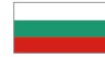
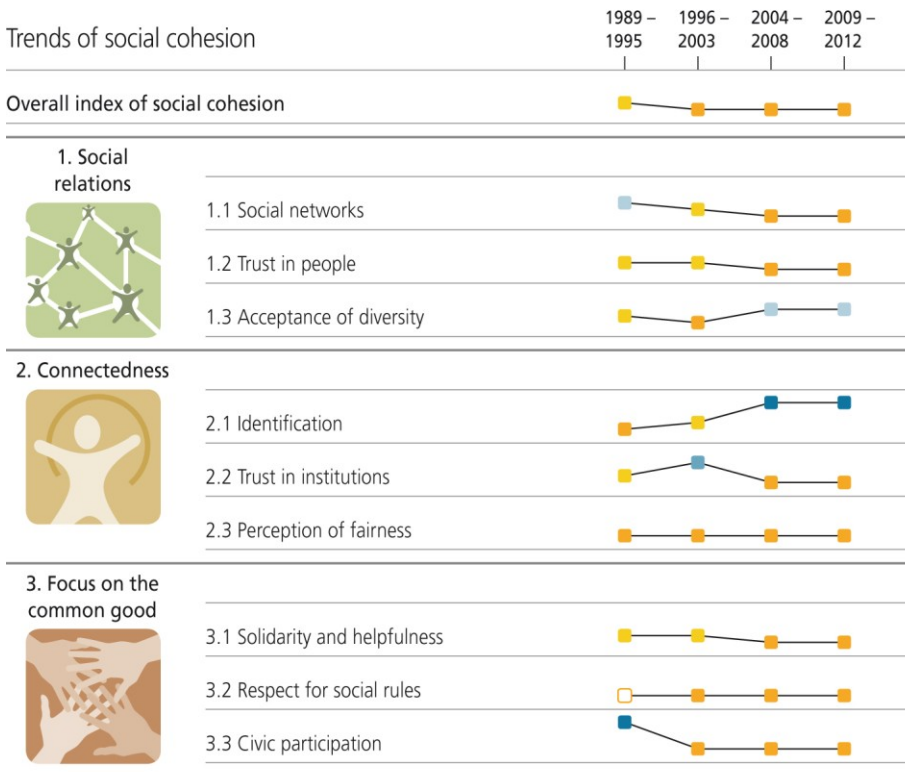


Bulgaria



Trends of social cohesion



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The figure shows trends in social cohesion and its nine dimensions over time. The top row shows the overall index of social cohesion. The rest of the figure shows the partial dimensions, grouped into three domains. The color of the dots indicates the country's position in relation to the other 33 countries: dark blue stands for the top tier, blue for the second tier, light blue for the middle tier, yellow for the fourth tier and orange for the bottom tier.

White dots indicate that estimated values were used because insufficient data were available for that time period. The relative position of the dots shows which group the country belongs to.

Bulgaria ranks in the bottom tier, both in total and in seven of the dimensions. With regard to identification with the nation, however, Bulgaria is the top tier, and it is in the middle tier for acceptance of diversity.

Bulgaria always scored poorly for perception of fairness and respect for social rules. A considerable decline could be seen in the country's scores for civic participation, and later also for trust in institutions and social networks. Bulgaria also ranked in the fourth tier at least once for trust in people and for solidarity and helpfulness. It is only in the last ten years that Bulgarians have developed a strikingly high level of identification with their country; acceptance of diversity has shown a comparable trend.

Bulgaria's profile is similar to those of Greece and Cyprus.

About the Social Cohesion Radar

Social cohesion is a characteristic of a society. We have calculated cohesion at the country level, based on 58 indicators measuring nine dimensions within the three domains of social relations, connectedness and focus on the common good. The survey covered four survey periods between 1989 and 2012 and included a total of 34 EU and OECD countries. The overall rankings are led by the Scandinavian countries, followed by the English-speaking immigration countries.

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