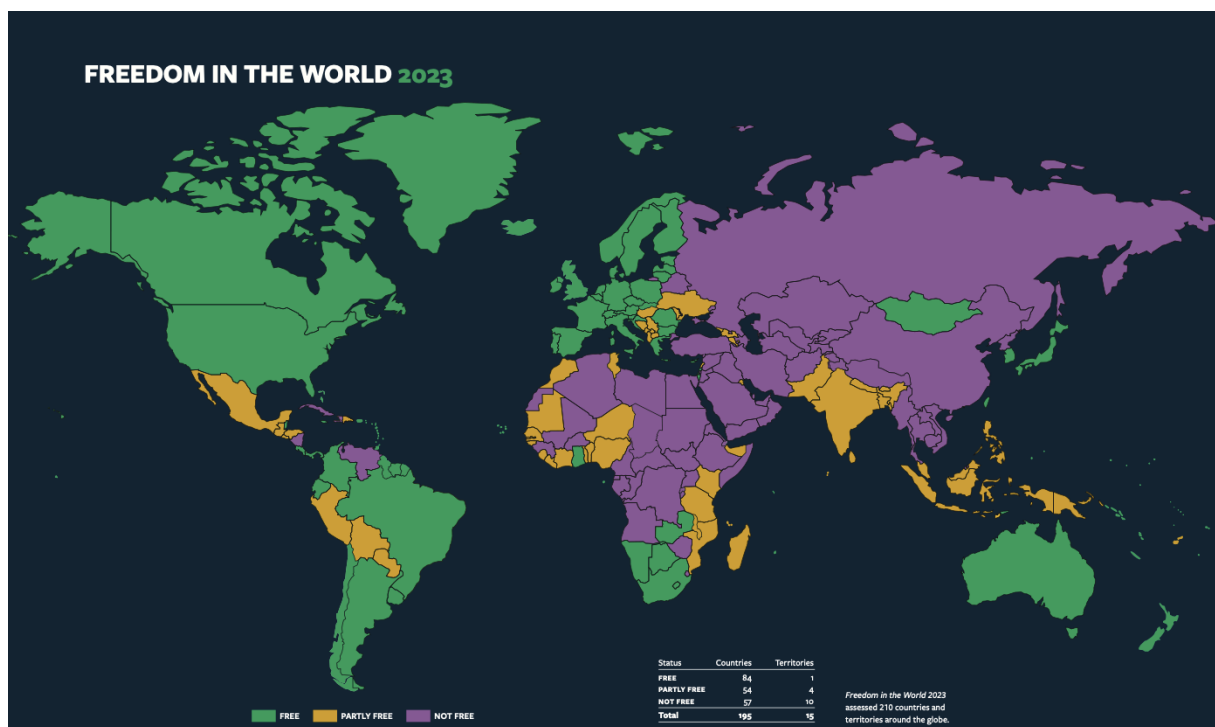


A few indicators

These quantitative indicators relating to some of the sessions need to be read with all the caveats contained in Josef Lolacher's essay 'Can We Measure Freedom?'. While we acknowledge the limitations of existing freedom indices such as Freedom House's *Freedom in the World*, we have included some selected graphs and datapoints from Freedom House data, which can serve as an impetus for discussion in the respective panels.

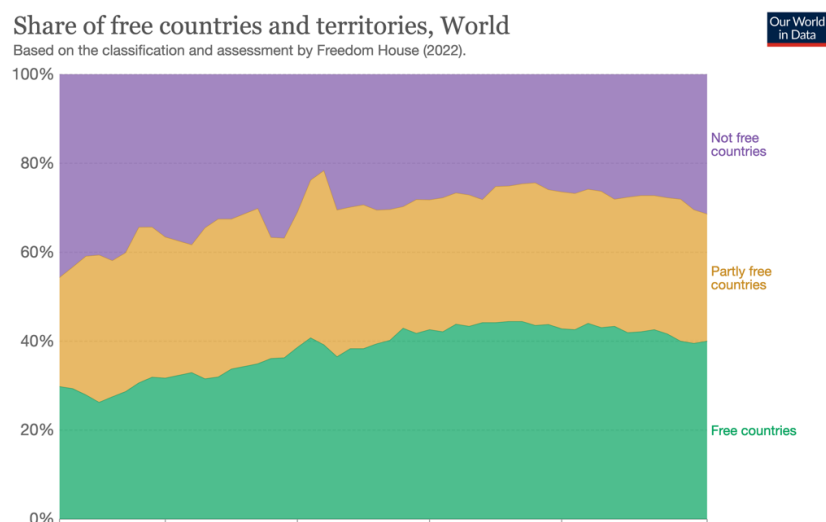
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Figure 1 Freedom House's current classification of free, partly free, and not free countries



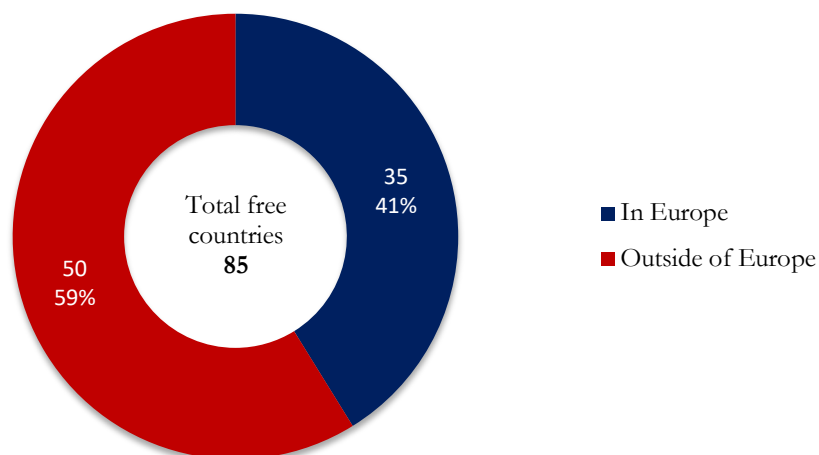
Source: Freedom House (2023)

Figure 2 Share of free countries in the world, 1972-2021



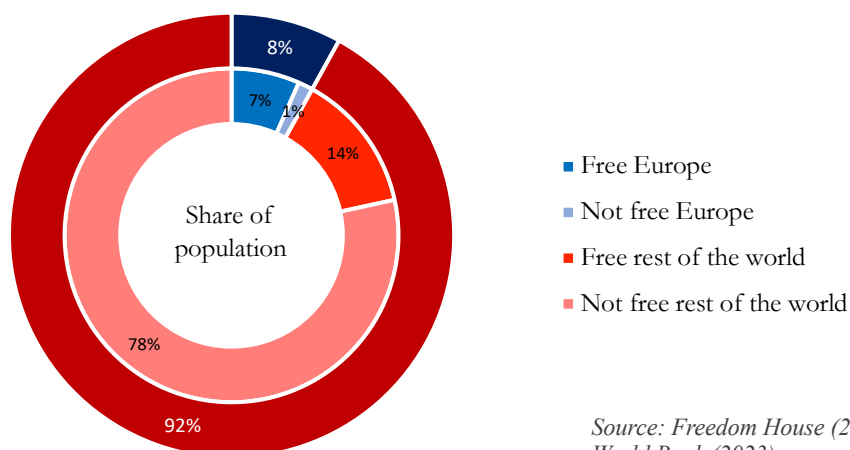
Source: Our World in Data based on Freedom House (2022)

Figure 3 Share of free countries in Europe compared with those in the rest of the world in 2022 (by number of countries)



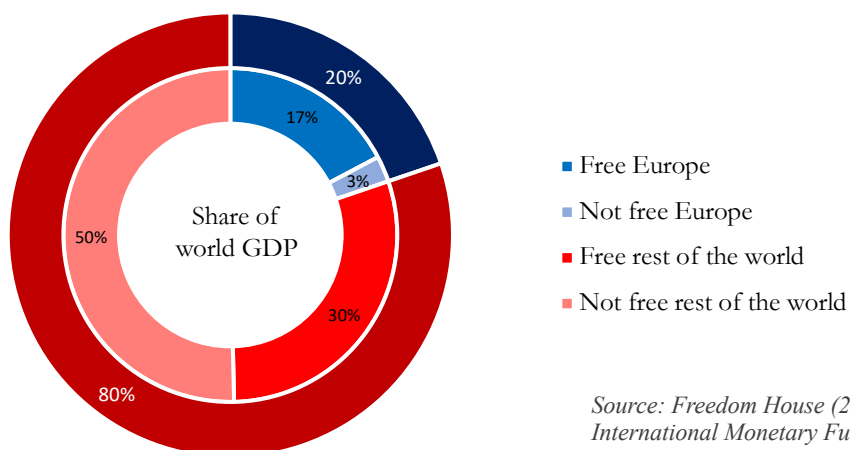
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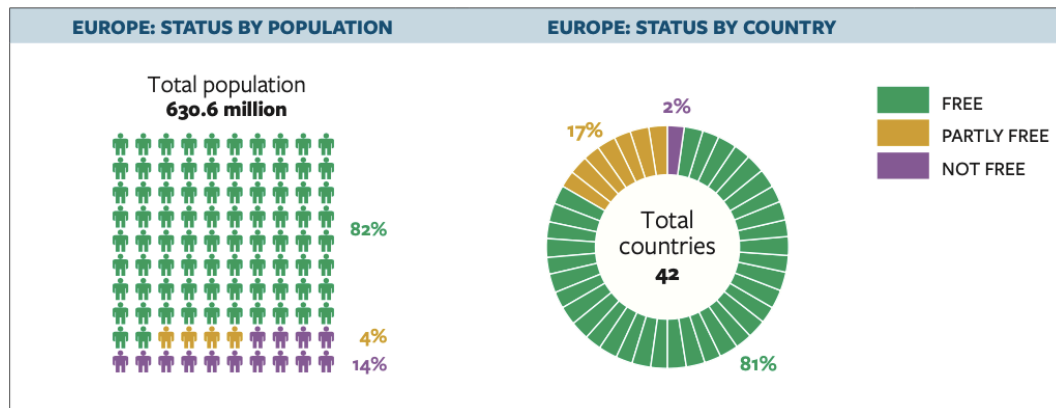
Source: Freedom House (2023) & World Bank (2023)

Figure 5 Share of free countries in Europe compared with those in the rest of the world in 2022 (by share of world GDP)



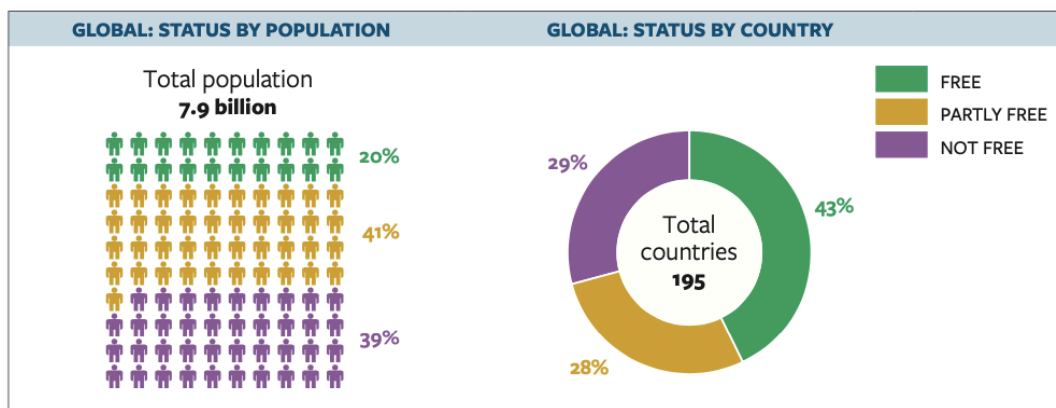
Source: Freedom House (2023) & International Monetary Fund (2023)

Figure 6 Europeans living in free, partly free, and not free countries in 2022



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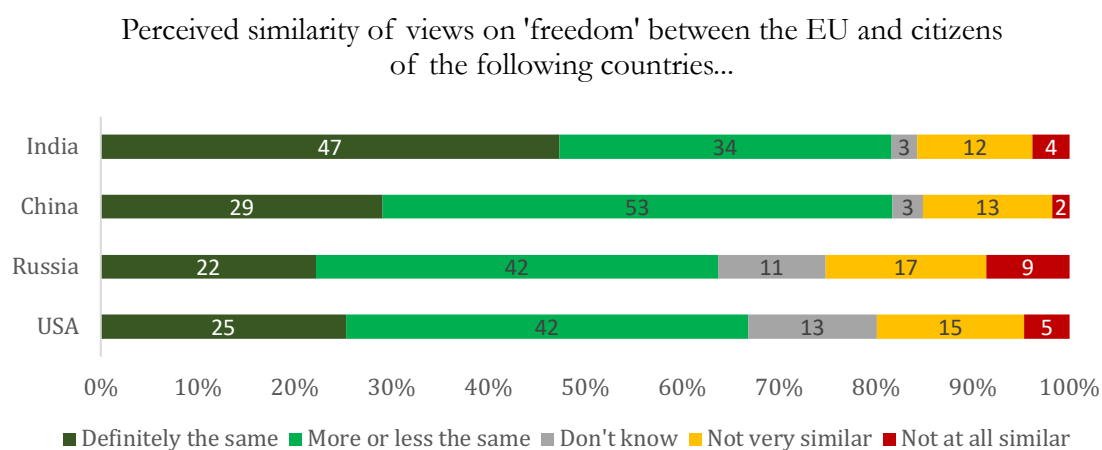
Figure 7 People living in free, partly free, and not free countries worldwide in 2022



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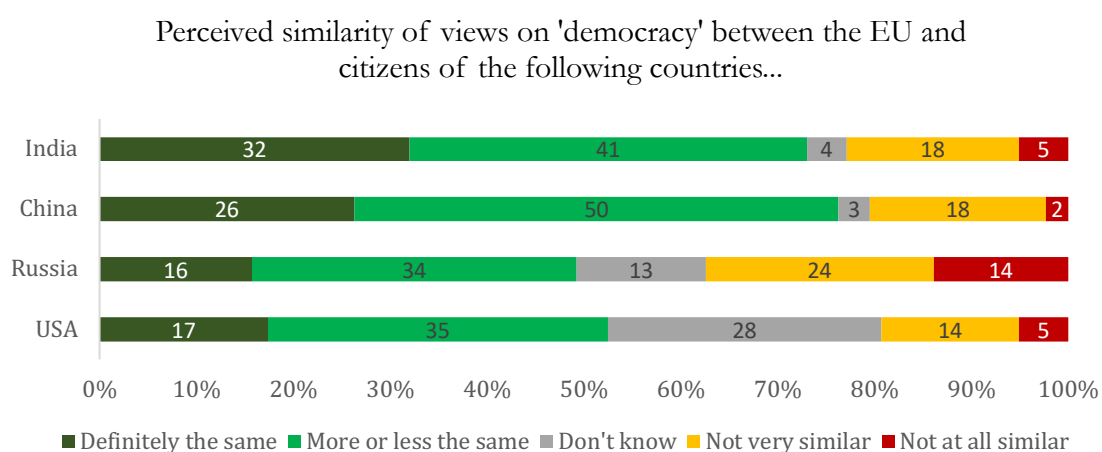
What non-Europeans think...

Figure 8 How similar are your views with respect to the views of the EU? (Freedom)



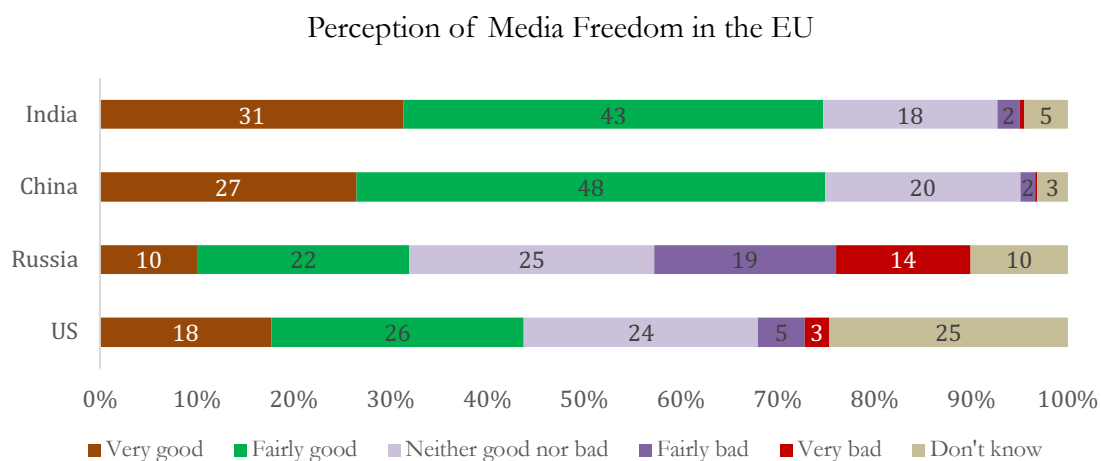
Source: PPMI, NRCE & NFG-Asian Perceptions of the EU (2015)

Figure 9 How similar are your views with respect to the views of the EU? (Democracy)



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Figure 10 Perception of media freedom in the EU from the outside

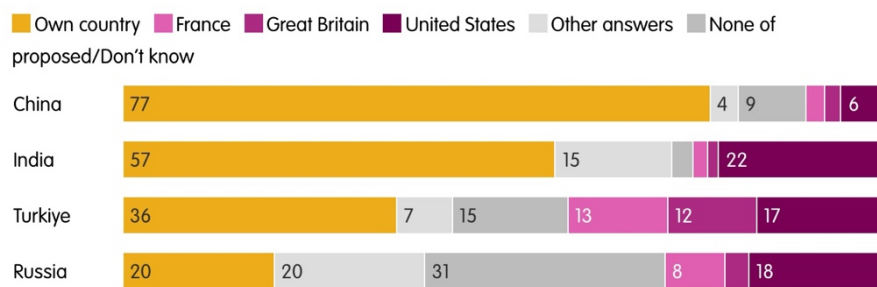


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Figure 11 Diverging perceptions of democracy

Which of the following countries comes closest to having a real democracy?

In per cent



Available responses included: (a) The United States, (b) China, (c) India, (d) Türkiye, (e) Russia, (f) France, (g) Great Britain, (h) None of the above, (e) Don't know/no response.

Source: Datapraxis and YouGov (DK, FR, DE, GB, IT, PL, PT, RO, ES), Datapraxis and Norstat (EE), Gallup International Association (US, CN, TR, RU, IN), December 2022/January 2023.
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Figure 12 Share of free countries in Europe, 1972-2021

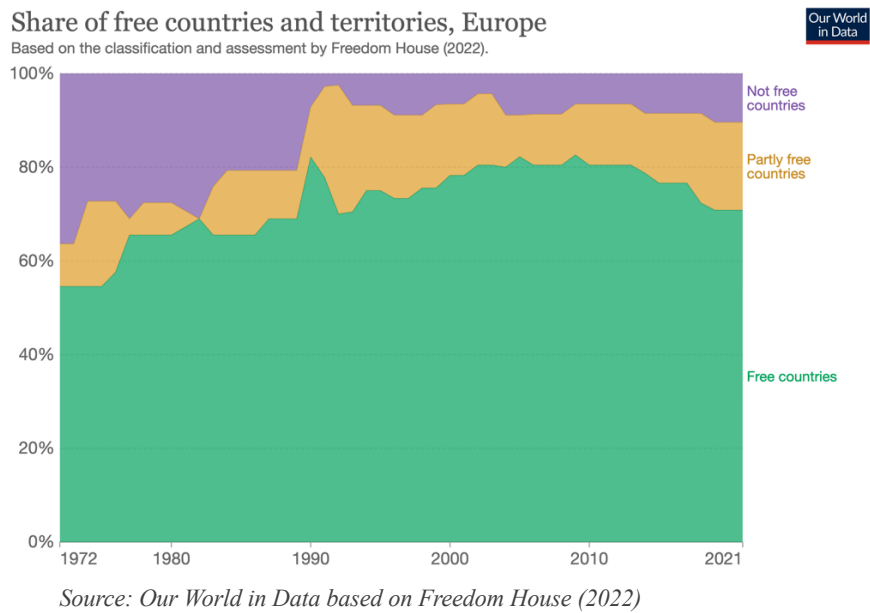
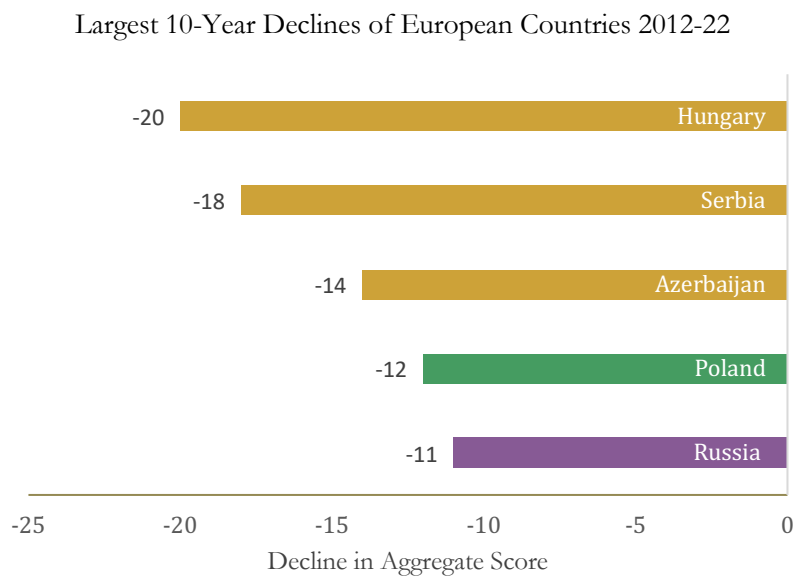


Figure 13 Largest 10-year declines in Freedom House ratings in Europe



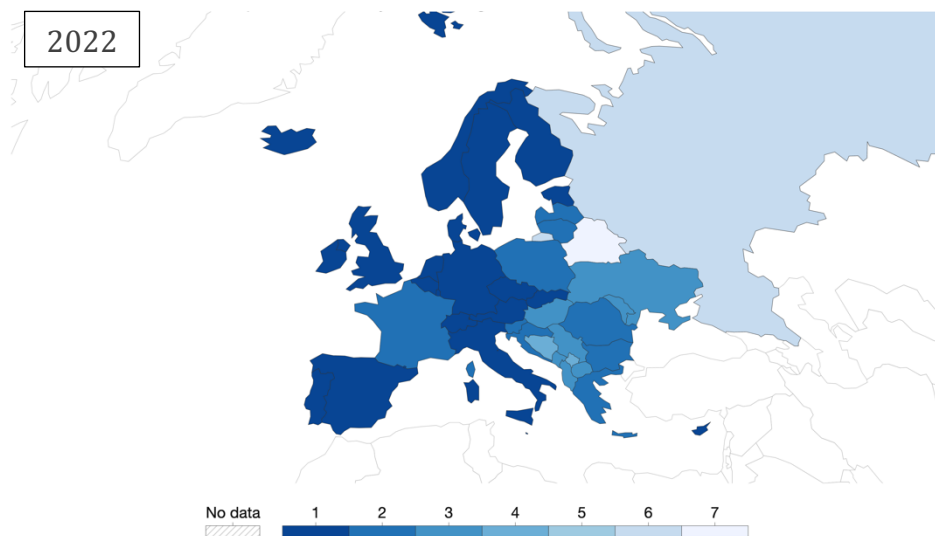
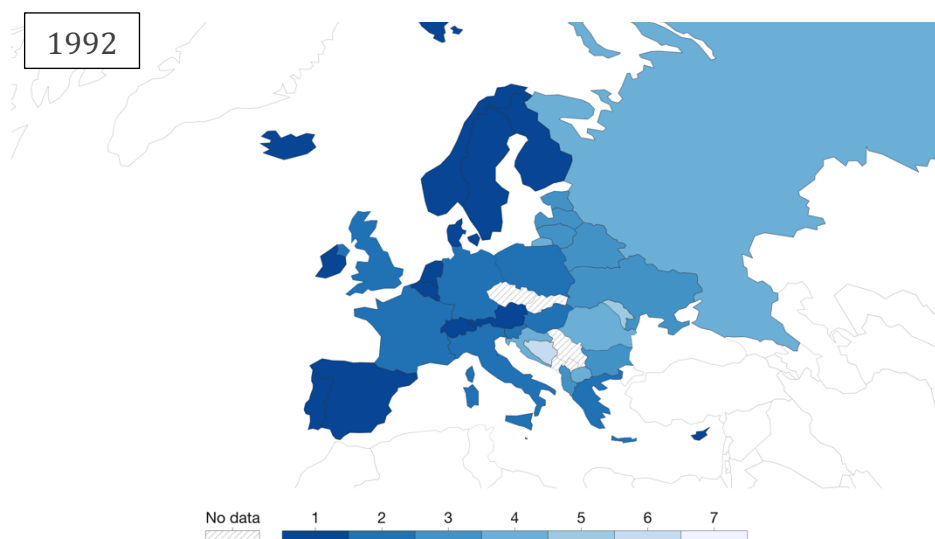
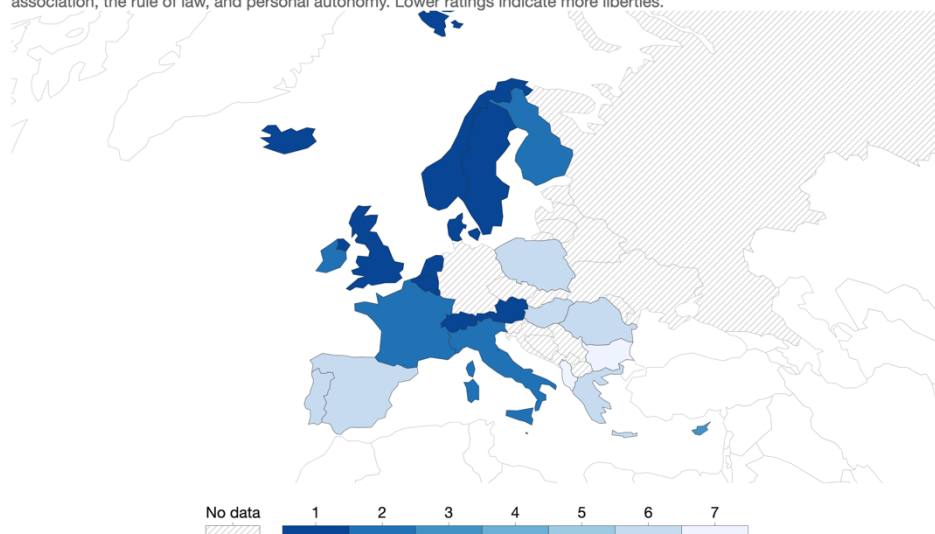
Source: Freedom House (2023)

Figure 14 Development of civil liberties in Europe from 1972-2022

Civil liberties, 1972

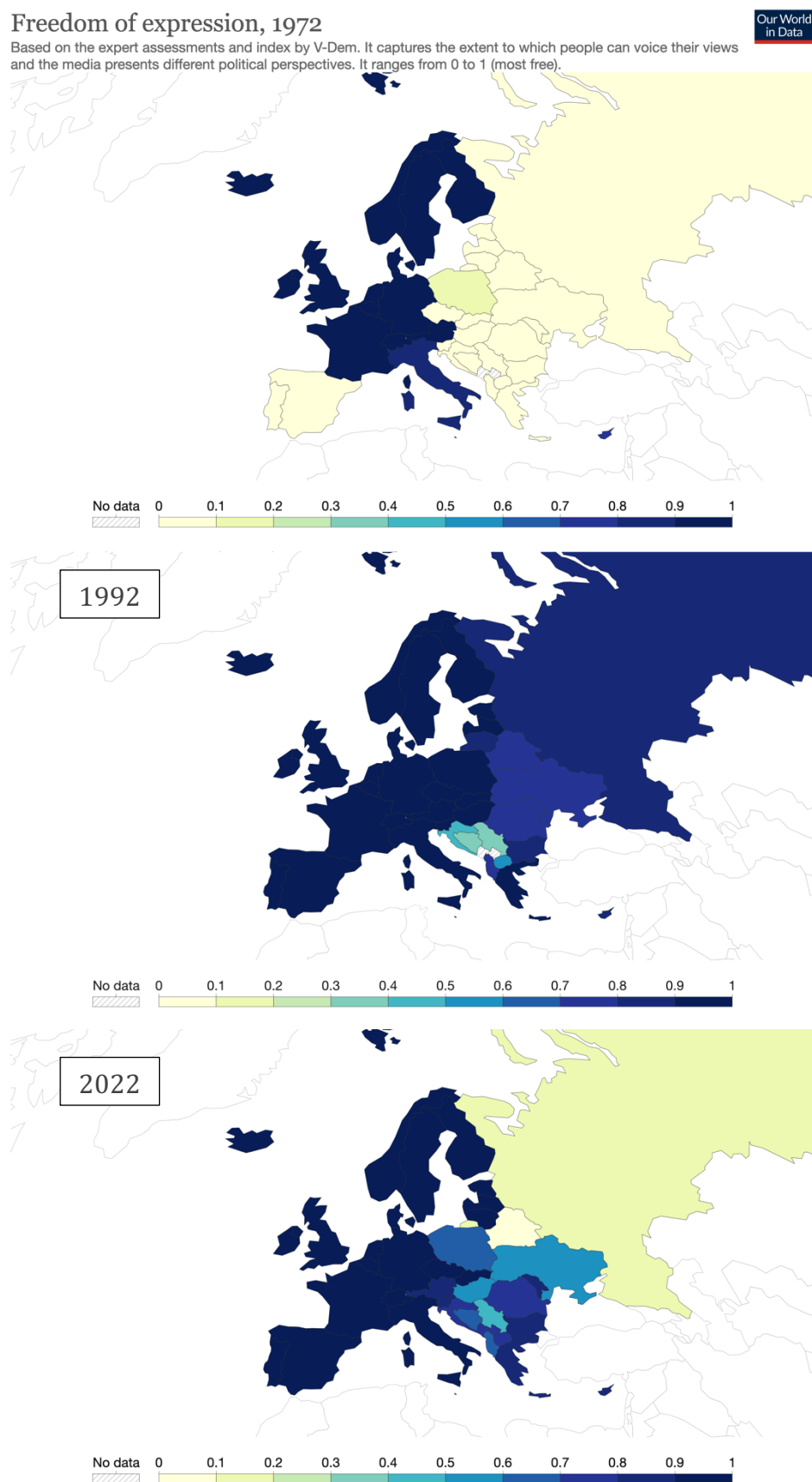
Based on the assessment and rating by Freedom House (2022). It captures the extent of freedom of expression and association, the rule of law, and personal autonomy. Lower ratings indicate more liberties.

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Source: Our World in Data based on Freedom House (2022)

Figure 15 Development of freedom of expression in Europe from 1972-2022

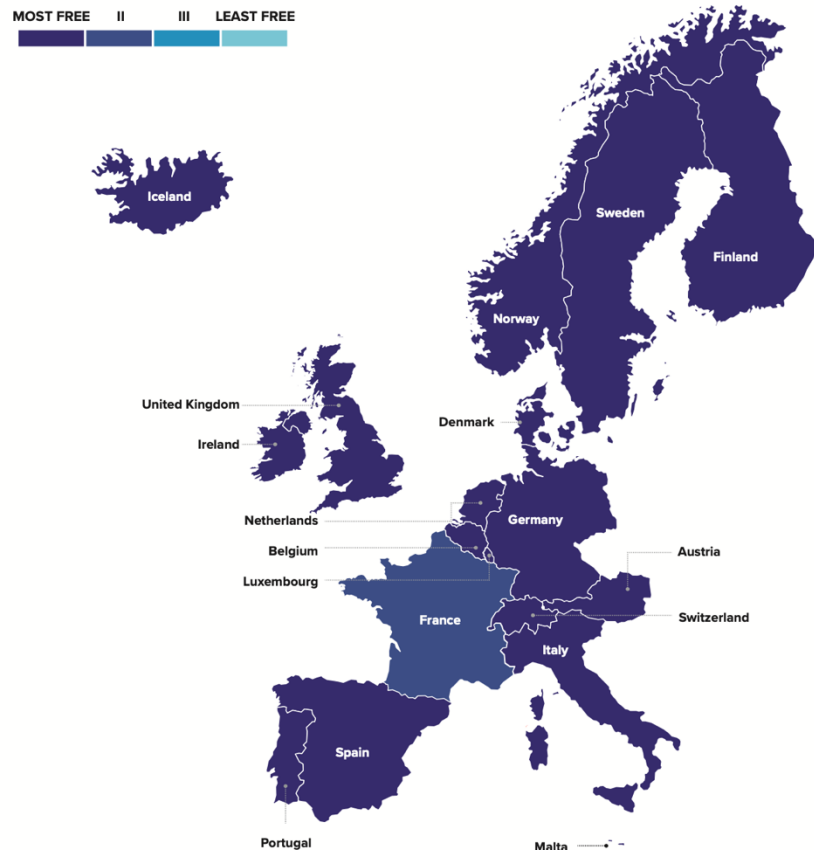


Source: Our World in Data based on v-Dem (2022)

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Panel 1-6: European Countries

Figure 16 State of freedom in European countries according to Human Freedom Index 2022 (1)

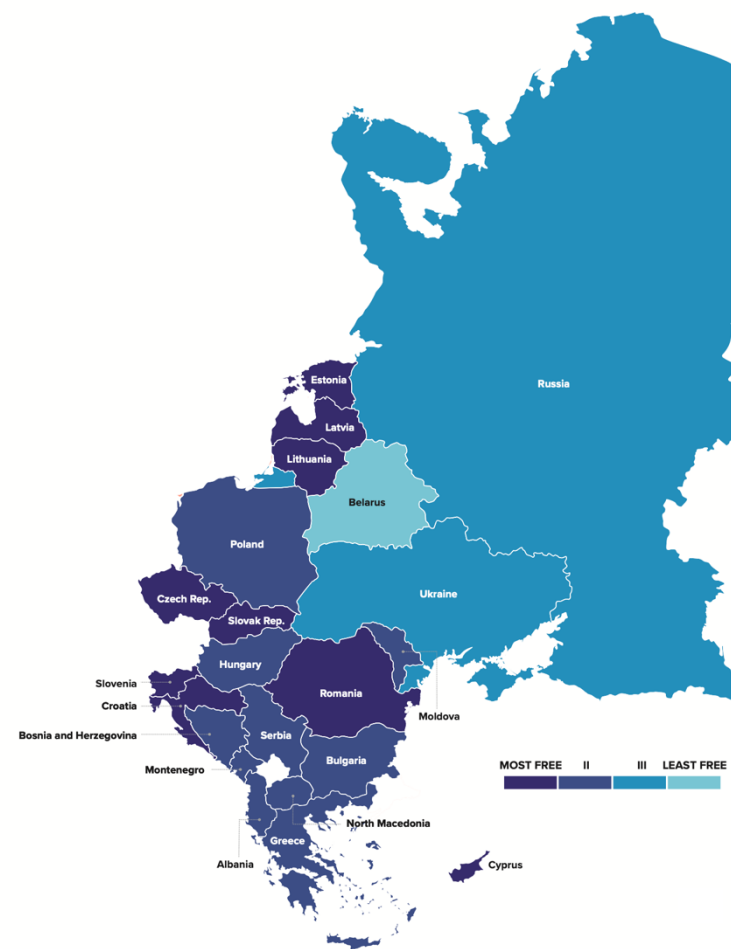


FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
1. Switzerland	1	9.35	8.37	8.94
2. Denmark	4	9.17	8.09	8.72
3. Ireland	5	9.30	7.86	8.70
4. Sweden	6	9.45	7.56	8.66
5. Iceland	7	9.29	7.73	8.64
6. Finland	8	9.33	7.64	8.62
7. Netherlands	9	9.12	7.75	8.55
8. Luxembourg	10	9.23	7.54	8.53
9. Norway	11	9.17	7.58	8.51
10. Germany	18	8.81	7.65	8.33
11. United Kingdom	20	8.72	7.71	8.30
12. Belgium	21	8.92	7.37	8.27
13. Austria	22	8.76	7.56	8.26
14. Malta	24	8.54	7.72	8.20
14. Portugal	24	8.75	7.43	8.20
16. Spain	31	8.40	7.63	8.08
17. Italy	33	8.46	7.40	8.02
18. France	42	8.14	7.33	7.80

Source: Human Freedom Index (2022)

Figure 17 State of freedom in European countries according to Human Freedom Index 2022 (2)



FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
1. Estonia	3	9.28	7.95	8.73
2. Latvia	15	8.89	7.77	8.42
3. Lithuania	17	8.71	7.82	8.34
4. Czech Republic	18	8.75	7.75	8.33
5. Cyprus	28	8.59	7.49	8.13
6. Slovak Republic	37	8.38	7.33	7.94
7. Romania	38	8.00	7.74	7.89
8. Slovenia	39	8.51	7.00	7.88
9. Croatia	40	8.35	7.16	7.86
10. Bulgaria	41	7.90	7.69	7.81
11. Albania	47	7.69	7.64	7.67
11. North Macedonia	47	8.03	7.16	7.67
13. Poland	49	8.18	6.93	7.66
14. Greece	57	7.99	6.81	7.50
15. Moldova	59	7.75	7.05	7.46
16. Montenegro	60	7.44	7.46	7.45
17. Bosnia and Herzegovina	63	7.80	6.72	7.35
18. Hungary	67	7.19	7.24	7.21
19. Serbia	69	7.41	6.82	7.16
20. Ukraine	89	7.09	6.11	6.68
21. Russian Federation	119	5.58	6.62	6.01
22. Belarus	126	5.03	6.83	5.78

Source: Human Freedom Index (2022)

The Human Freedom Index (HFI) provides individual, detailed country reports, which can be found here: <https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/2023-01/human-freedom-index-2022-country-profiles.pdf> As an indication of what factors are included in the HFI, we include here the entries for the United Kingdom, Germany, and Ukraine.

Figure 18 HFI country report 2022: United Kingdom

Source: Human Freedom Index (2022)

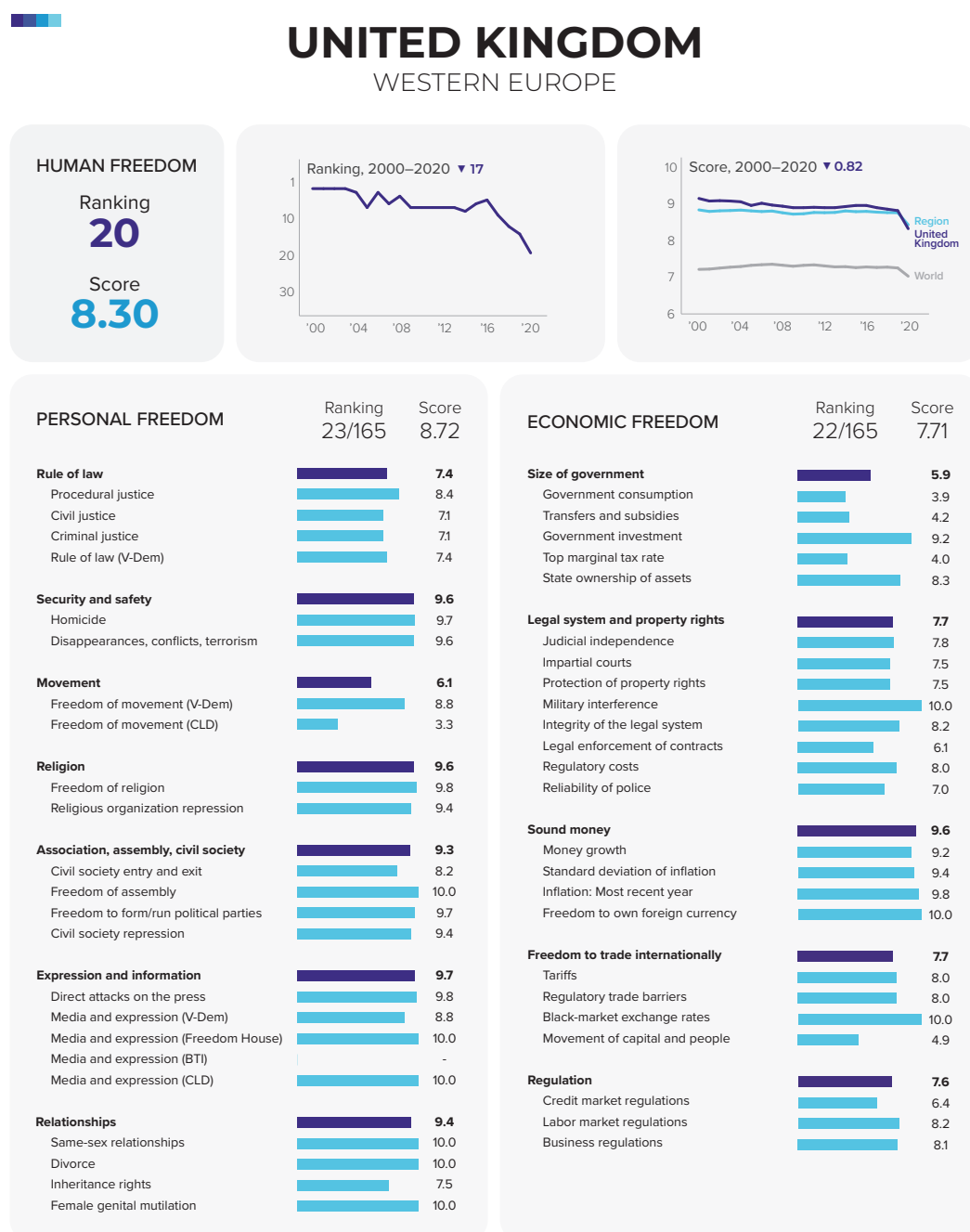
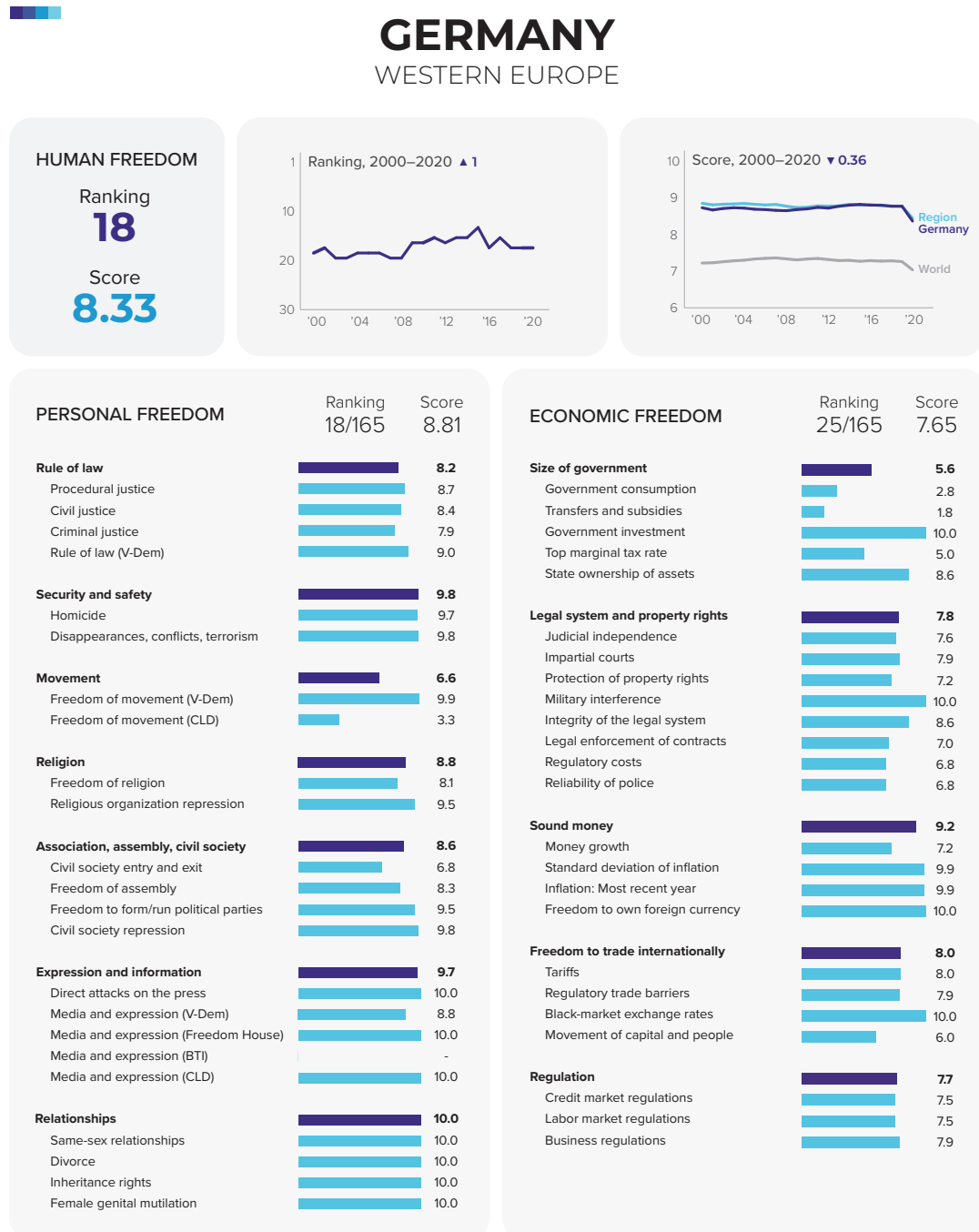


Figure 19 HFI country report 2022: Germany



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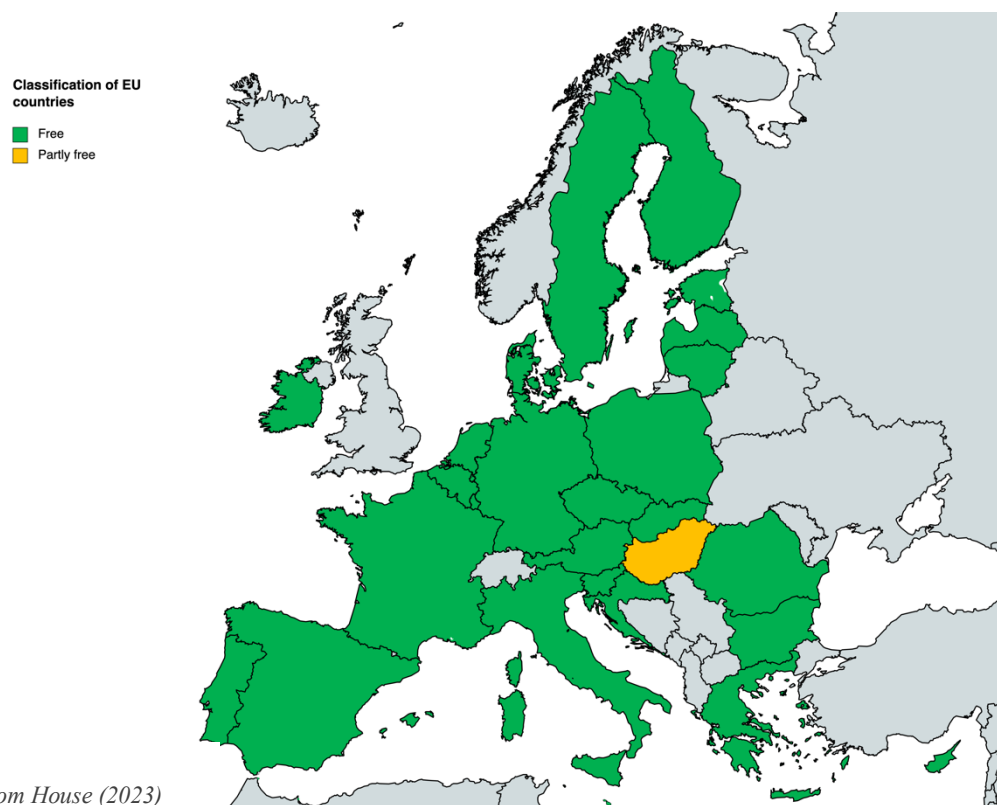
Figure 20 HFI country report 2022: Ukraine



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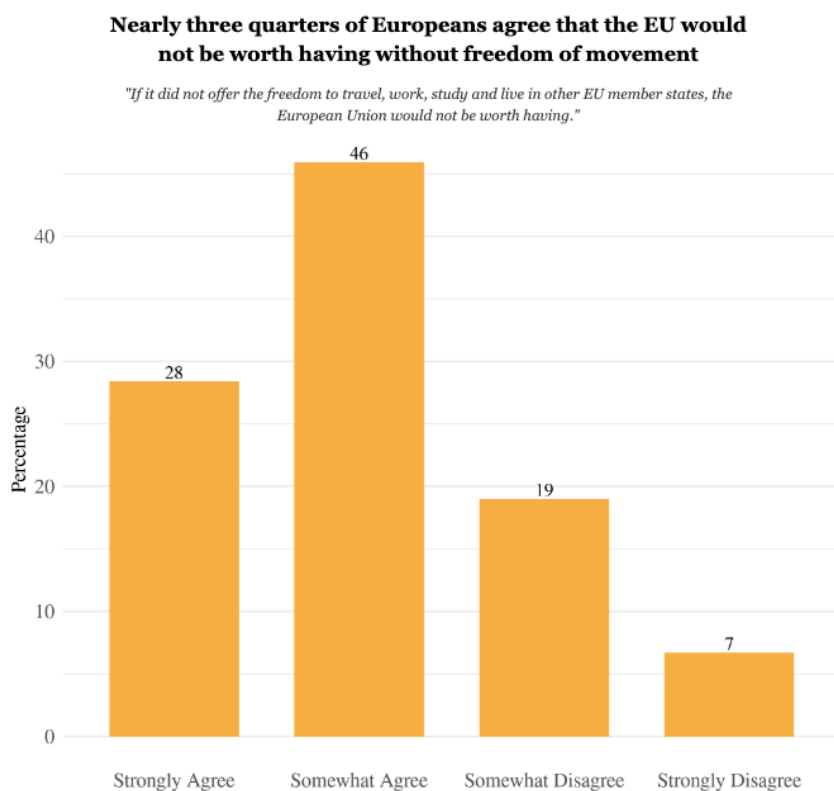
Panel 7: The European Union

Figure 21 State of freedom in the EU in 2022 according to Freedom House



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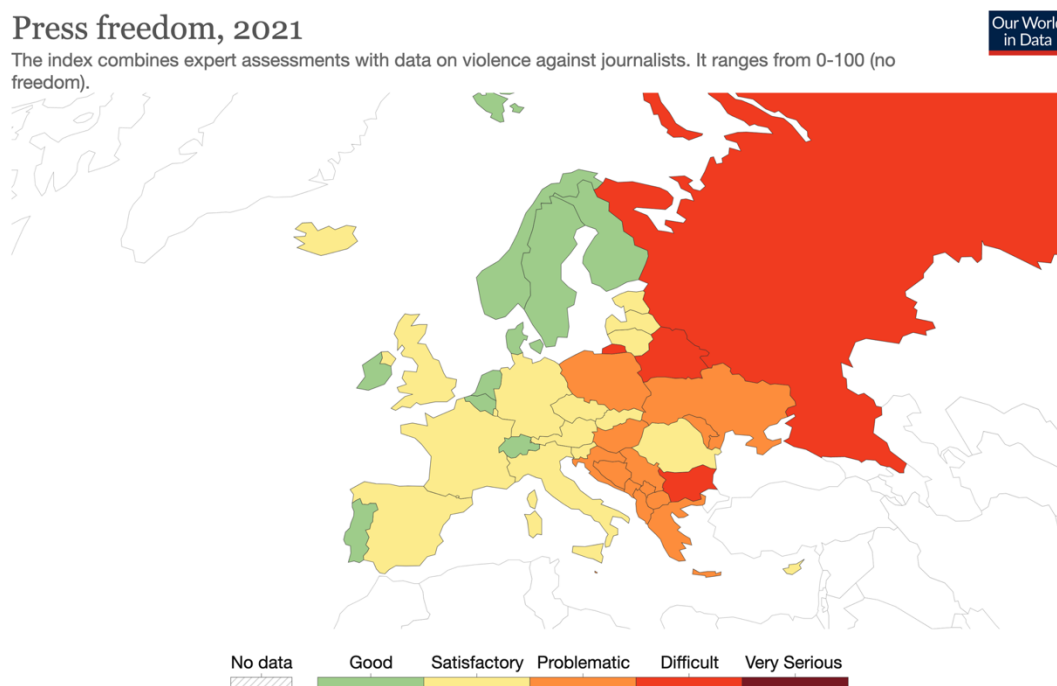
Figure 22 Importance of freedom of movement to Europeans



Source: Eupinions polling (2020)

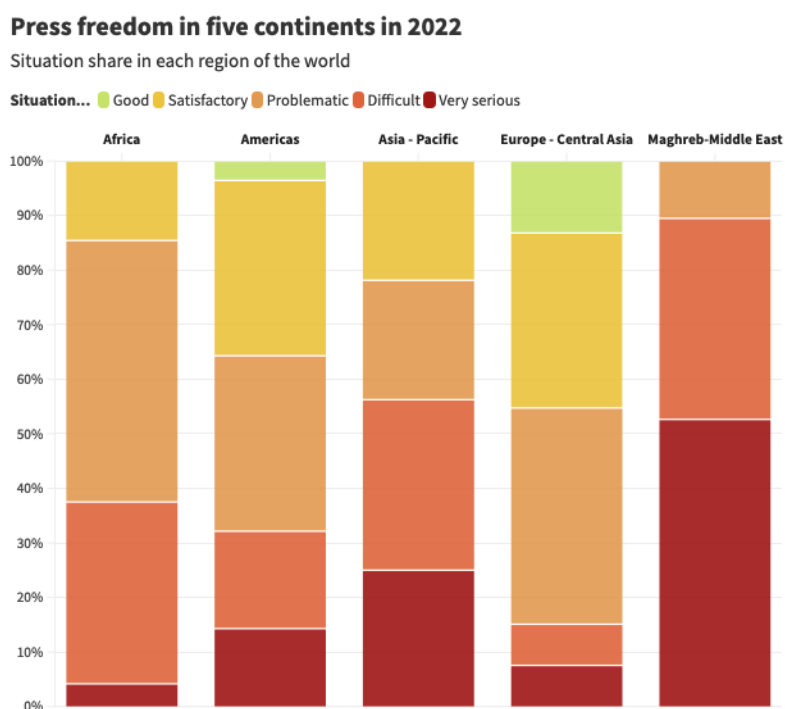
Panel 8: European Media

Figure 23 State of press freedom in Europe



Source: Our World in Data based on Reporters Sans Frontières (2022)

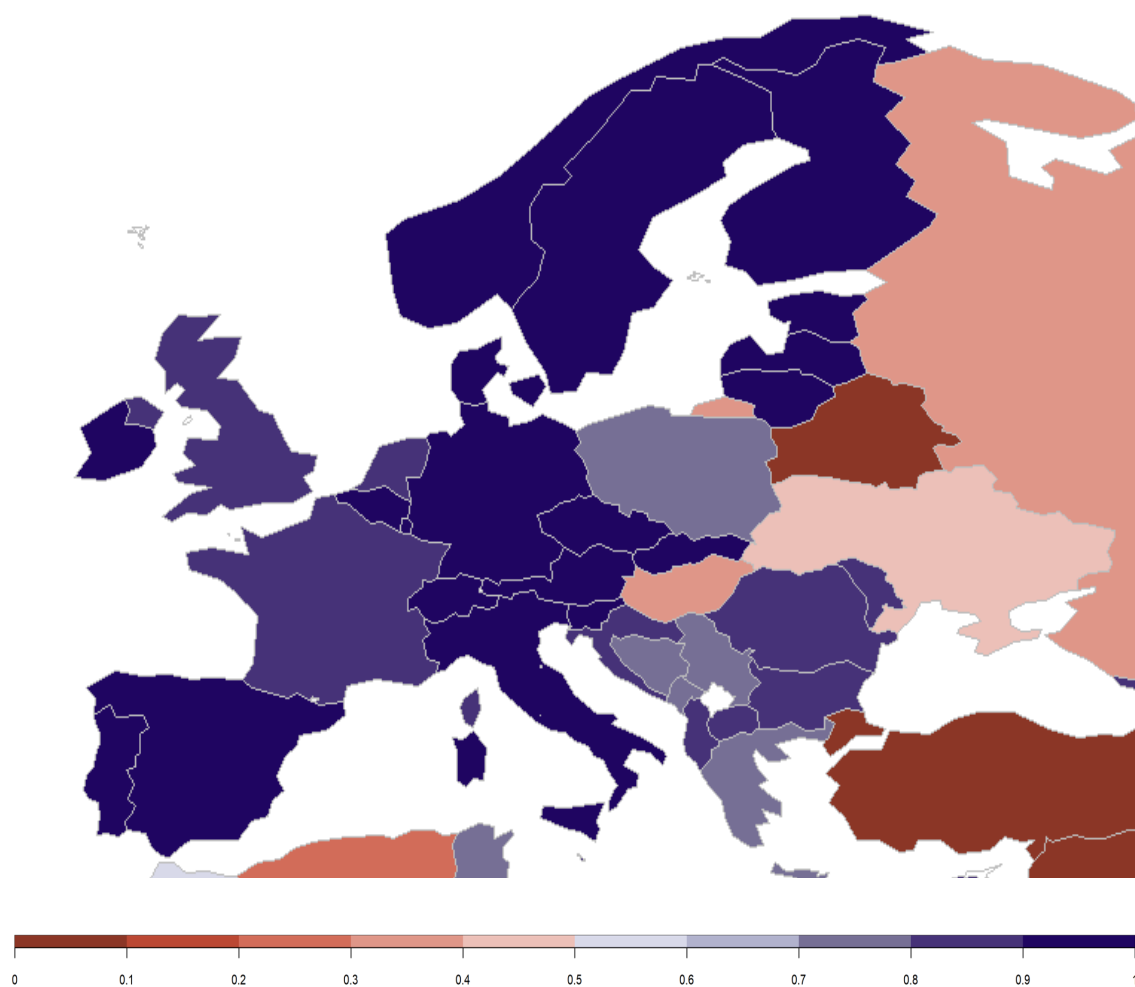
Figure 24 State of press freedom in the world



Source: Reporters Sans Frontières (2022)

Panel 9: European Universities

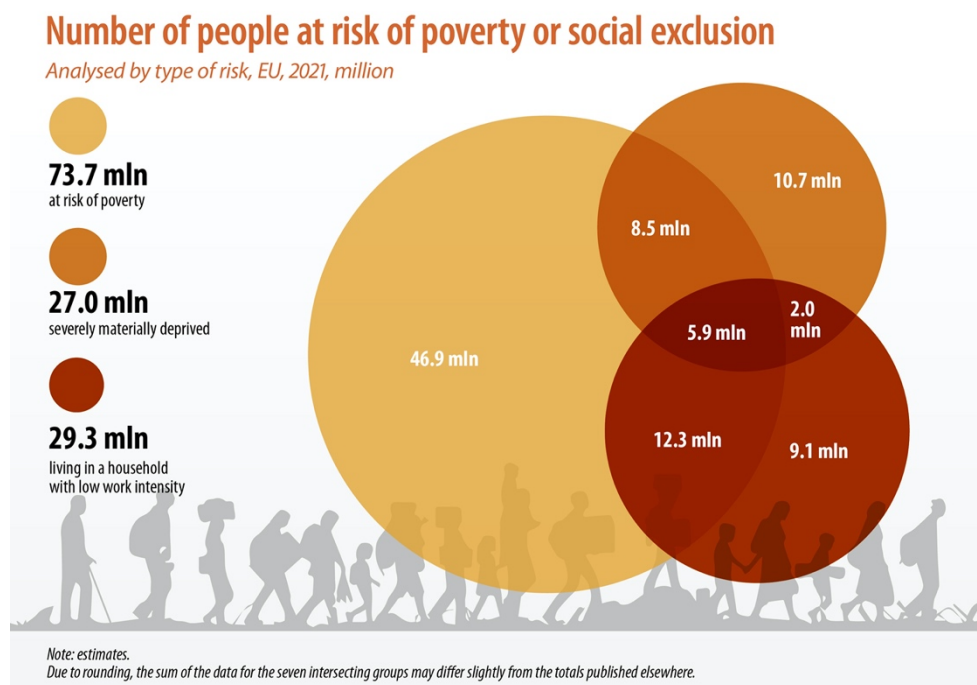
Figure 25 State of academic freedom in Europe in 2021 (0-1, low to high)



Source: FAU & V-Dem: Academic Freedom Index (2022)

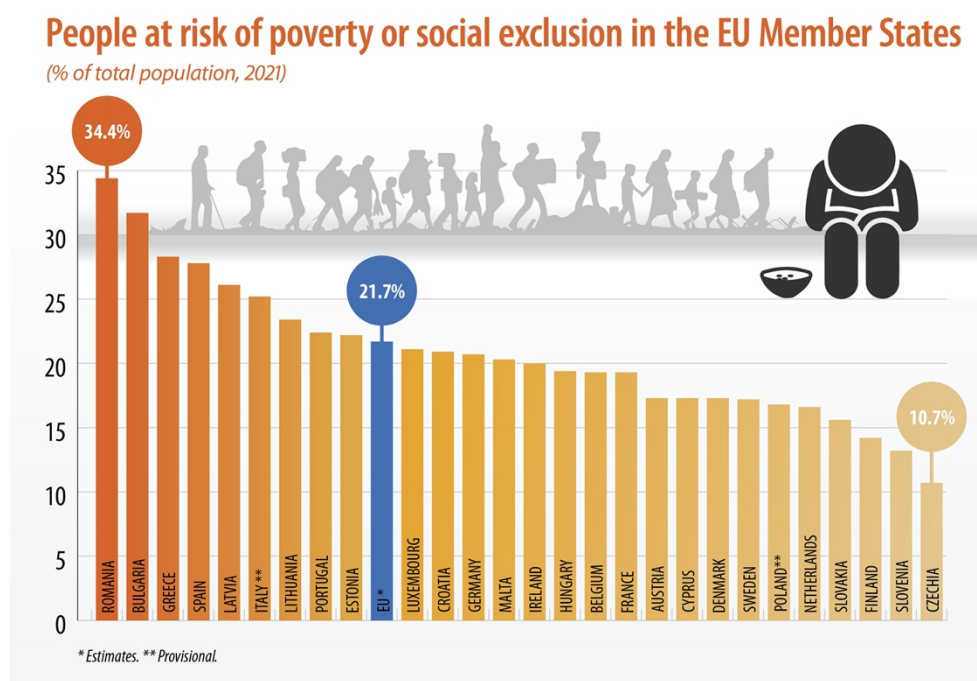
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Figure 26 Number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU



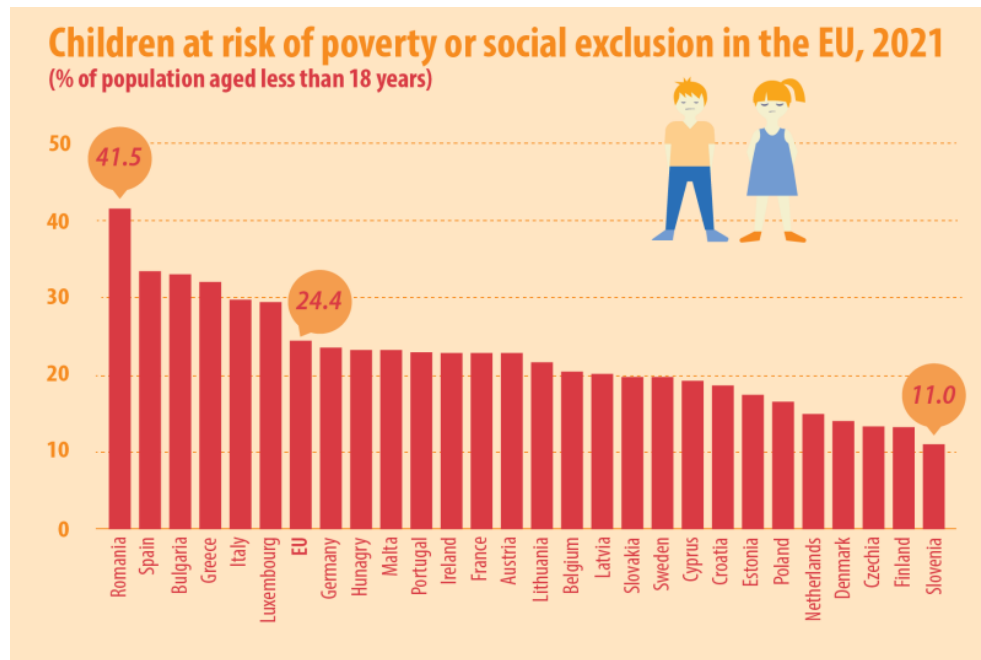
Source: Eurostat (2022)

Figure 27 People at risk of poverty or social exclusion by EU member state



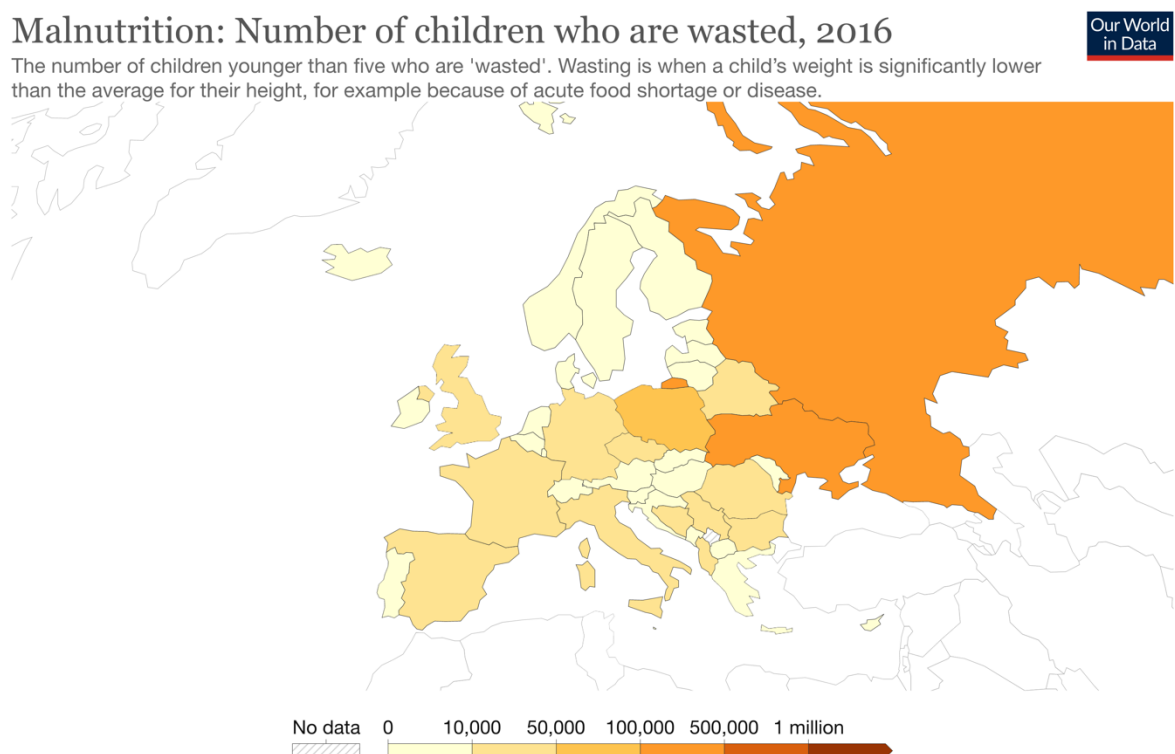
Source: Eurostat (2022)

Figure 28 Children at risk of poverty or social exclusion by EU member state



Source: Eurostat (2022)

Figure 29 Malnutrition of children in Europe



Source: Our World in Data based on Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (2017)