



Literacy

Actions to improve literacy performance in the EU

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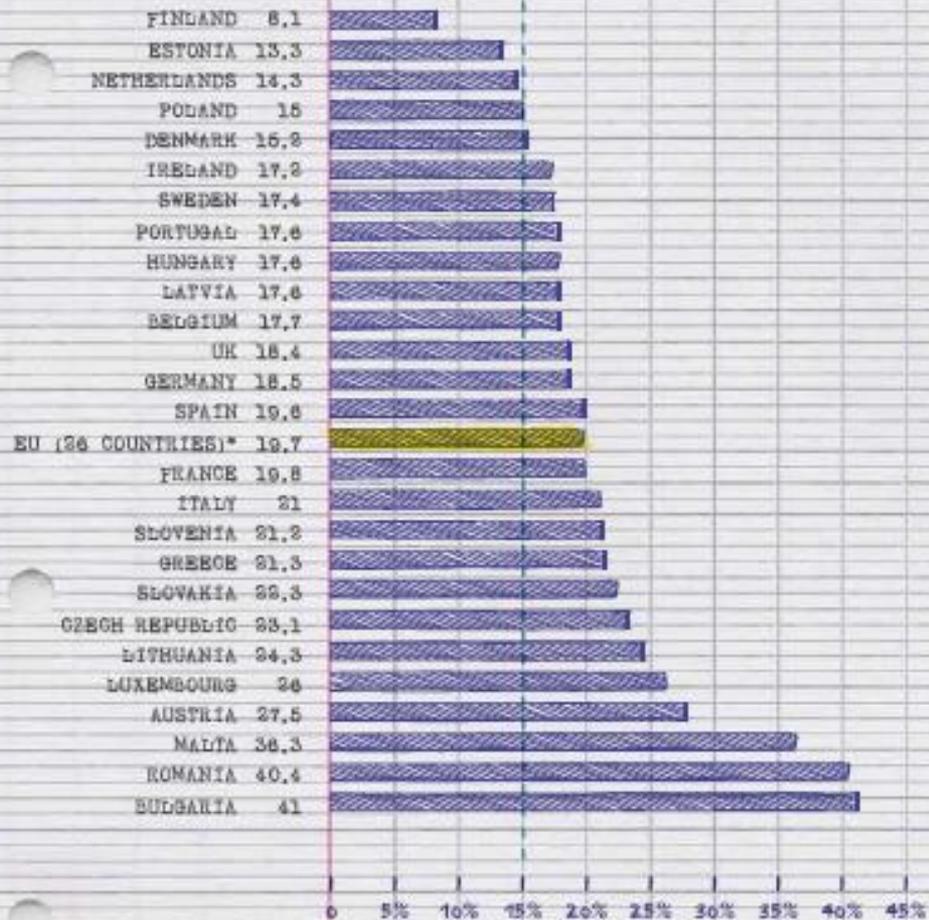


Importance Basic Skills

- **ET2020: benchmark to reduce the percentage of low achievers in reading by 2020 to less than 15%.**
- **Council conclusions Basic Skills were adopted in November 2010.**
- **PISA results 2009, published in December 2010: 20% fifteen-year-olds in EU still has insufficient reading and writing skills.**

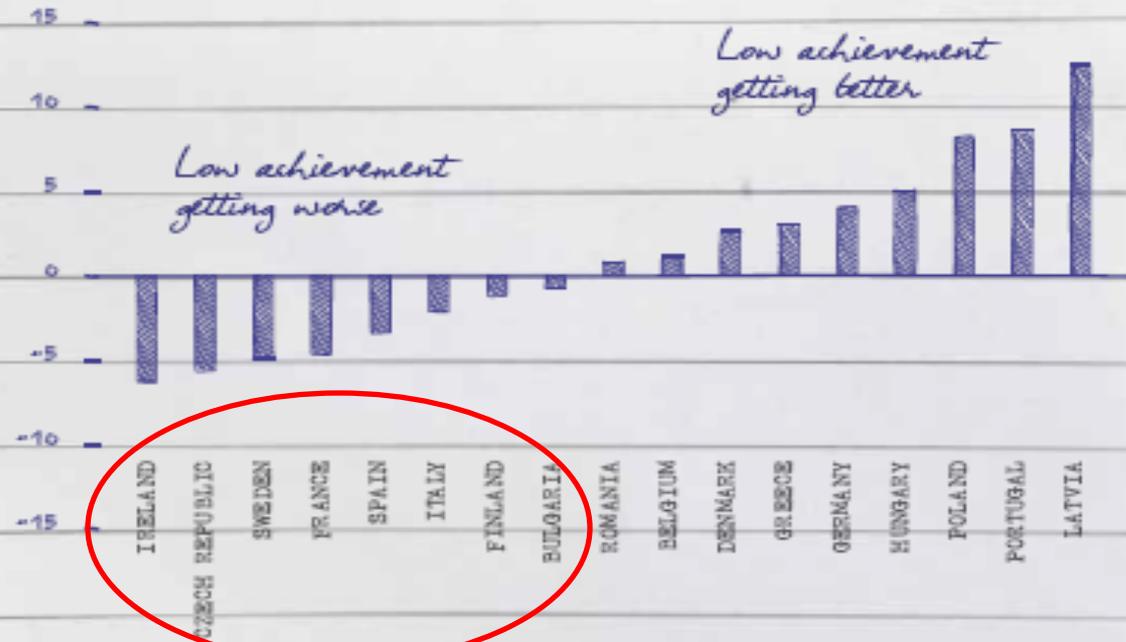
Percentage of low achievers in reading literacy

PISA 2009



Share of 15-year-olds scoring at or below Level 2
in PISA 2009

Progress in reducing low achievement
PISA 2000-2009



Decrease in % low achievers* (percentage points)

* Low achievers are students performing at or below PISA Level 2.



The High Level Group on Literacy

- **Mandate**
- **Members**
- **Ways of working**
- **Final report**



Follow-up actions

Dedicated website Literacy

www.ec.europa.eu/education/literacy

Council conclusions Literacy adopted November 2012:

- **Establish European policy network of national literacy organisations**
- **Launch 'Europe loves reading week'**
- **Report on low achievement in basic skills**



Thank you for your attention!

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