

DEBATING SPACES & PLACES

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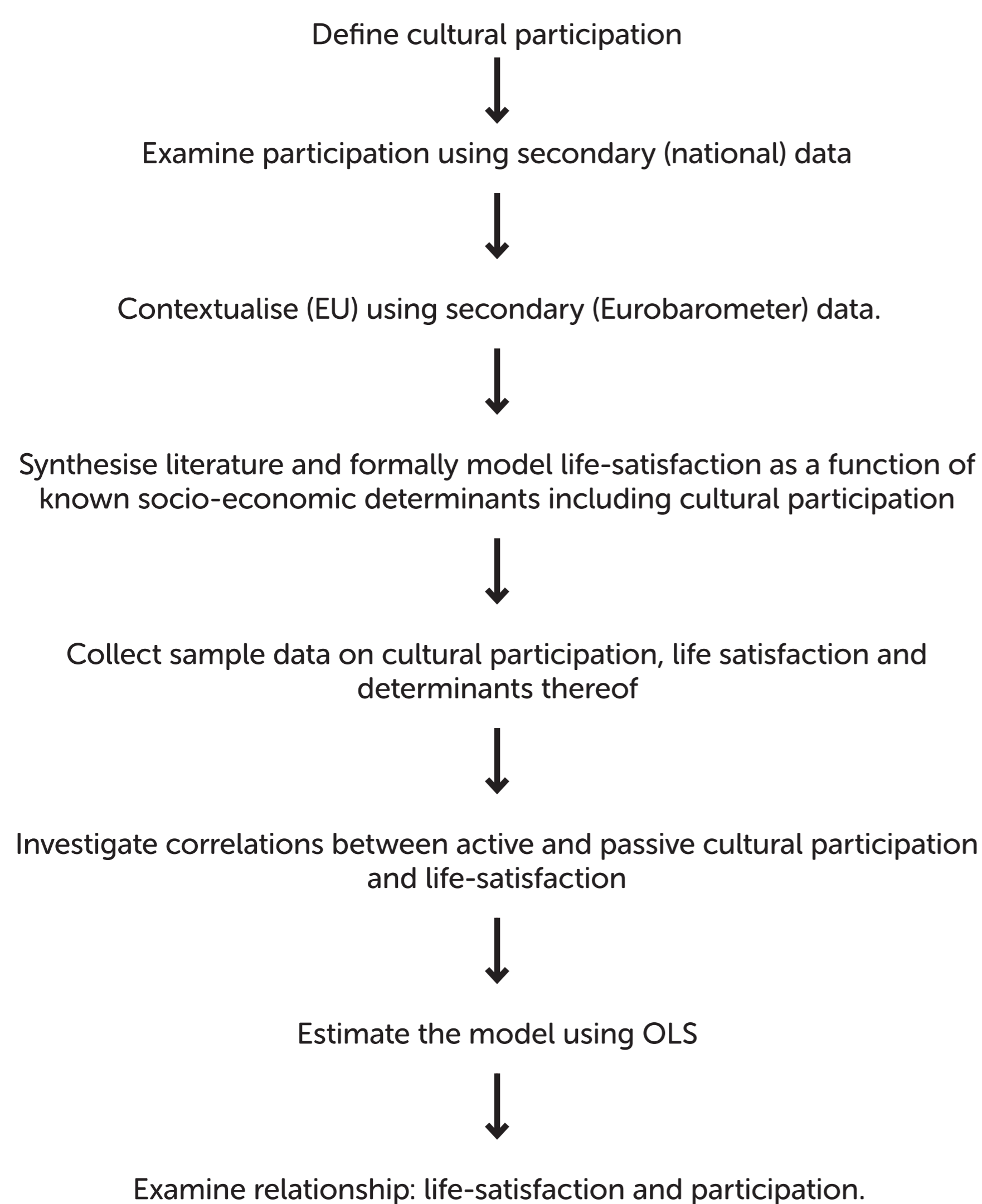
Cultural Participation & Life-Satisfaction in Malta

Introduction

Malta is set to invest considerable funds in the run up to hosting the European Capital of Culture. Ahead of this, this study aims:

- to profile participation in cultural activities in Malta
- to examine the relationship between this phenomenon and life-satisfaction

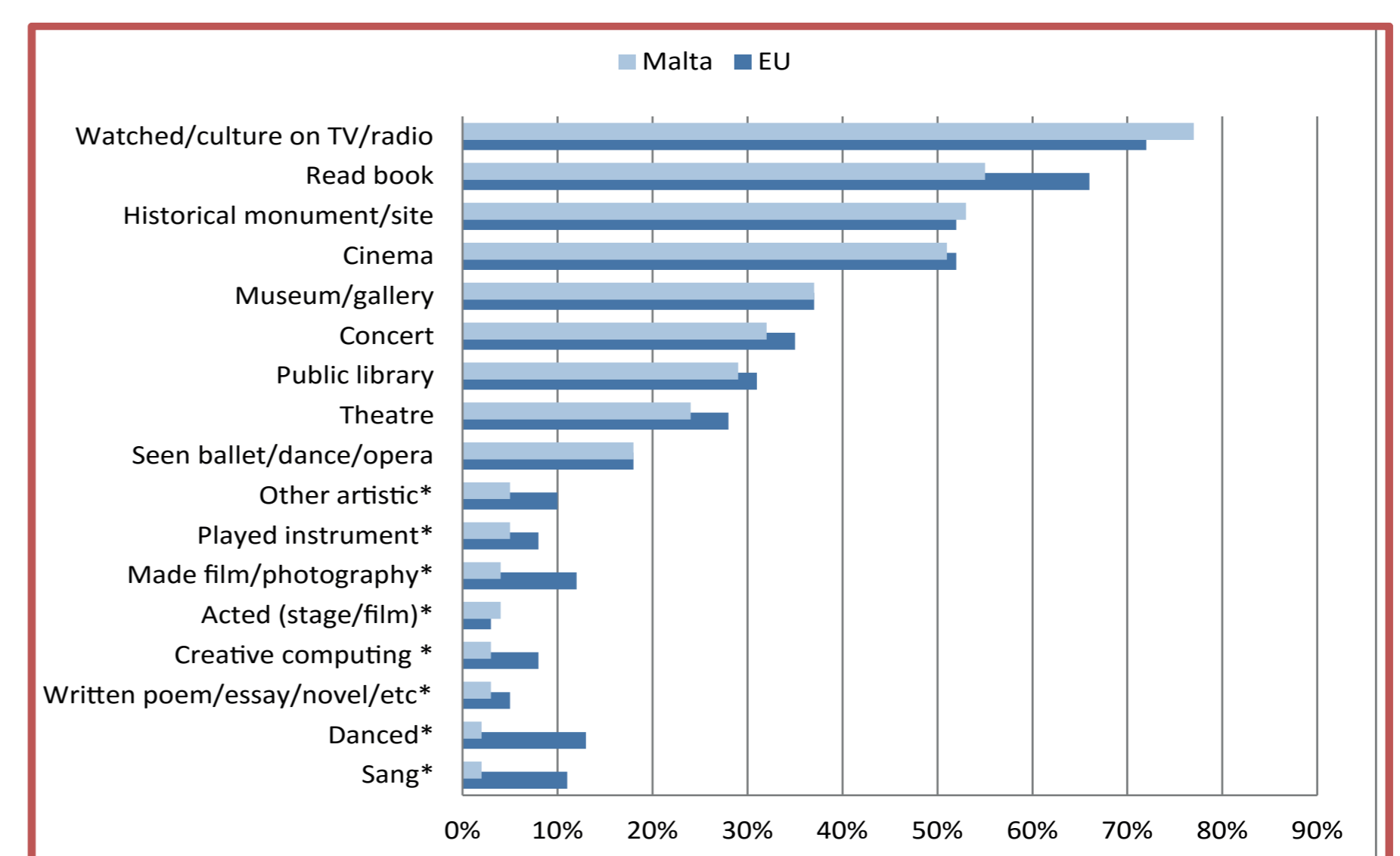
Method



Preliminary Results

Three years ahead of ECoC:

- active and passive participation lower in Malta than EU
- Maltese people with higher cultural participation hold higher levels of life-satisfaction.



Offers guidance to government and sponsors (national and supranational) of cultural activities and a basis to assess the impact ECoC on participation and on well-being in Malta.

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