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## The role of transport in addressing social exclusion

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# Background

The mandate to address social issues was established in the Amsterdam Treaty.

The Lisbon European Council decided to take social cohesion as part of a 10 year strategic goal and use the Open Method of Coordination (OMC). OMC sets common objectives combined with timetables and targets. It is up to the Member States to translate objectives into national/regional policies through national action plans.



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In March 2006, the European Council adopted a new framework for the social protection and social inclusion process. There is a new set of common objectives: three overarching objectives and objectives for each of the three policy areas of social inclusion, pensions and health and long-term care.

# Background

The overarching objectives for social protection and social inclusion are to promote:

- (a) social cohesion, equality between men and women and equal opportunities for all through adequate, accessible, financially sustainable, adaptable and efficient social protection systems and social inclusion policies;
- (b) effective and mutual interaction between the Lisbon objectives of greater economic growth, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, and with the EU's Sustainable Development Strategy;
- (c) good governance, transparency and the involvement of stakeholders in the design, implementation and monitoring of policy.

# Background

By the end of 2006 almost all Member States as well interested Countries updated the State of the Art of respective NAPs including revised objectives, priorities and workprogramme up to 2008.

# Background


**The new revised objectives are:**

1. increase labour market participation
2. modernise social protection system
3. tackle disadvantages in education and training
4. eliminate child poverty and enhance assistance to families
5. ensure decent housing and tackle homelesses
6. improve access to quality services (transport)
7. overcome discrimination and increase the integration of people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and immigrants

# State of the Art

As for now, only a limited number of Member States paid attention to transport, mobility, accessibility issues in their NAP. No integration of transport policies with other policies.

Access to transport remains a marginal concern in NAPs; when present it deals with diverse able people mostly.

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# State of the Art

It have been reviewed 27 reports.

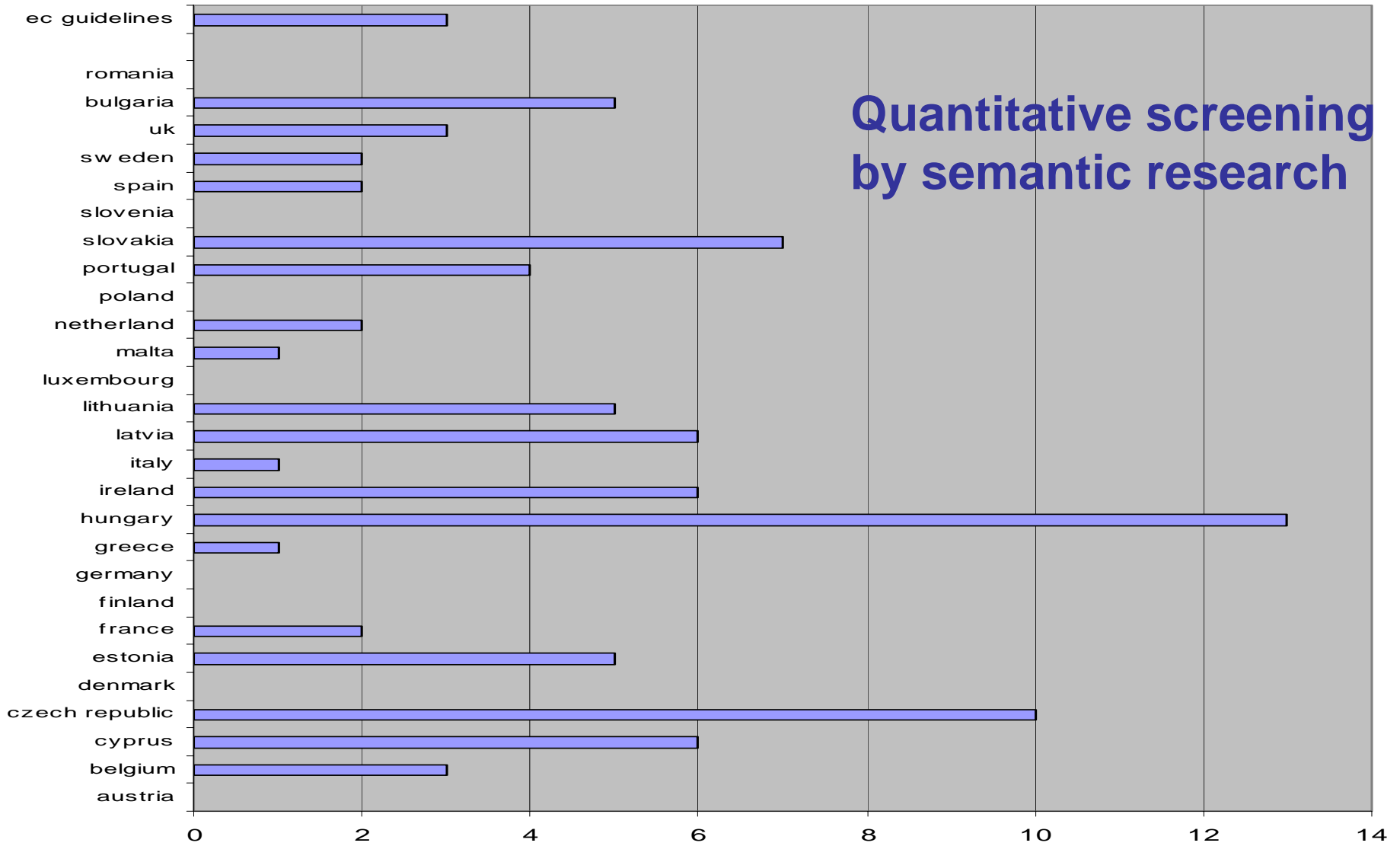
**Czech Republic, Cyprus, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania and UK** to different extent reported on measures to support mobility and accessibility.



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**NAPs 2006 – 2008 in terms of presence of:**

transport/mobility issue	19/27
elderly/disabled issue	16/27
rural areas accessibility issue	8/27
low income family issue	4/27
children mobility issue	3/27
digital divide issue	2/27

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Reported on NAPs measures address mostly:

- **physical barriers** for disabled persons
- **cultural barriers** for disadvantaged social groups

# State of the Art

Belgium

promote public transport for elderly and children

Cyprus

travel cost reductions for elderly and diverse able people

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PT accessibility for elderly and disabled people, increase quality PT provision

Denmark

no mention

Estonia

increase PT accessibility for disabled people and low income families

Finland

no mention

France

increase accessibility to/from workplace, infrastructures, PT network, mobility in rural areas

# State of the Art

Germany	no mention
Greece	increase PT provision for elderly and diverse able people
Hungary	PT accessibility for elderly and disabled people, increase quality PT provision for access to jobplace
Ireland	increase transport provision for a better integration of elderly people and disadvantaged groups
Italy	support the rights of diverse able people in accessing air transport network
Latvia	integration of people with reduced mobility in order to avoid social exclusion

# State of the Art

Lithuania

overcome obstacles experienced by people with reduced mobility increasing PT quality provision (focus on rural areas)

Luxembourg no mention

Malta

lack of PT provision for specific segments (elderly/disabled) and for specific areas (rural)

Netherland

reduce physical barriers to PT network, people with reduce mobility access to PT provision

Poland

no mention

Portugal

increase accessibility to PT information, increase access for people with special needs

# State of the Art

Romania	no mention
Slovakia	accessibility to jobplace for people with reduced support for PT access for low income families
Slovenia	no mention
Spain	support to low income families and people living in disadvantaged areas, accessibility of elderly/disabled to PT
Sweden	reduce physical barriers to PT network for disabled people by 2010

# State of the Art

## UK

low income families, access to PT in order to get social services, elderly people, rural areas, Web services, improving the quality of PT, meeting local transport needs, commuting transport support (work/school), make PT more accessible

## Bulgaria

accessibility to PT access for disabled people, promoting access to transport for all

# Nomination as best sentence

“Poverty is also about being socially excluded due to the lack of local amenities such as shops and it’s also about poor transport provision”

From UK NAP

# Feel free to ask more information to

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