

# TRENDS AND FLUCTUATIONS IN THE USE OF IMPRISONMENT AND COMMUNITY SANCTIONS IN EUROPE

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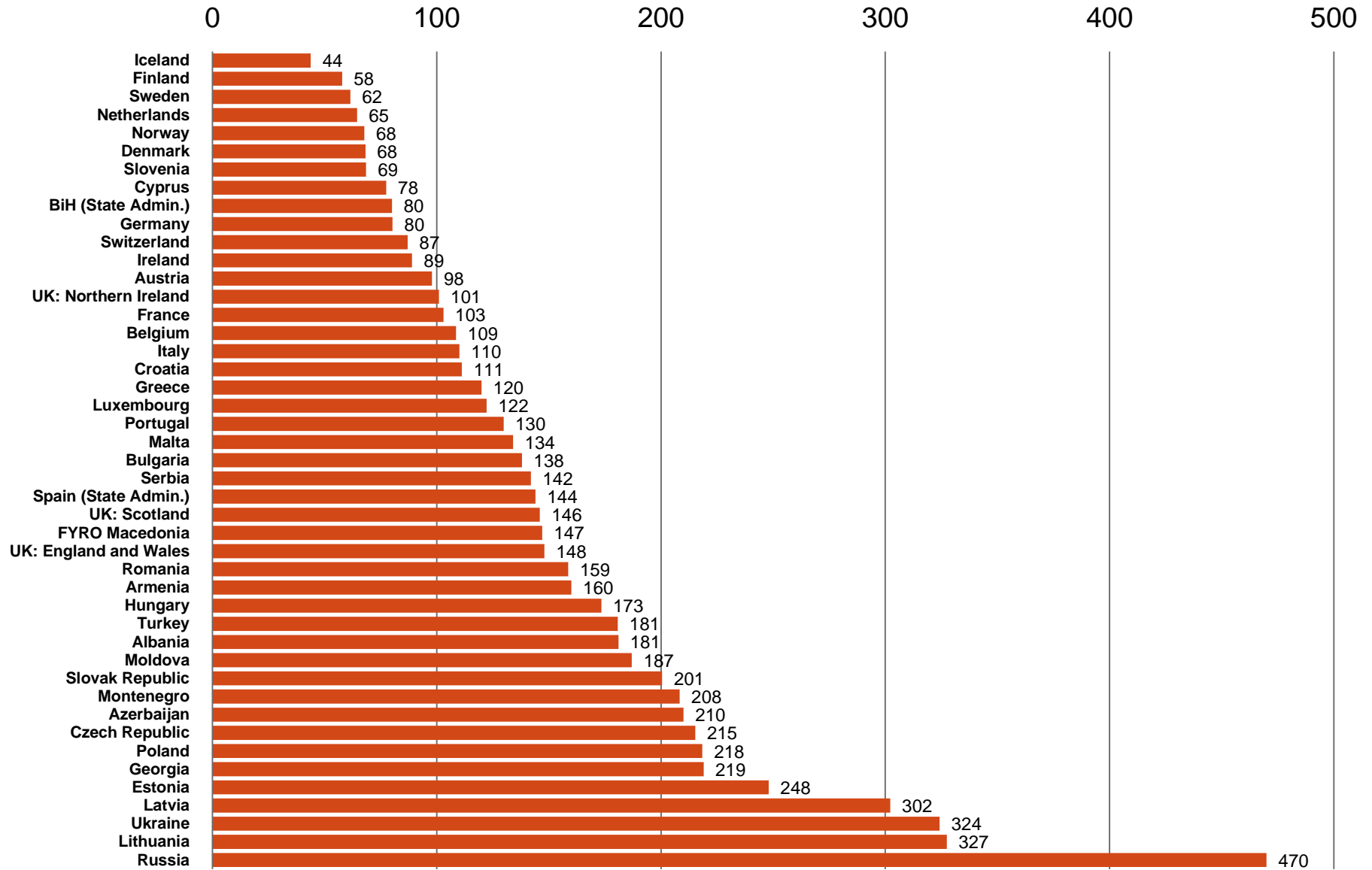
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# IMPRISONMENT

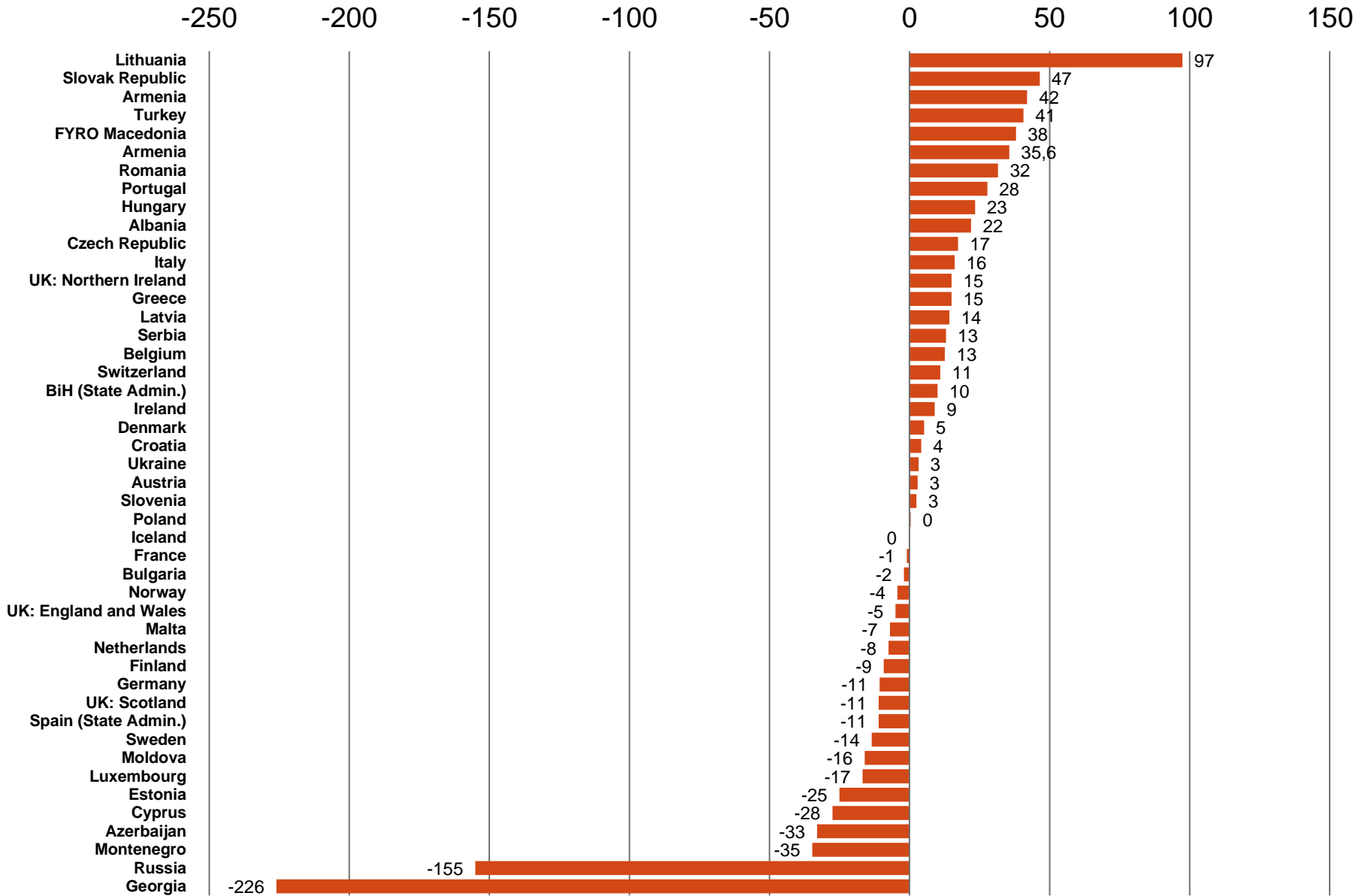
Overview 2008-2012

Space I

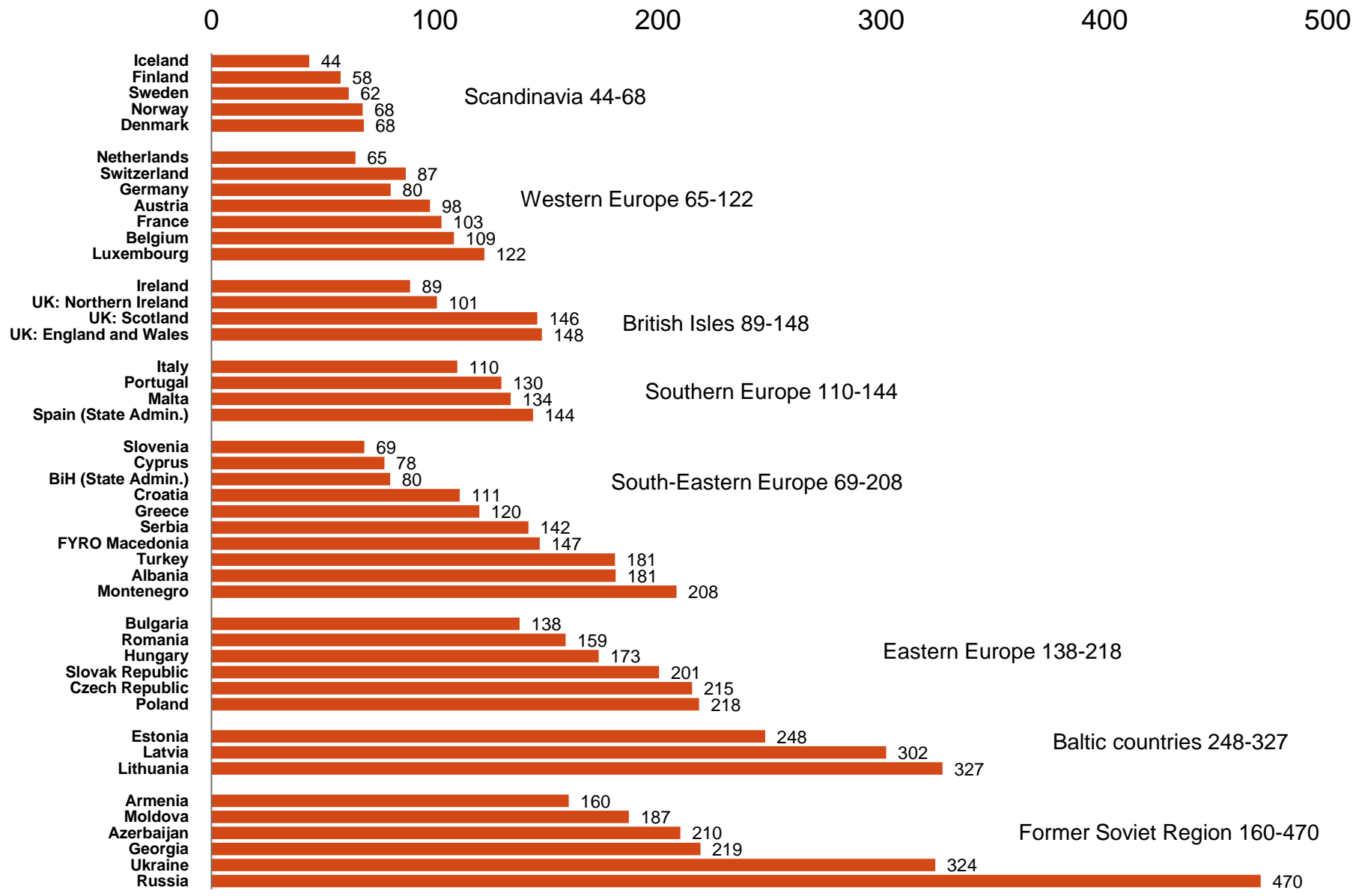
# Imprisonment rates in Europe: Stock 2012 (/pop) Space I



# Imprisonment rates: Change 2008-2012 (/pop)



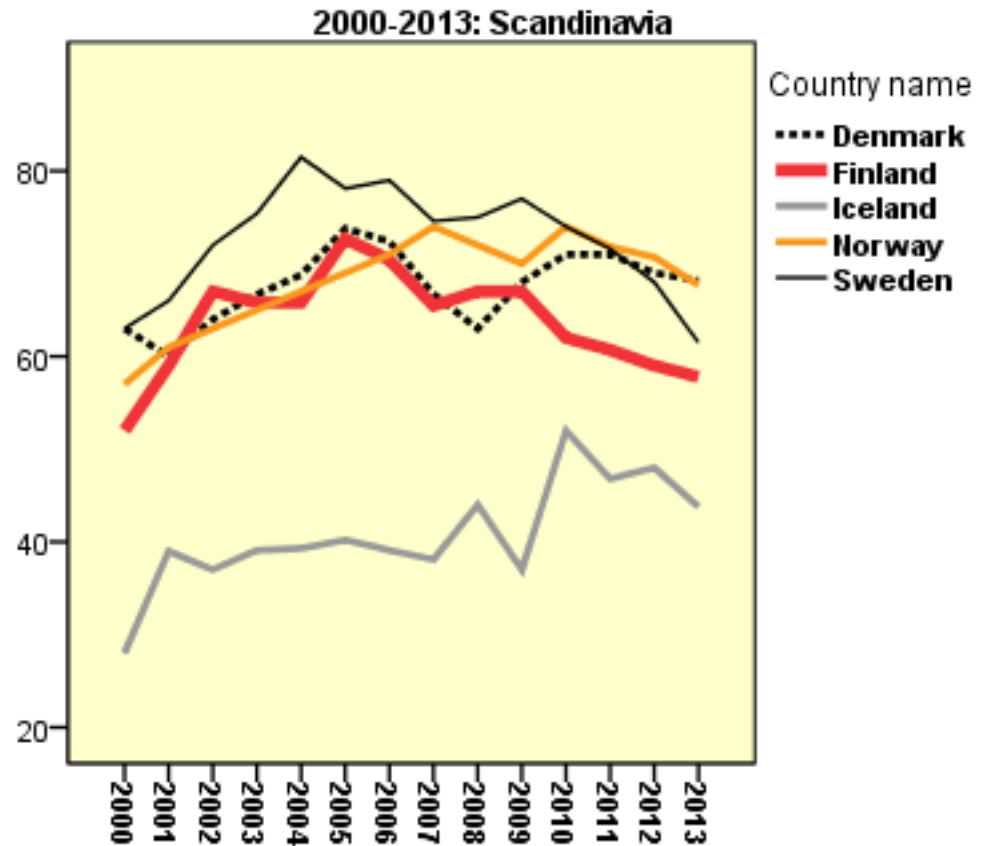
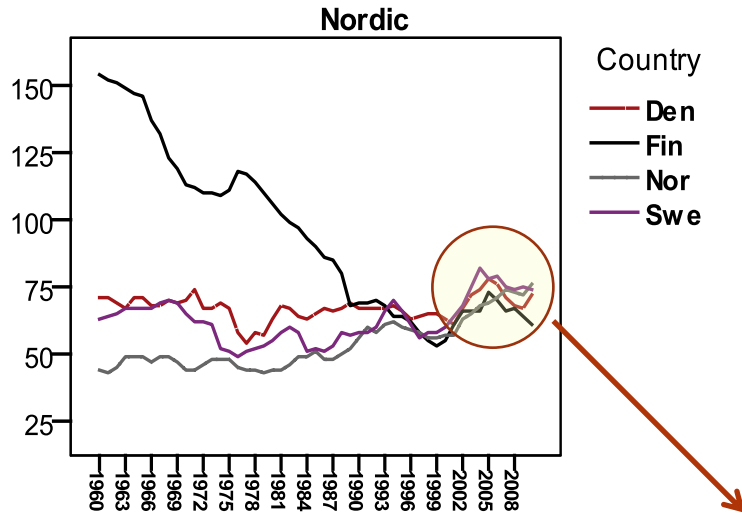
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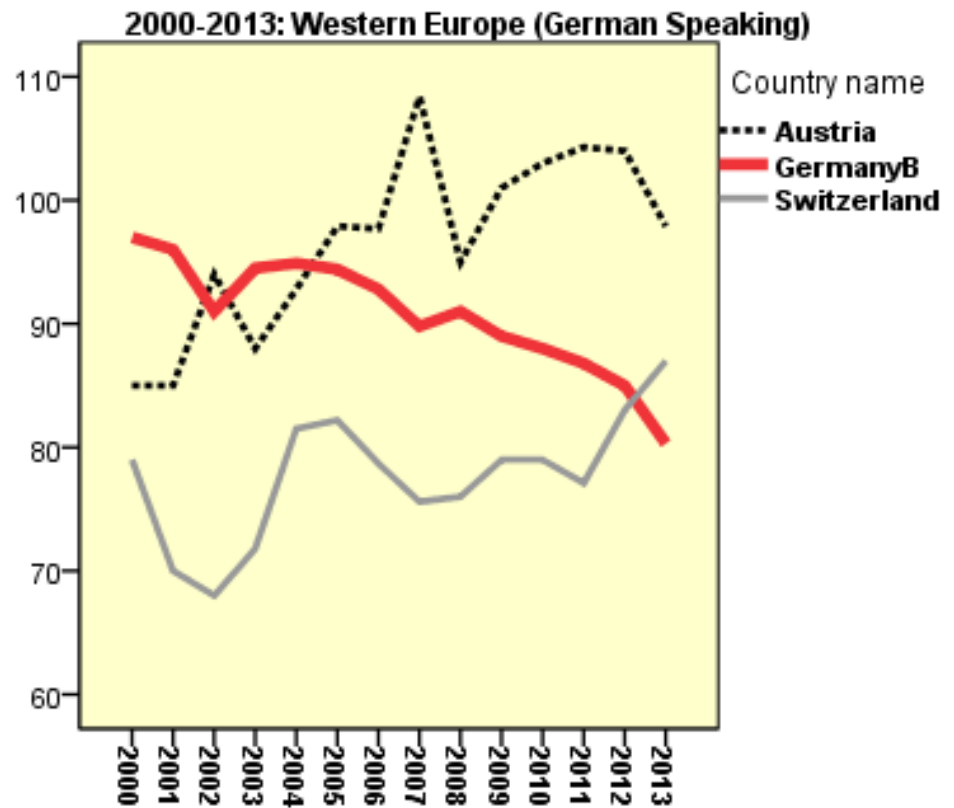
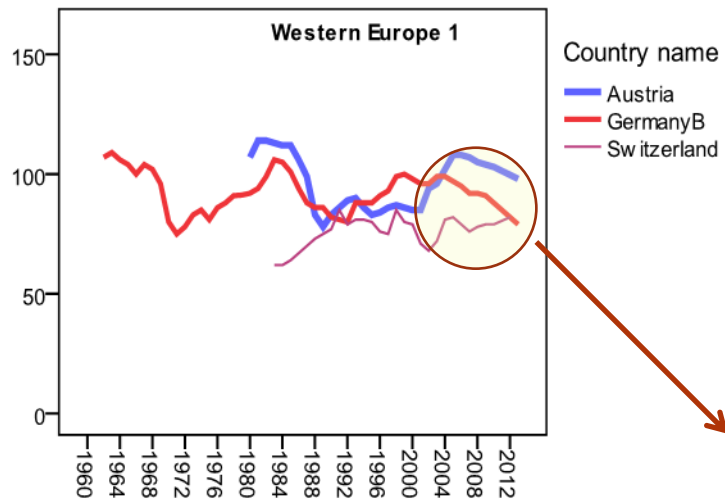
# Prisoners 1960-2012 (ICPS) and 2000-2013 (Space I)

Regional and national trends

# Imprisonment rates 1960-2012 and 2000-2013 Scandinavia

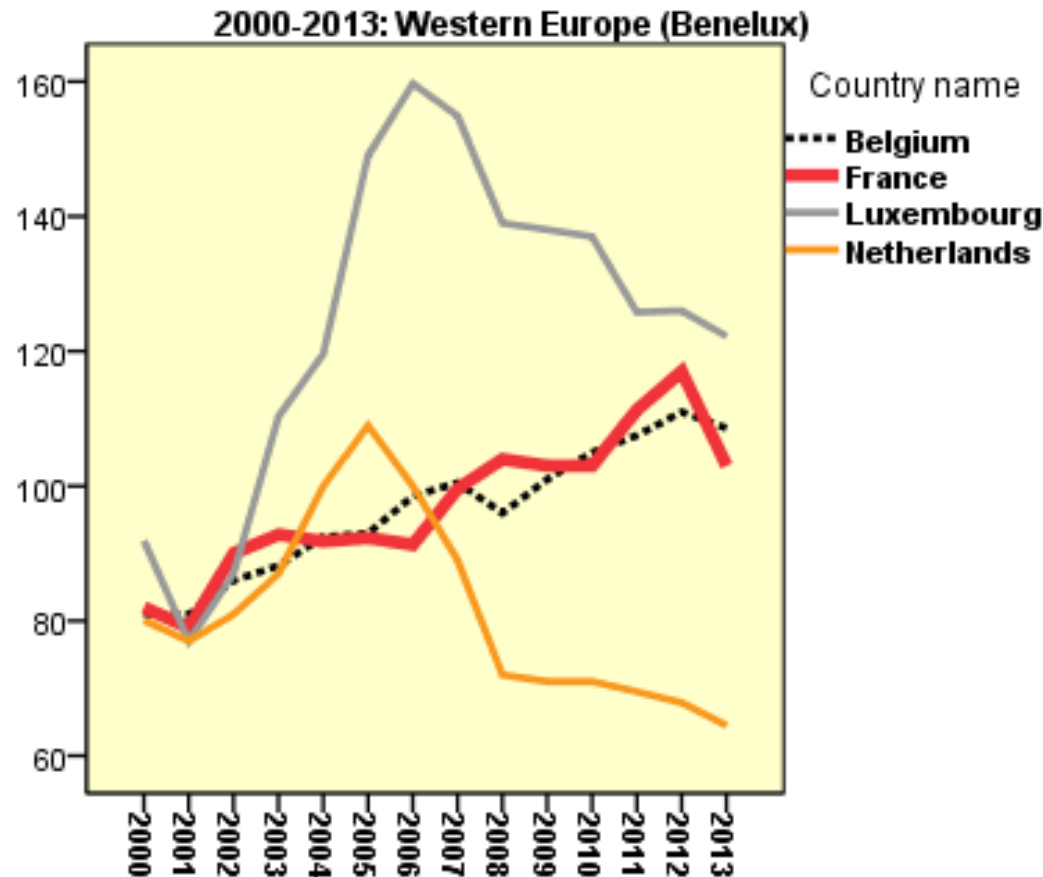
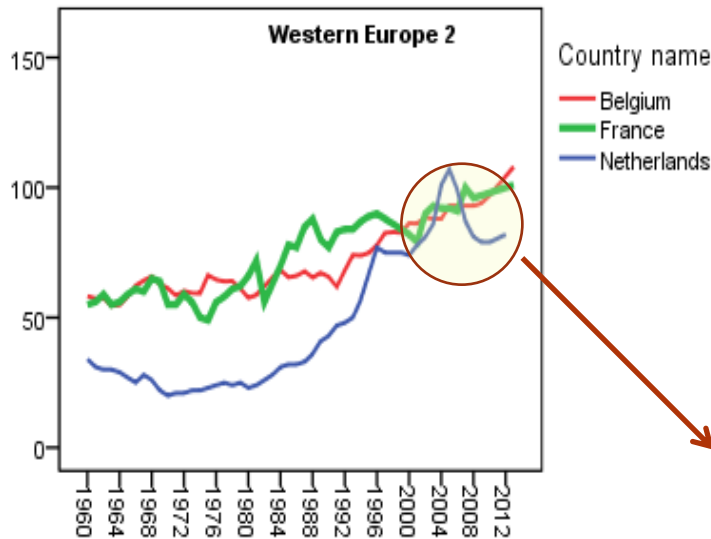


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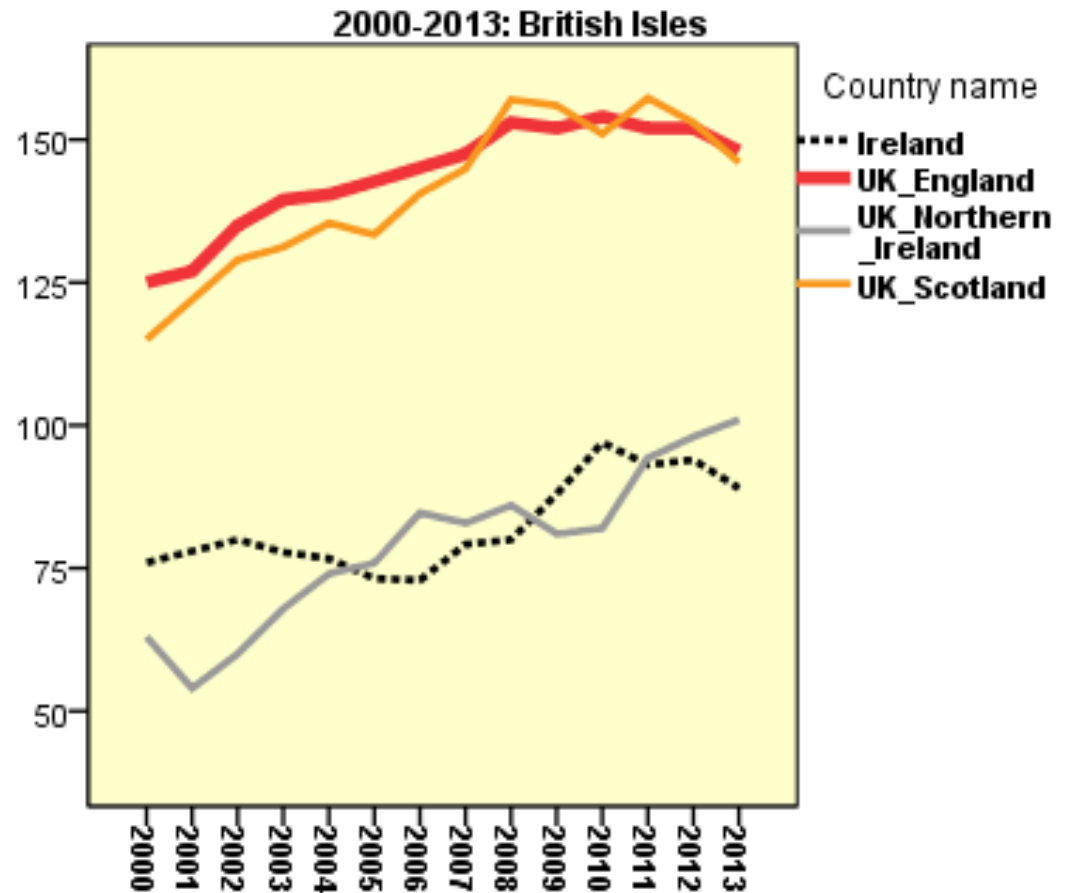
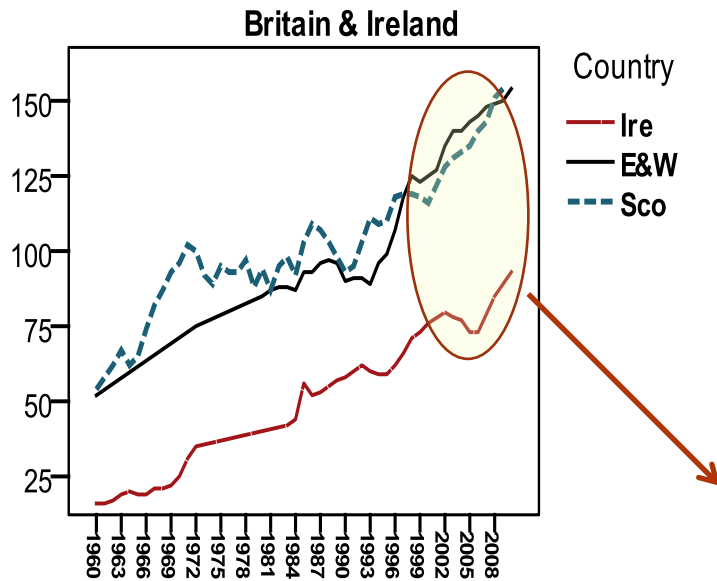




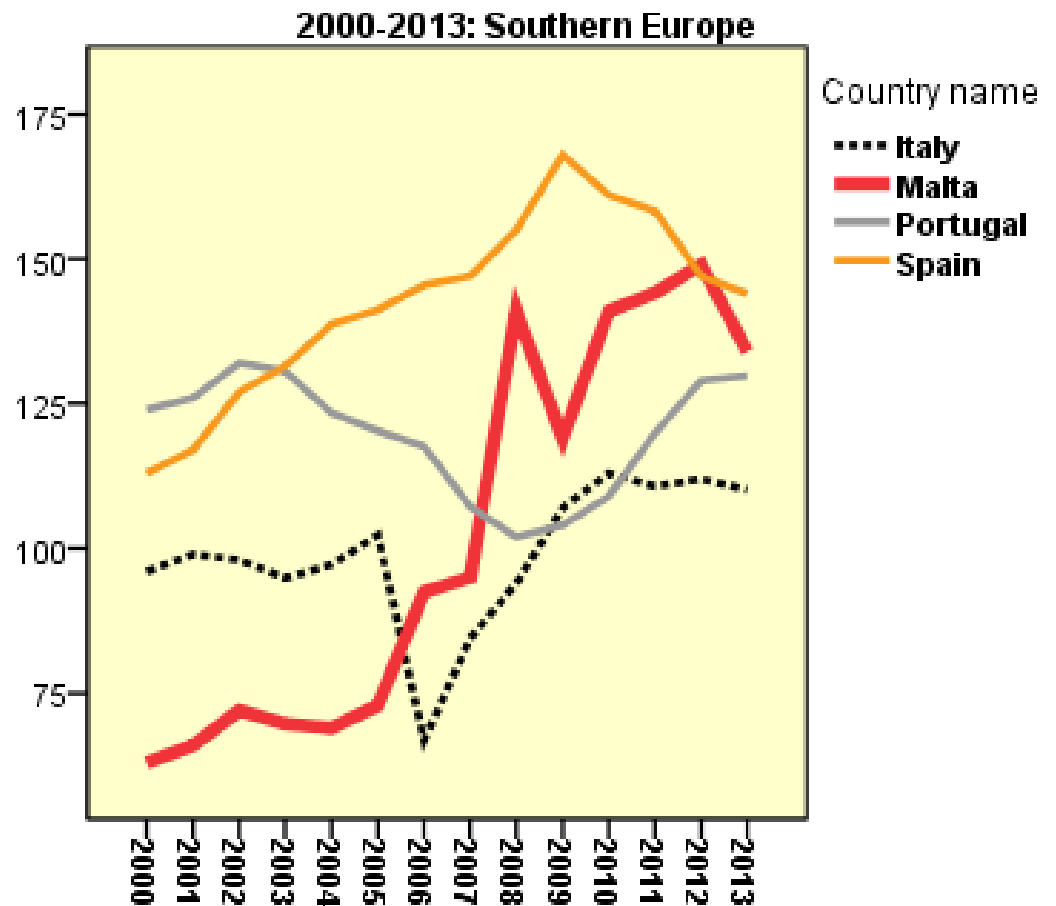
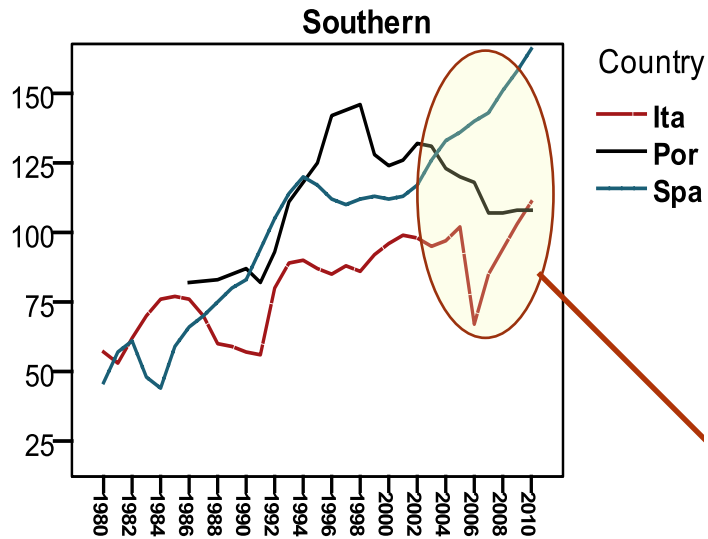
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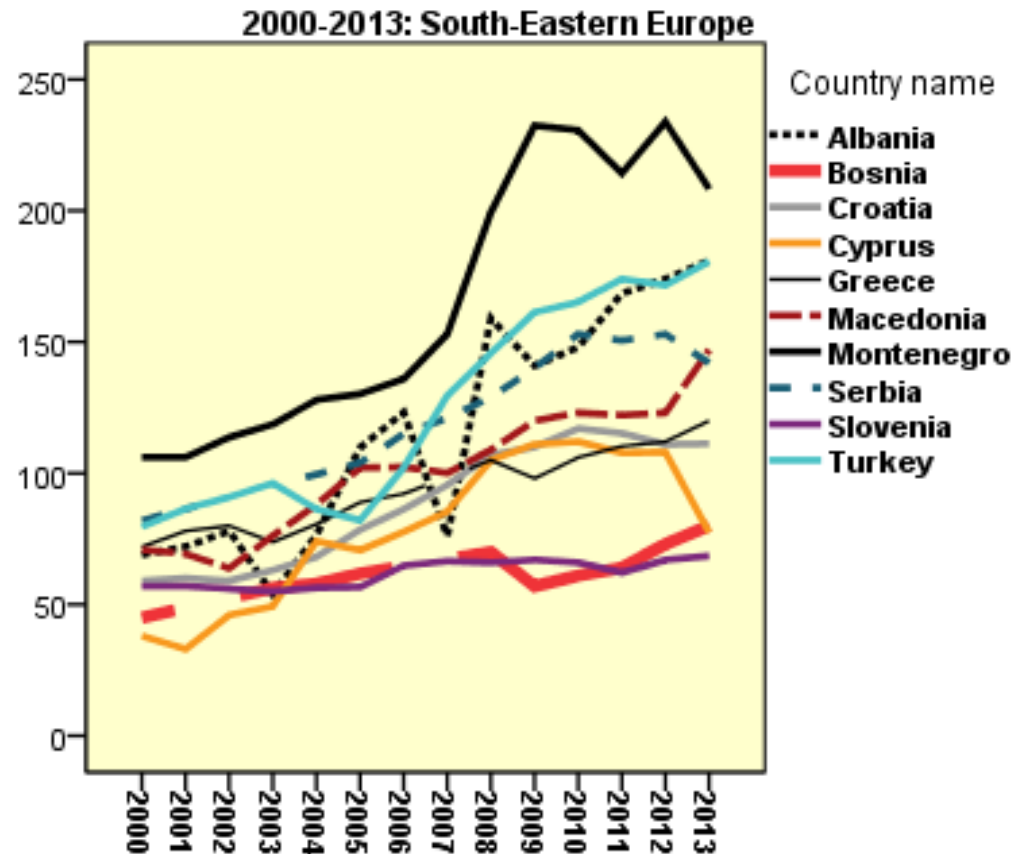
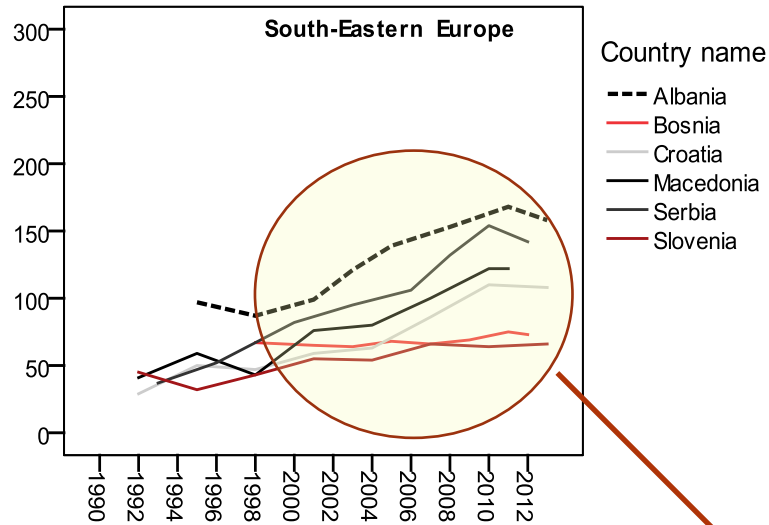
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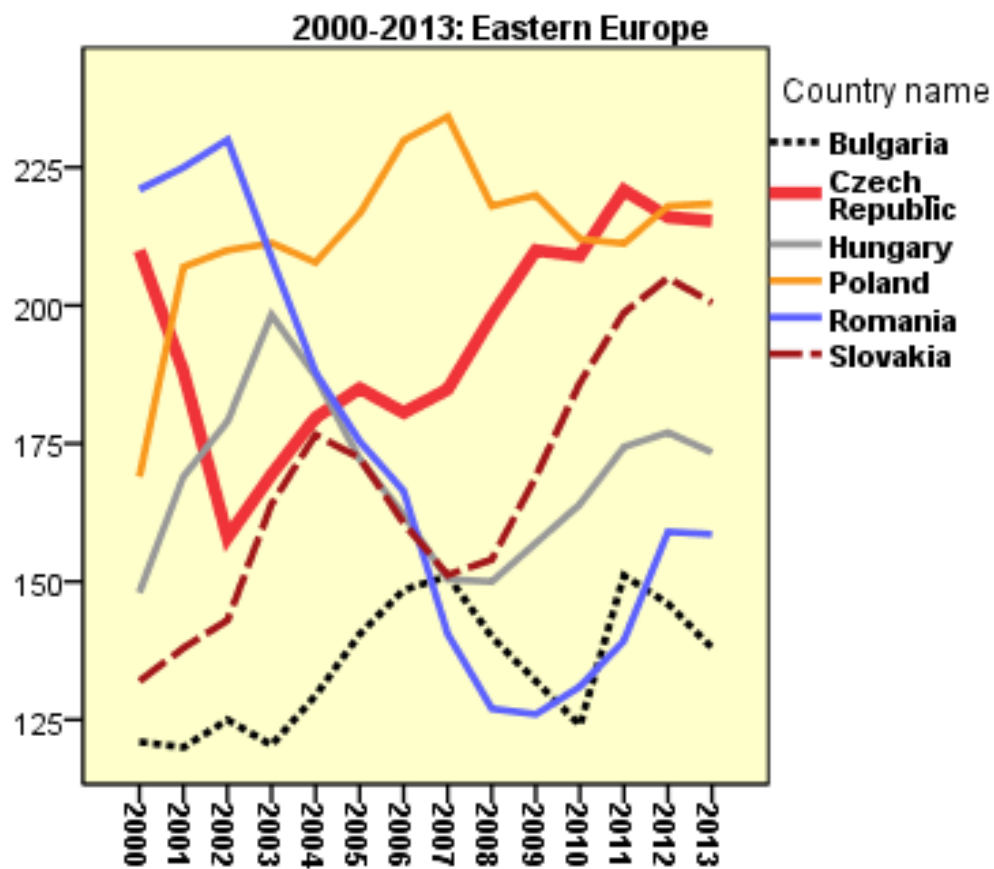
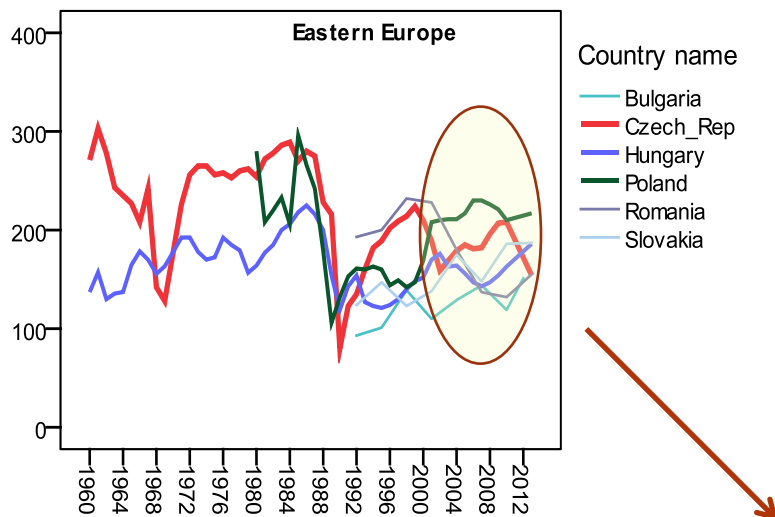
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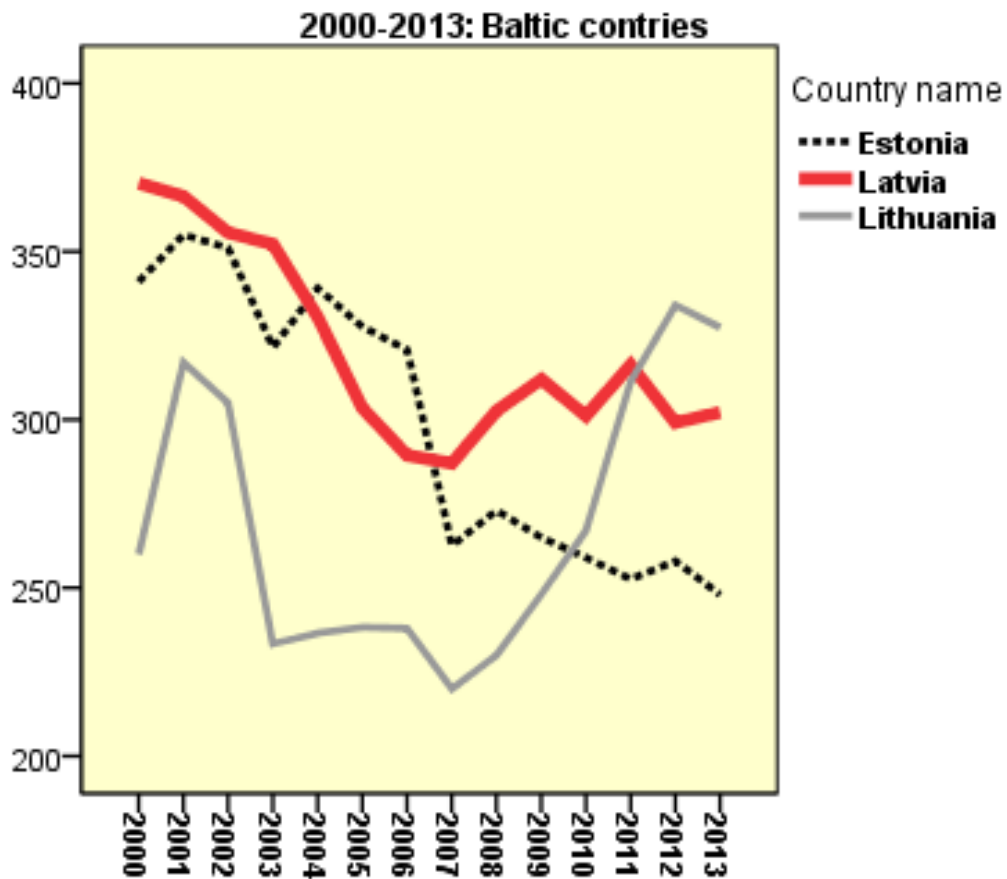
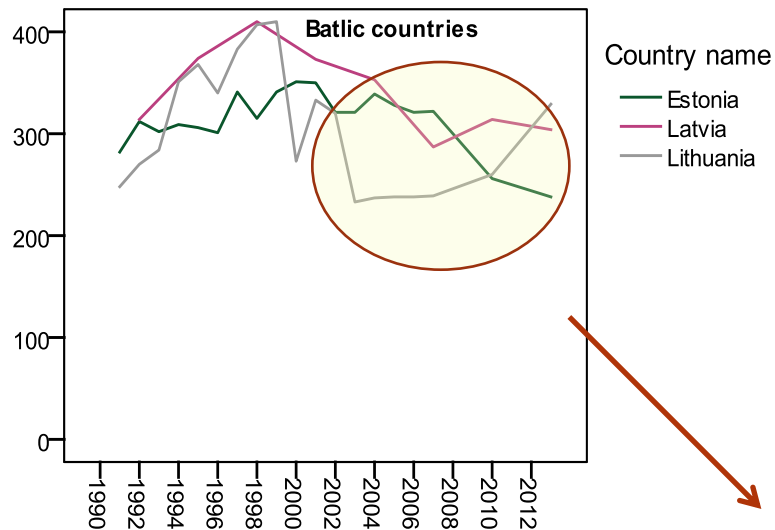
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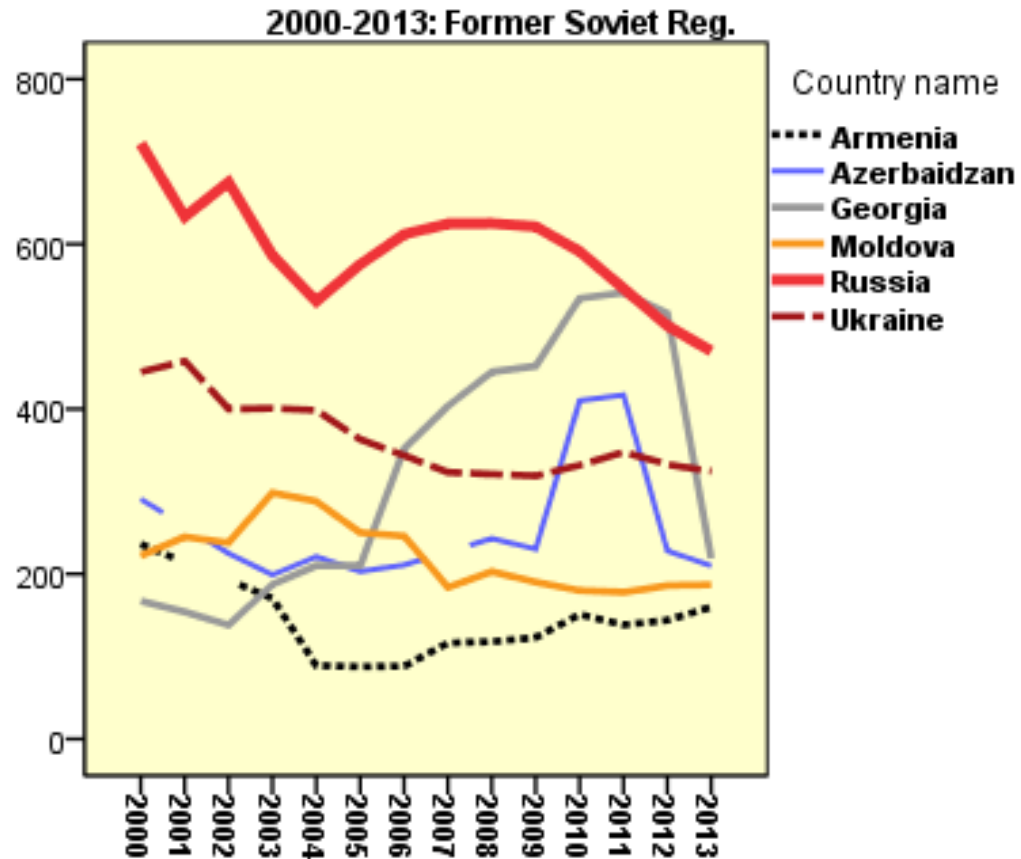
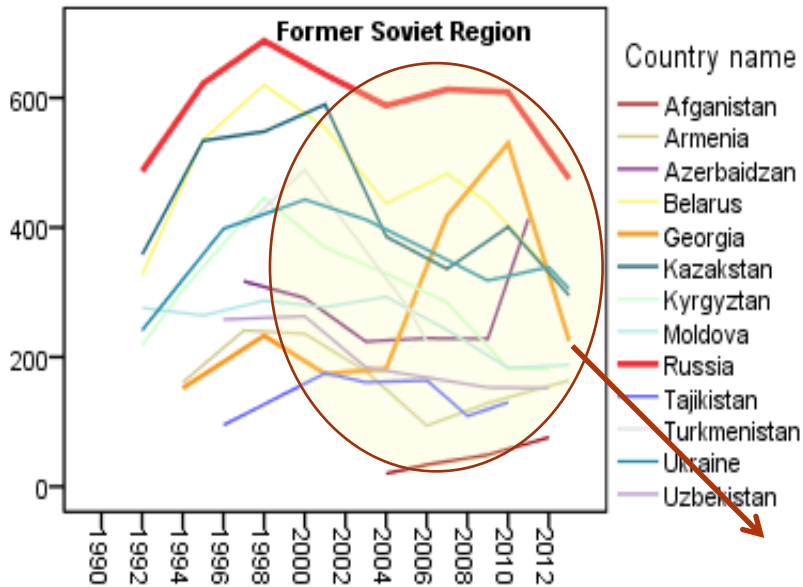
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# Imprisonment rates 1990-2012 (ICPS) and 2000-2013 (Space I)- Baltic countries



# Imprisonment rates 1990-2012 (ICPS) and 2000-2013 (Space I) -Former Soviet Region



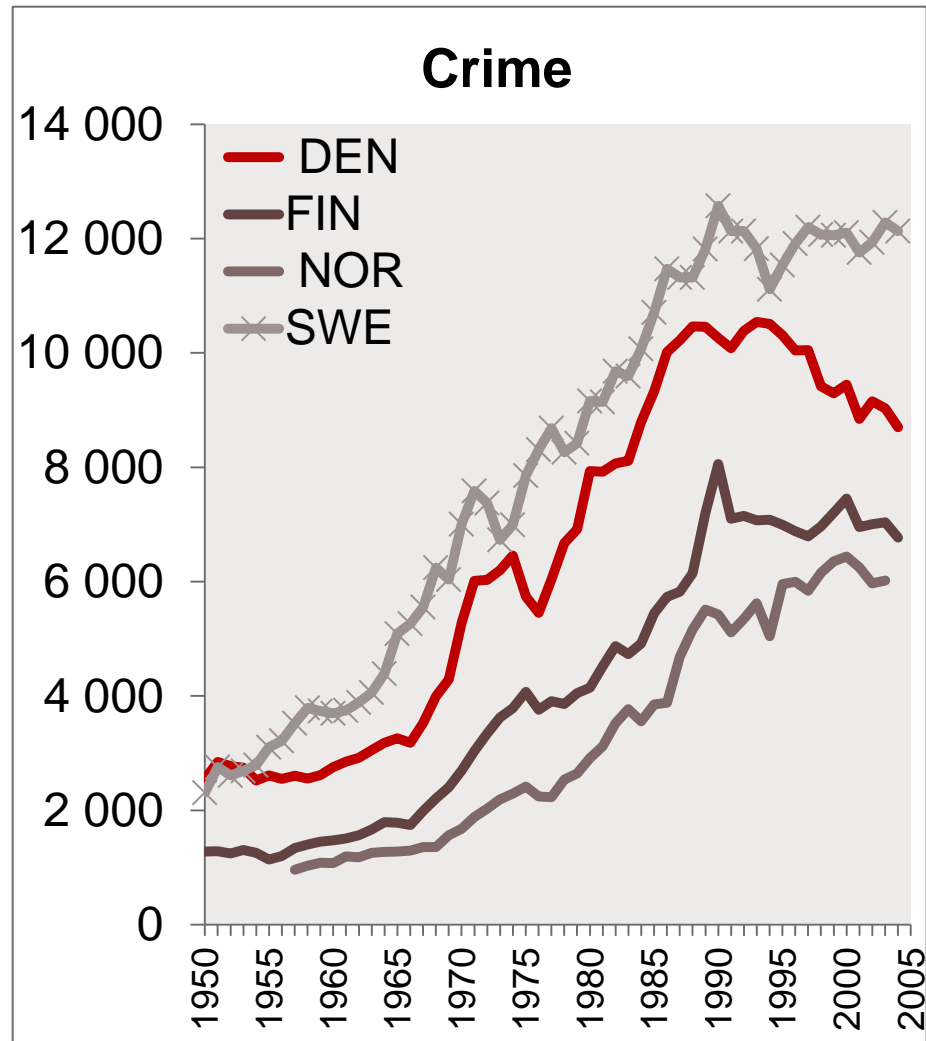
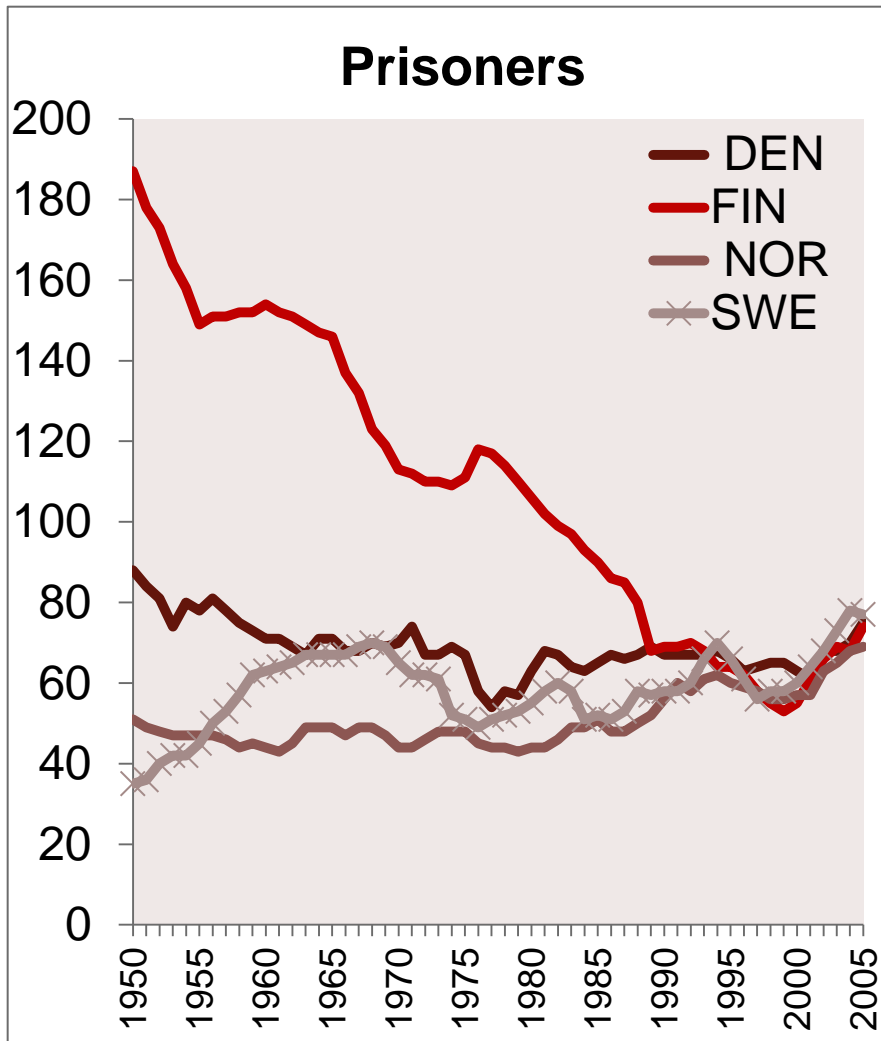
# Imprisonment and crime



# PRISON RATES AND CRIME RATES

Four Nordic Countries 1950-2005:

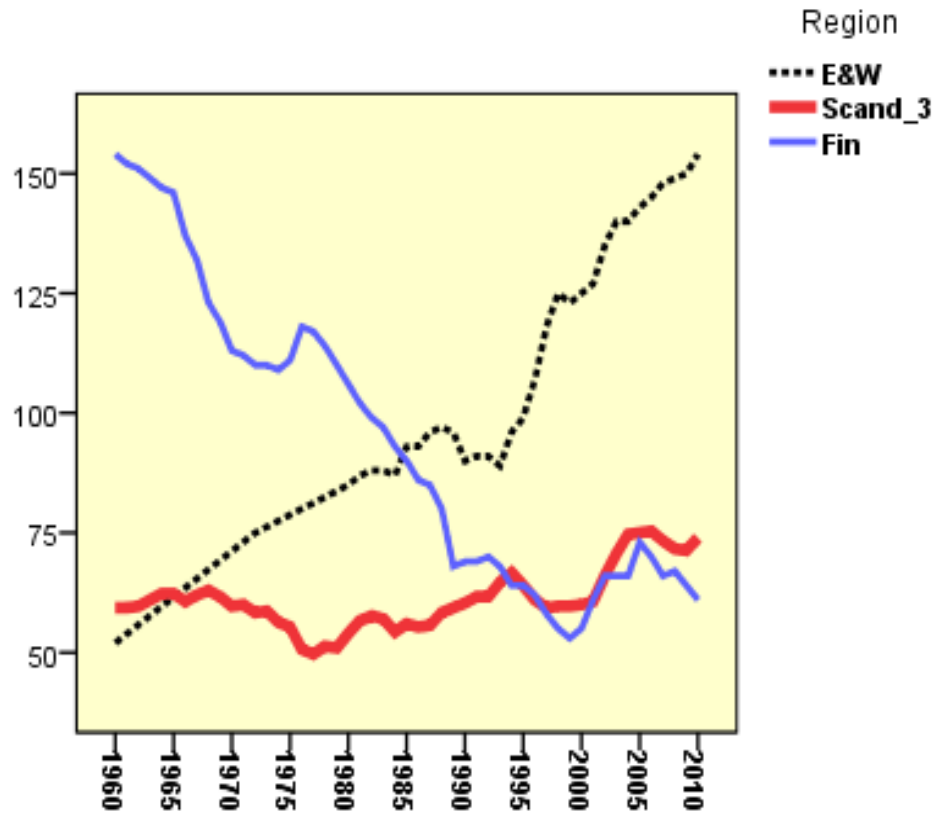
Common crime trends but one deviating prison trend



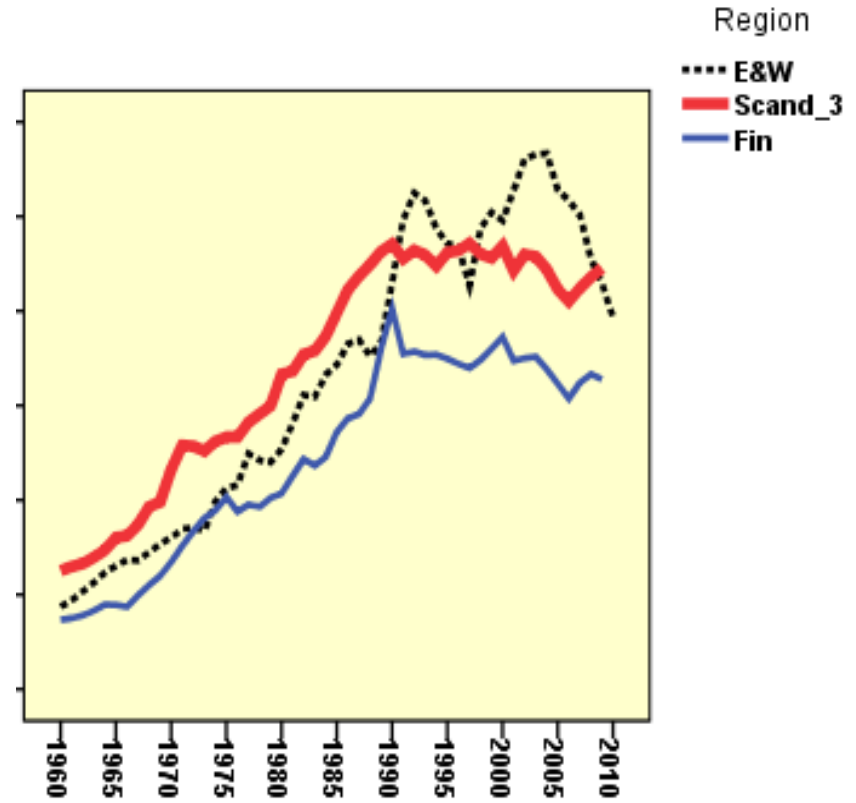
# Nordic countries and England & Wales 1960-2010

Three different prison profiles, with similar crime profile

Prisoners /100 000 pop



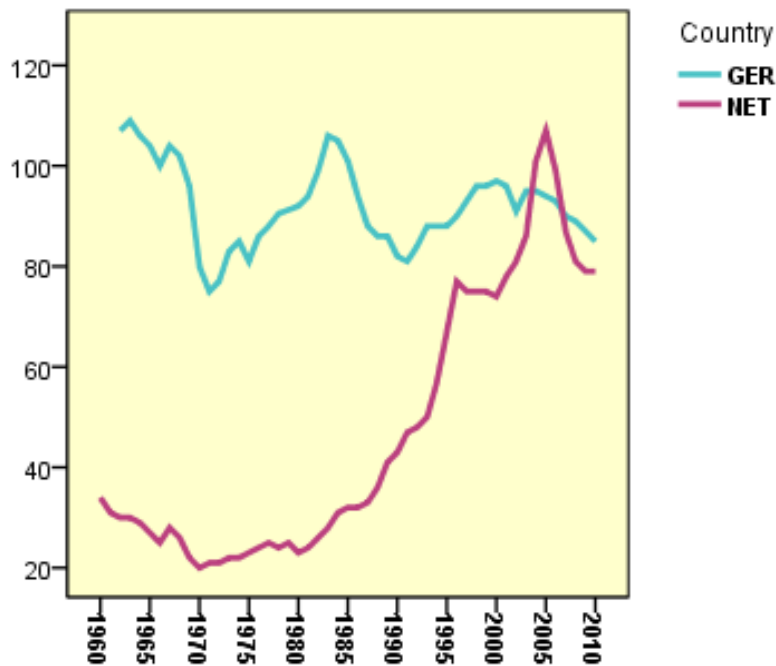
Recorded crime / 100 000 pop



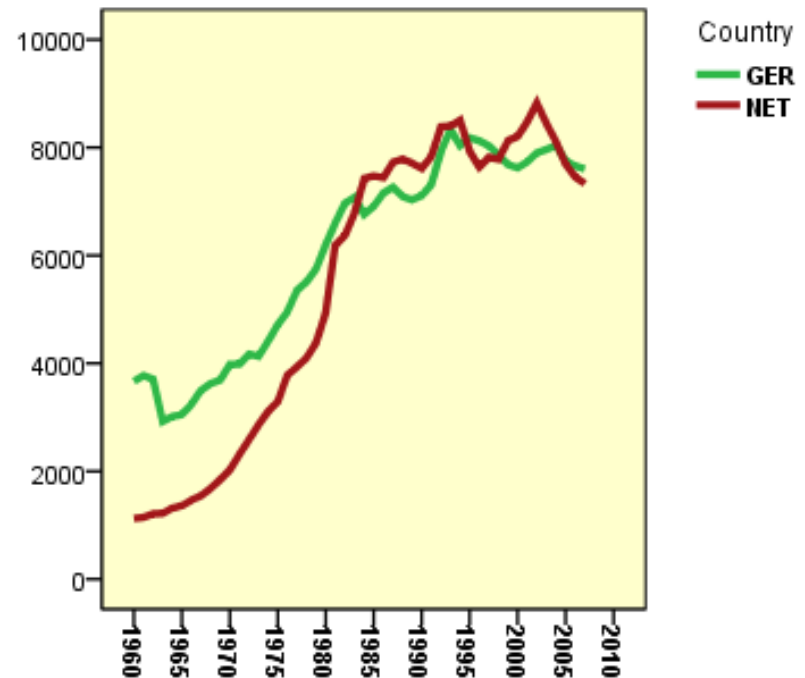
# Germany and the Netherlands 1960-2010

Different prison profile, similar crime profile

## Prisoners / pop



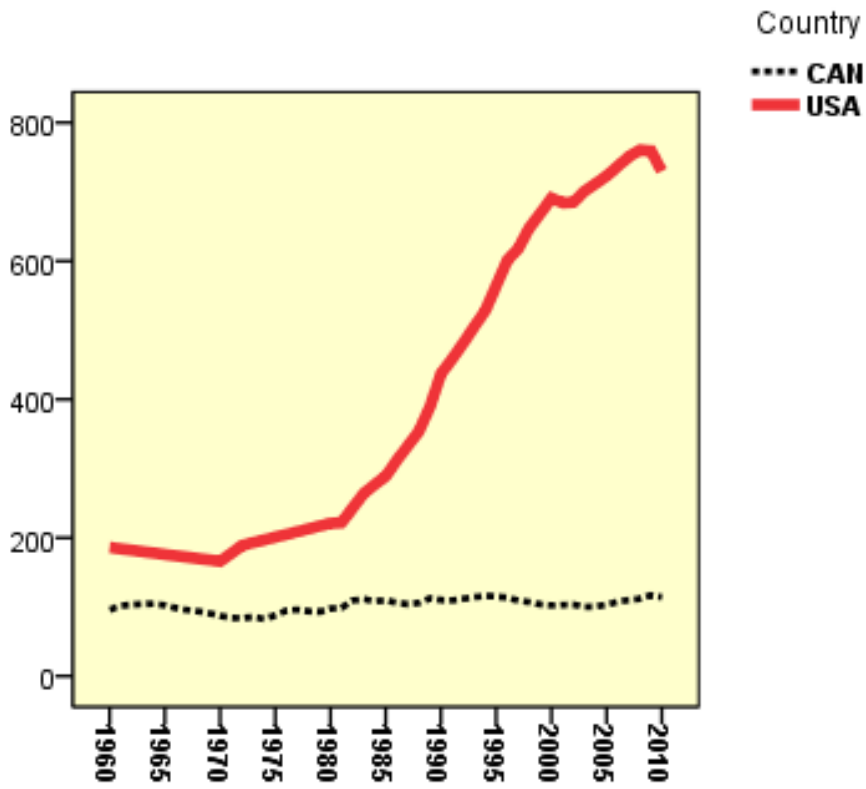
## Crime / pop



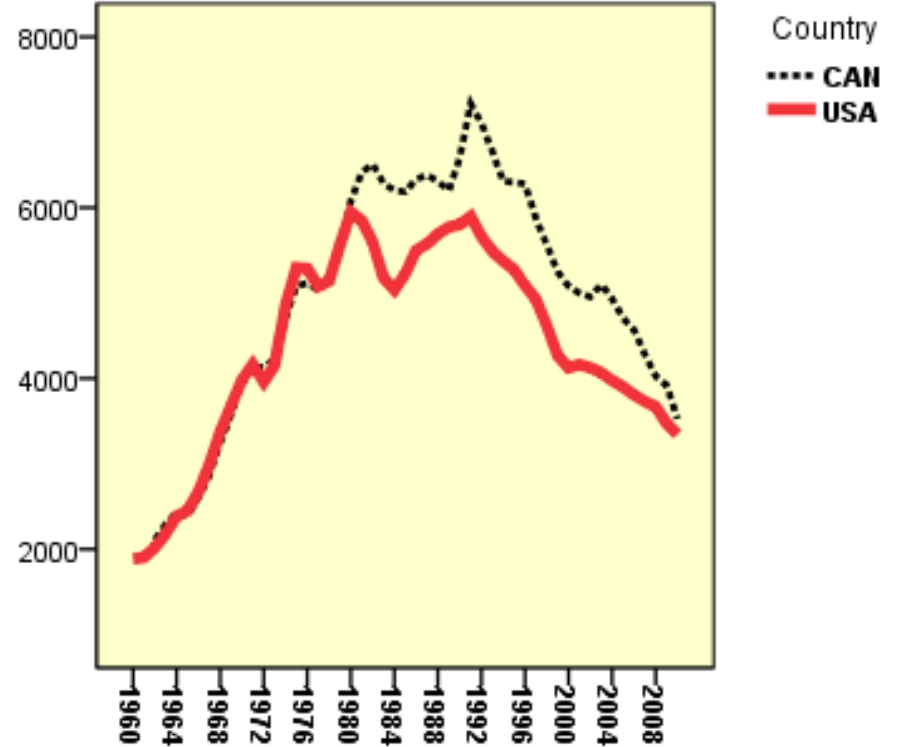
# US and Canada

Completely different prison trends, but almost identical total crime trends

### Prisoner / pop



### Total crime / pop

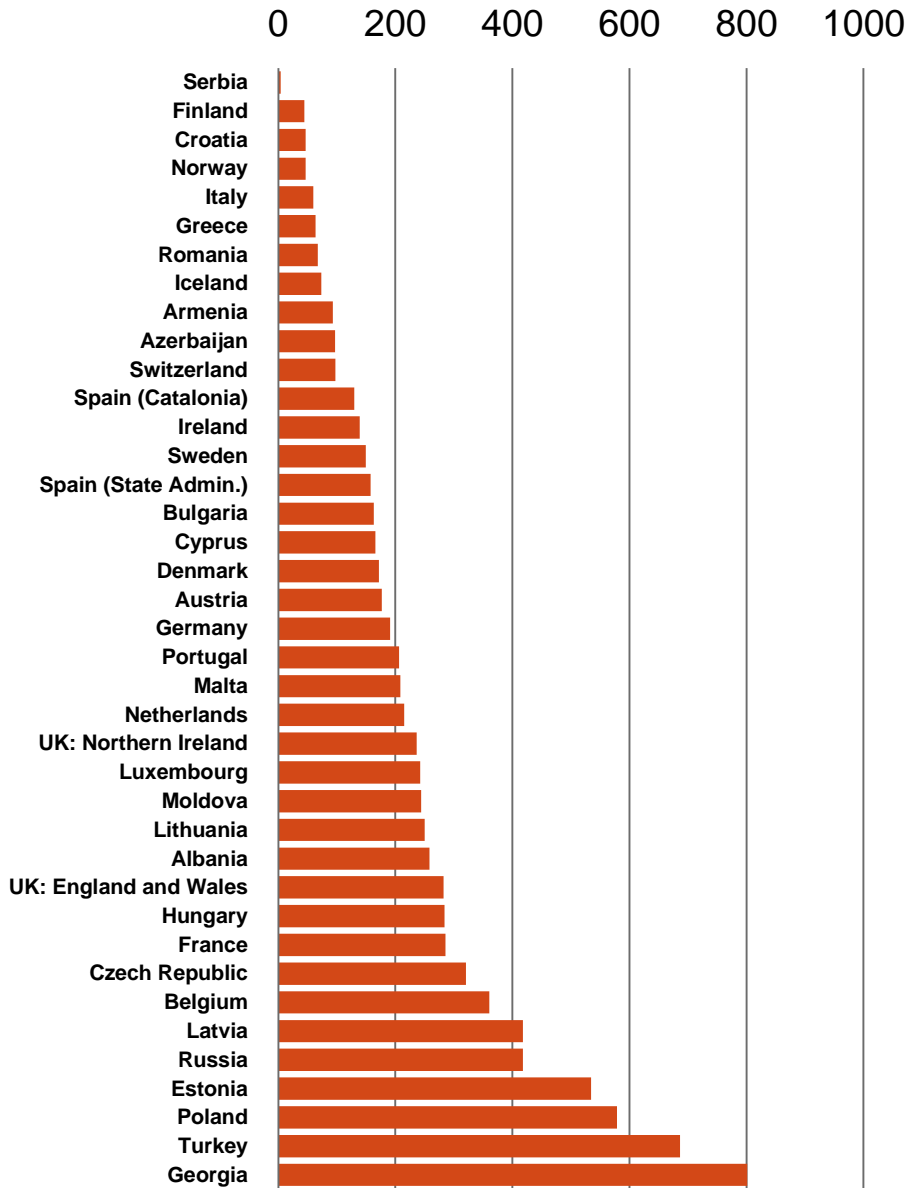


# Community supervision

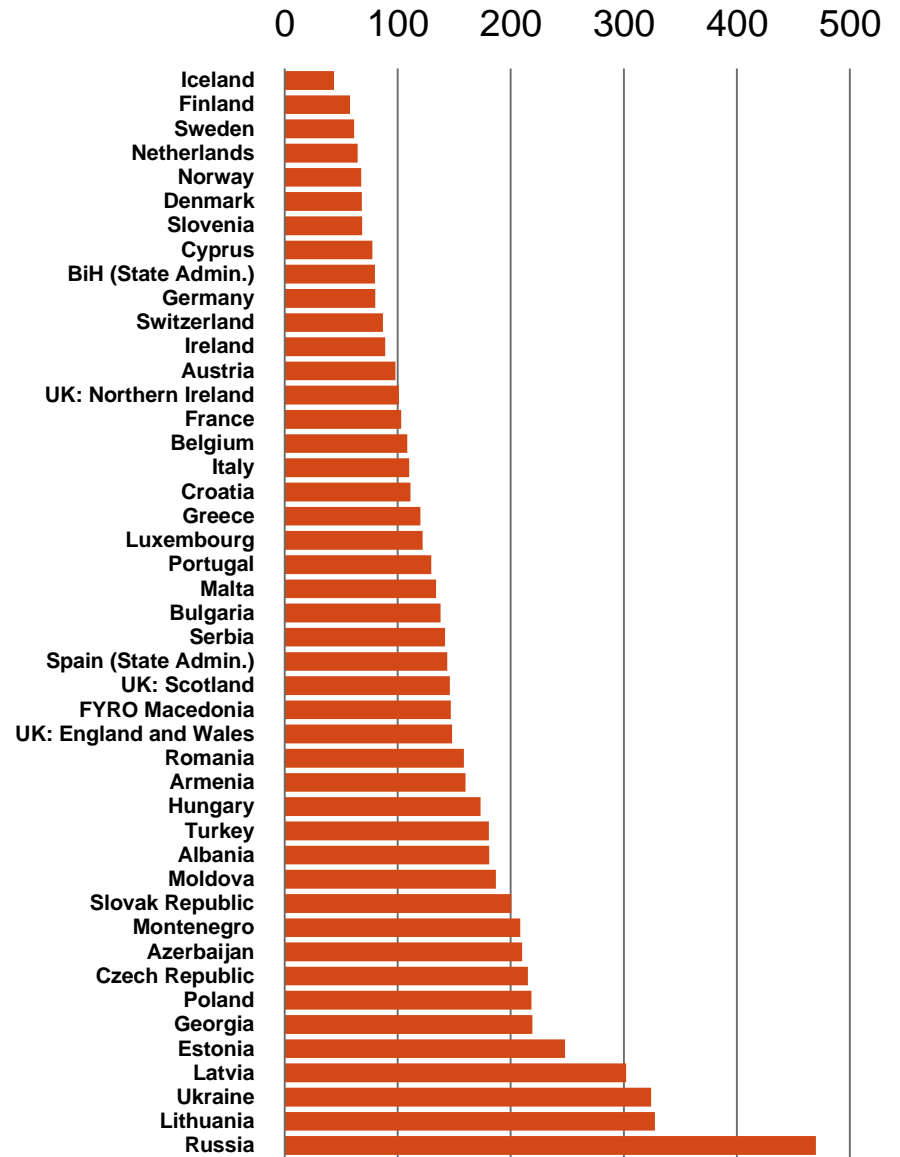
Overview 2011-2012

Source: Space II

**Community supervision: Stock 2011-12  
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**Imprisonment rates in Europe:  
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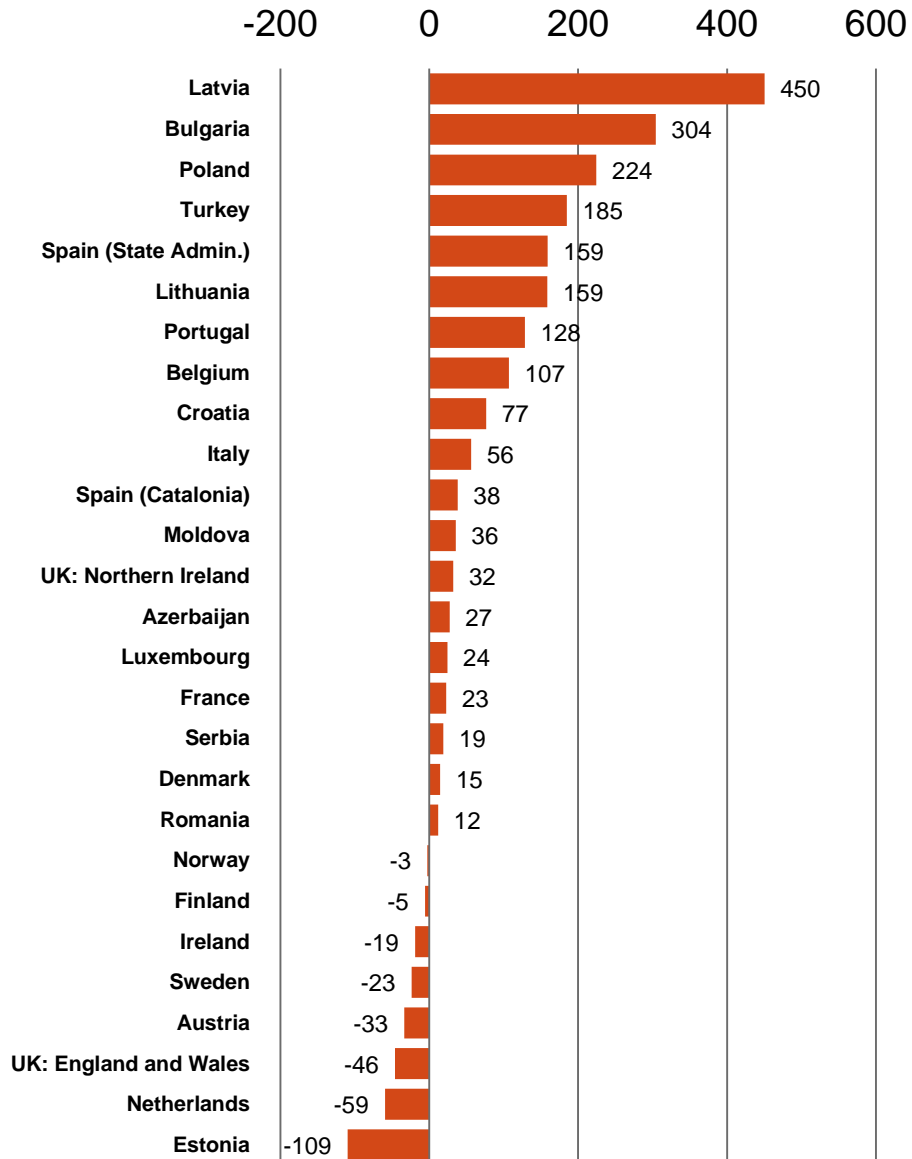


# Community supervision: Changes

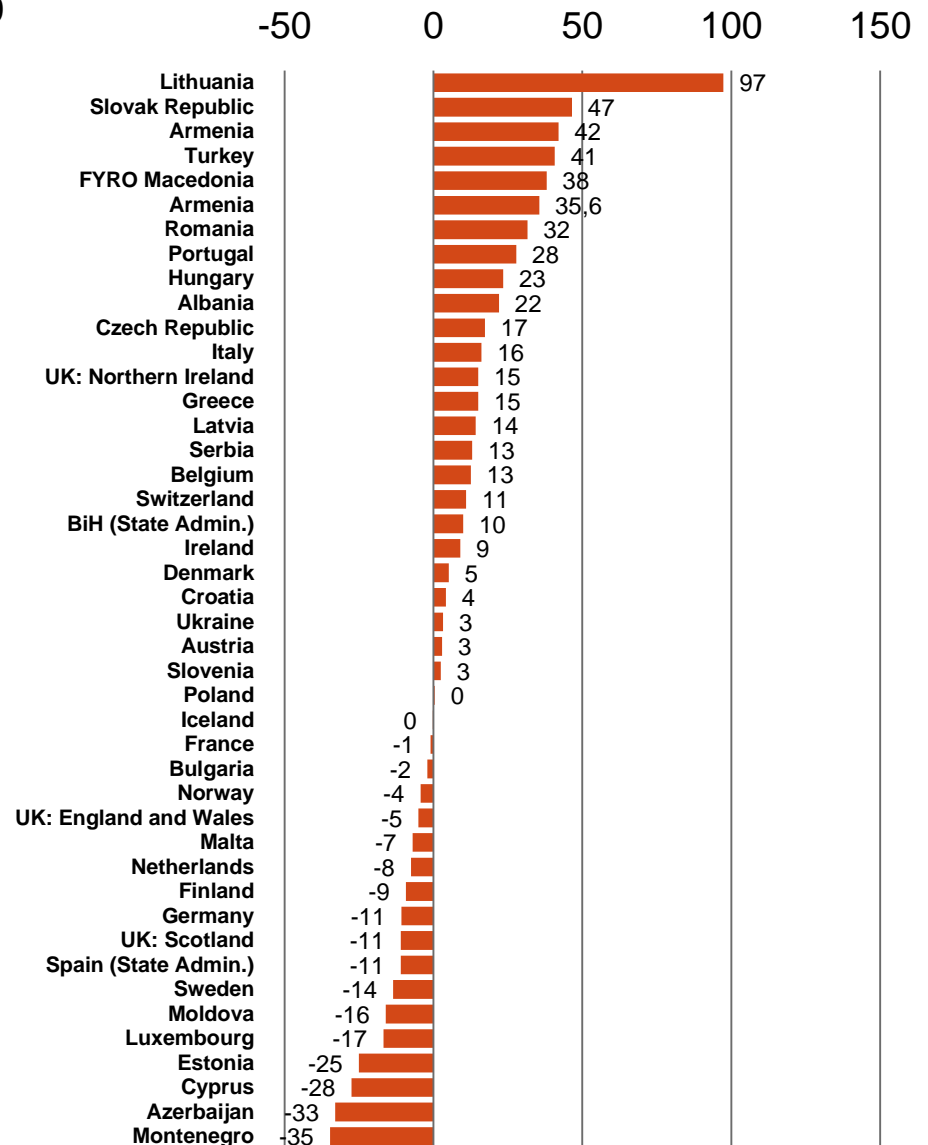
Overview 2009-2012

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## Community supervision: Change 2009-2012 (/pop)



## Imprisonment rates: Change 2008-2012 (/pop)





# CONCLUSIONS

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1. While there are signs of stabilization in the increase of incarceration rates, the trend is still upward in several European countries
2. Some notable success in decarceration has been achieved in eastern high-prison countries
3. Recorded use of community supervision has increased throughout Europe, with few exceptions
4. This increase does not seem to be associated with concomitant decreases in the use of imprisonment: countries may have increased (or decreased) the use of both measures
5. This does not preclude the possibility of individual national success in replacing custodial measures by community sanctions – more work needs to be carried out towards this end
6. Imprisonment-trends and crime-trends do not walk hand in hand – either way