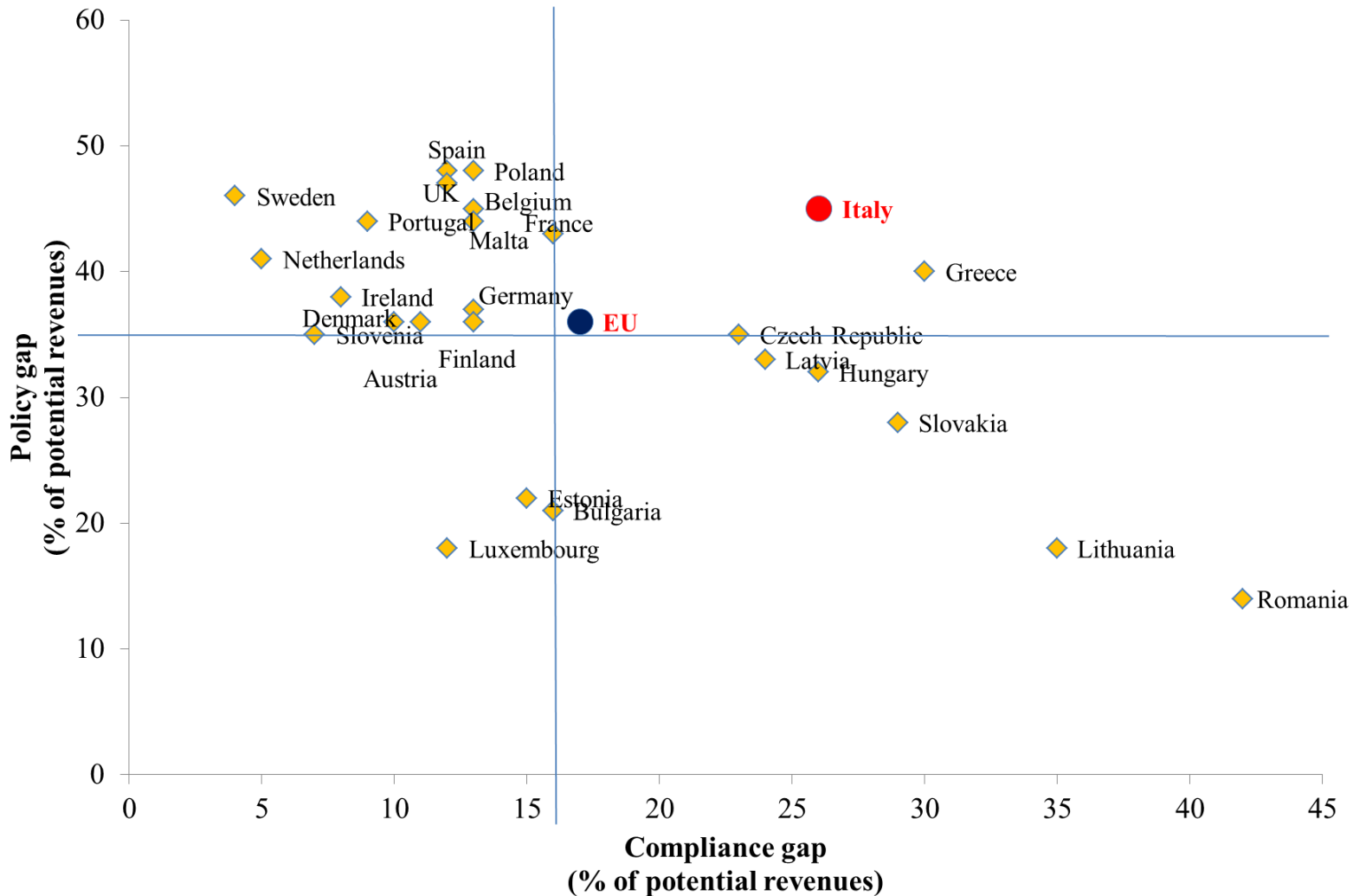




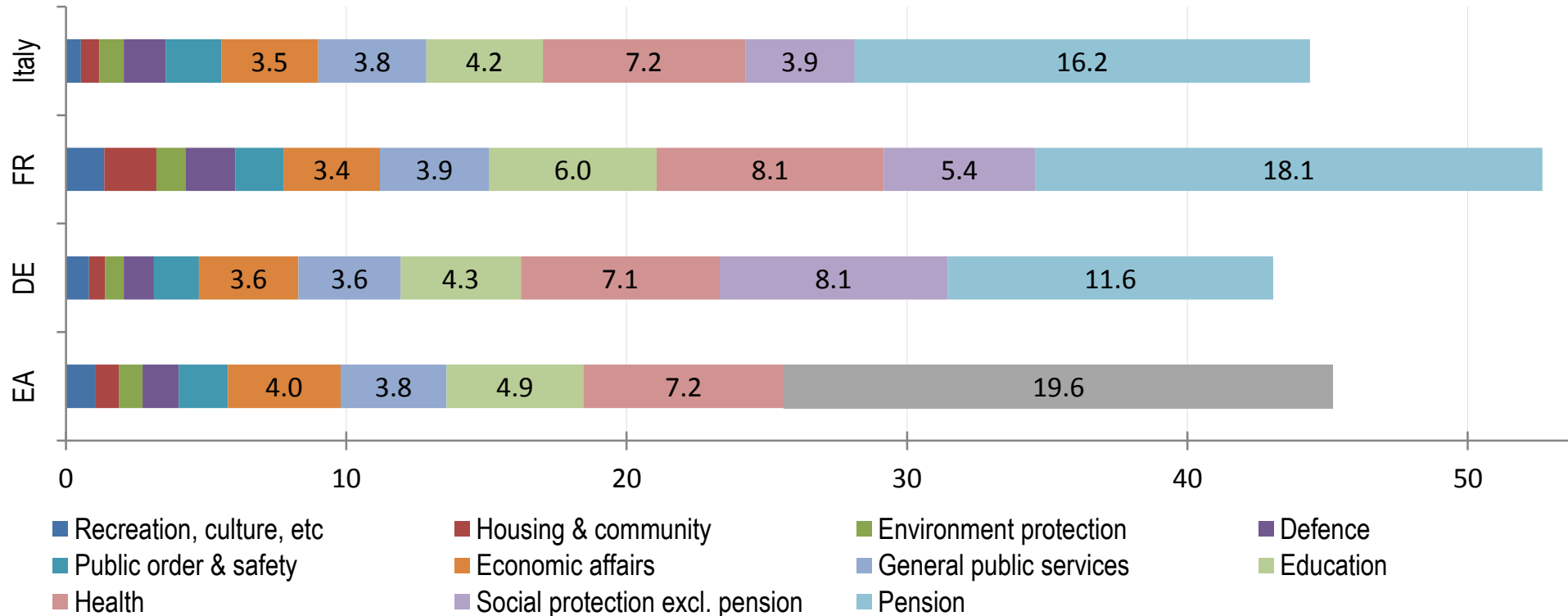
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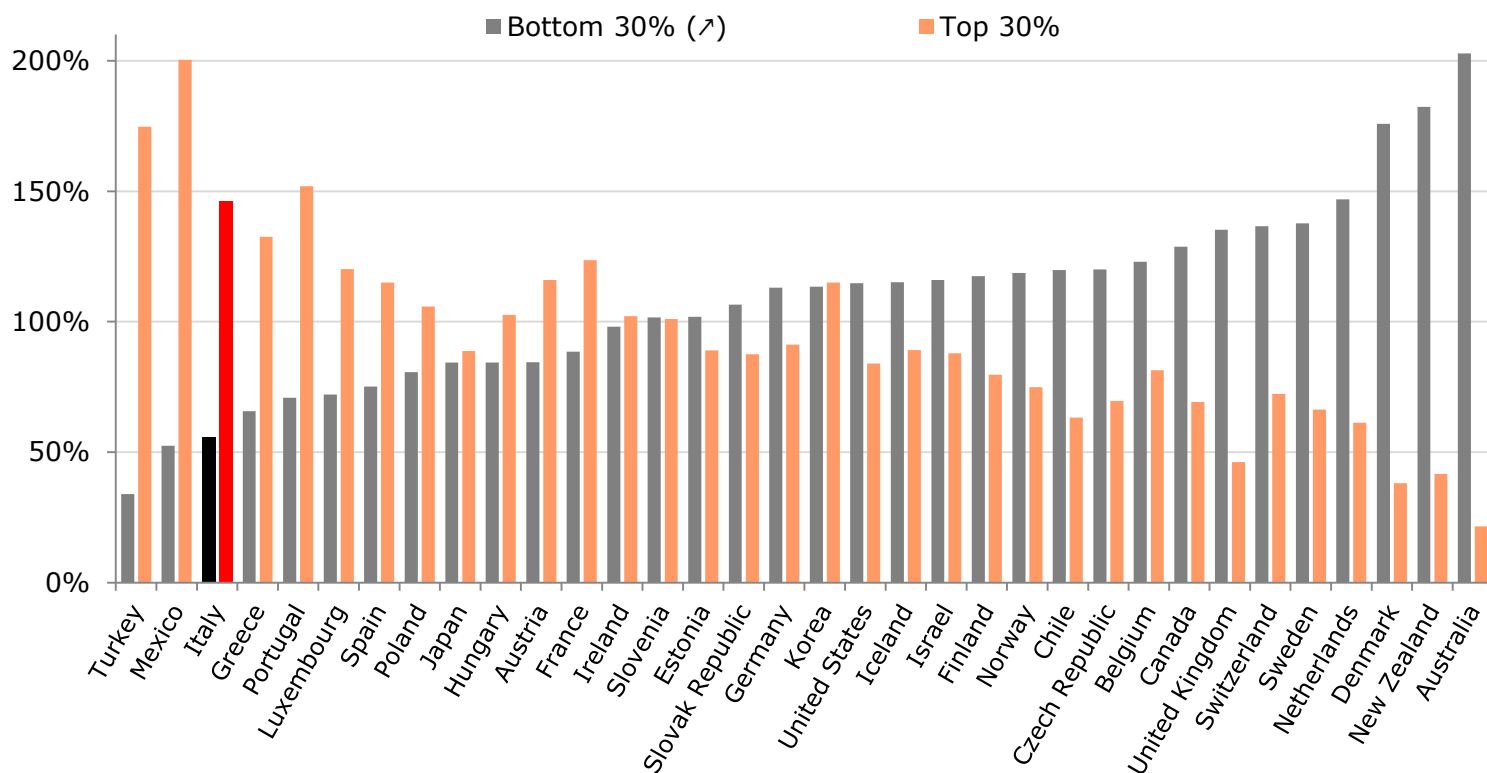


Source: Eurostat

Note: The split of social protection exp. between pension/non-pension is not available for the EA

Social spending to low and high income families

Average total cash transfers received by low- and high-income groups, percentage of average transfers in 2010



Source: OECD (2014).

Note: Transfers include all social benefits in cash. The reference year is 2009 for Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and Turkey. "Bottom 30%" and "top 30%" refer to average public transfers received by decile groups 1 to 3 and 8 to 10, respectively

Social spending and poverty reduction

