

# FINANCIALISATION & WELL-BEING

Did you know that in the 5 countries studied?<sup>1</sup>



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## LOWER-INCOME GROUPS

**Limited access to financial products**   
 (mortgages, financial market assets, etc.)

Ex: among Swedish lower socioeconomic strata, only 23% have mortgages<sup>2</sup>

**Financial exclusion**

**Insufficient financial resources for basic needs**  
 (housing, education, health)

**Distrust in financial institutions**

**Negative impact on emotional well-being**

**Expensive types of credit and high risk of falling prey to scam**

- + Deteriorated workers' protection
- + Retreat of the welfare state
- + Increased financialised social provision

**Falling deeper into the debt spiral**

## HIGH-INCOME GROUPS

**Broad access to financial products**

Ex: among Swedish higher socioeconomic strata, 76% have mortgages<sup>3</sup>

**Mortgages**

**Financial market assets**

**Owner**

**Improved living conditions**

**Improved accommodation satisfaction**  
 8.1/10 for owners vs. 6.8/10 for tenants<sup>2</sup>

**Accumulated wealth**

1. FESSUD Finance and Well-being Survey: Report, Working Paper Series No 130, January 2016 ([www.fessud.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FESSUD-Finance-and-Well-being-Survey-Report-working-paper-130\\_ana.pdf](http://www.fessud.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/FESSUD-Finance-and-Well-being-Survey-Report-working-paper-130_ana.pdf))  
 2. Households with mortgages by income group ([www.fessud.eu/work-package-5-finance-well-being](http://www.fessud.eu/work-package-5-finance-well-being))  
 3. Satisfaction with accommodation by tenure status ([www.fessud.eu/work-package-5-finance-well-being](http://www.fessud.eu/work-package-5-finance-well-being))

# What can we do?



- › **Control from the State over financial institutions**
- › **New client-bank relationship:** fairer, smaller and easier to understand institutions
- › **Tailored bank services:** reasonable loans, counselling, protection and time to repay
- › **Protection from state:** direct credit, debt relief and state-owned banks for citizen
- › **Create spaces for excluded and marginalised groups** to shape knowledge that influences finance policies

## Why financial institutions need to be fairer?

