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**Key characteristics of the student population in Europe.
Results of the EUROSTUDENT III
project – selected countries**

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23 countries

National students of HE

c. 120k students

Final international conference

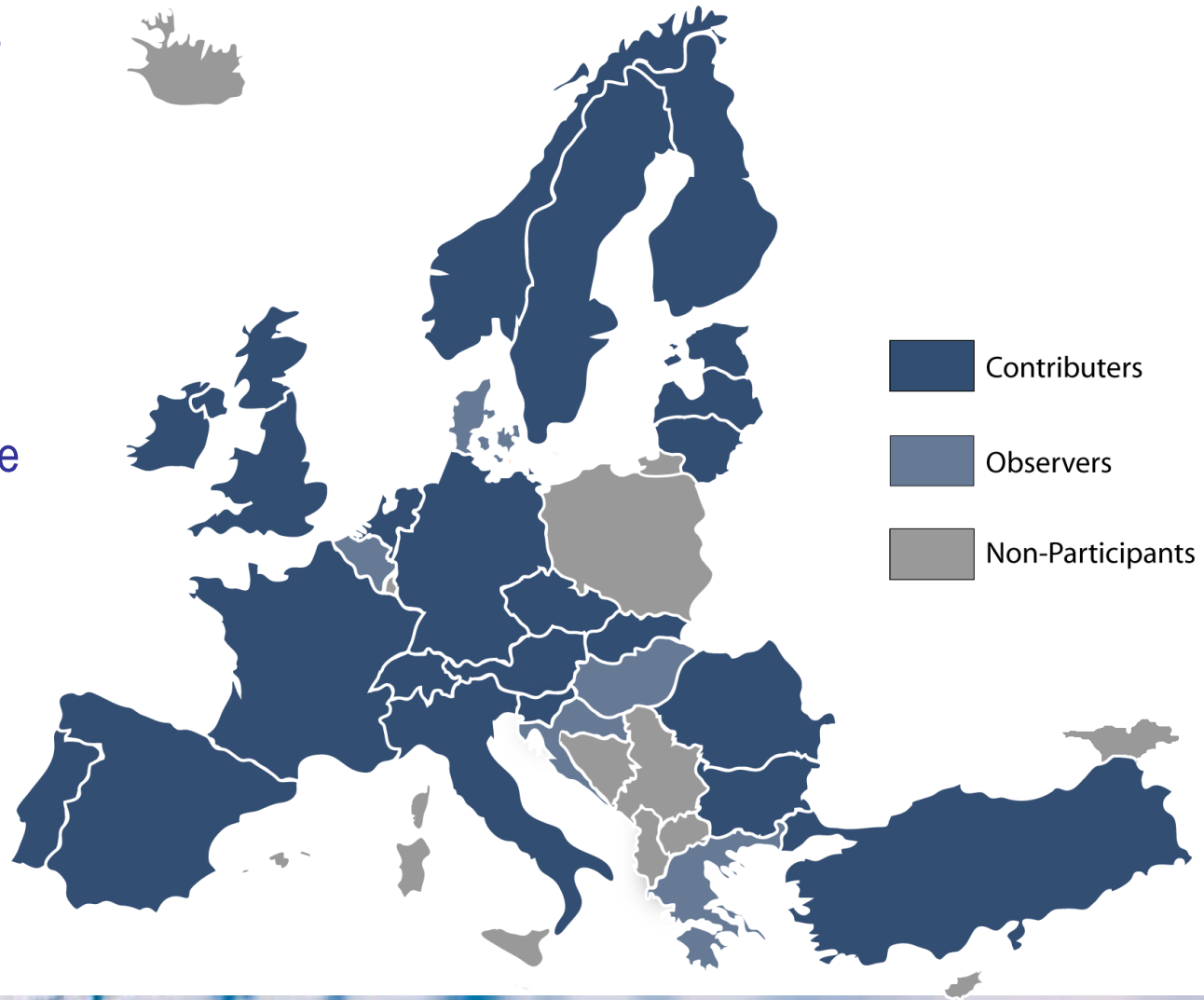
Ljubljana, April 2008

National conferences

e.g. Berlin, September 2008

Final report published

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- *(...) Policy makers and institutions of higher education need to provide an appropriate study framework for students, which recognises students divergent living conditions during their studies.*

from: Chapter "Policy considerations", Social and Economic Conditions of Student Life in Europe (EUROSTUDENT 2005-2008), 2008

- *European universities will respond positively to the increasingly diverse demand from a broad spectrum of students (...)*

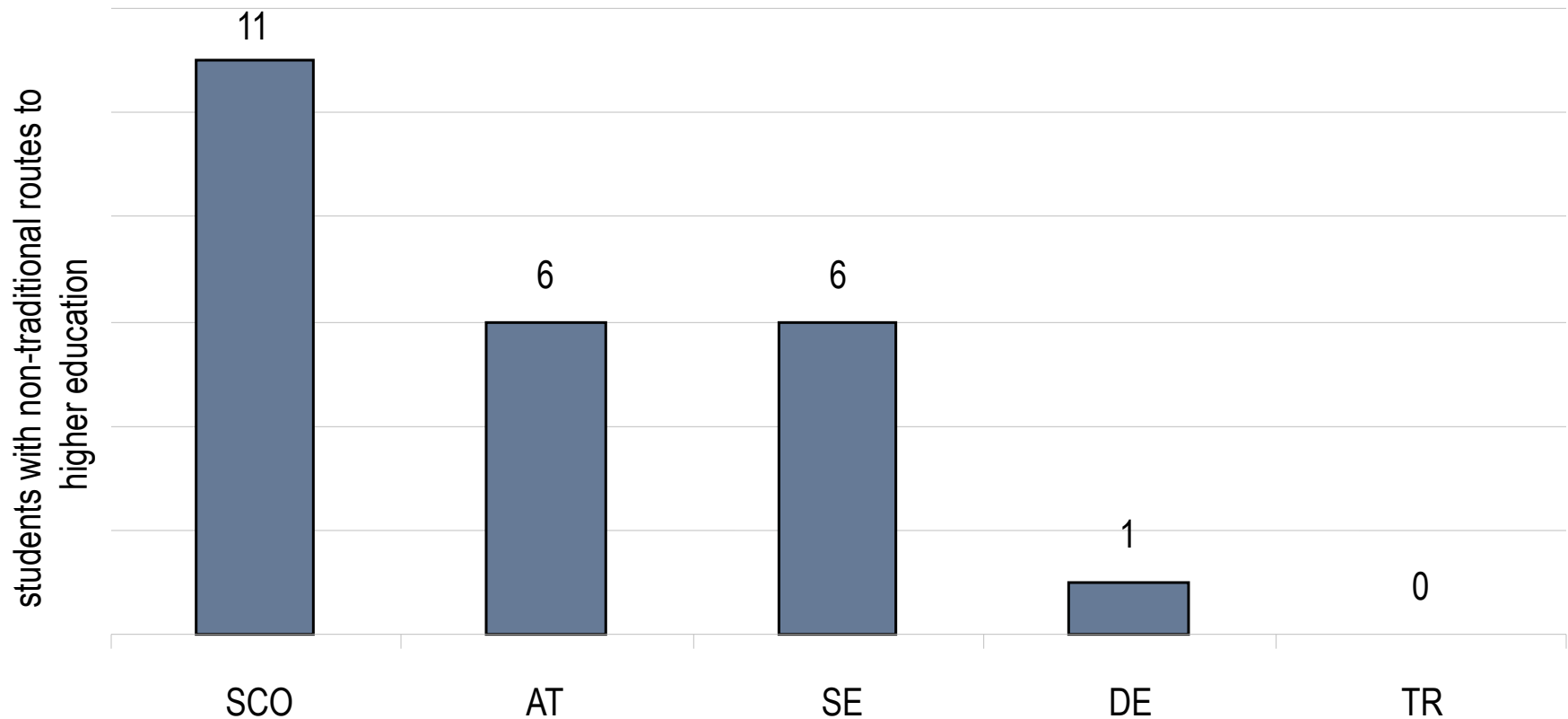
from: European Universities' Charter on Lifelong Learning, 2008

Argument: Opening higher education creates a lot of new challenges for higher education policy and practice

1. Non-traditional routes into HE
2. Social selection in the student body
3. Range of income disparities
4. Age profile
5. Composition of income
6. Models of student financing
7. Digression: Mobility by social background
8. Conclusions

Non-traditional routes to higher education – narrow definition

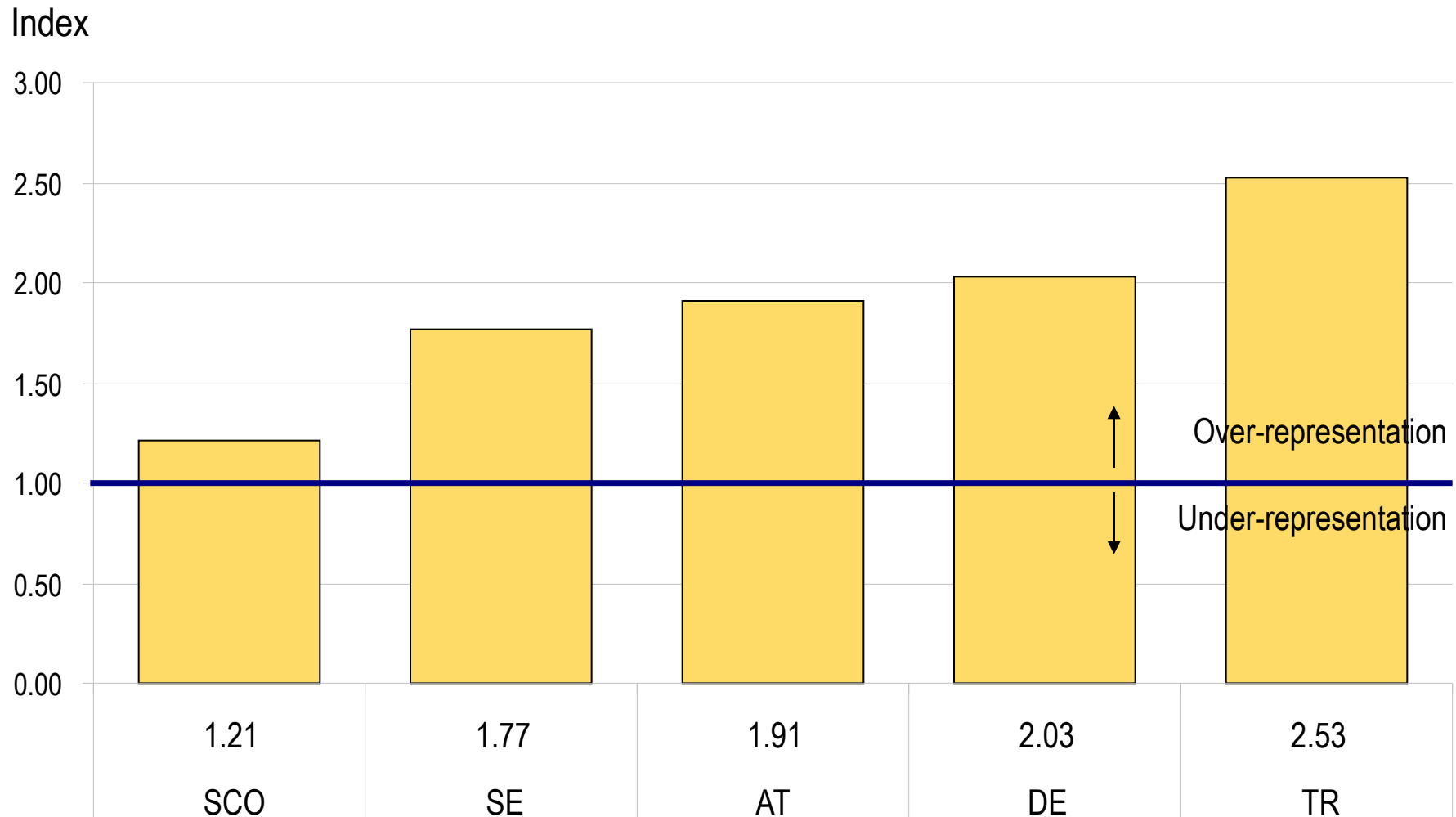
Share of all students with non-traditional routes to higher education (in %)



Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 19

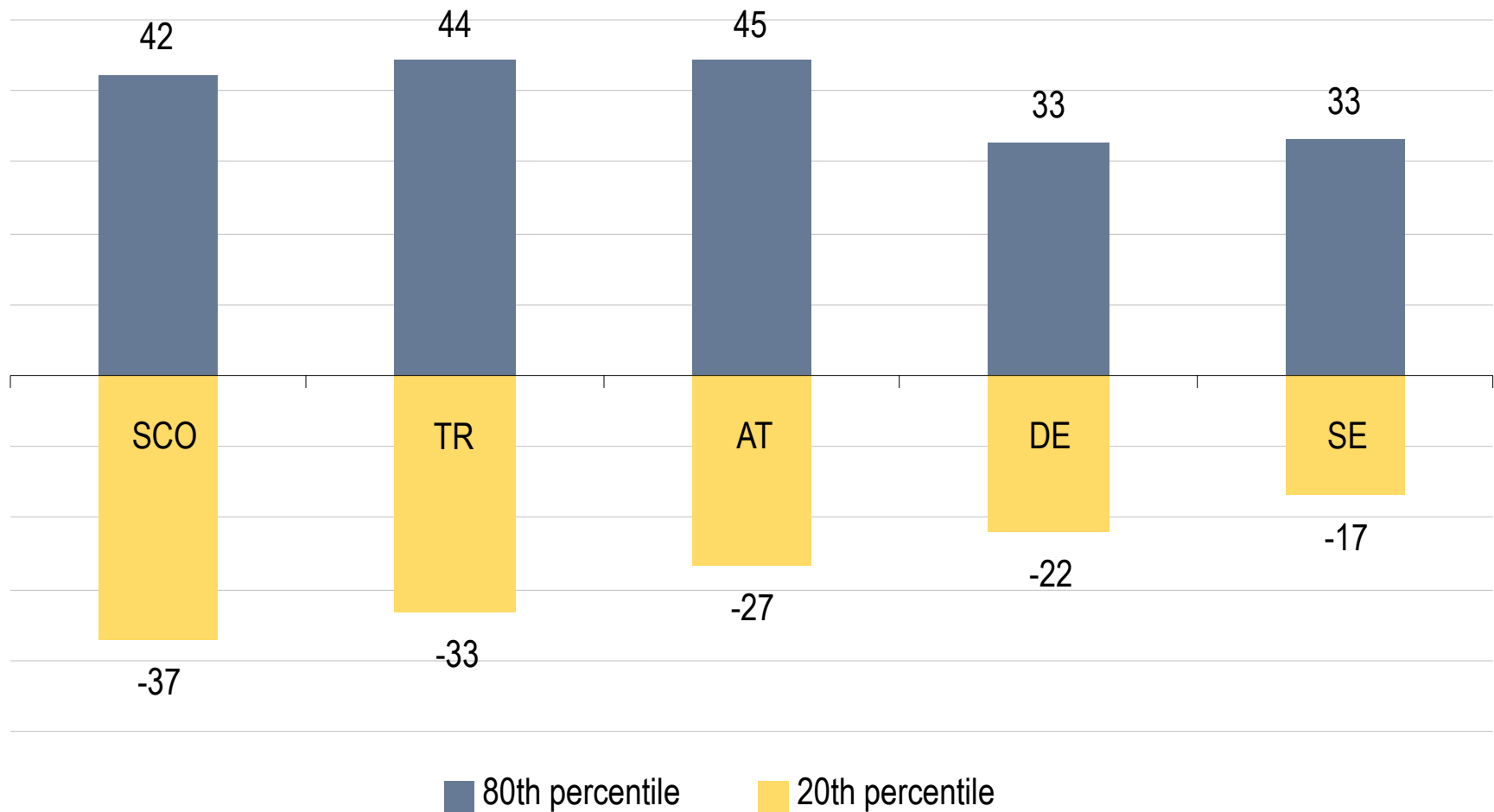
Narrow definition: Access to higher education through the validation of prior learning and work experience – with or without a higher education entrance examination.

Higher education participation by social background – Ratio of highest education attainment of students' fathers compared to general population (men 40-60 yrs., %)



Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 19

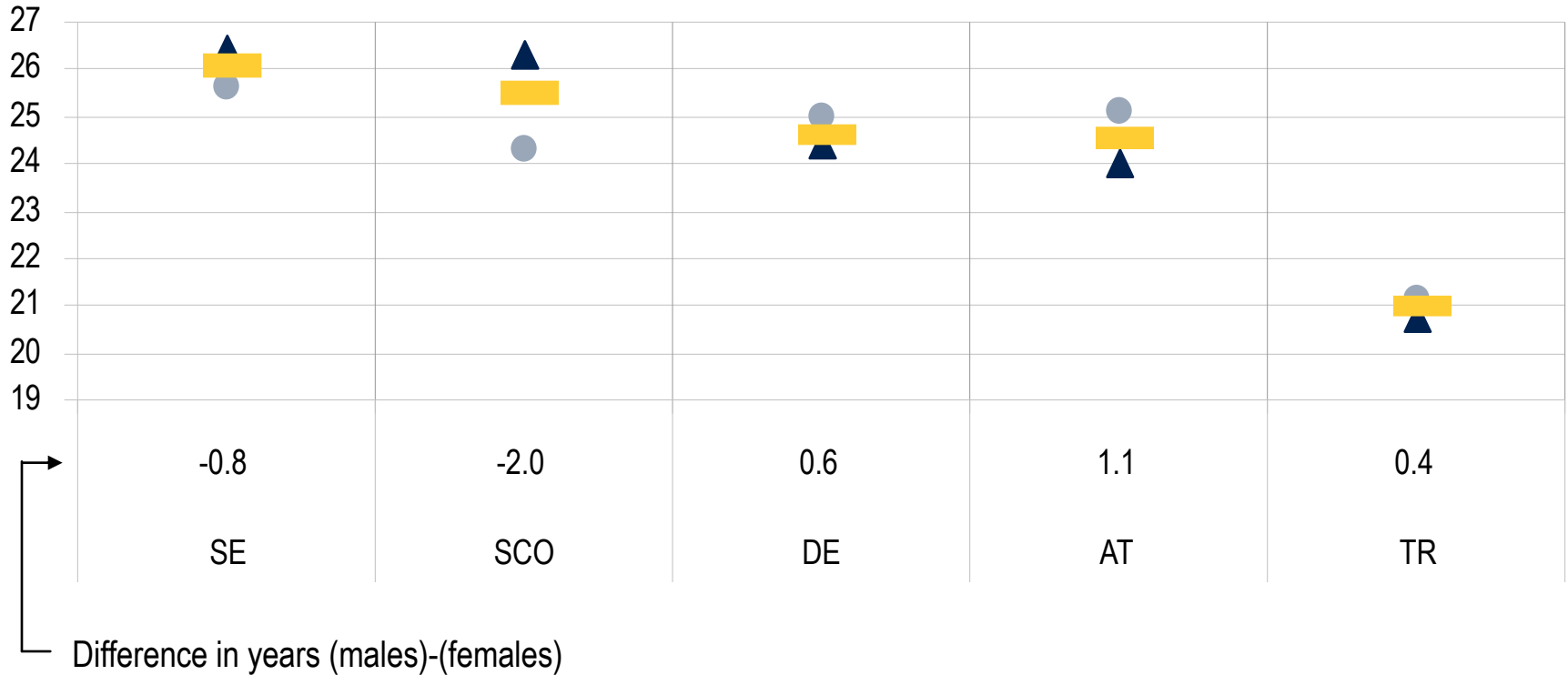
Range of total income – Percentage deviation from the average income level of all students (median) – Difference in % (students maintaining own household)



Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 27. Financial amounts have been rounded to the nearest 10 Euros.

Average age of students – All students (in years)

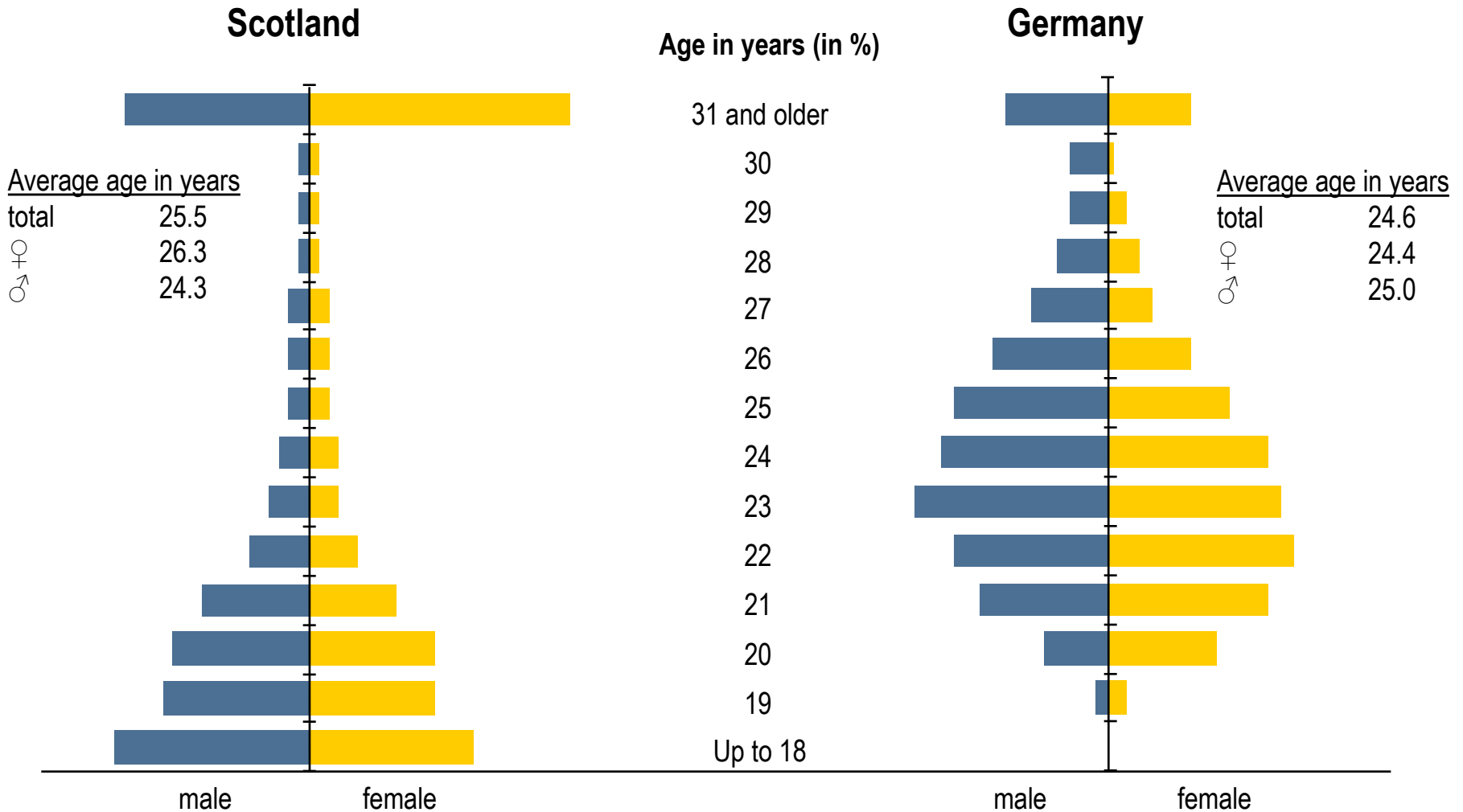
Average age



▲ female students ● male students — all students

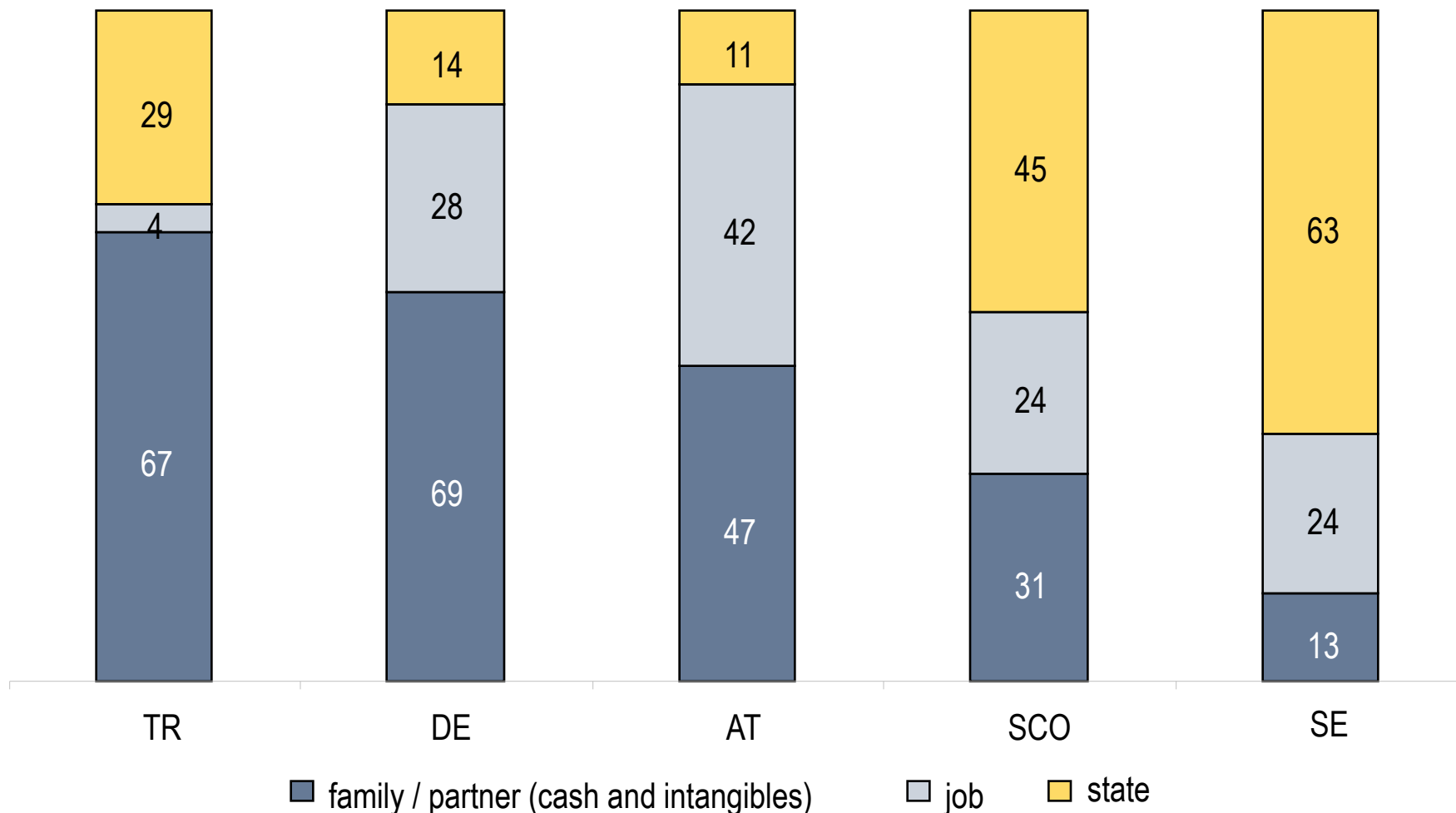
Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 1 + 3

Age Profile: Comparison Scotland - Germany



Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 1

Composition of total income by source – Contribution of individual income sources to total student income in %, all students (students maintaining own households)

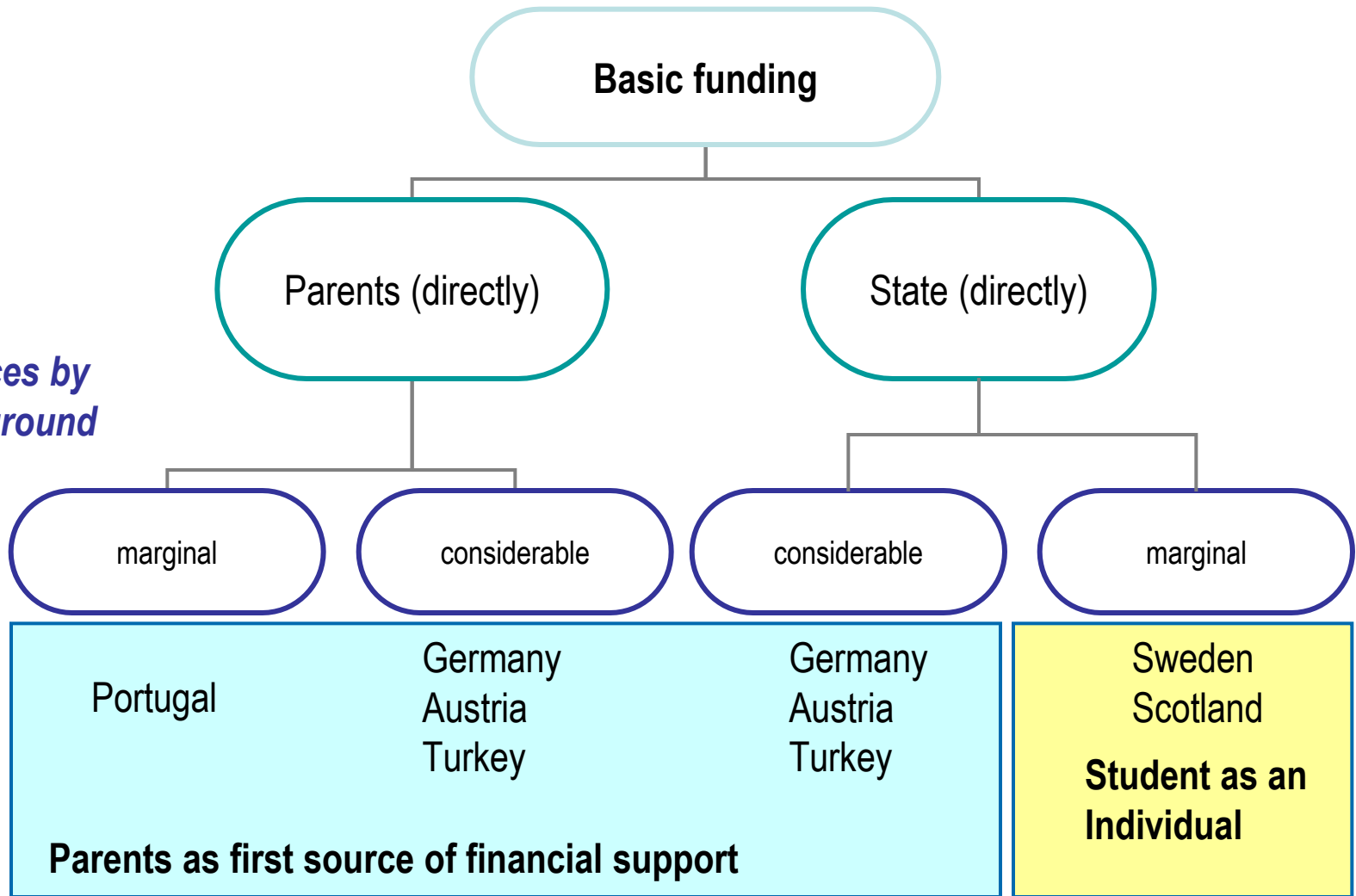


Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 27 & 29.

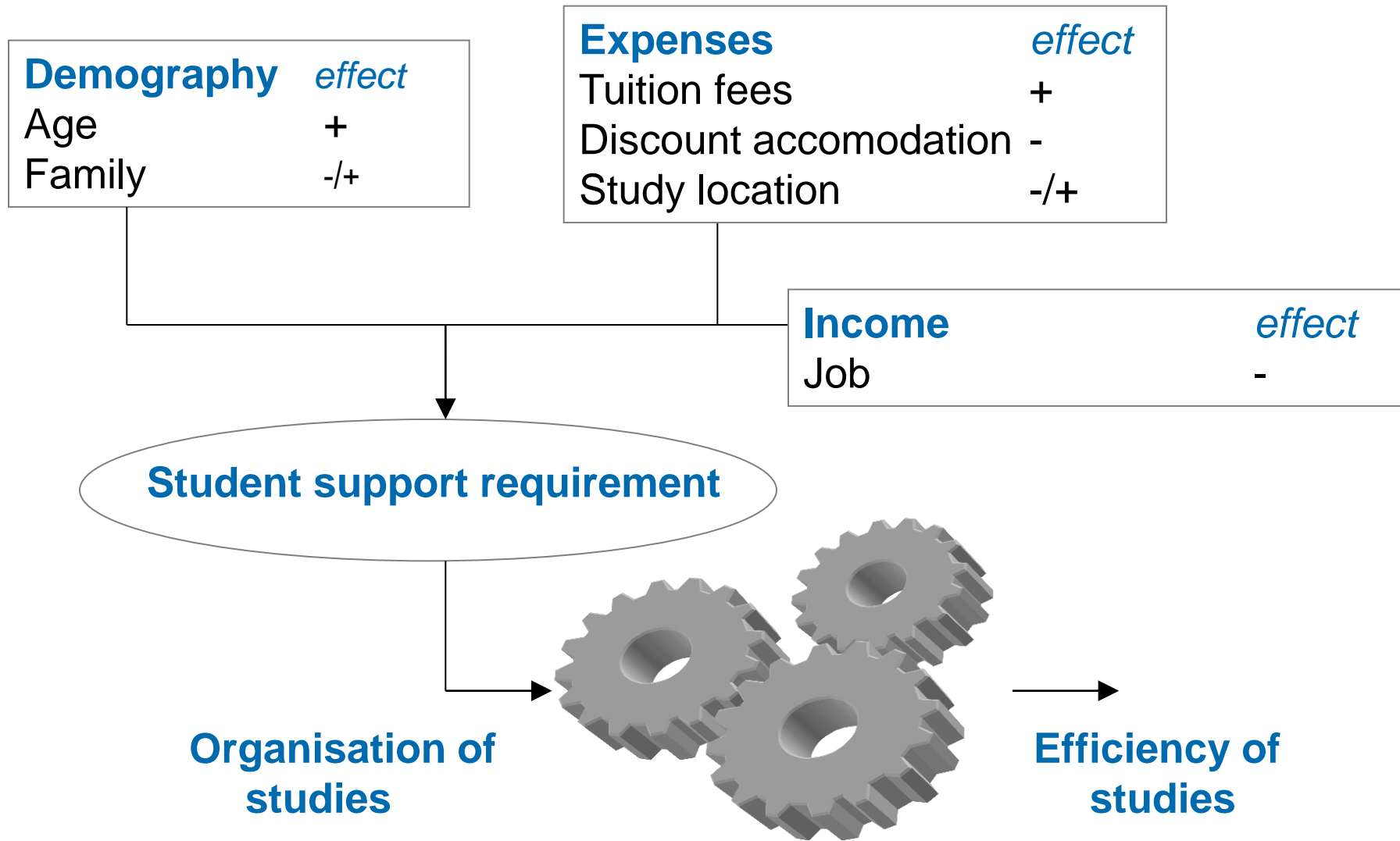
Models of study financing after country comparison

1. Differences by Social background

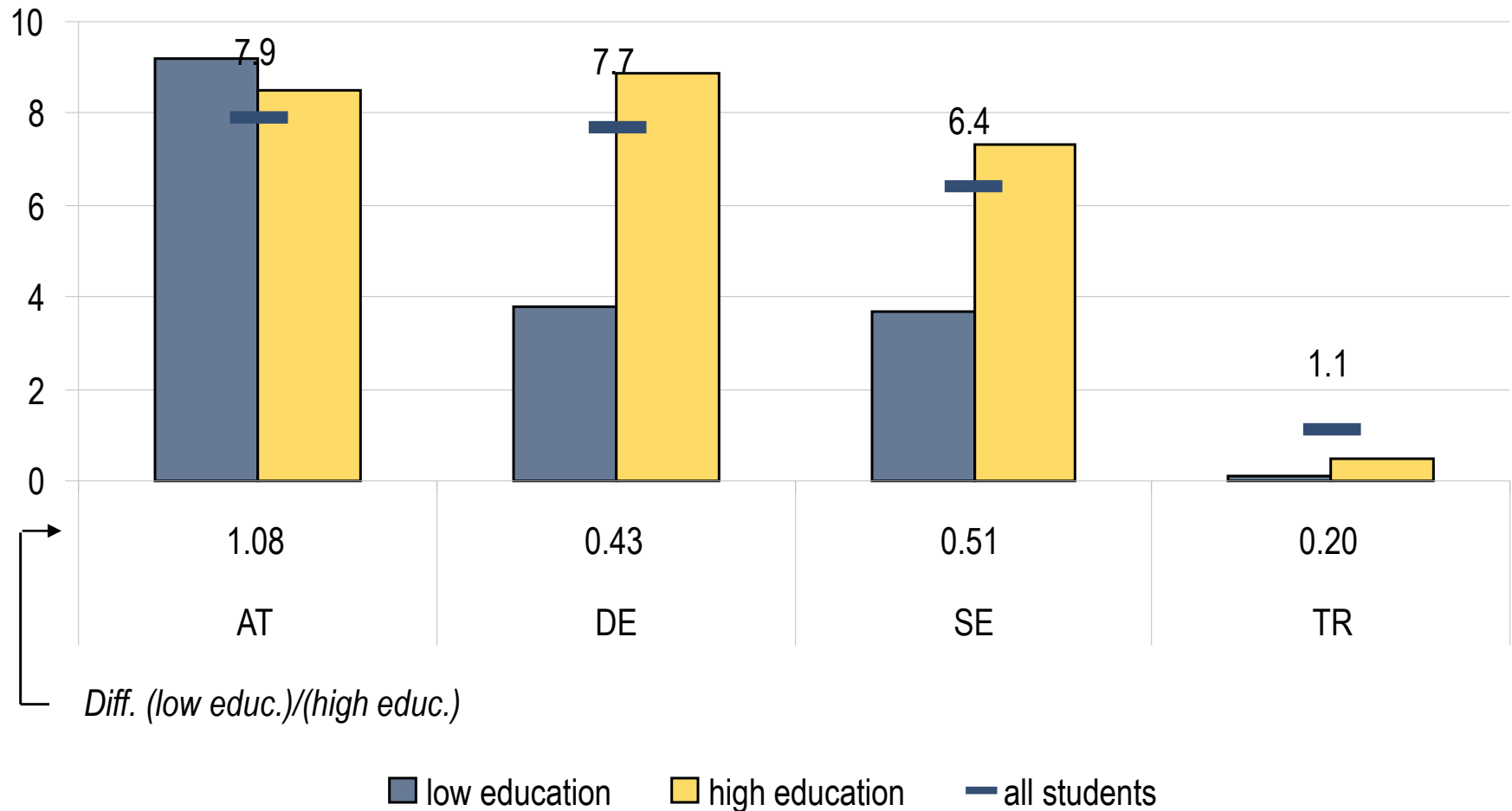
2. Main principle



Student support requirement: Between affordability and efficiency



Digression: International mobility - Foreign enrolment by parents' education in %



Source: EUROSTUDENT III, Subtopic 53 & 58

Conclusion: A heterogeneous and changing audience

Future challenges, especially due to widening participation:

- higher disparity between income levels of students (partly due to social situation, partly due to personal decisions)
- finding an appropriate balance between studies and „daily life“
- **assuring individual study-capability, making courses study-able, assuring study quality**

Publications

EUROSTUDENT III (2005-2008)



The central EUROSTUDENT report is the Synopsis of Indicators, which provides a discussion and interpretation of the data from a comparative perspective.

The Synopsis of Indicators is published under the title "Social and Economic Conditions of Student Life in Europe" by W. Bertlesmann Verlag. It is available from all good book sellers or directly via the order form here.

A summary of this report is available to download here

- English
- German

A national report is also available for each country involved in the EUROSTUDENT project entitled National Profile. See Data Reporting Module

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- The social dimension in higher education - Switzerland in European Comparison (available in German and French)

Use of EUROSTUDENT data by third-parties (selection)

- Education at a Glance 2008 (OECD)

