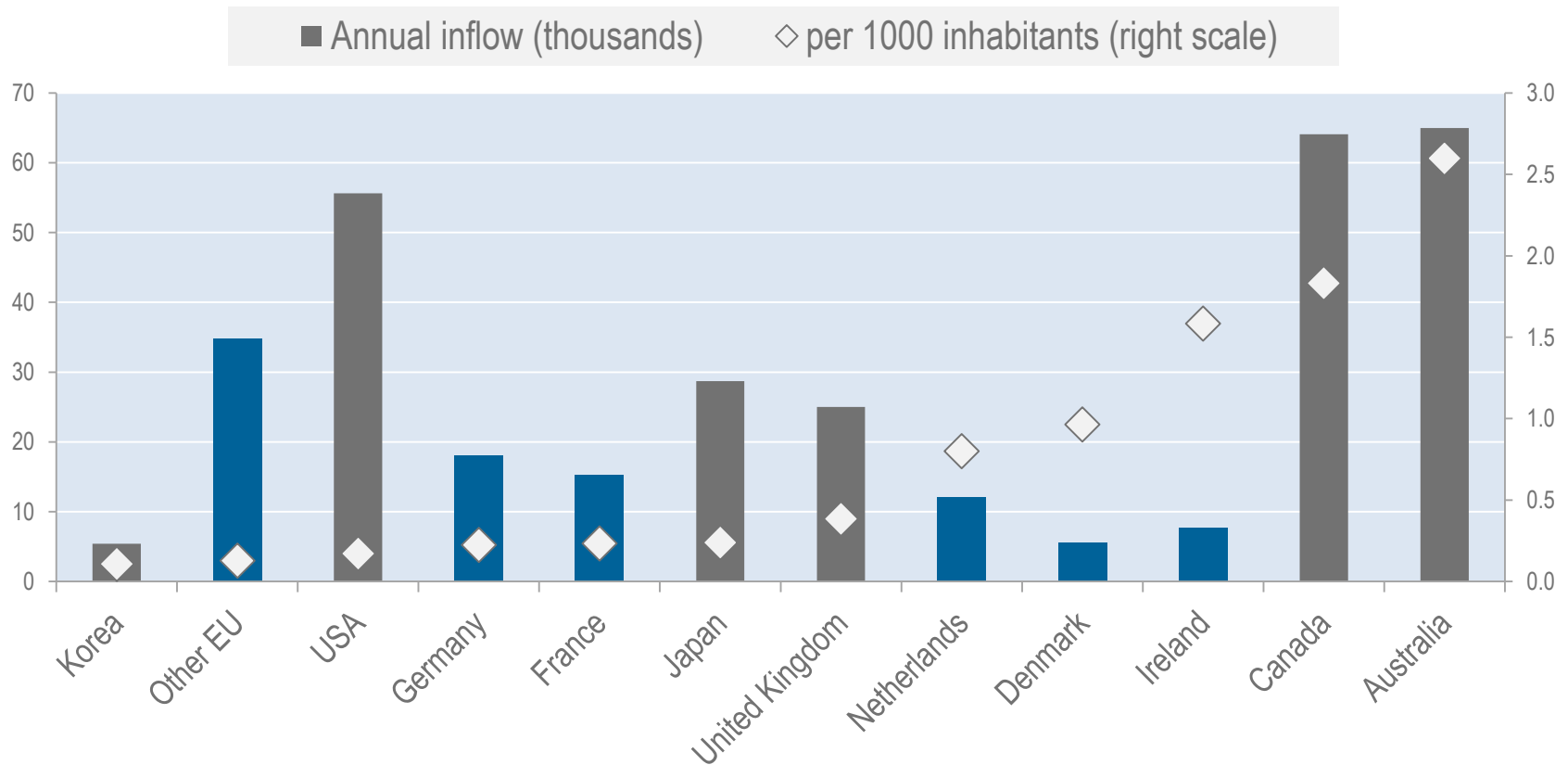




Only a few countries have sizable skilled labour migration programmes



Estimated annual inflow of skilled and highly skilled labour migrants, selected OECD destinations, 2014-2016



Note: USA, Canada, Australia: primary applicants under permanent economic migration programmes. USA: FY2014-2017, excludes unskilled EB3. Canada: 2014-2018, NOC 0/A/B. Other: temporary renewable (OECD standardised statistics permanent-type) permit. Korea, Japan: 2014-2017, see <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264307872-en>. EU: MS covered by legal migration framework, summing different permit types (high estimate), see <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264257290-en>.

Source: OECD Secretariat calculations.



Unweighted ranking, high-educated employees



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Category:

Highly Educated Workers

Quality of opportunities ?

☐ Less important ☒ important ☐ More important

Income and tax ?

☐ Less important ☒ important ☐ More important

Future prospects ?

☐ Less important ☒ important ☐ More important

Family environment ?

☐ Less important ☒ important ☐ More important

Skills environment ?

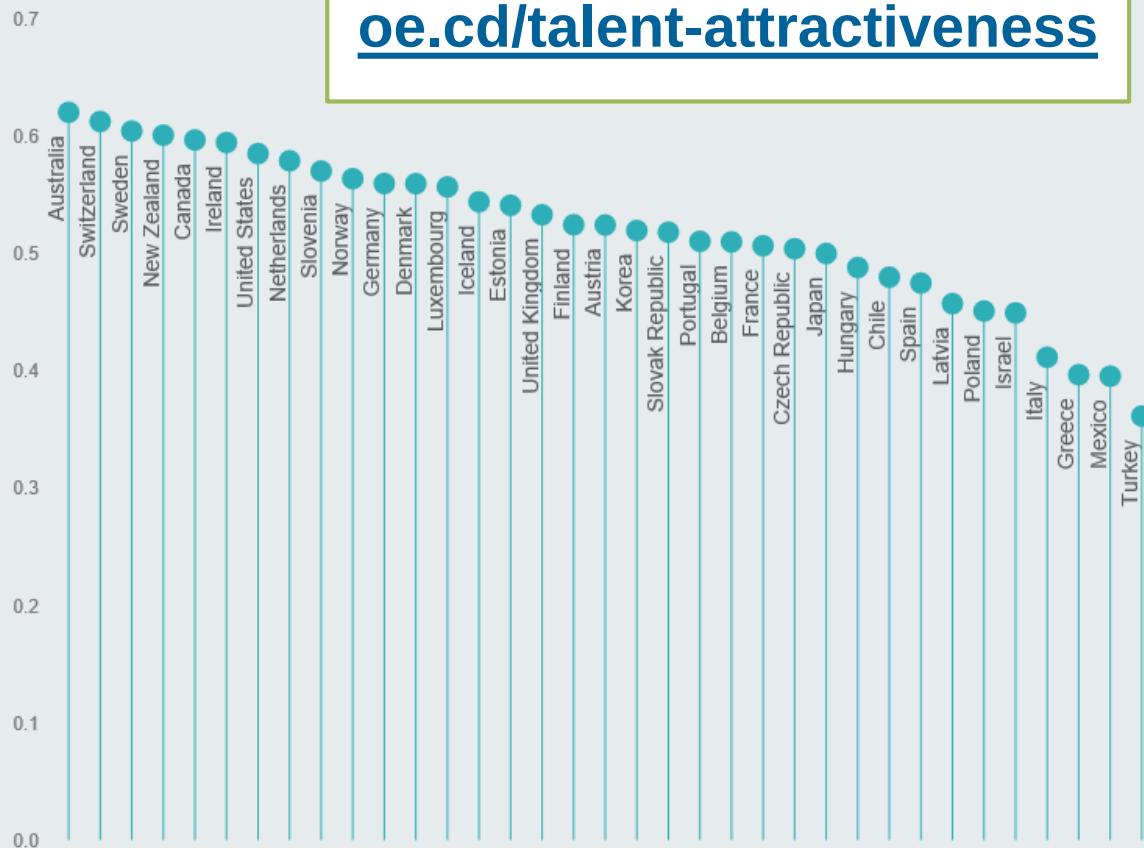
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Inclusiveness ?

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Quality of life ?

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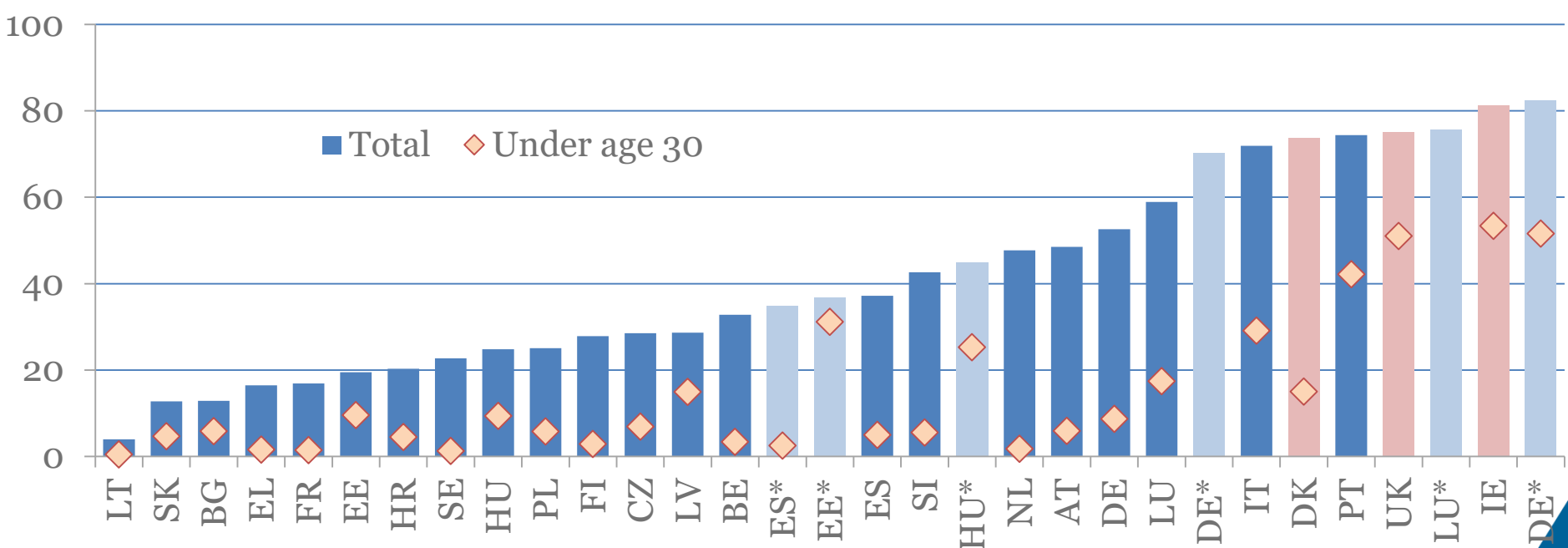


Blue Card: what has limited uptake?



There are many issues, but one is the restrictive salary threshold

Share of gross full-time earnings above national threshold for the Blue Card (and similar permits in non-Blue Card EU Member States), **tertiary-educated only, 2014**



source: EU-SILC, G-SOEP(German). * refers to lower thresholds for shortage occupations. Tertiary $\leq$ 29 of LU* & DE* not above reliability threshold. See <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264257290-en>



There is only so much that migration policy alone can do

Figure 4. Simulated attractiveness of OECD countries if migration policies were the most favourable

◆ Highly Educated Workers

— Entrepreneurs

○ University Students

Distance to top performer (%)

