



2015 Country Report Lithuania Employment and social affairs issues

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Reminder: The European Semester

*The main findings of the Country report: progress
and concerns*

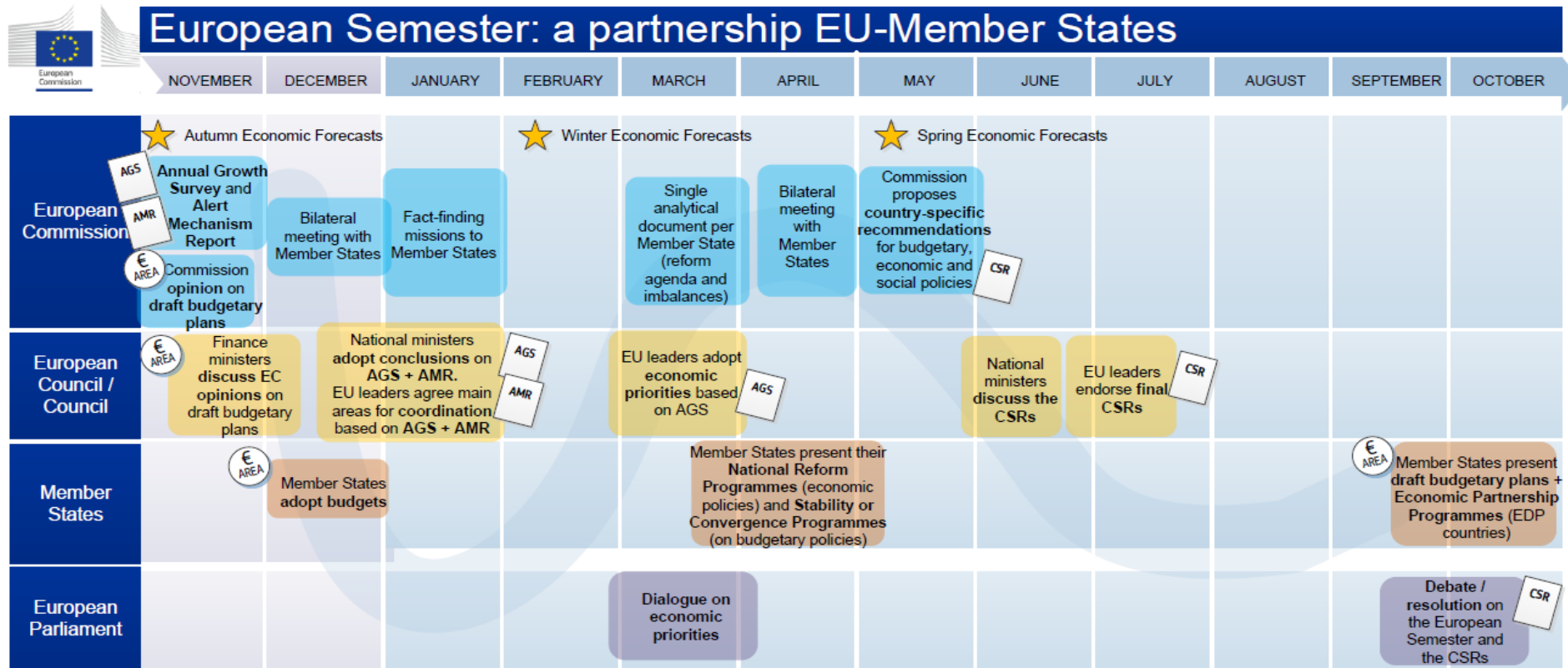
Next steps



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European semester process

European Semester: a partnership EU-Member States



GLOSSARY: AGS: Annual Growth Survey – AMR: Alert Mechanism Report – CSR: Country-Specific Recommendations – EDP: Excessive Deficit Procedure

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Country report: Areas, where progress is clear

Economy grows, GDP grows, medium income increases

Unemployment rate decreases

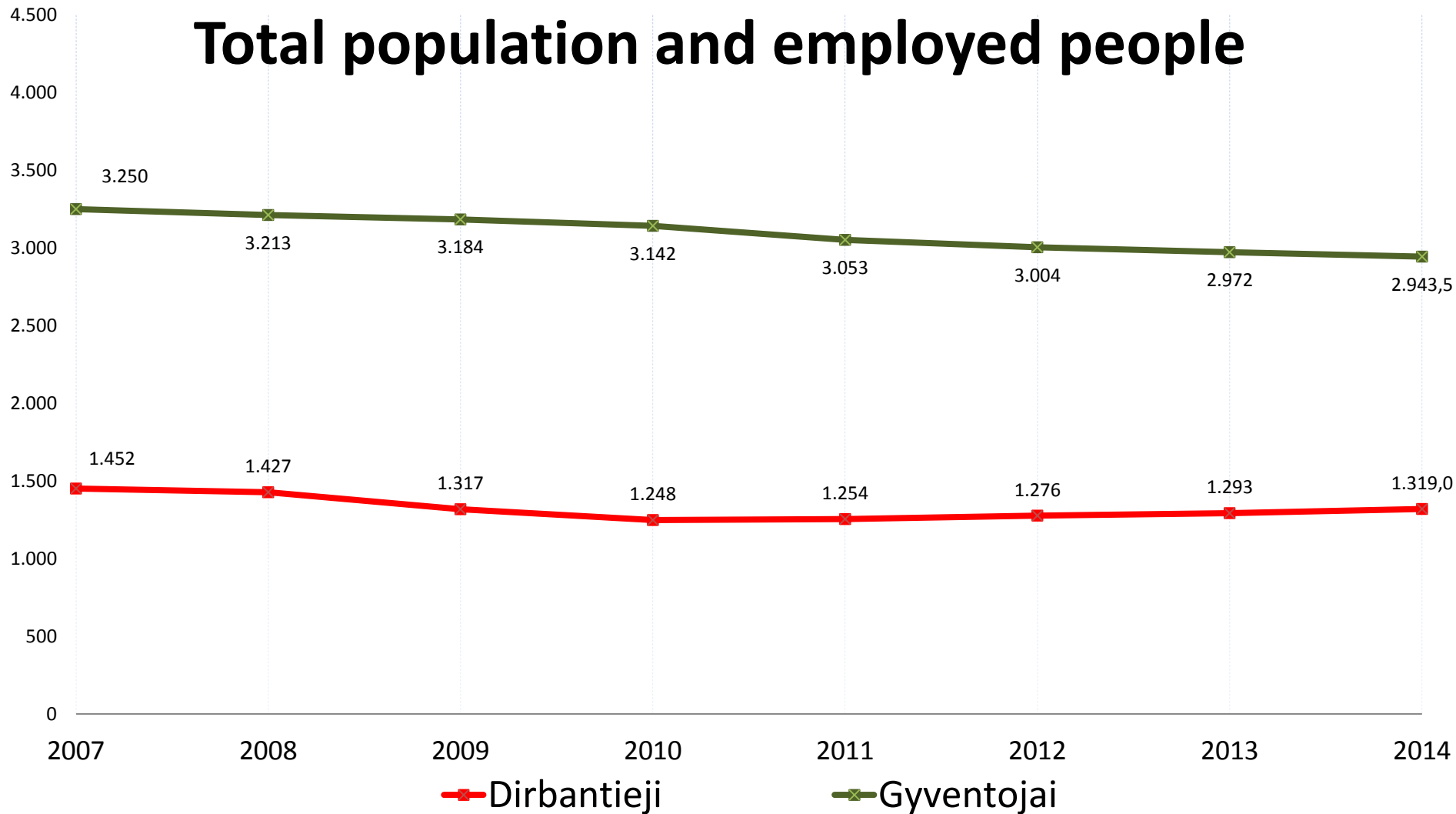
Youth unemployment rate decreases

Long-term unemployment decreases

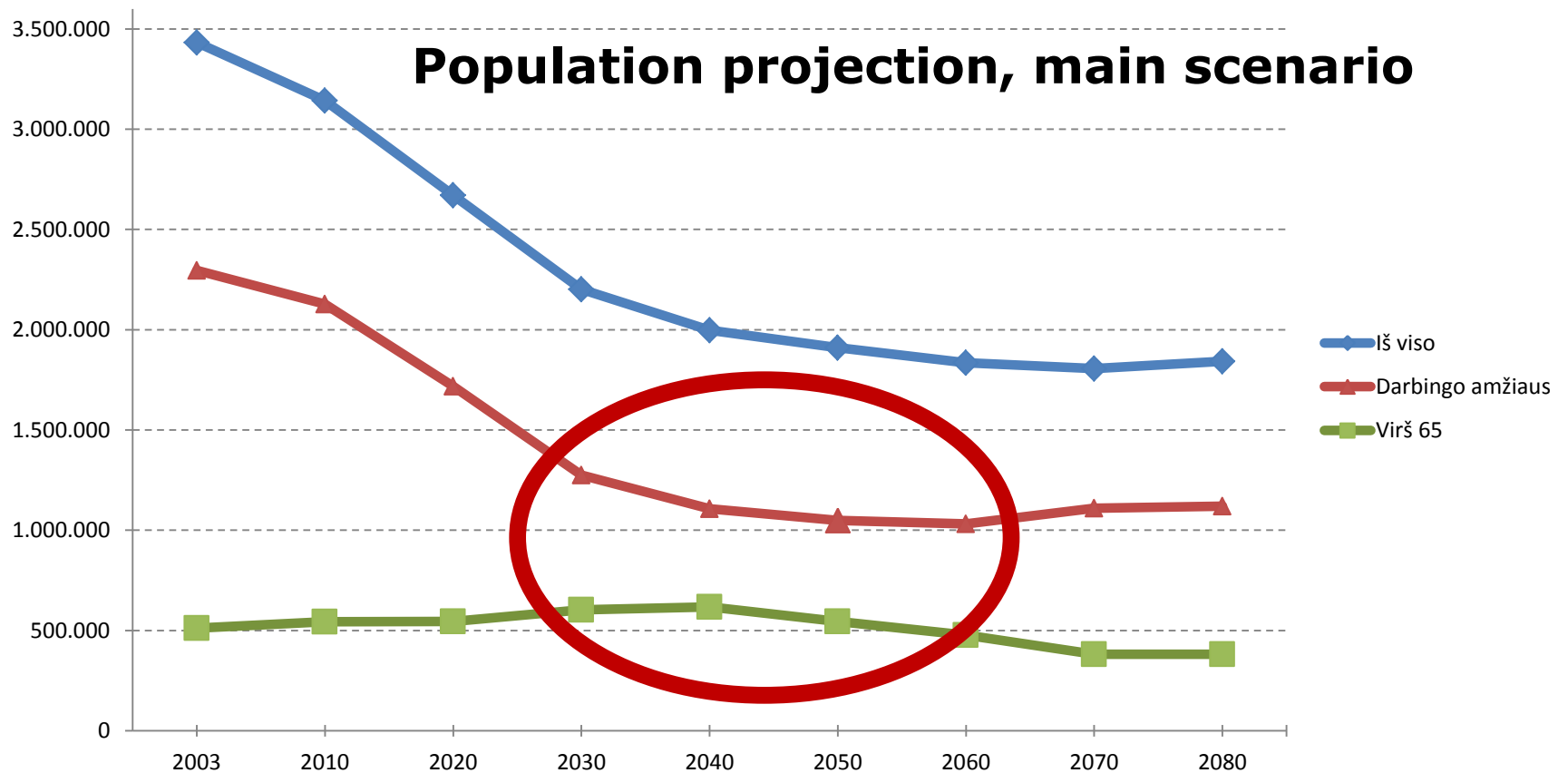
Progress but also concerns (1)

- *The overall population decrease has direct impact on working age population*
- *The number of employed persons has not reached the pre-crisis level*
- *Lithuanian population is among the fastest ageing populations in the EU*

Total population and employed people

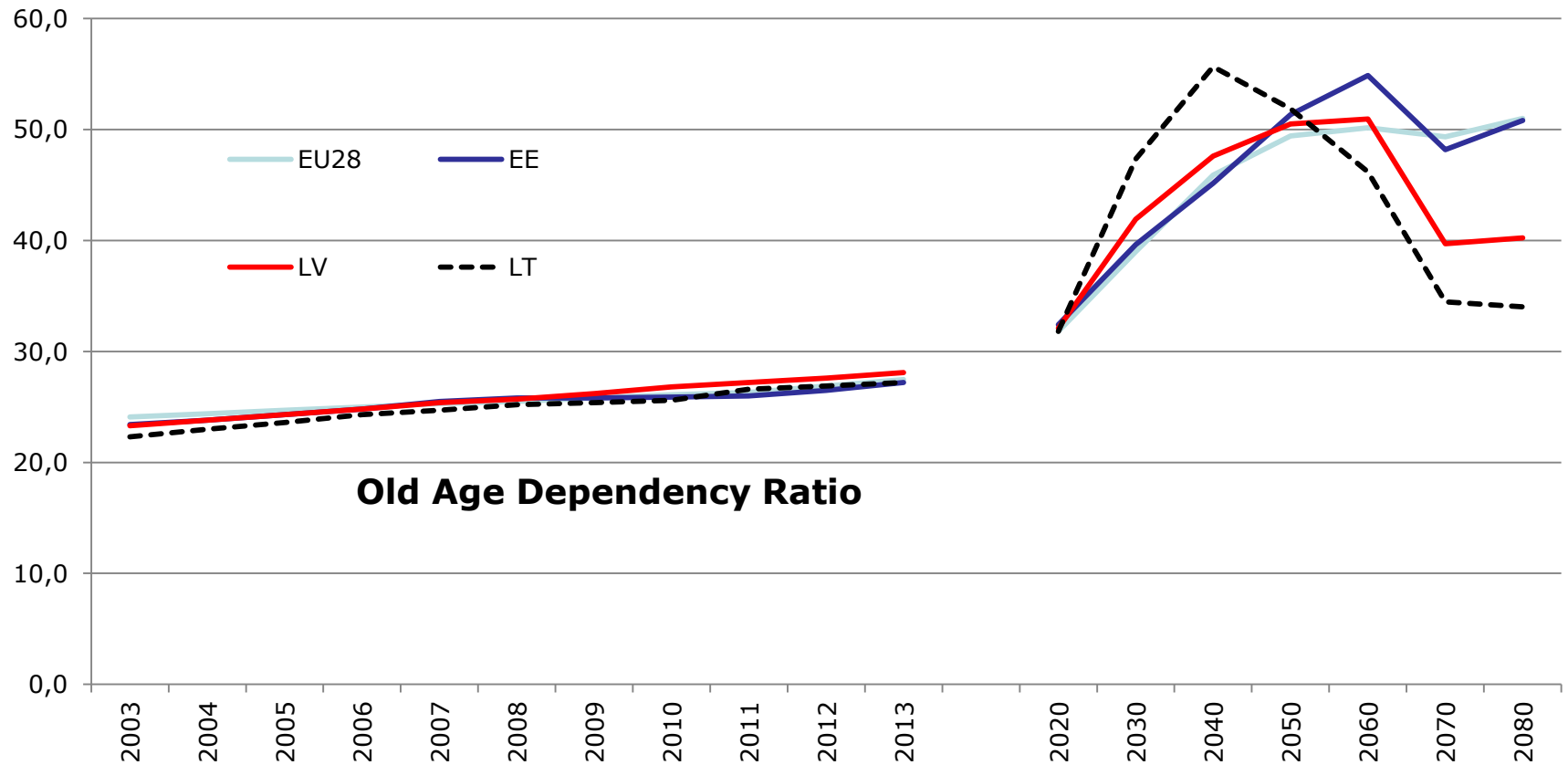


Demographic concerns



Source: Eurostat

Quick increase of the old age dependency ratio

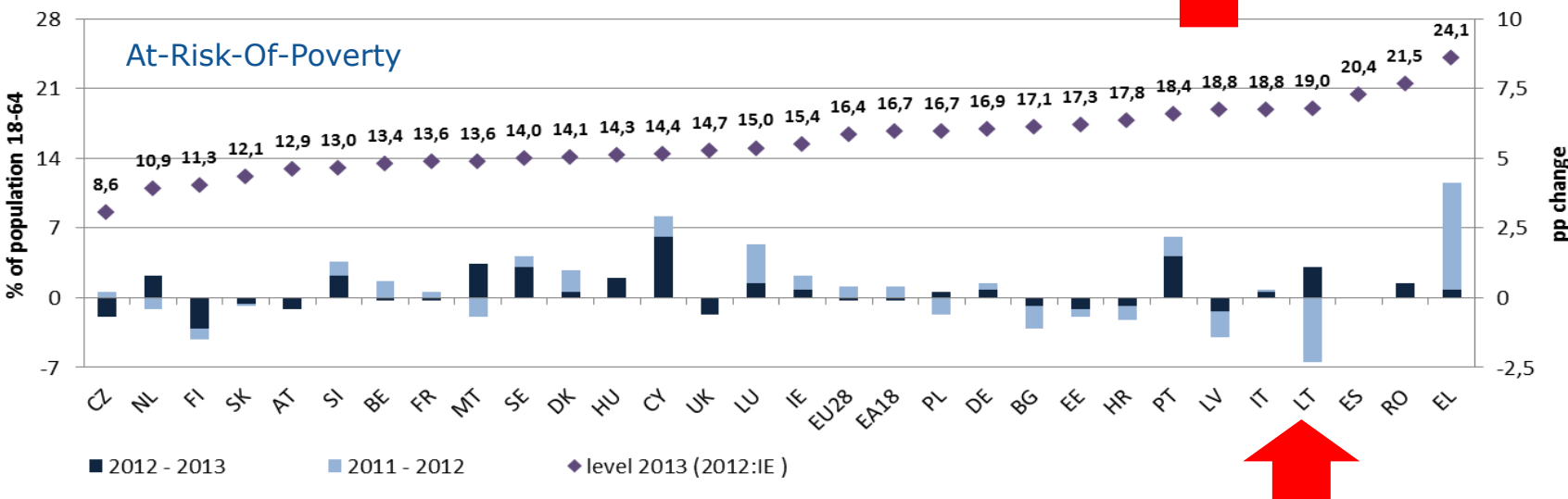
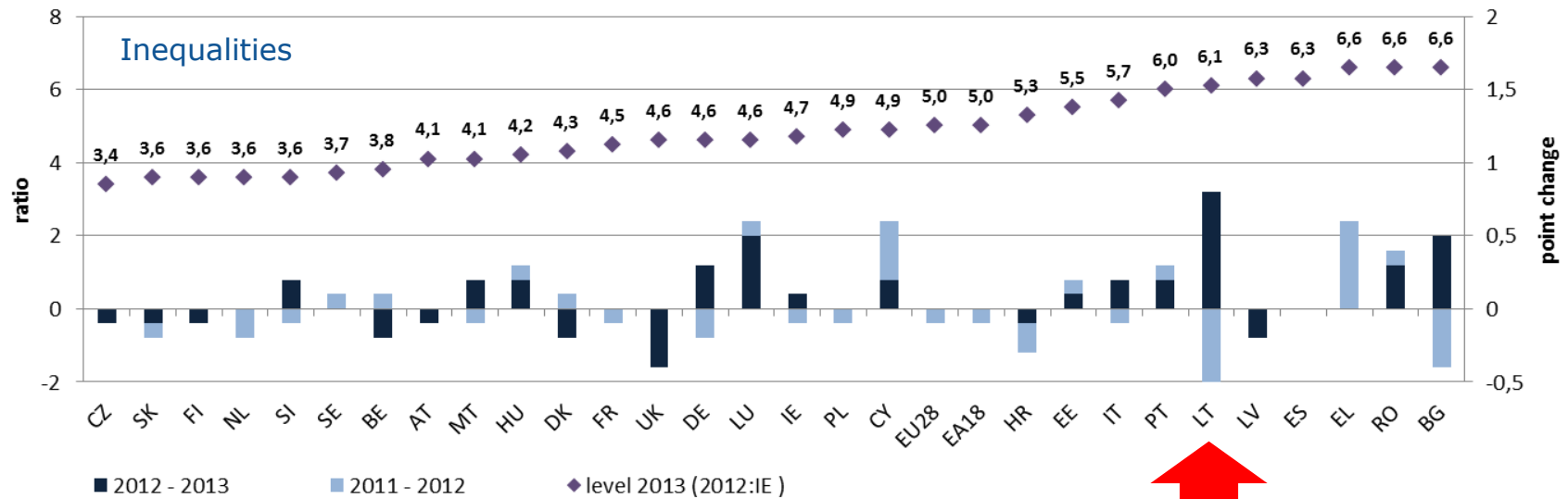


Progress but also concerns (2)

- *Pension reform necessary (adequacy, link to life expectancy after 2026)*
- *ALPM measures could be more effective and involve more unemployed*
- *Labour market relevance of education and training and transition from education to the labour market is a challenge*
- *Adult learning is very low*

Progress but also concerns (3)

- *Real political (not expert) discussion on the new social model is only starting*
- *Social dialogue is weak*
- *Balance between flexibility and security*
- *Poverty and inequality are high, impact of the reform of cash social assistance on poverty is unclear*



Next steps

- *National Reform Programme*
- *Country Specific Recommendations (proposal by Commission mid May)*

- *Reminder: Commission's proposals for the reviewed Europe 2020 strategy by the end of the year. Results of the public consultation on the Europe 2020 strategy published on 2 March*



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