



TASC **Lost Opportunity**

TASC Response to
BUDGET 2013

TASC's proposals Budget 2013

- Core principles in setting a budget:
 - Long-term development
 - Short-term demand
 - Economic efficiency
 - Sustainability
 - Social Justice
- Main proposals
 - Ratio of tax increases to spending cuts was 4 to one (€2.8 billion revenue and €0.7 billion spending)
 - Tax: Property tax @ 0.35%
 - Reduction in relief on interest for residential rental properties
 - Reform of pension tax reliefs
 - Extend additional USC of 3% to all income earners on income over €100,000
 - No cuts on capital spending
 - Reversal of certain Budget 2012 measures

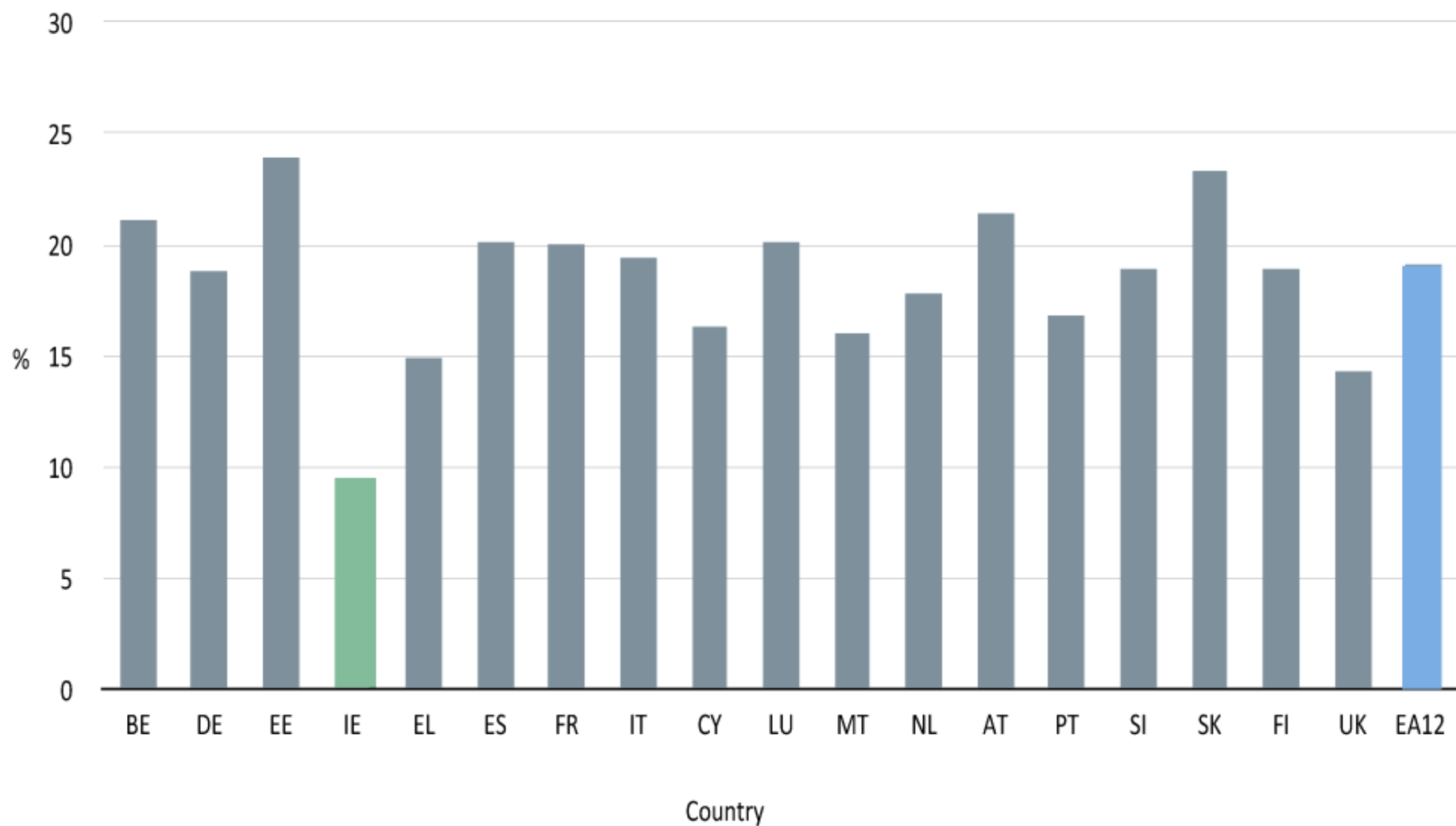
Positives

- Property tax
 - TASC had advocated: @0.35%
 - Budget delivered: @0.18% + 0.25% on balance over €1m
 - Deferral system
 - Waivers for new house-buyers
- CAT and CGT
- Standard rating of USC for over 70s

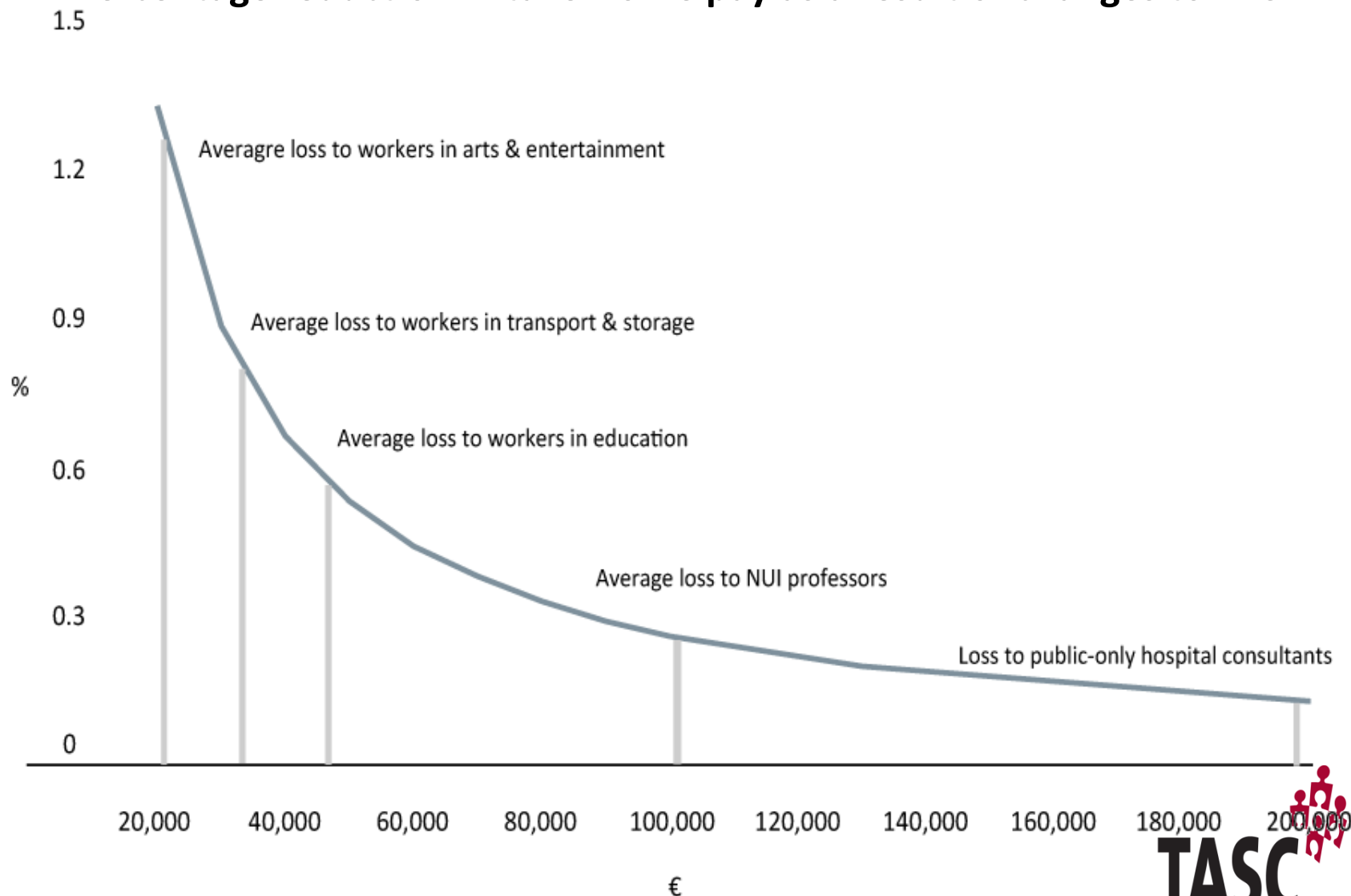
Negatives

- No real move on pension tax breaks
- PRSI changes are regressive
- No move on higher rate of USC for PAYE
- Cuts to non-core benefits
- Cuts to capital budget
- Decrease in transparency
- Lack of reform and strategic vision

Total gross fixed capital formation in 2013, current prices
(Eurozone counties plus UK)



Percentage reduction in take-home pay as a result of changes to PRSI



Social Protection

- Budget 2011 - TASC Analysis
 - The category most negatively affected – single with children (average 5%)
 - Category that benefited most – married two incomes higher earner (-1.3%)
- Budget 2012 - ESRI Analysis
 - Greater proportionate losses for those on low incomes 2- 2.5%. Compared with 0.75% for those on highest incomes
- Budget 2013 - ESRI Analysis
 - Initial analysis – regressive
- Social Protection (Budget 2012):
 - Incomes Disregard
 - Changes to CE Scheme
 - VEC
 - Child Benefit for third + children
 - Fuel Allowance reduction
 - Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance
 - Restriction of the one Parent Family Payment

Cumulative effect of budgets 2012 and 2013 on Lone Parents

Lone Parent Three children 4 – 12 attending VEC								
2011			2012			2013		
Payment	Freq.	Annual total	Payment	Freq.	Annual total	Payment	Freq.	Annual total
Fuel Allow.	€23.90 x32	€764.80	Fuel Allow.	€20.00 x26	€520	Fuel Allow.	€20.00 x26	€520
BSCFA	€200	€600	BSCFA	€150	€450	BSCFA	€100	€300
Child Benefit	€140 x 2 x12	€3360	Child Benefit	€140 x 2 x12	€3360	Child Benefit	€130 x 2 x12	€3120
Child Benefit 3 rd child	€167 x 12	€2004,	Child Benefit 3 rd child	€148 x 12	€1776	Child Benefit 3 rd child	€130 x 12	€1560
Total payments		€6728.80	Total payments		€6106	Total payments		€5500
					- €622.8			-€586

Transparency – Justice Vote 2012

EQUALITY, INTEGRATION & DISABILITY (b)							
G 1 - EQUALITY AUTHORITY (GRANT-IN-AID)	3,057	-	3,057	2,984	-	2,984	-2%
G 2 - EQUALITY TRIBUNAL	2,457	-	2,457	2,225	-	2,225	-9%
G 3 - GRANTS TO WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS	537	-	537	350	-	350	-35%
G 4 - EQUALITY PROOFING	150	-	150	-	-	-	-100%
G 5 - TRAVELLER INITIATIVES	460	-	460	430	-	430	-7%
G 6 - POSITIVE ACTION FOR GENDER EQUALITY	2,420	-	2,420	2,000	-	2,000	-17%
G 7 - OFFICE FOR THE PROMOTION OF MIGRANT INTEGRATION	3,602	-	3,602	2,502	-	2,502	-31%
G 8 - EUROPEAN REFUGEES FUND	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	-
G 9 - DISABILITY AWARENESS INITIATIVES	1,100	-	1,100	307	-	307	-72%
G 10 - NATIONAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY	4,339	-	4,339	4,550	-	4,550	5%
- DISABILITY PROJECTS	122	-	122	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal :-</i>	19,744	-	19,744	16,848	-	16,848	-15%

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM							
D 1 - IRISH NATURALISATION & IMMIGRATION SERVICE (INIS)	52,450	-	52,450	47,632	-	47,632	-9%
D 2 - ASYLUM SEEKERS TASK FORCE - LEGAL AID	5,645	-	5,645	-	-	-	-
D 3 - ASYLUM SEEKERS ACCOMMODATION	67,492	-	67,492	63,497	-	63,497	-6%
<i>Subtotal :-</i>	125,587	-	125,587	111,129	-	111,129	-12%

Transparency – Justice Vote 2013

II. Programmes under which the Subheads for this Vote will be accounted for by the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality.

	2012 Estimate			2013 Estimate			Change 2013 over 2012
	Current	Capital	Total	Current	Capital	Total	
PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	%
A - MAINTAIN A SECURE IRELAND	158,035	74	158,109	152,758	68	152,826	-3%
B - WORK FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES	55,027	45	55,072	53,886	39	53,925	-2%
C - FACILITATE THE PROVISION AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	113,861	2,553	116,414	116,257	2,555	118,812	2%
D - PROMOTE EQUALITY AND INTEGRATION	28,851	16	28,867	23,088	16	23,104	-20%
E - REPRESENT IRELAND'S JUSTICE INTERESTS ABROAD	4,425	4	4,429	5,086	12	5,098	15%
F - CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY	14,790	178	14,968	22,160	180	22,340	49%
Gross Total :-	374,989	2,870	377,859	373,235	2,870	376,105	-
Deduct :-							
G - APPROPRIATIONS-IN-AID	46,639	-	46,639	51,730	-	51,730	11%
Net Total :-	328,350	2,870	331,220	321,505	2,870	324,375	-2%

Net Decrease (€000)

6,845

Exchequer pay included in above net total

126,814

129,893

2%

Associated Public Service employees

2,271

2,212

-3%

Exchequer pensions included in above net total

604

592

-2%

Associated Public Service pensioners

37

48

30%

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Transparency

- Subheadings titles are less descriptive
 - Equality, integration, women, etc is now *“promoting equality”*

Other votes included:

- Gardaí;
- Prisons;
- Courts;
- the local government fund under Environment, Community and Local Government;
- Education and Skills; and
- Agriculture and Food