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KEYNOTE SPEECH

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Open Source Pension Model for Germany: DyReMo

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ESIP Pension Workshop Brussels, 26.03.2025



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1 Motivation for the model

2 Two applications on failed Rentenpaket II



Motivation for the model

Model :

- Accounting-Model
- Based on official data: Federal Office for Statistics, Public German Pension, Federal Employment Agency's statistics
- Financed by Hans-Böckler-Stiftung
- Non-financial Support of DRV, DGB, IMK...
- Open Source (planned end 2026)

• Motivation:

- Providing pension simulations for stakeholders
- Adding transparency to the pension debate
 - In the academic community
 - In the community of stakeholders

• Example (1): Engaging with stakeholder

- IG Metall's Soli Rente Plus => first project (Sept. 2024)
- Followed by discussions with <u>DRV</u> => added new simulations (Oct. 2024)
- Cooperative workshop between <u>DRV</u> & Academia => presentation of extended simulations based on initial project (April 2025)

Example (2): Adding transparency

- Simulations on failed pension reform to contribute to :
- Traceability of the government projections and of the projections of other researchers
- Adding into the intergenerational justice debate with return calculations



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Returns



Pension reform (Rentenpaket II) that did not pass because of gvt's end... but may come partly again...

- Sustainability of the German PAYGO public pension system is traditionally measured with three indicators:
 - Contribution rate for pension (2025: 18,6% equally shared by employers and employees)
 - Replace rate (2025: 48% = pension after 45 years at mean wage as % of the mean wage today)
 - **Tax subsidies** (2025: 22% of pension revenues or 1.3% of (true) GDP, in our model rather 2.2% of our constructed GDP measure)

- Pension reform plans (Rentenpaket II) of the tripartite (traffic light) coalition that broke with it on 6.11.2024
 - Pension level at 48% beyond 2025, until mid-2040
 - Building a stock of assets (Generationskapital)
 up to 200 Bill. by 2036 mostly credit financed, of
 which from 2036 on, 10 Bill/year [equivalent of
 0,3-0,4pp contribution point] as extra collective
 income to the pension.
 - Other smaller changes



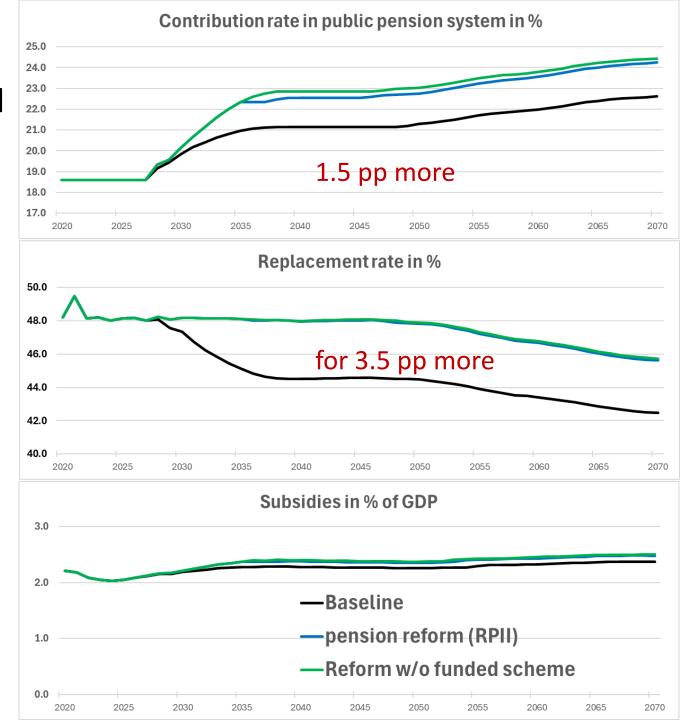
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Baseline scenario :

- All inputs (labour market, demography, wages...) set so as to reproduce fairly official gvt's projections
- This is the benchmark without reform and with constant policy assumption for all adjustment mechanisms

Scenarios pension reform (RPII):

- Stop line 48% for the replacement rate (till mid 2040)
- Other small adjustment within the planned law
- With/ without Generation's capital (credit-financed funded extra income of constant 10 bill/year from 2036 onward)



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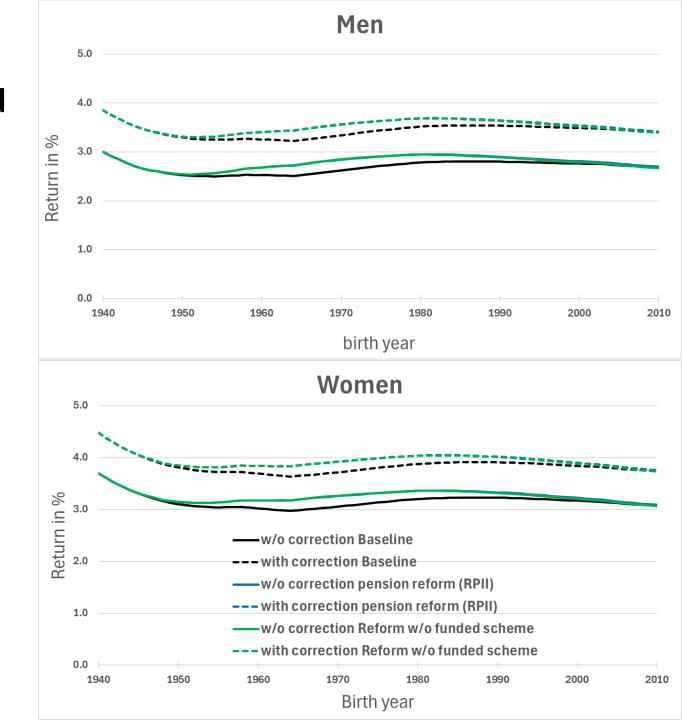
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- Alternative representation: Internal returns:
 - = annualized rate of return at which the present value of the future pension stream break even with the present value of the contribution stream.
- Look at fictive (West German) person who contributed from age 20 to standard retirement age (65

 67 by 2031)
- Wage profile along empirical data of the DRV
- Long life expectancy (i.e. from 65
 [⋀] 67) from official data of destatis, consistent with the demography
- Runs the model to have the value of pensions
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Finnish Pension Reform 2025

ESIP Pension Workshop 26 March 2025

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Finnish Centre for Pensions



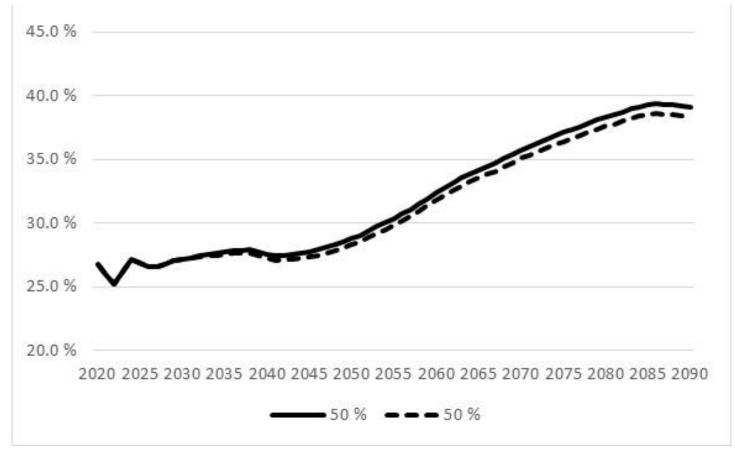
Reform targets

- to *strengthen general government finances* in the long term by about 0.4 percentage points relative to GDP (about one billion euros)
- to *stabilise the pension contribution levels* in the long term



Implementation: expenditure

Pension expenditure, % of wage sum



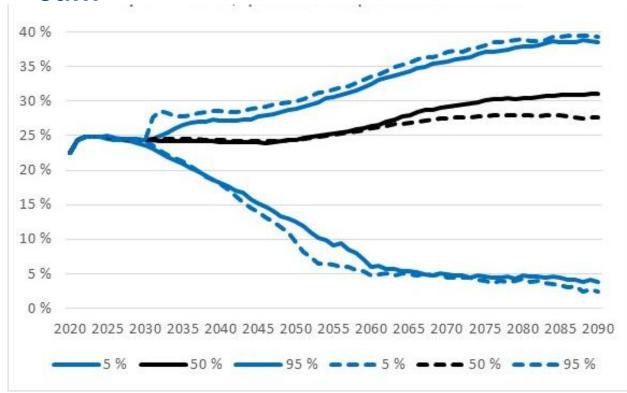
The current law is a solid line, the contract is a dotted line

- No changes to current benefits, accruals or retirement ages
- Inflation stabilisation for all earnings-related pension acts: The earnings-related pension index may not grow more than the wage coefficient during the same period over a period of two consecutive years



Implementation: contribution

Contribution income, % of wage sum



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- The Employees Pensions
 Act contribution remains at 24.4% of the annual wages in 2026–2030
- More funding: the funding of old-age pension contributions corresponds to the accrual rate of 0.5% of GDP (up from 0.4%)
- Higher investment risks: the maximum amount of equity investments covering pension assets is 85% (up from 65%)





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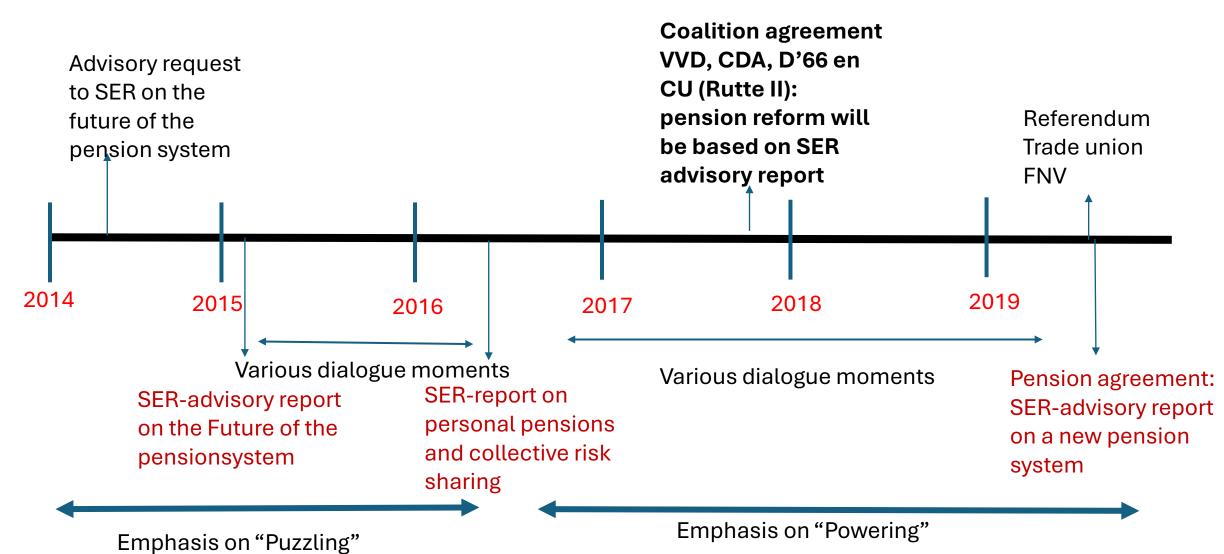
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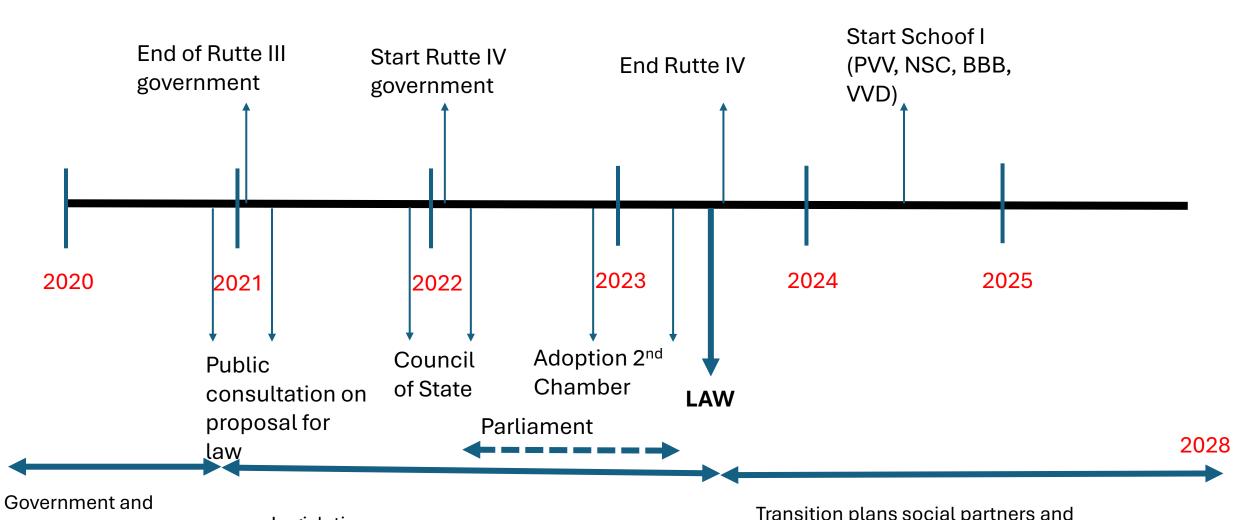
Timeline Dutch pension reform (2014-25)

Bart van Riel, senior policy officer Social Economic Council the Netherlands









social partners finalise agreement

Legislative process

Transition plans social partners and implementation of them by pension funds and insurers



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Project with ZUS Competition





W galaktyce pojawił się nowy czarny charakter i już wiadomo, że niełatwo będzie sobie z nim poradzić. Kto ma największe szanse pokonać Thanosa? Film Avengers: Wojna bez granic jest już dostępny w https://hbogo.pl/ Pamiętasz wszystkich bohaterów? Jeśli nie, przypomnij sobie ich historie w naszym serwisie.





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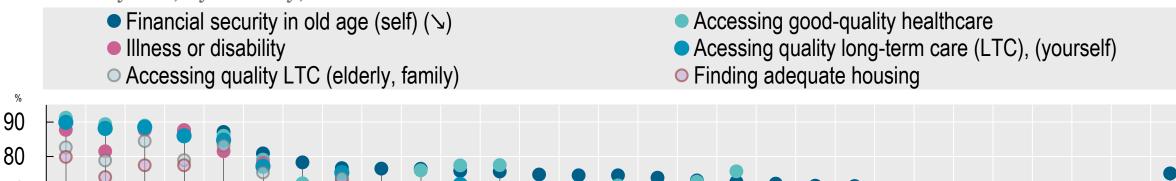
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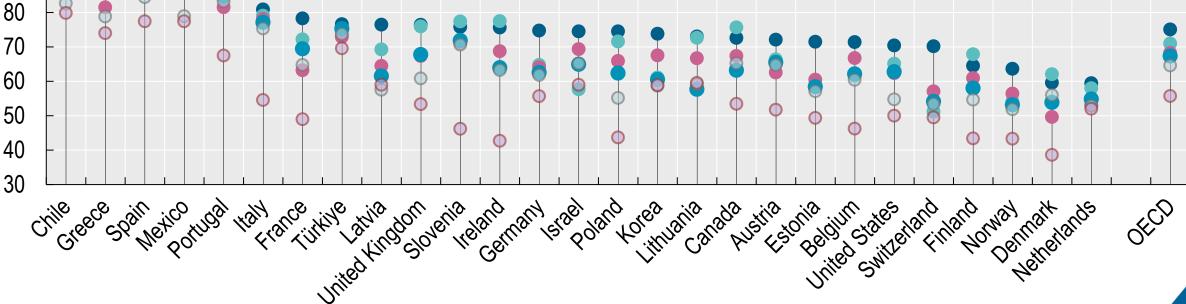




Old-age security is the top concern in many countries

Proportion of respondents indicating they are somewhat or very concerned by each identified risk over the next ten years, by country, 2022





Source: OECD (2023), Main Findings from the 2022 OECD Risks that Matter Survey, OECD Publishing, Paris, https://doi.org/10.1787/70aea928-en. Figure 1.13 Restricted Use - A usage restreint



Examples of pension communication

Reform-related communication

- Finland 2017 reform Before the 2017 pension reform, the Finnish Centre for Pensions produced an information booklet on the reform.
- Norway 2011 reform

Regular communication

- Mexico, pension statements include three examples of amounts that would have to be contributed on a monthly basis until retirement to meet different monthly retirement income levels.
- Sweden sends out a yearly pension statement known as the 'Orange Envelope' to all insured persons and pensioners.
- Germany: all people aged 27+ receive a yearly pension statement.
- United States: the Social Security Statement is available for everyone to view online, and is sent every year by mail to workers over 60 who do not have an account on My Social Security, three months before each birthday.

OECD (2022), OECD Reviews of Pension Systems: Slovenia, OECD Reviews of Pension Systems, OECD Publishing, Paris, https://doi.org/10.1787/f629a09a-en.

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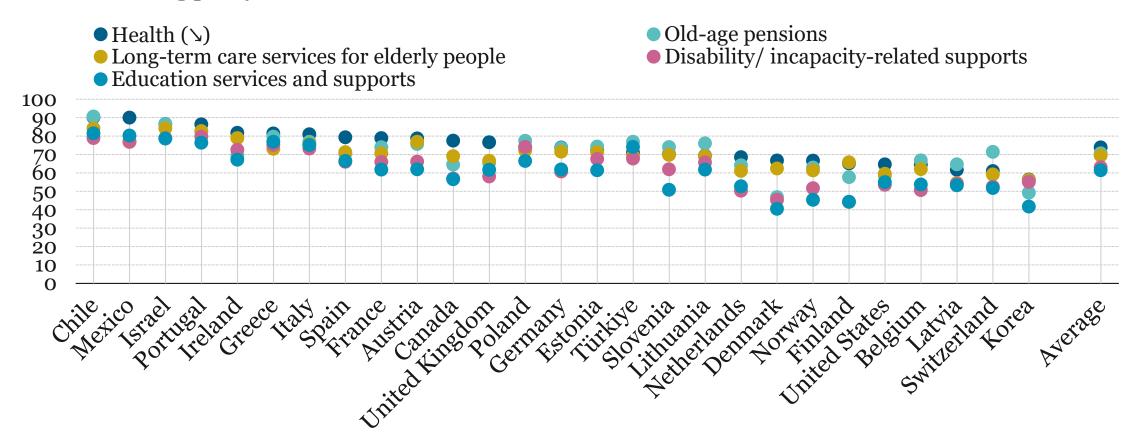






Respondents want to see more spending on healthcare and support for older adult

Proportion of respondents who think governments should spend a little more or much more in the following policy areas





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