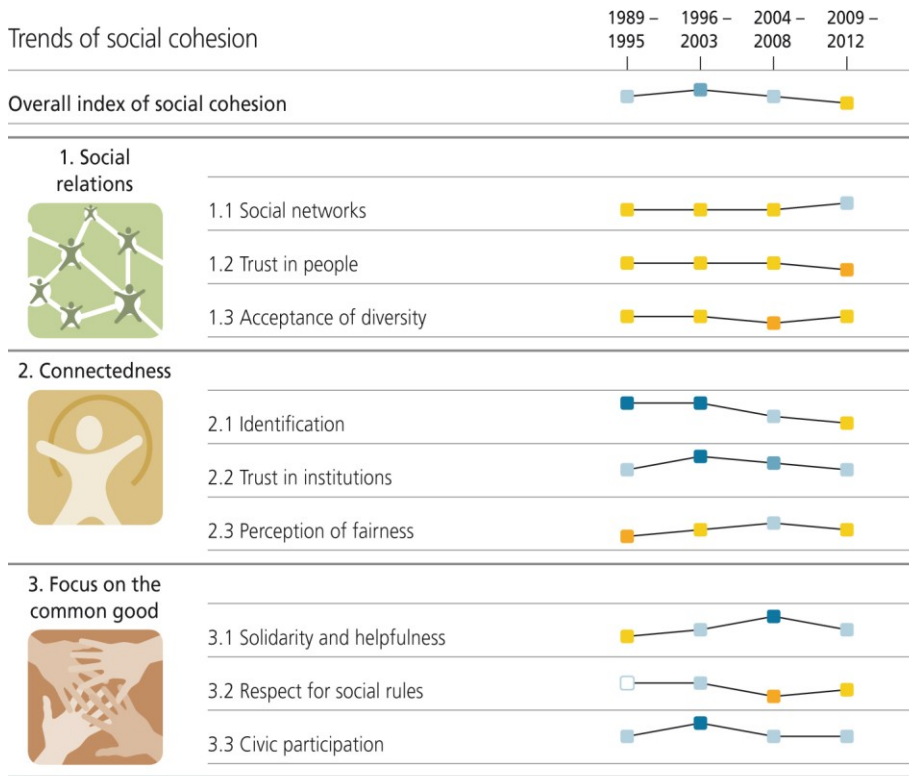


Malta



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.

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Malta is in the fourth tier overall. Its strengths include social networks, trust in institutions, solidarity and helpfulness, and civic participation (middle tier). Malta ranks in the bottom tier for trust in people.

Overall, Malta has dropped from the second to the fourth tier. This is due particularly to the fact that it has lost its position in the top tier for identification with the nation, trust in institutions, solidarity and helpfulness, and civic participation.

Malta's profile bears no noticeable resemblance to those of the other countries.

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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