

*Pre-Conference-Workshop of the
HPH Taskforce Migration, Equity and Diversity*

‘Ensuring equal access to and quality of health services for refugees and migrants’

Vienna, 11th April 2017

What does MIPEX tell us about European health policies on responsiveness to diversity?

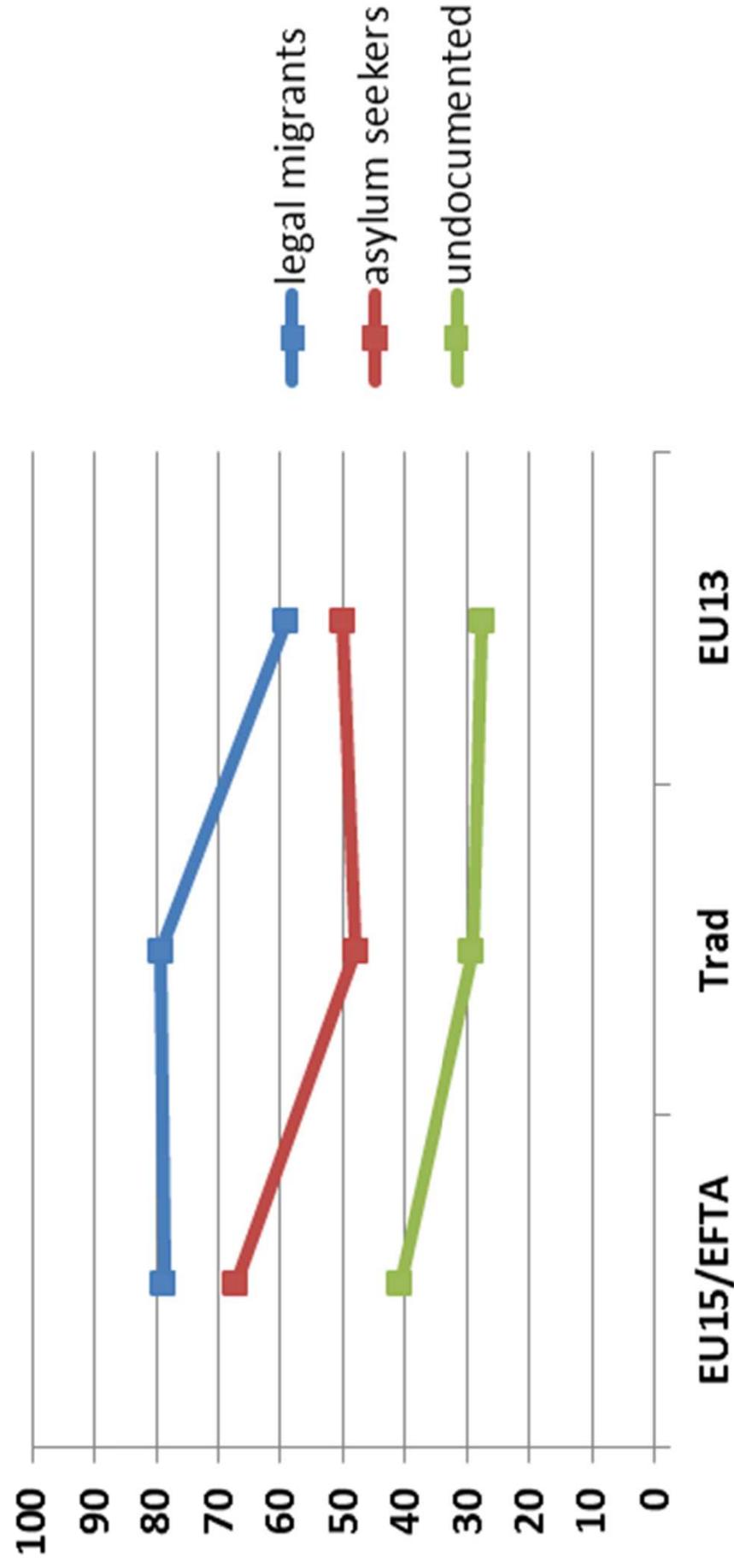
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Outline of talk

1. What is the MIPEX Health strand and how does it differ from the Equity Standards?
2. The MIPEX and its methodology
3. What are the important policy issues?
4. Selected results

Entitlements (dimension A) in three groups of countries



1. What is the MIPEX Health strand?

- Survey of policies affecting migrant health in 38 countries
- 3-year collaboration between:
 - International Organization for Migration (EQUI-HEALTH project)
 - Migration Policy Group, publishers of the Migrant Integration Policy Index (MIPEX).
 - COST Action IS1103 ADAPT (Adapting European Health Services to Diversity)

Comparing Equity Standards and MIPEX Health strand

Equity Standards	MIPEX Health strand
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisational level• Measures practices• Self-assessment• Stand-alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National, local and organisational level• Measures policies• Independent assessment• Incorporated in MIPEX

2. MIPEX and its methodology

- Health policy is treated as an aspect of **integration policy**, alongside 7 other policy 'strands'
- Standardised methodology, measurements repeated at 4-year intervals
- Each strand contains 4 'dimensions' containing 4-6 questions, 10 combining more than one indicator.
- Indicators are scored on a 3-point Likert scale:
 - 0 (no attempt to combat inequities)
 - 50 (partial attempt to combat inequities)
 - 100 (policies equitable or well on the way to becoming so)
- Scores within strands are averaged, then a grand average is calculated

What MIPEX covers

Seven policy areas for immigrants to participate in society:



Labour market
mobility



Family reunion



Education



Political
Participation



Long-term
residence



Access to
nationality



Anti-
discrimination

In more than 30 countries:

EU Member States + Norway, Switzerland, Canada, United States of America, Australia, Japan, and soon New Zealand, Korea, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Mexico



3. What are the important policy issues affecting migrants' health?

- Basis of the Health strand in the Council of Europe Recommendations (2011)
- Essence of these recommendations:
 - **Reduce health risks to which migrants are exposed**
 - **Ensure access to good quality health services**

Content of CoE recommendations

- 14 recommendations, explained in
- 23 guidelines, divided into 6 categories:
 1. *Improving knowledge about migrants and their situation*
 2. *Migrants' state of health*
 3. *Entitlement to health service provision*
 4. *Accessibility of the health system*
 5. *Quality of health services*
 6. *General measures to promote change*

The four dimensions of the Health strand

- A. Entitlement to health services
- B. Removing barriers to access
- C. Responsive health services
- D. Measures to achieve change (incorporating categories 1 and 2 of the CoE recommendations)

Dimensions A & B were averaged to form a scale for **access**, C & D to form **quality** (i.e. degree of adaptation of health system to migrants' needs).

The **total score** averaged all dimensions (alpha = .86)

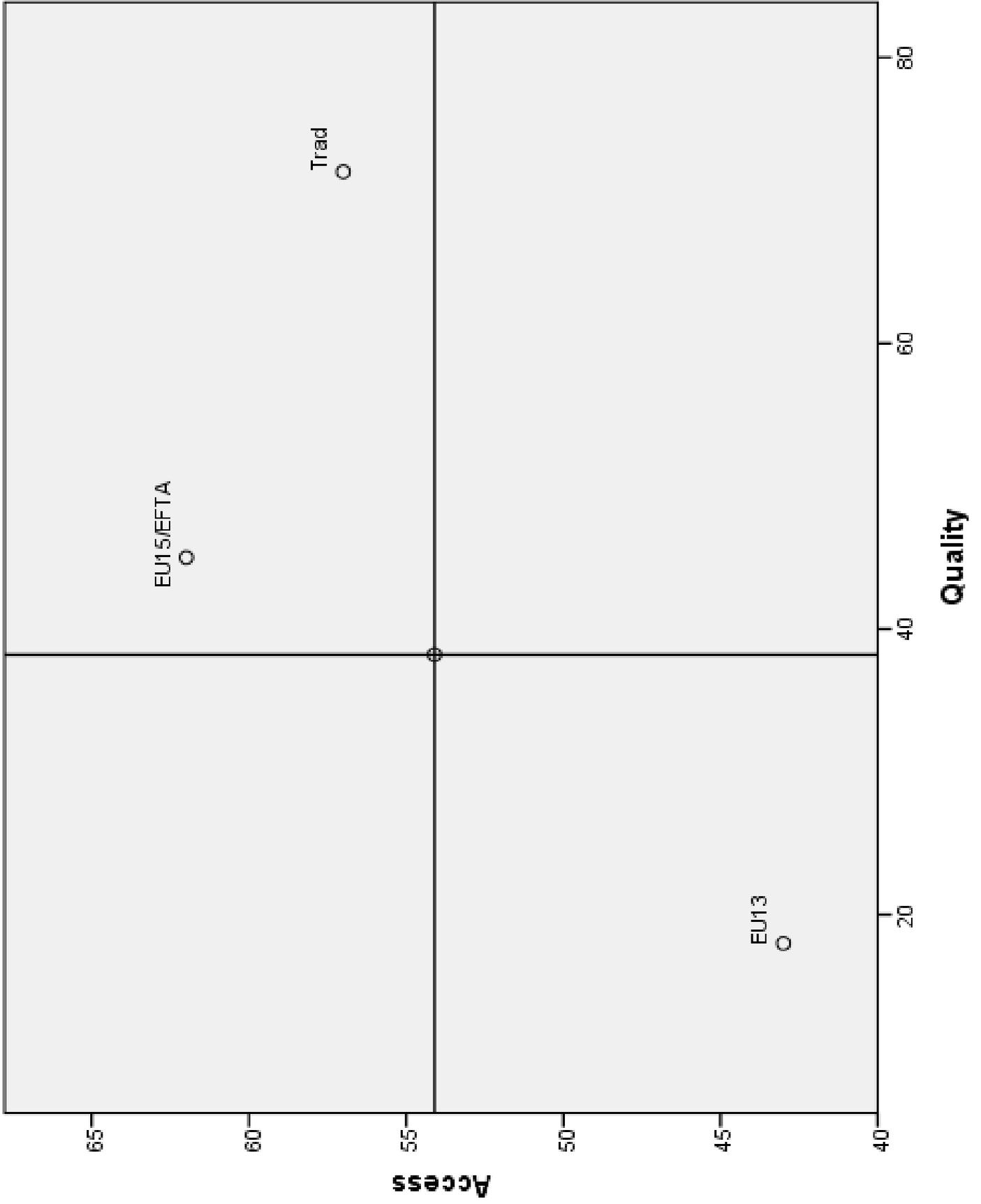
Groups studied

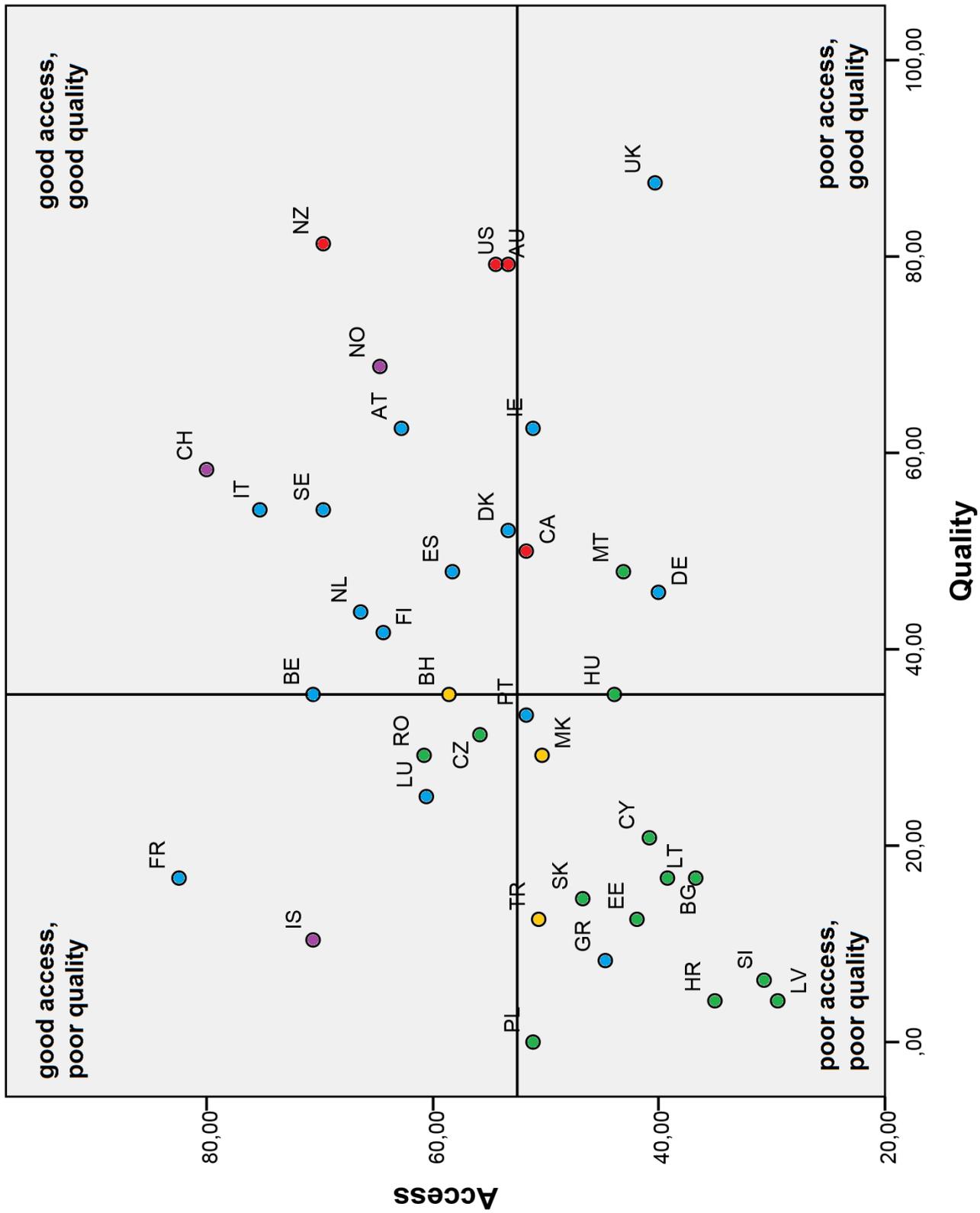
1. 'Legal migrants' labour migrants from third countries)
2. Asylum seekers
3. Undocumented (irregular) migrants

Separate scores for these groups are only given in Section A (Entitlements)

4. Selected results

Total scores



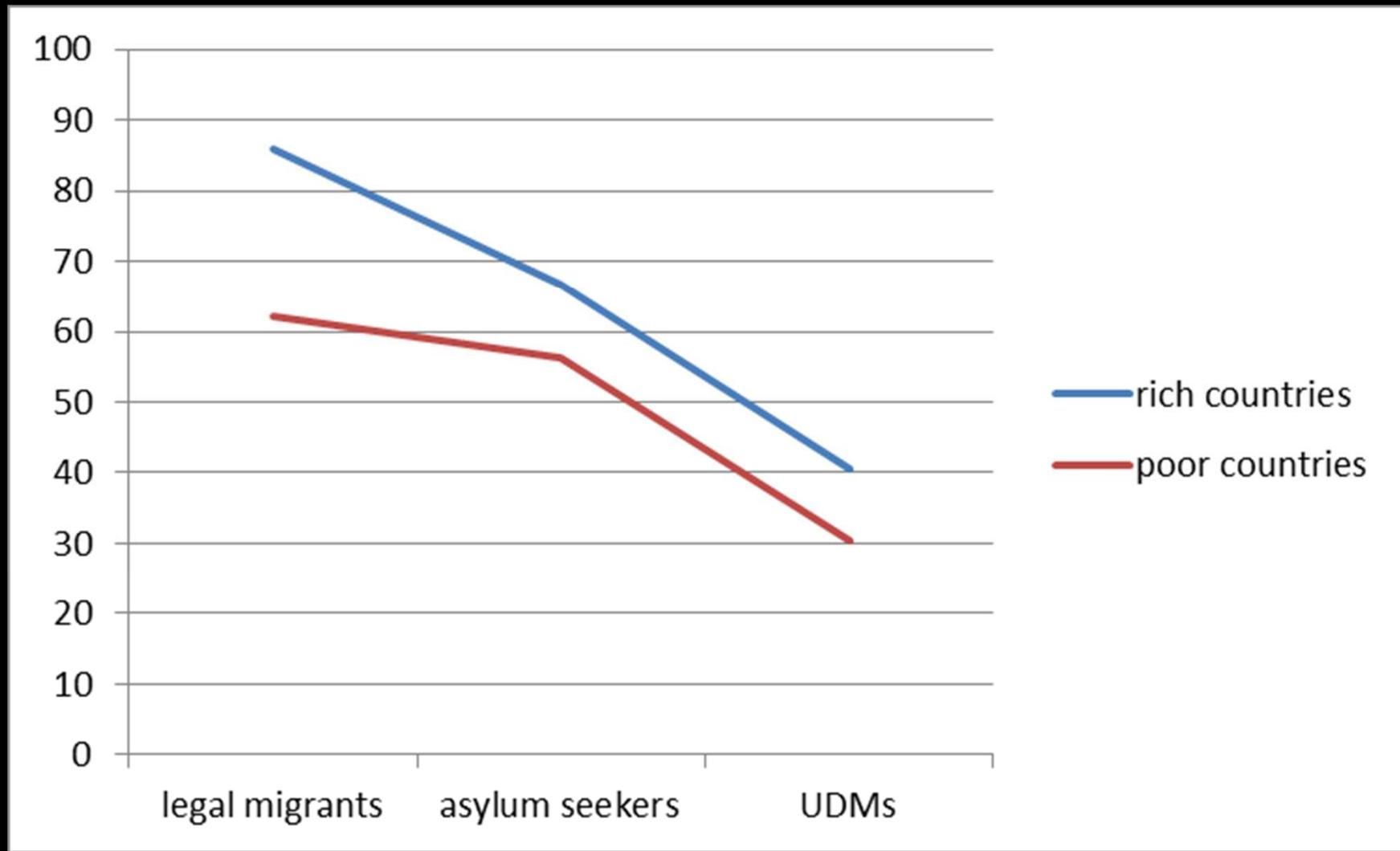


Correlates of total scores

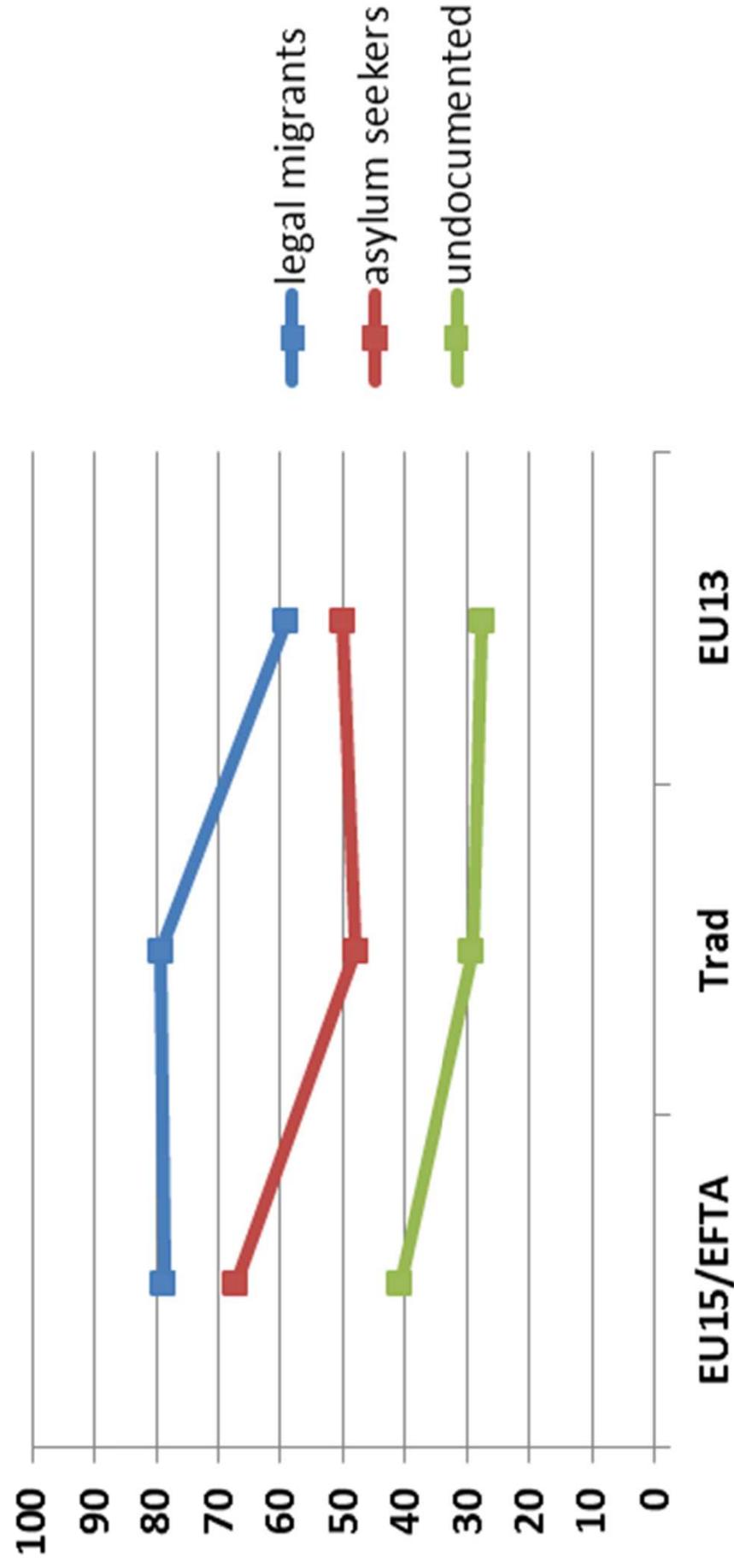
- **Whether a country was a member of the EU15 or acceded to the EU after 2000.**
- GDP per capita (rich or poor)
- Percentage of resident third-country migrants
- Total health expenditure per capita
- Average score on other MIPEx strands
- Type of health system (insurance-based or tax-based) - only relevant for sections C & D

**5. Conclusions regarding inequities
in current policies affecting
migrant health**

Migrants' healthcare entitlements in "rich" and "poor" EU countries



Entitlements (dimension A) in three groups of countries



Policies to improve responsiveness of services to migrants' needs

