

Future total income and consumption levels according to educational level in EU countries

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Motivation

- Economic growth depends on both age and educational level of individuals
- More educated earn higher labour income and also consume more
- Level of educational attainment is projected to increase in the future
- How would future higher education attainment improve economic sustainibility in EU countries given the current pattern of labour income and consumption?
- Can increased level of educational attainment mitigate the consequences of population ageing in terms of economic sustainibility?

Annual gross earnings per capita, by level of educational attainment in 2014



Source: Eurostat

Share of individuals by educational attainment: projections for EU15 countries by 2060



Source: WIC

Methodology and data

- 15 EU countries
 - Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain
- Combination of two datasets:
 - NTA data for 2010 decomposed by 3 educational levels:
 - 1. Basic: ISCED 0 2
 - 2. Higher: ISCED 3 4
 - 3. Tertiary: ISCED 5 6
 - Wittgenstein Centre population projections by 3 educational levels (Medium SSP2 scenario):
 - 1. Primary: ISCED 0 2
 - 2. Secondary: ISCED 3
 - 3. Post-secondary: ISCED 4 8
- Note: in the following slides, some results are shown only for Estonia and Italy

Labour income and consumption for EU15 by age and educational level in 2010



Source: own calculations

Projections of labour income and consumption for Estonia and Italy by 5-year age groups and educational level in 2020 and 2060



Increase/decrease of total labour income and consumption for EU15 in 2060 relative to 2020 due to population changes by assuming age profiles from 2010



Source: own calculations

Projected impact of improved educational level on labour income and consumption for EU15

	Conventional NTA (ratio 2060 to 2020)		NTA by education (ratio 2060 to 2020)		Increase (in %)		Conventional NTA		NTA by education	
Country	Total YL _{conv}	Total C _{conv}	Total YL _{edu}	Total C _{edu}	in YL (YL _{edu} /YL _{conv})	in C (C _{edu} /C _{conv})	2020 C _{conv} /YI _{conv}	2060 C _{conv} /YL _{conv}	2020 C _{edu} /Yl _{edu}	2060 C _{edu} /YL _{edu}
BE	0.98	1.16	1.14	1.23	16.21	6.03	1.23	1.45	1.18	1.28
CZ	0.72	0.94	0.83	0.96	15.67	2.67	1.31	1.71	1.21	1.39
EE	0.82	0.93	0.87	0.96	6.09	2.99	1.21	1.38	1.18	1.31
HU	0.69	0.86	0.85	0.92	23.18	7.23	1.19	1.49	1.10	1.19
IE	1.01	1.24	1.18	1.35	17.23	8.61	1.28	1.57	1.06	1.21
ІТ	0.72	0.92	0.93	1.00	28.92	9.39	1.42	1.80	1.34	1.45
LV	0.73	0.83	0.84	0.87	16.01	5.20	1.38	1.56	1.35	1.39
LT	0.64	0.75	0.68	0.77	7.20	3.88	1.64	1.91	1.43	1.62
LU	1.19	1.54	1.41	1.63	18.02	6.18	1.19	1.54	1.12	1.30
PL	0.63	0.86	0.79	0.96	24.58	11.12	1.35	1.83	1.26	1.53
РТ	0.62	0.80	0.93	0.99	49.10	23.67	1.37	1.77	1.23	1.31
RO	0.52	0.71	0.66	0.82	26.76	16.88	1.54	2.10	1.48	1.85
SK	0.65	0.88	0.73	0.93	13.75	5.37	1.34	1.84	1.16	1.48
ES	0.78	1.03	0.94	1.15	21.31	11.01	1.26	1.67	1.19	1.44
EL	0.77	0.97	0.97	1.10	25.94	12.70	1.64	2.08	1.48	1.67
				Average	20.66	8.86	1.36	1.71	1.25	1.43

Source: own calculations

Projections of labour income (YL) and consumption (C) by educational level for Estonia and Italy (and Portugal) by 2060



Source: own calculations

Projections of average labour income (YL) and consumption (C) for EU15 by 2060



Economic sustainibility – economic dependency ratio (C/YL)



Limitations and conclusion

- Cross-sectional NTA data for 2010 we assume that labour income and consumption by age and educational level remain unchanged until 2060
- Taking into account future improvement in educational attainment shows:
 - a positive impact on labour income by 2060 around 20% on average
 - increased consumption around 9% on average
 - smaller gap between labour income and consumption in the future

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Thank you for your attention.





