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

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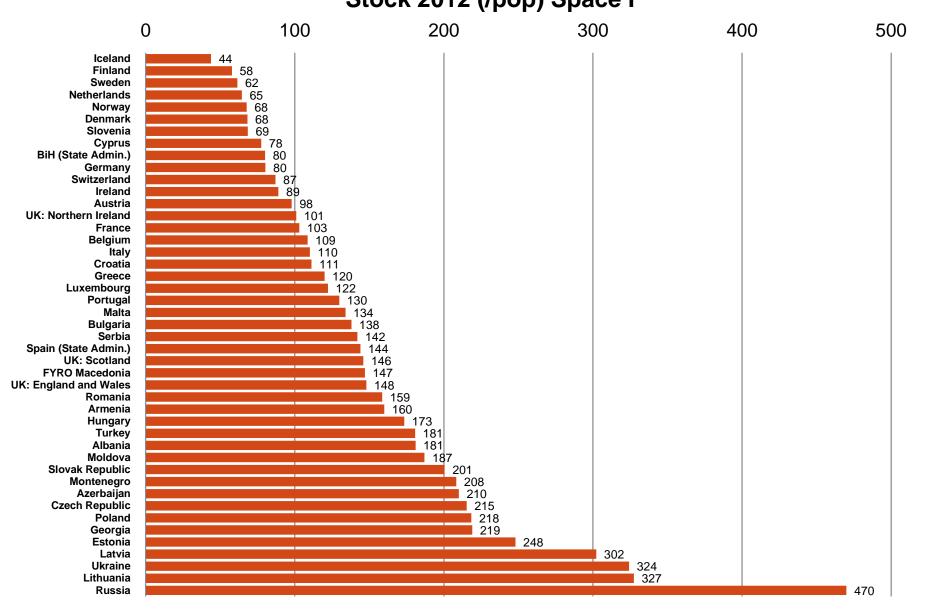
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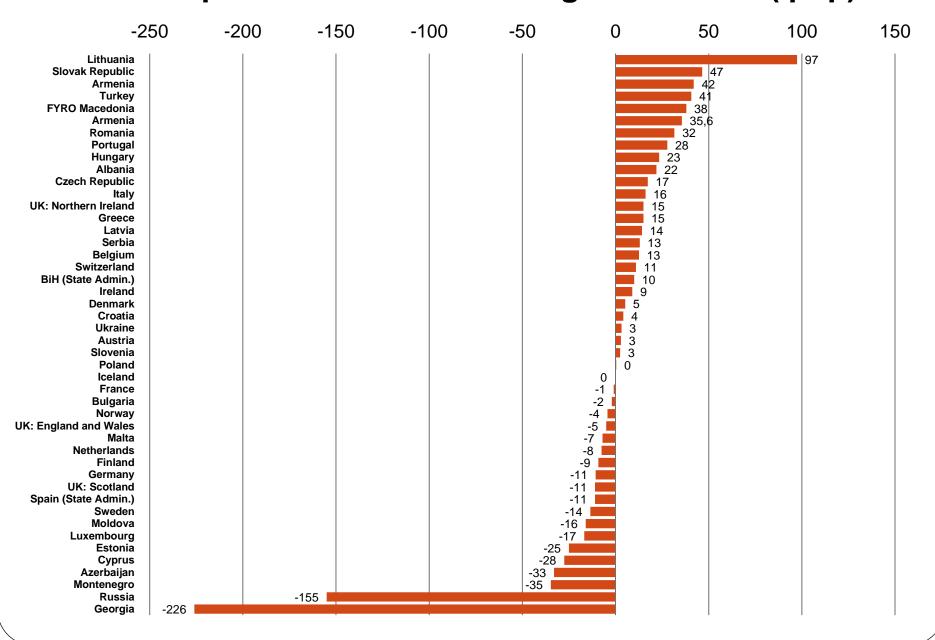
## **IMPRISONMENT**

Overview 2008-2012 Space I

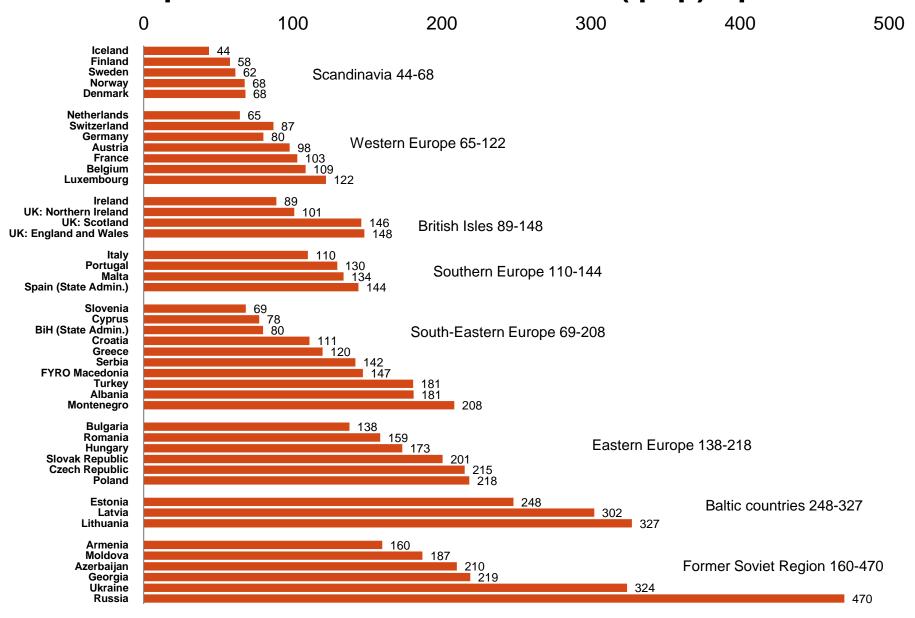
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### Imprisonment rates: Change 2008-2012 (/pop)



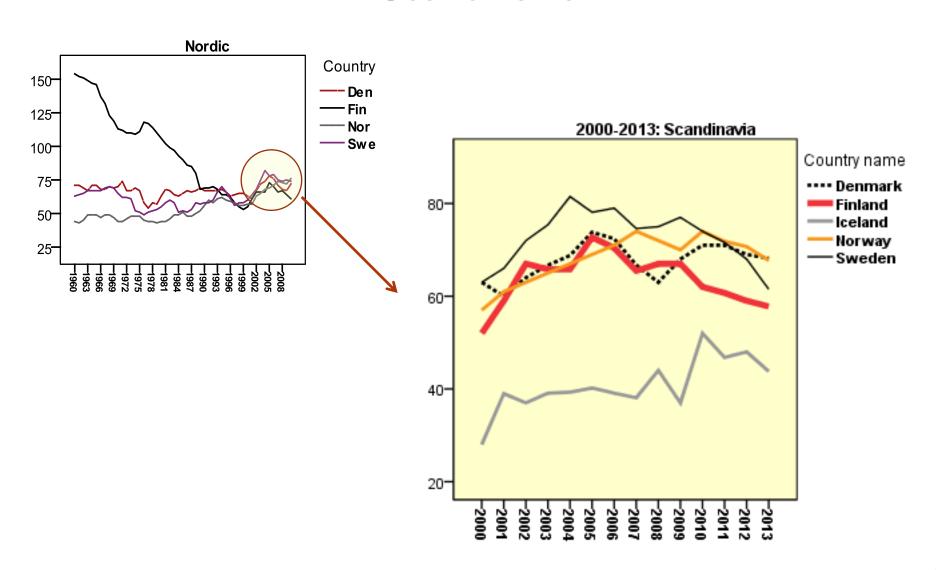
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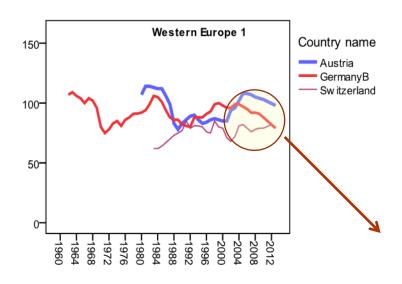
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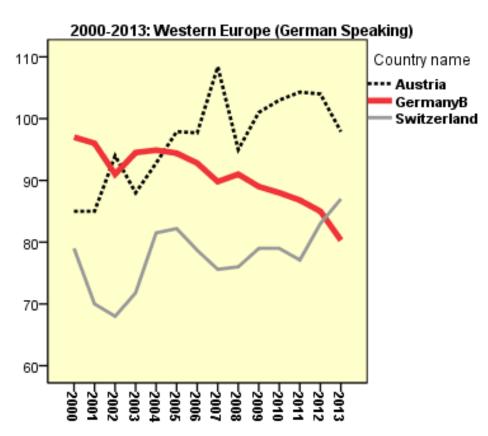
Regional and national trends

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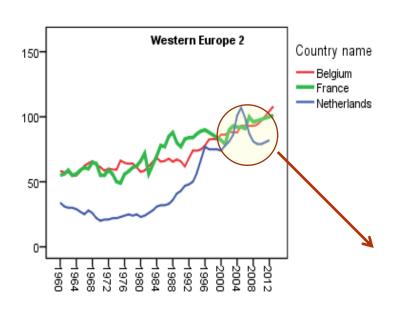


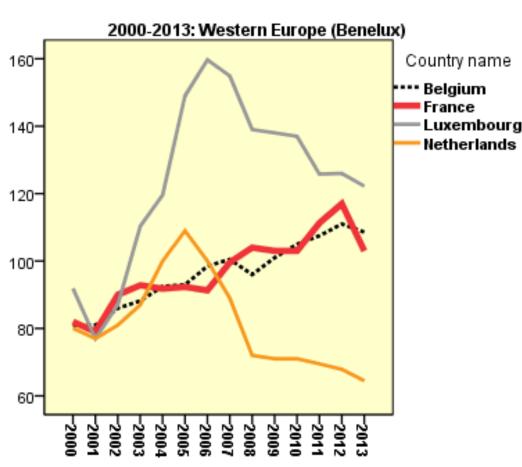
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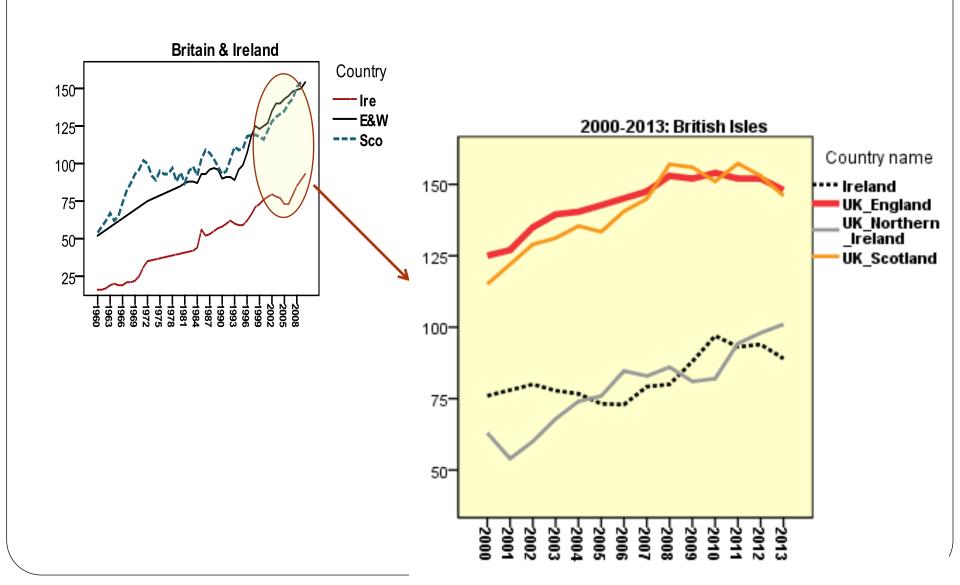


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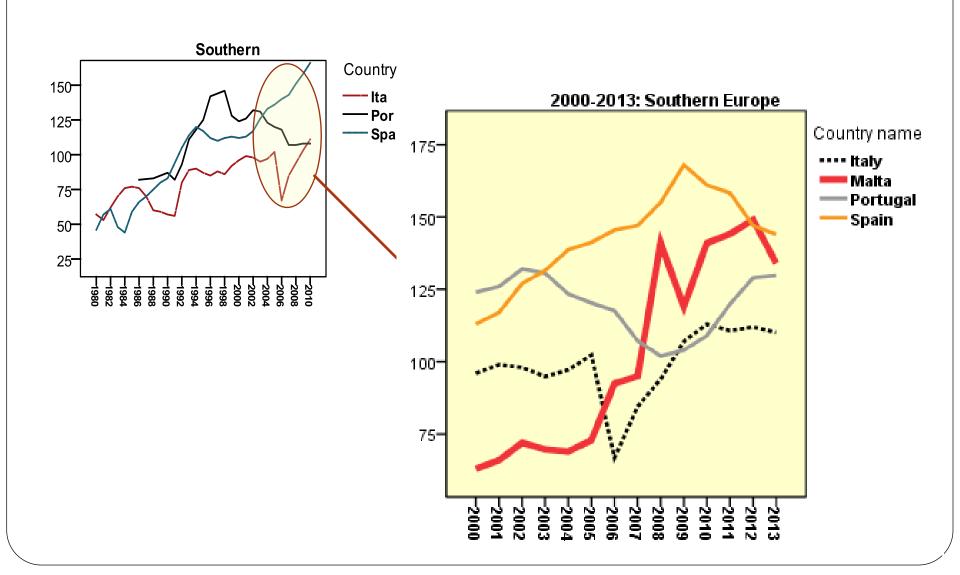




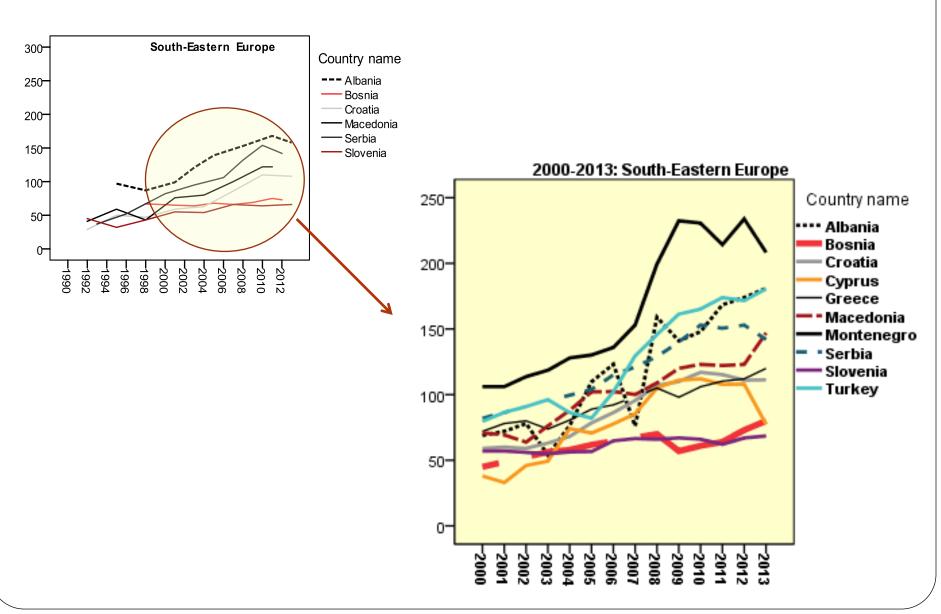
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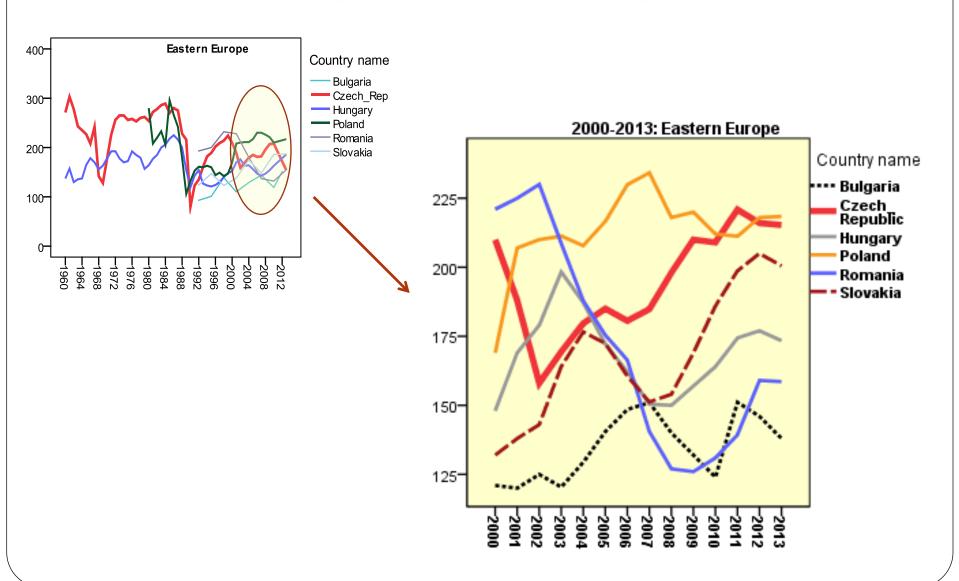
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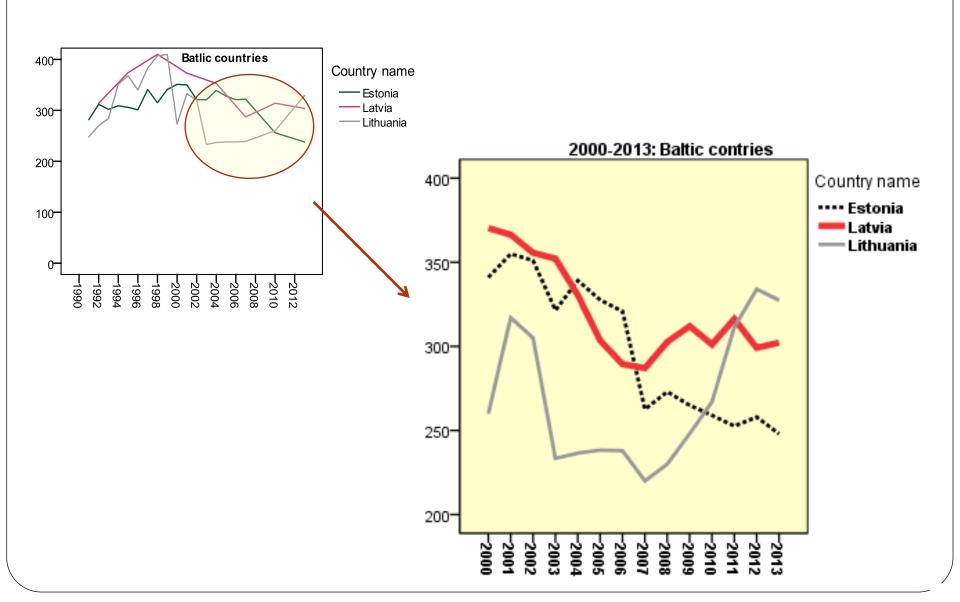
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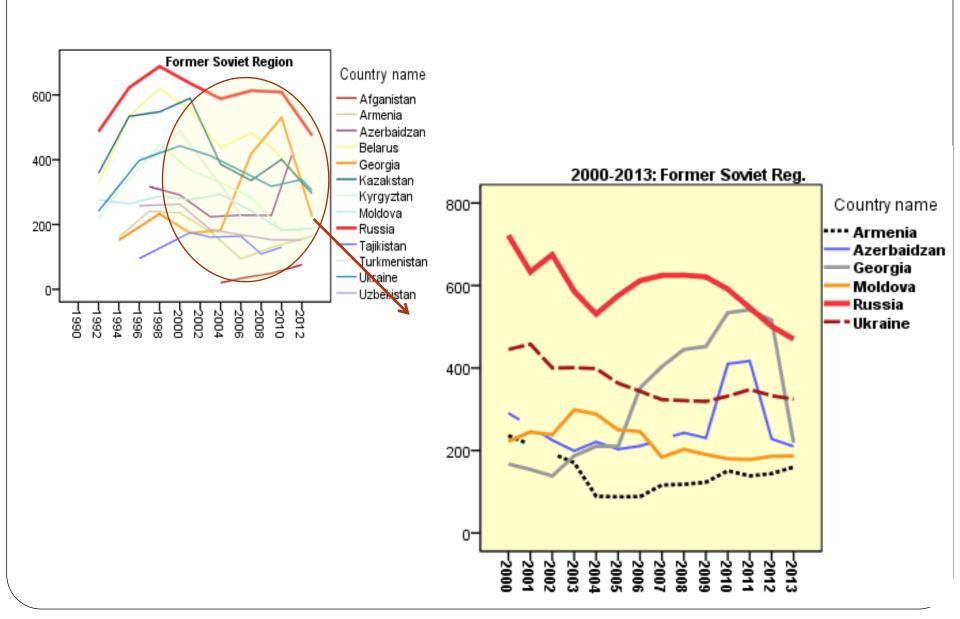
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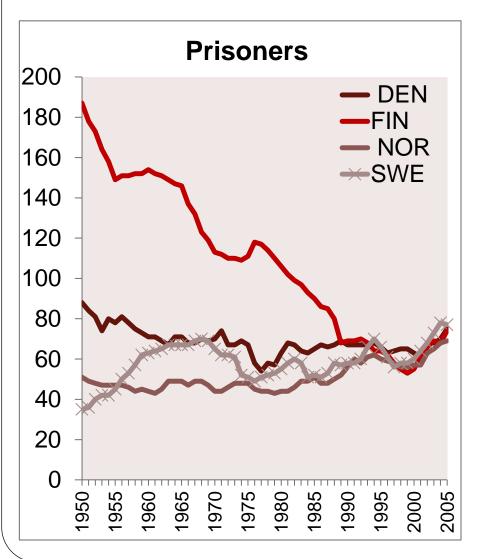


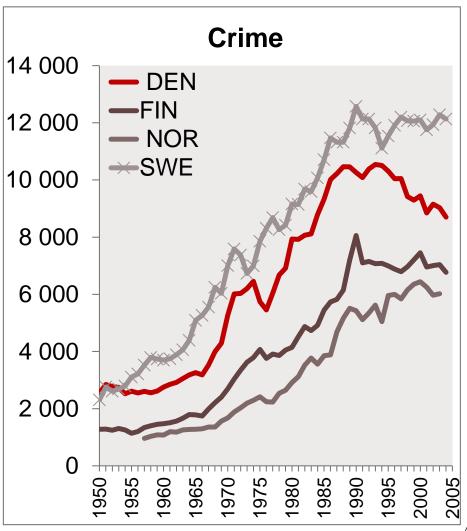
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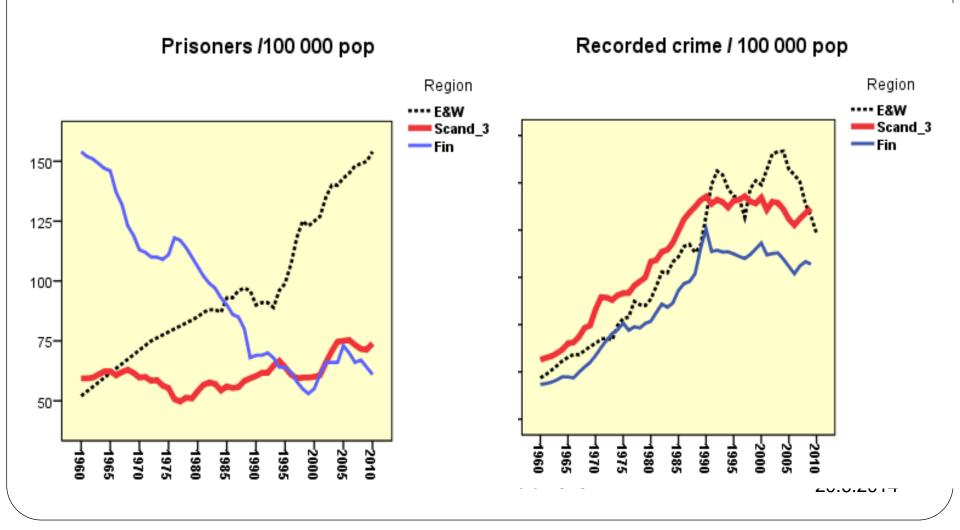
# Imprisonment and crime

# 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

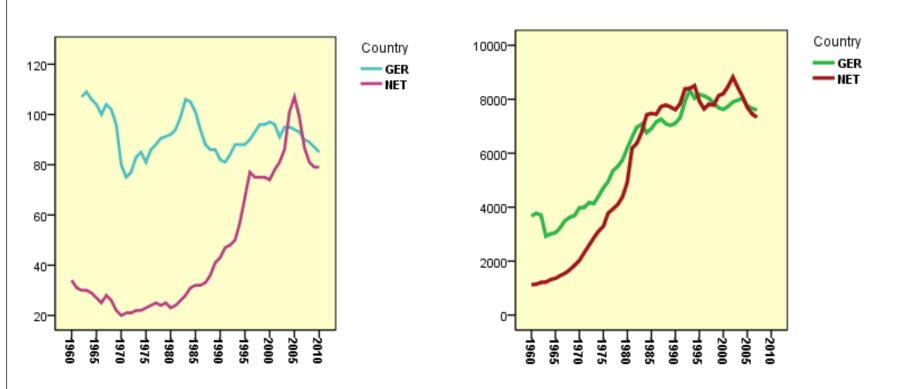


## Germany and the Netherlands 1960-2010

## Different prison profile, similar crime profile

Prisoners /pop

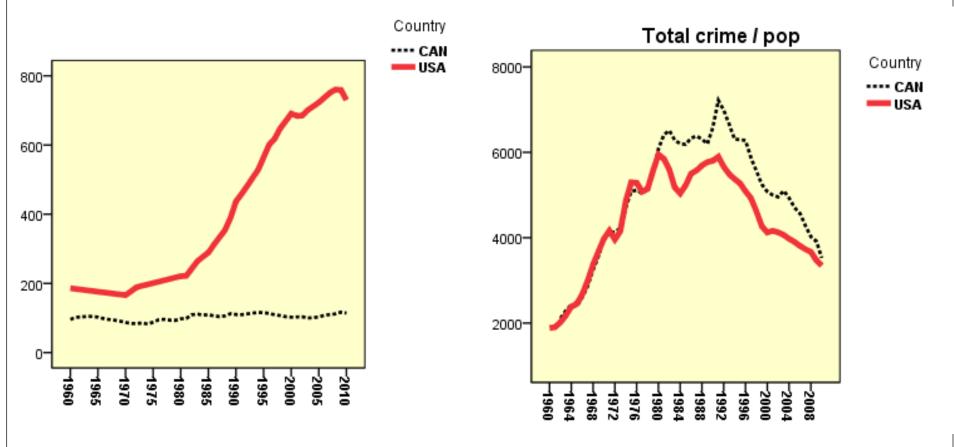
Crime / pop



### **US** and Canada

## Completely different prison trends, but almost identical total crime trends

#### Prisoner I pop



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## Community supervision

Overview 2011-2012

Source: Space II

#### **Community supervision: Stock 2011-12** Imprisonment rates in Europe: Stock 2012 (/pop) Space I (/pop) Space II 0 200 400 600 800 1000 100 200 300 400 0 500 Serbia Iceland **Finland Finland** Croatia Sweden Norway Netherlands Norway Italy Denmark Greece Slovenia Romania Cyprus **Iceland** BiH (State Admin.) Armenia Germany Switzerland Azerbaijan Ireland Switzerland Austria Spain (Catalonia) **UK: Northern Ireland** Ireland **France** Sweden **Belgium** Italy Spain (State Admin.) Croatia Bulgaria Greece Cyprus Luxembourg **Denmark Portugal** Austria Malta Germany Bulgaria Serbia **Portugal** Spain (State Admin.) Malta **UK: Scotland Netherlands FYRO Macedonia UK: Northern Ireland UK: England and Wales** Luxembourg Romania Armenia Moldova Hungary Lithuania Turkey Albania Albania **UK: England and Wales** Moldova Slovak Republic Hungary Montenegro **France** Azerbaijan Czech Republic Czech Republic **Belgium** Poland Latvia Georgia Russia Estonia **Estonia** Latvia Ukraine Poland Lithuania Turkey Russia Georgia

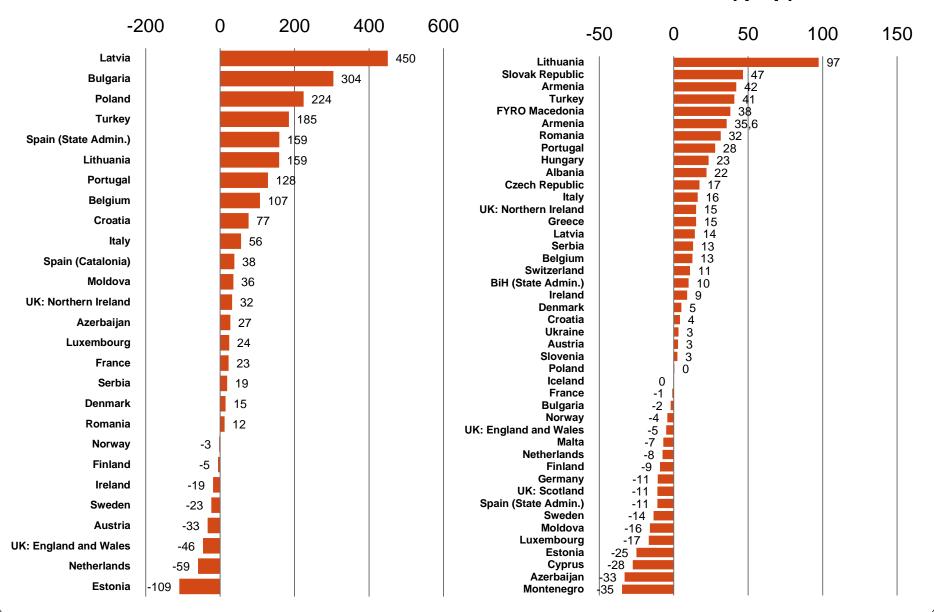
## Community supervision: Changes

Overview 2009-2012

Source: Space II

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

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



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- While there are signs of stabilization in the increase of incarceration rates, the trend is still upward in several European countries
- 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 incearase 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 carried out towards this end
- Imprisonment-trends and crime-trends do not walk hand in hand – either way