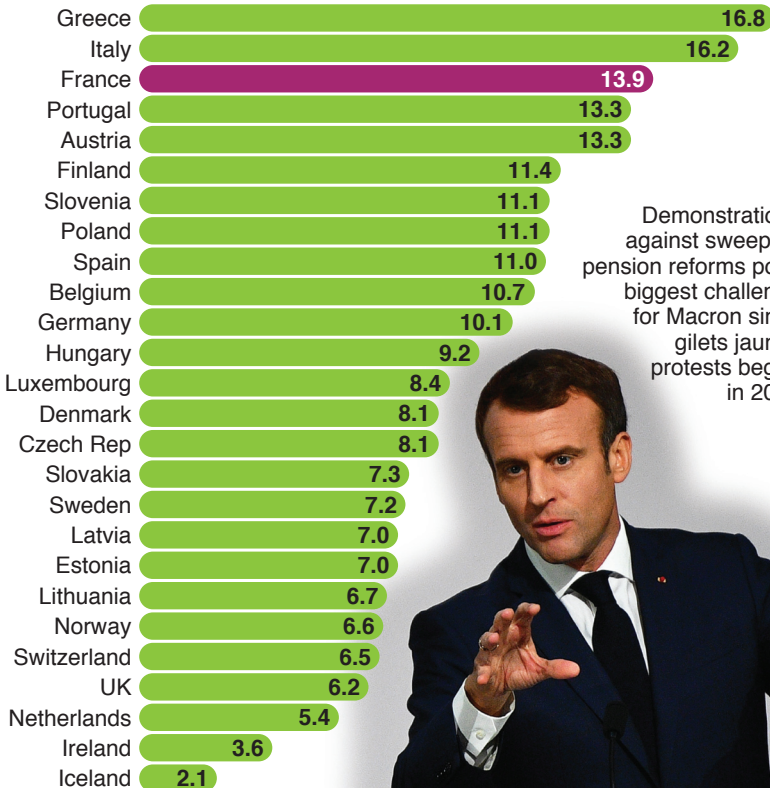


French pension reforms spark protests

President Emmanuel Macron hopes his highly contentious overhaul of the pension system will substantially reduce the cost of France's current system, one of the most expensive in the world

PENSION SPENDING (*cost as percentage of GDP*)



Demonstrations against sweeping pension reforms pose biggest challenge for Macron since gilets jaunes protests began in 2018

