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Getting Cities Right – OECD work on
urban policy

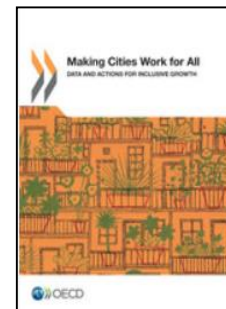
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OECD's and urban development – a long history

- National Urban Policy Reviews
- Metropolitan Reviews
- Thematic reports: housing, transport, green growth, climate change, etc.
- Statistics on metropolitan and urban regions



OECD begins work on Urban issues

Creation of the Regional Development Policy Committee

Launch of the first National Urban Policy Review NUPR: Poland

Metropolitan Review of The Chicago Tri-State Metropolitan Area



1970 1980 1999 2005 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Policy dialogue:

- Round Table of Mayors and Ministers
- Champions Mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative



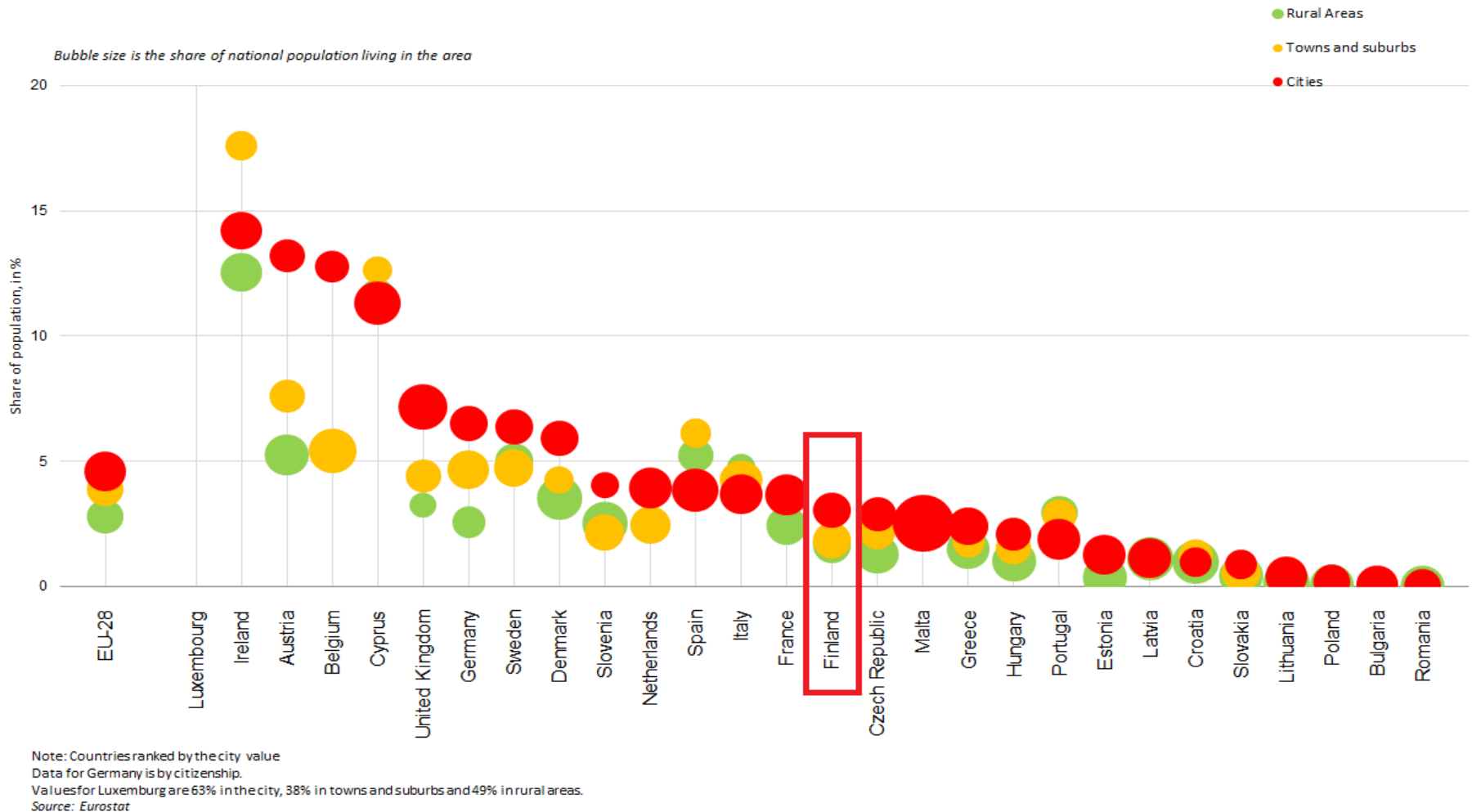


Cities are sources of challenges, but policy needs to better recognise the opportunities



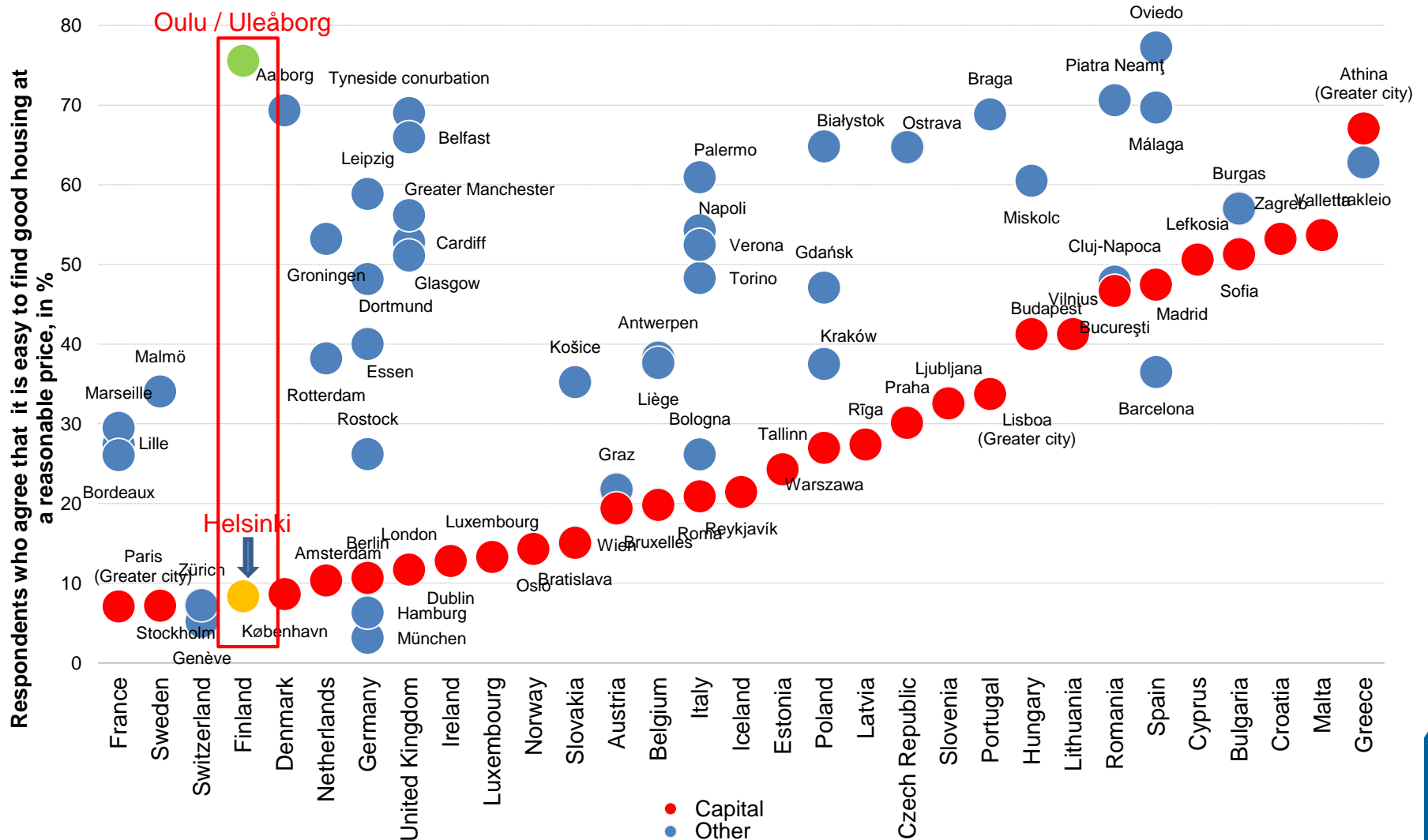


Working age population born in a different EU-28 country by degree of urbanisation, 2014





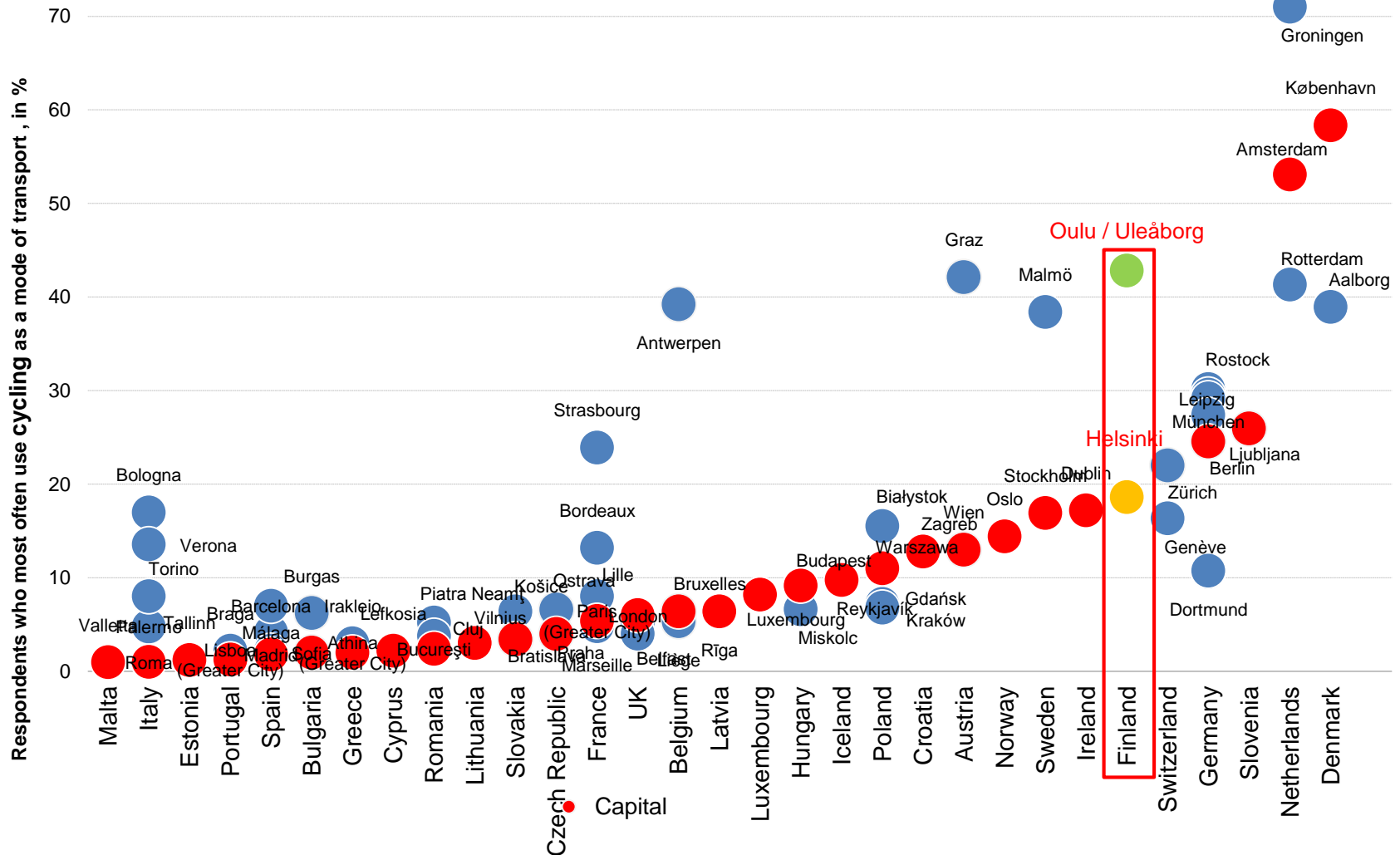
Housing in European cities at a reasonable price, 2015



Source: Quality of Life Survey, Eurobarometer 419. Published in European Commission (2016), The State of European Cities 2016: Cities leading the way to a better future



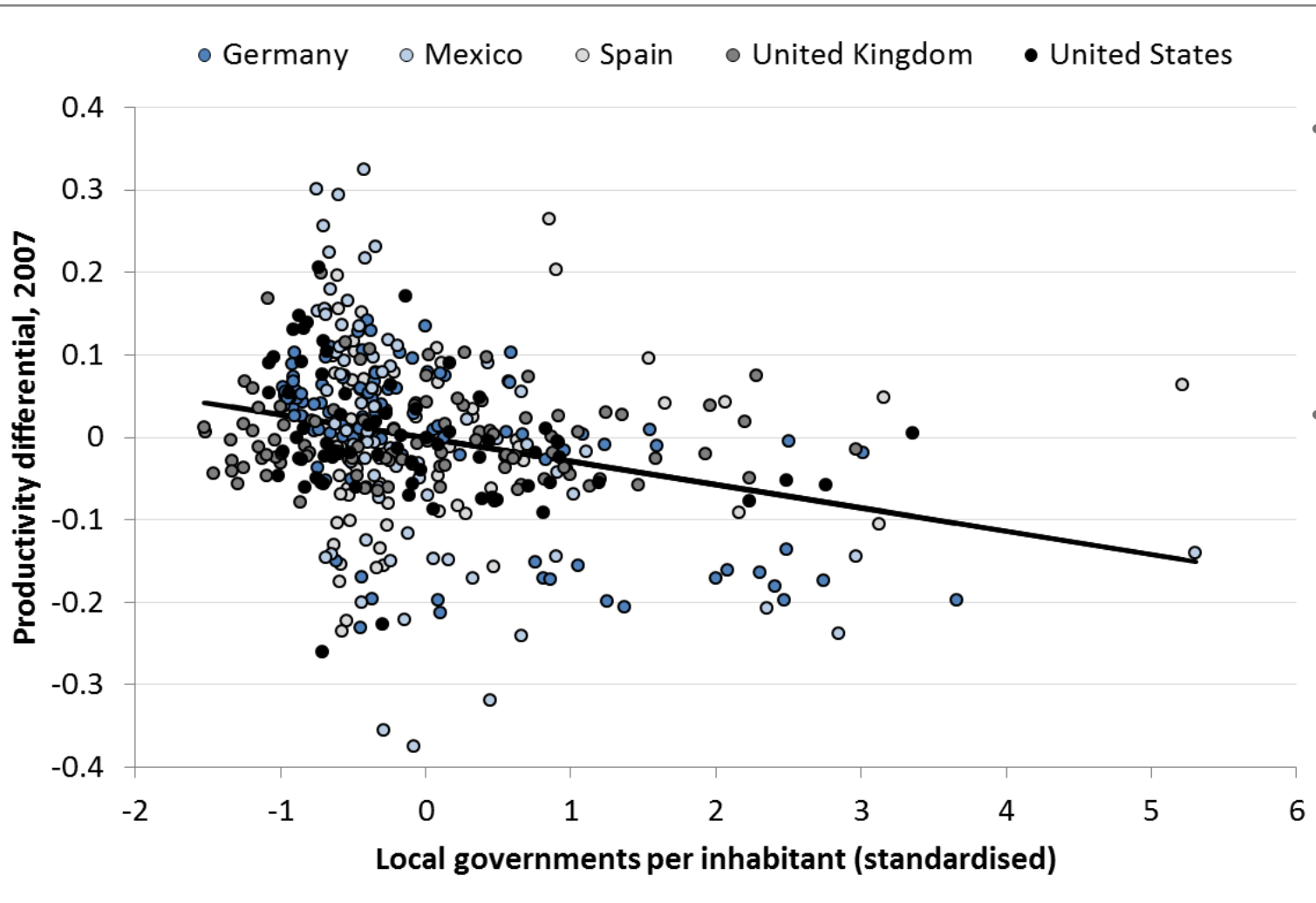
Cycling in European cities as a mode of transport, 2015



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City productivity & administrative fragmentation



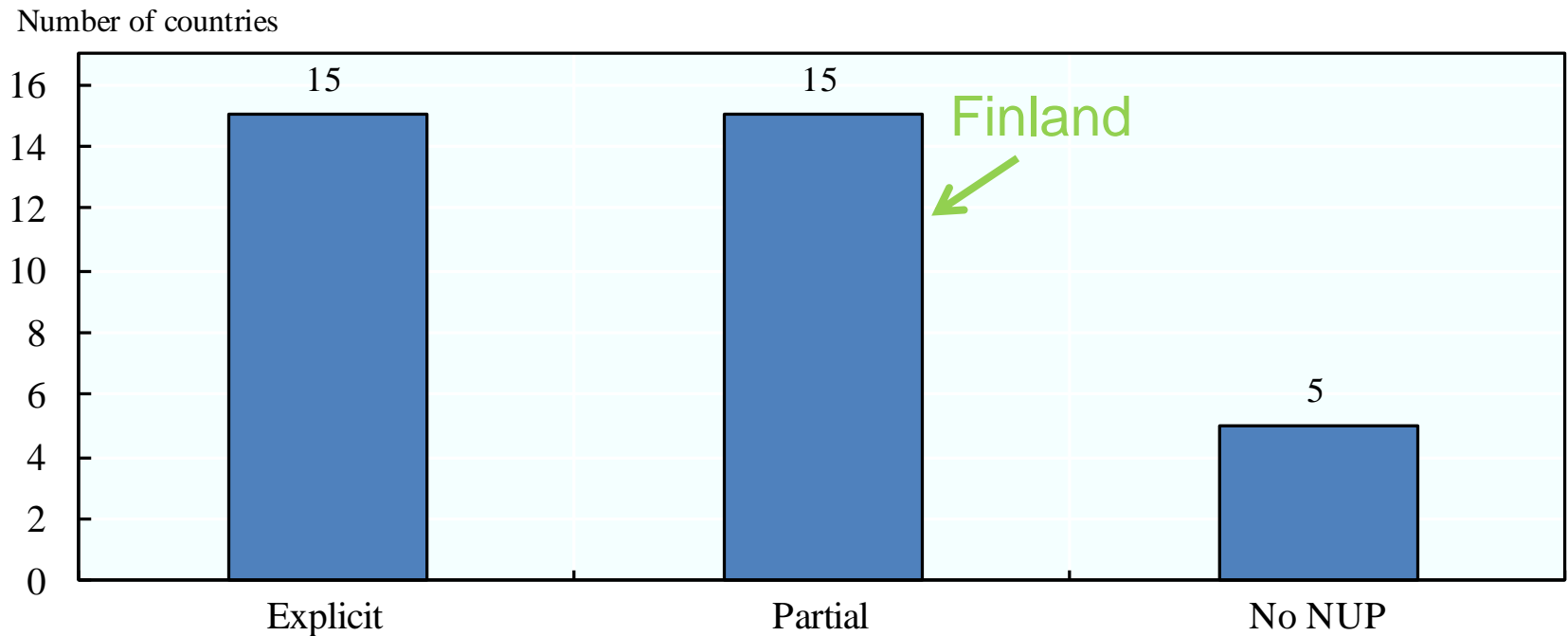
Productivity increases by 2-5% for a doubling in population size

Productivity falls by 6% for a doubling in number of municipalities
(for given population size)



In 2016, out of the 35 OECD countries, only 15 had an explicit national urban policy.

Type of National Urban Policies in 35 OECD countries

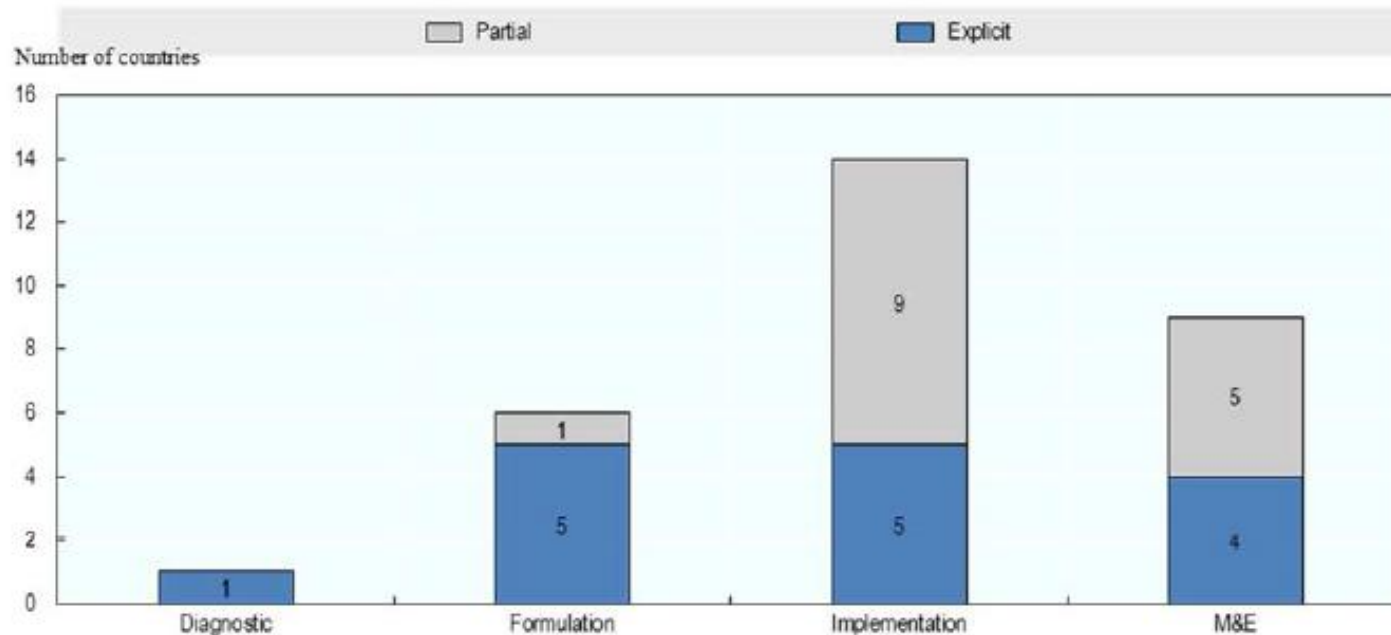


- **However, almost 90% of OECD countries have partial elements of NUPs**



National urban policies by stage of development in 35 OECD countries

Figure 1.2. National urban policy by stage of development in 35 OECD countries



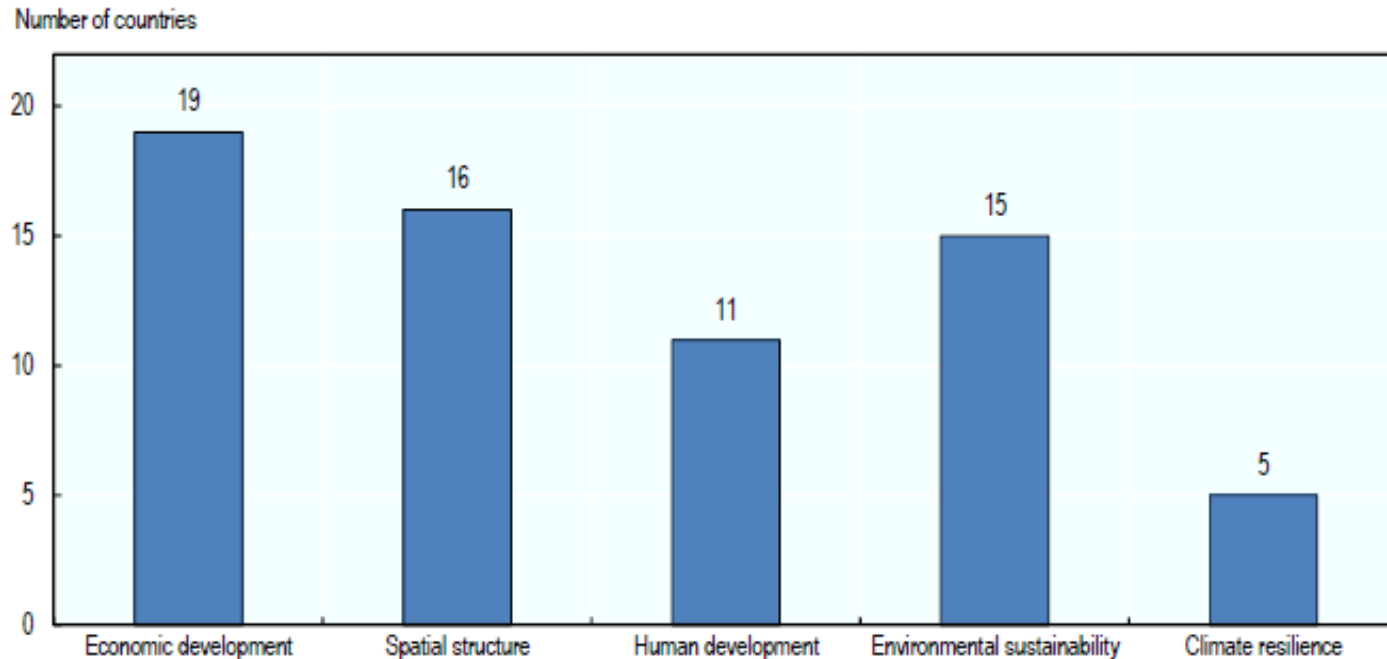
Source: OECD (2016a), "OECD survey on national urban policy", unpublished.

When considering both explicit and partial NUPs, 40% of OECD countries are in the implementation and 26% in the monitoring and evaluation stage.



Areas with extensive scope in OECD countries' national urban policies

Figure 1.3. Areas with extensive scope in OECD countries' national urban policies



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For NUPs in OECD countries, economic development is the most extensively covered sector, while economic resilience receives the weakest degree of attention.



Recommendations for more successful cities

1. Improve cities' productivity to produce wealth and raise well-being.
2. Cities and regions require integrated sectoral policies.
3. Cities require integrated public transport provision.
4. Ensure sufficient affordable housing provision.
5. Adopt governance arrangements that fit a city's situation.
6. Welcome new inhabitants from different backgrounds and origins.



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