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## EUROPE 2020: ACTIVATING JOB CREATION

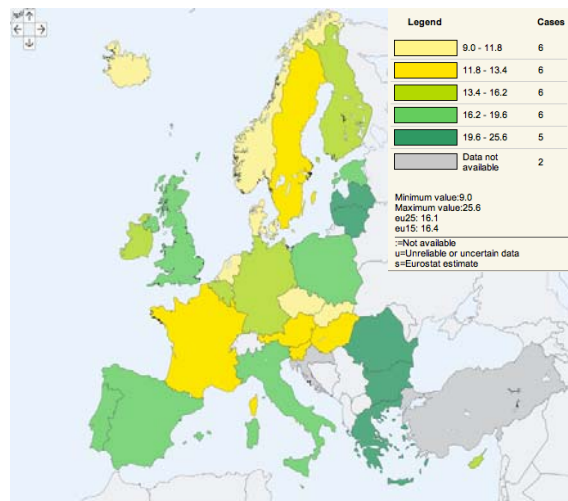
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### At-risk-of-poverty rate

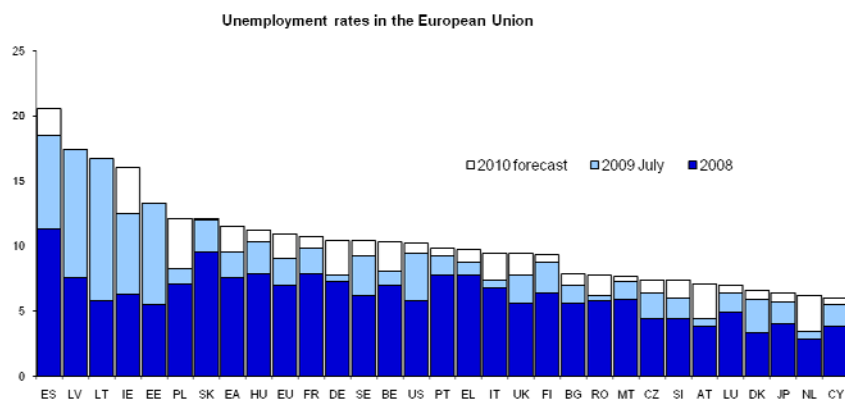
- In 2008, approximately 79 million people (16 %) in the EU lived below the poverty threshold
- This percentage varied within Europe.
- Baltic Member States: Latvia (25.6 %), Lithuania (20%), Estonia (19 %), as well as Greece, Spain and Italy (all 20 %), and the United Kingdom and Romania (both 19.5 %).
- Other States: 9 % in the Czech Republic, the Netherlands (10.5), Slovakia (10.9)
- This index is considerably higher in woman than in men



# Employment growth in Europe



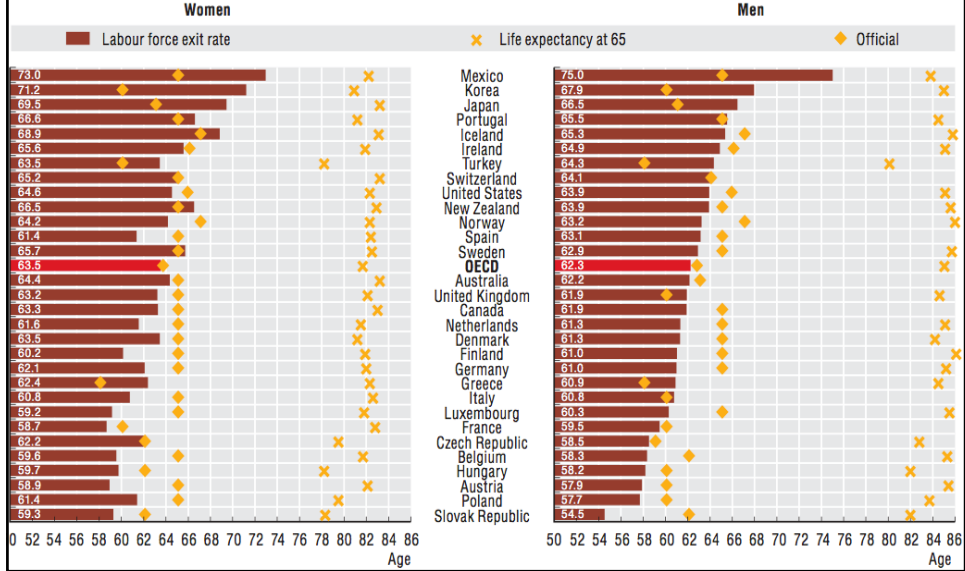
# Unemployment in Europe



# Retirement / Exit Labour Market

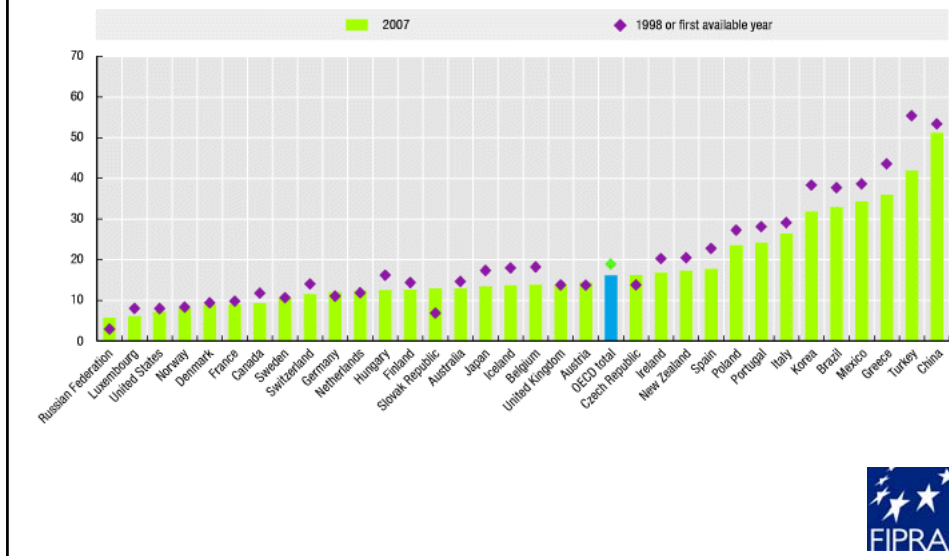
Labour force exit rate versus the official retirement age, 2007

Life expectancy at 65, 2005



# Self Employment

As a percentage of total civilian employment



## SMEs

- 95% of all enterprises
- More than 60% of all employment
- Remove barriers to job creation
- Derogation and simplification
- A very large political constituency
- Centre right key stakeholders



## Conclusions & Recommendations

- Remove barriers to job creation – SMEs, independents
- Simplification and regulatory burdens at all levels
- Set quantitative targets – what is measured is managed.
- Benchmark policy mixes in terms of cost effectiveness. The cost of long term unemployment.
- Be aware of the urgency – the centre right must prove it can deal with the economic and social agenda.



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Thank you for your attention.

