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# **Sustainable development in times of crisis.**

## **Growth prospects in Greece**

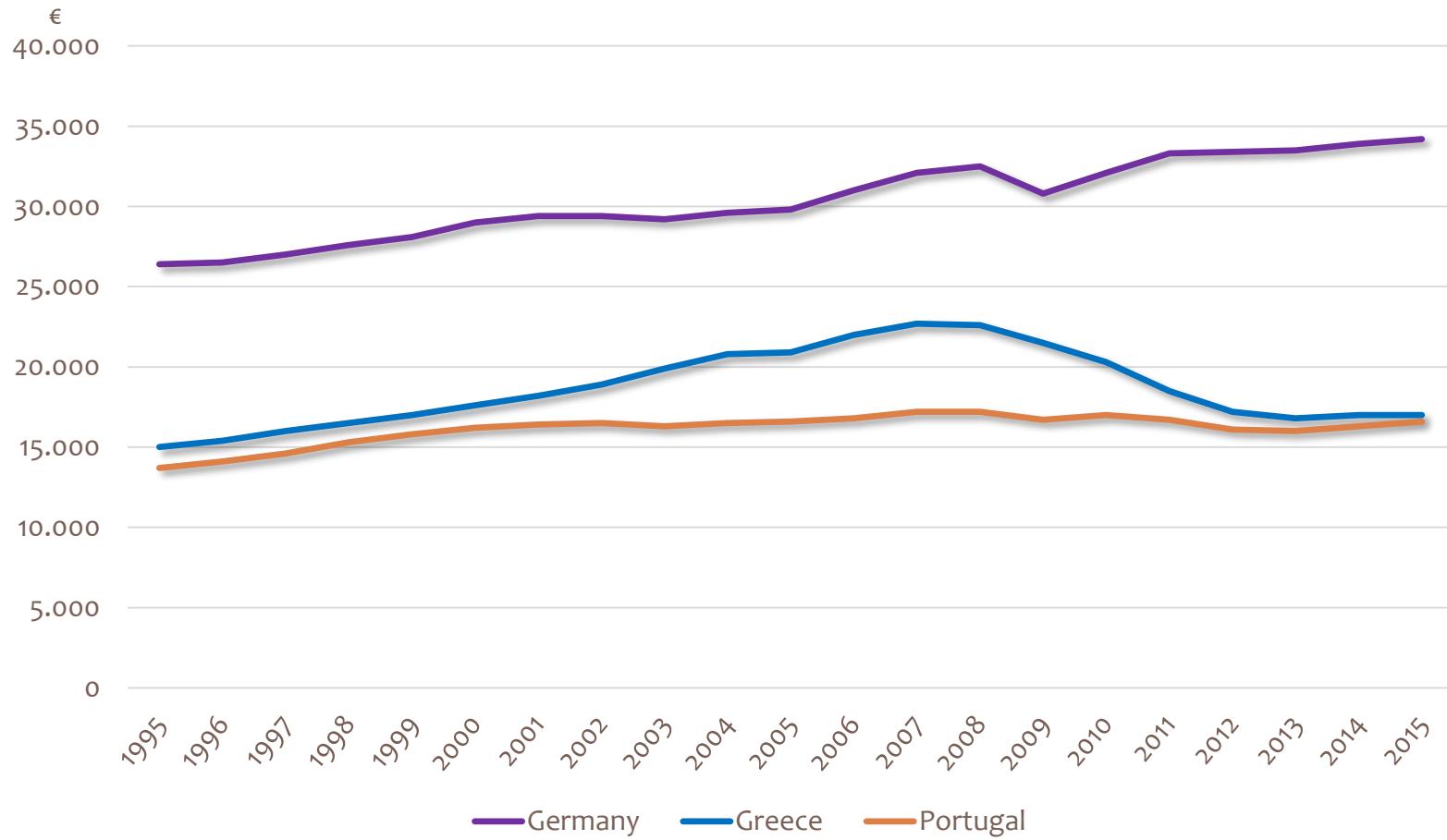
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# GDP per capita, 2010 prices



Source: Eurostat

# Key Macroeconomic and Financial Figures

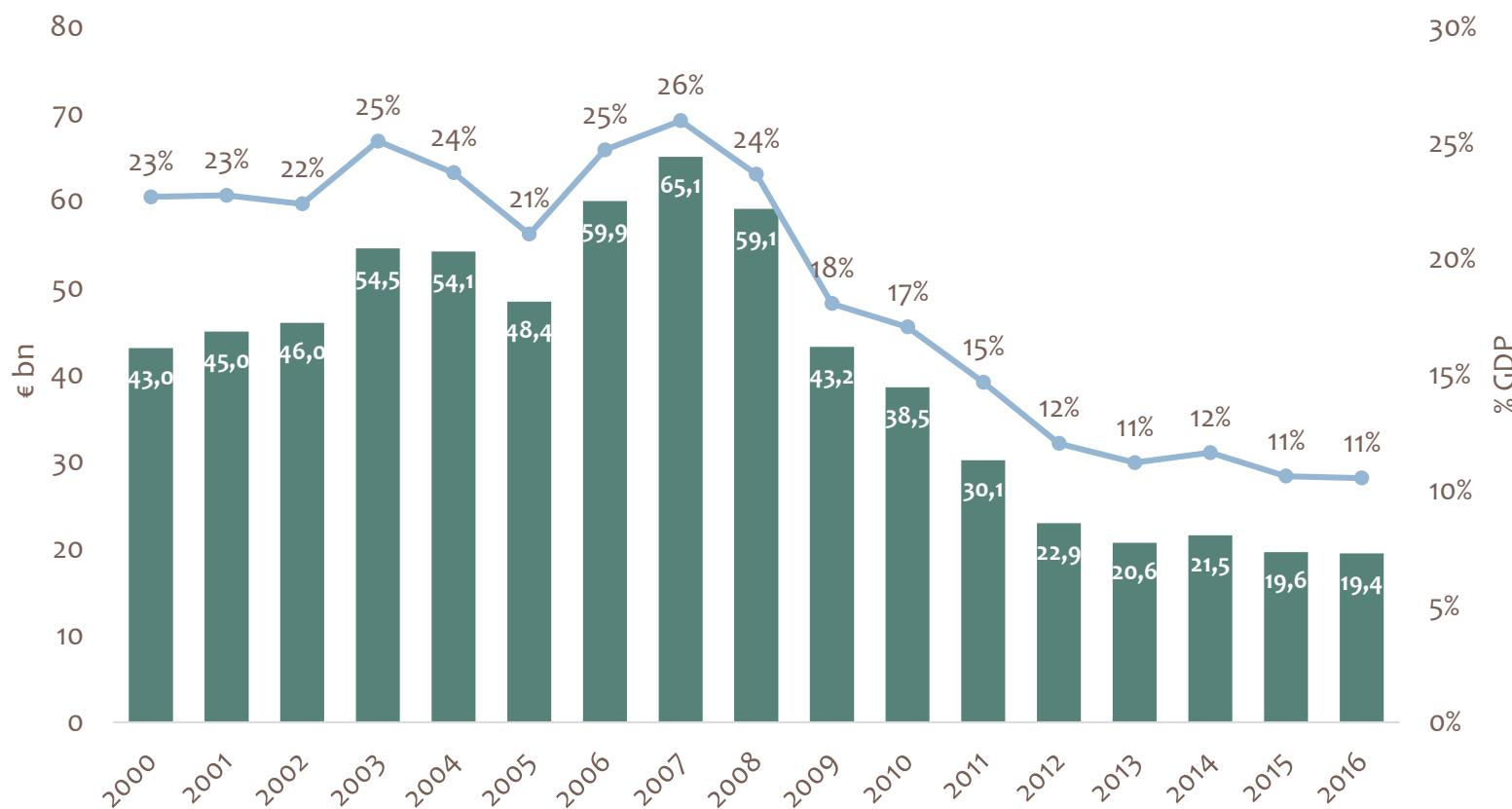
Key Macroeconomic Figures	2009	2014	2015	2016	2017*
GDP	-3.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.05	1.5
Unemployment	9.5	26.5	24.9	23.5	22.2
General Government Balance <sup>1</sup>	-15.6	-3.6	-7.5	0.7	-0.3
Current Account Balance	-14.4	-3.0	0.0	-0.6	-1.2
Harmonised Inflation	1.3	-1.4	-1.1	0.0	1.5
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	-13.7	-2.8	-0.2	-0.01	11.0

<sup>1</sup> Including State aid to the banking sector

\* FEIR/IOBE forecasts

Sources: Eurostat / ΕΛΣΤΑΤ

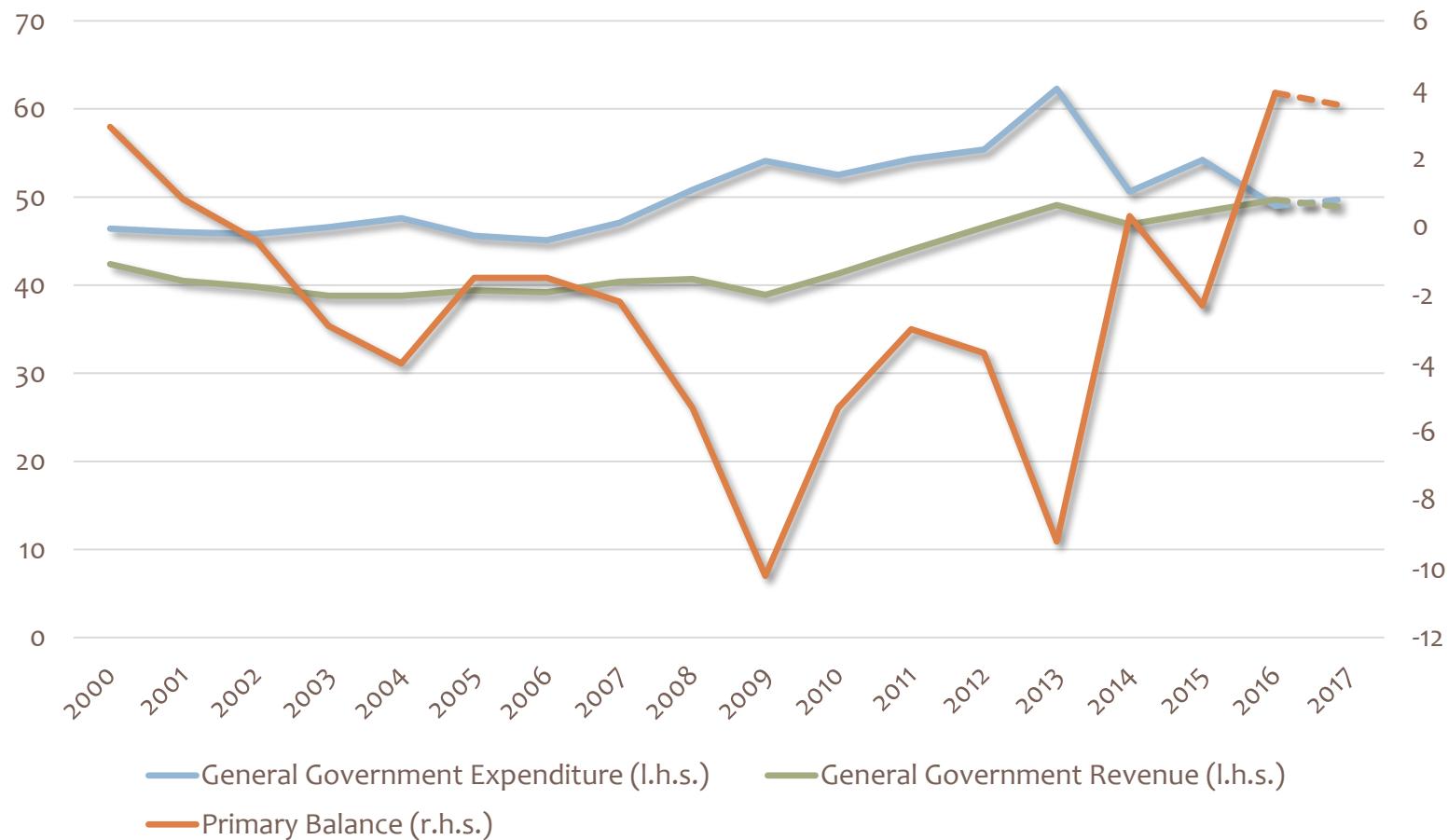
# Investment;



Sources: Eurostat/ELSTAT

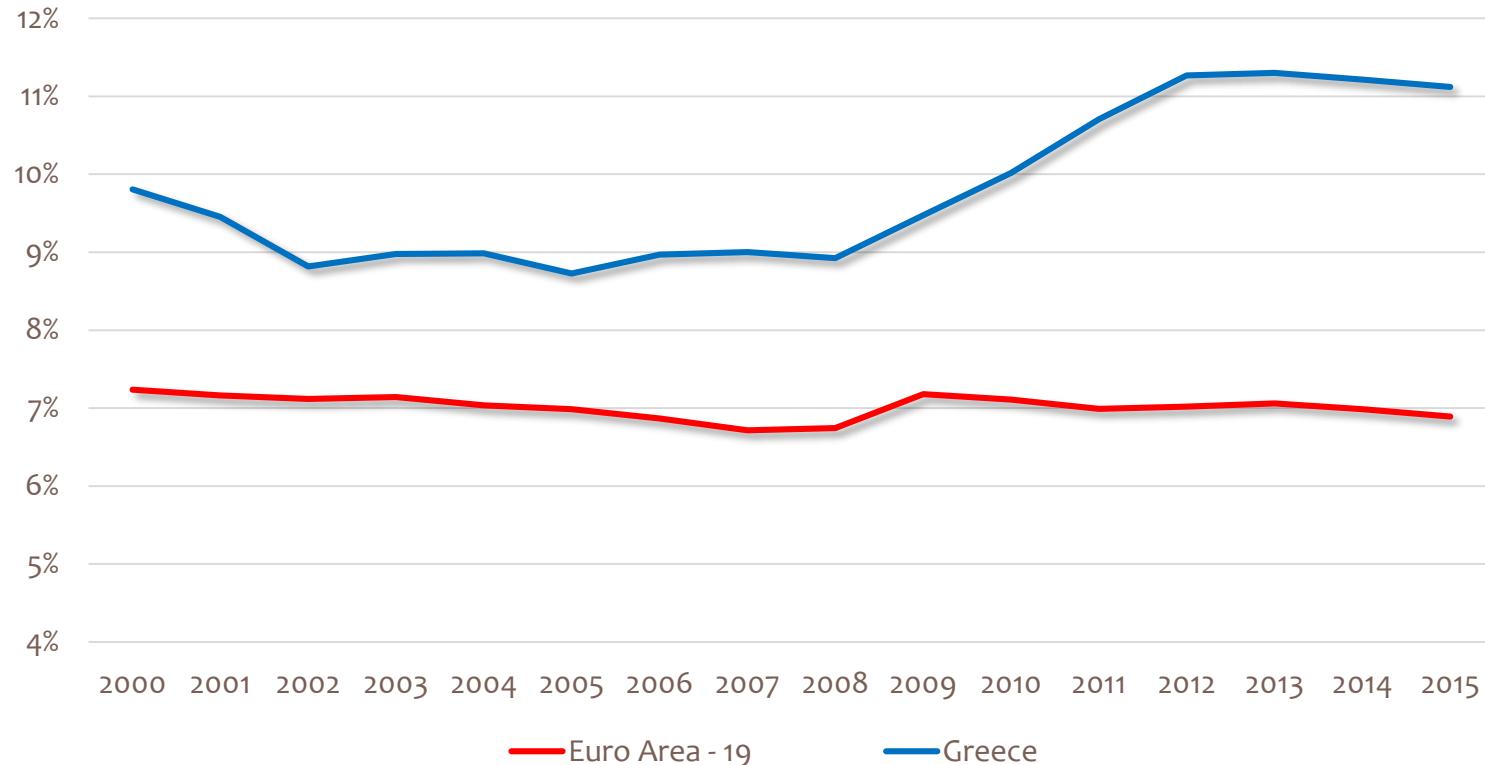
- Highest investment level in 2007 (€65.1 bn)
  - Highest level of investment as a % of GDP in the same year (25.9%)
- Significantly lower investment in 2016 (€19.4 bn, 10.5% of GDP)

# Government Expenditure – Spending – Primary Balance (% GDP)



Sources: Eurostat/European Economic Forecast, winter 2017, European Commission

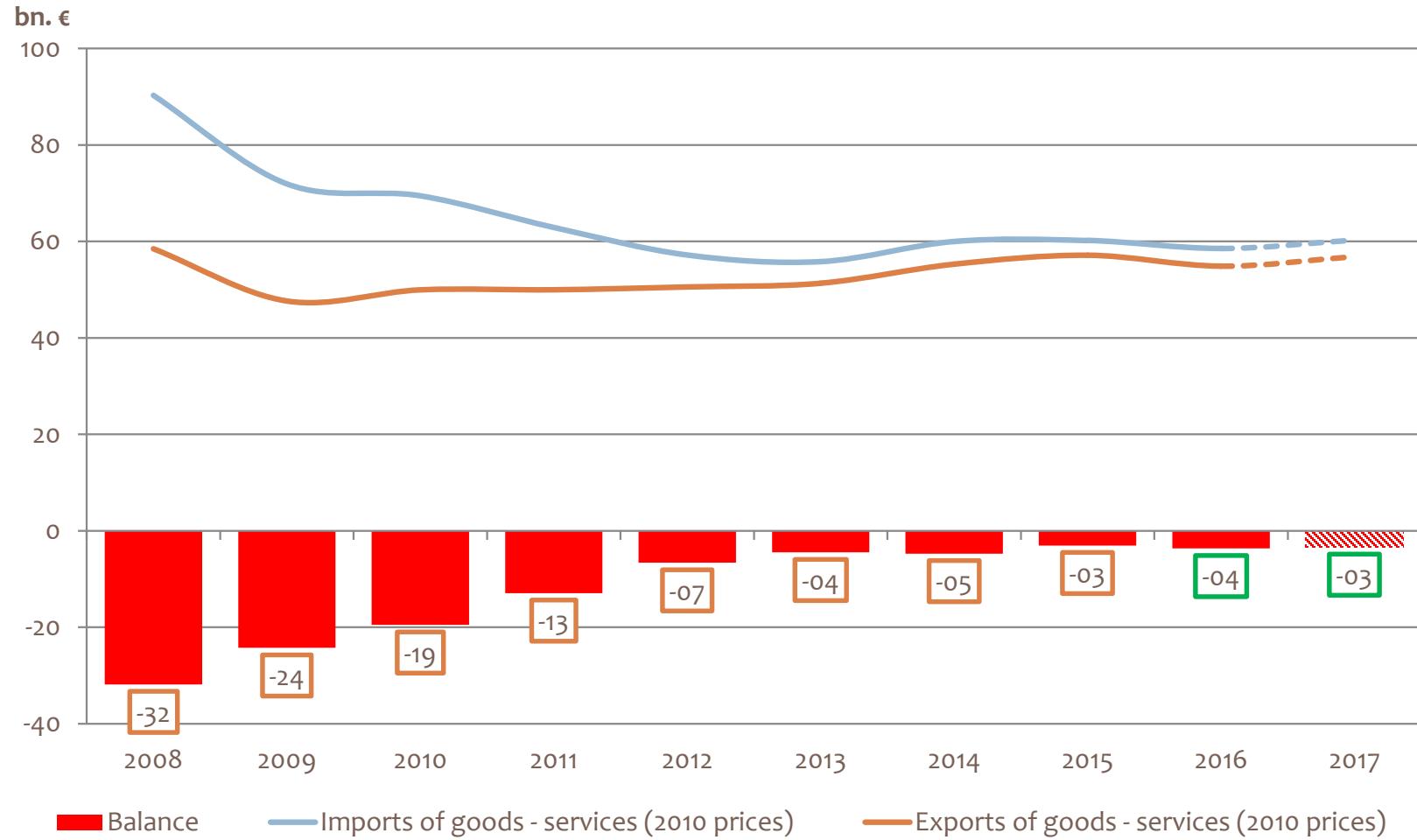
# Public sector Gross Value Added (% domestic GVA)



Source: Eurostat

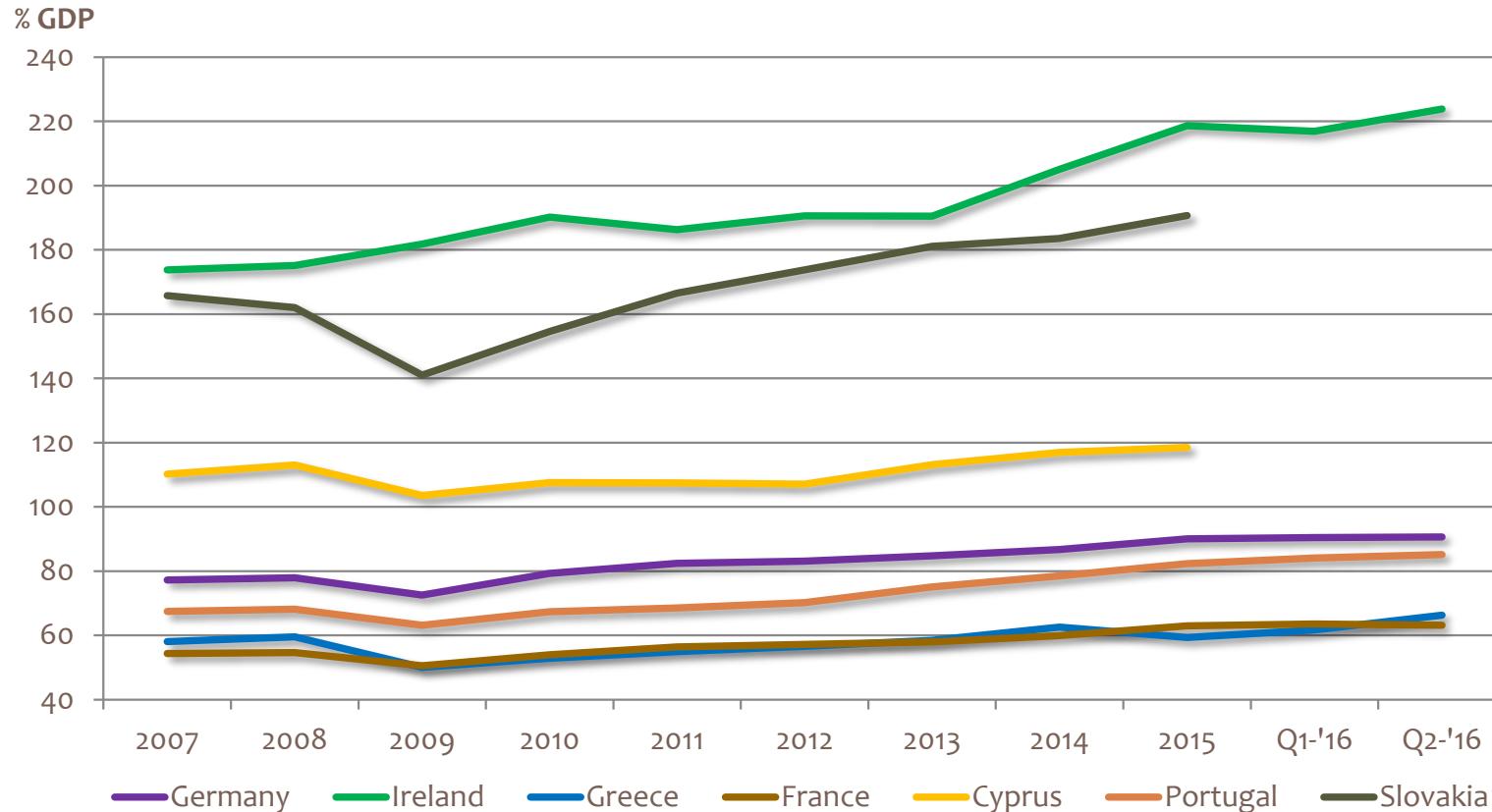
- In comparison to 2008, the contribution of the public sector to economic activity in 2014 was higher by 2 percentage points of domestic Gross Value Added
- The importance of the public sector remains higher in Greece than in the Euro area
  - Between 2008 – 2014, the distance from the Euro area average doubled : from 2 to 4 percentage points of domestic GVA

# Trade Balance (goods – services)



Source: AMECO

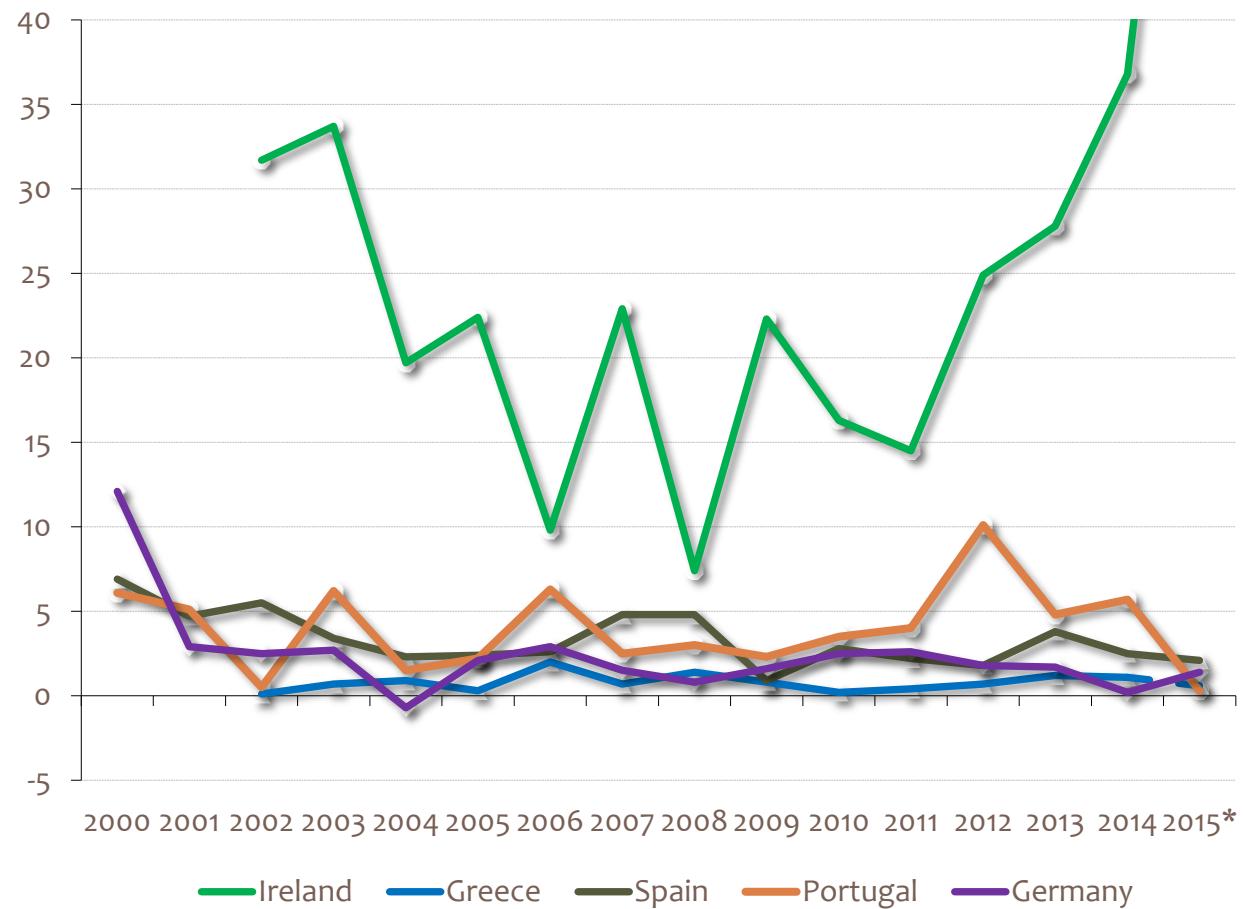
# Open economy?



Source: Eurostat

- The sum of imports and exports as a % of GDP in Greece remains one of the smallest in the Euro area periphery
- The Greek economy should be transformed to a small, open economy. However, it remains a closed economy

# Foreign Direct Investment (% GDP)

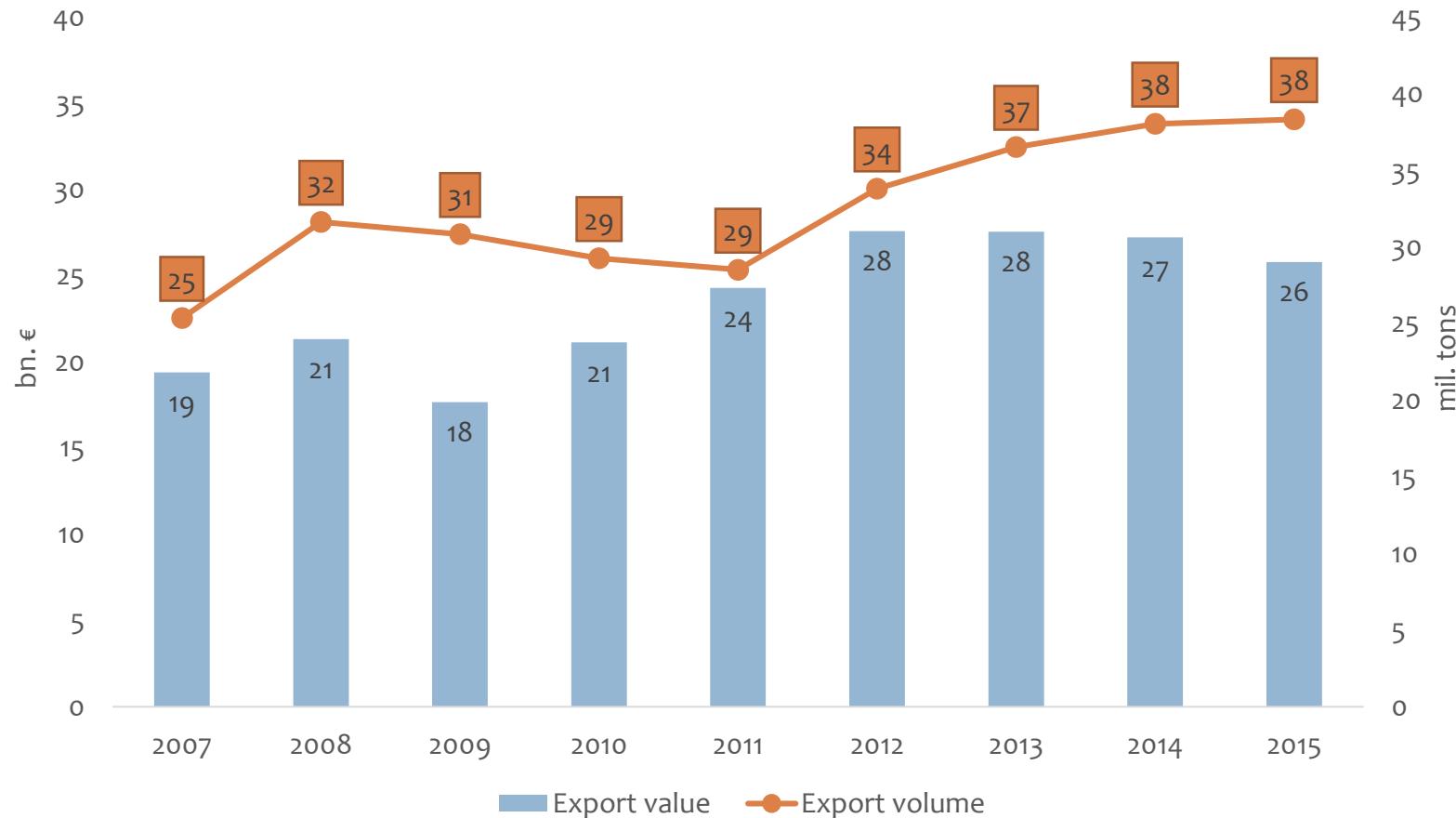


FDI (% GDP)		
	2000-2008	2009-2015
Germany	3,0%	1,7%
Ireland	21,1%	30,7%
Greece	0,9%	0,7%
Spain	4,2%	2,3%
Portugal	3,7%	4,4%

\* Ireland: 72,3% of GDP

Source: Eurostat

# Exports imports – value vs. volume



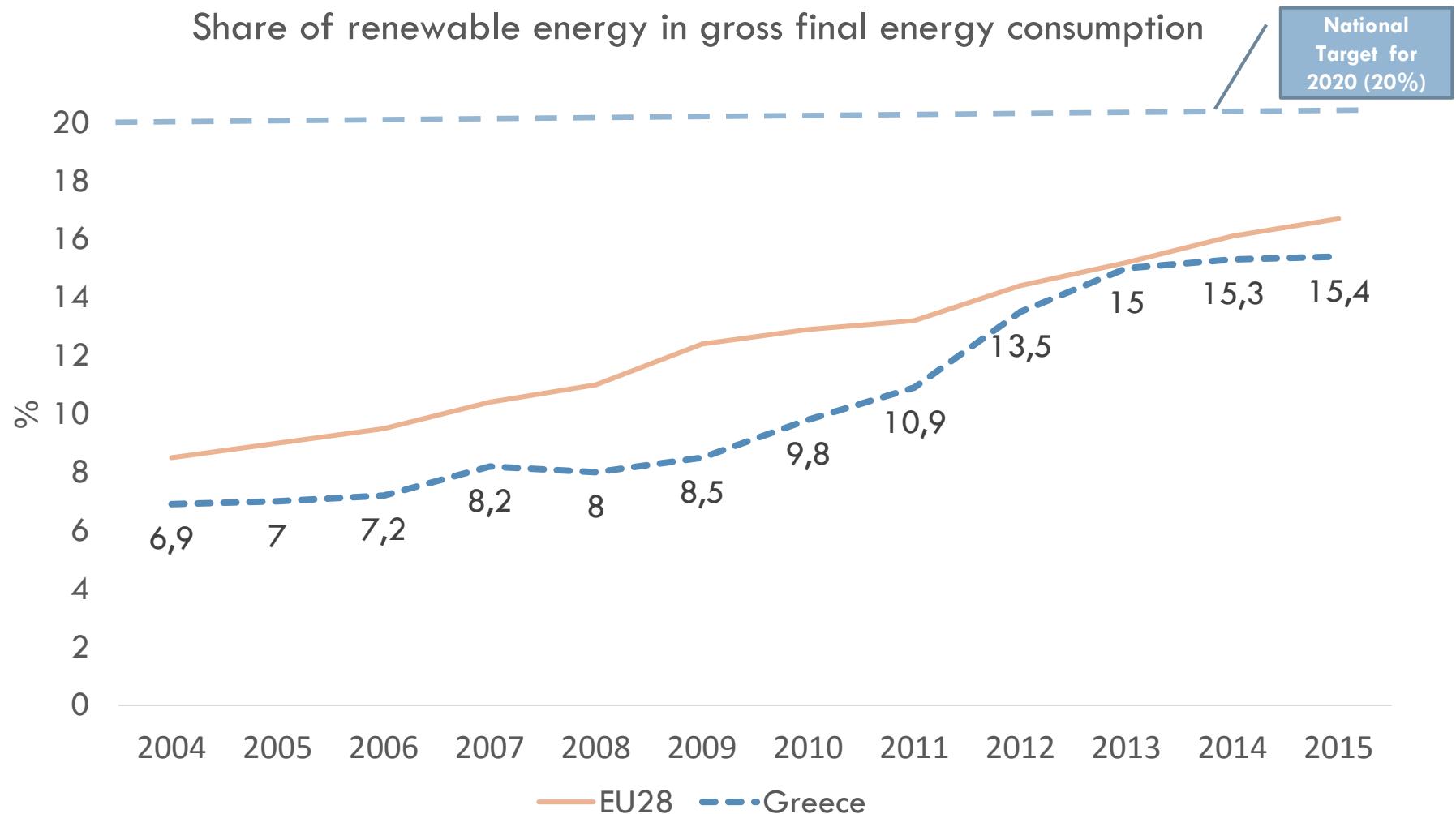
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- Change in the value of exports, 2007-2015: +33%
- Change in the volume of exports, 2007-2015: +51%

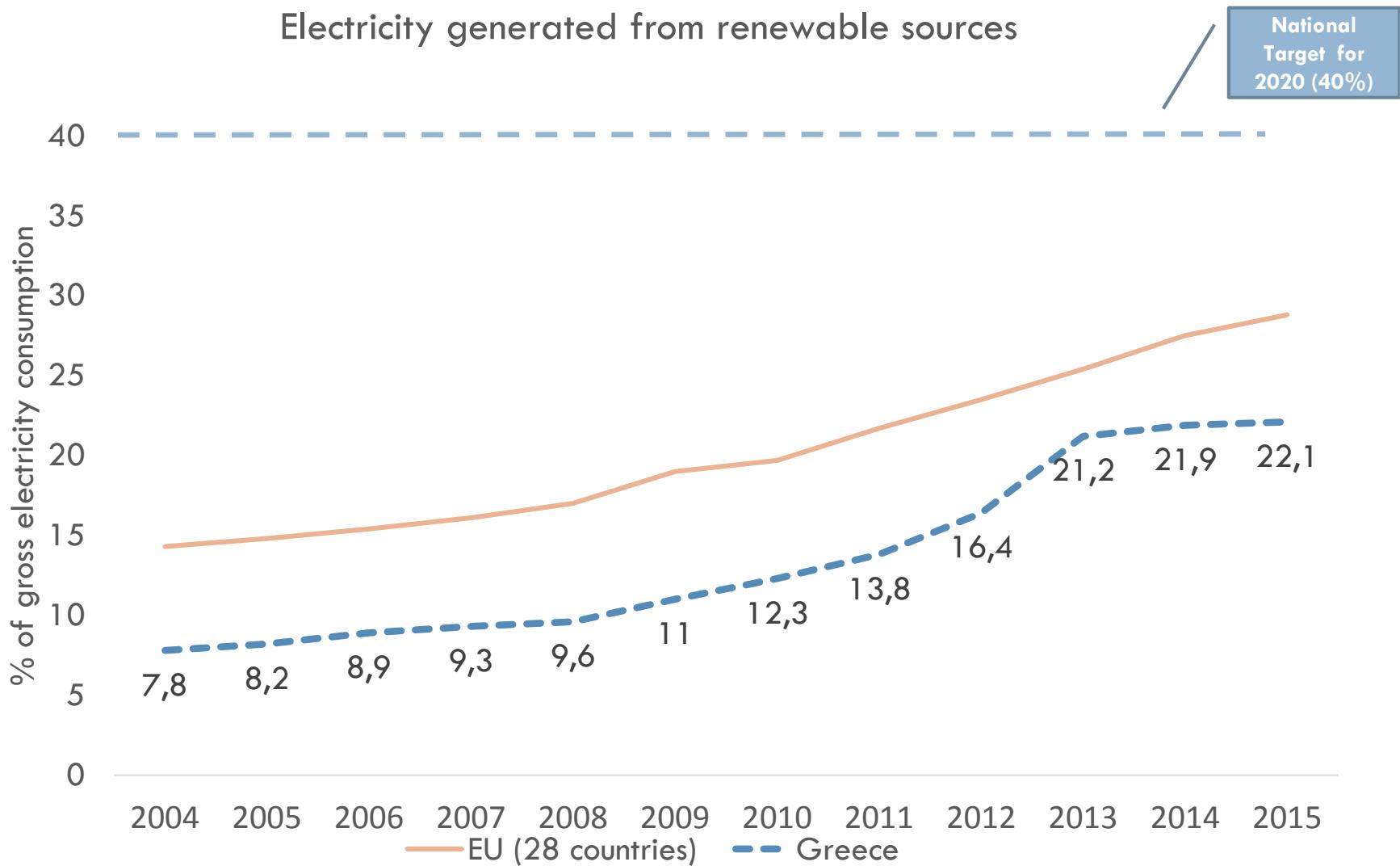
# A new growth model

1. Exports and Investment: increased share in GDP
2. Shift of production from non-tradables to tradables
3. Public sector: quality of institutions, not large employer
4. Education and human capital
5. Environment and energy

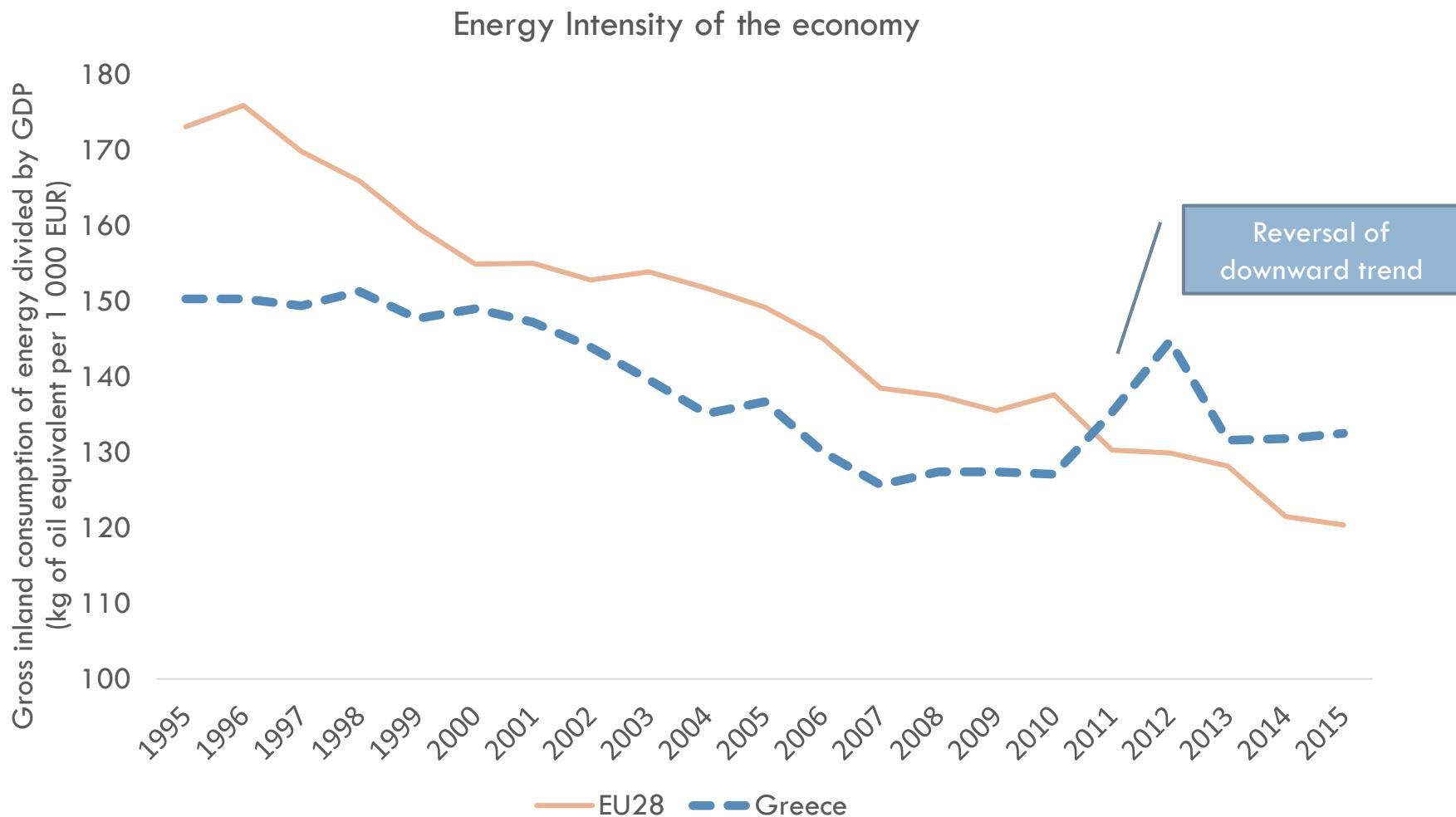
# Renewable Energy Sources (RES)



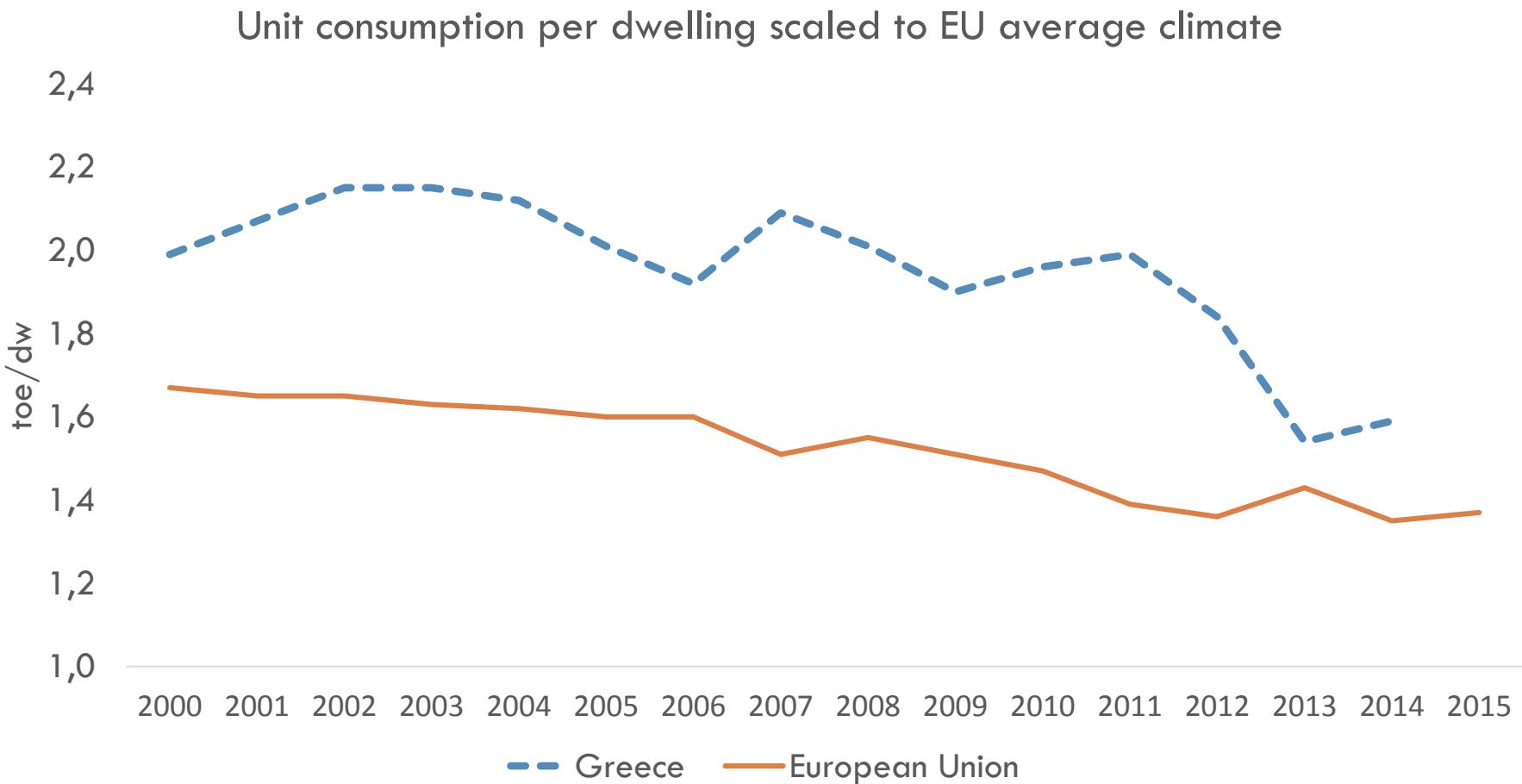
# RES in electricity generation



# Energy Intensity

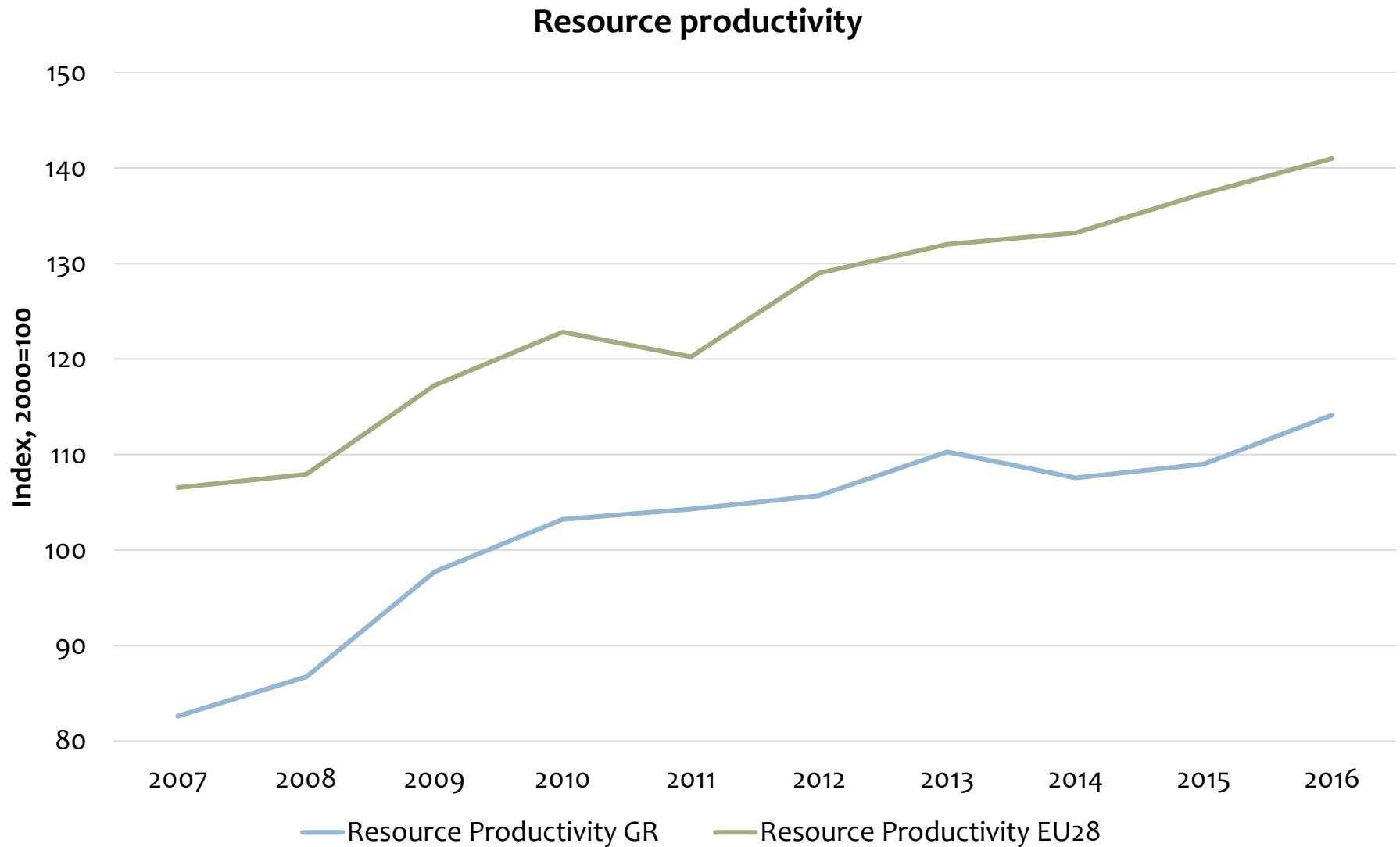


# Energy intensity of households



- It seems that there is much room for energy efficiency investments in buildings in Greece

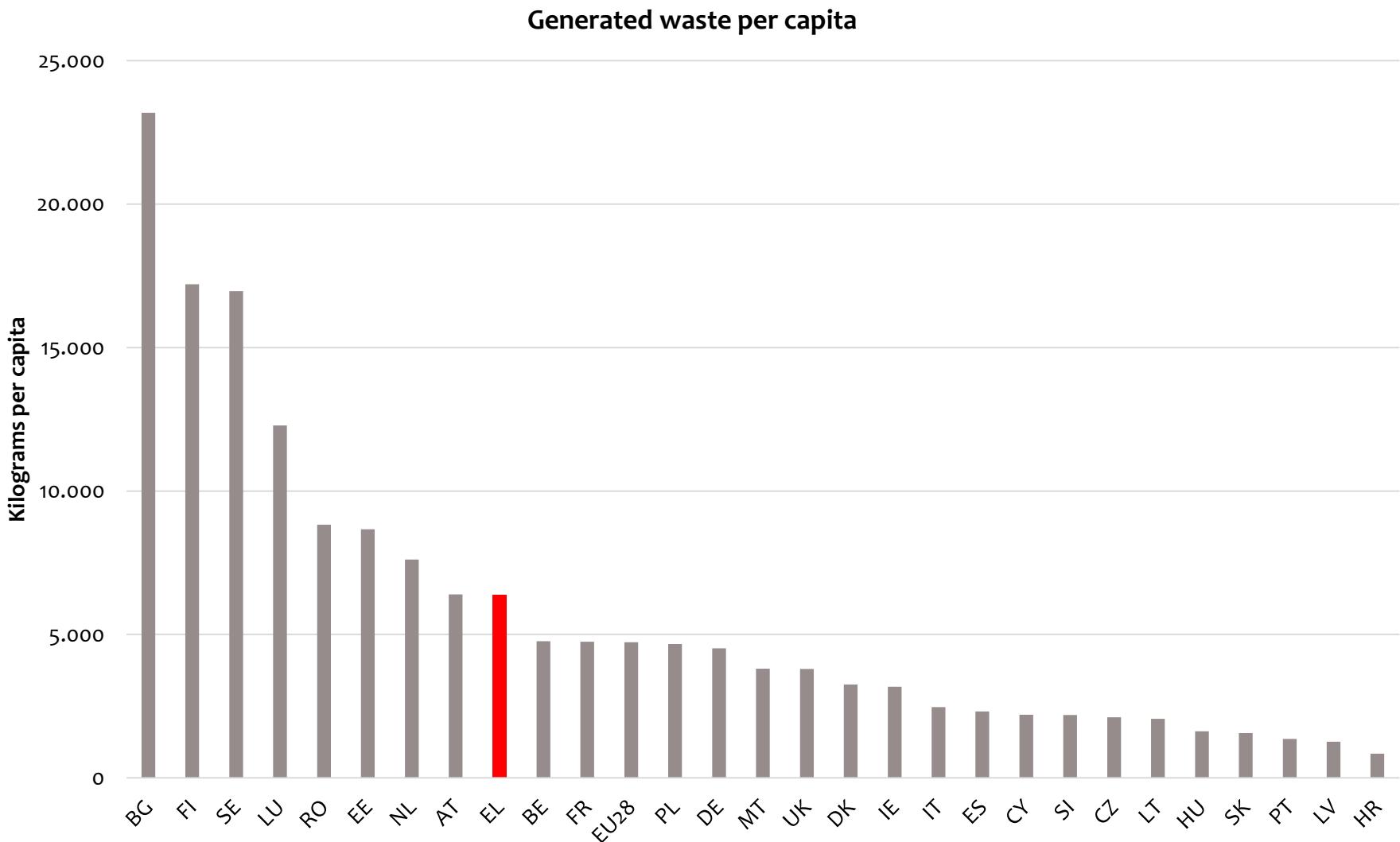
# Upward trends in resource productivity, albeit lagging behind the EU average



\*Resource productivity is measured as GDP over the total amount of materials directly used by an economy (raw materials extracted plus physical imports)

Source: Eurostat

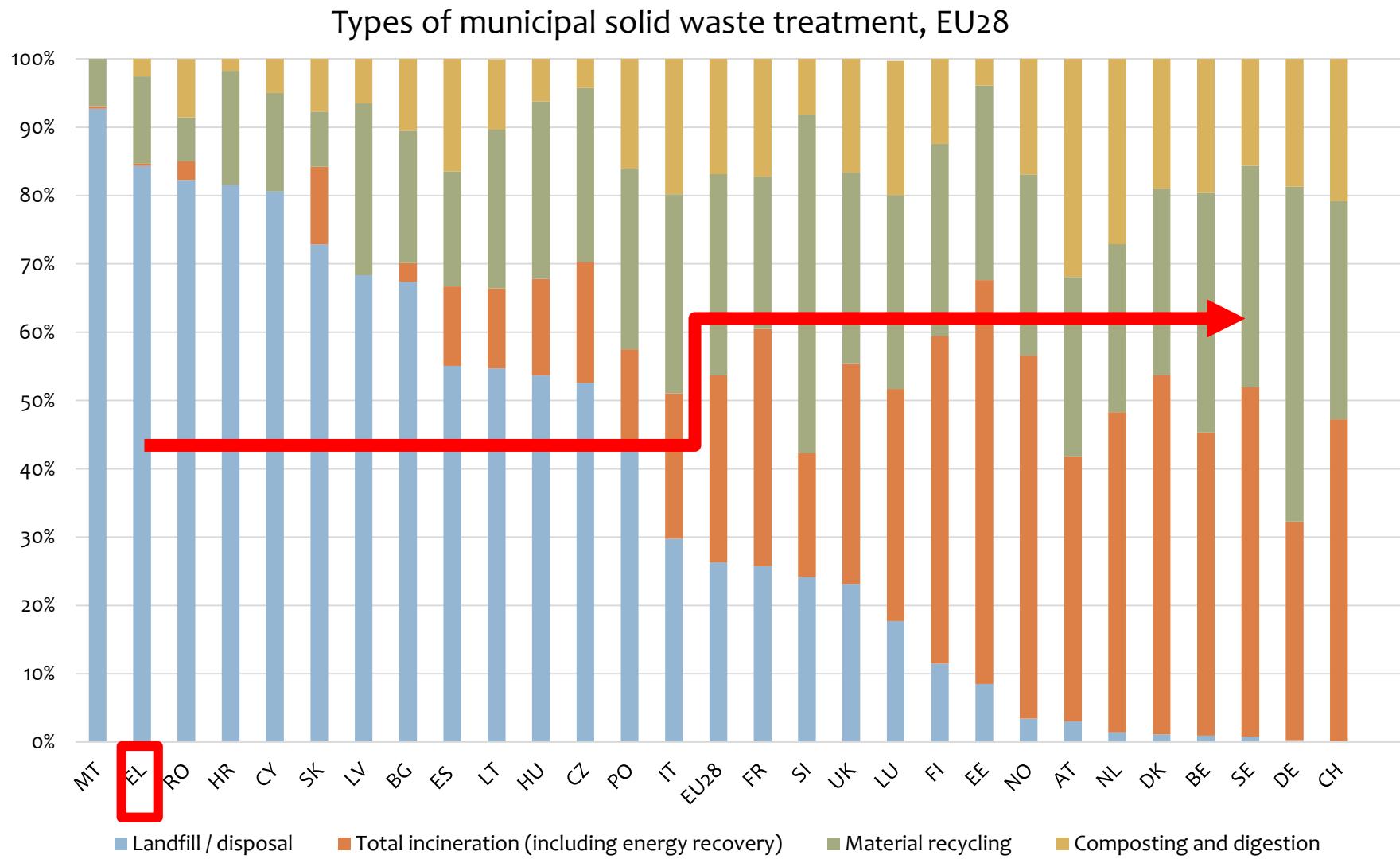
# Waste per capita production is near the EU average...



*Non hazardous waste from all economic activities, mineral waste included*

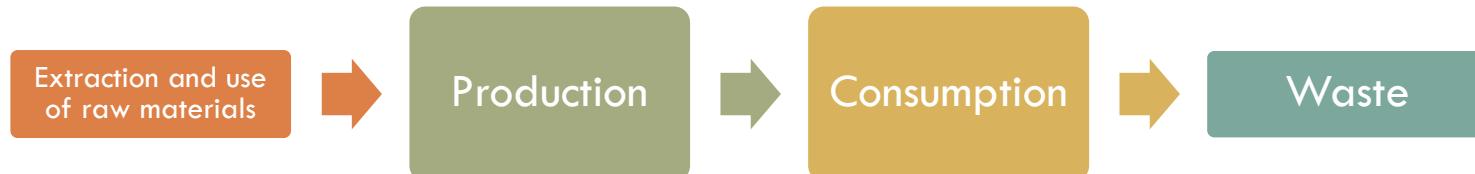
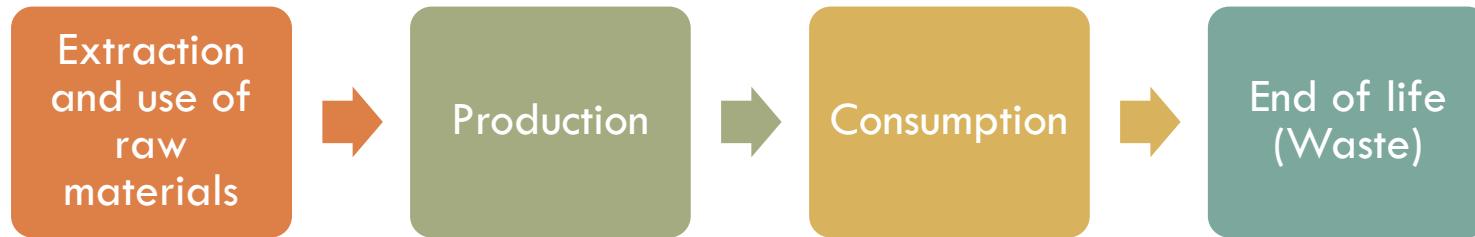
**Source:** Eurostat

...however, there is much room for improvement towards modern solutions with high added value and lower environmental footprint

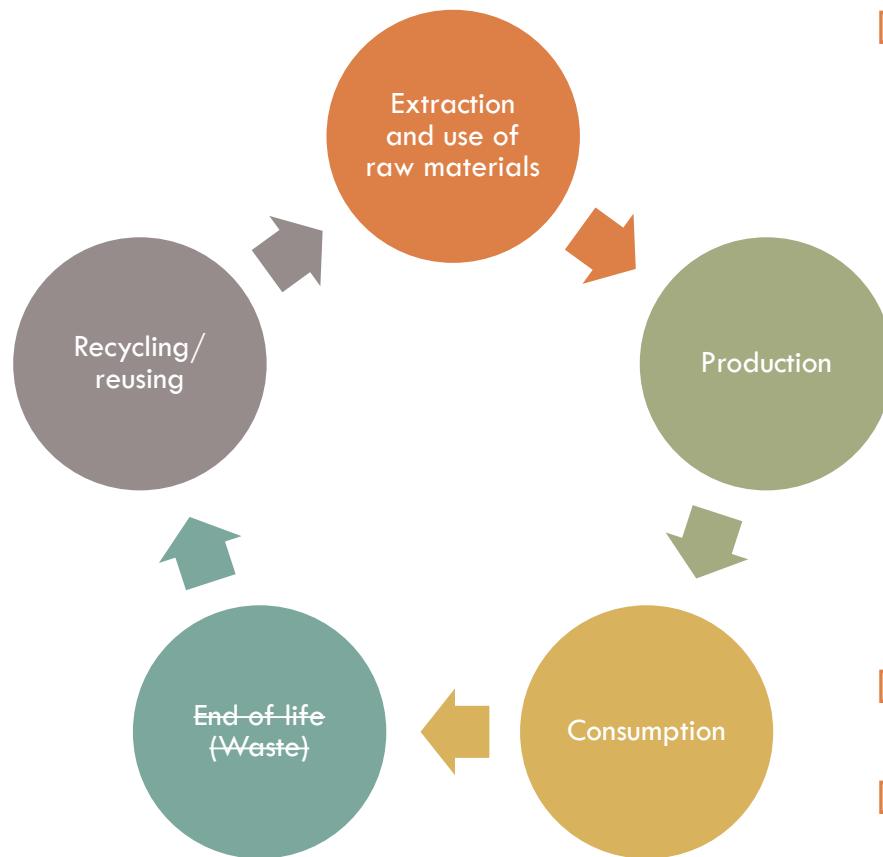


Source: Eurostat

# Post Crisis Challenges for Greece: Sustainability in a linear economic system



# Post Crisis Challenges for Greece: Sustainability in a circular economic system



- **Eco-effectivity:**
  - Redesign of industrial processes
  - Regenerative in terms of natural, financial and social capital
- In the long run:*
  - Business gains
  - Employment
  - Wealth
  - Environmental protection