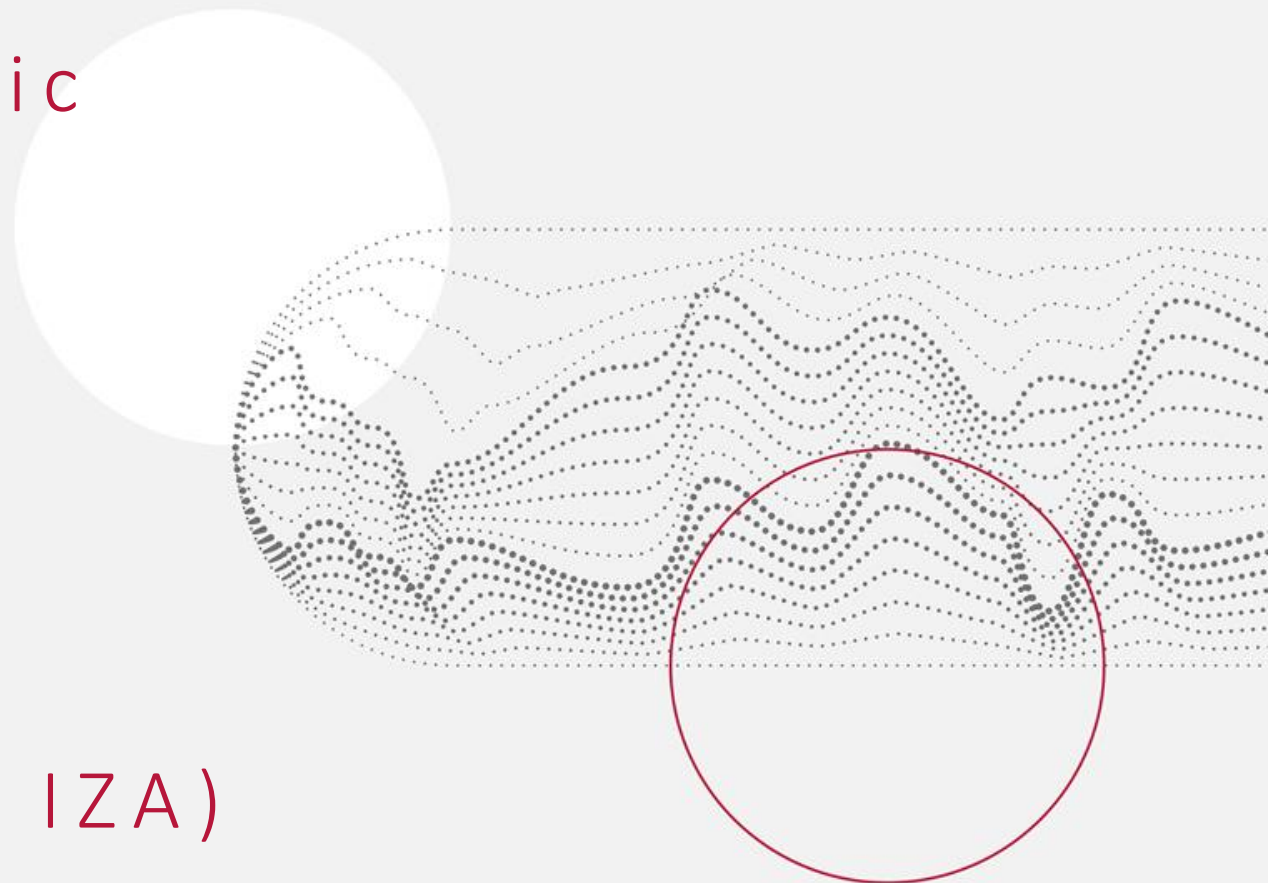


Comments on
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Some findings on labour markets and migration in ECA



- Opposition to migration rather economic than cultural
- Temporary contracts and temporary migration go hand in hand
- Technology may affect migration patterns of high-skilled workers
- Educational boom contributes to the mobility to education centres
- Portability of social security is a challenge

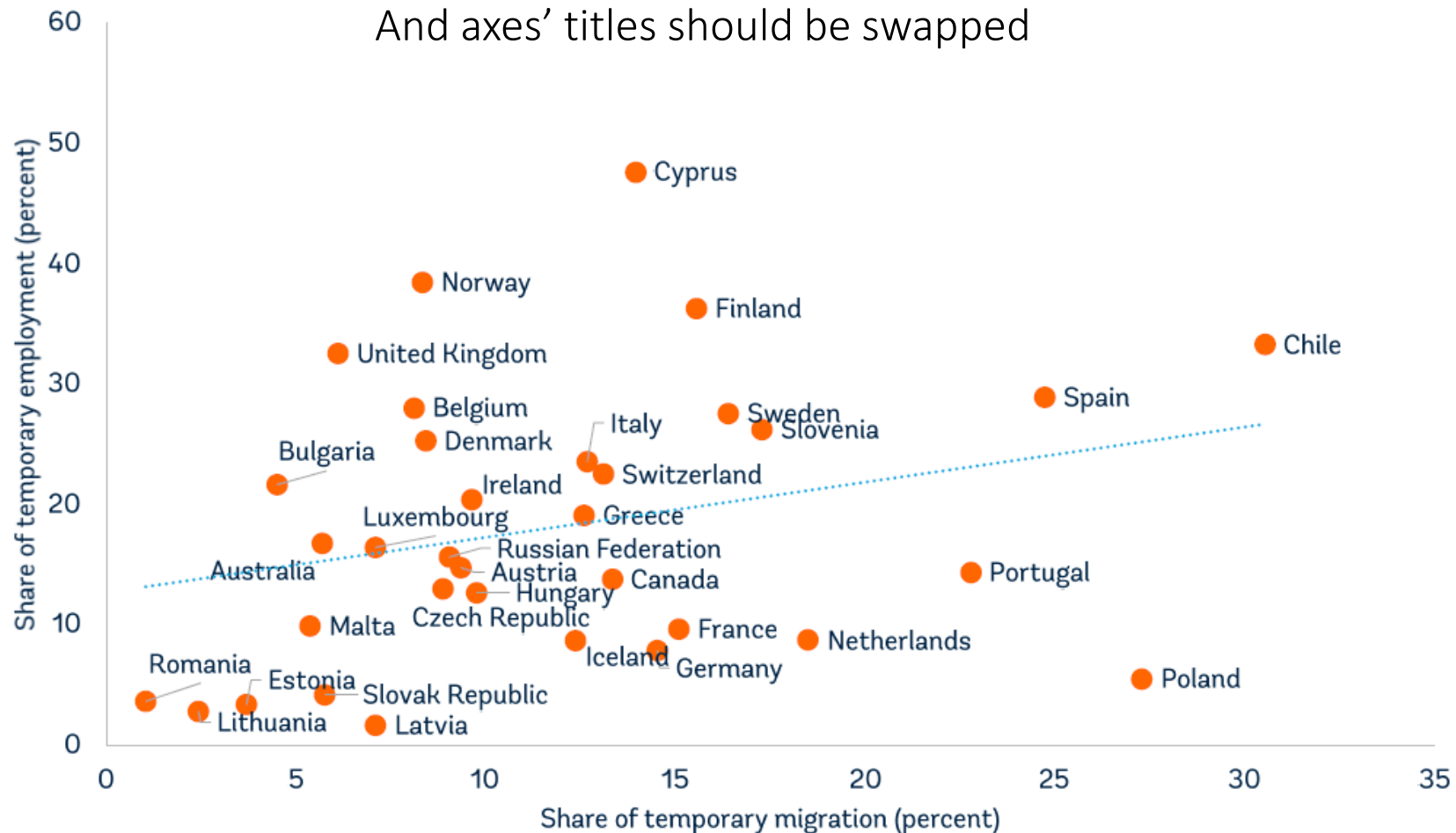
Economic insecurity is a key driver of negative stance towards migrants.
Both fuel support for populist parties (Guiso et al., 2017)



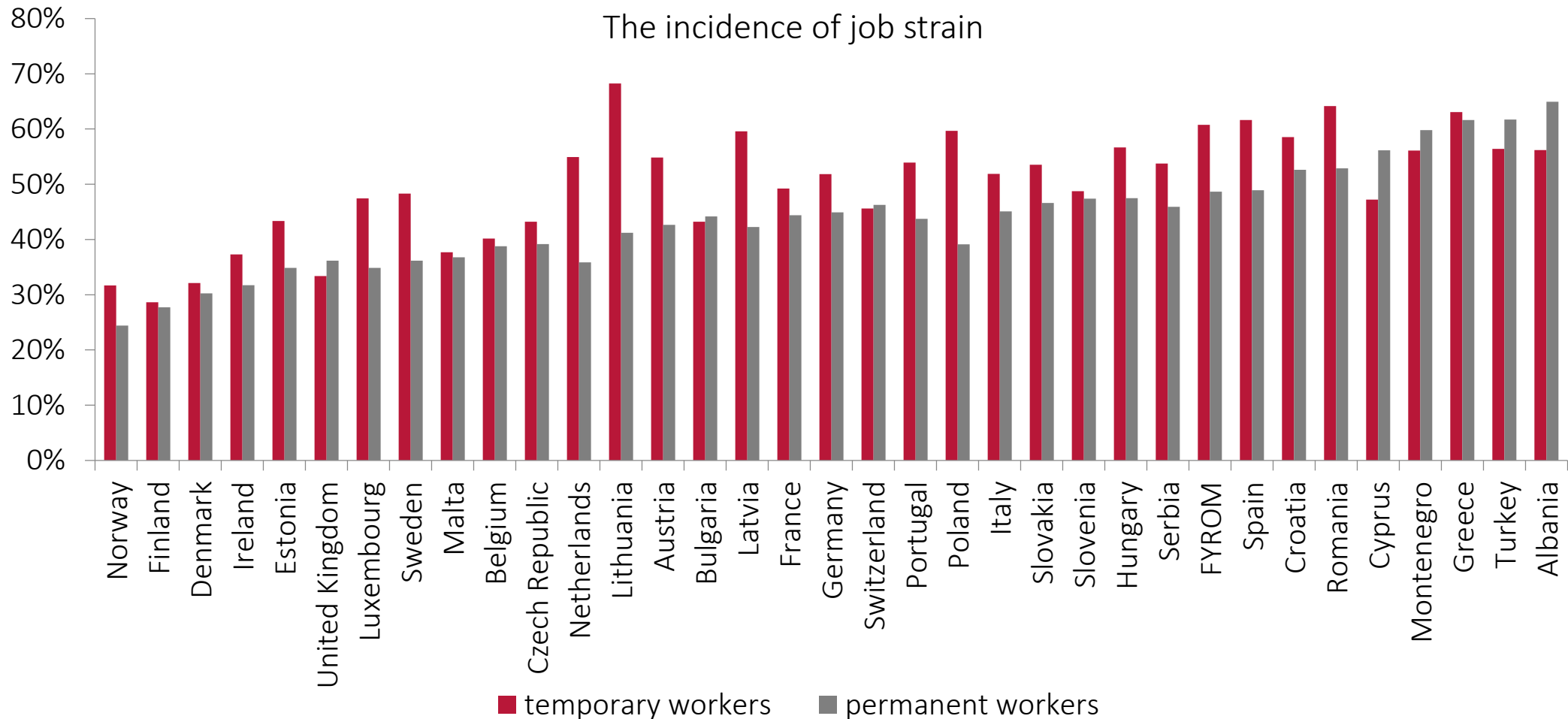
Table 8: Effect of economic insecurity

Effect of (1 SD) economic insecurity (share of sample mean)	Direct effect	Indirect effect: trust	Indirect effect: negative sentiments towards immigrants	Total effect
Voting populist (% of total effect)	0.060 81%	0.004 6%	0.010 13%	0.074 100%
Turnout (% of total effect)	-0.061 92%	-0.004 6%	-0.001 2%	-0.066 100%

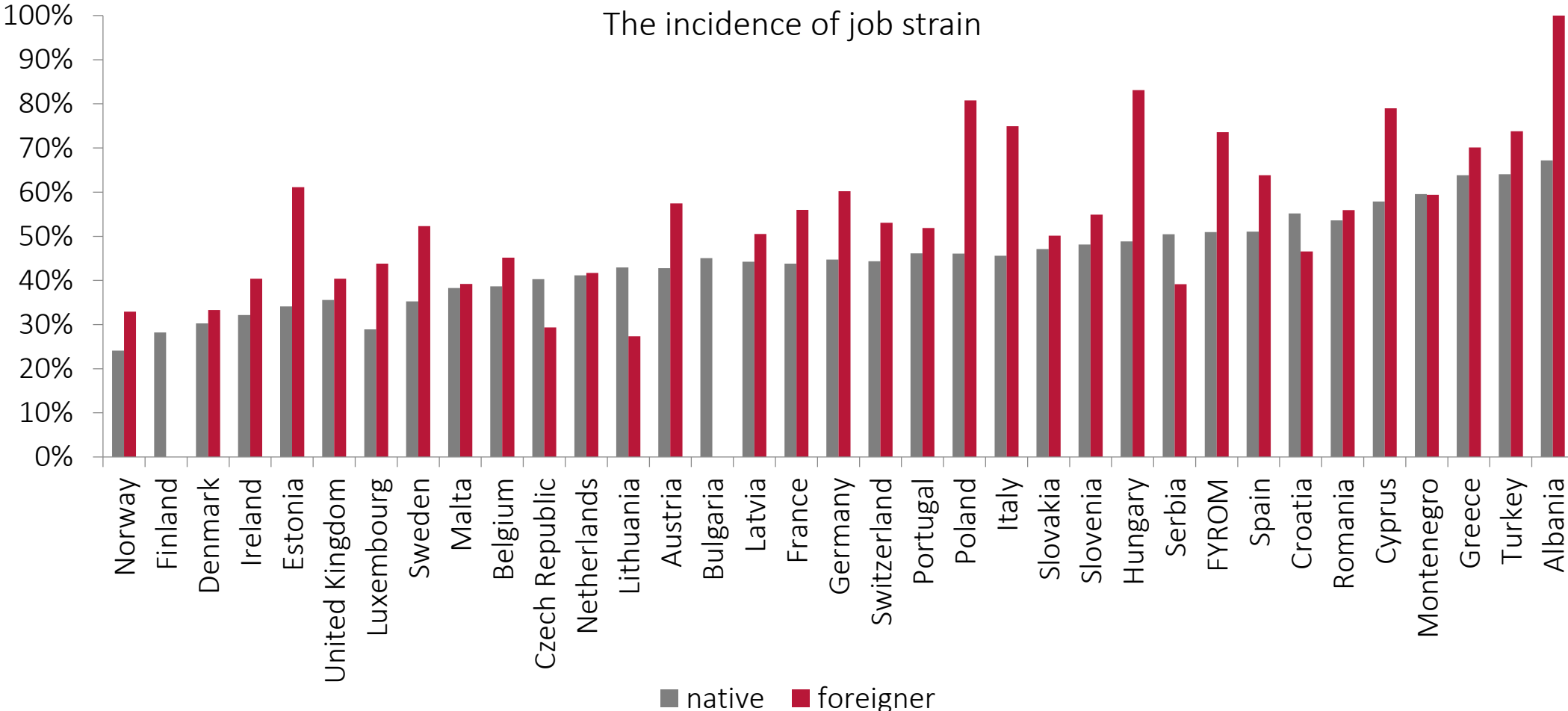
The correlation between temporary migration (rather inflows) and temporary employment seems spurious and weak



Many temporary jobs are in sectors barely affected by technology and offer low job quality and wages



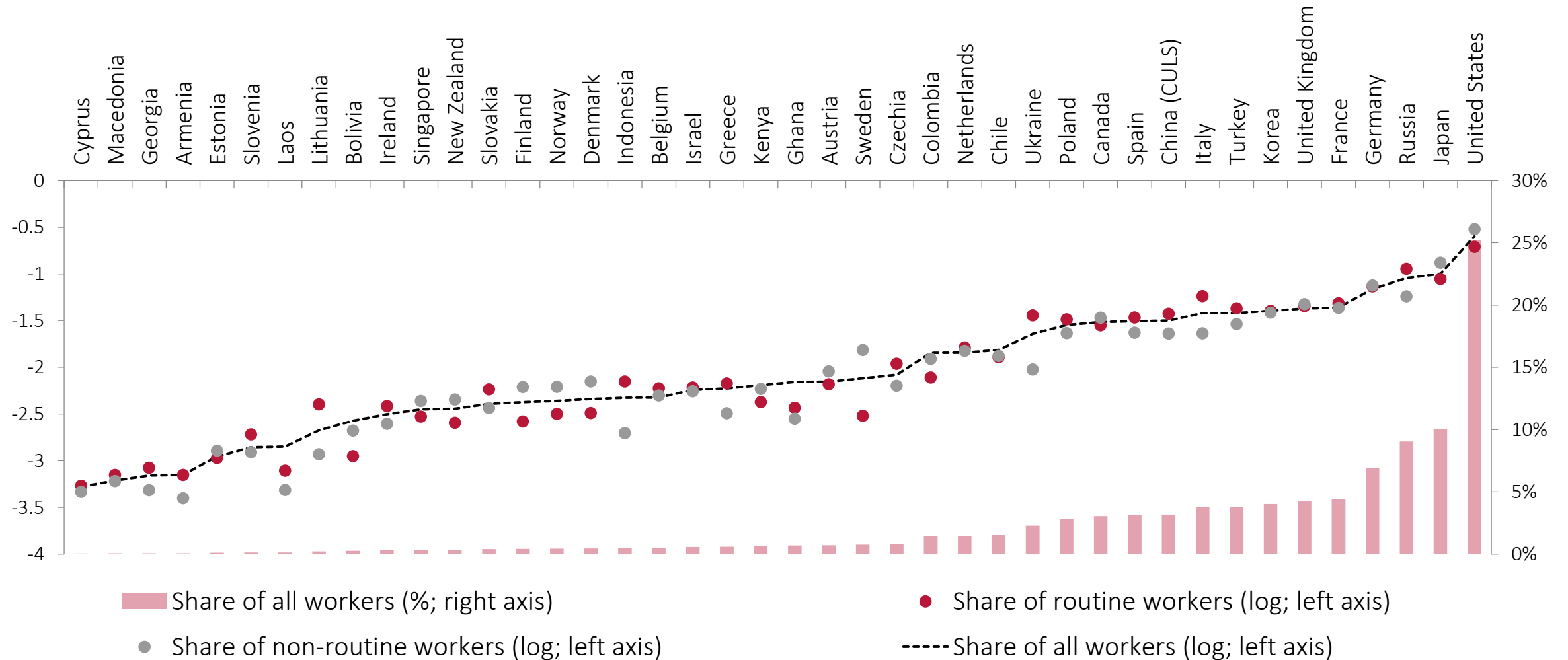
Job quality among migrants is usually lower than among natives



Are jobs created by platform economies really about technology?
How about non-compliance with regulations and cheap labour?



The global distribution of non-routine work is still shifted towards the most advanced countries

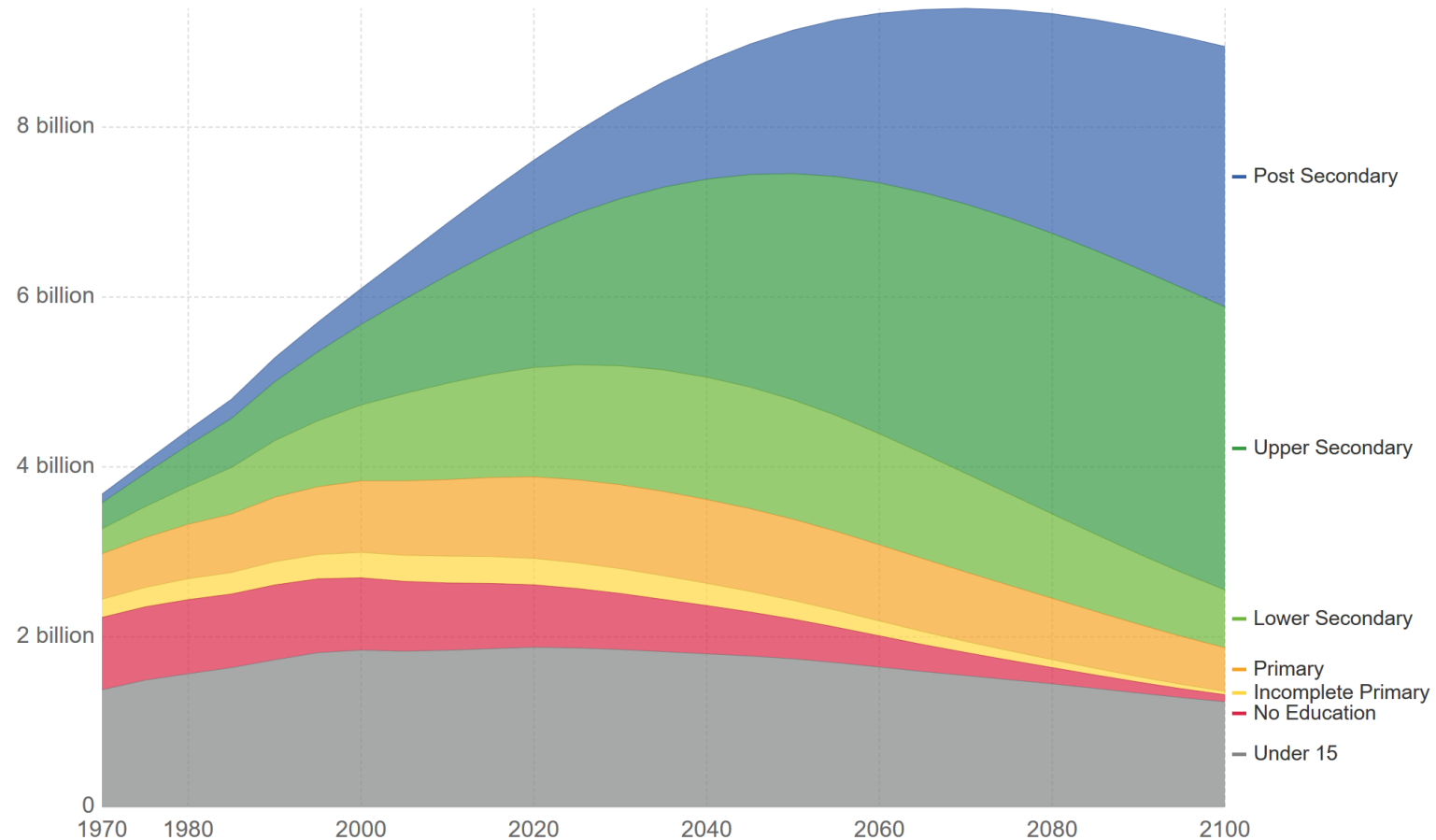


ECA will contribute only little to the growth of skilled population



Projected world population by level of education

This visualization shows the Medium projection by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). The researchers who created this projection describe it as their "middle of the road scenario that can also be seen as the most likely path".



Source: IIASA (Global Projection – Medium SSP2)

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Some questions related to skills and mobility

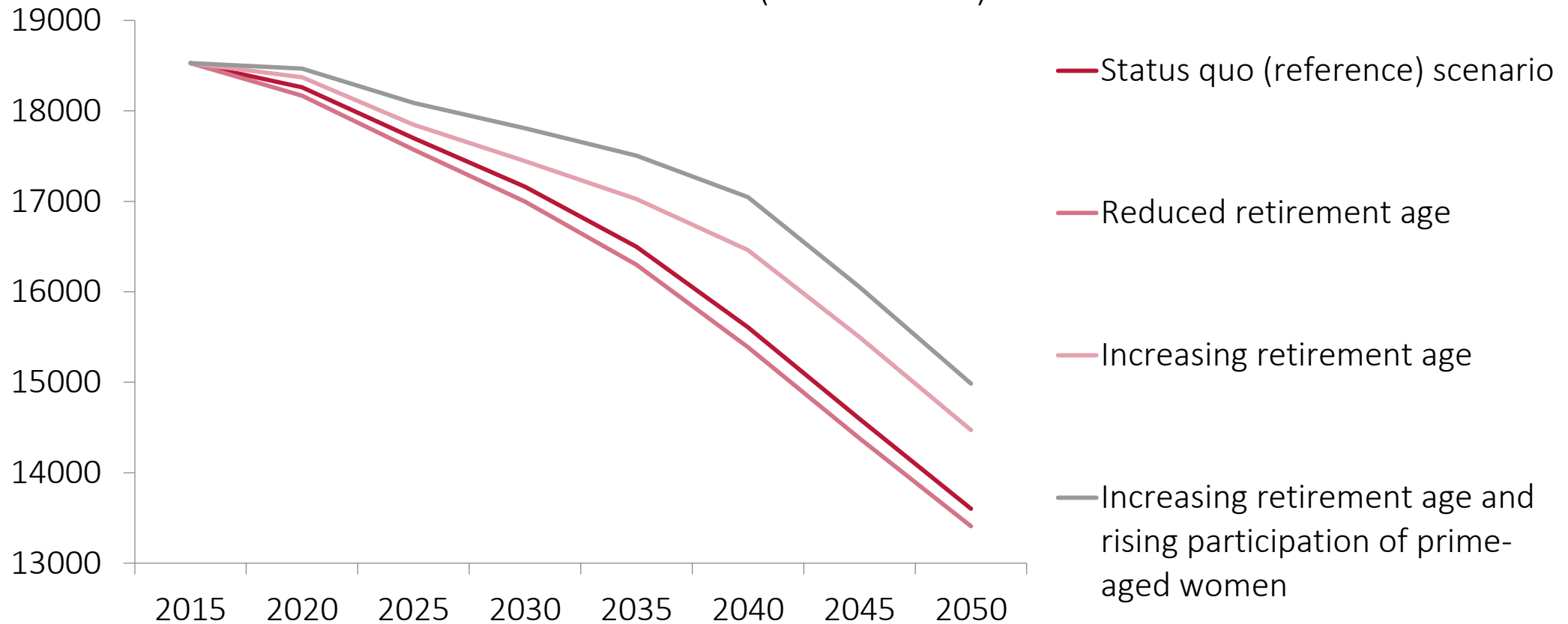


- Will job creation keep up with the increase in tertiary attainment in ECA (and elsewhere)?
- How to manage the skill and geographical mismatches in a region moving away from integration?

Will the population ageing undermine growth and blow up social security?
Will technology and migration mitigate or aggravate these pressures?



The projected numbers of economically active individuals in Poland, 2015-2050 (in thousands).



Thanks for listening

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