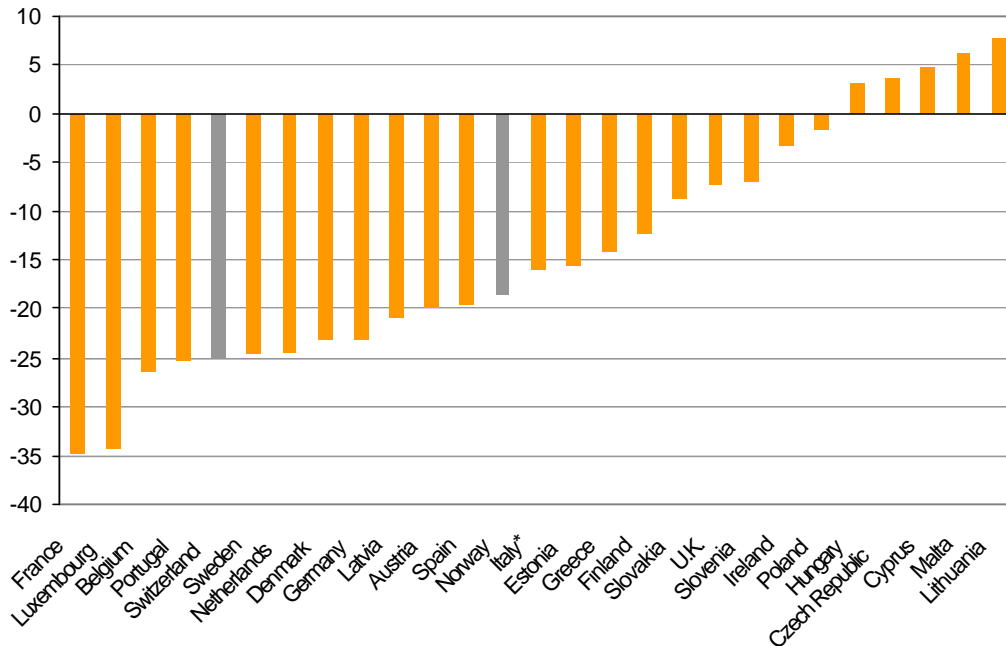
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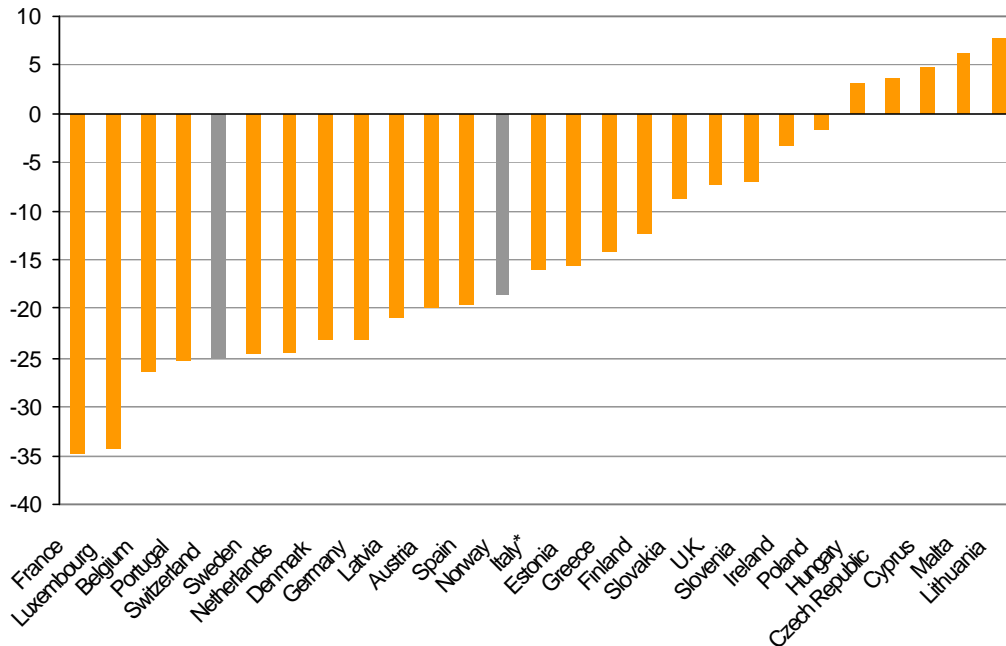
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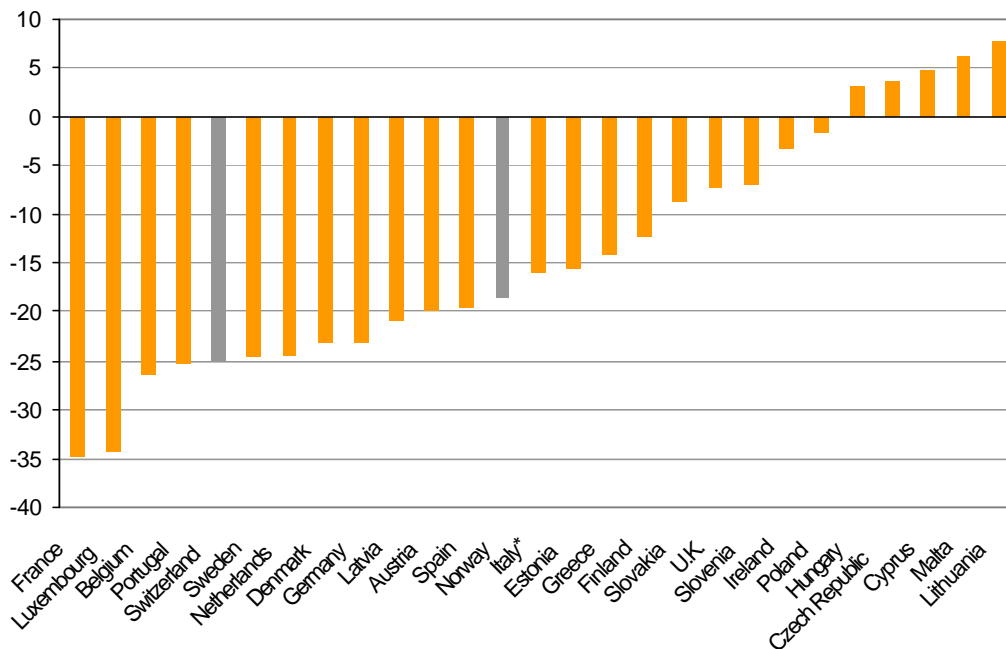
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*"This ranking shows that all countries, from the frontrunners to the underperformers, can achieve good progress by introducing well-studied measures - if only they want to. More than sharing responsibility, Member States should 'take' their responsibilities."* Jörg Beckmann, ETSC Executive Director stated.

Other speakers at the press event included representatives from the three fastest-improving countries: Jean Chapelon, General Secretary of the French Interministerial Road Safety Observatory; Renaat Landuyt, Federal Minister for Mobility and Transport, President of the Belgian Road Safety Institute and Sam Weissen, Transport Councillor, Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU.

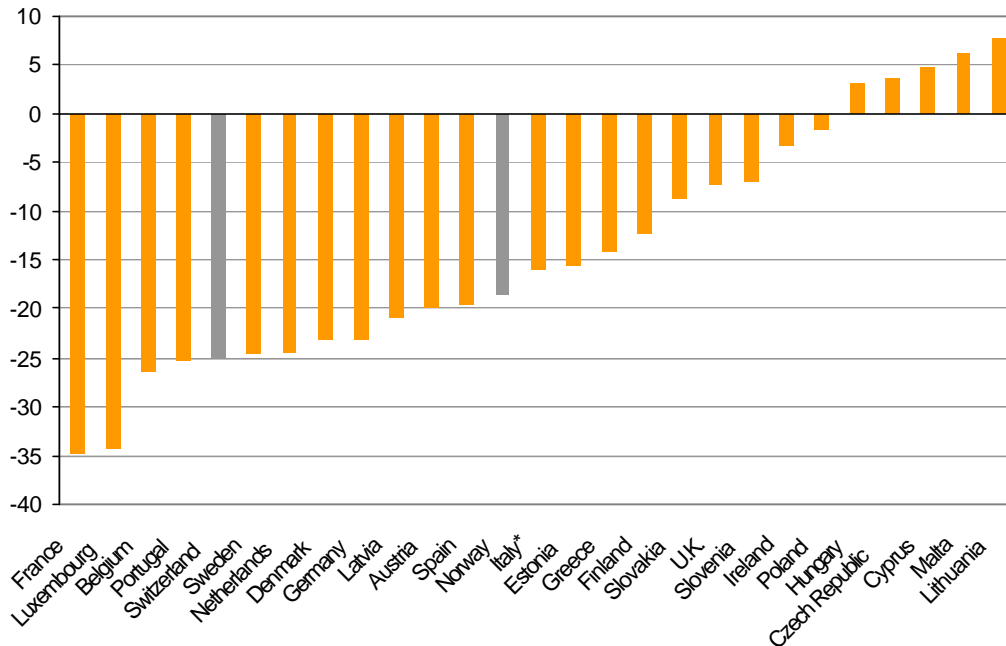
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Notes to Editors:

(1) The Road Safety Performance Index was set up in June 2006 to compare Member States' performance in all areas of road safety. It receives financial support from Swedish Road Administration and Toyota Motor Europe. See <http://www.etsc.be/PIN>.

(2) The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) is a Brussels-based non-profit making organisation dedicated to the reduction of transport crashes and casualties in Europe. ETSC seeks to identify and promote effective measures on the basis of international scientific research and best practice. It brings together 35 international and national organisations concerned with transport safety from across Europe.

(3) Reduction in road deaths 2001-2005 (in %). Source: CARE and national data



\*2001-2004

(4) The EU has set itself the target of halving road deaths from 2001 to 2010. In 2003, a Road Safety Action Programme was adopted and in February 2006, the European Commission carried out a Mid-Term Review of this Programme. See [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/roadsafety/rsap\\_midterm/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/roadsafety/rsap_midterm/index_en.htm)