



# Convergence in Eurozone

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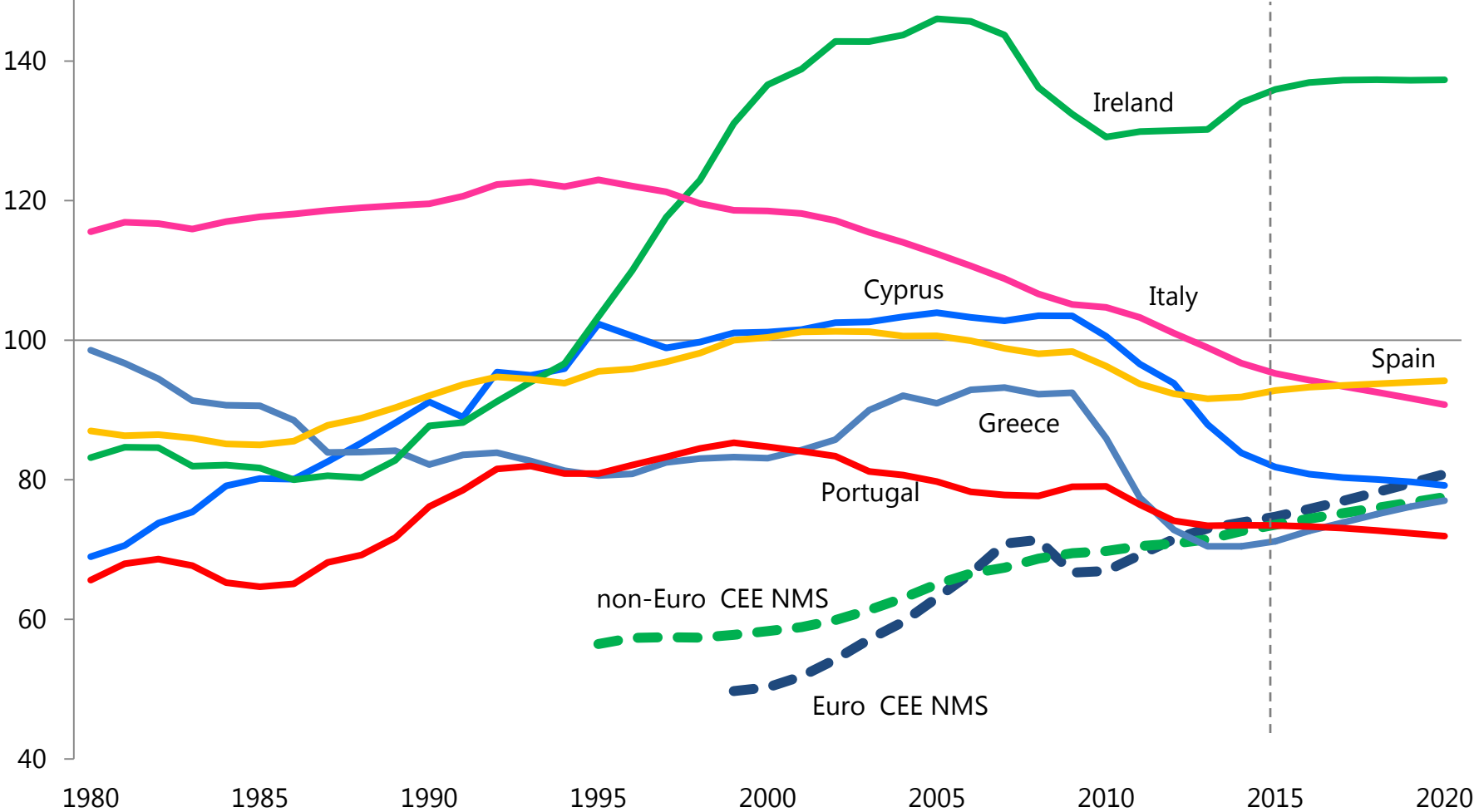
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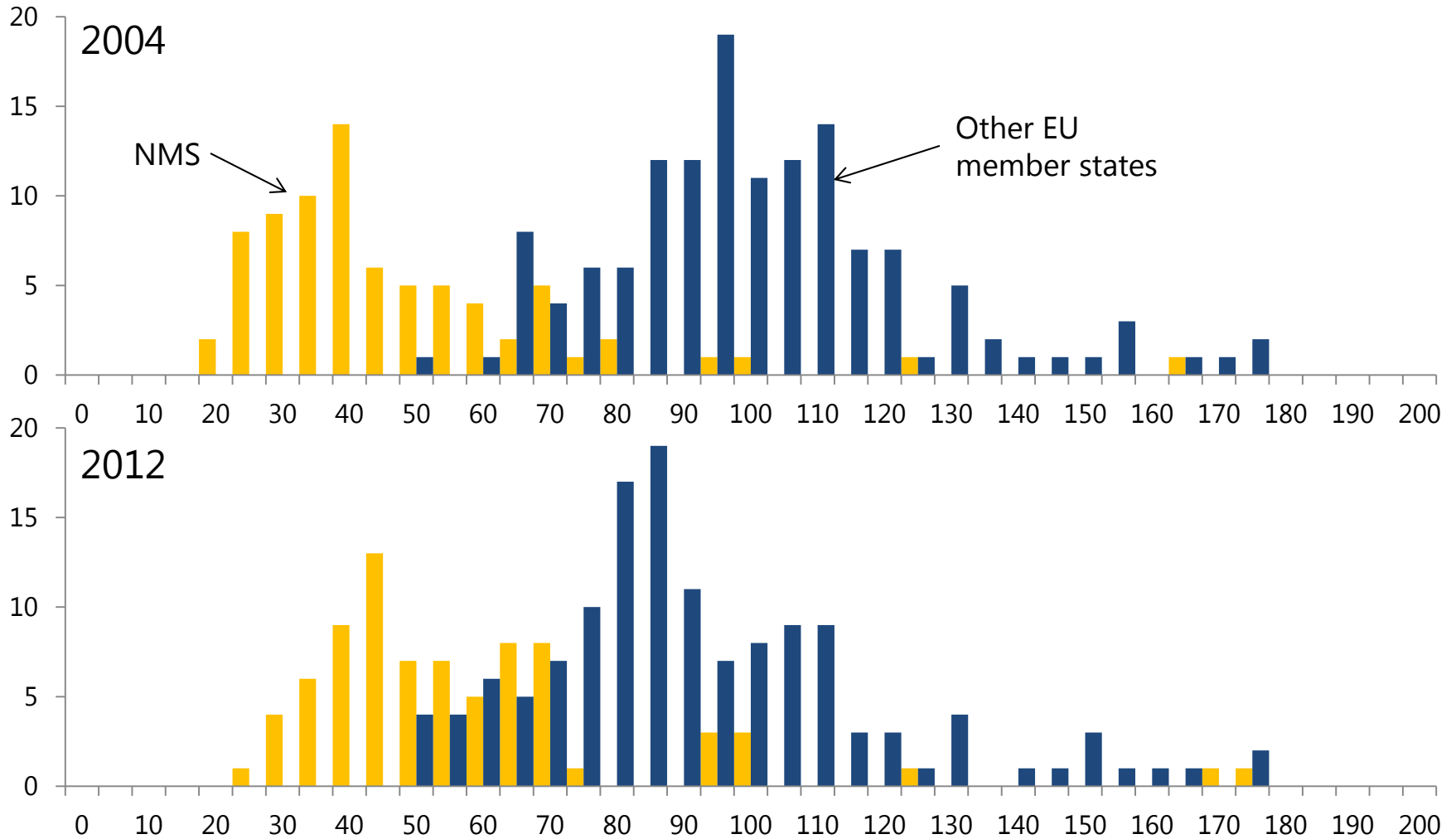
# No obvious middle income trap?

GDP per capita, percent of EU level



# Convergence in regional perspective

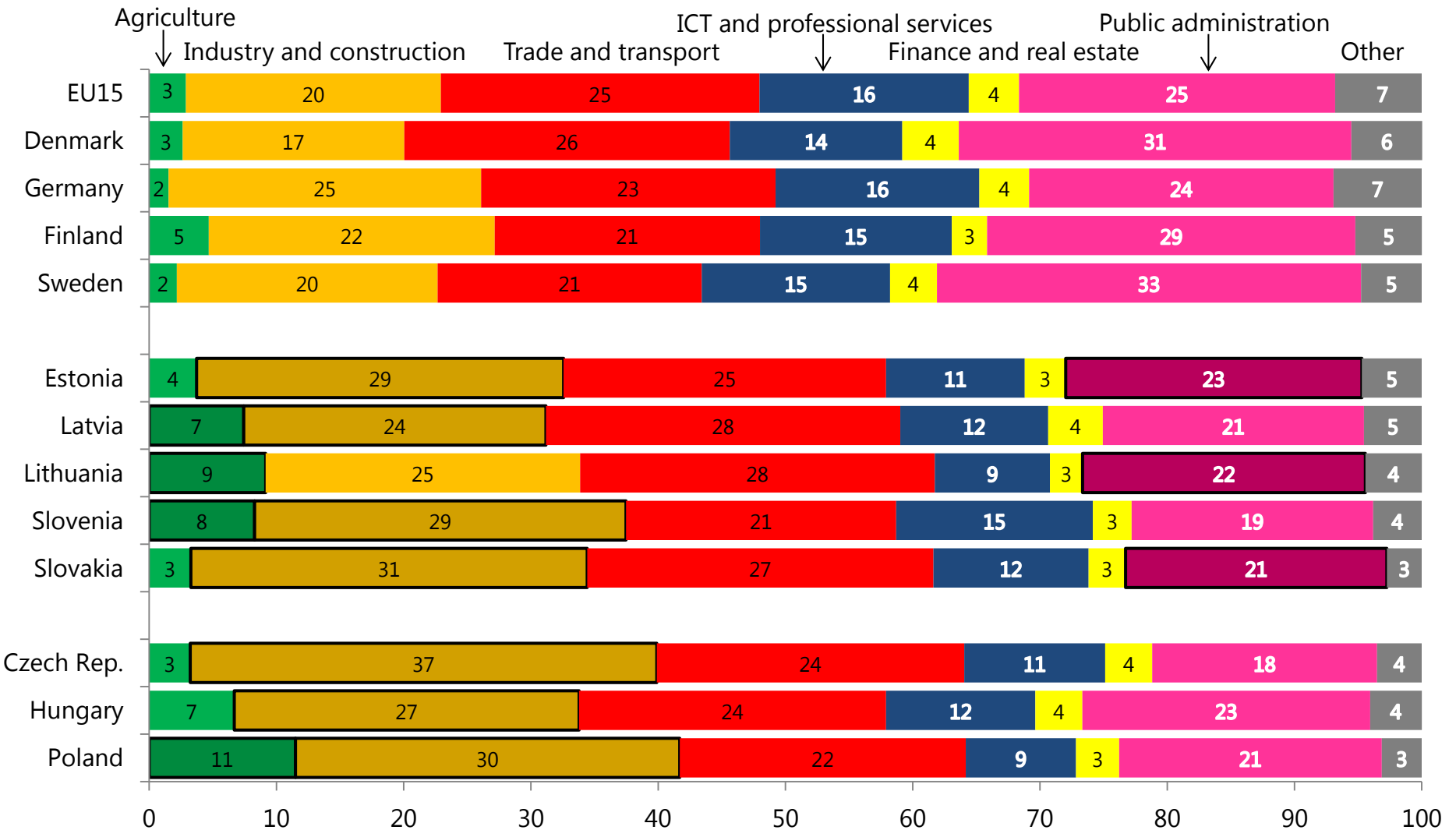
Distribution of EU regions\* by income  
(number of regions by income bracket in percent of EU28 average)



\*NUTS3 for Baltics, NUTS0 for Belgium, Germany, Italy and Netherlands, and NUTS2 for other countries.

# Productivity gaps

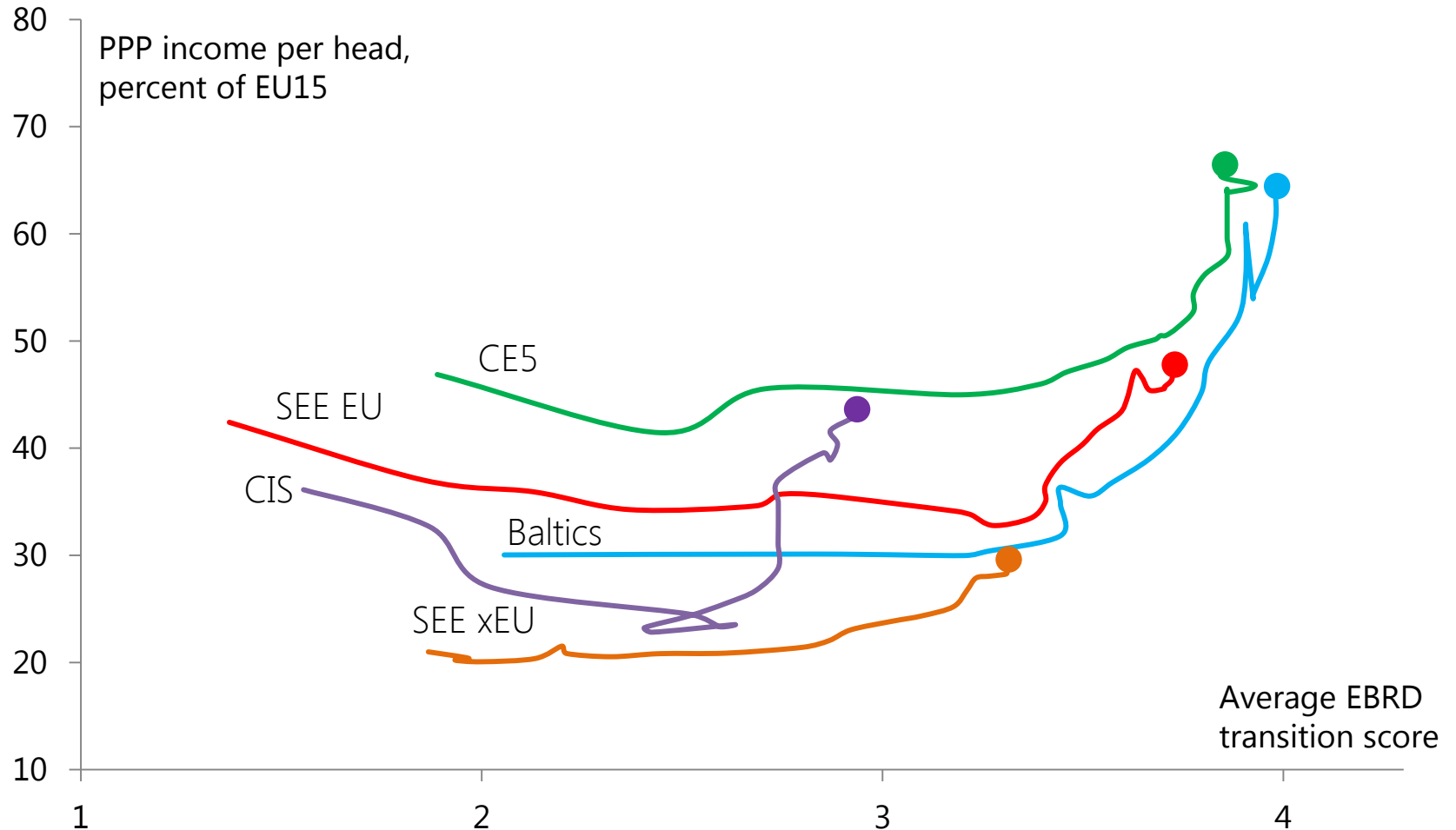
## Employment structure, 2013



Note: Shaded bars indicate significantly lower relative productivity compared to other countries.

# Reforms lead to convergence

Reform and convergence, 1990-2014



Note: Baltics, SEE xEU, CIS from 1992. Excludes CZE, MDA.

Thank you

