

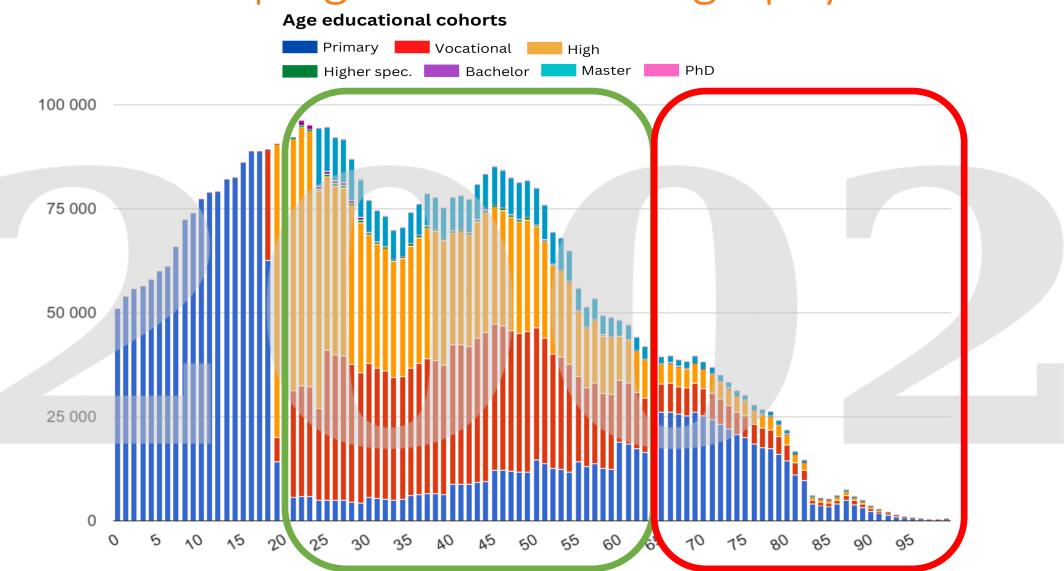


How important is the pension savings plan design?

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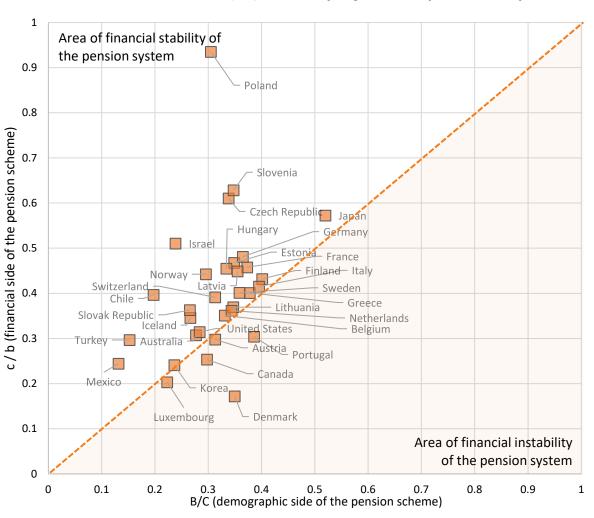
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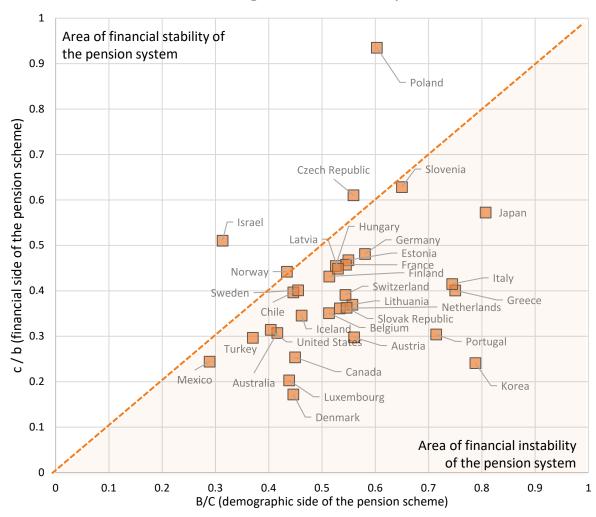
Long-term objective Coping with the demography?



Long-term objective Easing the pressure on PAYG schemes?

Financial (in)stability of OECD pension systems in 2020 and 2050 according to the Barr equation

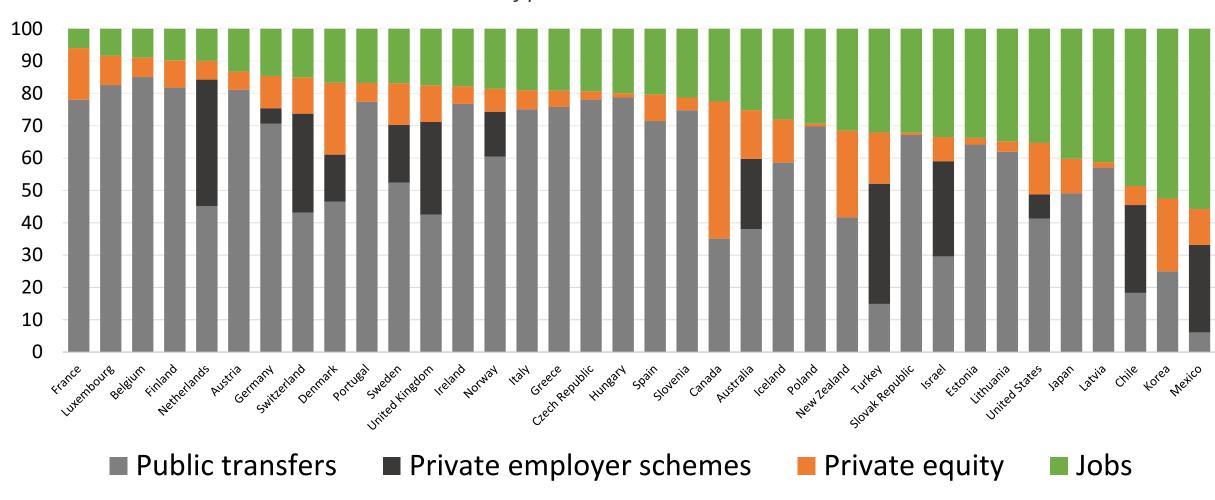




Source: Own elaboration based on OECD, EC, Eurostat (2021)

Long-term objective Diversifying the source of income?

Income structure of pensioners in OECD countries in 2020



Source: Own elaboration based on OECD data, 2021

Long-term objectives vs. Short-term risks

OECD Recommendation No. 1 (2022):

Design DC pension plans that are <u>coherent with their long-term purpose</u> and role in the pension system.

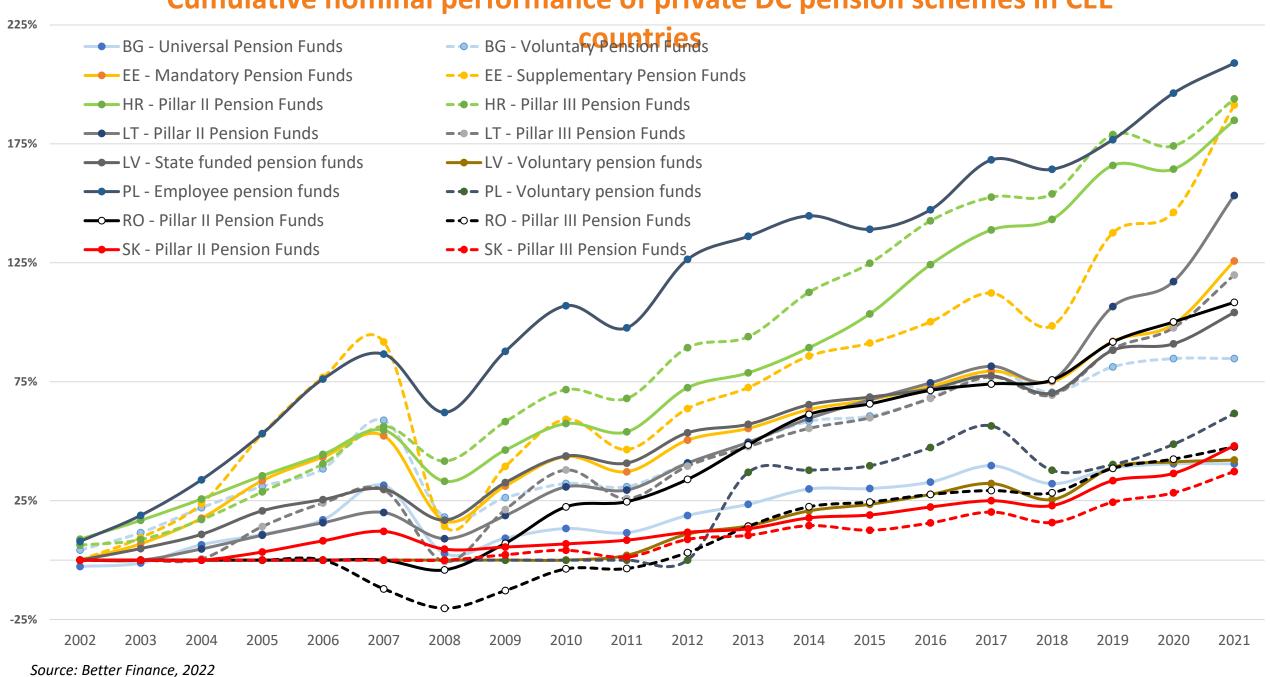
- The design should promote <u>resilience against shocks</u> and be stable to provide certainty and instils confidence over the long term.
- It should also be <u>consistent with the other components</u> of the pension system and its objectives and be coherent across the accumulation and pay-out phases.
- Policy makers should regularly assess current and potential retirement incomes taking into account broader economic and demographic factors and risks to assess whether DC plans are able to fulfil their role in meeting adequacy objectives.

Long-term objectives vs. Short-term risks

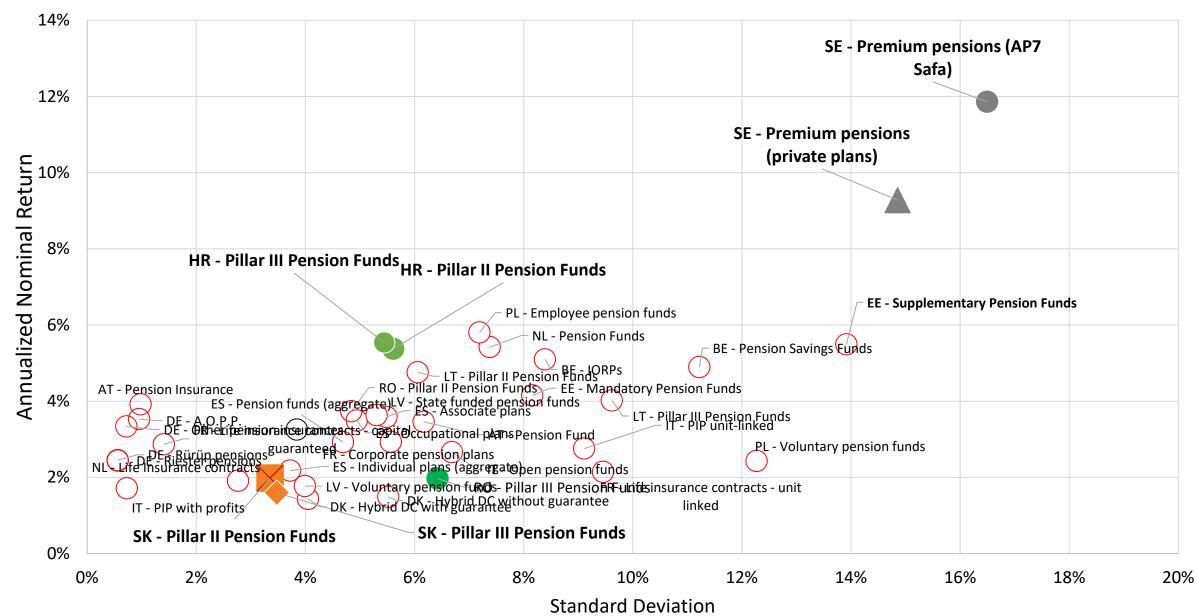
Reality:

- Reform reversals from DC schemes (Poland, Hungary) R1
- Opening the 1bis DC schemes (Slovakia) R2
- Limiting contributions towards 1bis pillars as a response to economic shocks (Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania) – R3
- Preference of short-term investment risks and active management (Slovakia, Lithuania) – R4
- Political interventions into the portfolio structures (Poland, Slovakia) R5
- Frequent changes of the pension system set-up (design) resulting in lower awareness and high inertia of savers (all CEE countries) – R10

Cumulative nominal performance of private DC pension schemes in CEE



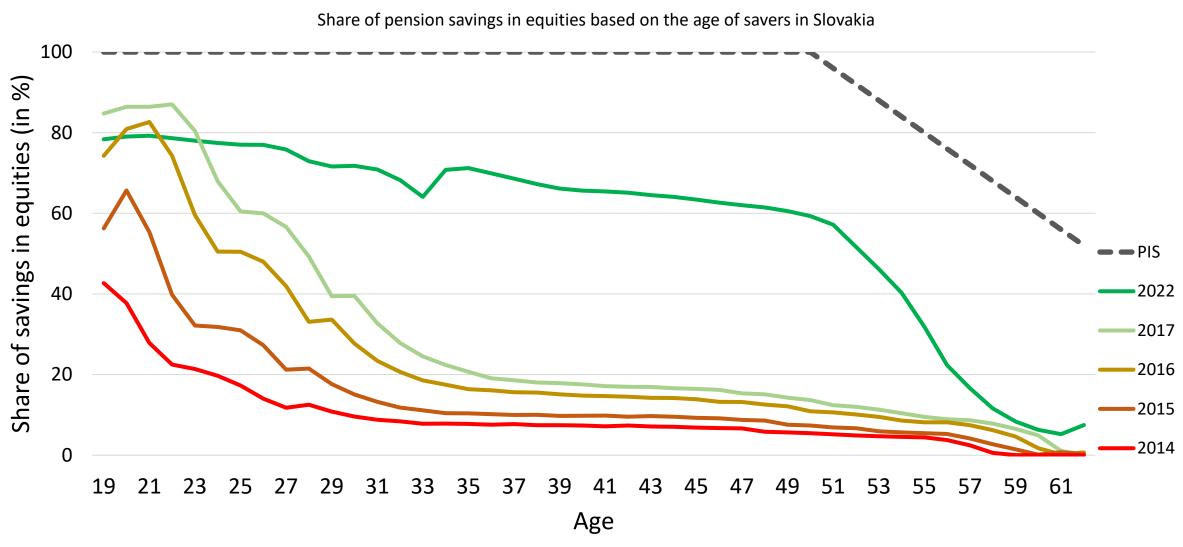
Missing R5 — no low-cost and predefined solutions for DC savers



Source: Better Finance, 2022

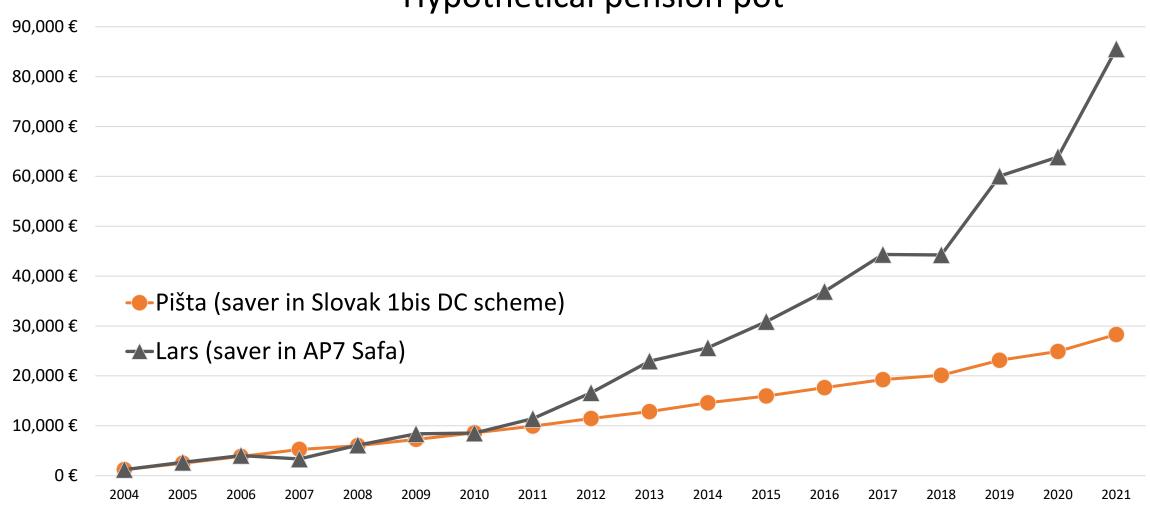
Missing R6

no defaults on investment strategy in Slovakia for 17 years



Long-term objective reality Lars (Sweden) vs. Pišta (Slovakia)

Hypothetical pension pot



Source: Own elaboration, 2022

Design matters – make it legislatively stable

Recommendation No. 11

"Constitutional recognition of a multi-pillar pension system with the key elements for DC schemes (contributions, participation, predefined investment strategy and payout phase) is an effective way to address short-termism."

Thank you for the attention.