

# Time distances between countries in the enlarged European Union

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In this graphical presentation

38 graphs offer a quick visual understanding about the underlying time dimension of differences between the values of the 11 selected indicators for each of the EU25 countries from the EU15 average as the chosen benchmark. They present results in two groups: across countries for a given indicator and across indicators for a give country. It is related to data for 2004 or 2005 depending on the availability of the statistical data at the time of the analysis.

The time distances present novel information on the time dimension of differences in the EU52. The first graph illustrates the important distinction between backward looking (ex post) and forward looking (ex ante) S-time-distances. They relate to different periods, past and future. The first belongs to the domain of statistical measures based on known facts (all estimates in the graphs belong to this group); the second is important for describing the time distance outcomes of the results of alternative policy scenarios for the future.

The results are presented in two groups of graphs. First there are 11 graphs where for each of the indicators the respective S-time-distances from the EU15 average are shown (25 countries for each indicator). Second, the results are ordered by 25 countries, for each country its S-time-distances from the EU15 average are presented for the selected indicators (25 country graphs by 11 indicators). A new view of the current degrees of disparity or of convergence and divergence provides a strong stimulus to discuss the available policy options in a broader, truly dynamic conceptual and analytical framework.

LINK:

- Presentation Graphs EU25 vs EU15 average.pdf (187.11 KB)