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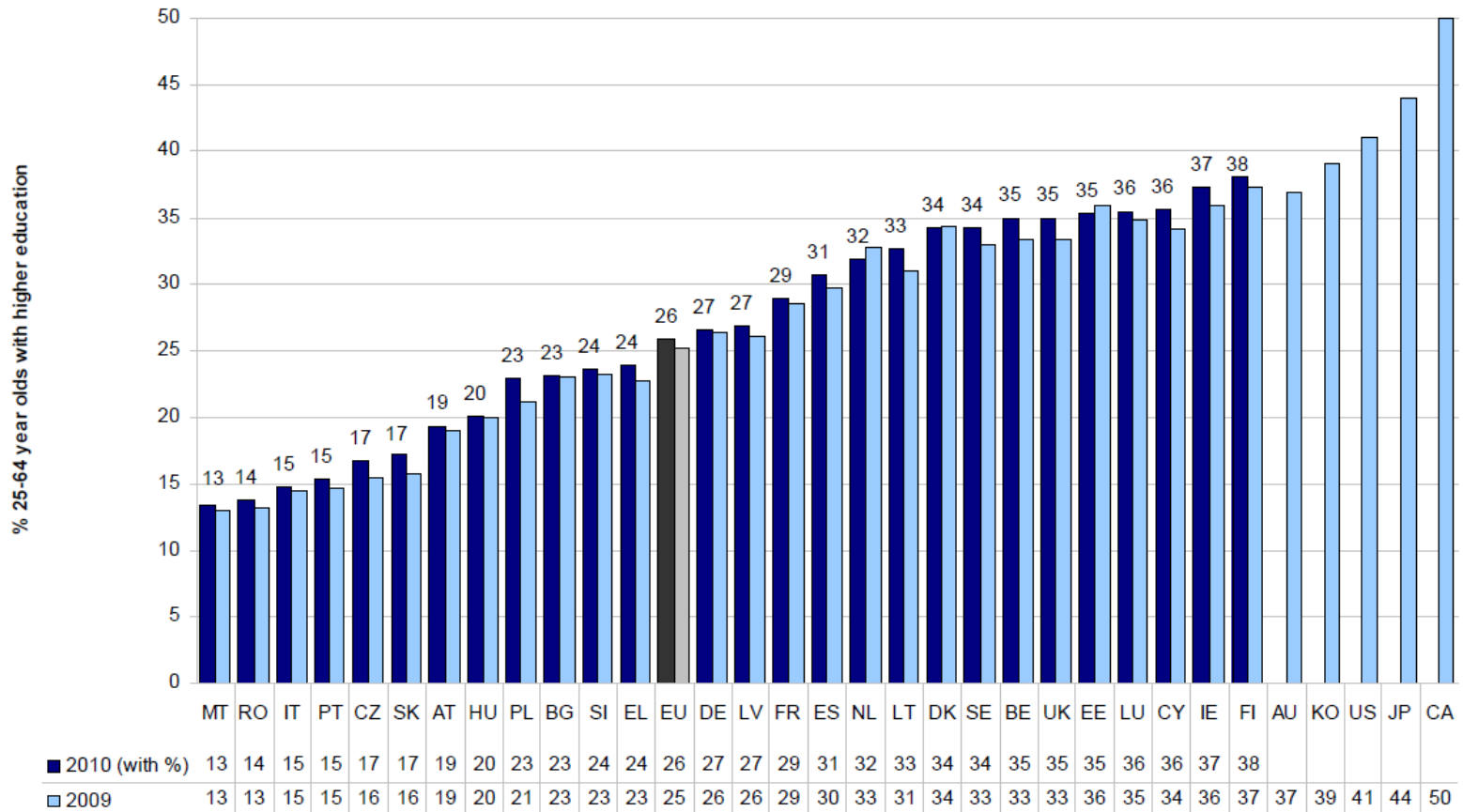


# European Higher Education Modernisation Agenda

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## Tertiary graduates as a share of the working age population (25-64)



Source: Eurostat (EU-27) OECD 2011b (US, Australia [AU], Korea [KO], Japan [JP], Canada [CA])

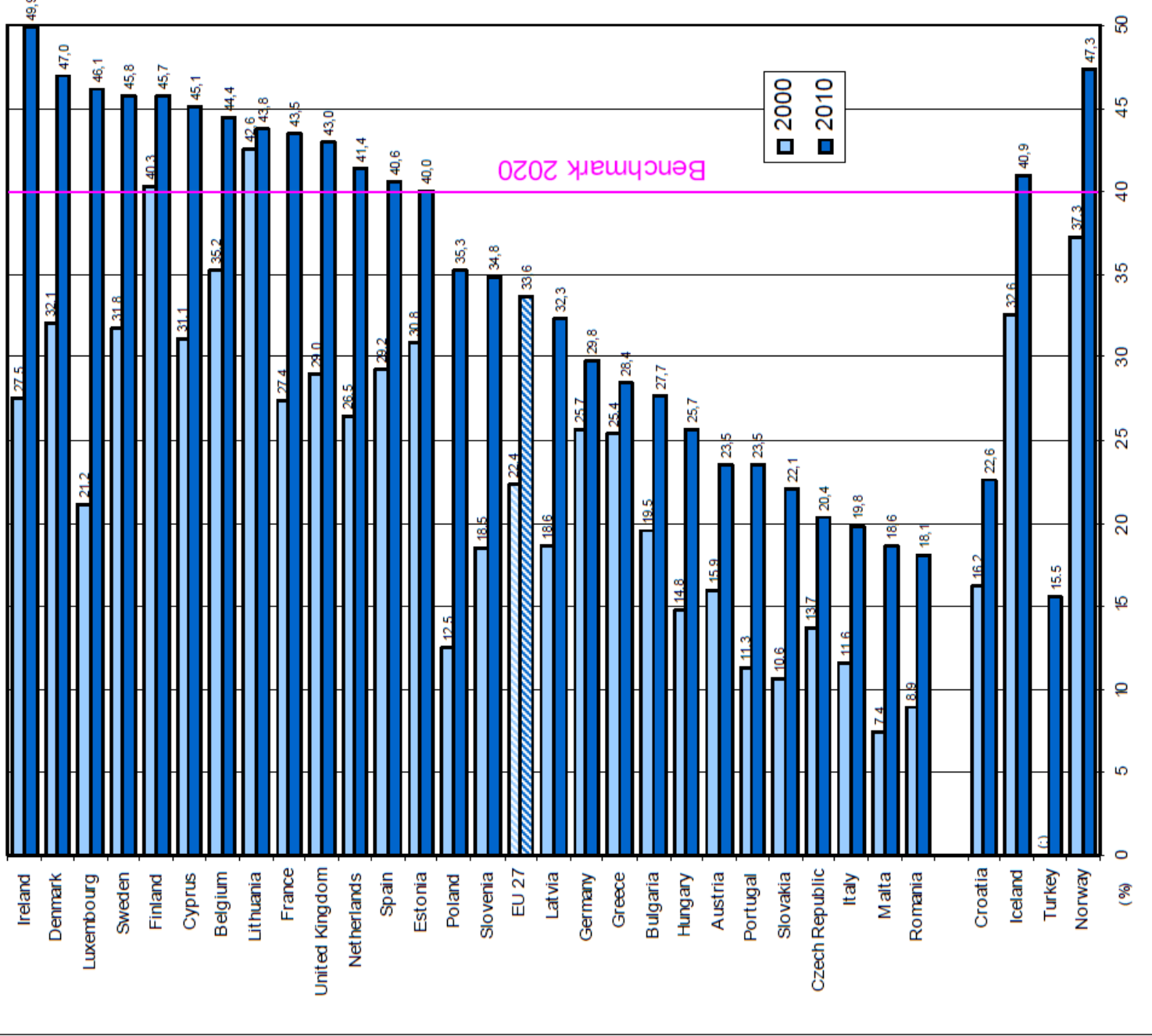


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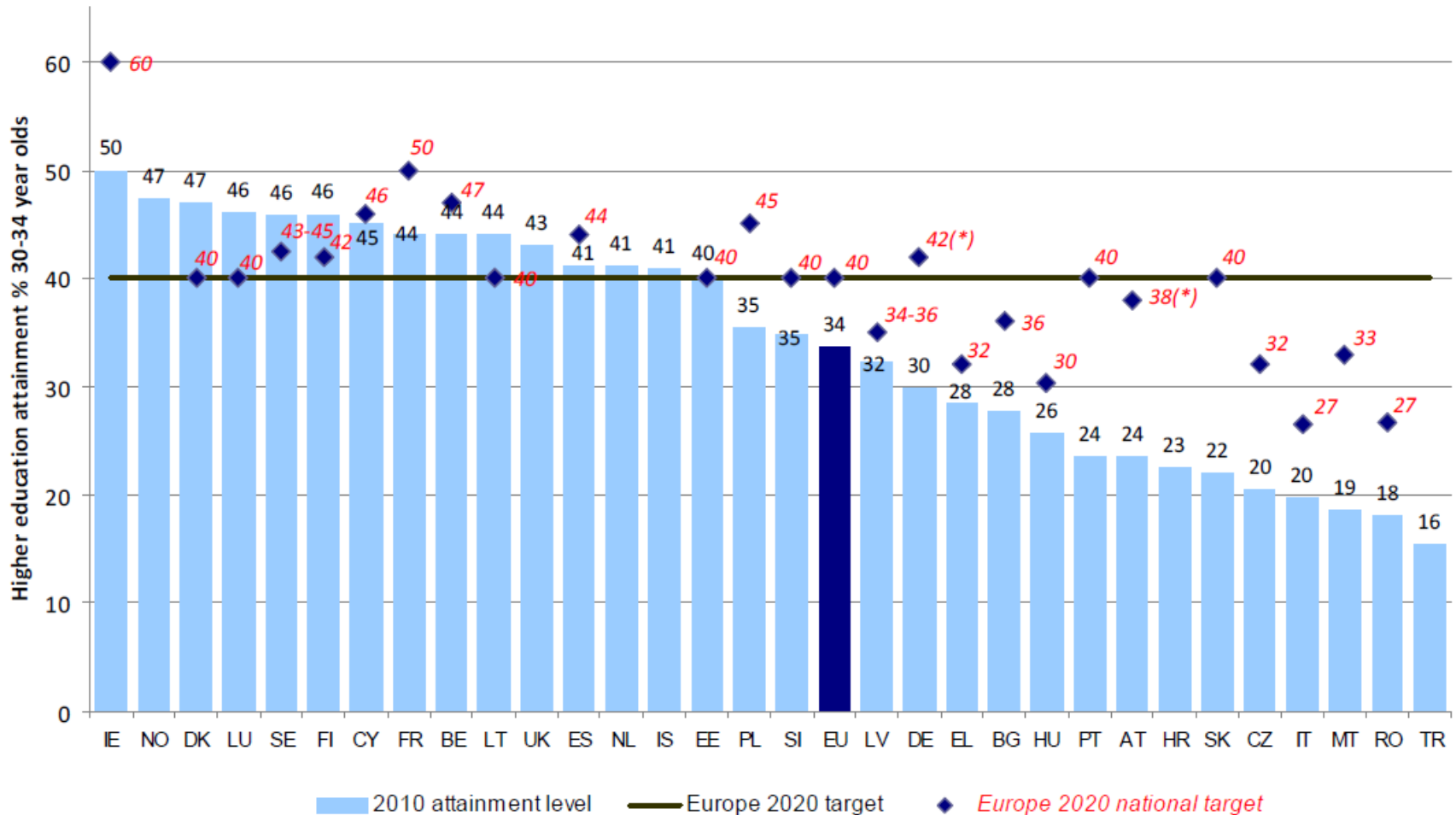


Source: Eurostat, EU Labour Force Survey

**Tertiary educational attainment among those aged 30-34 (2000-2010)**



## Tertiary education attainment: 2010 levels and national targets





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## 2. Improving the quality of higher education and its relevance to the needs of society and the economy

- Attuning curricula to current and emerging labour market needs;
- Developing flexible and innovative learning approaches and methods of delivering education;
- Improving the competence and motivation of teachers and researchers;
- Aligning researcher training with the needs of the knowledge-intensive labour market and in particular with the requirements of SMEs.



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### **3. Strengthening quality through international mobility of students, researchers and staff , internationalization of higher education and cross-border co-operation**

- Eliminating unnecessary barriers to switching institutions between bachelor and master levels;
- Ensuring efficient recognition of credits gained abroad;
- Attracting the best students, academics and researchers from outside the EU.





## 4. Strengthening the knowledge triangle between education, research and business

- Stimulating the development of entrepreneurial, creative and innovation skills and promoting innovation in higher education;
- Strengthening the knowledge-transfer infrastructure of HEIs;
- Making cooperation with business a core activity of HEIs;
- Turning HEIs into centres of knowledge and expertise engaged with regional economic development.



## 5. Creating effective governance and funding mechanisms in support of excellence

- Better targeting of public spending by linking funding mechanisms to performance and to different institutional profiles;
- Diversifying sources of funding of HEIs;
- Making funding and governance systems more flexible; relaxing legal financial and administrative restrictions;
- Investing in professional management of HEIs;



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## The contribution of the EU

1. Supporting reform through policy evidence, analysis and transparency;
2. Promoting mobility;
3. Putting higher education at the centre of innovation, job creation and employability;
4. Supporting the internationalisation of European higher education.