



# The rush hour of life....

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In search of lost time

## Why is everyone so busy?

*Time poverty is a problem partly of perception and partly of distribution*





**Bevolkingsvraagstukken  
in Nederland  
anno 2003**

Werkverband Periodieke Rapportage  
Bevolkingsvraagstukken

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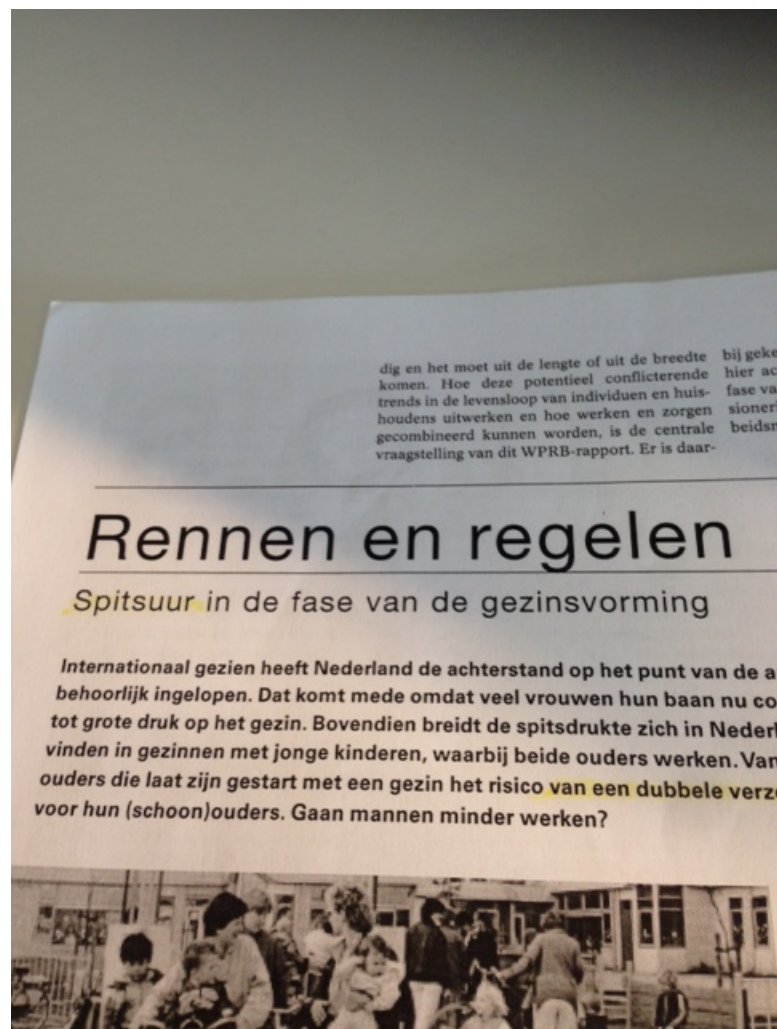
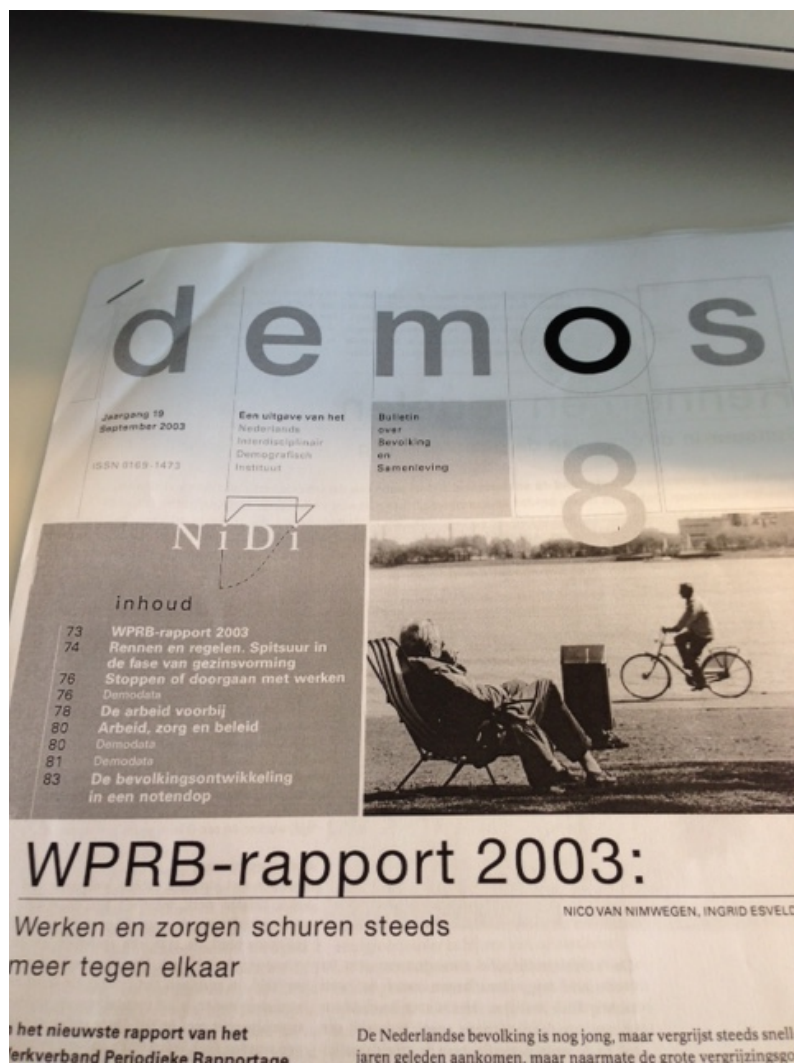
- 3.6 Migratieontwikkelingen .....
- 3.7 Toekomstige ontwikkelingen .....

**II. Arbeid en zorg**

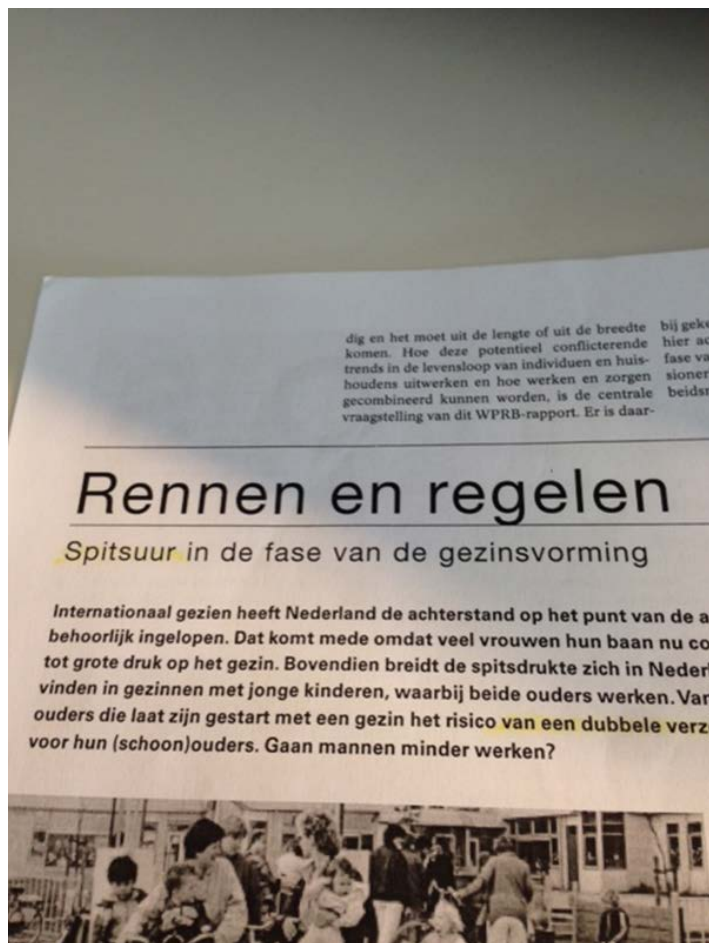
**Het spitsuurgezin** .....  
*Maarten Alders, Jan Latten, Marina Pool en Ingrid*

- I. De demografie van gezinnen .....
- 2. Tijdsbesteding aan zorg, huishouden en werk .....
- 3. Hoe vaders en moeders de taken verdelen .....
- 4. Communicatie .....
- 5. Zorg voor hulpbehoevende ouders .....
- 6. Conclusies .....

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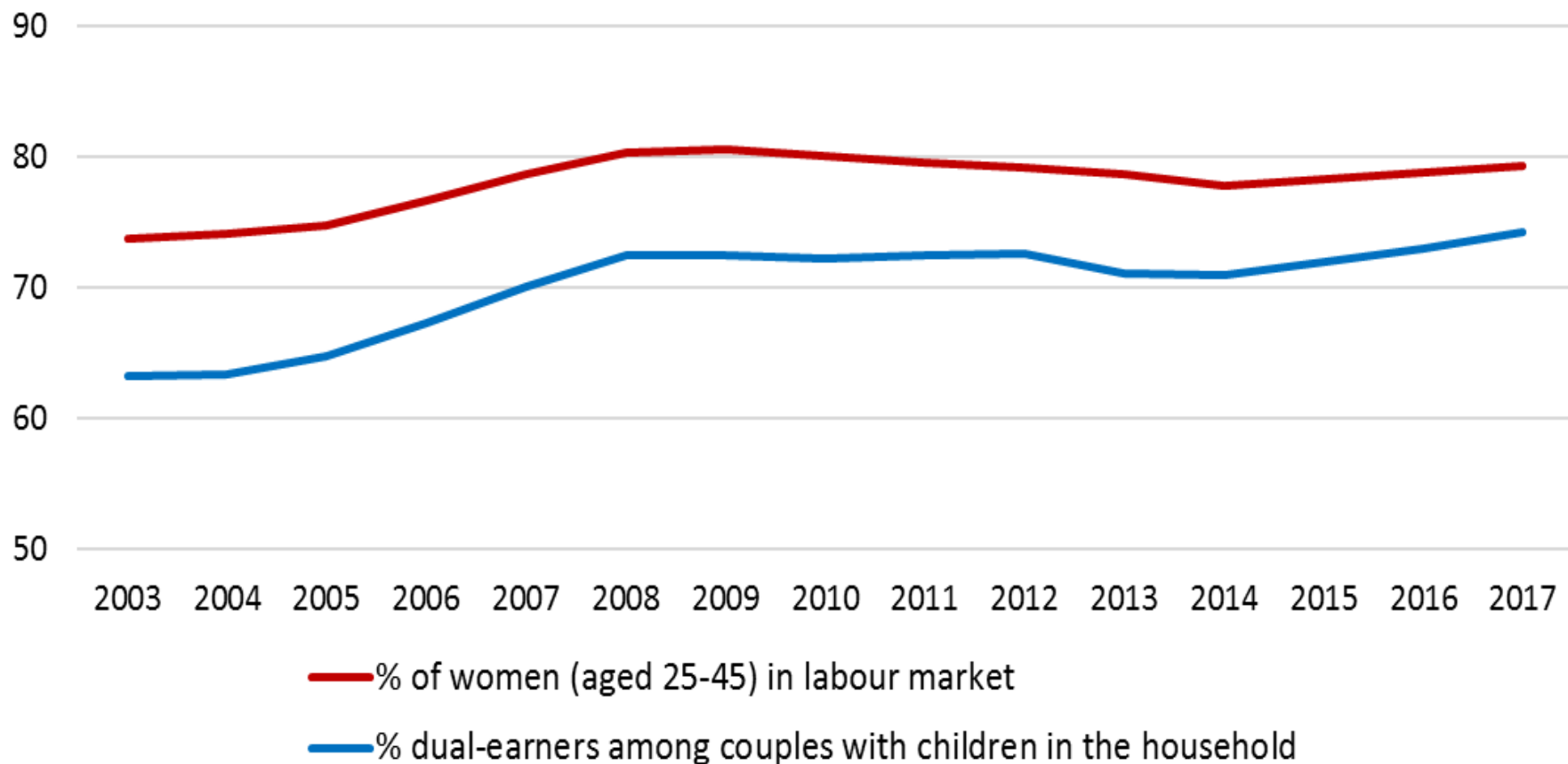


# SPITSUUR....



- Increase in female labour force participation
- Increase in dual-earners families
- Later age at childbearing
- Special case of single-parents

## Labour force participation



Source: CSB statline



## Nederlanders zijn het op vijf na gelukkigste volk ter wereld

The Telegraph

🏠 > Lifestyle > Women > Family

**They raise the world's happiest children  
- so is it time you went Dutch?**

**Nederlandse kinderen horen tot de gelukkigste kinderen ter wereld. En dat ligt allemaal aan de opvoedkunsten van de Nederlandse ouders. En aan hagelslag.**



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# WHAT HAS CHANGED?

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deVerdieping  
**Trouw** JAAR 5

**Discriminatie zwangere vrouwen  
neemt niet af**

HOME

23:02, 12 september 2016

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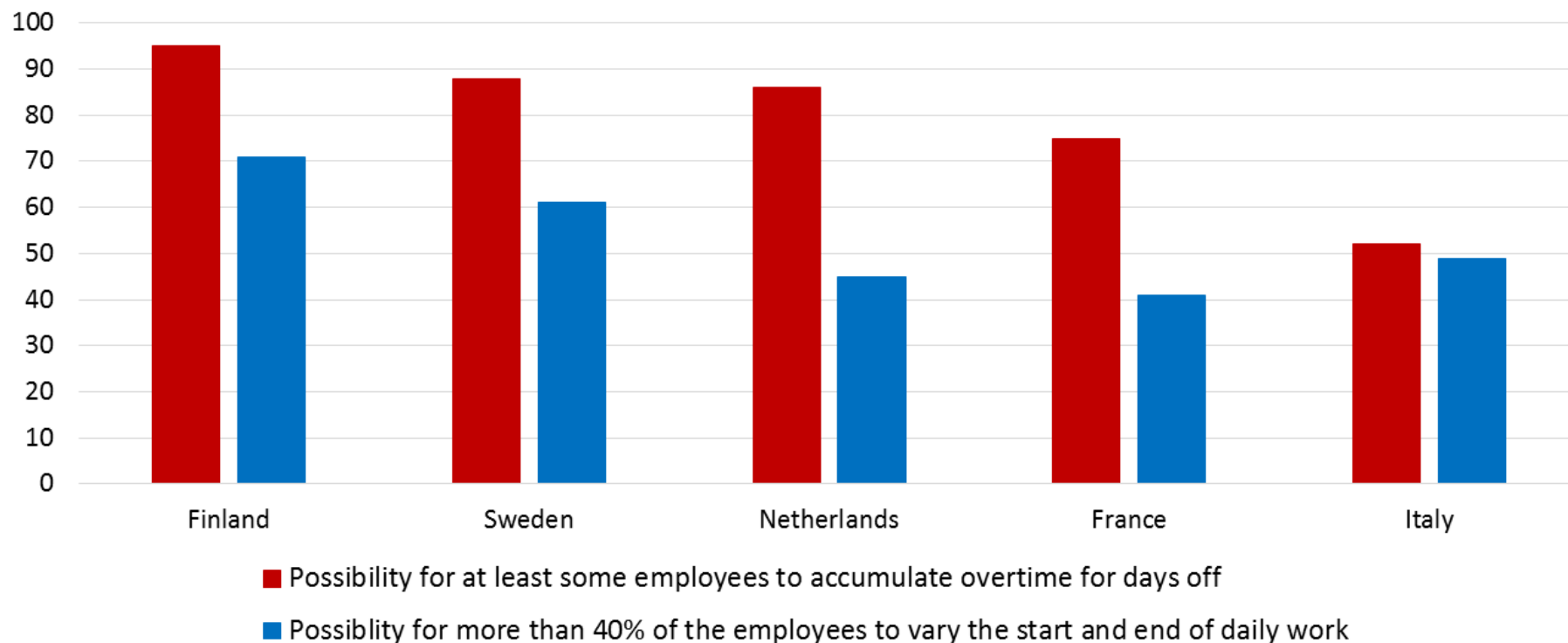
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- **Short-term contracts**
- **Job discrimination**
- **Flexibility**
- **Policies**



# WORK FLEXIBILITY

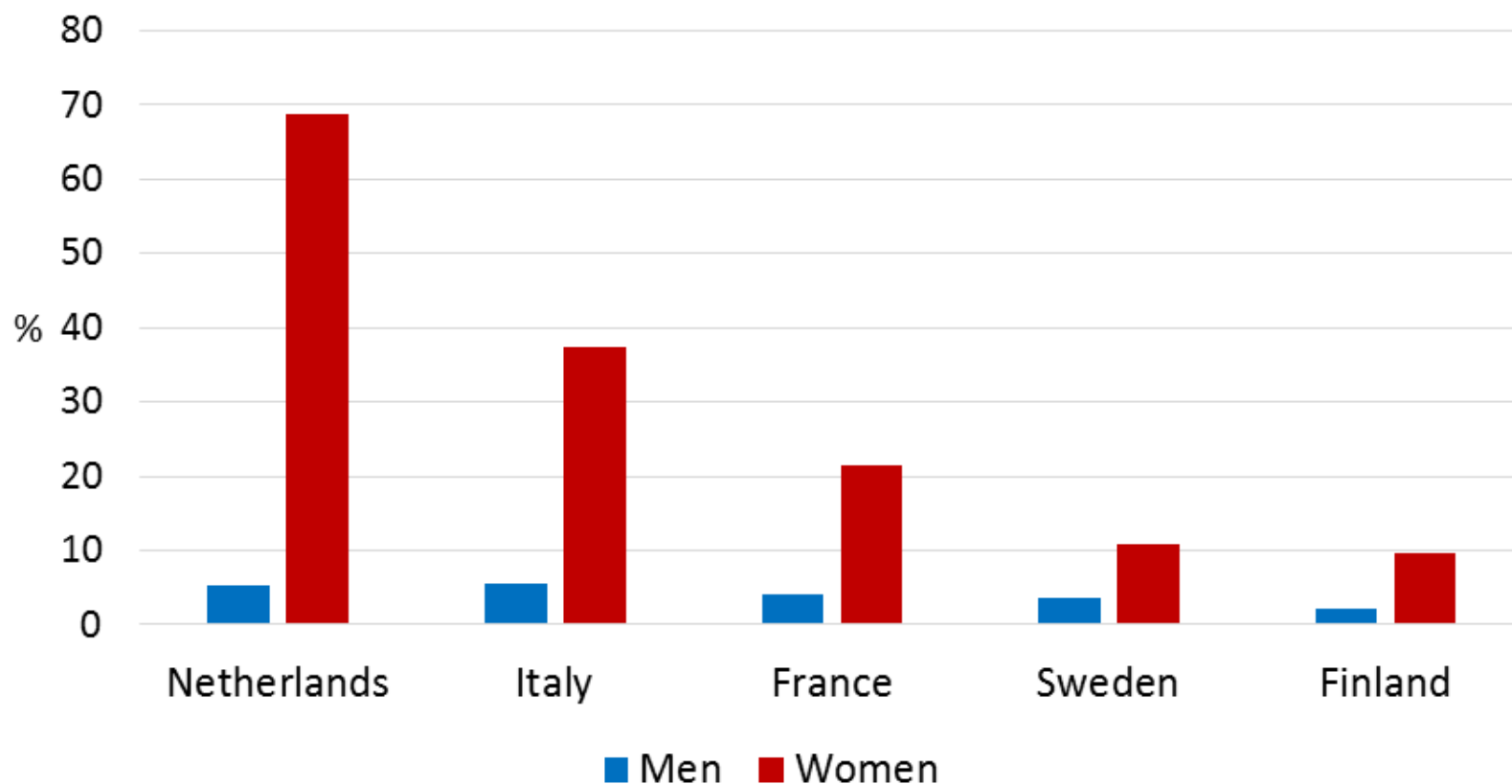
Employer-provided flexible working time arrangements, 2013



Source: OECD family database,

# PART-TIME WORK

**Part-time employment (< 30 hours p/w) among employed adults in couples with children, 2014**



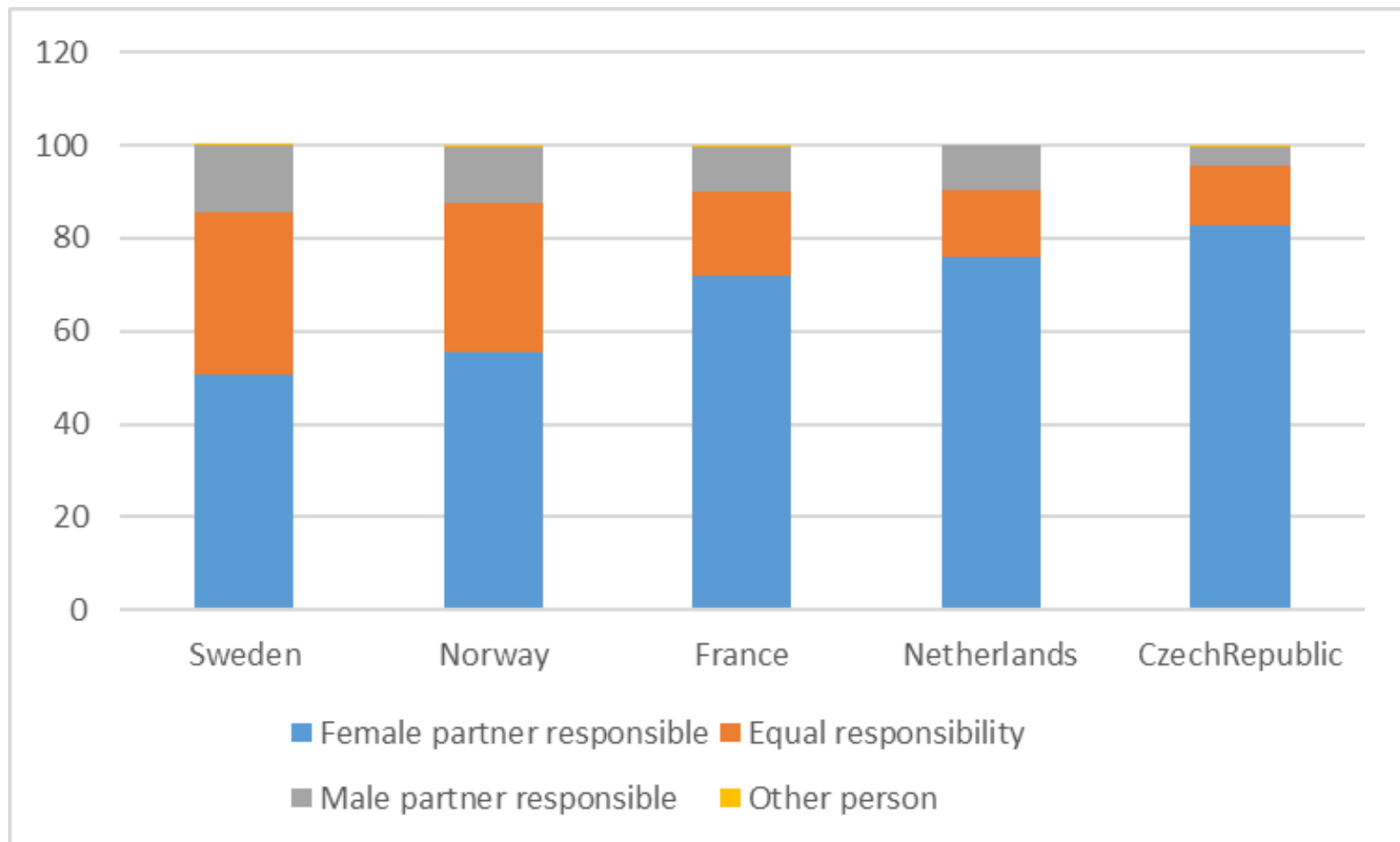
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# #3: NORMS REGARDING GENDER EQUALITY

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# SHARING OF HOUSEWORK



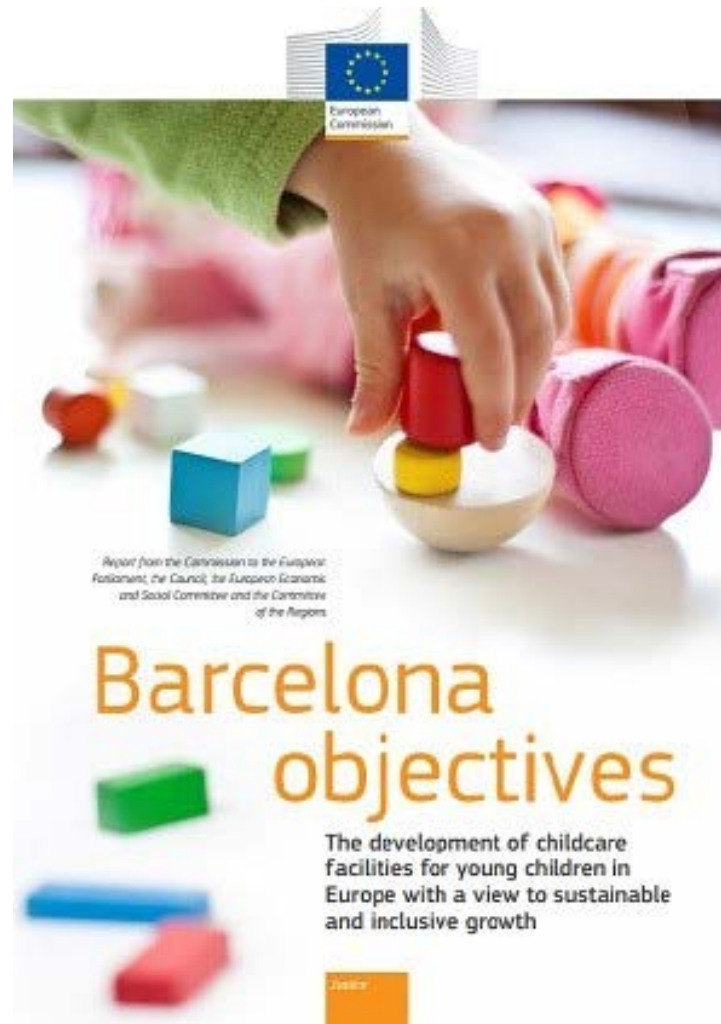
Gender division in responsibility for preparing daily meals among couples living with at least 1 under-aged child





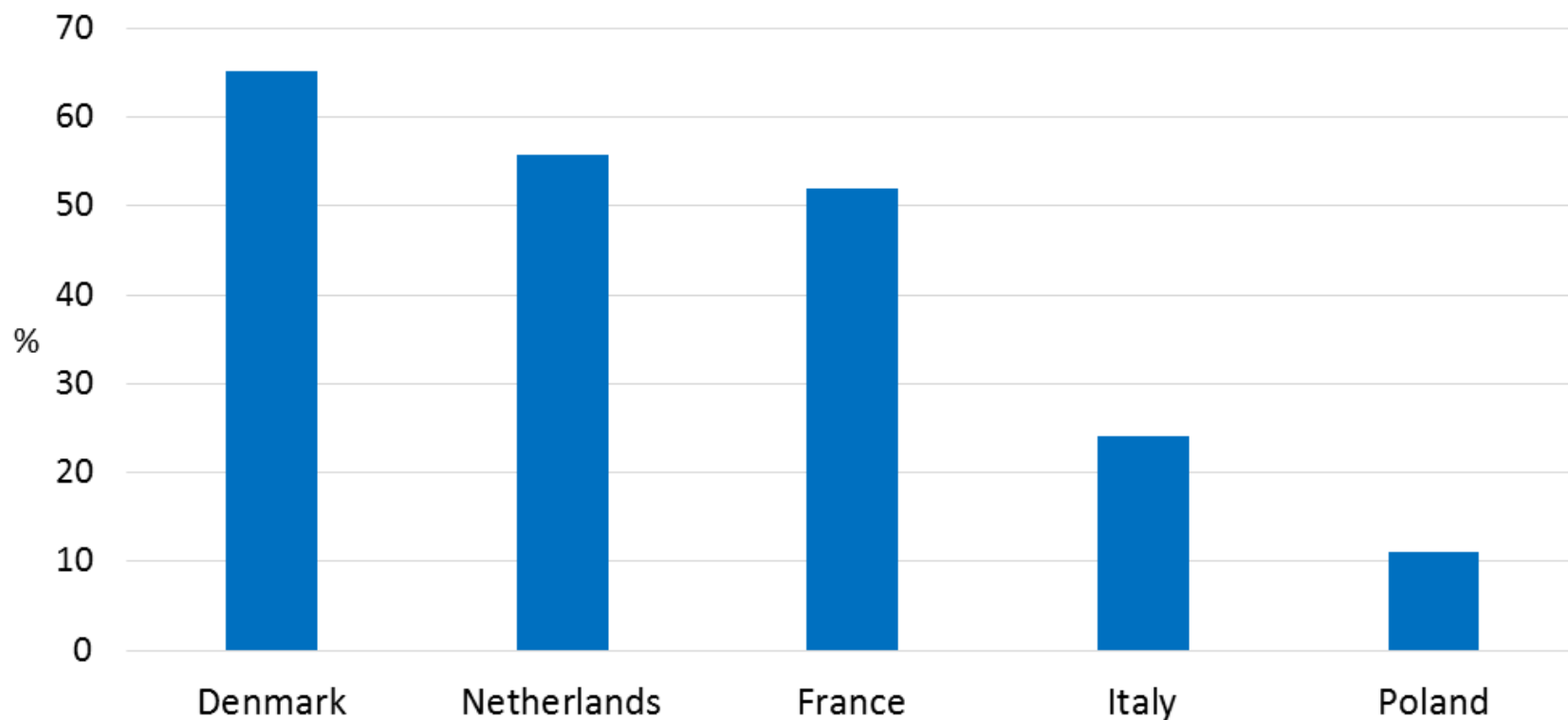
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# #4: MORE CHILDCARE PROVISION



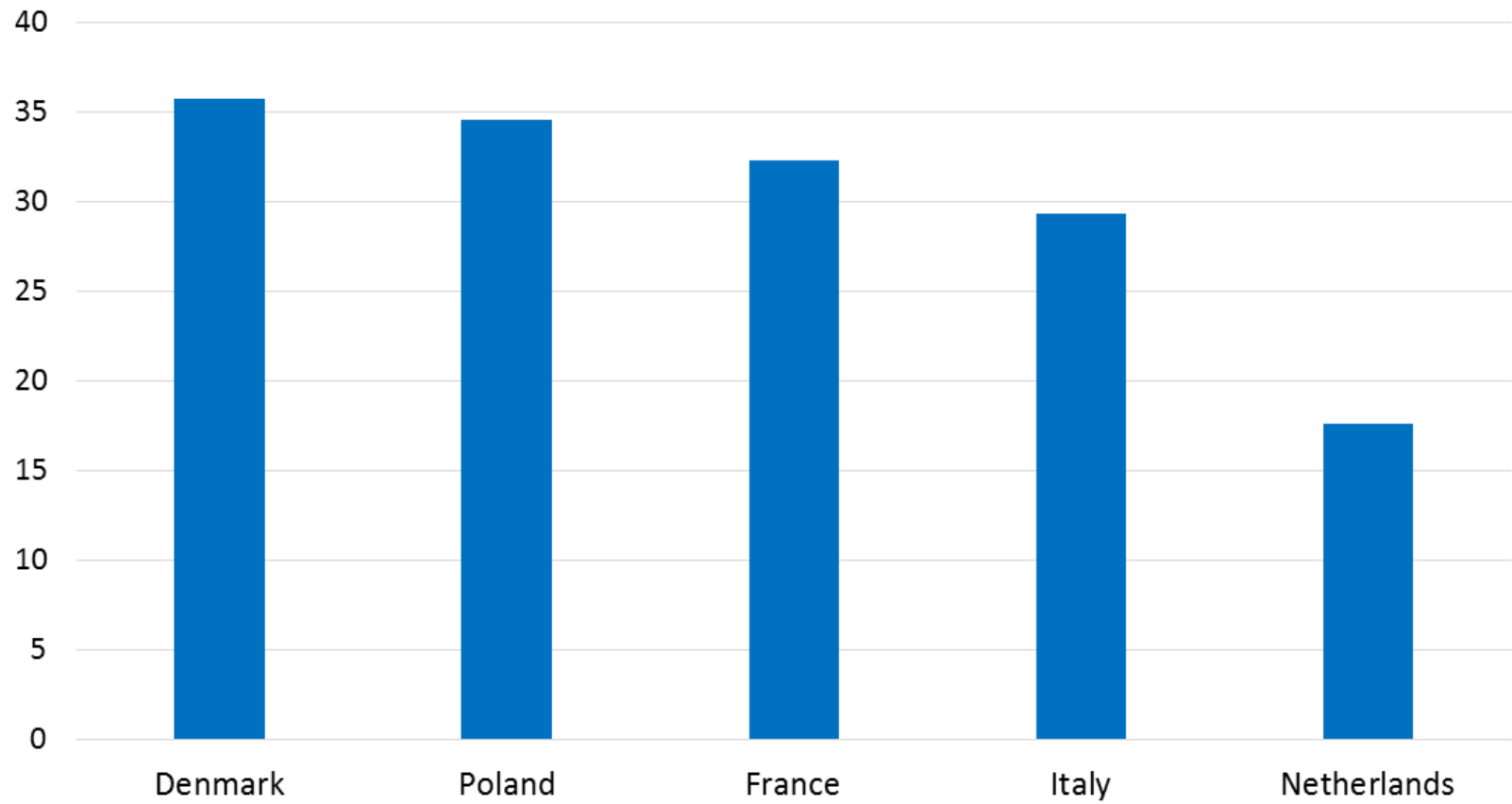
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**Participation rates for 0-2-year-olds in formal childcare  
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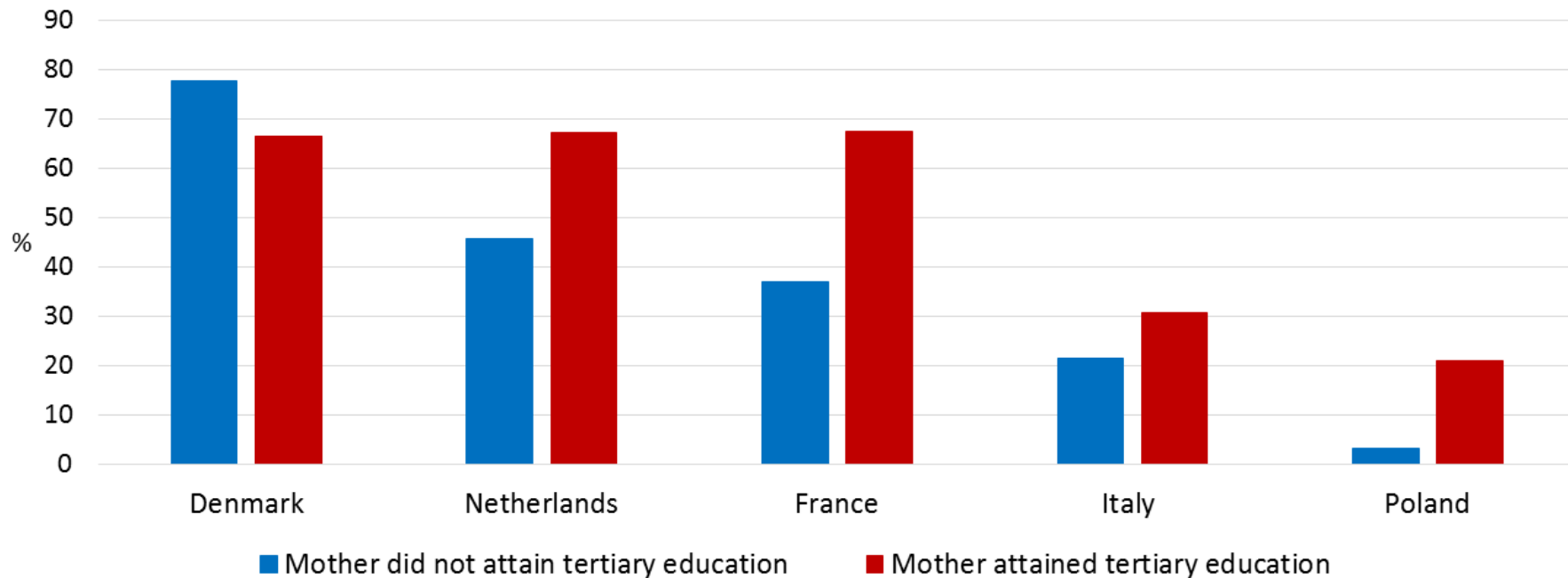
# LOW CHILDCARE HOURS....

**Average hours in formal childcare and pre-school services  
during a usual week for 0-2-year-olds, 2014**



# LARGE DIFFERENCES.....

Participation rates for 0-2-year-olds in formal childcare and pre-school services, 2015



# CONCLUSION

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- **Rush hour**
- **(+) and (-)**
- **Gender...**
- **Inequalities...**



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# thank you

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