Online Appendix

Cultivating Trust? The Role of European Union Investments in Bridging Rural-Urban Divides

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A. Eurobarometer data

In this section, we provide additional figures and tables to describe the Eurobarometer data we used in the paper.

Table A. 1. Number of respondents by country

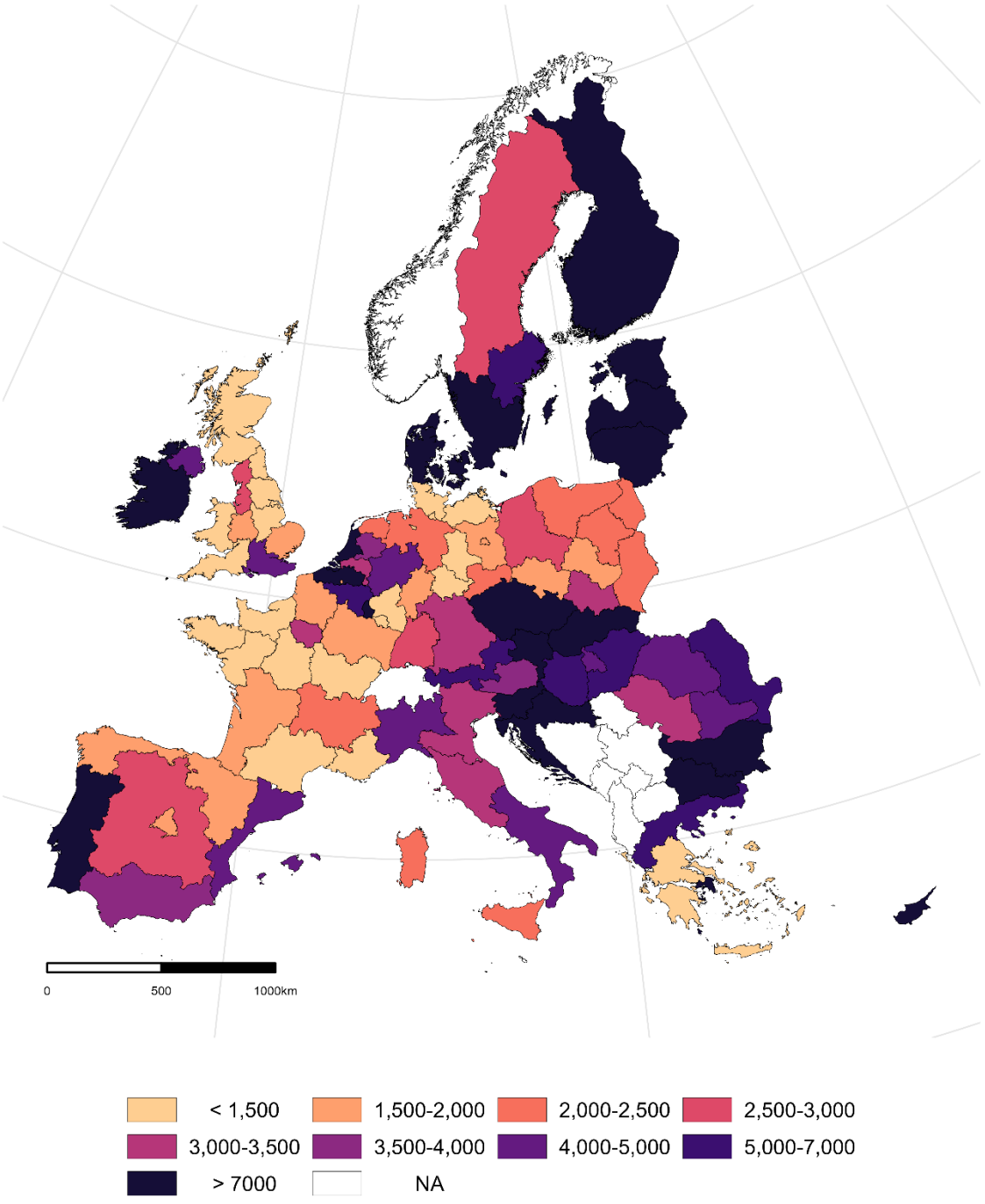
Country	Number of respondents	Years available
Austria (AT)	17,211	2003-2020
Belgium (BE)	17,359	2003-2020
Bulgaria (BG)	16,285	2004-2020
Cyprus (CY)	8,050	2004-2020
Czech Republic (CZ)	16,585	2004-2020
Germany (DE)	26,605	2003-2020
Denmark (DK)	17,148	2003-2020
Estonia (EE)	16,067	2004-2020
Greece (EL)	17,063	2003-2020
Spain (ES)	17,213	2003-2020
Finland (FI)	17,192	2003-2020
France (FR)	17,334	2003-2020
Croatia (HR)	16,242	2004-2020
Hungary (HU)	16,396	2004-2020
Ireland (IE)	17,174	2003-2020
Italy (IT)	17,359	2003-2020
Lithuania (LT)	16,199	2004-2020
Luxembourg (LU)	8,698	2003-2020
Latvia (LV)	16,117	2004-2020
Netherlands (NL)	17,223	2003-2020
Poland (PL)	16,145	2004-2020
Portugal (PT)	17,302	2003-2020
Romania (RO)	16,385	2004-2020
Sweden (SE)	16,358	2004-2020
Slovenia (SI)	15,332	2004-2020
Slovakia (SK)	16,856	2004-2020
United-Kingdom (UK)	21,536	2003-2020

Note: The year 2008 is not included as the Eurobarometer did not conduct any survey. In the first waves, Great-Britain and Northern Ireland were separated. We merged them together for getting the number of respondents for the United-Kingdom.

Table A. 2. List of EB waves harmonized

EB	Name file	Season	Year	Number of respondents
EB601	EB60.1_ZA3938_v1-0-1	Autumn	2003	15,082
EB620	EB62_ZA4229_v1-1-0	Autumn	2004	27,307
EB634	EB63.4_ZA4411_v1-1-0	Spring	2005	27,294
EB652	EB65.2_ZA4506_v1-0-1	Spring	2006	27,127
EB681	EB68.1_ZA4565_v4-0-1	Autumn	2007	27,237
Missing	**Missing**	**Missing**	**2008**	**Missing**
EB724	EB72.4_ZA4994_v3-0-0	Autumn	2009	27,198
EB734	EB73.4_ZA5234_v2-0-1	Autumn	2010	27,060
EB763	EB76.3_ZA5567_v2-0-1	Autumn	2011	27,094
EB781	EB78.1_ZA5685_v2-0-0	Autumn	2012	27,122
EB801	EB80.1_ZA5876_v2-0-0	Autumn	2013	27,329
EB823	EB82.3_ZA5932_v3-0-0	Autumn	2014	27,395
EB843	EB84.3_ZA6643_v3-1-0	Autumn	2015	27,178
EB862	EB86.2_ZA6788_v1-3-0	Autumn	2016	27,190
EB883	EB88.3_ZA6928_v1-0-0	Autumn	2017	27,552
EB903	EB90.3_ZA7489_v1-0-0	Autumn	2018	26,922
EB912	EB91.2_ZA7562_v1-0-0	Autumn	2019	27,027
EB931	EB93.1_ZA7649_v2-0-0	Spring	2020	26,320

Figure A. 1. Number of respondents by region (2003-2020)



Note: Data: Eurobarometer (2003-2020).

B. Trust in the European Union

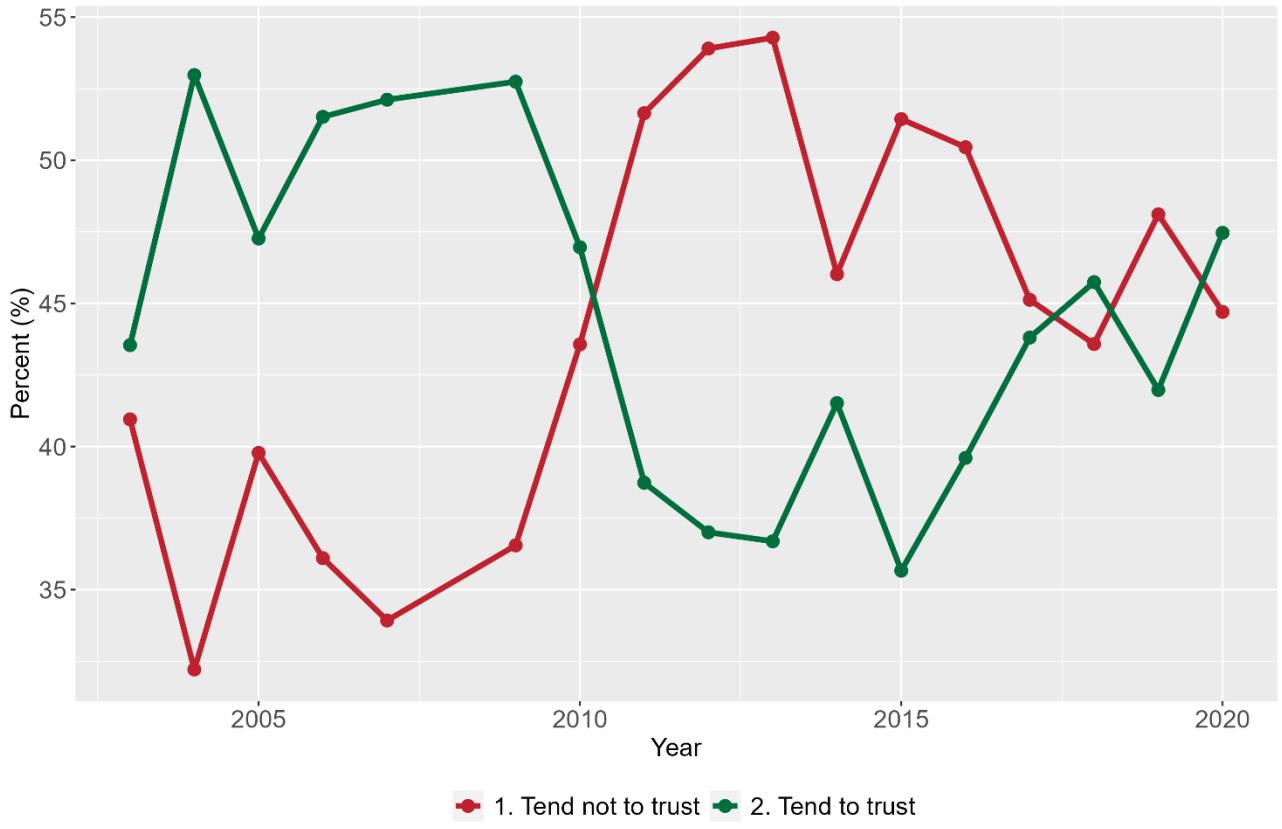
In this section, we provide detailed information on our dependent variable: Trust in the European Union. Our variable is based on respondent's answers to the following question: "I would like to ask you a question about how much trust you have in certain institutions. For each of the following media and institutions, please tell me if you tend to trust it or tend not to trust it: The European Union". Respondents were given the following options to answer: 'Tend to trust' / 'Tend to not trust' / 'Don't know'. We coded the answers as follows: 1 = Tend to trust and 0 = 'Tend not to trust'.

Table A. 3. Distribution of respondents' answer to Trust in the European Union by place of residence

Trust in the European Union	Total Resp.	% Resp.	Obs. Urban	% Urban	Obs. Intermediate	% Intermediate	Obs. Rural	% Rural
Tend not to trust	199,281	44,34	52,417	40.63	77,154	44.75	69,407	45.73
Tend to trust	199,775	44,45	59,105	44.95	75,756	43.94	64,599	42.56
Don't know	16,870	3,75	4,320	3.29	6,935	4.02	5,587	3.68
NA	33,508	7,46	8,635	6.57	12,556	7.28	12,189	8.03

Note: For 774 observations place of residence is missing.

Figure A. 2. Evolution of Trust in the European Union (2003-2020)



Note: Eurobarometer survey data (2003-2020). The year 2008 is not included as the Eurobarometer did not conduct any survey. It should be noted that NA values and "Don't know" answers are not displayed in the figure (7,46 % and 3,75 % of total).

Figure A.3. Comparison of Trust variables in the Eurobarometer (2003-2020)

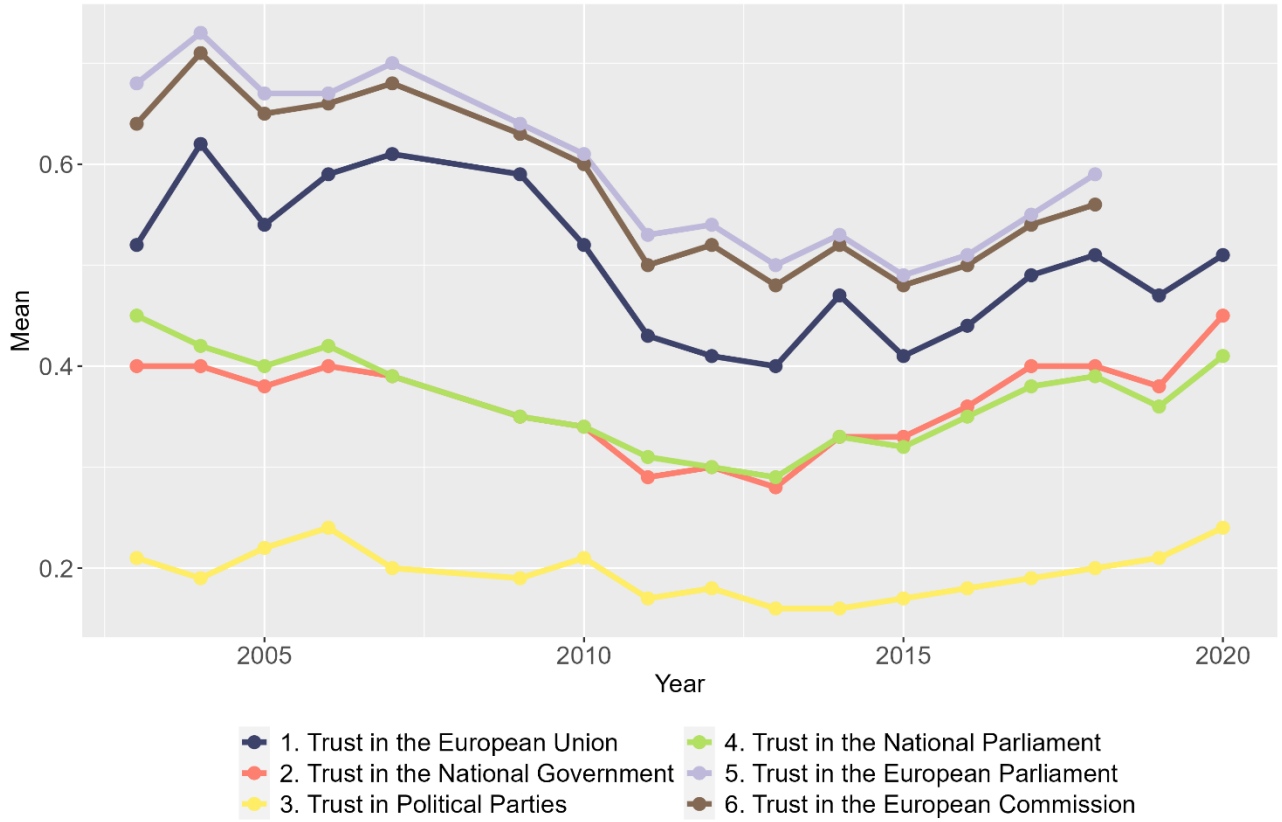


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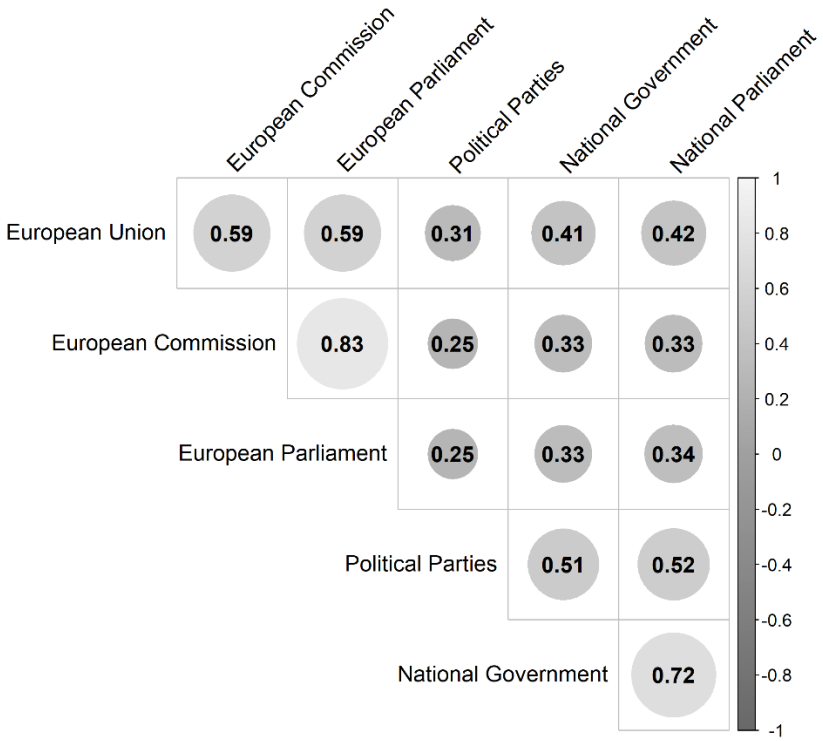
Figure A.4. Correlation matrix of Trust variables (2003-2020)



Note: Eurobarometer survey data (2003-2020). The year 2008 is not included as the Eurobarometer did not conduct any survey.

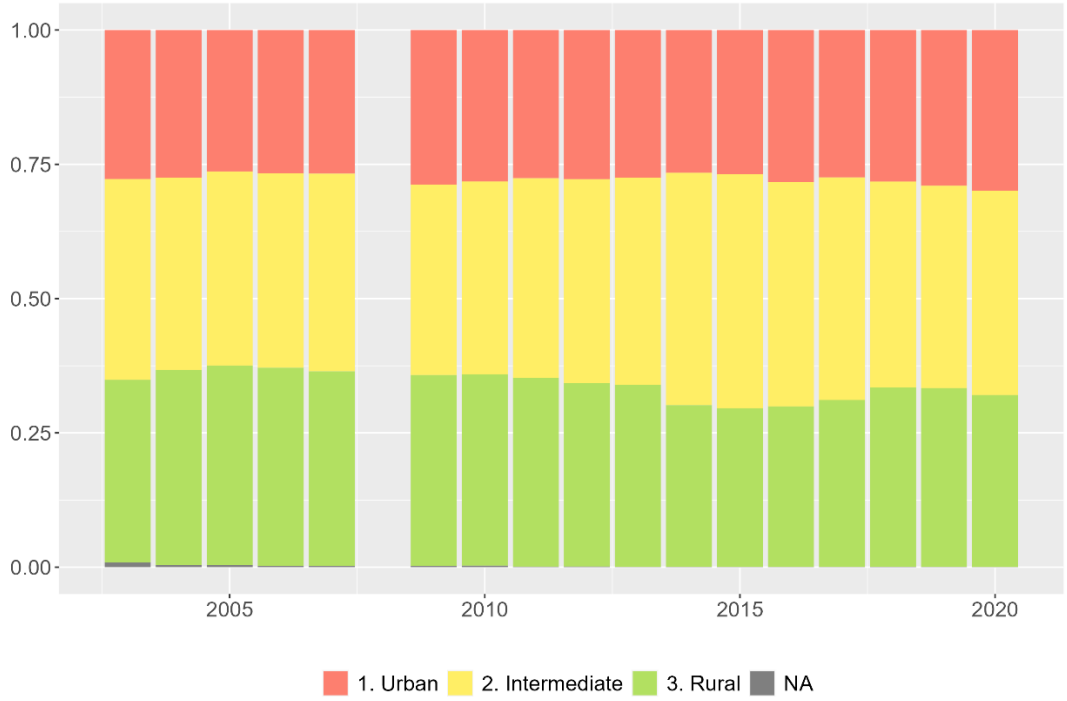
C. Place of residence

In this section, we provide detailed information on respondents' place of residence. This variable is based on a question that asks respondents the following question: "Would you say you live in a … ?". Respondents were given the following options to answer: "Rural area or village" / "Small or middle-sized town" / "Large town" / "Don't know". We then converted respondents' answers according to the EU typology for areas in 'Urban', 'Intermediate', and 'Rural'.

Table A.4. Distribution of respondents' places of residence (2003-2020)

Type of community	Number of respondents	Percent
1. Large town (Urban)	124,477	26.70
2. Small town (Intermediate)	172,401	38.36
3. Rural village (Rural)	151,782	33.77
NA	774	0.17

Figure A. 5. Evolution and distribution of respondents' place of residence (2003-2020)



D. Education and Social Stratification

In this section, we provide detailed information on education and social stratification.

Table A. 5. Distribution of respondents' education (2003-2020)

Type of education	Number of respondents	Percent
1. High education	137,783	40.66
2. Medium education	190,940	42.48
3. Low education	77,798	17.31
4. Still studying	32,466	7.22
5. Missing Education	10,447	2.32

Figure A. 6. Evolution of the distribution of respondents' education (2003-2020)

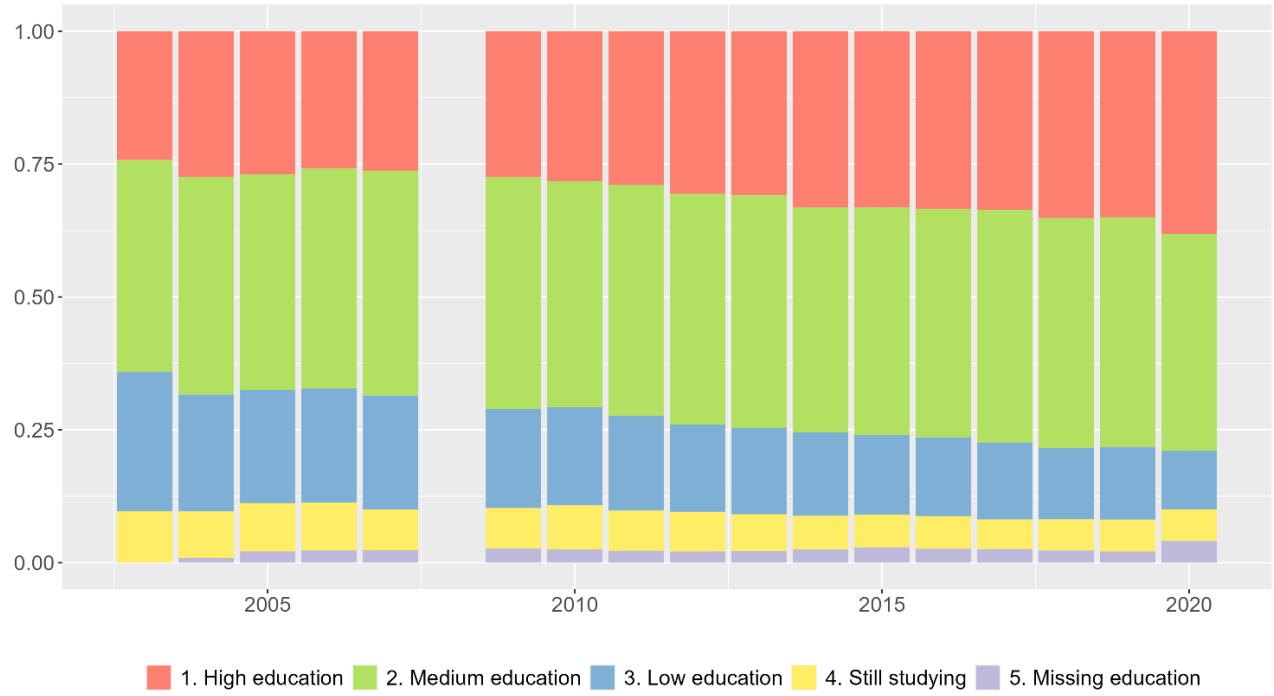
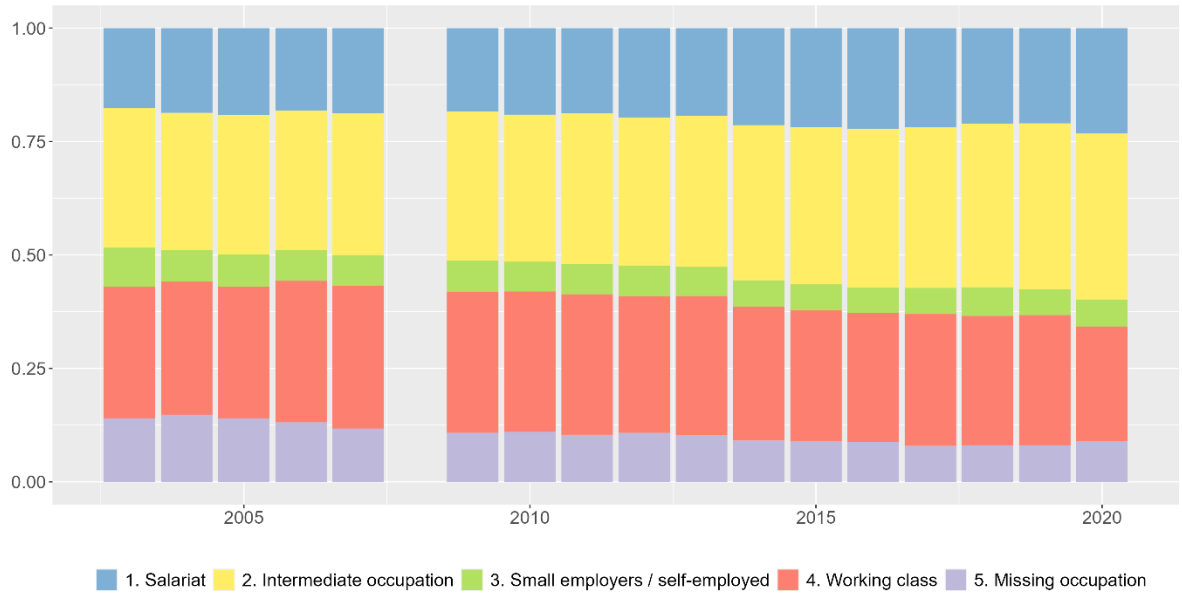


Table A. 6. Distribution of respondents' social class (2003-2020)

Social class	Number of respondents	Percent
1. Salariat	90,202	20.07
2. Intermediate class	150,119	33.40
3. Small employers / Self Employed	28,908	6.43
4. Working class	132,801	29.55
5. Missing	47,404	10.55

Figure A. 7. Evolution of the distribution of respondents' social class (2003-2020)

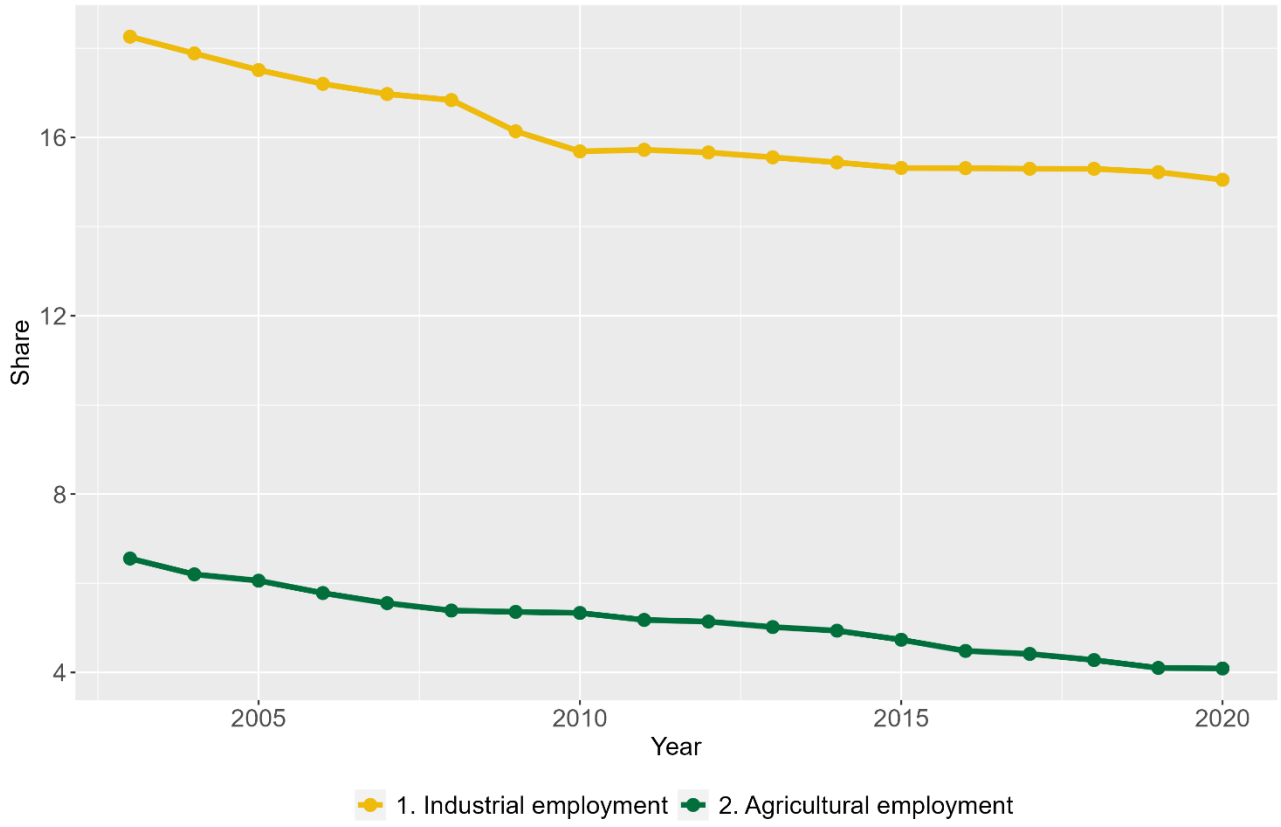


E. Regional employment in Europe (2000-2020)

Table A. 7. Description of NACE2 sectors

Nace2 Sector	Description
A	Agriculture, forestry, and fishing
B-E	Industry – excluding construction
F	Construction
G-J	Wholesale, Retail, Transport, Accommodation & Food Services, Information and Communication
K-N	Financial & Business Services
O-U	Non-market Services

Figure A. 8. Evolution of employment by sector across Europe (2000-2020)



Note: ARDECO data. Countries included are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Finland, France, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom.

Figure A. 9. Evolution of the share of agricultural employment (2000-2020)

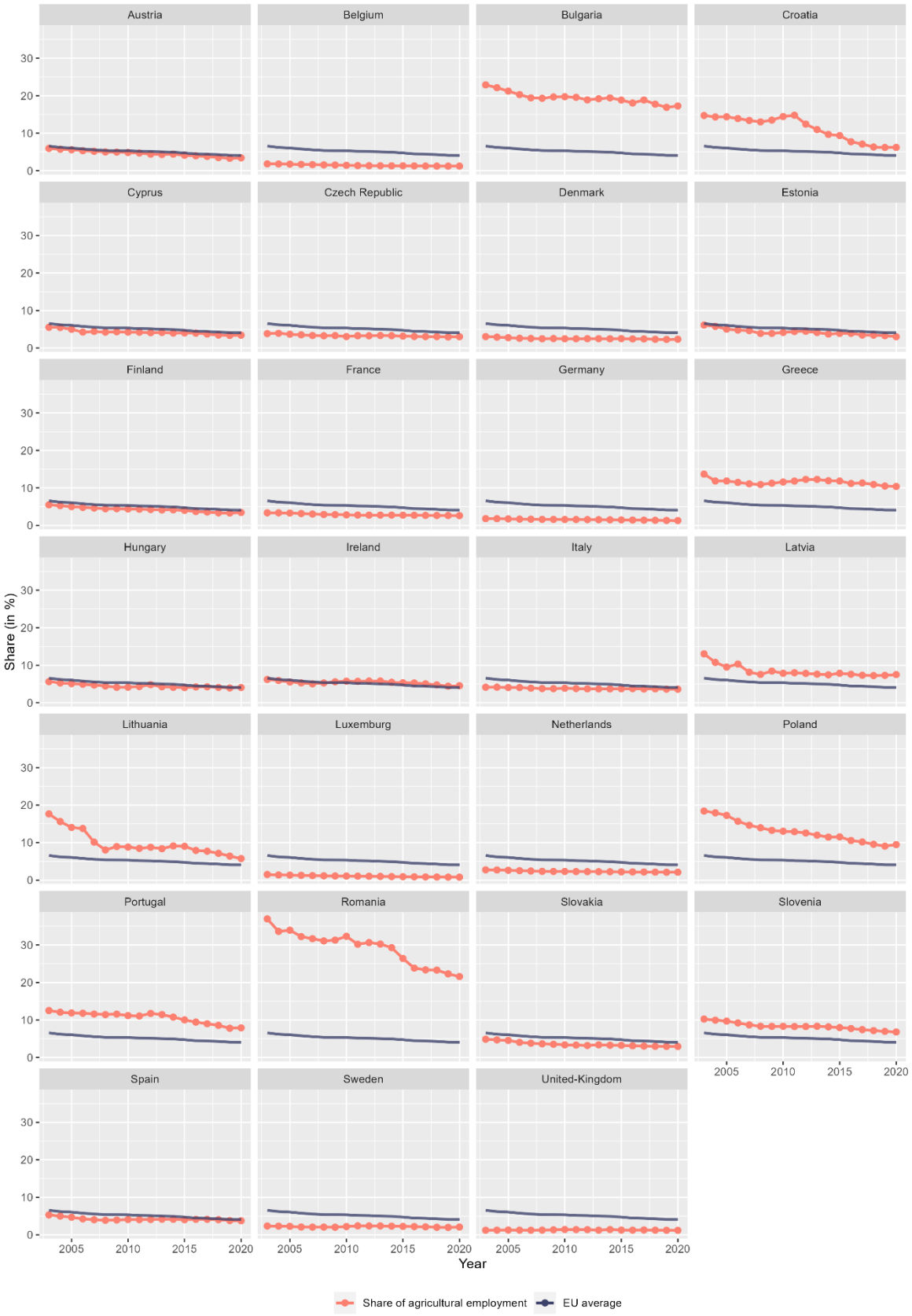


Figure A. 10. Evolution of the share of industrial employment (2003-2020)

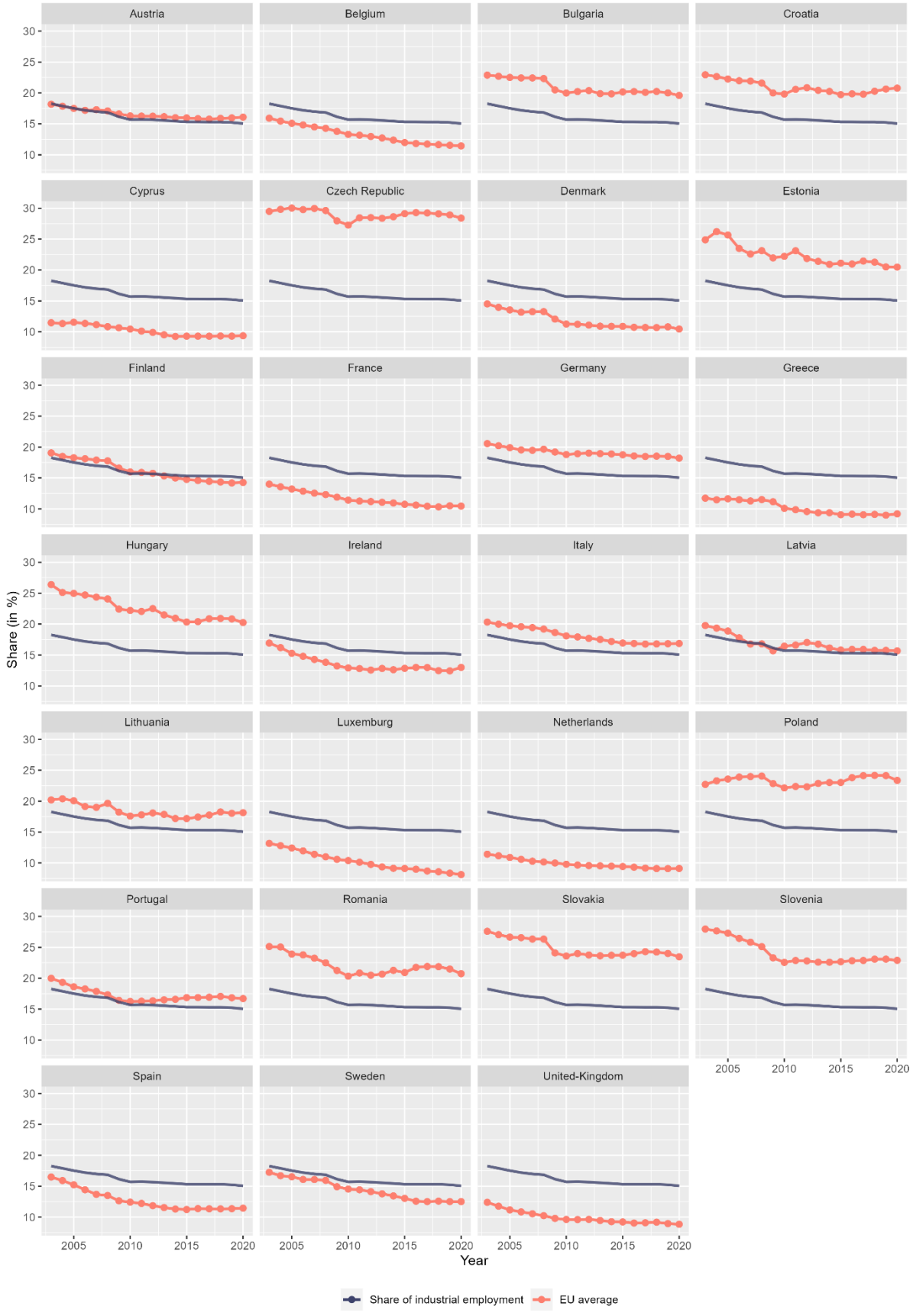
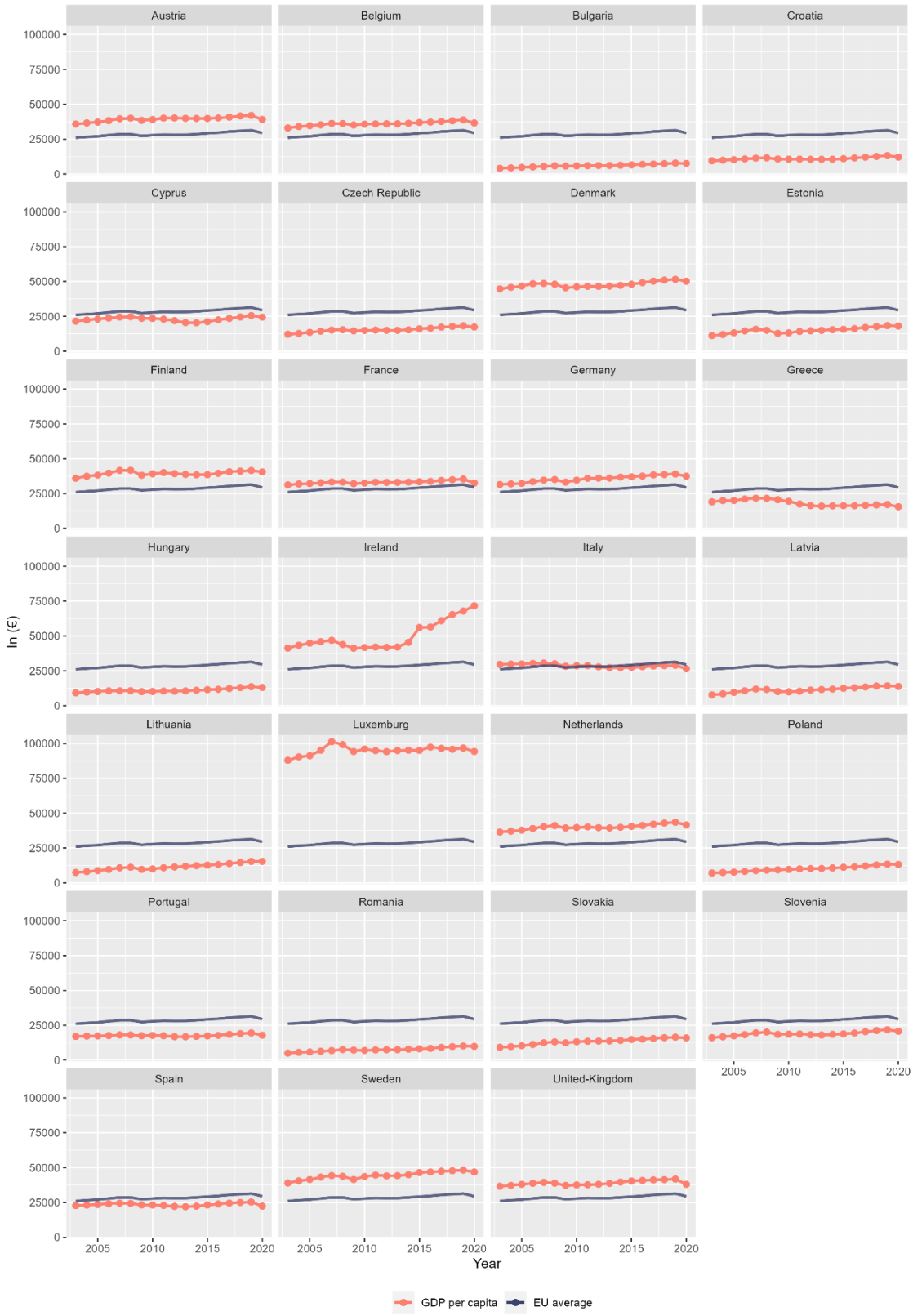


Figure A.11. Evolution of GDP per capita by country (2000-2020)

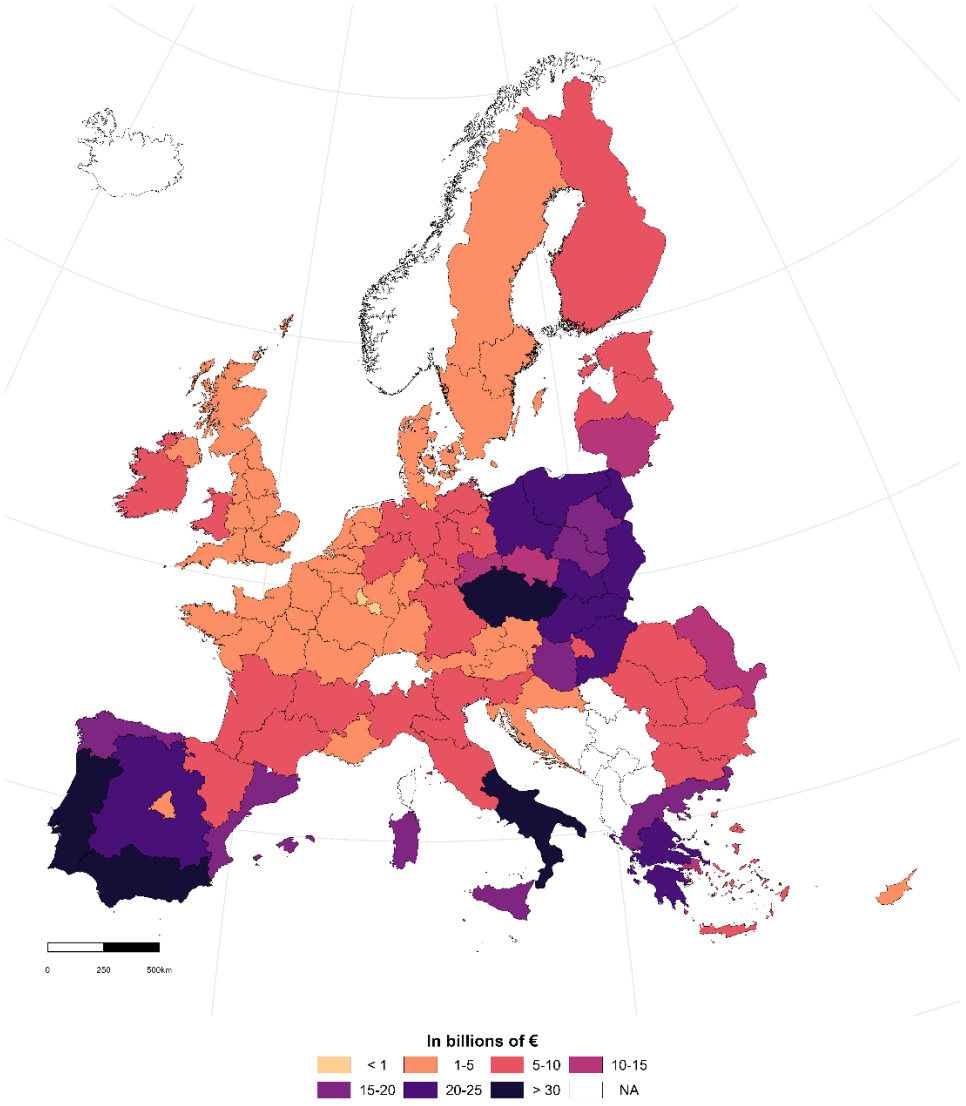


F. European Union budget payment data

In this section, we provide detailed information on the EU budget payment data provided by the EU Commission.

Figure A.12. Distribution of EU funds received by country (2003-2020)

Figure A. 13. Total EU funds received by region (2003-2020)



G. Additional results

Figure A.14. Correlation Matrix of Economic Variables

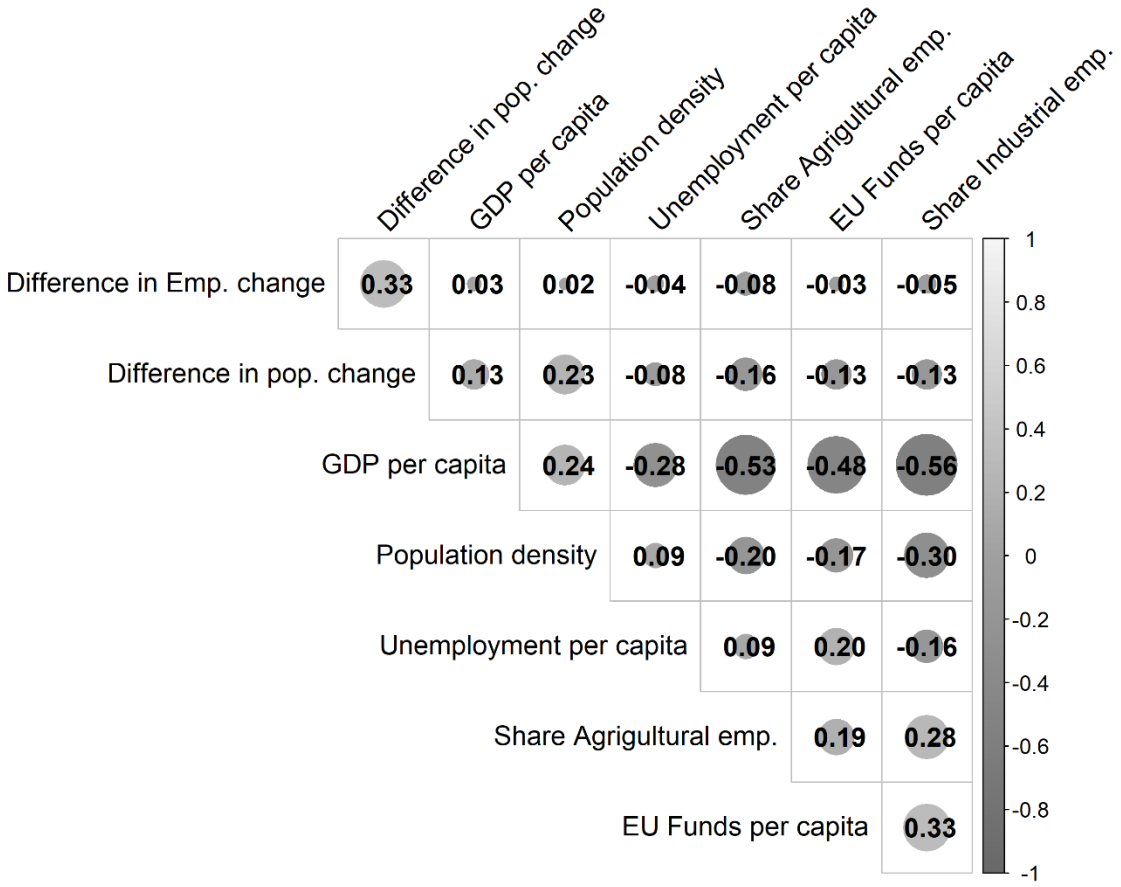


Table A.8. Descriptive statistics for individuals (2003-2020)

Variable	Trust in the European Union (2003-2020)		
	Overall	**Tend to trust**	**Tend not to trust**
	N = 399,056[1]	N = 199,281[1]	n =199,775[1]
Gender			
Female	213,122 (53 %)	106,757 (54 %)	106,365 (53 %)
Male	185,928 (47 %)	92,523 (46 %)	93,405 (47 %)
Education			
High Education	125,625 (31 %)	55,917 (28 %)	69,708 (35 %)
Medium Education	169,191 (42 %)	89,638 (45 %)	79,553 (40 %)
Low Education	66,354 (17 %)	38,846 (19 %)	27,508 (14 %)
Still Studying	29,313 (7.3 %)	10,181 (5.1 %)	19,132 (9.6 %)
Missing Education	8,573 (2.1 %)	4,699 (2.4 %)	3,874 (1.9 %)
Marital status			
Married or civil union	211,480 (53 %)	105,703 (53 %)	105,777 (53 %)
Not married	185,666 (47 %)	92,572 (47 %)	93,094 (47 %)
Age			
< 29	70,033 (18 %)	28,798 (14 %)	41,235 (21 %)
30-39	64,077 (16 %)	31,264 (16 %)	32,813 (16 %)
40-49	67,971 (17 %)	35,185 (18 %)	32,786 (16 %)
50-59	68,988 (17 %)	36,745 (18 %)	32,243 (16 %)
> 60	127,936 (32 %)	67,263 (34 %)	60,673 (30 %)
Social class (Esec 5)			
Salariat	82,250 (21 %)	36,587 (18 %)	46,663 (23 %)
Intermediate class	134,372 (34 %)	68,421 (34 %)	69,951 (33 %)
Small employers/Self-employed	25,649 (6.4 %)	13,540 (6.8%)	12,109 (6.1 %)
Working class	114,939 (29 %)	63,274 (32 %)	51,665 (26 %)
Missing	41,846 (10 %)	17,459 (8.8 %)	24,387 (12 %)
Place of residence			
Urban	111,522 (28 %)	52,417 (26 %)	59,105 (30 %)
Intermediate	152,910 (38 %)	77,154 (39 %)	75,756 (38 %)
Rural	134,006 (34 %)	69,407 (35 %)	64,599 (32 %)
Trust in National Governmet			
Tend to Trust	142,383 (37 %)	33,108 (17 %)	109,275 (57 %)
Tend not to Trust	244,969 (63 %)	161,833 (83 %)	83,136 (43 %)
EU-Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	0.139 (0.141)	0.136 (0.139)	0.142 (0.142)
Share of Industrial Employment	17.07 (6.10)	16.61 (6.10)	17.53 (6.06)
Share of Agricultural Employment	6.31 (6.80)	5.73 (6.06)	6.89 (7.43)
Unemployment per capita	0.04 (0.02)	0.04 (0.02)	0.04 (0.02)
Population density	225 (575)	229 (534)	222 (613)
Difference in emp. change	-0.011 (0.247)	-0.021 (0.666)	-0.001 (0.773)
Differnece in pop. change	-0.004 (0.247)	-0.009 (0.246)	0.002 (0.248)
GDP per capita	27,083 (17,324)	27,772 (16,501)	26,396 (18,082)

[1]Mean (SD); n (%)

Table A.9. The determinants of Trust in the EU (2003-2020) - Various specifications

Model	1	2	3	4	5
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	-0.160	-0.032	-0.097	0.148**	0.075
	(0.082)	(0.062)	(0.069)	(0.053)	(0.070)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)					
Intermediate	-0.016**	-0.010*	-0.010*	-0.012***	-0.011***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Rural	-0.026***	-0.023***	-0.023***	-0.024***	-0.023***
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Education (Baseline: High Education)					
Medium Education	-0.039***	-0.043***	-0.043***	-0.042***	-0.042***
	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Low Education	-0.061***	-0.075***	-0.074***	-0.073***	-0.072***
	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Still Studying	0.044***	0.044***	0.043***	0.046***	0.045***
	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.005)	(0.005)
Missing Education	-0.068***	-0.070***	-0.070***	-0.070***	-0.069***
	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.014)	(0.004)	(0.007)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)					
30-39	-0.045***	-0.043***	-0.043***	-0.042***	-0.042***
	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.003)	(0.003)
40-49	-0.068***	-0.063***	-0.063***	-0.061***	-0.061***
	(0.006)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.004)	(0.004)
50-59	-0.079***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.071***
	(0.007)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.004)	(0.004)
> 60	-0.082***	-0.070***	-0.072***	-0.071***	-0.071***
	(0.008)	(0.009)	(0.008)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)					
Intermediate Occupations	-0.031***	-0.030***	-0.029***	-0.029***	-0.028***
	(0.005)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	-0.030***	-0.032***	-0.032***	-0.032***	-0.032***
	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Working Class	-0.061***	-0.060***	-0.060***	-0.058***	-0.058***
	(0.007)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Missing Social Class	-0.025**	-0.029***	-0.028***	-0.030***	-0.029***
	(0.007)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	0.002	0.002	0.003	0.0002	0.002
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Marital Status - Married/In Union	0.014***	0.012***	0.012***	0.012***	0.012***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Log *GDP per capita by region*	-0.063	0.039	0.100	0.042***	0.071
	(0.043)	(0.042)	(0.109)	(0.012)	(0.063)
Log *population density by region*	0.019*	-0.0003	0.071	0.009*	-0.075
	(0.009)	(0.008)	(0.166)	(0.004)	(0.094)
Log *Unemployment per capita*	-0.028	-0.0006	-0.002	0.006	0.060***
	(0.029)	(0.021)	(0.029)	(0.011)	(0.017)
Share of industrial employment by region	0.005*	0.001	-0.010	0.002***	-0.003
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.009)	(0.0007)	(0.003)
Share of agricultural employment by region	0.003	0.002	-0.005	0.002***	0.001
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.007)	(0.0007)	(0.003)
Difference Population change	0.014	-0006	-0.007	0.005	-0.011
	(0.015)	(0.008)	(0.012)	(0.007)	(0.011)
Difference Employment change	0.004	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Trust in National Government	0.440***	0.435***	0.434***	0.433***	0.432***
	(0.016)	(0.015)	(0.015)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Year FE		Yes	Yes		
Region FE			Yes		Yes
Country x Year FE				Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country in models 1, 2 and 3, and by Country x Year in models 4 and 5. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.10. The determinants of Trust in the EU (2003-2020) – Education

Model	**1**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
Medium Education x Intermediate areas	0.001
	(0.007)
Medium Education x Rural areas	0.016*
	(0.008)
Low Education x Intermediate areas	0.001
	(0.009)
Low Education x Rural areas	0.012
	(0.009)
Still Studying x Intermediate areas	0.031**
	(0.011)
Still Studying x Rural areas	0.046***
	(0.012)
Missing Education x Intermediate areas	0.034
	(0.023)
Missing Education x Rural areas	0.022
	(0.024)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
EU Funds x Medium Education	0.065**
	(0.024)
EU Funds x Low Education	0.092*
	(0.046)
EU Funds x Still Studying	0.048
	(0.046)
EU Funds x Missing Education	0.006
	(0.073)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	0.022
	(0.025)
EU funds x Rural areas	0.062*
	(0.031)
EU Funds x Education x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Medium Education x Intermediate areas	0.026
	(0.034)
EU Funds x Medium Education x Rural areas	-0.049
	(0.035)
EU Funds x Low Education x Intermediate areas	-0.010
	(0.053)
EU Funds x Low Education x Rural areas	-0.008
	(0.051)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Intermediate areas	-0.068
	(0.052)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Rural areas	-0.132
	(0.074)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Intermediate areas	-0.077
	(0.104)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Rural areas	-0.098
	(0.102)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,652
R2	0.25
Within R2	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.11. The determinants of Trust in the EU (2003-2020) – Social Class

Model	**2**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Social class (Baseline: Salariat)	
Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	0.009
	(0.007)
Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	0.013
	(0.008)
Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	0.005
	(0.015)
Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	0.023
	(0.014)
Working Class x Intermediate areas	0.028**
	(0.009)
Working Class x Rural areas	0.035***
	(0.009)
Missing occupation x Intermediate areas	0.026*
	(0.011)
Missing occupation x Rural areas	0.032**
	(0.010)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Social Class (Baseline: Salariat)	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations	0.092**
	(0.010)
EU Funds x Smal employers / Self Employed	0.079
	(0.058)
EU Funds x Working Class	0.119***
	(0.034)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation	0.062
	(0.037)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	0.068*
	(0.029)
EU funds x Rural areas	0.080*
	(0.034)
EU Funds x Social class x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	-0.019
	(0.036)
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	-0.032
	(0.043)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	-0.103
	(0.071)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	-0.107
	(0.064)
EU Funds x Working Class x Intermediate areas	-0.069
	(0.042)
EU Funds x Working Class x Rural areas	0.066
	(0.046)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Intermediate areas	-0.108*
	(0.050)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Rural areas	-0.126*
	(0.054)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,652
R2	0.25
Within R2	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.15. Marginal effects at the means of EU Funds

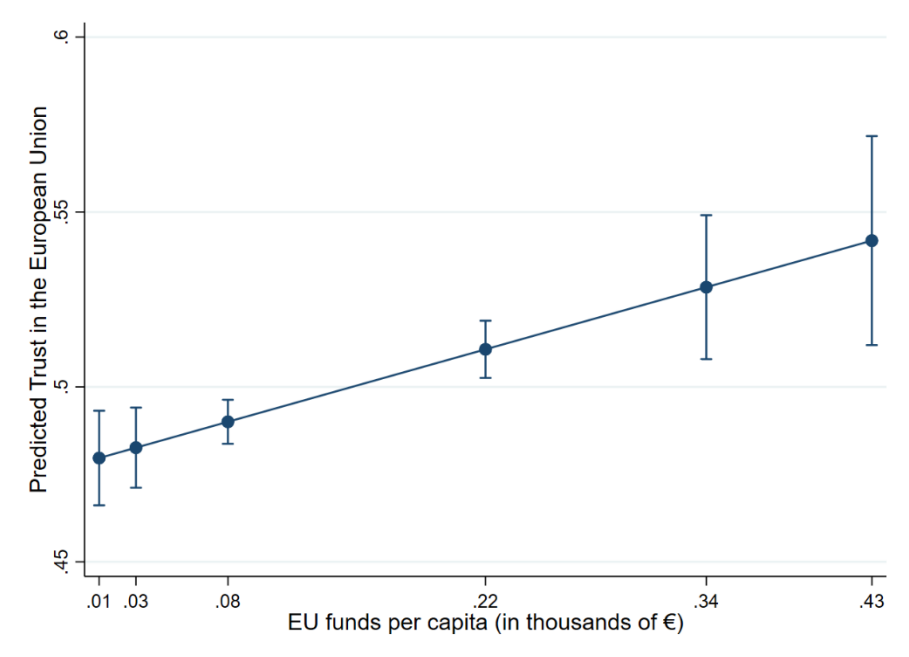


Figure A.16. Marginal effects at the means of Location

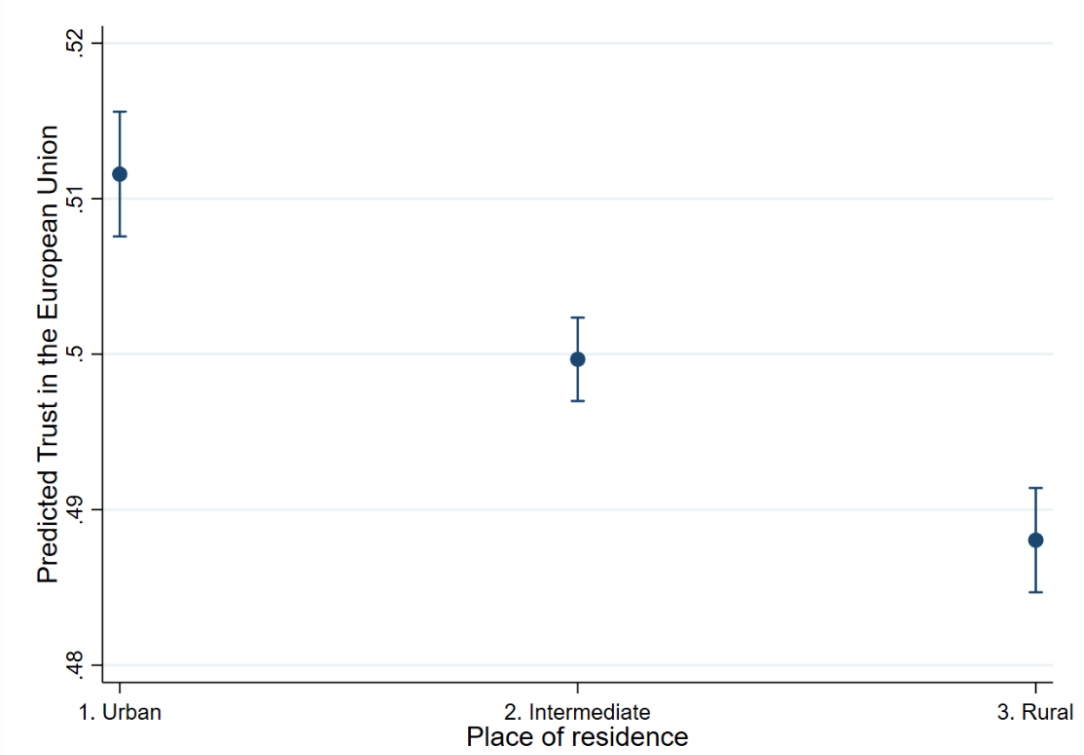


Figure A.17. Marginal effects at the means of Education

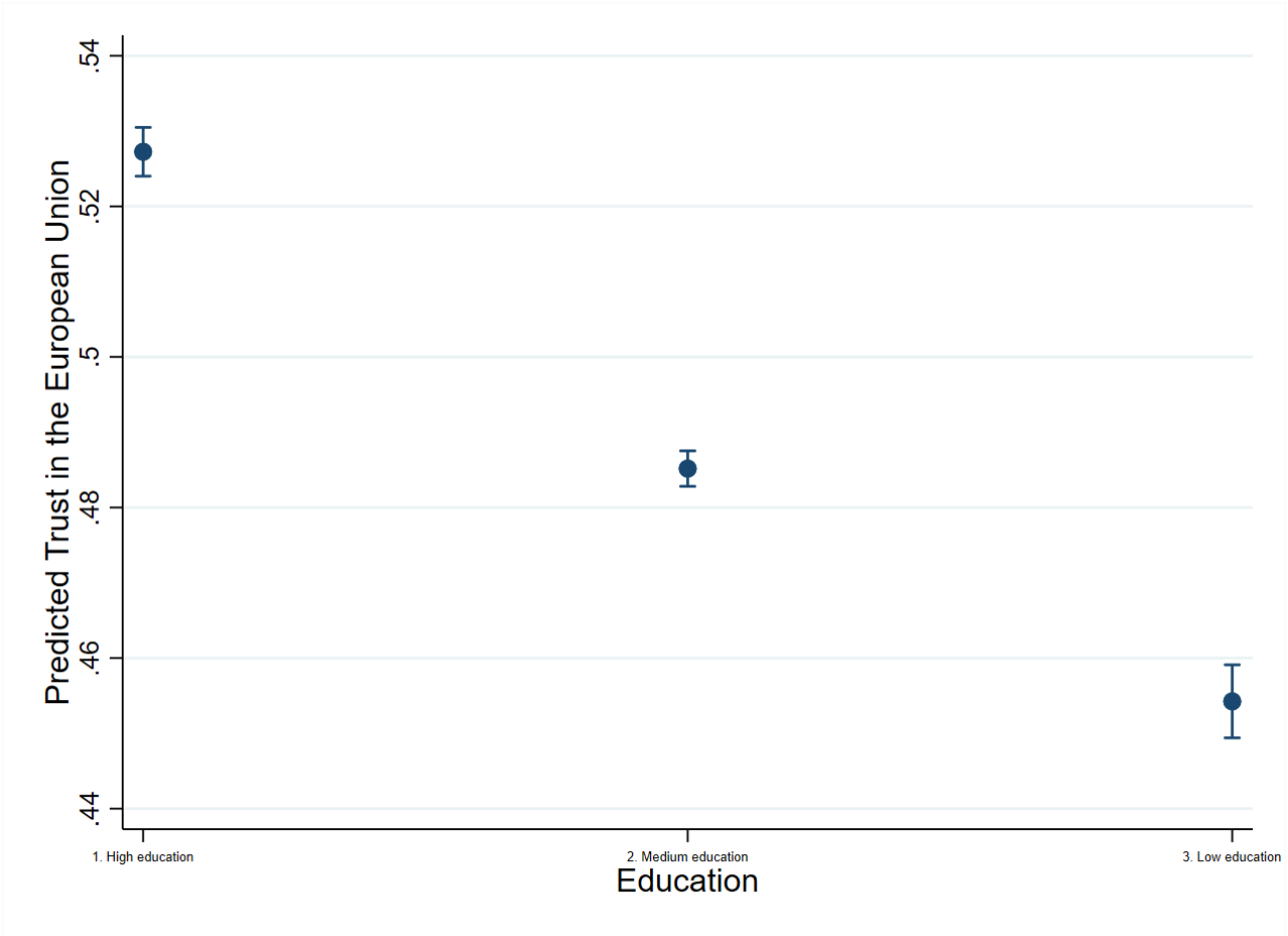
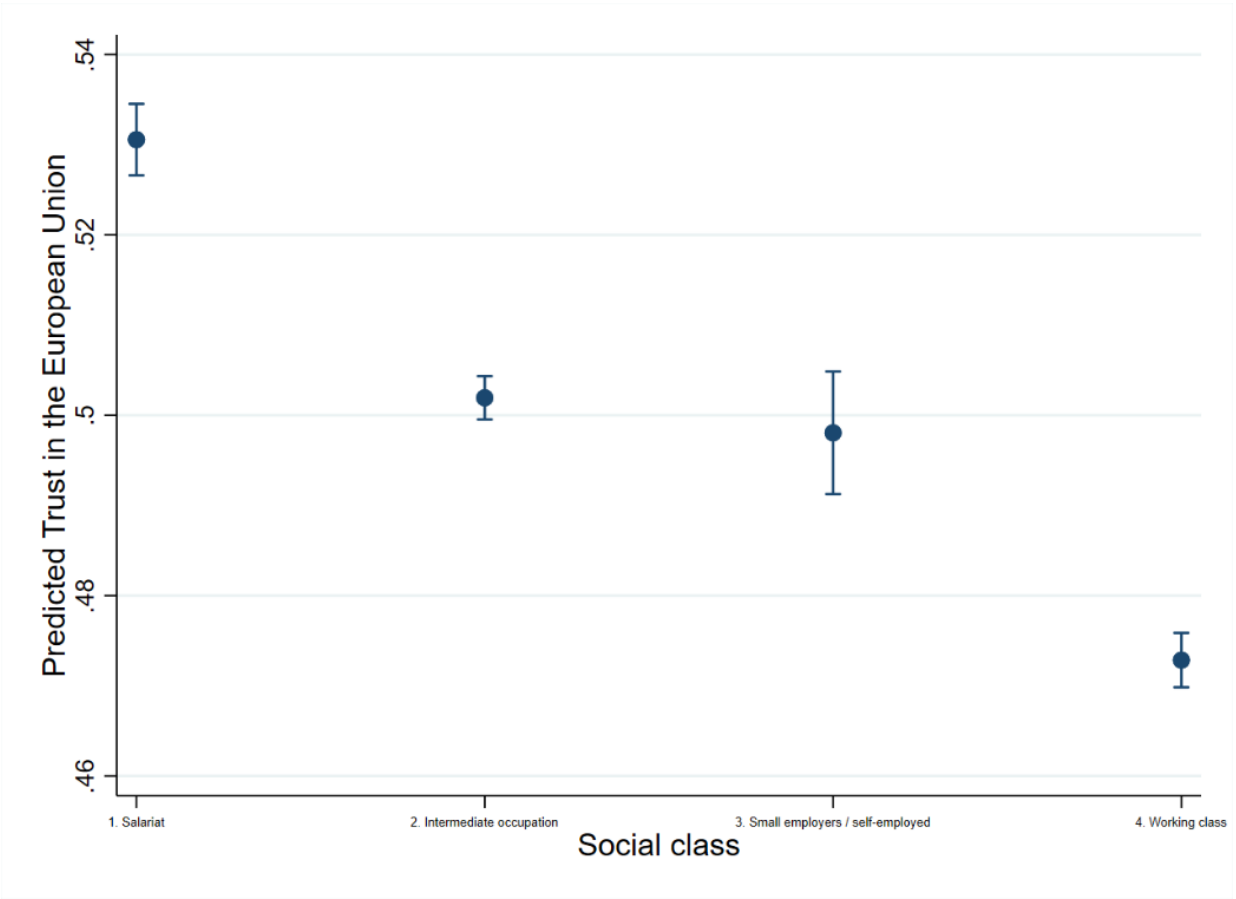


Figure A.18. Marginal effects at the means of Social Class



H. Robustness checks

H.1. Trust in National Government

Table A.12. Baseline Model for Trust in National Government (2003-2020)

Model	1	2
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	0.059	-0.003
	(0.059)	(0.052)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)		
Intermediate	0.00002	0.005
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Rural	0.0005	0.009**
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Education (Baseline: High Education)		
Medium Education	-0.041***	-0.018***
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Low Education	-0.049***	-0.014***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Still Studying	0.040***	0.014**
	(0.005)	(0.004)
Missing Education	-0.056***	-0.022***
	(0.008)	(0.007)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)		
30-39	-0.006	0.011***
	(0.003)	(0.003)
40-49	-0.008*	0.016***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
50-59	-0.002	0.024***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
> 60	0.056***	0.071***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)		
Intermediate Occupations	-0.040***	-0.022***
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	-0.022***	-0.007
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Working Class	-0.064***	-0.032***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Missing Social Class	-0.016***	-0.003
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	0.010***	0.007***
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Marital Status - Married/In Union	0.025***	0.018***
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Log *GDP per capita by region*	0.092***	0.060***
	(0.018)	(0.015)
Log *population density by region*	0.006	0.002
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Log *Unemployment per capita*	0.028*	0.019
	(0.014)	(0.012)
Share of industrial employment by region	0.002	0.003
	(0.0008)	(0.0007)
Share of agricultural employment by region	0.004***	0.002**
	(0.0007)	(0.0007)
Difference Population change	0.027***	0.018*
	(0.008)	(0.007)
Difference Employment change	0.002	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Trust in the European Union		0.394***
		(0.006)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes
N	415,149	378,688

R2	0.12	0.27

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.13. The determinants of Trust in National Government - Heterogeneous effects

Model **Specification**	**1** **Int. Location**	**2** **Int. Education**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	-0.034		
	(0.020)		
Rural area x EU Funds	0.022		
	(0.023)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		0.033	
		(0.020)	
Low Education		0.091***	
		(0.024)	
Still Studying		-0.039	
		(0.028)	
Missing Education		0.025	
		(0.045)	
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.003
			(0.019)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			-0.004
			(0.031)
Working Class			0.019
			(0.022)
Missing Social Class			-0.032
			(0.023)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.27	0.27	0.27
Within R2	0.18	0.18	0.18

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.14. The determinants of Trust in National Government - Education

Model	**1**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
Medium Education x Intermediate areas	0.007
	(0.006)
Medium Education x Rural areas	0.000
	(0.007)
Low Education x Intermediate areas	-0.005
	(0.008)
Low Education x Rural areas	0.009
	(0.009)
Still Studying x Intermediate areas	0.019
	(0.010)
Still Studying x Rural areas	0.026*
	(0.011)
Missing Education x Intermediate areas	-0.016
	(0.022)
Missing Education x Rural areas	-0.007
	(0.024)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
EU Funds x Medium Education	0.034
	(0.027)
EU Funds x Low Education	0.024
	(0.044)
EU Funds x Still Studying	-0.004
	(0.043)
EU Funds x Missing Education	0.049
	(0.075)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	-0.033
	(0.026)
EU funds x Rural areas	-0.006
	(0.026)
EU Funds x Education x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Medium Education x Intermediate areas	-0.030
	(0.034)
EU Funds x Medium Education x Rural areas	0.036
	(0.035)
EU Funds x Low Education x Intermediate areas	0.098*
	(0.043)
EU Funds x Low Education x Rural areas	0.064
	(0.050)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Intermediate areas	-0.047
	(0.054)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Rural areas	-0.056
	(0.057)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Intermediate areas	0.018
	(0.090)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Rural areas	-0.086
	(0.098)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,652
R2	0.27
Within R2	0.18

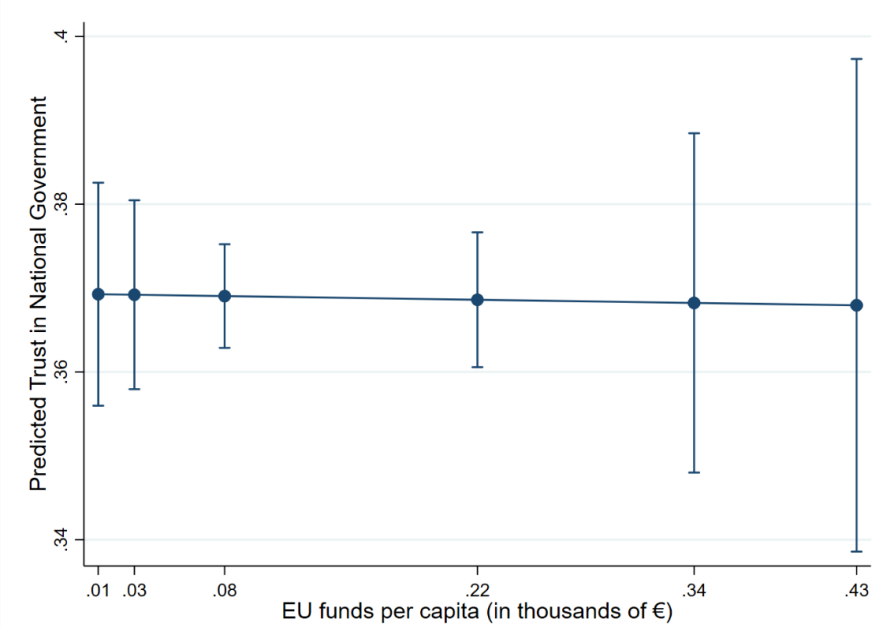
Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.15. The determinants of Trust in National Government – Social Class

Model	**2**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Social class (Baseline: Salariat)	
Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	-0.017*
	(0.007)
Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	0.011
	(0.008)
Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	-0.015
	(0.013)
Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	0.012
	(0.014)
Working Class x Intermediate areas	-0.027**
	(0.008)
Working Class x Rural areas	-0.018*
	(0.009)
Missing occupation x Intermediate areas	-0.003
	(0.010)
Missing occupation x Rural areas	0.011
	(0.011)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Social Class (Baseline: Salariat)	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations	-0.041
	(0.033)
EU Funds x Smal employers / Self Employed	-0.086
	(0.053)
EU Funds x Working Class	-0.081*
	(0.035)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation	-0.076
	(0.039)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	-0.094**
	(0.032)
EU funds x Rural areas	-0.064*
	(0.039)
EU Funds x Social class x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	0.061
	(0.039)
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	0.080
	(0.045)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	0.0130
	(0.067)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	0.093
	(0.070)
EU Funds x Working Class x Intermediate areas	0.120**
	(0.043)
EU Funds x Working Class x Rural areas	0.162**
	(0.049)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Intermediate areas	0.051
	(0.050)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Rural areas	0.084
	(0.055)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,652
R2	0.27
Within R2	0.18

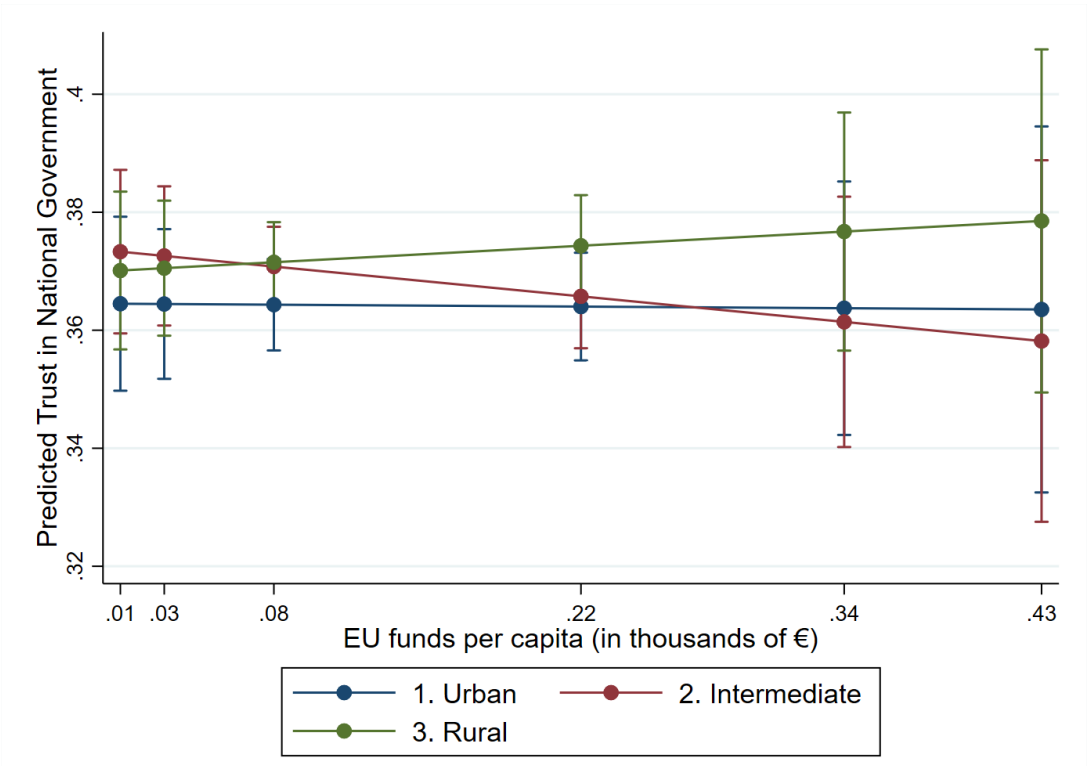
Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.19. Marginal effects at the Means of EU Funds (Trust in National Government)



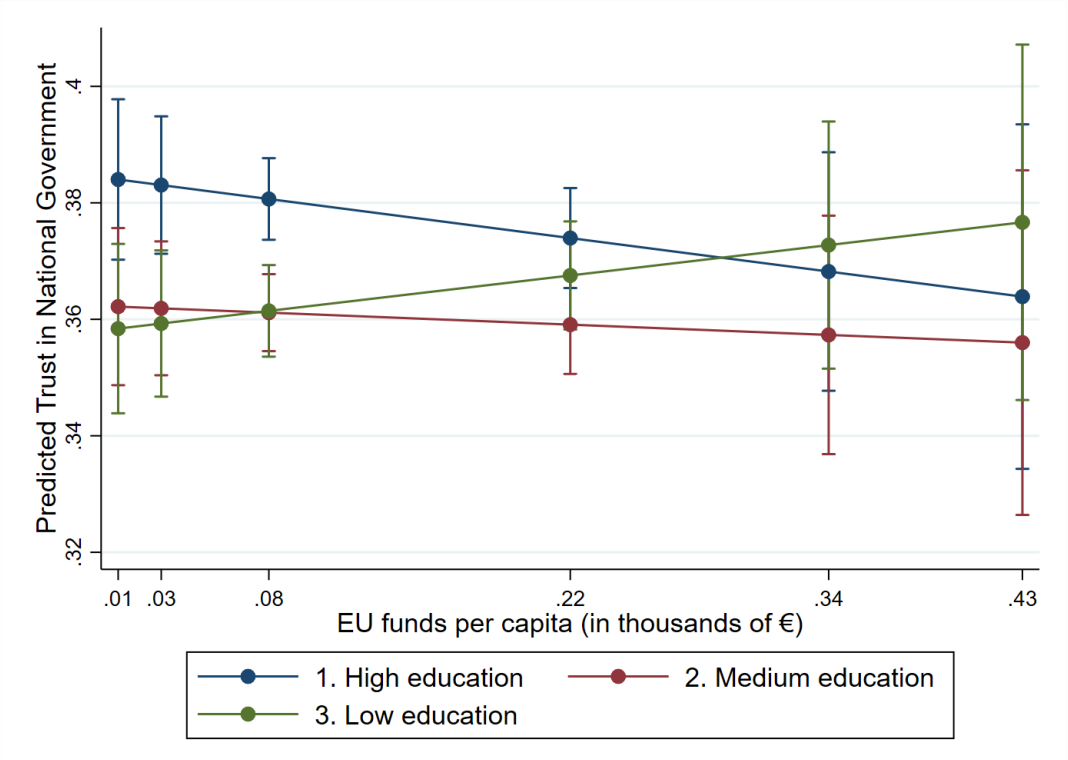
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects, Table A.12. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.20. Marginal effects at the Means of EU Funds and Location (Trust in National Government)



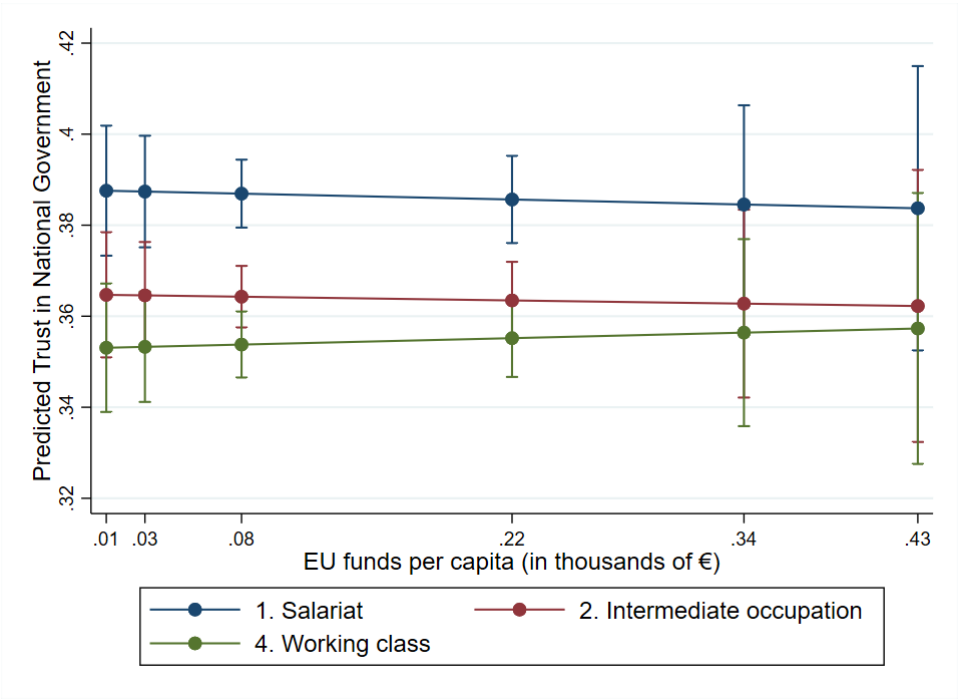
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects, Table A.13. Model 1. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.21. Marginal effects at the Means of EU Funds and Education (Trust in National Government)



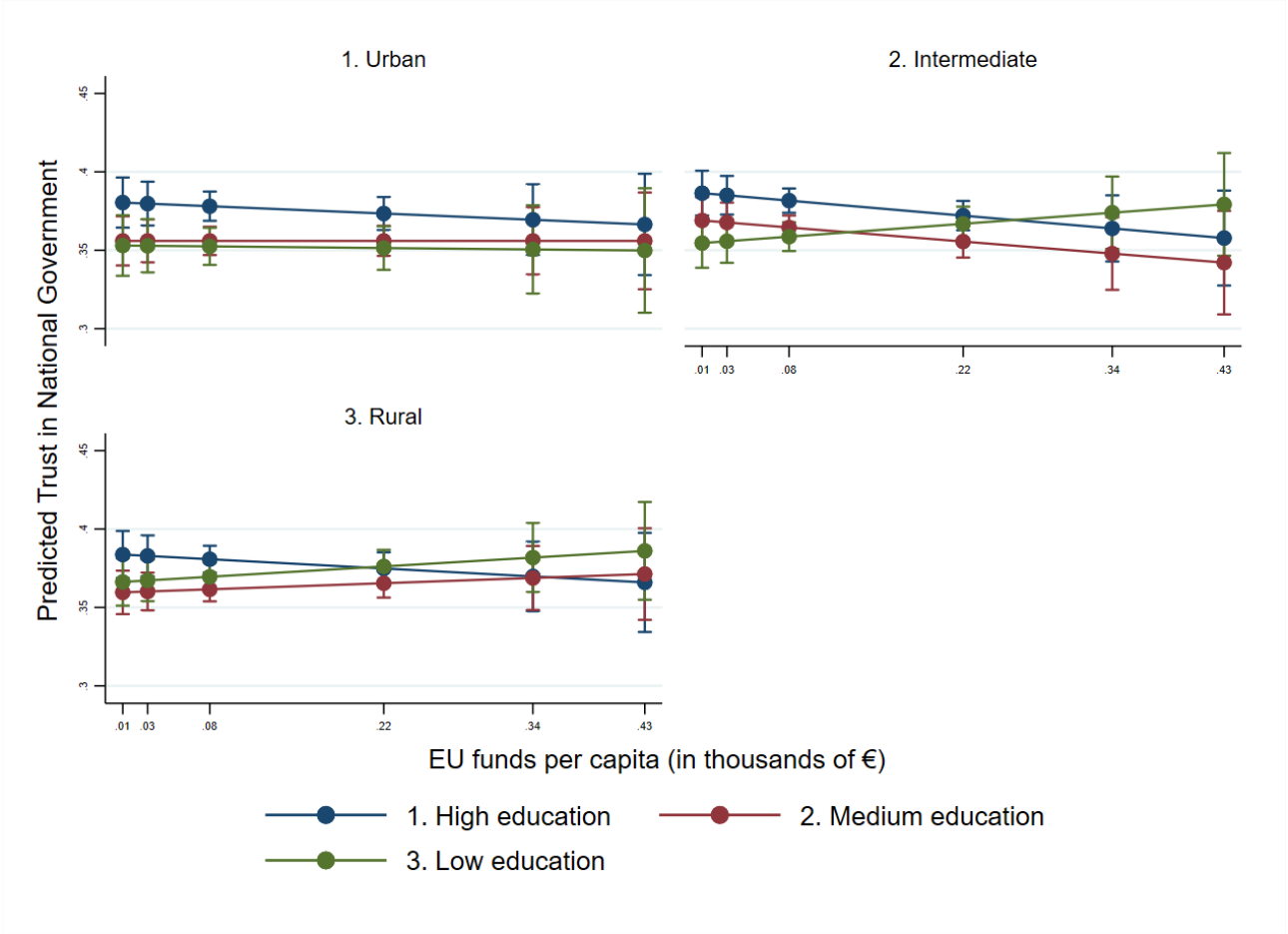
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects from Table A.13. Model 2. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.22. Marginal effects at the Means of EU Funds and Social Class (Trust in National Government)



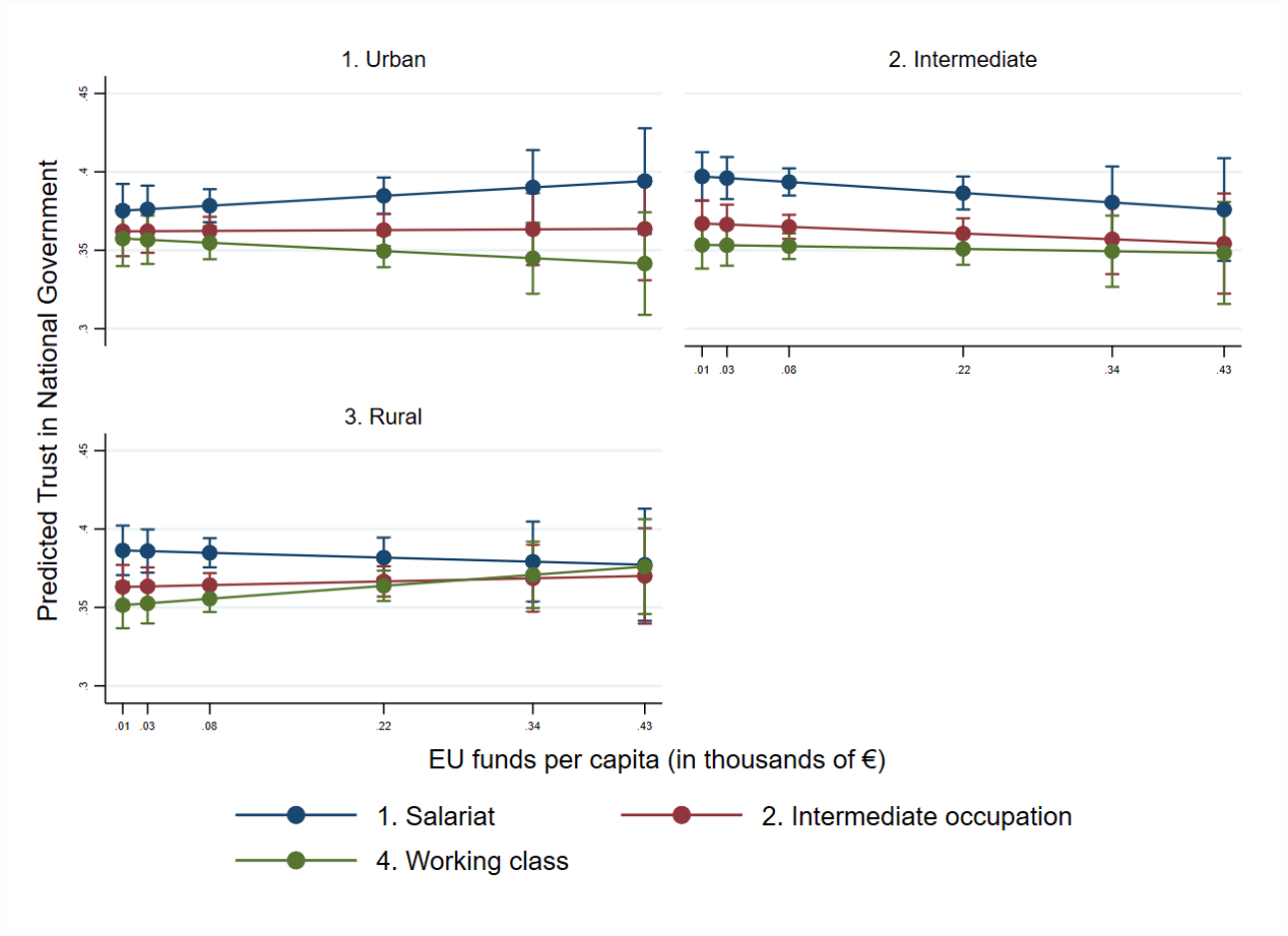
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects from Table A.13, Model 3. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.23. Marginal Effects at the Means of EU Funds and Education and Location (Trust in National Government)



Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects from Table A.14. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Figure A.24. Marginal Effects at the Means of EU Funds and Social Class and Location (Trust in National Government



Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, from Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects from Table A.15. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

H.2. Logistic Models

Table A.16. Logistic Model - Baseline

Model Logistic	**1**	**2**
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	2.258**	2.366**
	(0.607)	(0.671)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)		
Intermediate	0.944***	0.939***
	(0.013)	(0.146)
Rural	0.895***	0.885***
	(0.015)	(0.015)
Education (Baseline: High Education)		
Medium Education	0.771***	0.804***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Low Education	0.655***	0.677***
	(0.012)	(0.013)
Still Studying	1.339***	1.294***
	(0.032)	(0.033)
Missing Education	0.663	0.694***
	(0.025)	(0.026)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)		
30-39	0.816***	0.802***
	(0.013)	(0.143)
40-49	0.746***	0.727***
	(0.013)	(0.013)
50-59	0.719***	0.688***
	(0.013)	(0.013)
> 60	0.798***	0.686***
	(0.016)	(0.014)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)		
Intermediate Occupations	0.818***	0.860***
	(0.009)	(0.011)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	0.829***	0.840***
	(0.016)	(0.018)
Working Class	0.685***	0.737***
	(0.010)	(0.011)
Missing Social Class	0.861***	0.856***
	(0.016)	(0.018)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	1.026*	1.013
	(0.009)	0.009
Marital Status - Married/In Union	1.111***	1.064***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Log *GDP per capita by region*	1.10***	1.235***
	(0.093)	(0.082)
Log *population density by region*	1.050**	1.049*
	(0.019)	(0.020)
Log *Unemployment per capita*	1.058	1.021
	(0.064)	(0.060)
Share of industrial employment by region	1.013***	1.012***
	(0.003)	0.003)
Share of agricultural employment by region	1.016***	1.011**
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Difference Population change	1.012	1.008
	(0.008)	(0.009)
Difference Employment change	1.070	1.029
	(0.035)	(0.036)
Trust in National Government		8.204***
		(0.267)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes
N	390,118	378,688
Pseudo R2	0.07	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.17. Logistic Model – Heterogeneous effects

Model (logistic) **Specification**	**1** **Int. Location**	**2** **Int. Education**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	1.193		
	(0.125)		
Rural area x EU Funds	1.250		
	(0.158)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		1.377***	
		(0.120)	
Low Education		1.687***	
		(0.223)	
Still Studying		0.913	
		(0.147)	
Missing Education		0.749	
		(0.182)	
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			1.472***
			(0.143)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			1.008
			(0.166)
Working Class			1.499***
			(0.167)
Missing Social Class			0.885
			(0.119)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688
Pseudo R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Exponentiated coefficients, standard errors in parentheses. Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $^{*}p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$.

Table A.18. The determinants of Trust in the European Union – Education (Logistic)

Model (logistic)	**1**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
Medium Education x Intermediate areas	1.009
	(0.036)
Medium Education x Rural areas	1.095*
	(0.044)
Low Education x Intermediate areas	1.012
	(0.050)
Low Education x Rural areas	1.073
	(0.056)
Still Studying x Intermediate areas	1.182**
	(0.073)
Still Studying x Rural areas	1.281***
	(0.089)
Missing Education x Intermediate areas	1.213
	(0.146)
Missing Education x Rural areas	1.141
	(0.145)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Education (Baseline: High Education)	
EU Funds x Medium Education	1.396**
	(0.179)
EU Funds x Low Education	1.667*
	(0.419)
EU Funds x Still Studying	1.317
	(0.341)
EU Funds x Missing Education	1.071
	(0.418)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	1.123
	(0.150)
EU funds x Rural areas	1.405*
	(0.232)
EU Funds x Education x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Medium Education x Intermediate areas	1.151
	(0.203)
EU Funds x Medium Education x Rural areas	0.766
	(0.142)
EU Funds x Low Education x Intermediate areas	0.940
	(0.269)
EU Funds x Low Education x Rural areas	0.935
	(0.262)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Intermediate areas	0.654
	(0.190)
EU Funds x Still Studying x Rural areas	0.478
	(0.198)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Intermediate areas	0.643
	(0.355)
EU Funds x Missing Education x Rural areas	0.562
	(0.308)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,688
Pseudo R2	0.19

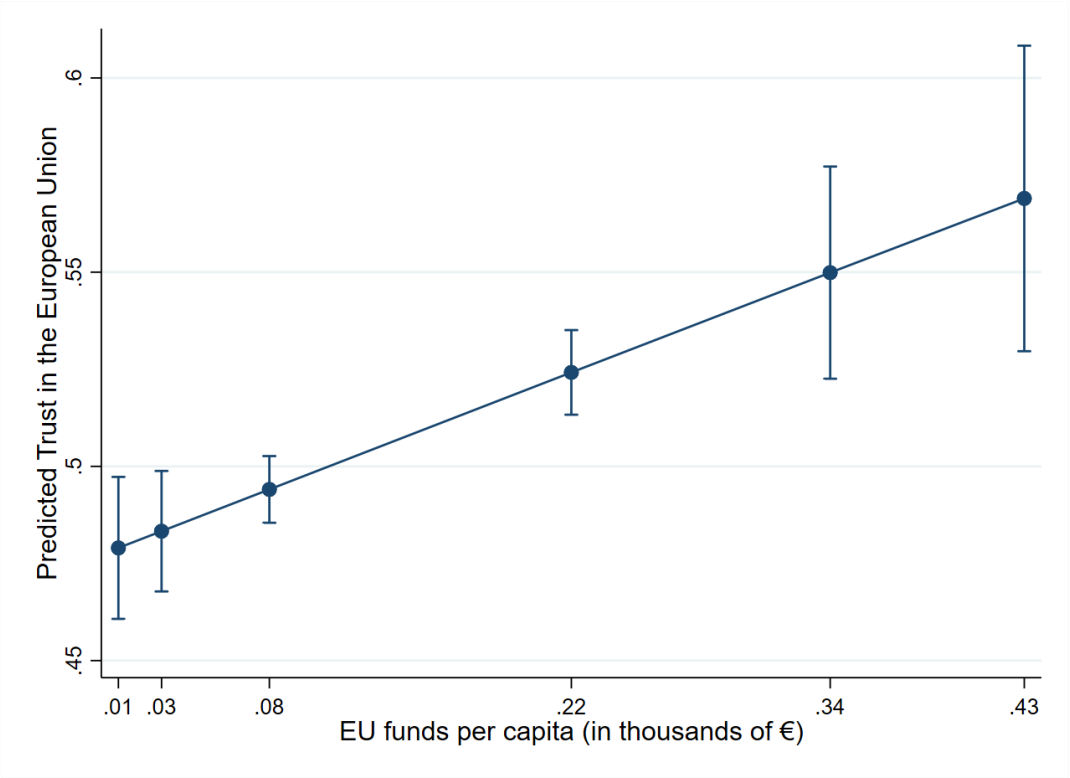
Notes: Exponentiated coefficients, standard errors in parentheses. Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.19. The determinants of Trust in the EU - Social class (logistic)

Model (logistic)	**2**
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban) x Social class (Baseline: Salariat)	
Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	1.056
	(0.039)
Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	1.070
	(0.047)
Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	1.042
	(0.084)
Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	1.137
	(0.088)
Working Class x Intermediate areas	1.170**
	(0.054)
Working Class x Rural areas	1.217***
	(0.058)
Missing occupation x Intermediate areas	1.146*
	(0.067)
Missing occupation x Rural areas	1.182**
	(0.068)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €) x Social Class (Baseline: Salariat)	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations	1.581**
	(0.266)
EU Funds x Smal employers / Self Employed	1.570
	(0.488)
EU Funds x Working Class	1.902***
	(0.350)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation	1.335
	(0.278)
EU Funds per capita x Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)	
EU Funds x Intermediate areas	1.432*
	(0.227)
EU funds x Rural areas	1.509*
	(0.277)
EU Funds x Social class x Place of residence	
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Intermediate areas	0.910
	(0.174)
EU Funds x Intermediate occupations x Rural areas	0.863
	(0.199)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Intermediate areas	0.531
	(0.202)
EU Funds x Small employers / Self Employed x Rural areas	0.539
	(0.186)
EU Funds x Working Class x Intermediate areas	0.685
	(0.153)
EU Funds x Working Class x Rural areas	0.702
	(0.172)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Intermediate areas	0.565*
	(0.153)
EU Funds x Missing Occupation x Rural areas	0.528*
	(0.157)
Individual controls	Yes
Regional controls	Yes
Country x Year FE	Yes
N	378,688
Pseudo R2	0.19

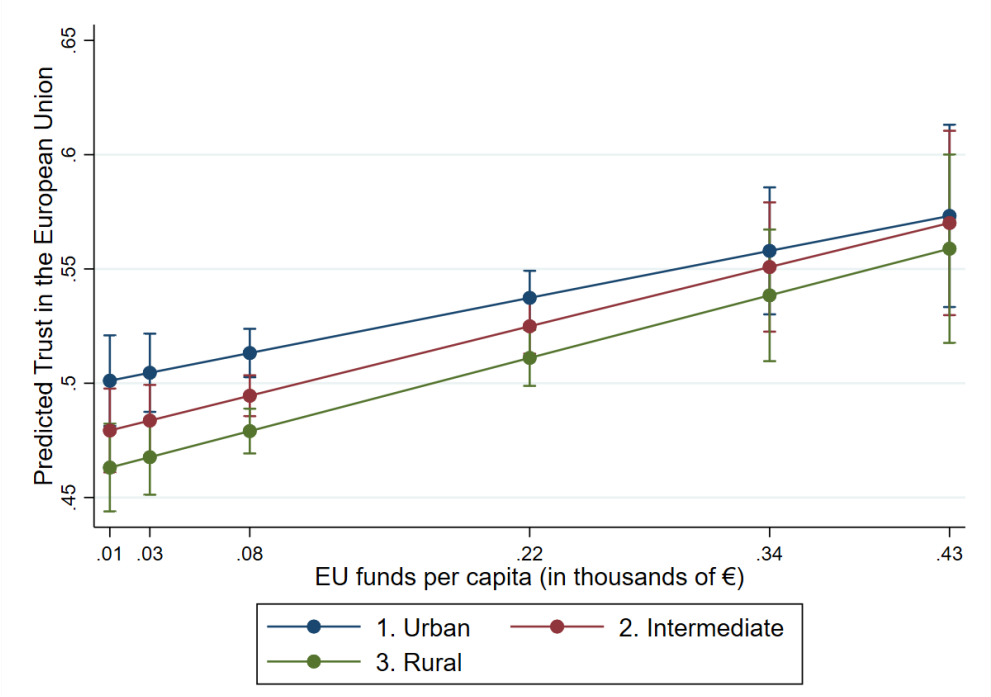
Notes: Exponentiated coefficients, standard errors in parentheses. Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $^{*}p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$.

Figure A.25. Marginal Effects at the Means of EU fund (*Logistic*)



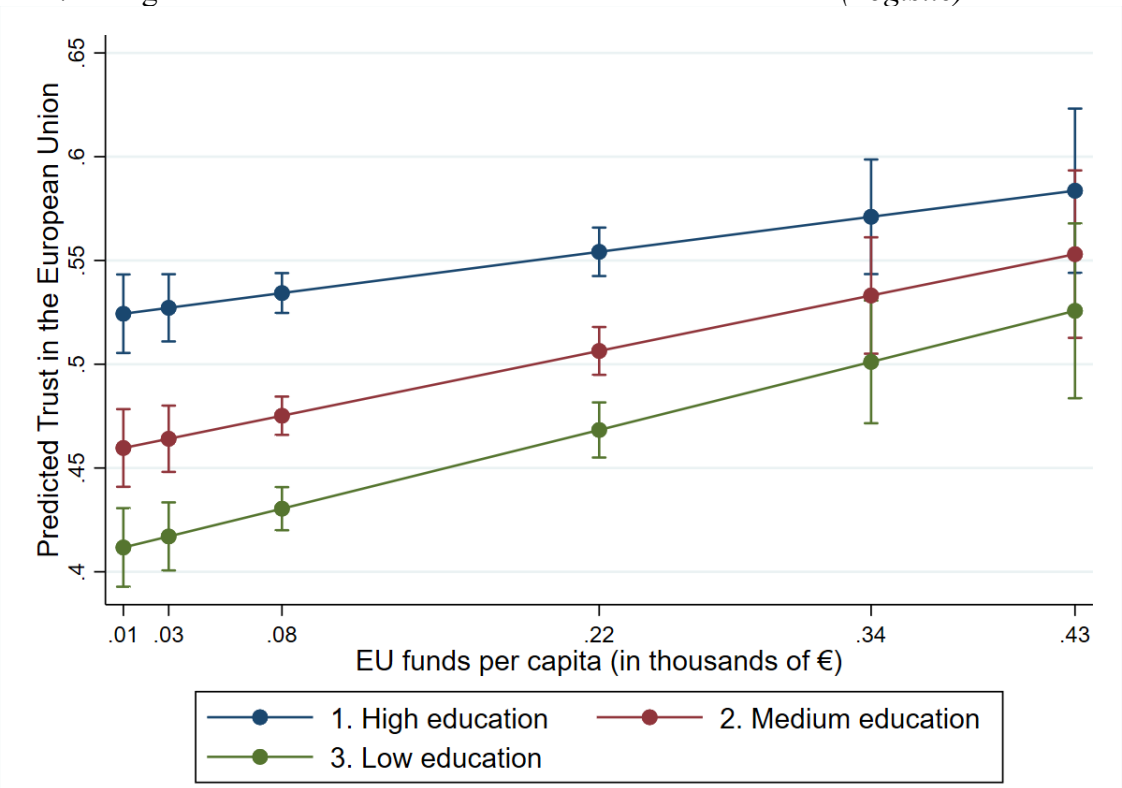
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed in Table A.13., Model 1, from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.26. Marginal Effects at the Means of Location and EU Funds (*Logistic*)



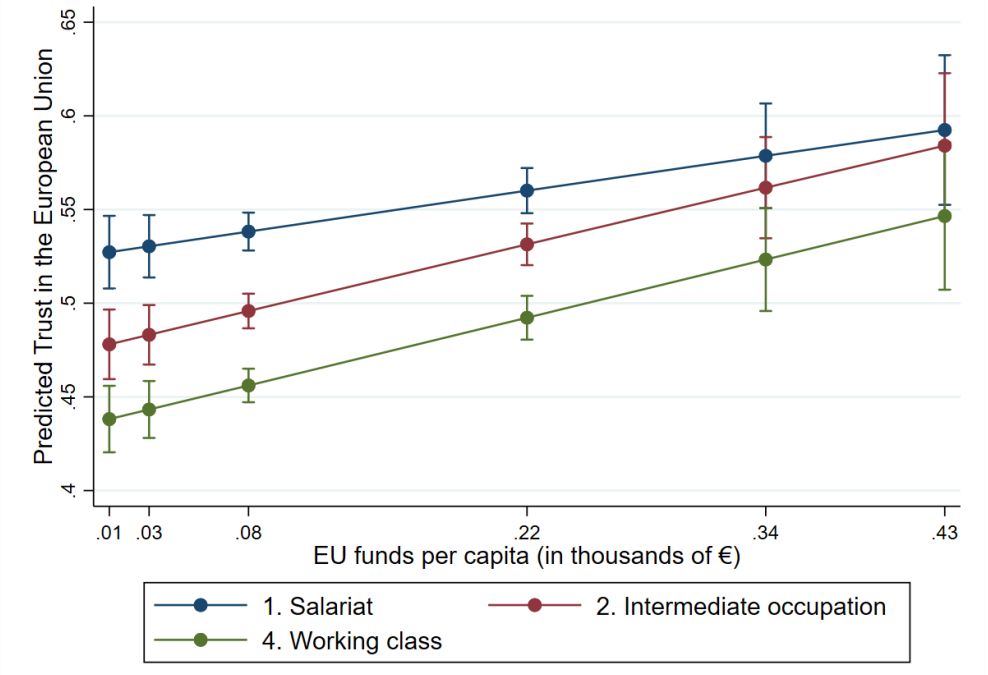
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed after interactions in Table A.17., Model 2, from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.27. Marginal Effects at the Means of EU funds and Education *(Logistic)*



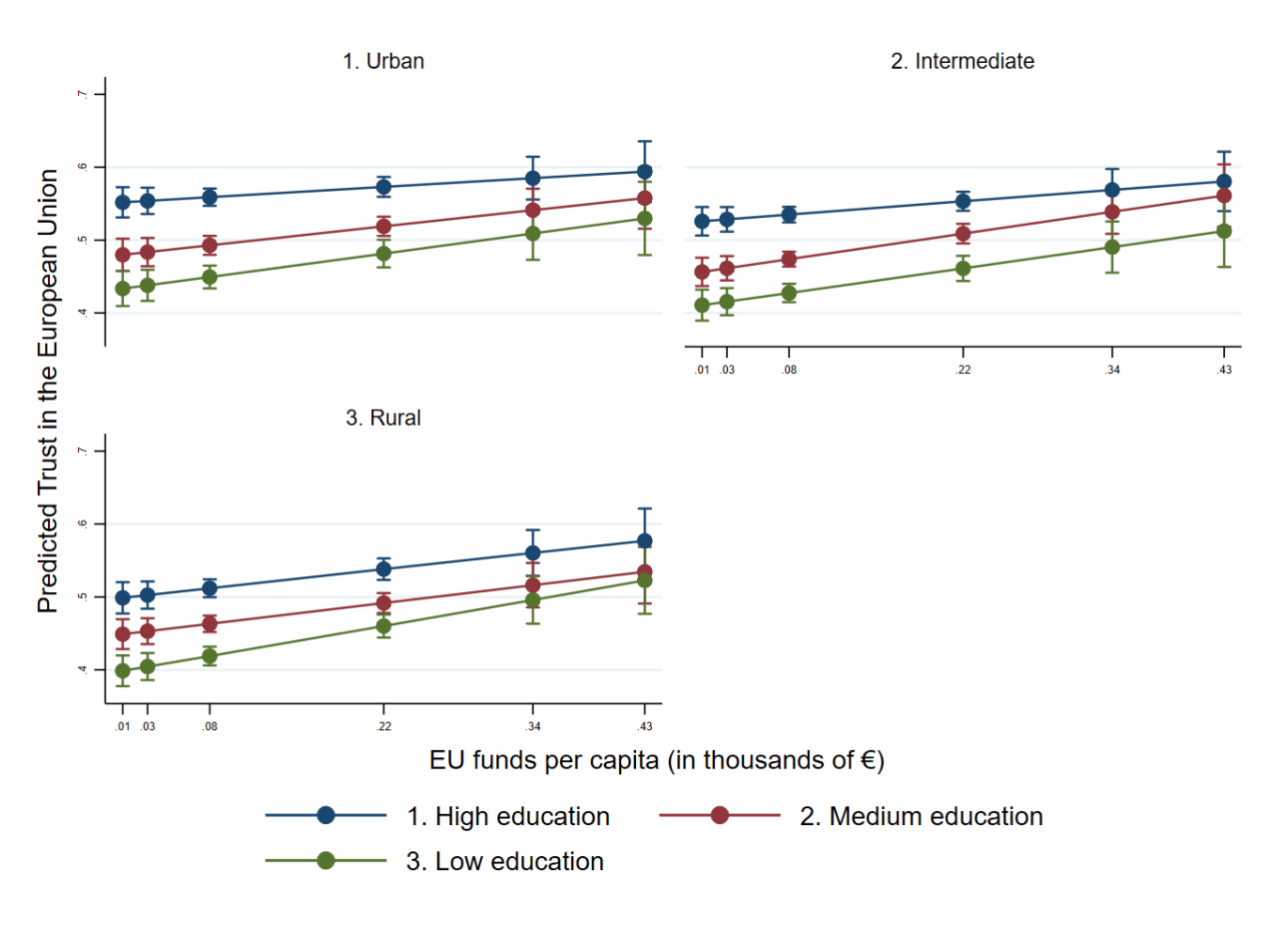
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed after interactions in Table A.17., Model 2, from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.28. Marginal Effects at the Means of Location and Social Class (*Logistic*)



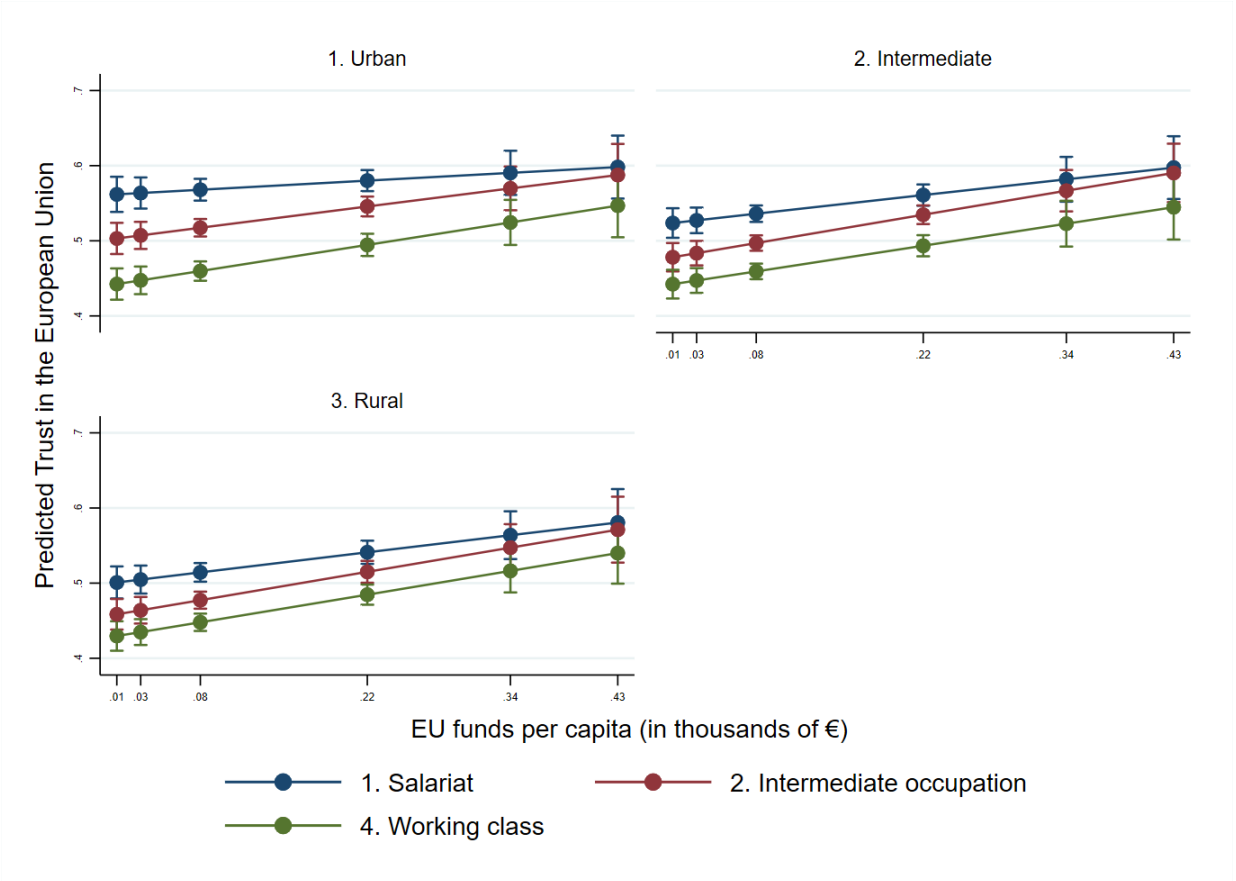
Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed after interactions in Table A.17. Model 3, from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.29. Marginal Effects at the Means of Location, Education and EU funds (*Logistic*)



Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed after interactions in Table A.18., from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Figure A.30. Marginal Effects at the Means of Location, Social Class and EU Funds (*Logistic*)



Notes: Marginal Effects at the Means with 95% Confidence Intervals, computed after interactions in Table A.19., from logistic regression with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020) and Annual Regional Database of the European Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

H.3. Robustness checks Trust in the European Parliament – European Social Survey (ESS)

Table A.20. Baseline for Trust in the European Parliament – Eurobarometer / ESS (2004-2020)

Model	Eurobarometer (NUTS1)	European Social Survey (NUTS1)
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	0.086	-0.009
	(0.053)	(0.092)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)		
Intermediate	-0.006	-0.012***
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Rural	-0.013***	-0.023***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Education (Baseline: High Education)		
Medium Education	-0.045***	-0.033***
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Low Education	-0.088***	-0.049***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Still Studying	0.045***	
	(0.005)	
Missing Education	-0.092***	-0.045***
	(0.008)	(0.006)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)		
30-39	-0.022***	-0.081***
	(0.003)	(0.005)
40-49	-0.032***	-0.098***
	(0.004)	(0.006)
50-59	-0.039***	-0.019***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
> 60	-0.039***	-0.110***
	(0.004)	(0.006)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)		
Intermediate Occupations	-0.027***	-0.004
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	-0.037***	-0.002
	(0.005)	(0.003)
Working Class	-0.073***	-0.011***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Missing Social Class	-0.042***	0.020***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	0.0001	0.019***
	(0.002)	(0.003)
Marital Status - Married/In Union	0.026***	-0.0009
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Log *GDP per capita by region*	0.044*	0.032
	(0.018)	(0.016)
Log *population density by region*	0.008	-0.003
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Log *Unemployment per capita*	0.011	0.021
	(0.012)	(0.011)
Share of industrial employment by region	0.002**	0.002*
	(0.0007)	(0.0008)
Share of agricultural employment by region	0.003***	0.0005
	(0.0007)	(0.0010)
Difference Population change	0.005	0.011
	(0.008)	(0.007)
Difference Employment change	0.0005	-0.0004
	(0.005)	(0.002)
Trust in the National Parliament	0.348***	0.427***
	(0.005)	(0.006)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes
N	316,941	257,001
R2	0.20	0.22
Within R2	0.13	0.18

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.21. The determinants of Trust in the European Parliament (NUTS1) - Heterogeneous effects (EB / ESS) (2004-2020)

Model	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
	Int. Location	**Int. Location**	**Int. Education**	**Int. Education**	**Int. Class**	**Int. Class**
Specification	**EB**	**ESS**	**EB**	**ESS**	**EB**	**ESS**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)						
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.022	-0.002				
	(0.023)	(0.020)				
Rural area x EU Funds	0.028	0.023				
	(0.027)	(0.025)				
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)						
Medium Education			0.003	0.009		
			(0.019)	(0.018)		
Low Education			0.003	0.043		
			(0.029)	(0.029)		
Still Studying			-0.053			
			(0.034)			
Missing Education			-0.053	0.039		
			(0.062)	(0.038)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)						
Intermediate Occupations					-0.001	-0.021
					(0.020)	(0.018)
Small Employers / Self-Employed					-0.044	-0.0010
					(0.035)	(0.030)
Working Class					-0.019	-0.035
					(0.025)	(0.018)
Missing Social Class					-0.059*	-0.091**
					(0.030)	(0.035)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	316,941	257,001	316,941	257,001	316,941	257,001
R2	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.22	0.20	0.22
Within R2	0.13	0.18	0.13	0.18	0.13	0.18

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.22. Baseline model - Trust in the European Parliament - European Social Survey Comparison (2010-2020)

Model	**ESS (NUTS2)**	**ESS (NUTS1)**
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	-0.061*	-0.103
	(0.029)	(0.093)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)		
Intermediate	-0.010**	-0.010*
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Rural	-0.020***	-0.017***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Education (Baseline: High Education)		
Medium Education	-0.041***	-0.036***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Low Education	-0.054***	-0.050***
	(0.004)	(0.005)
Missing Education	-0.053***	-0.055***
	(0.007)	(0.007)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)		
30-39	-0.078***	-0.083***
	(0.005)	(0.006)
40-49	-0.108***	-0.111***
	(0.006)	(0.006)
50-59	-0.129***	-0.131***
	(0.008)	(0.008)
> 60	-0.138***	-0.132***
	(0.008)	(0.008)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)		
Intermediate Occupations	-0.004	-0.006
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	-0.004	-0.001
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Working Class	-0.007*	-0.011**
	(0.003)	(0.004)
Missing Social Class	0.012*	0.015**
	(0.006)	(0.006)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	-0.032***	-0.039***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Marital Status - Married/In Union	0.003	0.007**
	(0.003)	(0.003)
Log *GDP per capita by region*	0.028	0.042
	(0.014)	(0.024)
Log *population density by region*	0.007*	-0.001
	(0.004)	(0.006)
Log *Unemployment per capita*	-0.003	0.040*
	(0.011)	(0.016)
Share of industrial employment by region	0.0002	0.002**
	(0.0004)	(0.0009)
Share of agricultural employment by region	0.003**	0.002
	(0.0009)	(0.001)
Difference Population change	-0.003	0.018
	(0.006)	(0.012)
Difference Employment change	-0.004	0.0002
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Trust in the National Parliament	0.459***	0.403***
	(0.007)	(0.007)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes
N	173,820	189,807
R2	0.25	0.20
Within R2	0.22	0.16

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.23. Baseline model - Trust in the European Parliament (NUTS2) - European Social Survey (2010-2020)

Model	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
Specification	**Int. Location NUTS2**	**Int. Location NUTS1**	**Int. Education NUTS2**	**Int. Education NUTS1**	**Int. Class NUTS2**	**Int. Class NUTS1**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)						
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.050*	0.034				
	(0.022)	(0.025)				
Rural area x EU Funds	0.079**	0.045				
	(0.030)	(0.036)				
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)						
Medium Education			0.034	0.011		
			(0.026)	(0.026)		
Low Education			0.052	0.018		
			(0.027)	(0.029)		
Missing Education			0.105*	0.062		
			(0.046)	(0.047)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)						
Intermediate Occupations					-0.002	-0.025
					(0.022)	(0.022)
Small Employers / Self-Employed					0.015	-0.036
					(0.031)	(0.031)
Working Class					0.005	-0.031
					(0.020)	(0.022)
Missing Social Class					-0.061	-0.091*
					(0.036)	(0.036)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	173,820	189,807	173,820	189,807	173,820	189,807
R2	0.26	0.20	0.26	0.20	0.26	0.20
Within R2	0.22	0.16	0.22	0.16	0.22	0.16

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

H.4. Robustness checks – Economic controls

Table A.24. The determinants of Trust in the EU - Economic controls

Model	1	2	3	4	5	6
EU Funds per capita (in thousands of €)	0.060	0.127**	0.133**	0.167*	0.148**	0.148**
	(0.038)	(0.047)	(0.049)	(0.055)	(0.052)	(0.053)
Place of residence (Baseline: Urban)						
Intermediate	-0.013***	-0.012***	-0.011***	-0.012***	-0.012***	-0.012***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Rural	-0.025***	-0.024***	-0.022***	-0.023***	-0.024***	-0.024***
	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Education (Baseline: High Education)						
Medium Education	-0.043***	-0.043***	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Low Education	-0.074***	-0.074***	-0.073***	-0.073***	-0.073***	-0.073***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Still Studying	0.046***	0.046***	0.046***	0.046***	0.046***	0.046***
	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)
Missing Education	-0.068***	-0.069***	-0.070***	-0.070***	-0.070***	-0.070***
	(0.007)	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.007)
Age (Baseline: < 29 years old)						
30-39	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***	-0.042***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
40-49	-0.062***	-0.062***	-0.061***	-0.061***	-0.061***	-0.061***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
50-59	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
> 60	-0.073***	-0.073***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.072***	-0.071***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Social Class ESEC5 (Baseline: Salariat)						
Intermediate Occupations	-0.028***	-0.028***	-0.029***	-0.029***	-0.029***	-0.029***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Small Employers / Self-Employed	-0.030***	-0.031***	-0.032***	-0.032***	-0.032***	-0.032***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Working Class	-0.056***	-0.056***	-0.058***	-0.058***	-0.058***	-0.058***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Missing Social Class	-0.029***	-0.029***	-0.030***	-0.030***	-0.030***	-0.070***
	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.007)
Self-Reported Gender - Male	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Marital Status - Married/In Union	0.013***	0.013***	0.013***	0.013***	0.012***	0.012***
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Log *GDP per capita by region*		0.026**	0.023*	0.011	0.043***	0.042***
		(0.010)	(0.012)	(0.012)	(0.012)	(0.012)
Log *population density by region*			0.002	0.006	0.009*	0.009*
			(0.003)	-0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Log *Unemployment per capita*				-0.020	0.002	0.006
				(0.010)	(0.011)	(0.011)
Share of industrial employment by region					0.002***	0.002***
					(0.0006)	(0.0007)
Share of agricultural employment by region					0.002***	0.002***
					(0.0007)	(0.0007)
Difference Population change						0.005
						(0.007)
Difference Employment change						0.002
						(0.002)
Trust in National Government	0.433***	0.433***	0.433***	0.433***	0.433***	0.433***
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	382,428	382,428	378,688	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001.

Table A.25. The determinants of Trust in the EU – GDP per capita

Model	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Specification	**Int. EU funds**	**Int. Location**	**Int. Education**	**Int. Class**
Interactions: Log GDP per capita x EU funds	-0.155***			
	(0.055)			
Interactions: Log GDP per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)				
Intermediate area x EU Funds		-0.013**		
		(0.004)		
Rural area x EU Funds		-0.014*		
		(0.005)		
Interactions Log GDP per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)				
Medium Education			-0.020***	
			(0.004)	
Low Education			-0.011*	
			(0.006)	
Still Studying			0.026***	
			(0.006)	
Missing Education			0.017	
			(0.010)	
Interactions: Log GDP per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)				
Intermediate Occupations				-0.014***
				(0.004)
Small Employers / Self-Employed				0.009
				(0.006)
Working Class				-0.017***
				(0.005)
Missing Social Class				0.025***
				(0.005)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.26. The determinants of Trust in the EU - Share of Industrial Employment

Model **Specification**	**1** **Int. Location**	**2** **Int. Education**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: Share ind. Emp. x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.0005		
	(0.0004)		
Rural area x EU Funds	-0.0001		
	(0.0005)		
Interactions: Share ind. Emp. x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		-0.002***	
		(0.0004)	
Low Education		-0.000	
		(0.006)	
Still Studying		-0.0004	
		(0.006)	
Missing Education		-0.002	
		(0.001)	
Interactions: Share ind. Emp. x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.0009*
			(0.0004)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			-0.001
			(0.0007)
Working Class			0.0006
			(0.0005)
Missing Social Class			-0.001*
			(0.0006)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.27. The determinants of Trust in the EU – Unemployment per capita

Model **Specification**	**1** **Int. Location**	**2** **Int. Education**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: Log Unemp. Per capita x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.010		
	(0.006)		
Rural area x EU Funds	0.007		
	(0.007)		
Interactions: Log Unemp. Per capita x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		0.015**	
		(0.005)	
Low Education		0.021**	
		(0.07)	
Still Studying		-0.014	
		(0.008)	
Missing Education		-0.010	
		(0.015)	
Interactions: Log Unemp. Per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.011*
			(0.006)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			0.013
			(0.009)
Working Class			0.010
			(0.007)
Missing Social Class			-0.003
			(0.008)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688	378,688
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.28. The determinants of Trust in the EU – GDP per capita and EU funds

Model **Specification**	**2** **Int. Class**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: GDP per Capita (log) x Education (Baseline: High Education)		
Intermediate Occupations	-0.007	
	(0.0005)	
Small Employers / Self-Employed	0.012	
	(0.007)	
Working Class	-0.010*	
	(0.005)	
Missing Social Class	-0.028***	
	(0.005)	
Interactions: EU Funds per capita x Class (Baseline: Salariat)		
Intermediate Occupations		0.060**
		(0.020)
Small Employers / Self-Employed		0.029
		(0.036)
Working Class		0.056*
		(0.022)
Missing Social Class		0.034
		(0.026)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes
N	378,688	378,688
R2	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

H.5. Robustness checks – Lagged Effects of EU Funds

Table A.29. Lagged Effect of EU Funds (1-Year Lag)

Model **Specification**	**1** **Int. Location**	**2** **Int. Education**	**3** **Int. Class**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita (lag1) x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.036		
	(0.018)		
Rural area x EU Funds	0.046		
	(0.025)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag1) x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		0.067***	
		(0.017)	
Low Education		0.106***	
		(0.025)	
Still Studying		-0.009	
		(0.030)	
Missing Education		-0.062	
		(0.047)	
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag1) x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.083***
			(0.019)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			0.006
			(0.034)
Working Class			0.079***
			(0.021)
Missing Social Class			-0.016
			(0.025)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	377,846	377,846	377,846
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$.

Table A.30. Lagged Effect of EU Funds (2-Year Lag)

Model	**1**	**2**	**3**
Specification	**Int. Location**	**Int. Education**	**Int. Class**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita (lag2) x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.060**		
	(0.019)		
Rural area x EU Funds	0.068*		
	(0.026)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag2) x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		0.068***	
		(0.019)	
Low Education		0.132***	
		(0.024)	
Still Studying		0.021	
		(0.031)	
Missing Education		-0.102*	
		(0.049)	
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag2) x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.073***
			(0.019)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			0.030
			(0.033)
Working Class			0.078***
			(0.022)
Missing Social Class			-0.004
			(0.026)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	377,846	377,846	377,846
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

Table A.31. Lagged Effect of EU Funds (5-Year Lag)

Model	**1**	**2**	**3**
Specification	**Int. Location**	**Int. Education**	**Int. Class**
Interactions: EU Funds per capita (lag5) x Location (Baseline: Urban)			
Intermediate area x EU Funds	0.032		
	(0.022)		
Rural area x EU Funds	0.059*		
	(0.025)		
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag5) x Education (Baseline: High Education)			
Medium Education		0.054**	
		(0.019)	
Low Education		0.138***	
		(0.025)	
Still Studying		0.017	
		(0.033)	
Missing Education		-0.048	
		(0.055)	
Interactions: EU funds per capita (lag5) x Class (Baseline: Salariat)			
Intermediate Occupations			0.060**
			(0.020)
Small Employers / Self-Employed			0.034
			(0.035)
Working Class			0.065**
			(0.024)
Missing Social Class			0.003
			(0.028)
Country x Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	366,821	366,821	366,821
R2	0.25	0.25	0.25
Within R2	0.19	0.19	0.19

Notes: Standard errors are clustered by Country x Year. Linear Probability Models with Country-Year Fixed Effects. *Data*: Eurobarometer (2003-2020), Annual Regional Database of the European Commission (ARDECO), Eurostat, and EU budget payment data by the EU Commission. $*p < 0.05$, $**p < 0.01$, $***p < 0.001$.

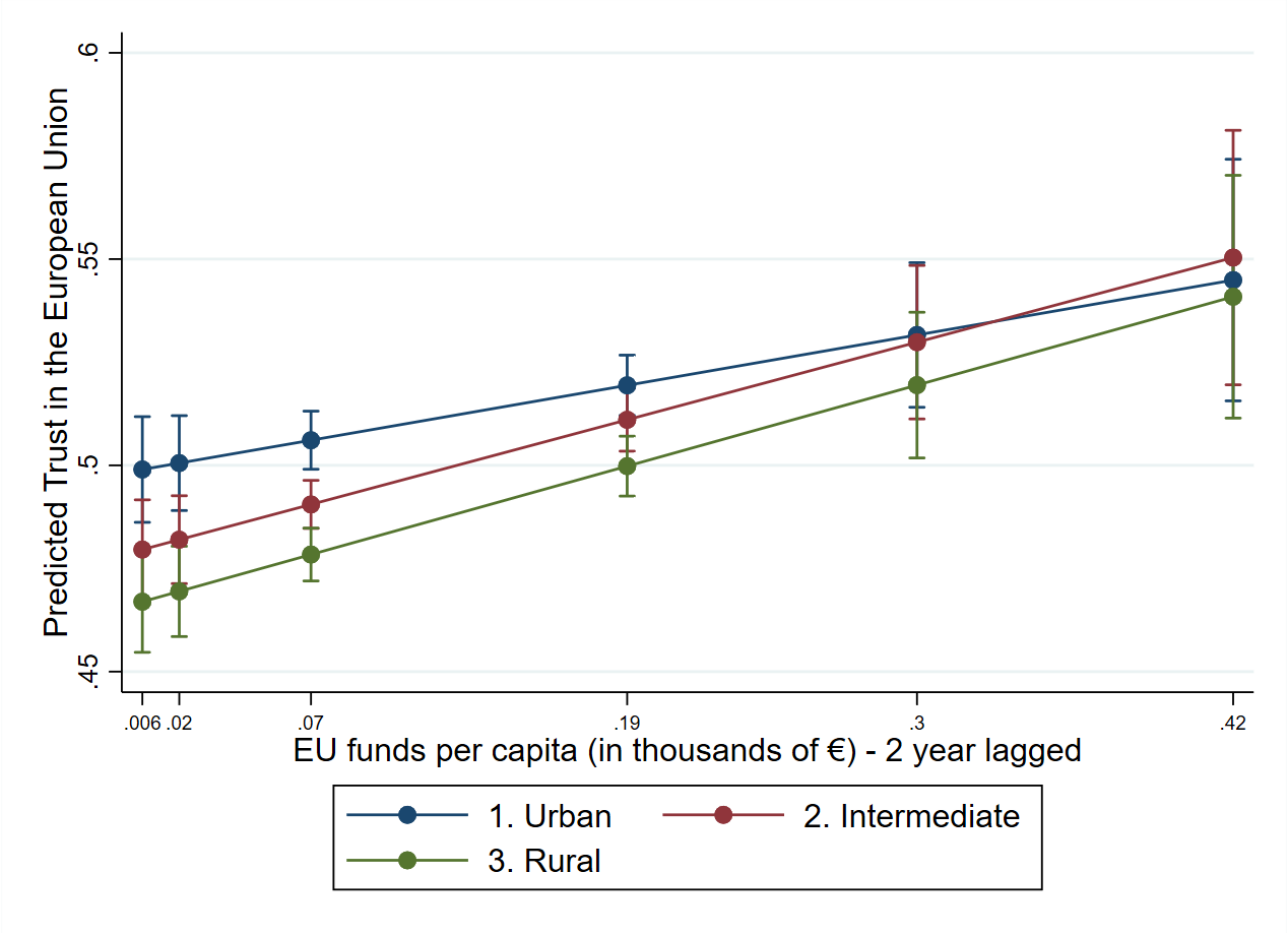



Figure A 31. Marginal effects at the Means of EU funds per capita (2 year lagged)