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**How well are the EU countries prepared to cope
with new globalisation challenges?**

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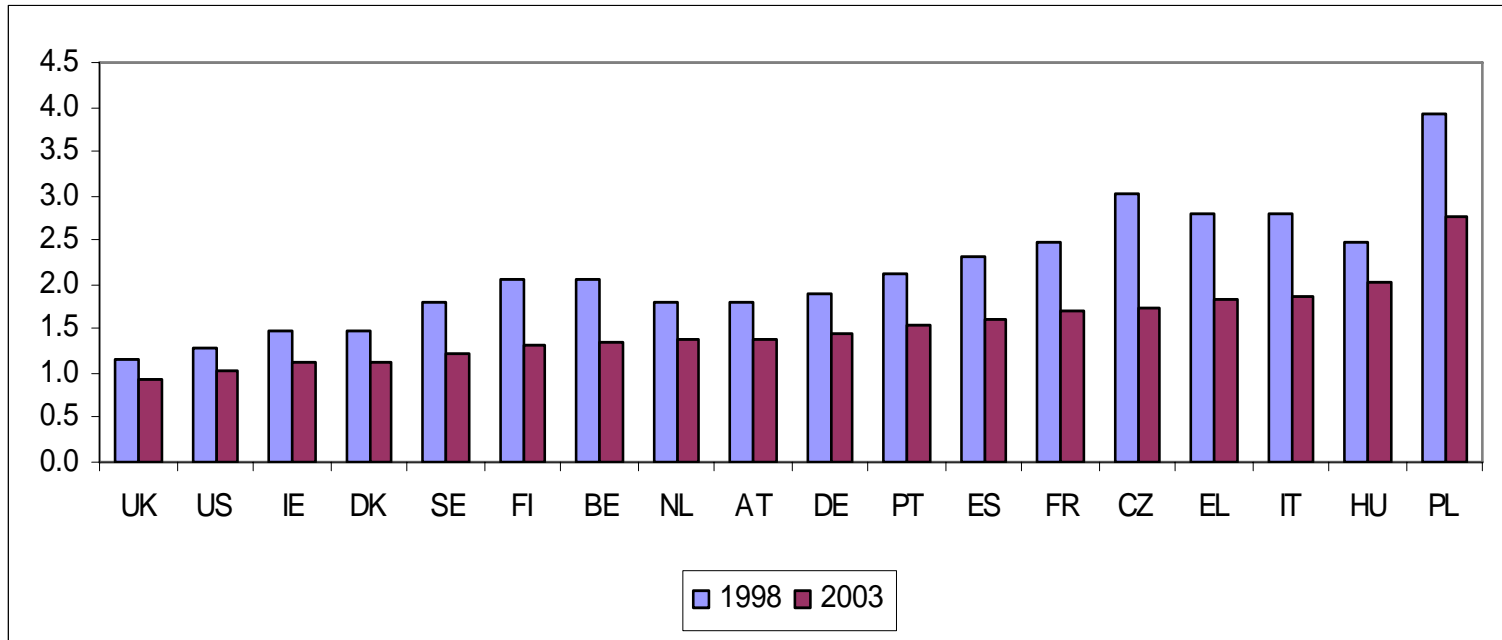
New Globalisation Challenges

- Intensification of competition from low-wage countries, between workers performing similar tasks
- Cost-induced and ICT-enabled acceleration of re-location of production driven by multinational enterprises
- The new competitors have comparative advantages in a wide number of industries (China) and in high-value added services (India)

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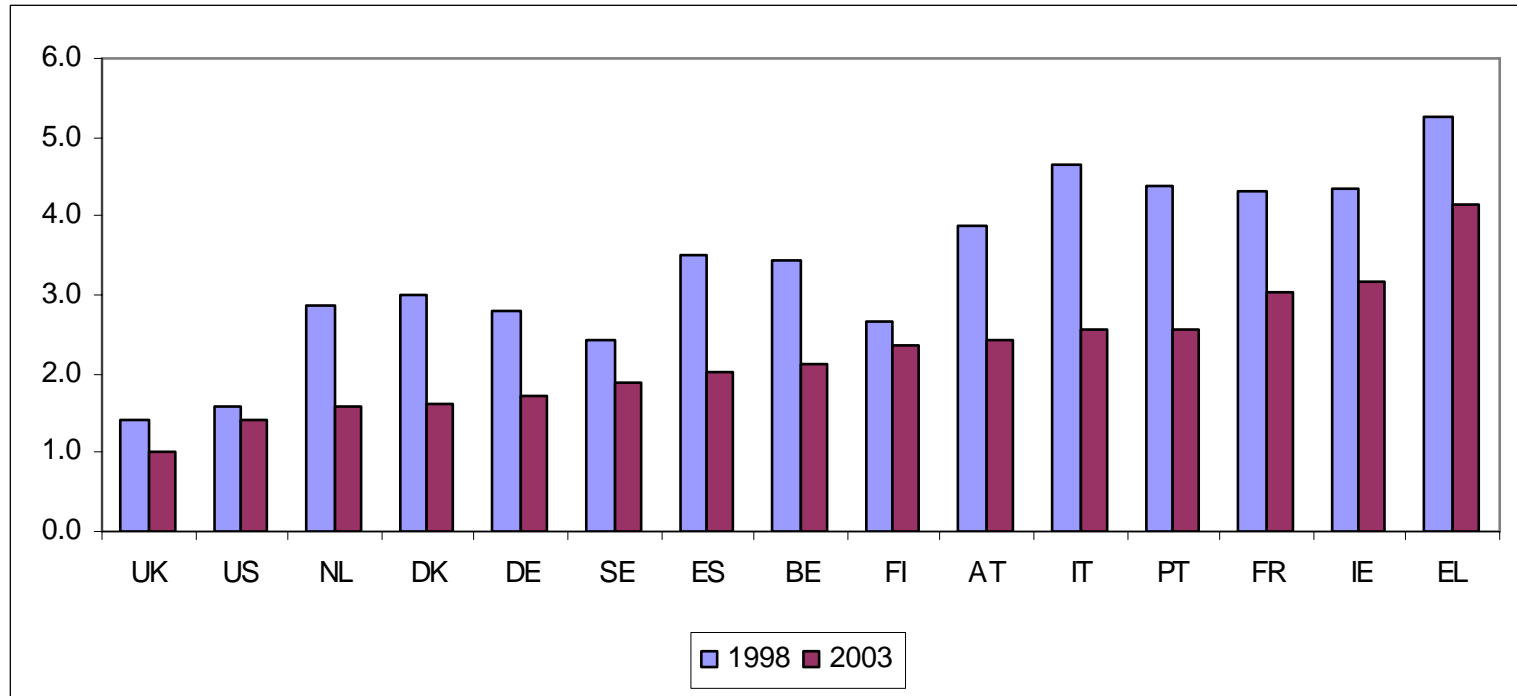
- Regulatory framework
- Labour market flexibility
- R&D and investment in knowledge
- Human resources in science and technology
- Innovation policy
- Innovation performance

Flexibility of product markets has increased...



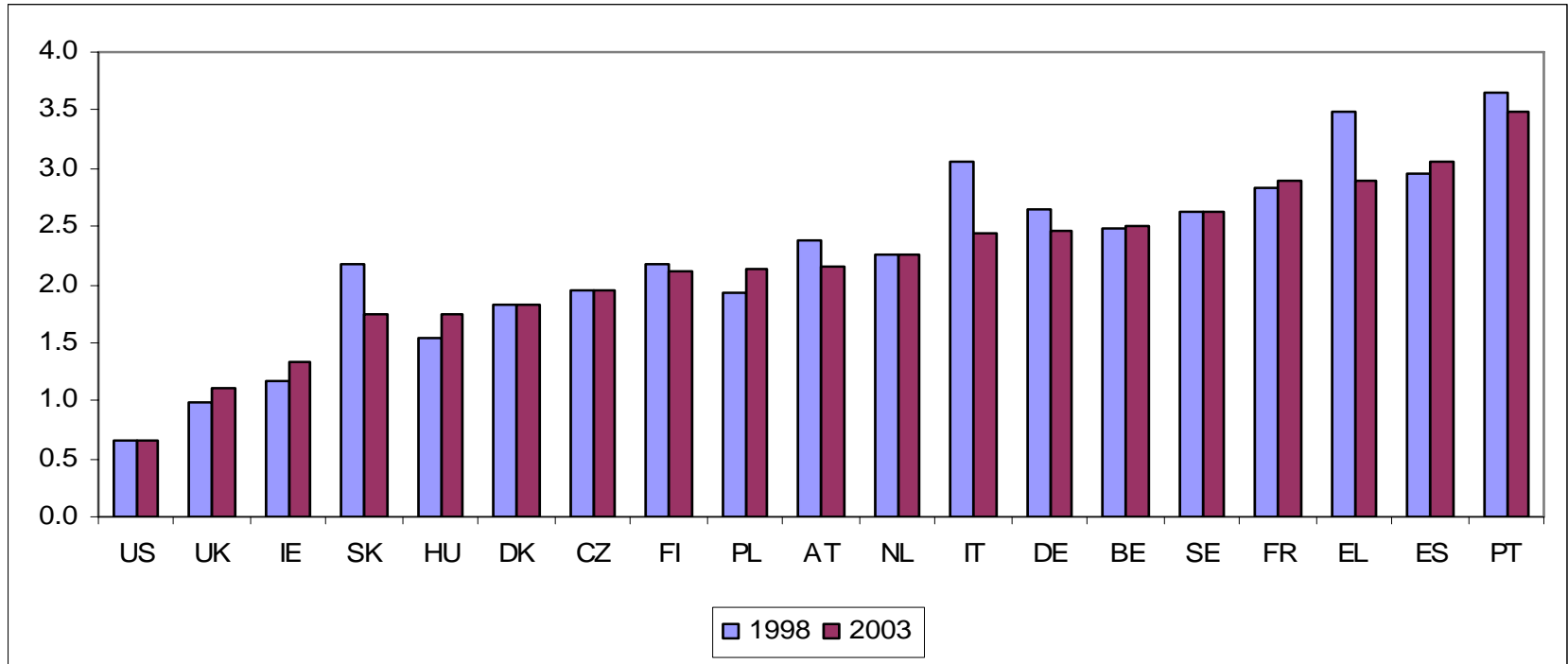
Source: Own elaboration based on OECD, Product Market Regulation database

Product market regulation in network industries (airlines, telecoms, electricity, gas, post, rail, road freight)



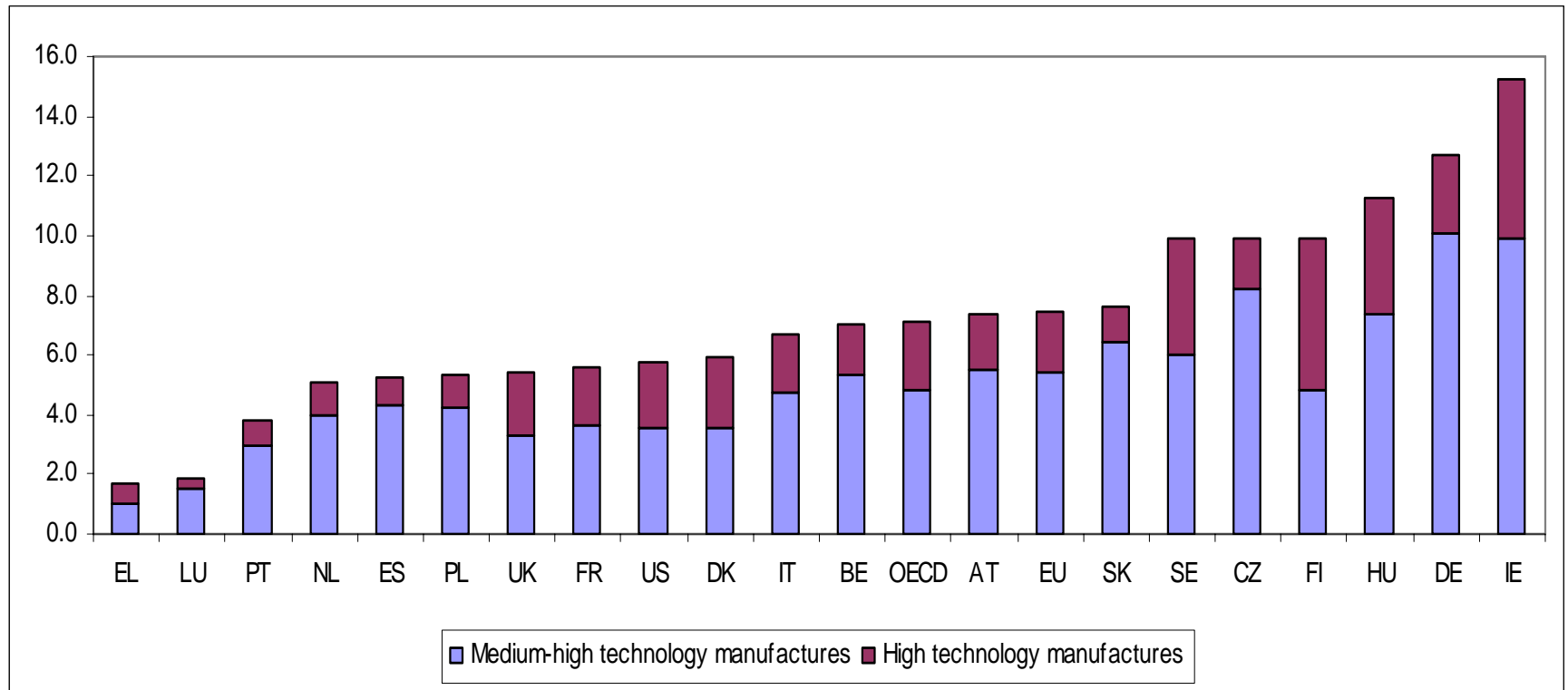
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Labour market flexibility: EPL strictness



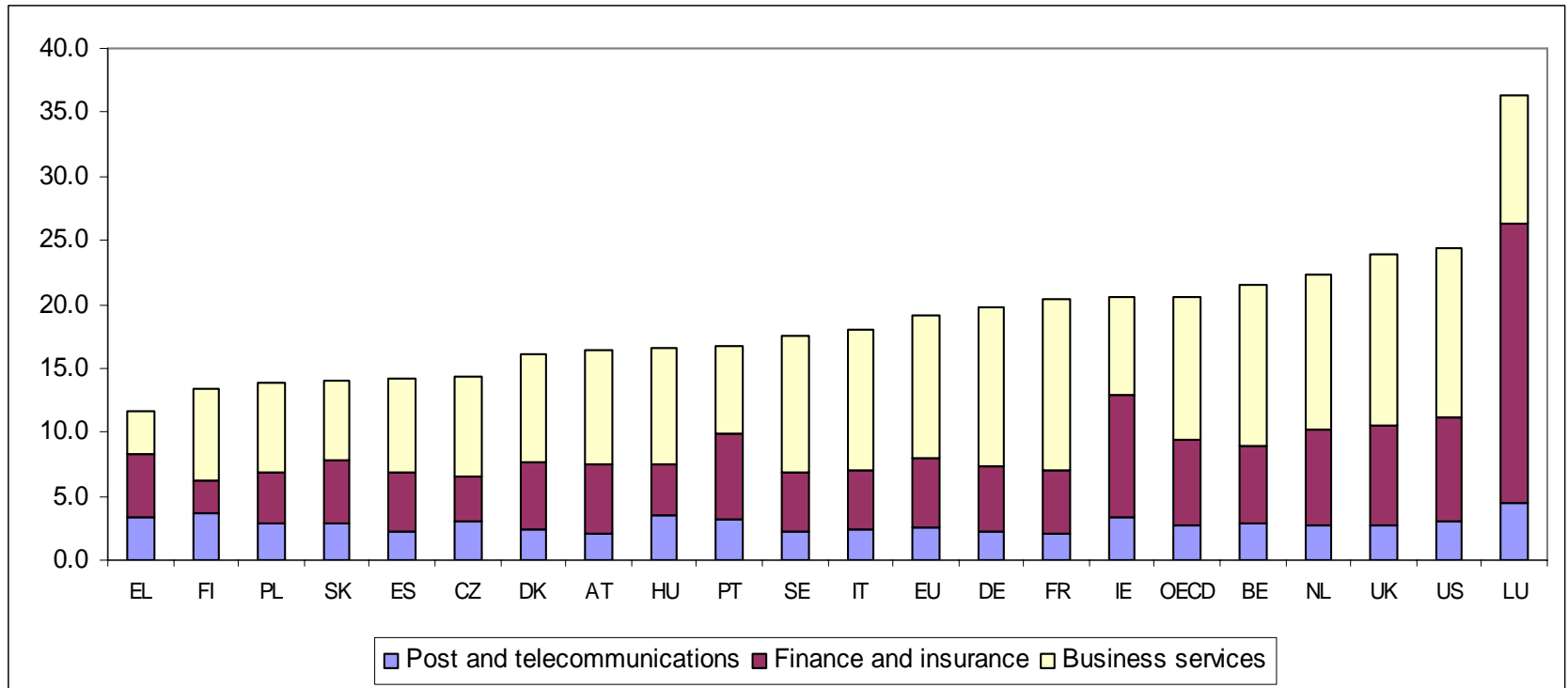
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Leading producers of high-technology goods



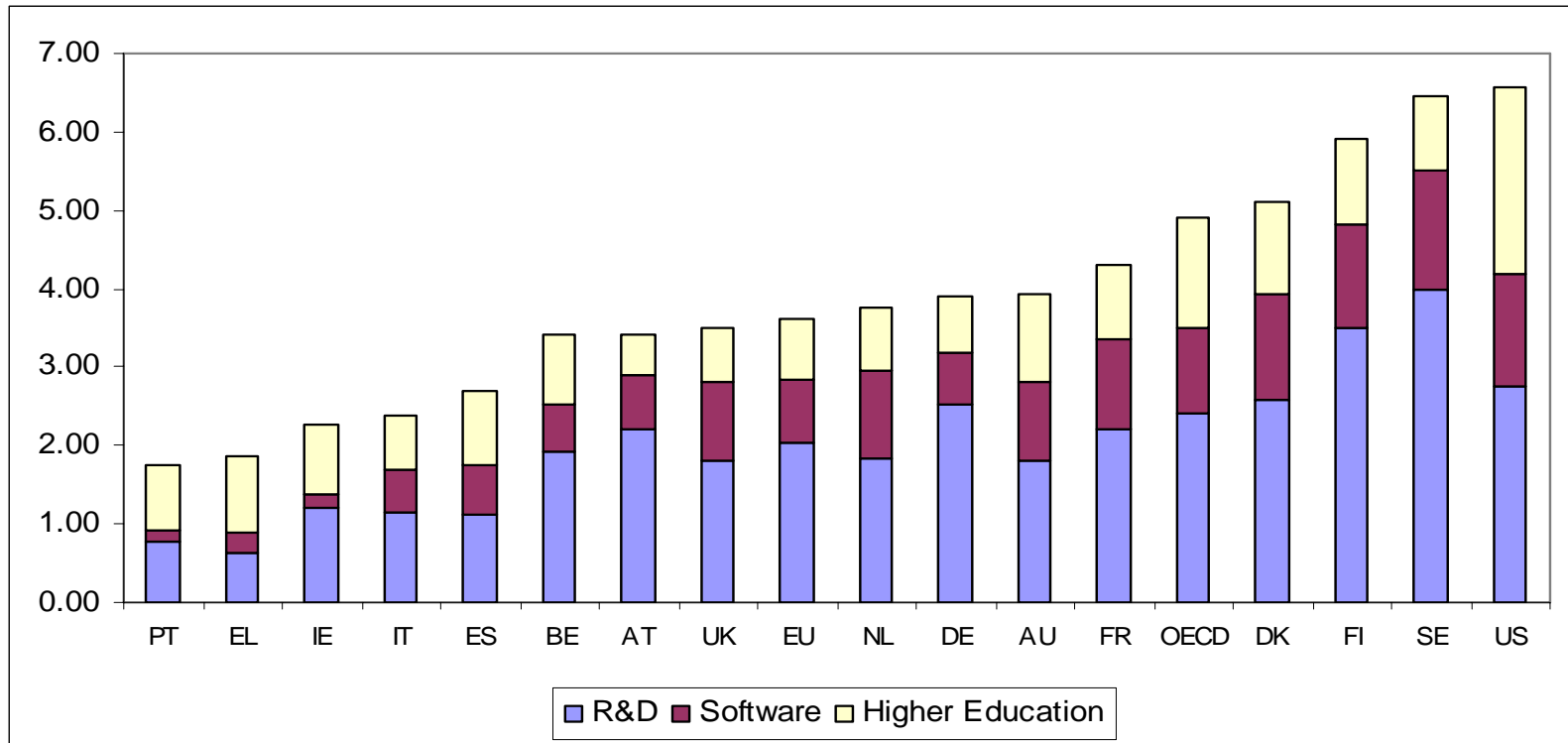
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Intensive users of high technology



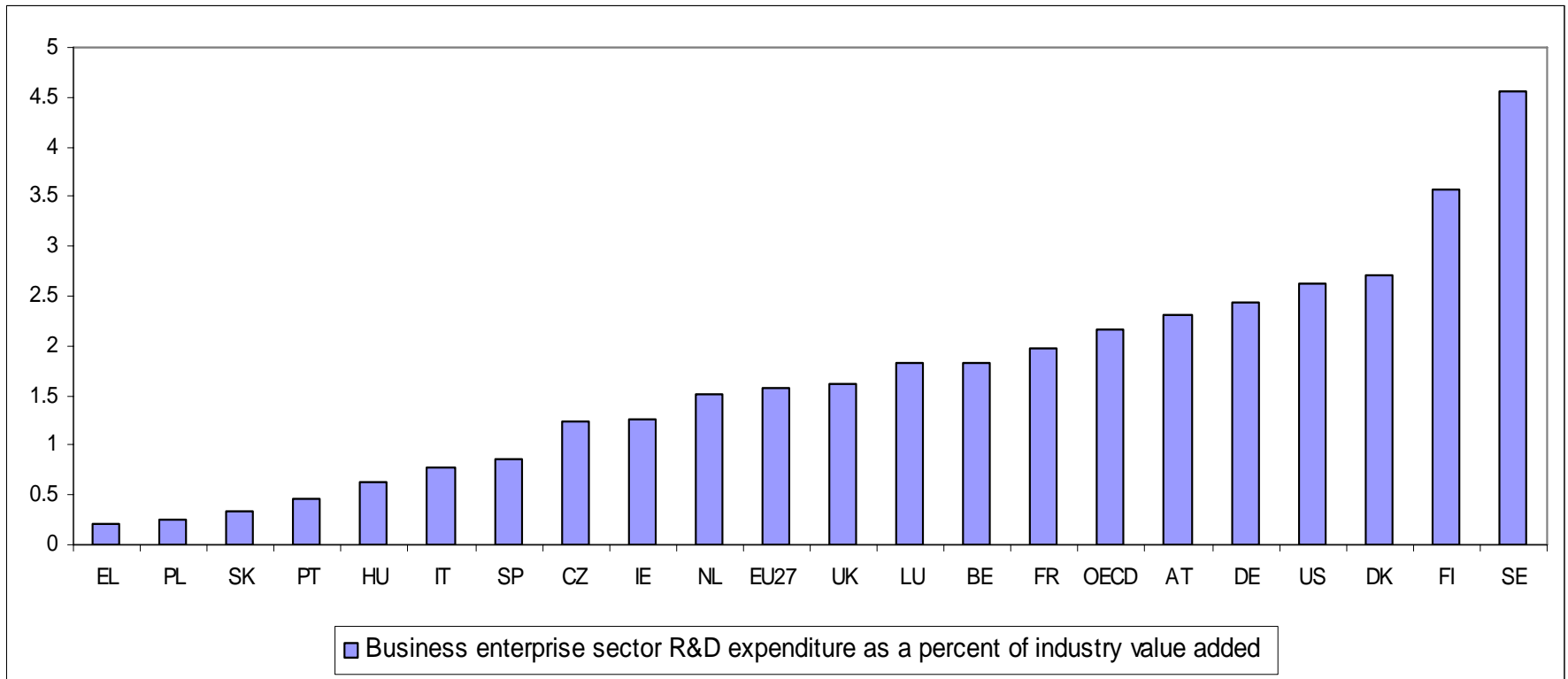
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Investment in knowledge, % of GDP



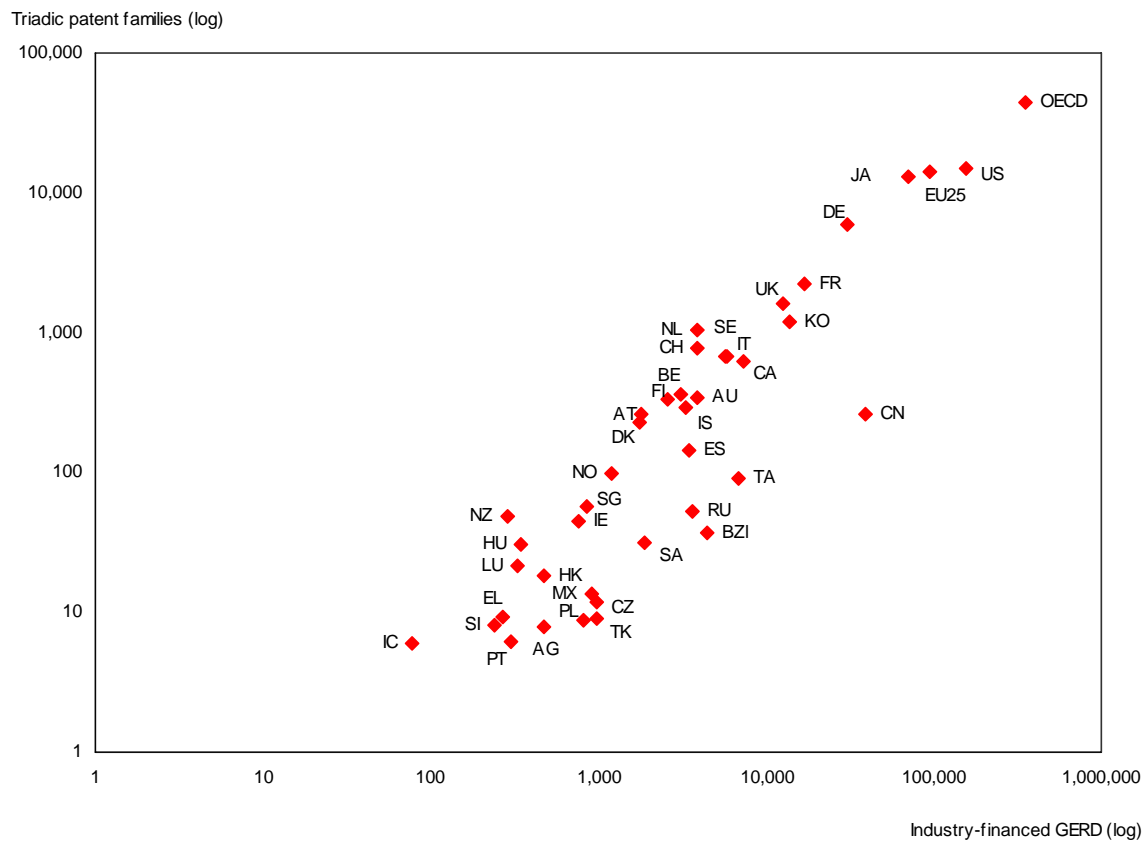
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Business enterprise R&D expenditure percent of industry value added



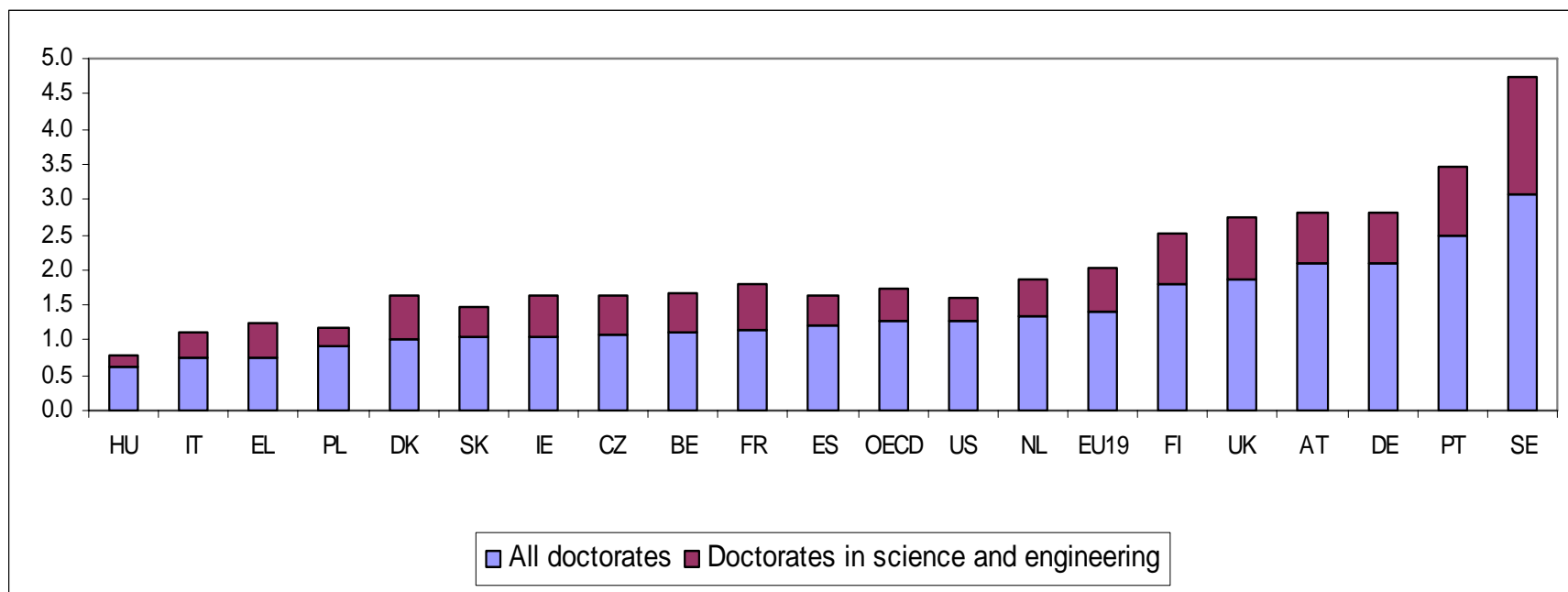
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Patent intensity and industry financed R&D



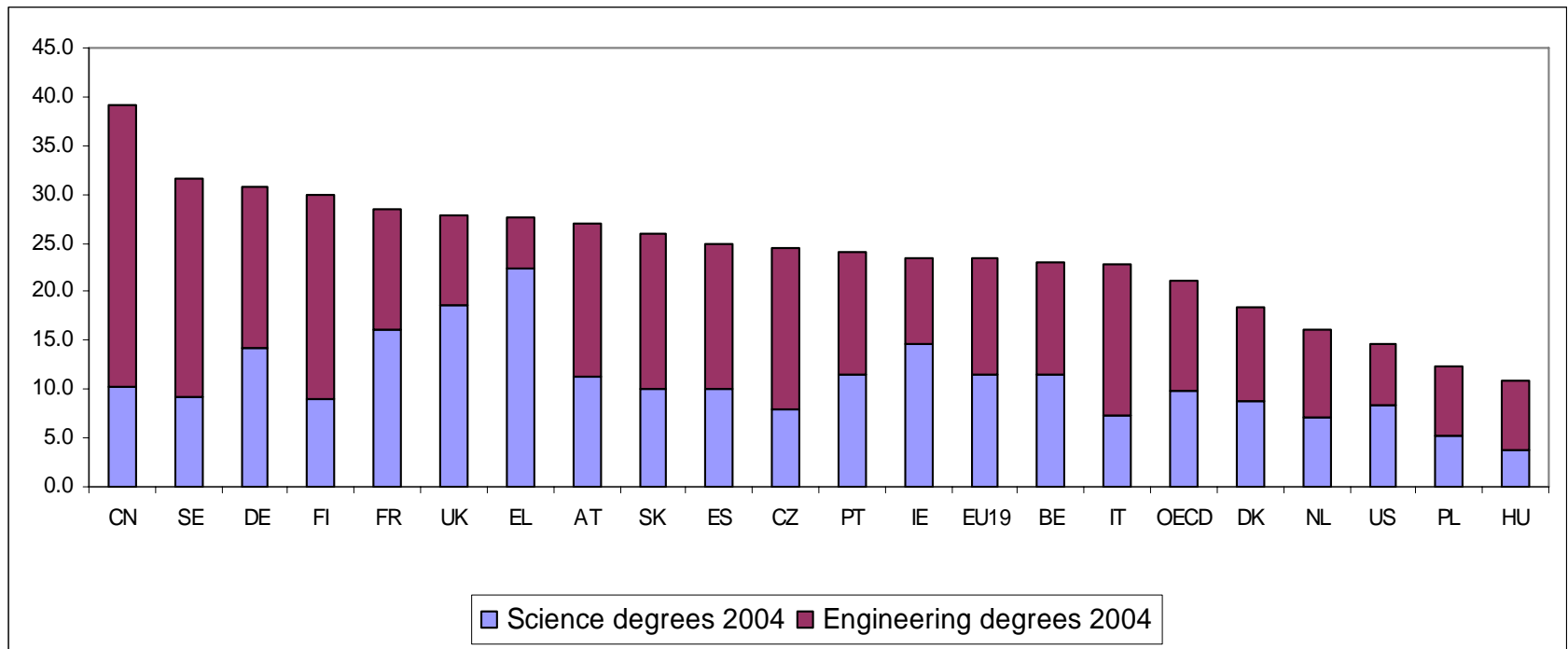
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Graduation rates at doctoral level, percentage of the relevant age cohort



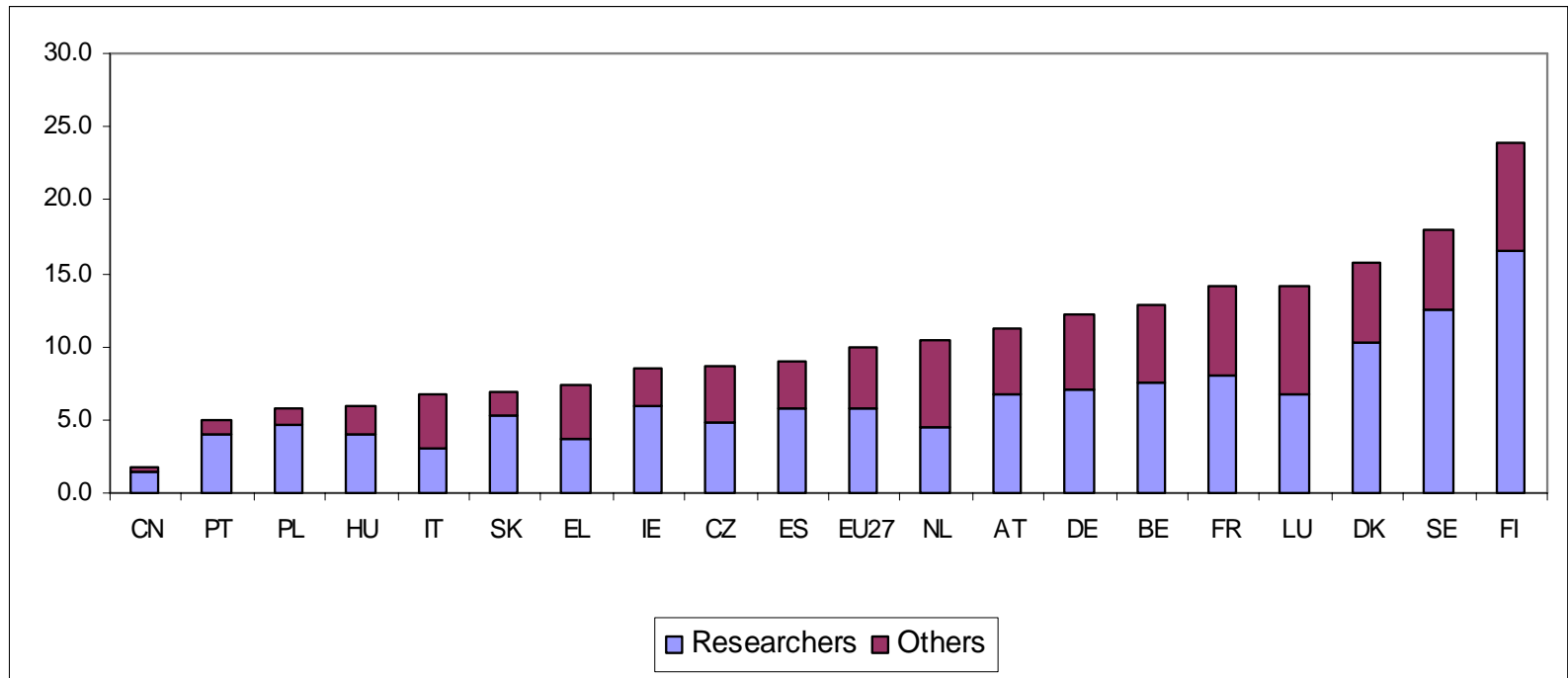
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Science and engineering degrees, percentage of total degrees



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R&D Personnel, per thousand employed



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