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Promoting Public Sector Education in an Age of Austerity

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Crisis in Education

Cutting
Pensions
in UK

Cutting
salaries in
Ireland

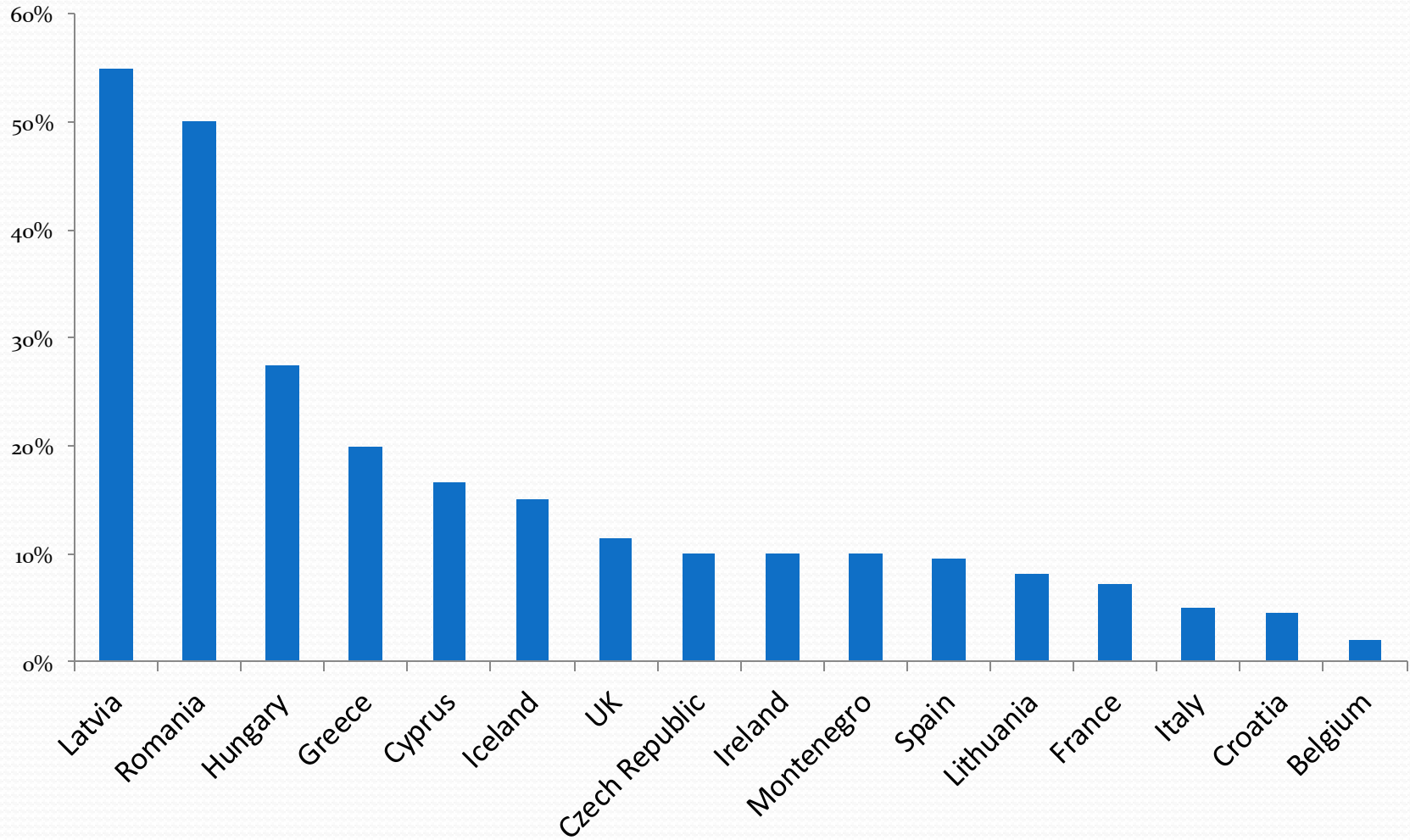
Cutting
salaries,
pensions and
positions in
Greece

20.000
teachers in
Portugal

25 % cut
in salary
in
Romania

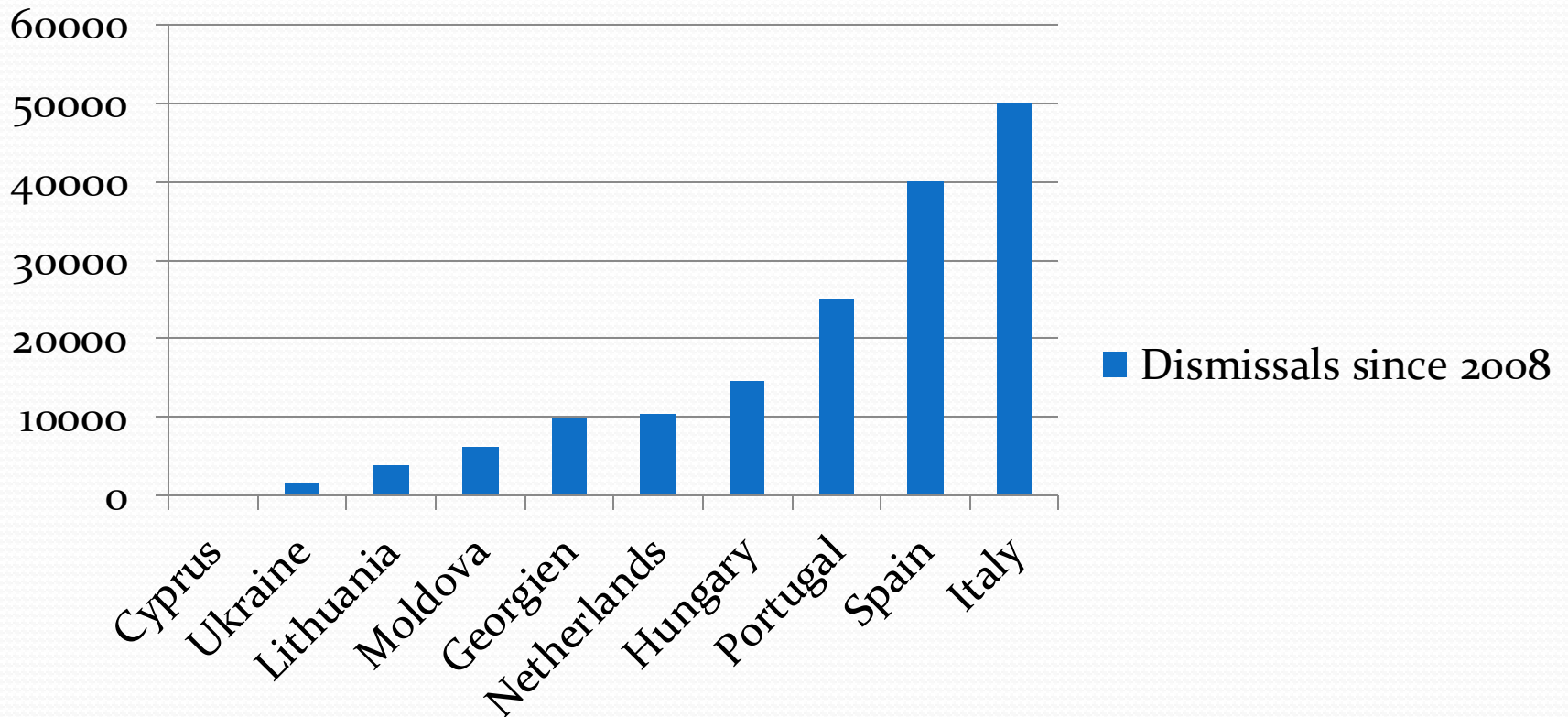
50 % cut
in salary
in Latvia

Examples on cuts in educational budgets



Examples of dismissals of education employees

Dismissals since 2008



In 18 European countries Teachers strikes within the last 18 months



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WITH THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION FOR JOBS AND SOLIDARITY – NO TO AUSTERITY



What got us here ?

Deregulation of the financial sector

Trade and deficit imbalances

“Virtual” financial products

Extensive speculation geared by simple greed

From Crisis to Crisis

Banking crisis



Bailing out banks



Sovereign Debt crisis



Banking crisis

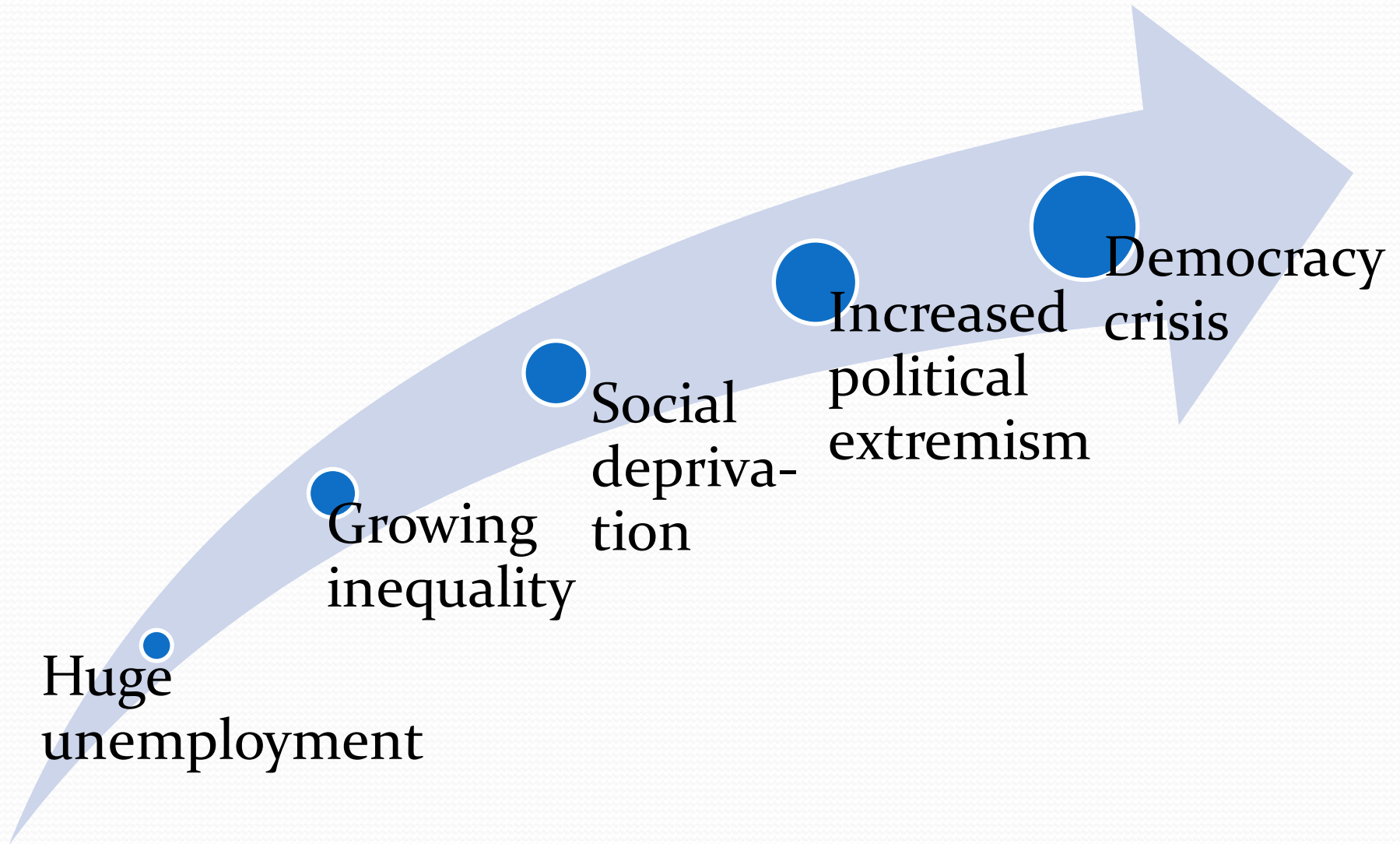


Austerity



**Austerity
does not
work**

Following Austerity Policies



Who is paying the party ?

21 – 32 Trillion US \$ in tax heavens or secret structures, equivalent To the size of the United States and Japanese economies combined.

If this unreported amount earned a rate of 3 % that was taxed by 30 % this would generate a tax revenue of 190-280 billion US \$,twice the amount all the OECD countries spend on development assistance.

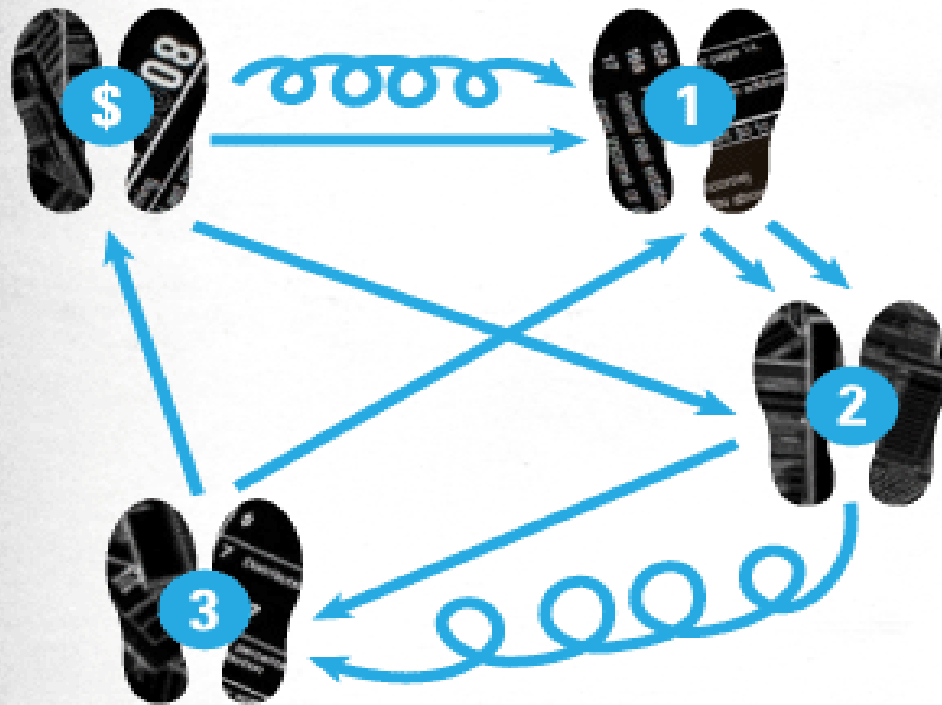
Tax Justice Network July 2012



Apple, Google, & Amazon

“DOUBLE IRISH WITH A DUTCH SANDWICH”

The Steps:



- 1 Route profits through Irish subsidiaries
- 2 Tax-free transfers from the Netherlands
- 3 A final stop in Caribbean tax shelters

Reclaiming the Profession

More and better recruitment instruments

Address the upcoming shortage of teachers

Initial teacher education at a Masters level

Claim professional autonomy

Taking responsibility for Quality Assurance and Self-evaluation.

Support of young teachers (induction phase)

Teacher salaries at a competitive level

More and better access to CPD

Democratic and distributed leadership

EU-Com: “Supporting Europe's Teachers”

- *Investment in education and training for skills development is essential to boost growth and competitiveness: skills determine Europe's capacity to increase productivity.*
- *Investment in education and training is key to increasing productivity and economic growth and is a concern for all...*
- *Member States are developing models of cost-sharing between different partners in the educational process – the state, businesses and individuals, foundations and alumni – with public investment helping to leverage private sector match-funding.*
- *Public investment should also be maintained in school education, but governments must seek ways to achieve more with these resources. Important returns of investment can be gained through more effective teacher recruitment, retention and professional support.*

The reality....Public education under pressure



- Increasing pressure for business and others to co-finance education, especially in VET and HER



- Privatisation on the cost of public money
- Increasing privatisation of education institutions

Leading to :

Increasing inequality and discrimination
Undermining of social- and labour rights

Our answer



And we will take it everywhere



To Members

To Governments

To Employers

To the broader Public

To the Press



WHO CARES ABOUT

Public Education

WE CARE !

