



Quarterly data collection on living conditions in EU

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Infra-annual data collection on living conditions: background

- The European Statistical Recovery Dashboard: needs of monthly/quarterly indicators to track economic and social developments during recovery
- October 2020: the European Statistical System Committee (ESSC) request for infra-annual data on living conditions
- December 2020: Directors of Social Statistics (DSS) agreed to further investigate a survey-based approach
- March 2021: EU survey to collect more precise information on national plans
- April 2021: Decision taken to launch the infra-annual collection

Main features

- Flexible and output harmonised approach:
 - ✓ Flexibility in survey instrument
 - ✓ Flexibility in number of variables covered
 - ✓ Variables can be extracted from different survey instruments
- Legal basis: Regulation 2019/1700 – article 14 (pilot studies to improve data sets and social indicators)
- With co-funding from Eurostat
- Quarterly data collection

Scenarios and variables

Scenario 1 / 2 / 3

- V001: Change in household income during the last 12 months
- V002: Reason for increase in income
- V003: Reason for decrease in income
- V004: Ability to make ends meet
- V005: Overall life satisfaction

Scenario 2 / 3

- V006: Feeling lonely
- V007: Being happy
- V008: Satisfaction with financial situation
- V009: Satisfaction with personal relationships
- V010: Renting difficulties

Scenario 2 / 3

- V011: Difficulties with repaying mortgage
- V012: Difficulties with repaying loans
- V013: Capacity to face unexpected financial expenses
- V014: Main measures taken to cope with reduced income
- V015: Arrears on payments (loan/mortgage/rent/housing costs)

Implementation by country

	Scenario	Survey vehicle	Q2, 2021	Q3, 2021	Q4, 2021	Q1, 2022	Q2, 2022	Q3, 2023
Luxembourg	1	Tourism survey	+	+	+	+	+	+
Belgium	2	EU-LFS		+	+	+	+	+
France	1	CCS		+	+	+	+	+
Bulgaria	2	HBS			+	+	+	+
Ireland	1	EU-LFS			+	+	+	+
Austria	3	New survey			+	+	+	+
Slovenia	2	Other national survey			+	+	+	+
Finland	3	New survey			+	+	+	+
Italy	1	HBS + EU-LFS				+	+	+
Slovakia	2	HBS + EU-SILC					+	+

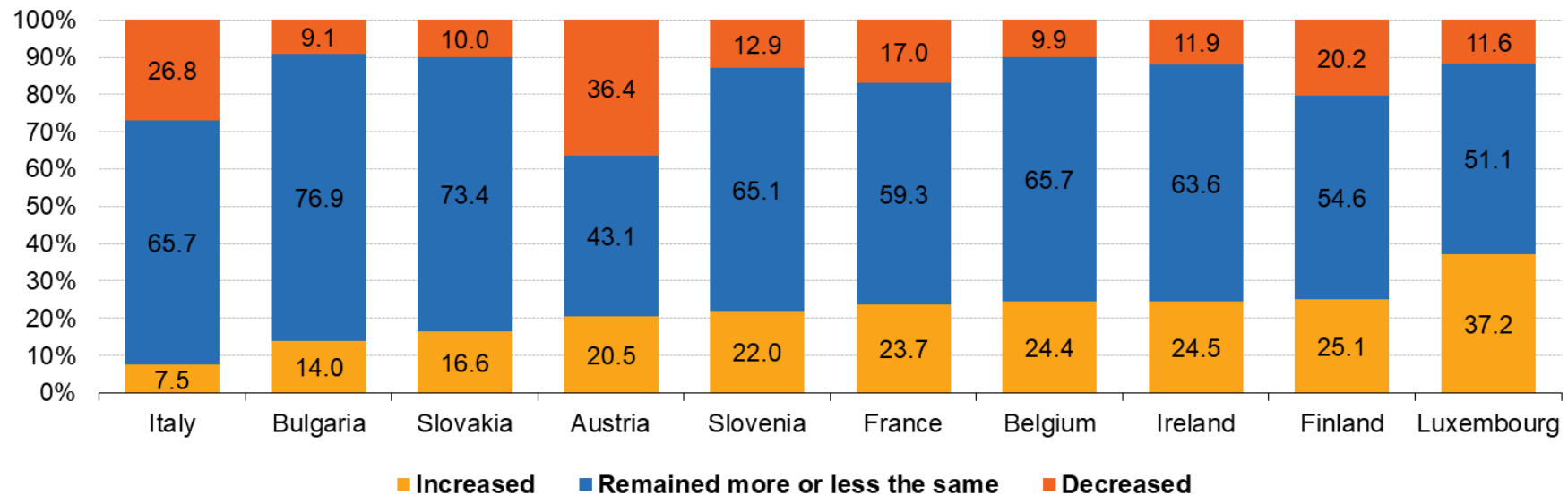


Starting point

+ data are collected

Results – 1

Change in household income during the last 12 months, Q2 2022
(% of specified population)

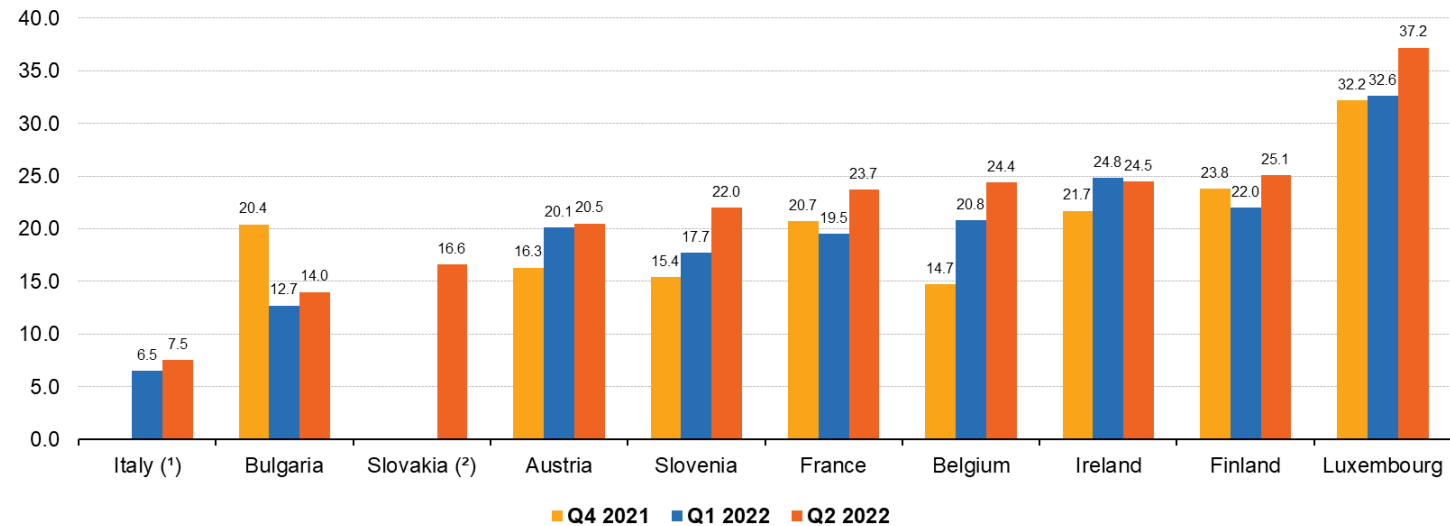


Note: ranked by percentage of population received an increase in income
Source: Eurostat, QLC Q2 2022

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Results – 2

Percentage of population having increase in income during the last 12 months, Q4 2021, Q1 2022 and Q2 2022
(% of specified population)



Note: ranked by Q2 2022

⁽¹⁾ No data for Q4 2021

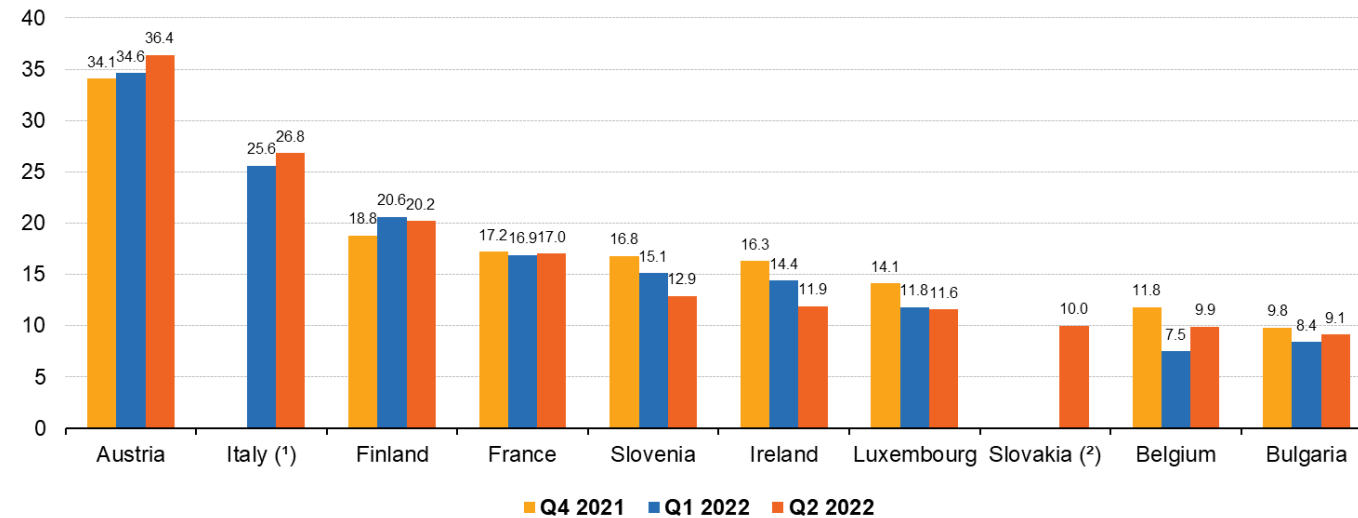
⁽²⁾ No data for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022

Source: Eurostat, QLC Q4 2021, Q1 2022, Q2 2022

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Results – 3

Percentage of population having decrease in income during the last 12 months, Q4 2021, Q1 2022 and Q2 2022
(% of specified population)



Note: ranked by descending order Q2 2022

(¹) No data for Q4 2021

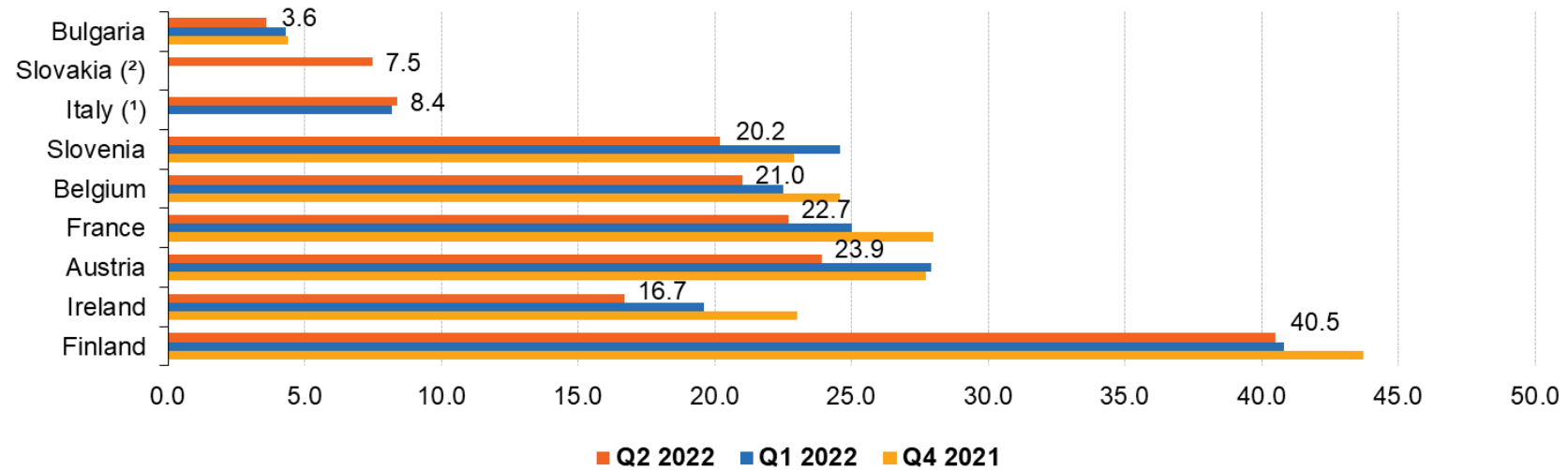
(²) No data for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022

Source: Eurostat, QLC Q4 2021, Q1 2022, Q2 2022

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Results – 4

Ability to make ends meet 'easily or very easily' (% of specified population)



Note: ranked by descending order Q2 2022

⁽¹⁾ No data for Q4 2021

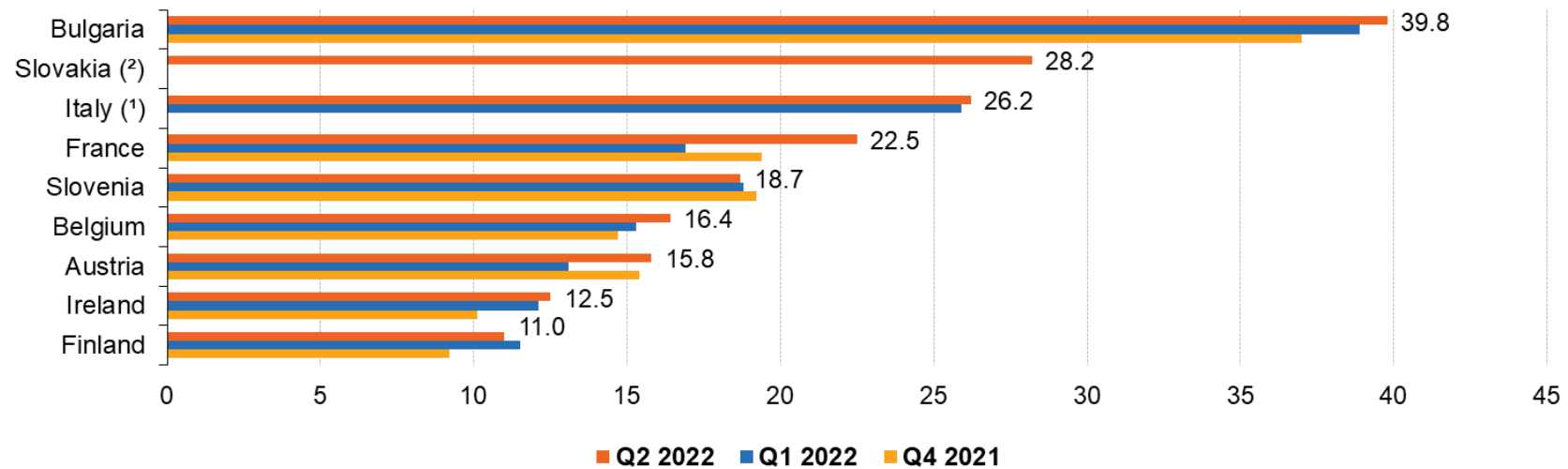
⁽²⁾ No data for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022

Source: Eurostat, QLC Q4 2021, Q1 2022, Q2 2022

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Ability to make ends meet 'with great difficulty or with difficulty' (% of specified population)



Note: ranked by Q2 2022

(1) No data for Q4 2021

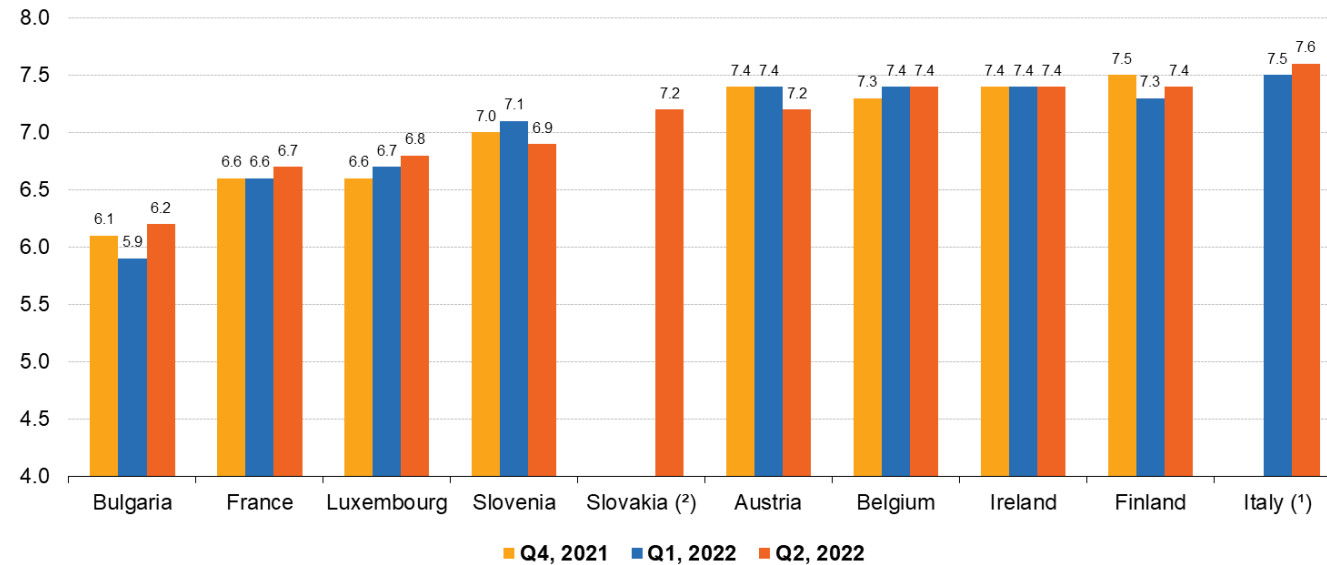
(2) No data for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022

Source: Eurostat, QLC Q4 2021, Q1 2022, Q2 2022

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Results - 6

Overall life satisfaction, Q4 2021, Q1 2022 and Q2 2022
(% of specified population)



Note: ranked by Q2 2022

(?) No data for Q4 2021

(?) No data for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022

Source: Eurostat, QLC Q4 2021, Q1 2022, Q2 2022

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So far from QLC

- In Q2 of 2022, the larger part of population declared having a stable level of income or an increase in income awhile reporting at the same time more difficulties to make ends meet, as compared to previous quarters
- Overall life satisfaction of the population is relatively high

Next steps

- QLC will continue during 2023
- New variables on context of energy poverty covering winter season
 - Ability to keep home adequately warm
 - Arrears on utility bills
 - Affordability of energy consumption

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