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# Fostering intergenerational fairness through social dialogue

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# The story of ESDE 2017

Ch 1: Recovery continues in the EU;

Ch 3: Still today's youngsters are disadvantaged in terms of income, and on the labour market;

Ch 2,4: Yet demographic change puts pressure on the youngsters to become more productive, and they will bear a 'double burden' of ageing in the future;

Ch 5: Social dialogue can play an important role in promoting intergenerational fairness.



#### **Outline**

Intergenerational perspective on

- 1. Social partners' contribution to fairness and solidarity
- 2. Key conditions for effective social dialogue

Discussion



# The contribution of social partners

#### At different levels

Cross-industry, EU
Cross-industry, national

Sector, EU
Sector, national
Company or workplace level

Framework agreement FI, NL, SI

e.g. chemical, construction e.g. railways in DE or AT



# The contribution of social partners

#### In different fields

Skills development and lifelong learning

Social protection

Active labour market policies and employment protection

Work-life balance

Health and safety at work



# Key conditions for social dialogue

#### An inclusive membership

Trade unions

Relatively few young employees

New recruitment methods, youth sections, cooperation

Employers' organisations

Relatively few small and newly established employers

Members more likely have 'normal share' of older workers



# Key conditions for social dialogue

#### **Dynamic collective bargaining**

Lower (self-reported) coverage of younger workers

Company level growing in importance

The role of new forms of work



#### **Discussion**

#### Link between contribution and key conditions

Examples of contributions mainly from Member States that do well on key conditions for social dialogue

New members help to identify and anticipate new trends

Broad coverage ensures that benefits are widely shared



# Thank you for your attention!



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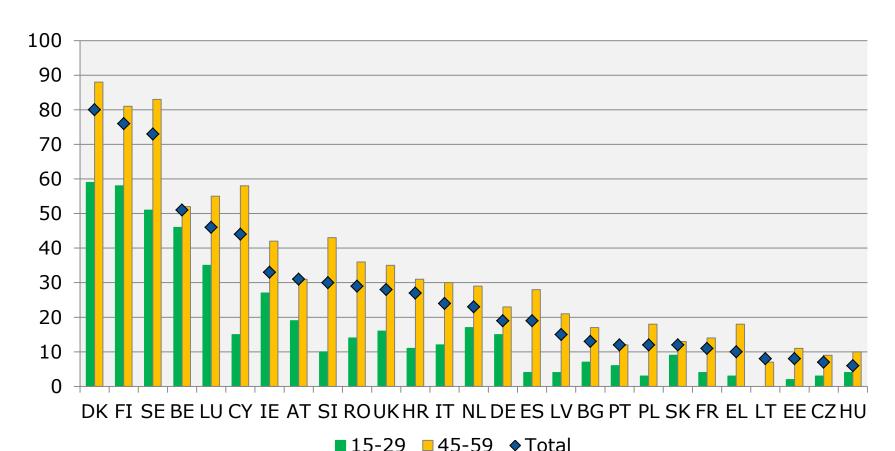




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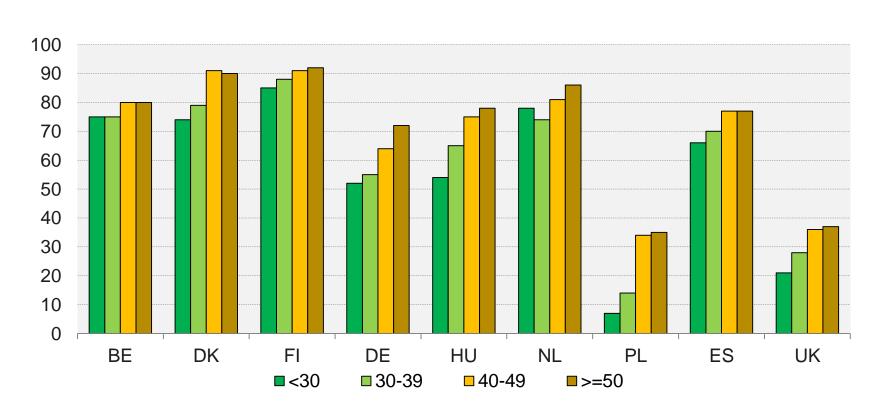
#### Union membership is lower among young employees



Based on European Social Survey. Data years: see ESDE 2017



# (Self-reported) coverage by collective agreements is lower among young workers



Source: Tijdens and Van Klaveren, 2007

