

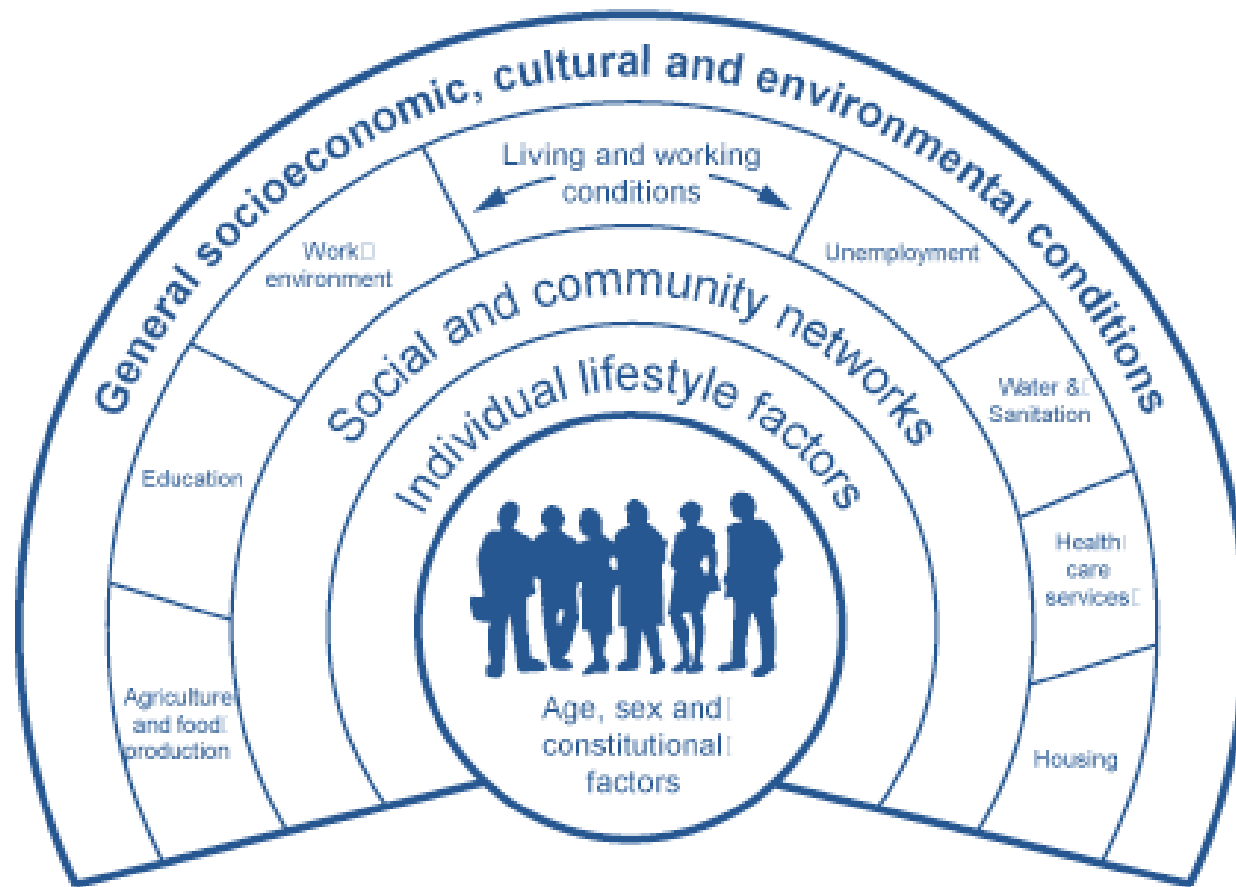


THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONTEXT

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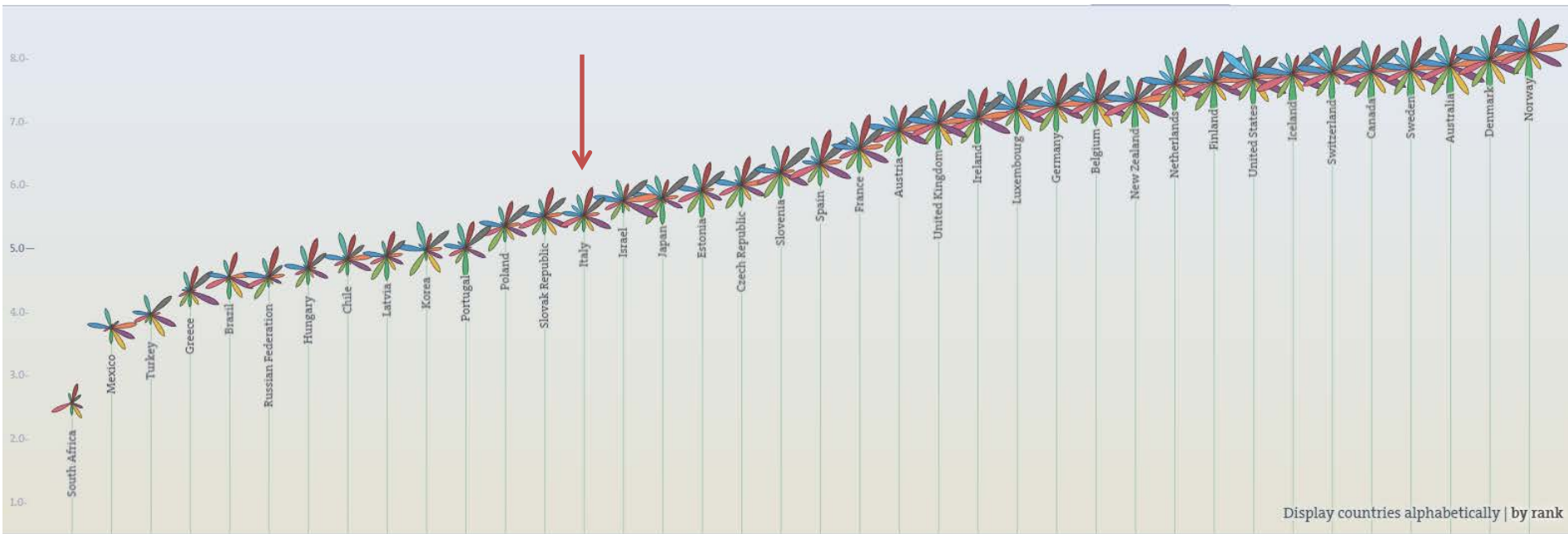


The Economic and Social Context Are Key Determinants of Health





The OECD Better Life Index Compares Well-being Across Countries on 11 Topics



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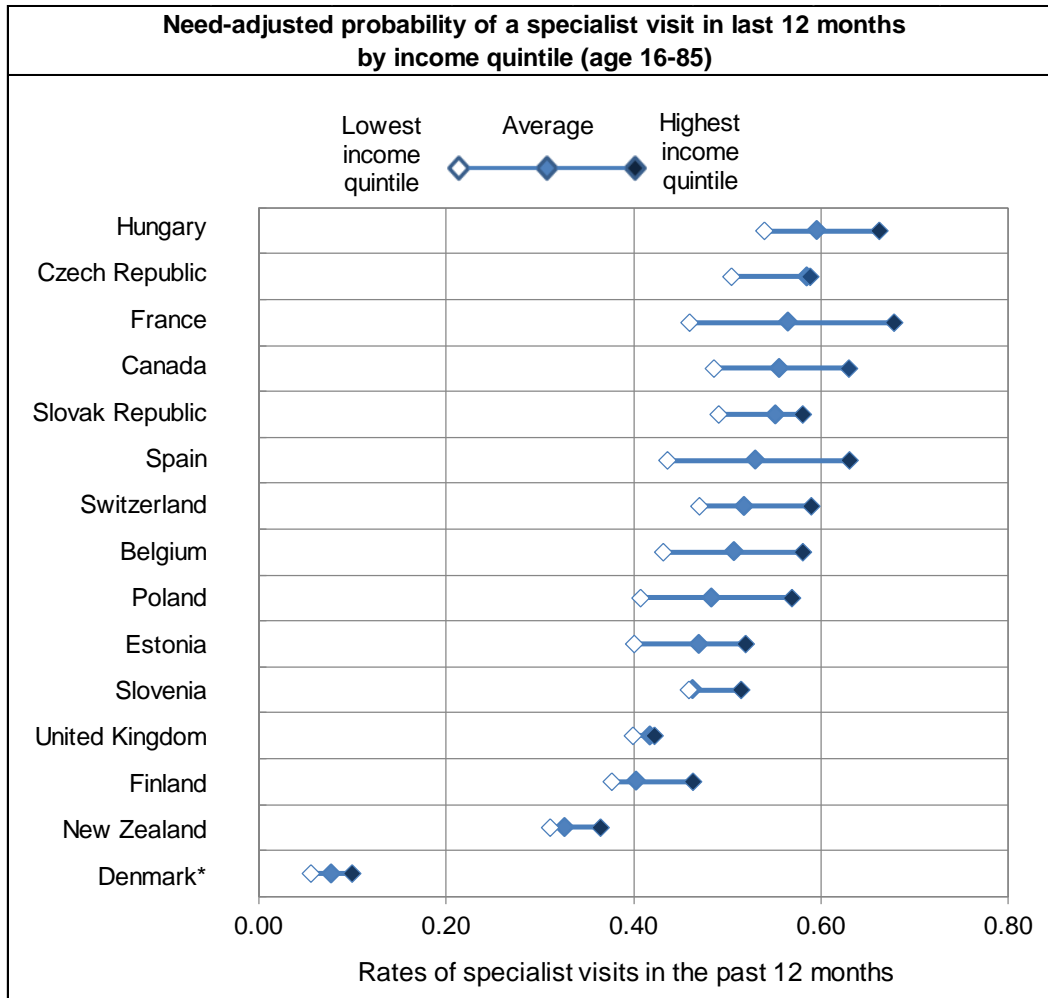
- Health,
- Work-life balance
- Safety

Italy does not well on:

- Income
- Environment
- Education



People With Higher Income Are More Likely to Visit a Specialist



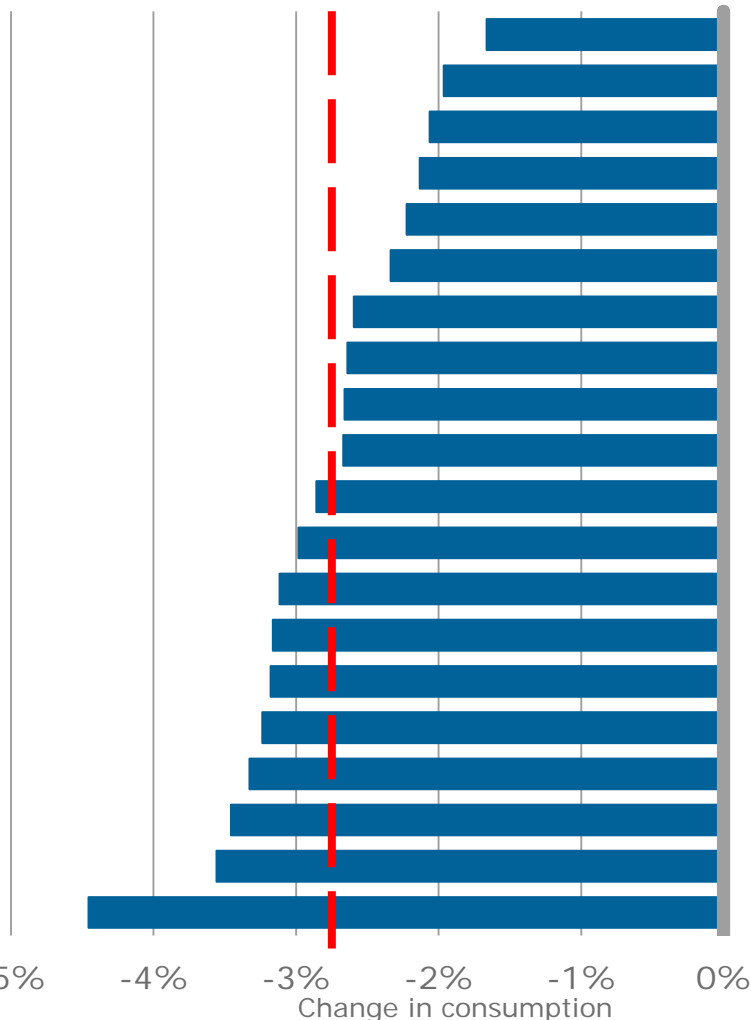
Reasons include :

- Direct payment
- Lower levels of awareness and insufficient information
- Organizational barriers
- travelling distance
- Etc.

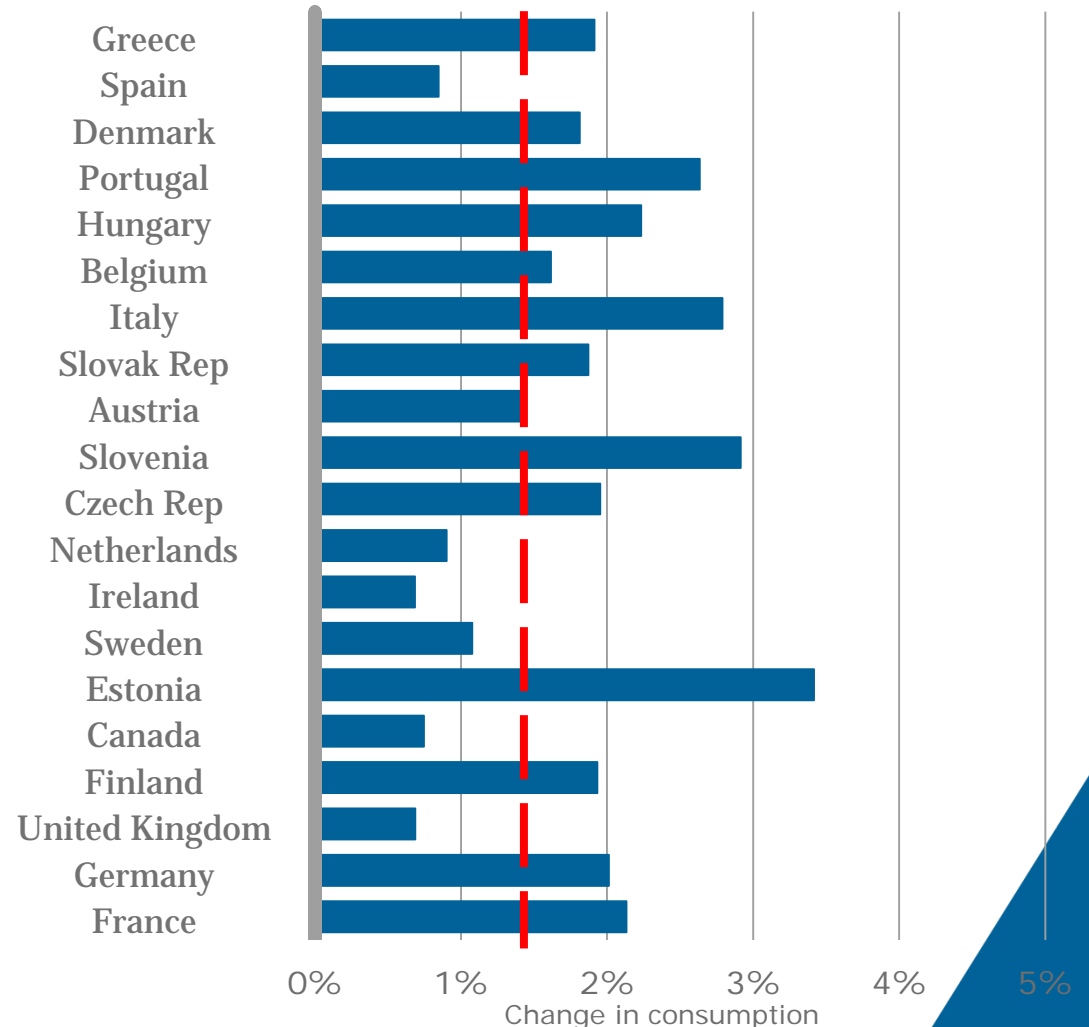


In 2009, the Economic Crisis Was Associated to Significant Changes in Dietary Behaviours

Fruit & Veggies Consumption



snacks/snack-bars consumption



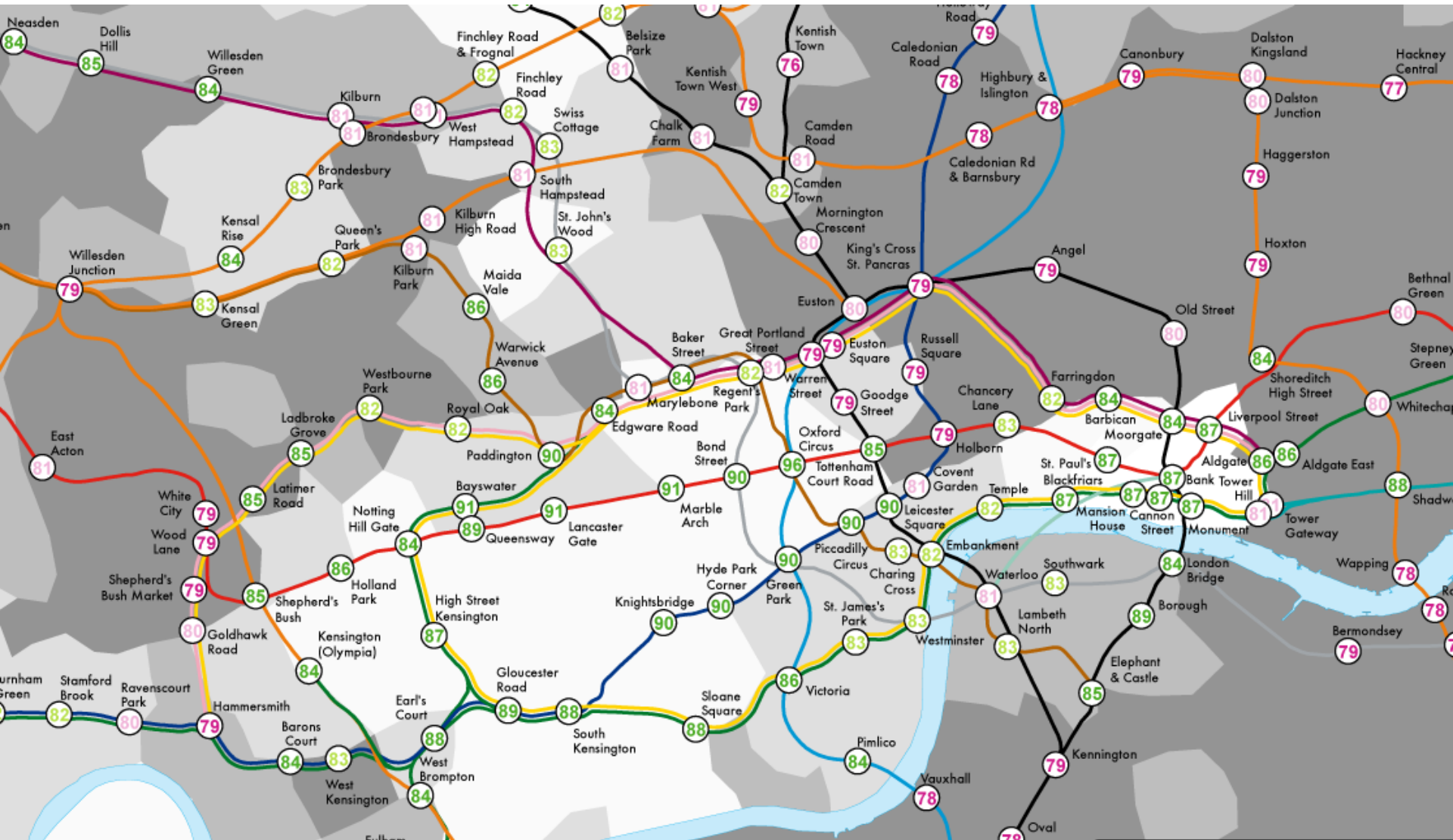


Inequalities Have an Inherent Spatial Dimension





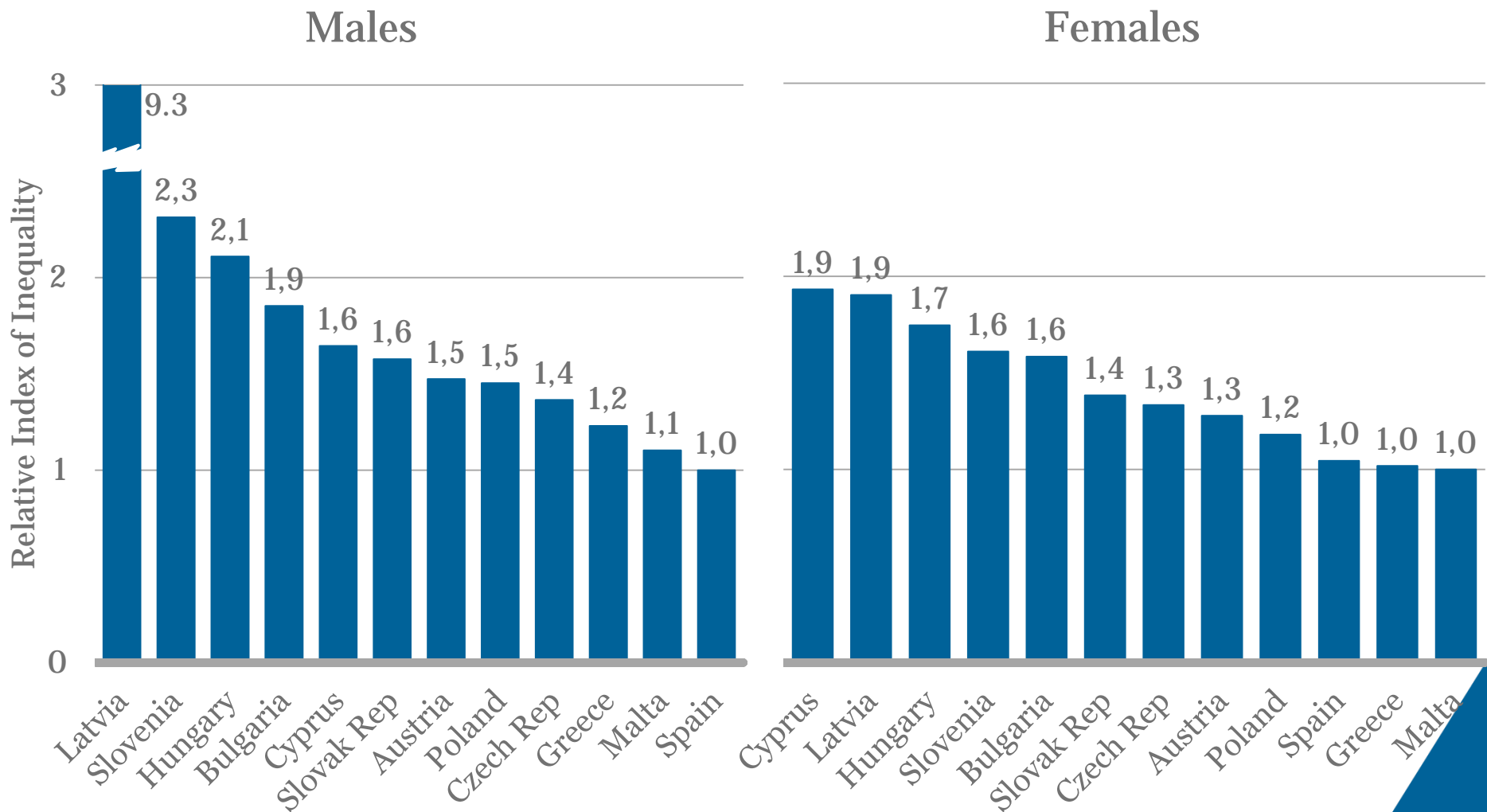
In London, 20 Mins on the Central Line Mean to -20 Years in Life Expectancy



Source: Cheshire. Lives on the Line. 2012



City Dwellers Are Less Likely to Be Physically Active





Ministries of Health Can Promote Better Health and Healthier Environment



Promote **healthier diets** for a greener environment



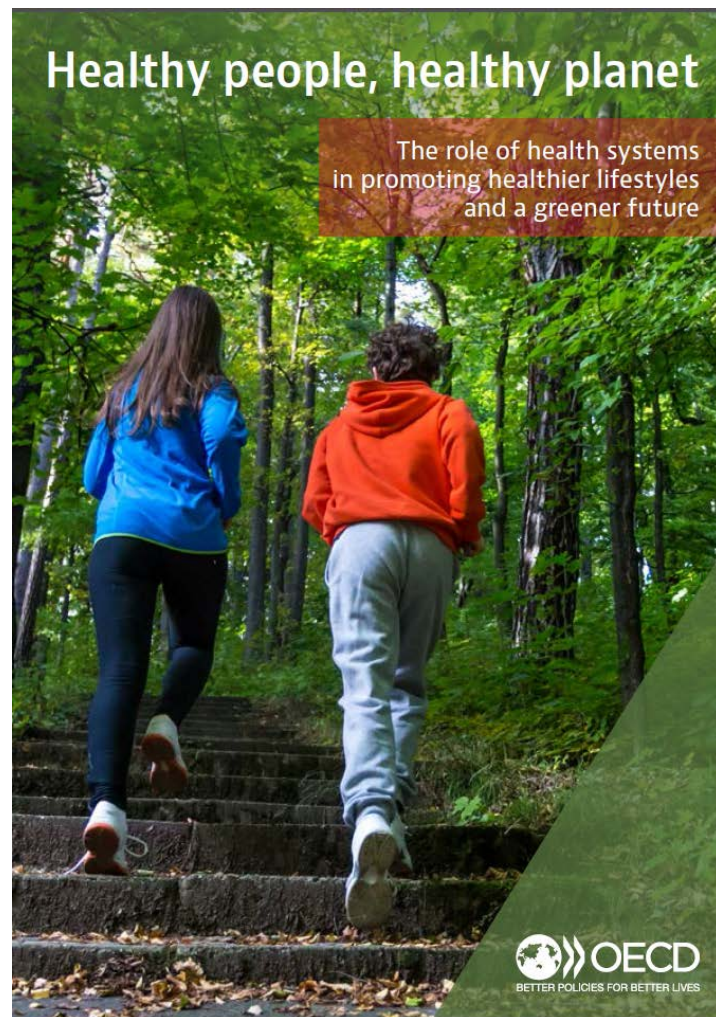
Support **sustainable urban living** policies



Encourage **active travel** to decrease motorised vehicle emissions

Healthy people, healthy planet

The role of health systems in promoting healthier lifestyles and a greener future





OECD Modelling Work to Trigger Policy Change



- Applying modelling to improve health and economic policy decisions in the Americas
- Tackling harmful alcohol use – economics and public health policy
- Lancet papers on NCDs and priority interventions
- WHO/OECD “Best buys” paper for the UN Summit on NCDs
- Obesity and the Economics of prevention – fit not fat
- OECD Health working papers