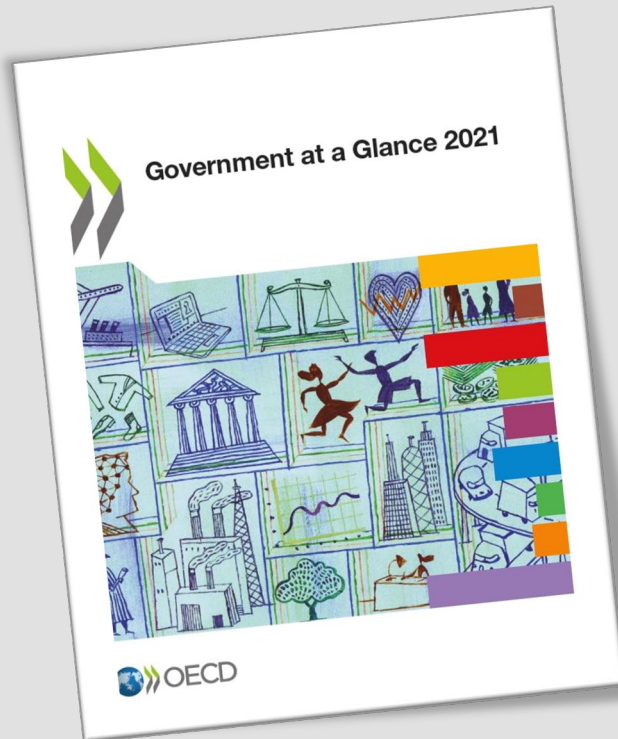




Government at a Glance 2021



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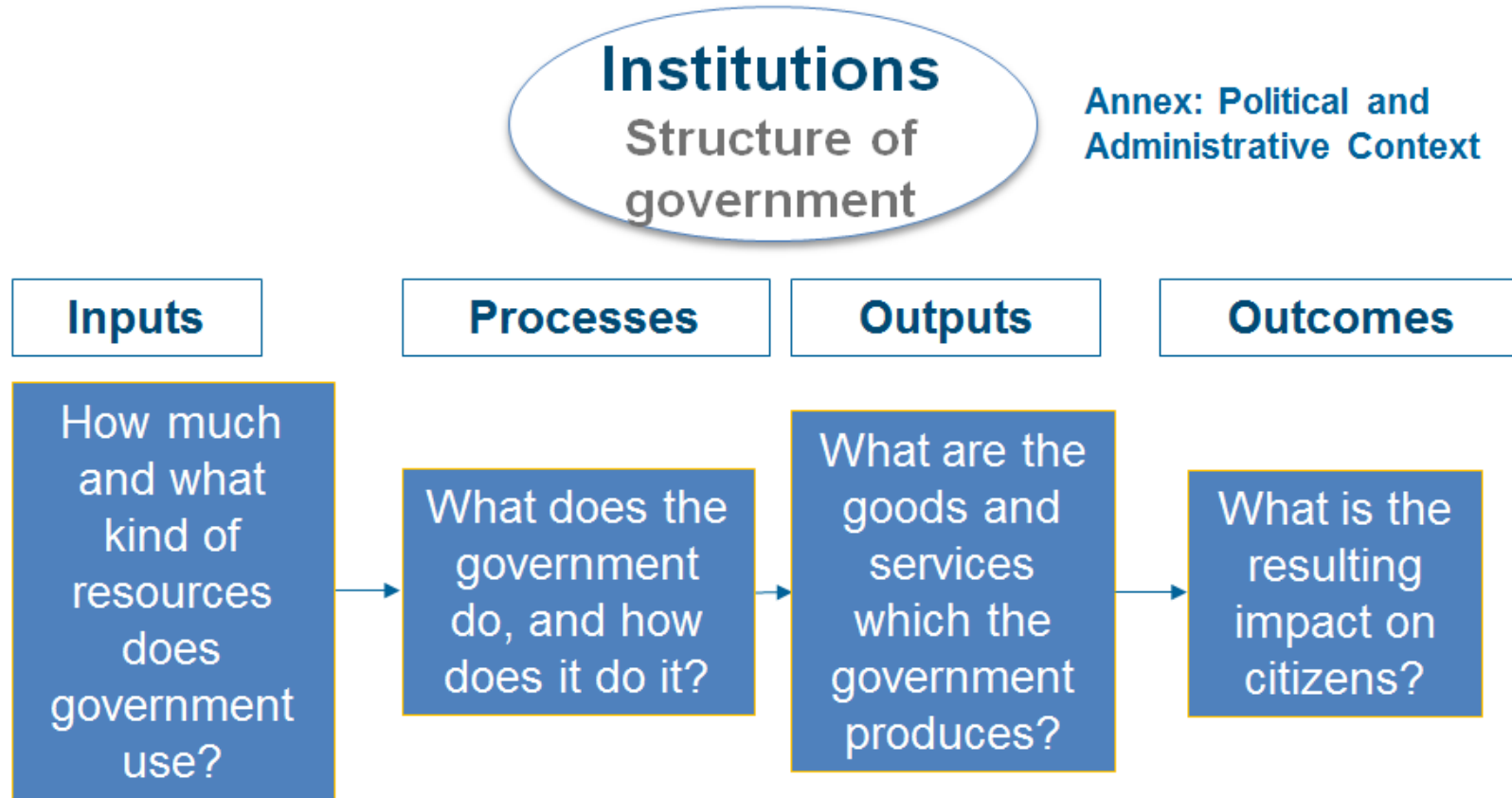
- ✓ Bi-annual publication since 2009
- ✓ Internationally comparative indicators on government's input, processes, output and results



- ✓ Further outreach and towards global coverage with regional editions: LAC since 2014; SEA 2019; Western Balkans 2020



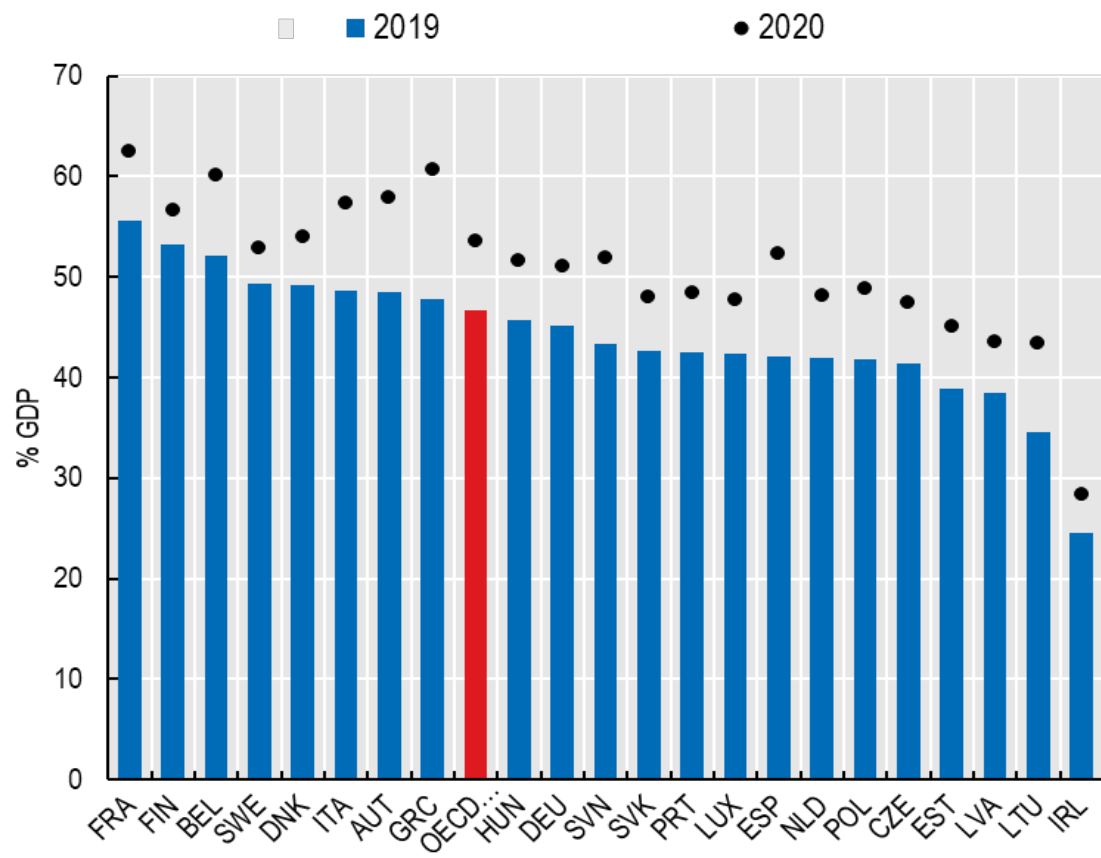
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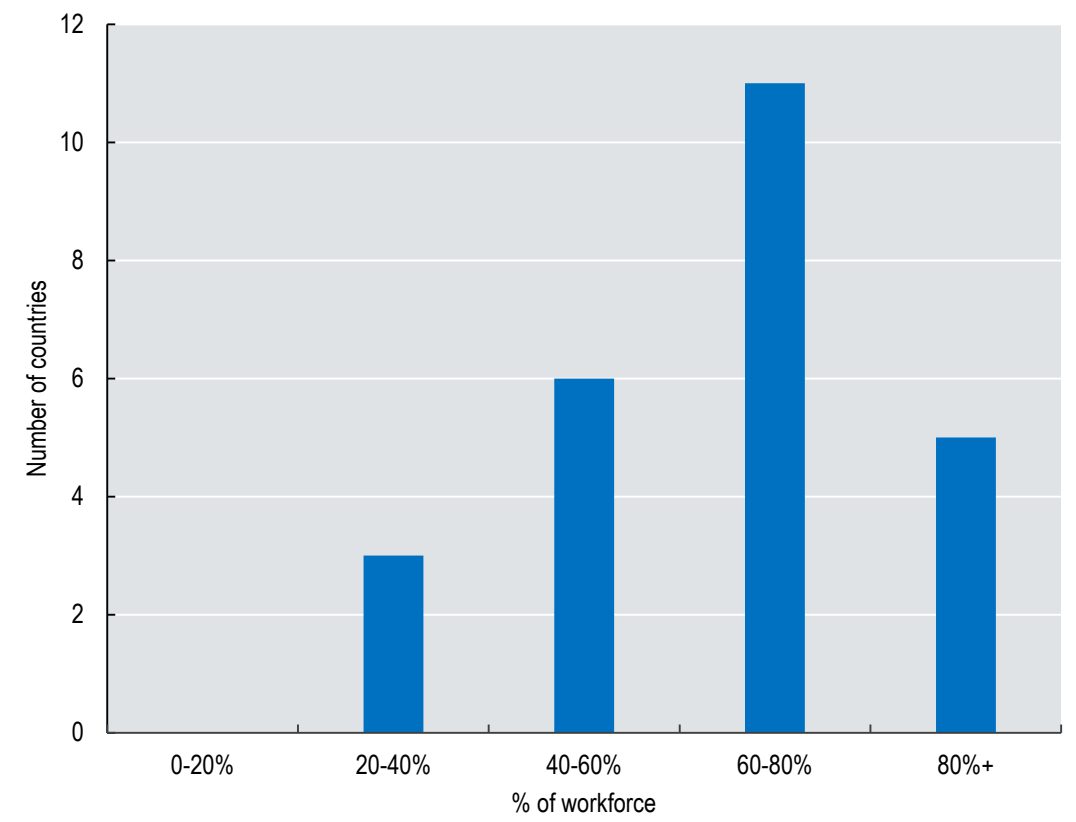


COVID-19, an extreme test to governments' resilience

Government expenditures in 22 OECD-EU countries **7% of GDP higher in 2020**



More than **60% of central government workforce worked remotely** during Covid-19

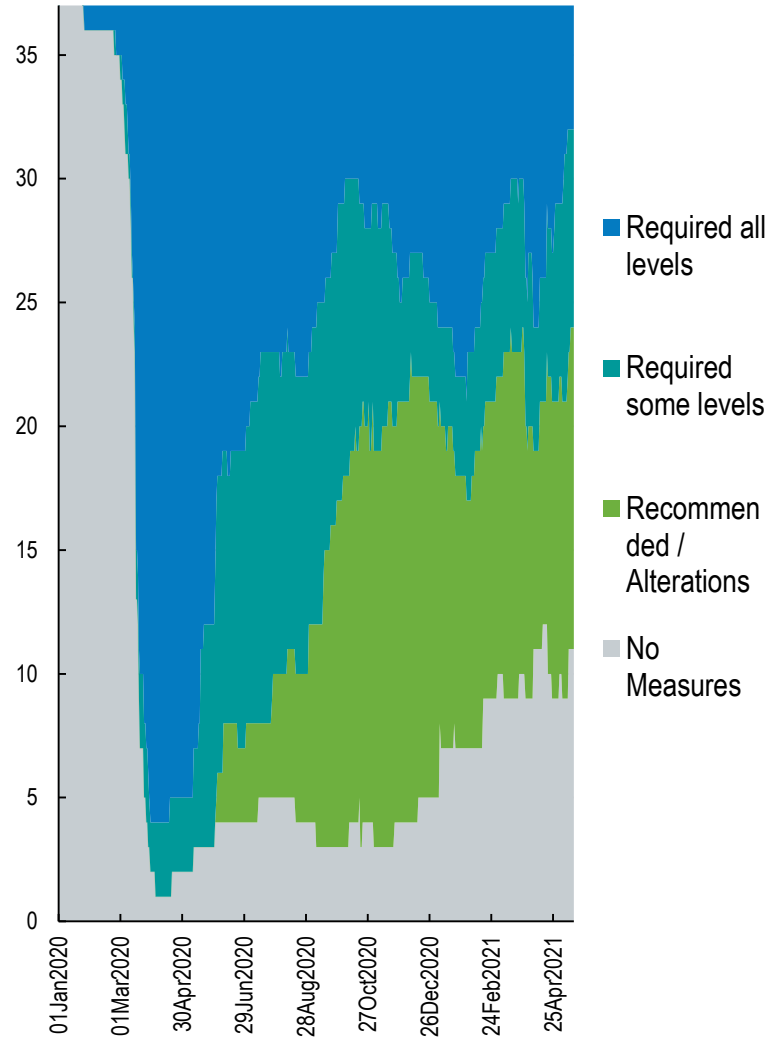


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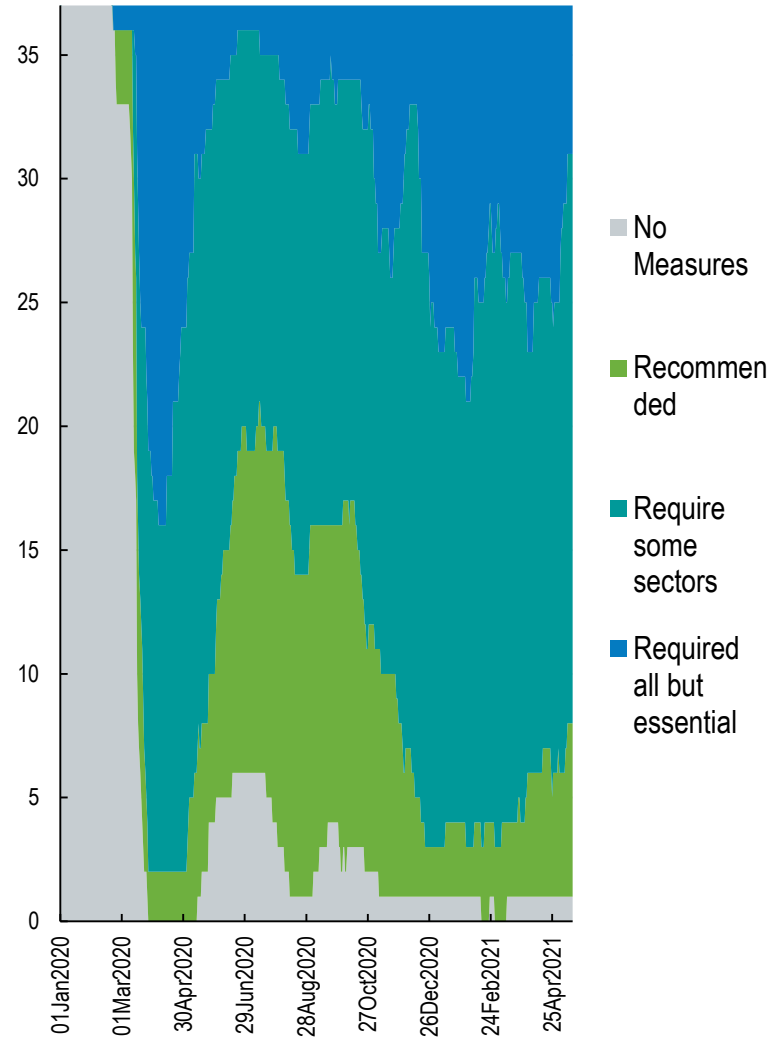


In the face of the crisis, government took unprecedented action

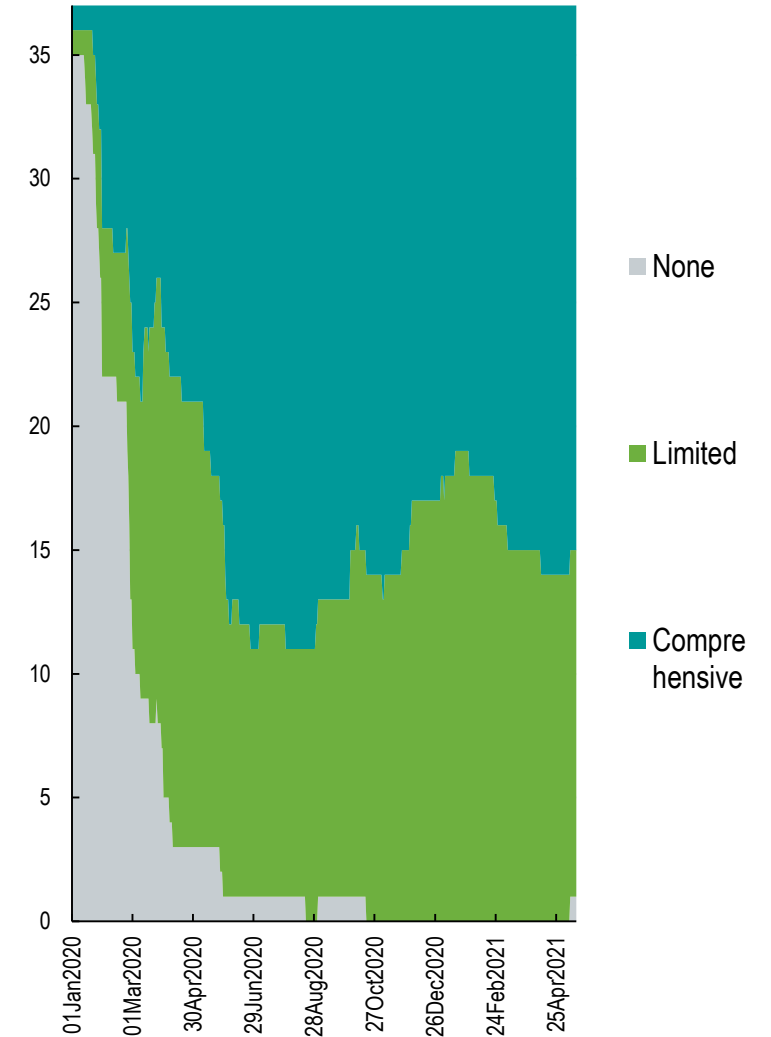
School closures



Workplace closures



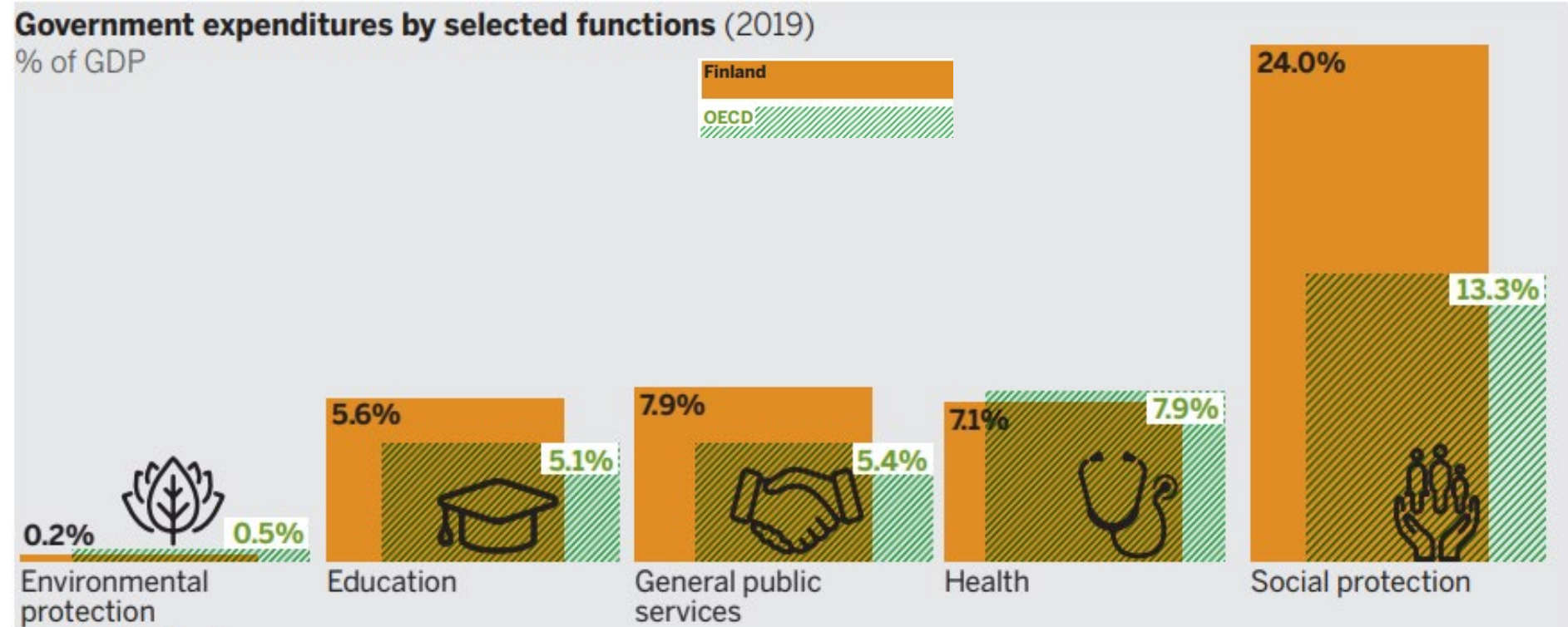
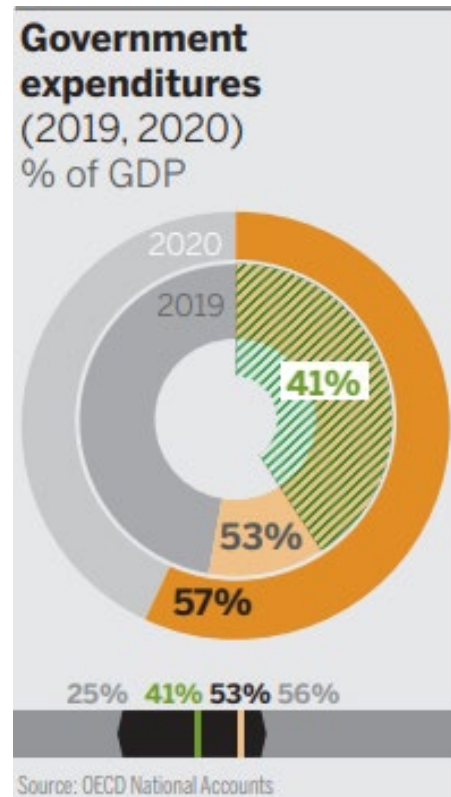
Contact tracing



Source: Government at a Glance 2021, data from [Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker](#), Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

>> Finland also increased spending

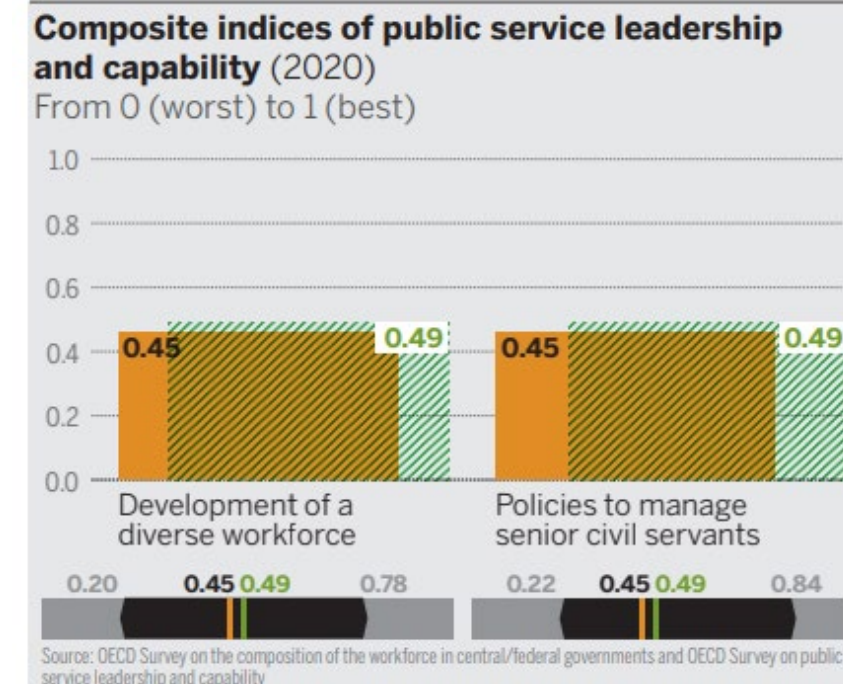
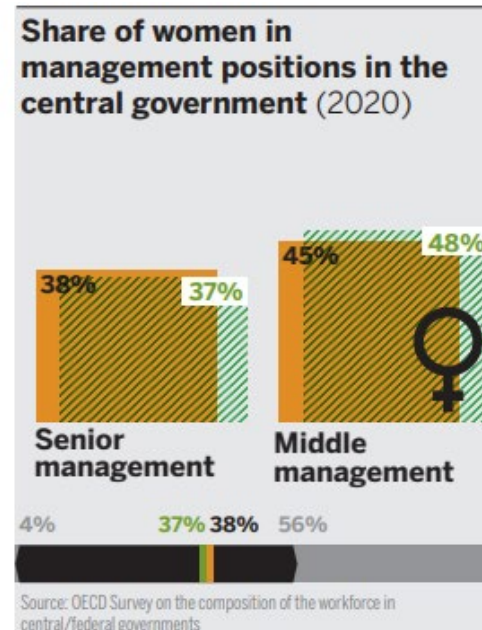
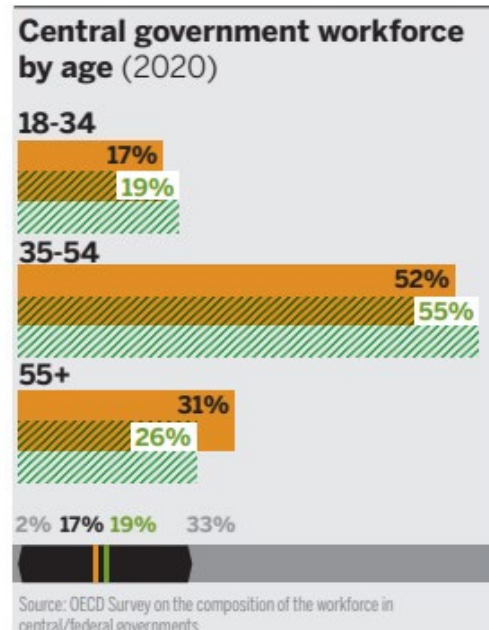
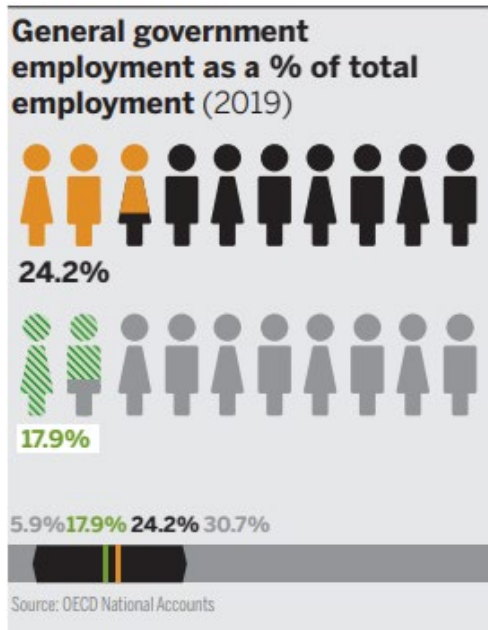
- Second highest level of public expenditure in the OECD in 2019
- Social protection is the largest beneficiary
- However, proportionally less expenditure on healthcare than OECD average



Strengthening diversity in public life:

Finland is a leader on gender equality, but could improve diversity

- Fifth highest level of employment in government in the OECD
- Second on gender equality in the civil service
- More could be done to improve diversity

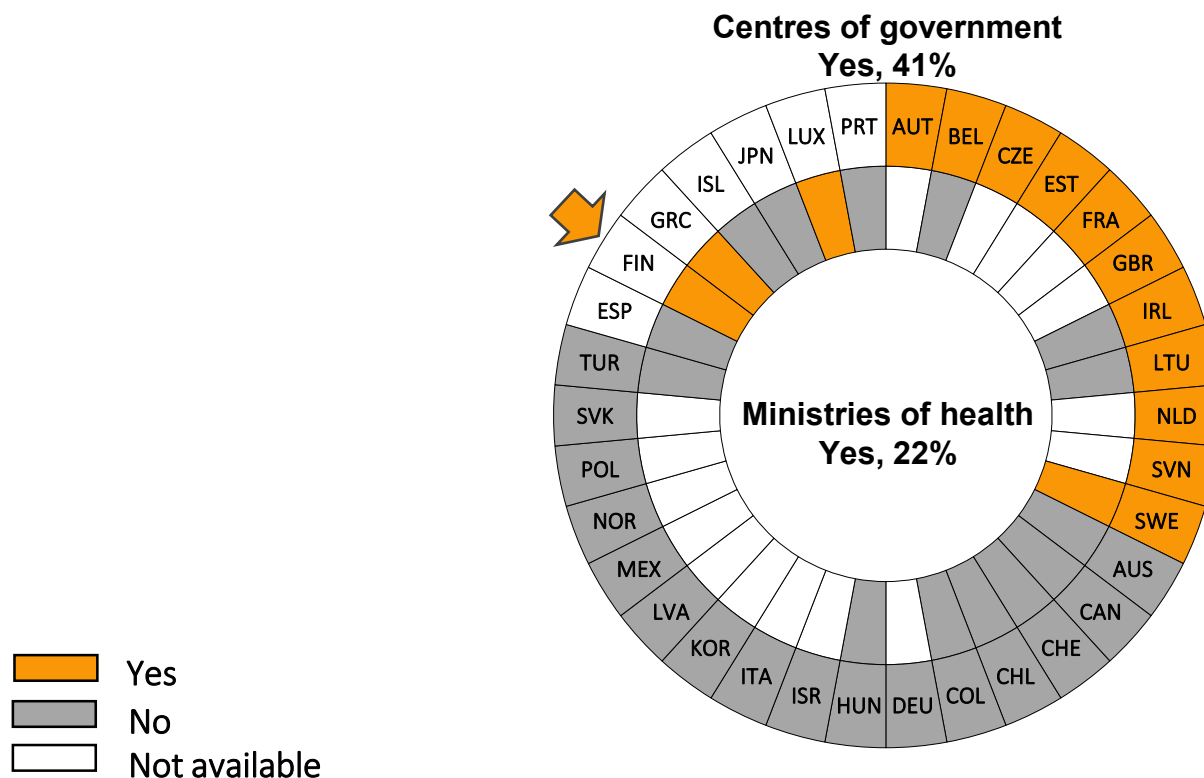




Step up regulatory and communication efforts to tackle misinformation

Less than **50% of Centers of Government** and less than **25% of Health Ministries** have guidelines for tackling disinformation

Availability of guiding documents for governments' responses to disinformation, 2019





Building effective avenues for citizen participation in policy making

Governments must seek to build **effective and inclusive** routes for citizens and stakeholders to be consulted and involved in policy making

Citizen and stakeholder participation (2020 or 2021)

Early consultation in the regulation-making process

NOT SYSTEMATIC

8 SYSTEMATIC 2 NEVER
27 NOT SYSTEMATIC



Centres of government consulted stakeholders on COVID-19 recovery

NO

18 YES
8 NO



Centres of government consulted stakeholders on strategies to manage the COVID-19 crisis

YES

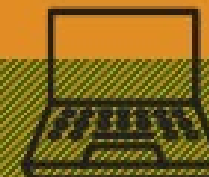
20 YES
6 NO



Central government portal(s) for carrying out online consultations

YES

22 YES
10 NO



Finland

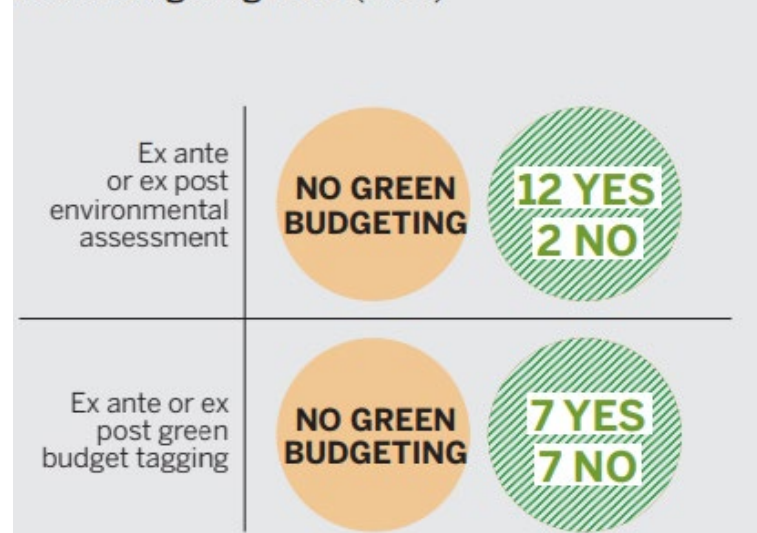
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Ensuring that governments are fit to face global and complex challenges

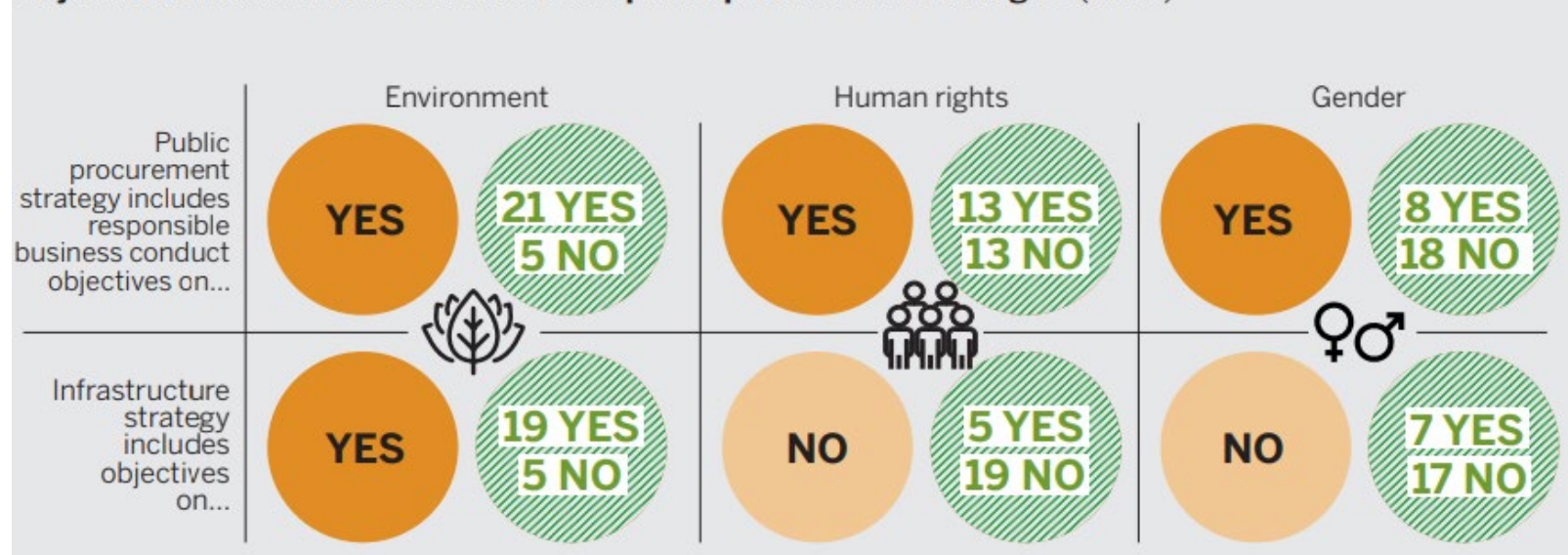
- Public governance practices could systematically address **long term goals**
- Finland not among the 40% of countries with green budgeting practices in 2020
- Infrastructure strategies partially include include social objectives in Finland

Green budgeting tools (2021)



Source: OECD and European Commission – Joint survey on emerging green budgeting practices

Objectives included in infrastructure and public procurement strategies (2020)

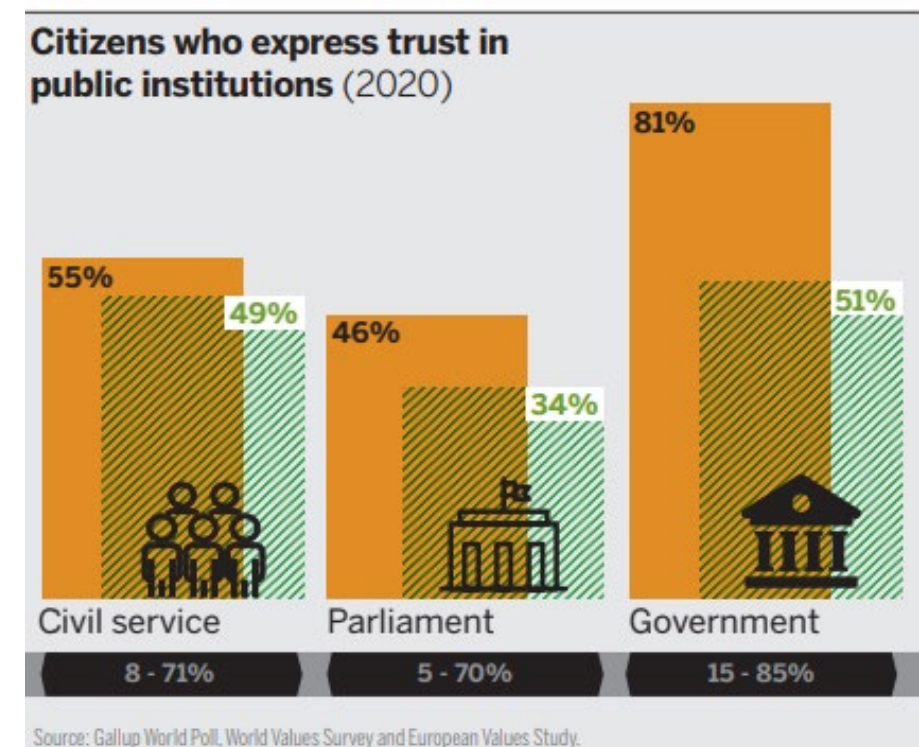
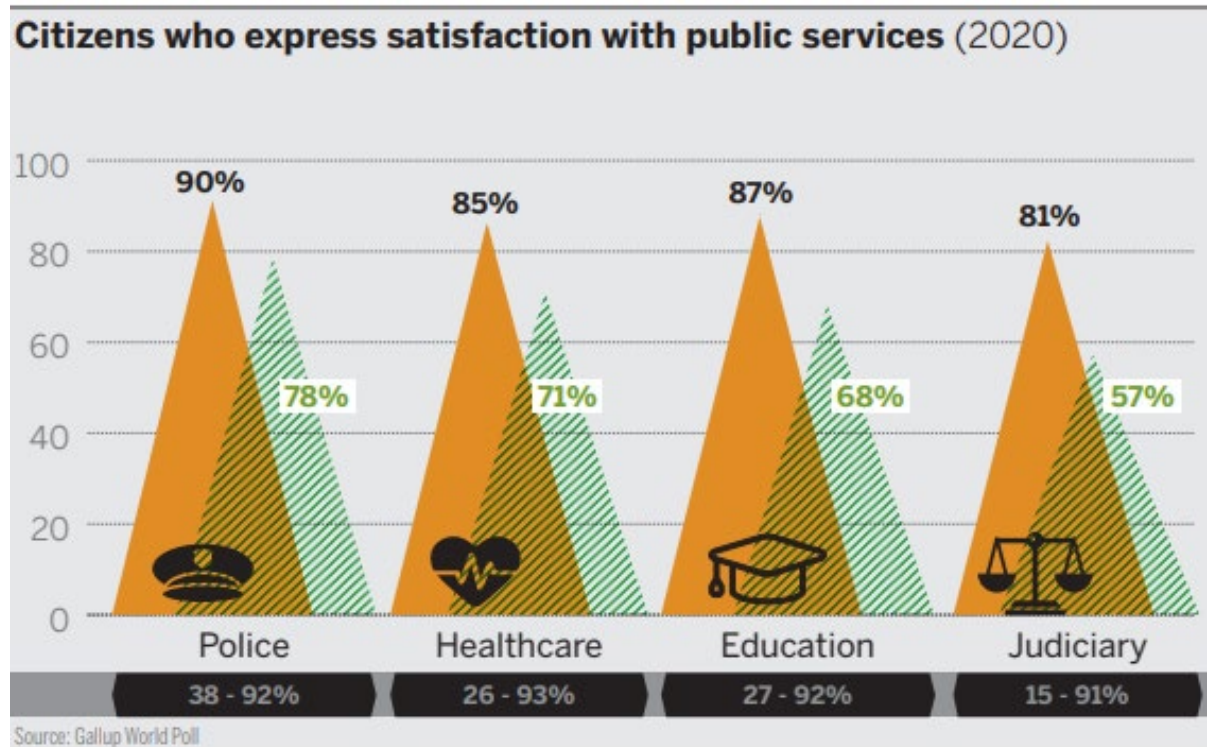


Source: Government at a Glance 2021



Finland is starting from high levels levels of trust (although decreasing) and satisfaction with services

- Satisfaction with public services above OECD averages in 2020...
- ... and trust in public institutions was comparatively high although with signs of decrease in the pre-COVID

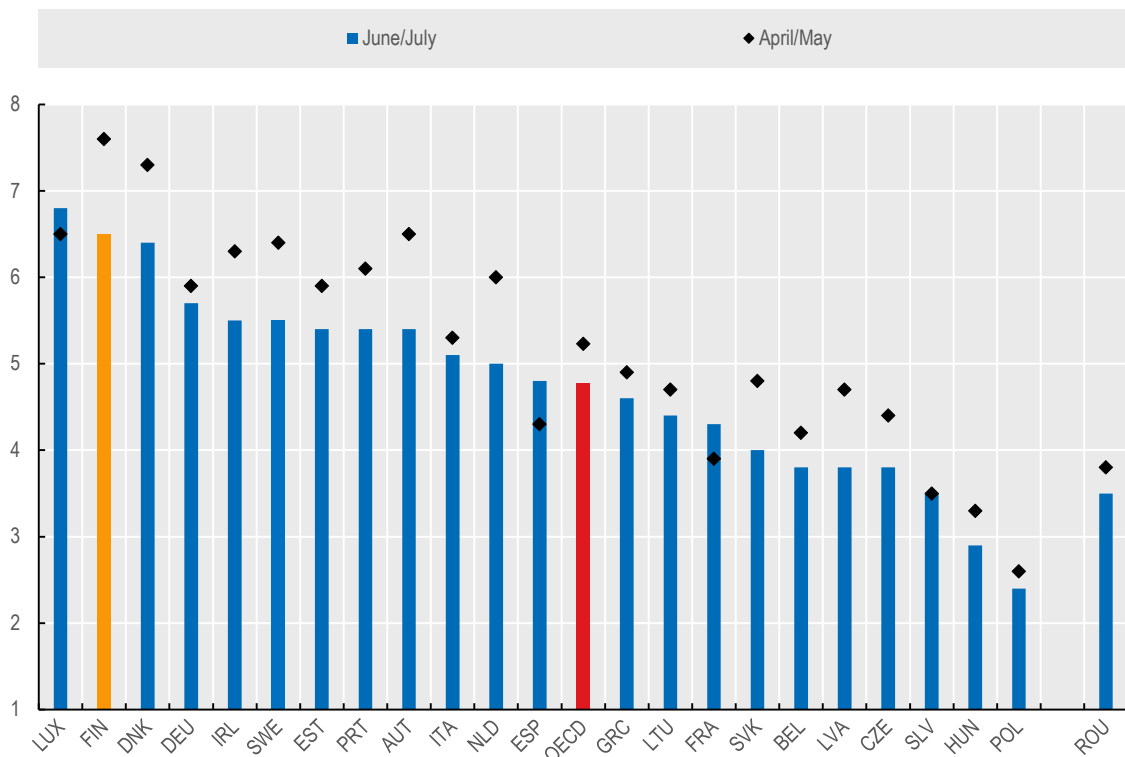




After a **“rallying around the flag”** effect at the onset of the pandemic high confidence about the future and high reliance on government preparedness

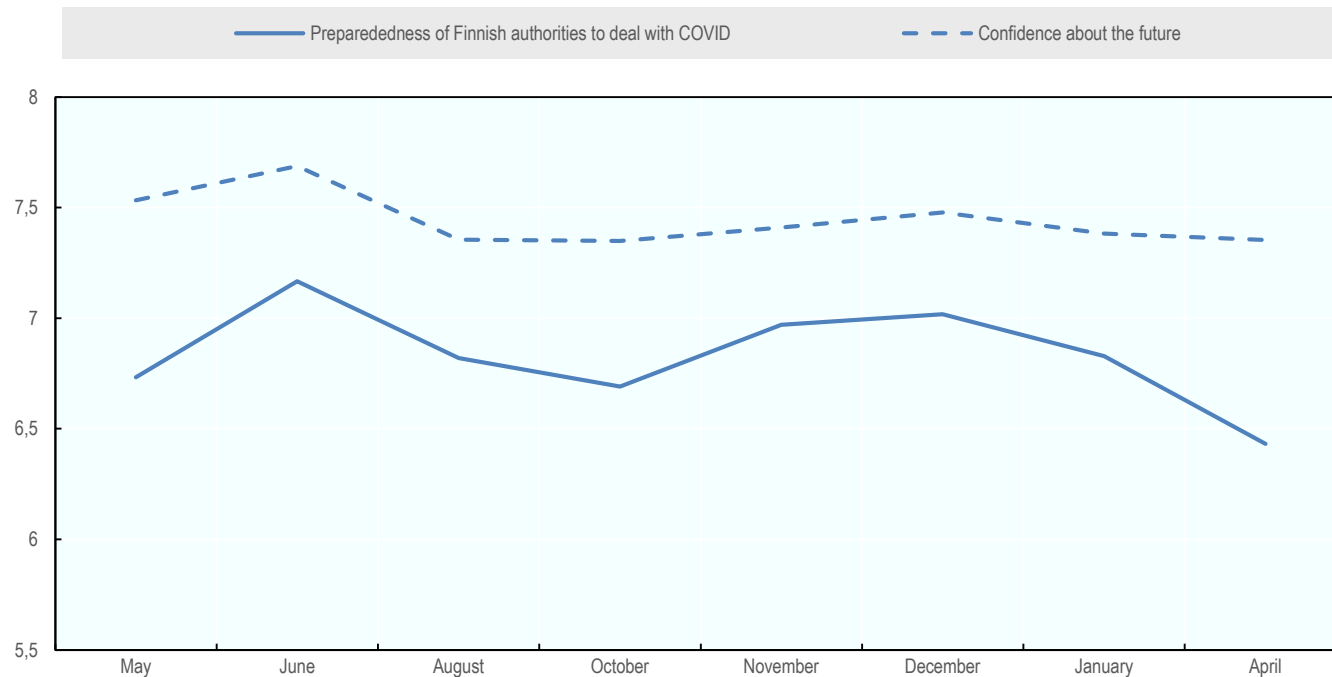
Trust in government during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020

Average value in a scale 1-10



Source: Government at a Glance 2021 based on Eurofound Quality of Life and Society survey

Preparedness of the authorities for dealing with COVID-19 and confidence about the future, May 2020 and January 2021



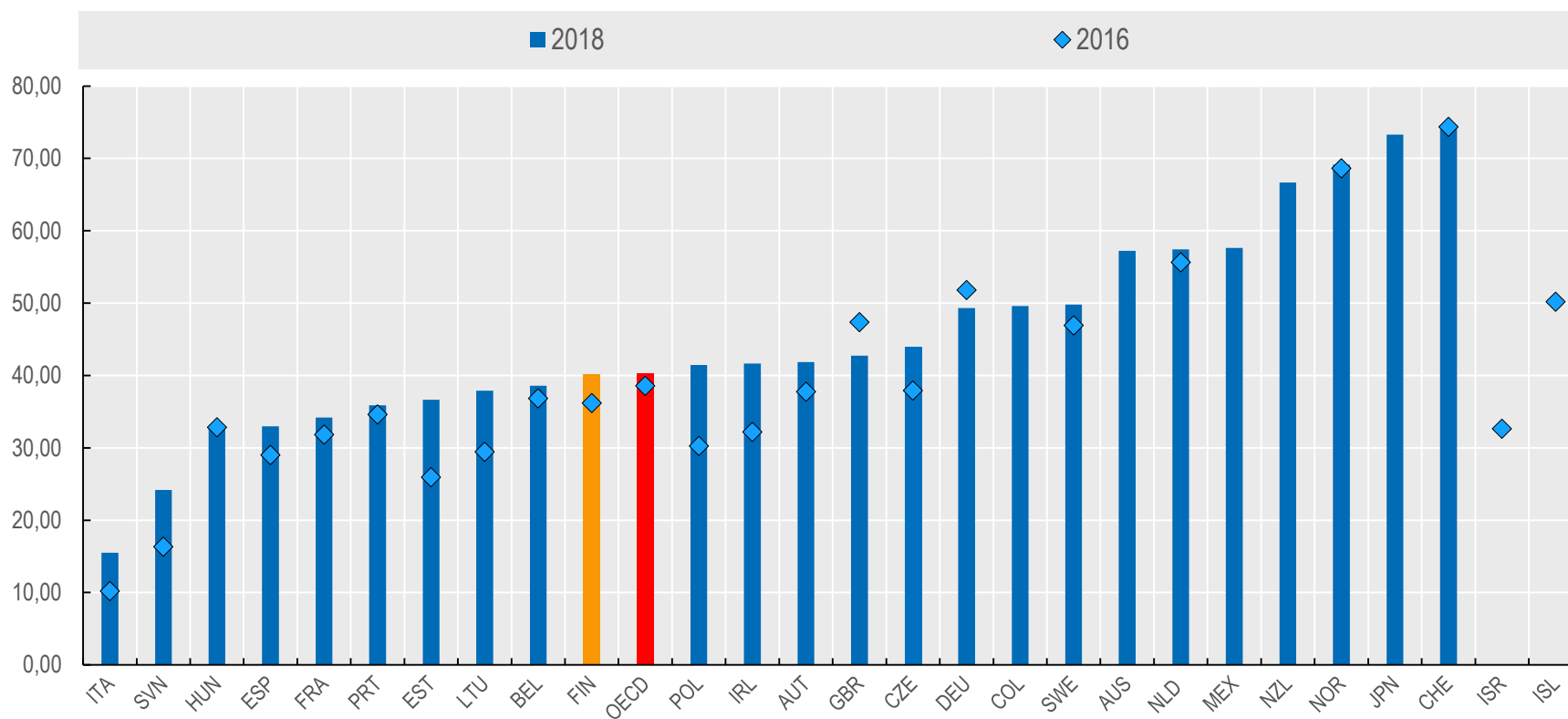
Source: OECD calculations based on the PMO/Statistics Finland Pulse Survey.



Percentage of Finns considering having a say in what government does is low

- Only 35% of Finns are confident of their own ability to participate in politics
- Percentage of the population considering having a say is 40% (below OECD average)

Having a say in what the government does, 2016 and 2018 (or nearest available year)



Source: Government at a Glance 2021

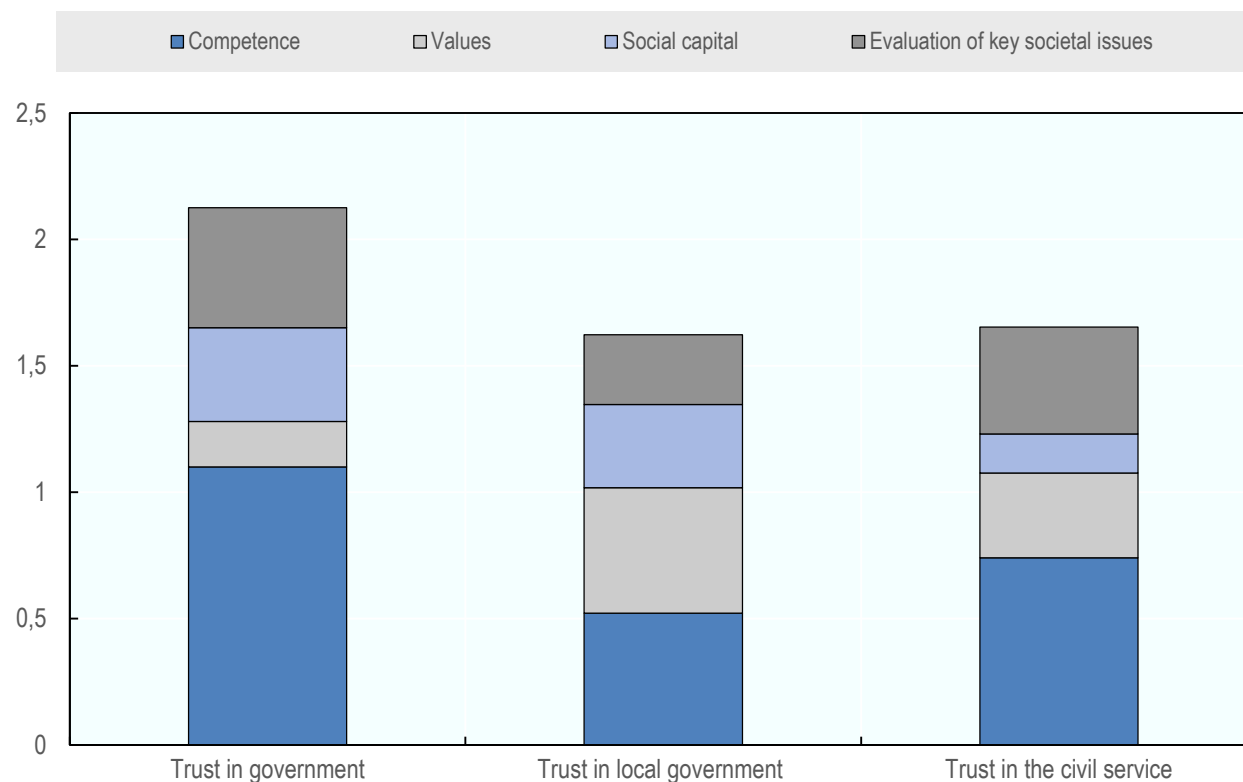


Preserving trust at different levels requires different actions

There is a **trust pay-off** associated with increase of public institutions' competence and values,

The drivers of self-reported trust in public institutions in Finland, 2020

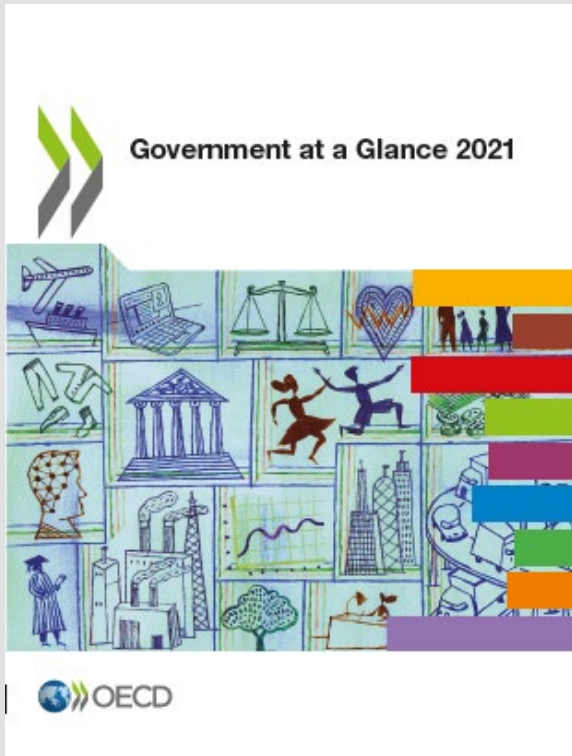
Change in self-reported trust associated with a one standard deviation increase in aggregate policy dimensions or other determinants



Source: OECD (2021) The Determinants of trust in public institutions in Finland

>> Conclusions

- Resilient governments are needed to respond to crises at speed and scale while safeguarding **trust and transparency** and **reinforcing democracy**
- More better and timely **evidence on public governance** is needed:
 - OECD 2021 Regulatory Policy Outlook (*launched October 6th*)
 - OECD Trust survey 2022 (*forthcoming*)
 - OECD Revisiting serving citizens framework (G@G 2023)



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