What makes a fair society?
Insights and evidence

Fairness is multidimensional

Fairness report

Joint Research Centre
Recent income inequality developments in the EU

Reference period © 2006-2013

- Income inequality has decreased in the EU27(*)

![Graph showing income inequality decrease from 2006 to 2013.](image)

- Large income gains for the poorest households in Central and Eastern Europe Member States
- Households across the entire income distribution in Mediterranean and North West Europe lost over the same period

- Tax and benefit systems compensate for between 20-45% of market income fluctuations

Inequality of opportunity in the EU

- The probability to reach tertiary education strongly depends on the family background

![Diagram showing 2x chance for families with at least one tertiary educated parent compared to families without.](image)

- Country matters

Perceived differences

- Finland: country with almost equal chances

- Measured and perceived income inequalities are only weakly correlated