## Myths and trends: The Greek crisis and the external environment

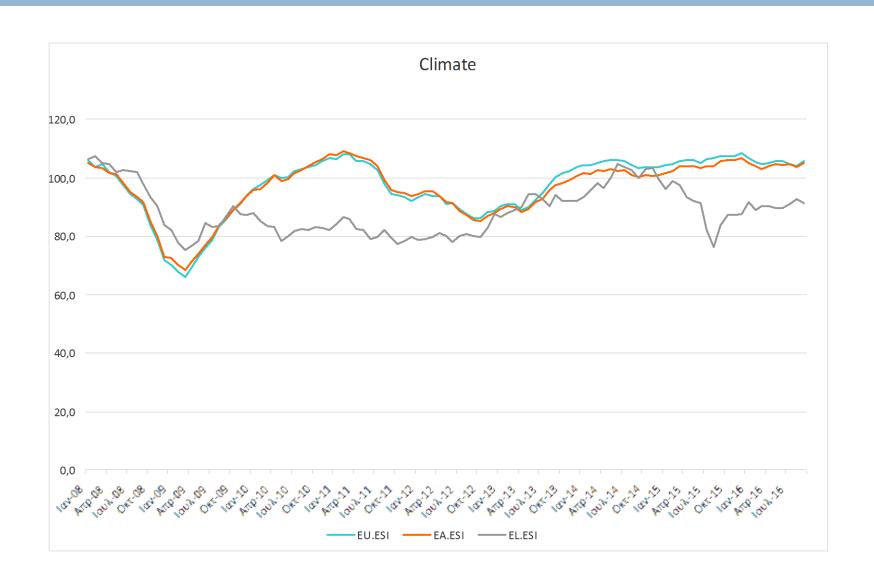
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### Economic climate indicator (www.iobe.gr)



#### The environment: trends in the western economies

- □ Lower rate of productivity increase post 2000 world
- Private and public debt dynamics
- Technology and globalization: Widening gap between incomes within countries
- Politics: blame-game within and across countries

#### **Greek economy**

- "Consumes too much and invests too little"?
- "Public sector too large"?
- Economy not open/innovative enough (low productivity and competitiveness)
- □ Too dependent on the State (esp. indirectly)
- 2016 and 2017 numbers?
- Wrong direction?
- □ Institutions?

### Post 2010 policies: successes and failures

- Significant success in the areas of government budget and balance of payments ('twin deficits').
- Very weak performance for investments and exports.
- The economy has adjusted via an extremely deep recession.
- Increase in competitiveness mainly via a reduction in labor unit cost.
- Lack of political support and social consensus for structural reforms.
- □ Public sector has shrunk but still huge administrative burden.

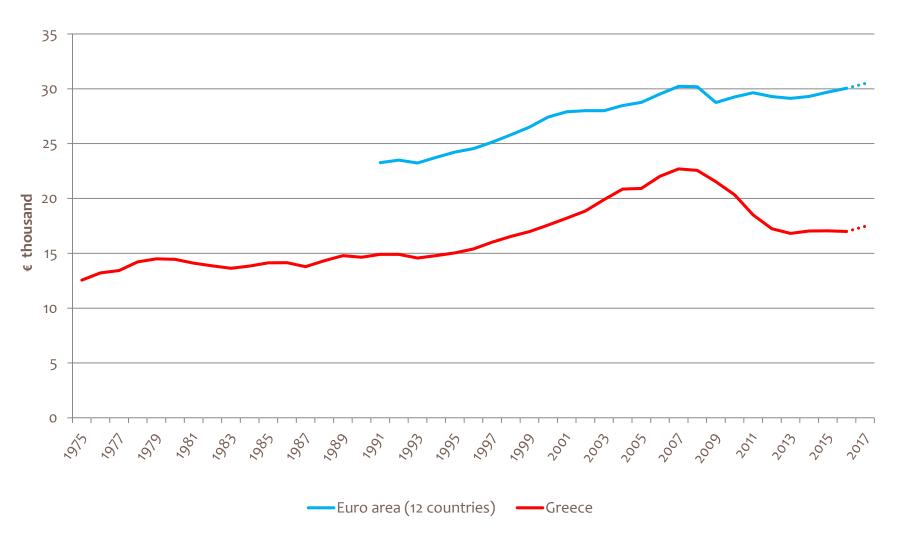
### Key Macroeconomic and Financial Figures

Key Macroeconomic Figures	2009	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016*
GDP	-3.1	-3.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment	9.5	27.5	26.5	24.9	24.7	23.9
General Government Balance <sup>1</sup>	-15.6	-12.4	-3.6	-7.2	-3.1	-3.0
Current Account Balance	-14.4	-2.2	-3.0	-0.2	0.6	-0.3
Harmonized Inflation	1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3	0.0
<b>Gross Fixed Capital Formation</b>	-13.7	-9.4	-2.8	0.7	-0.9	-1.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Including State aid to the banking sector on the deficit

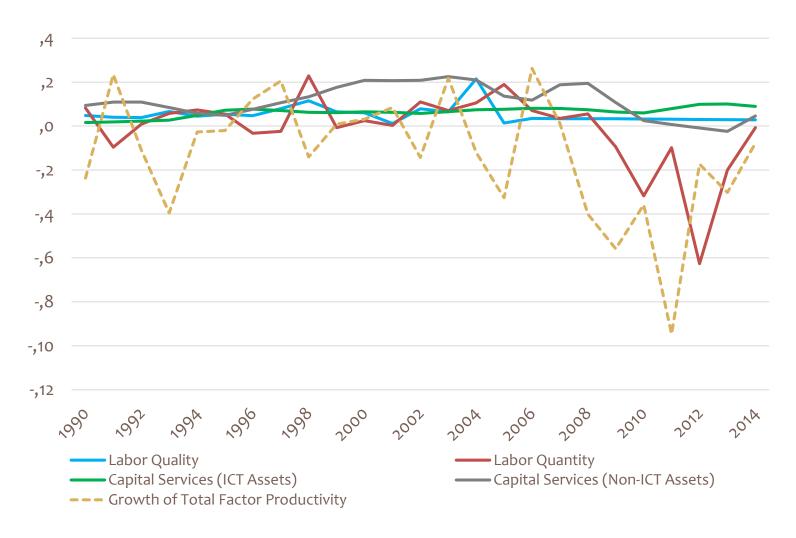
<sup>\*</sup> IOBE projections

### GDP per capita



Source: AMECO

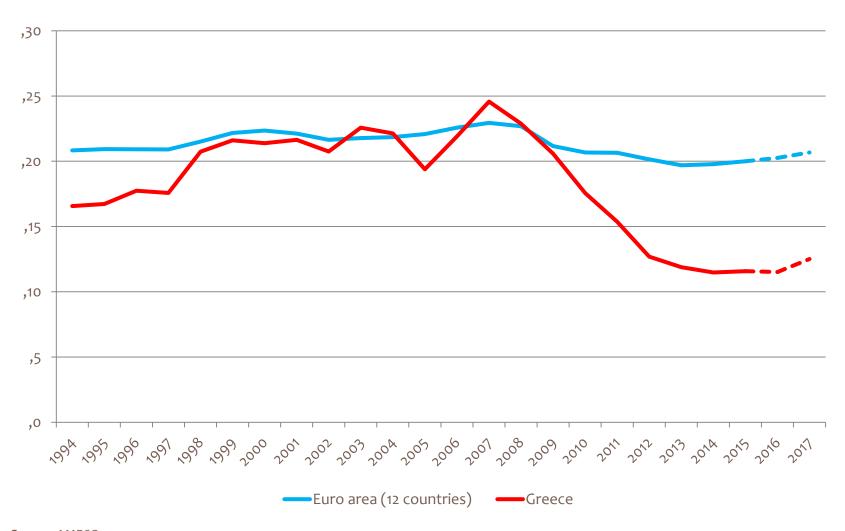
### Determinants of GDP change in Greece



**Source:** The Conference Board Growth and Total Factor Productivity database

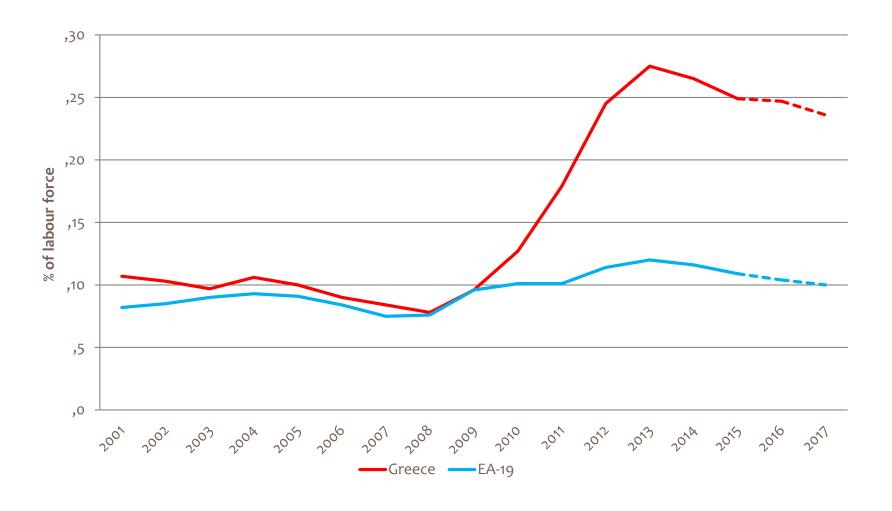
#### Investments

#### Gross Fixed Capital Formation (% of GDP)

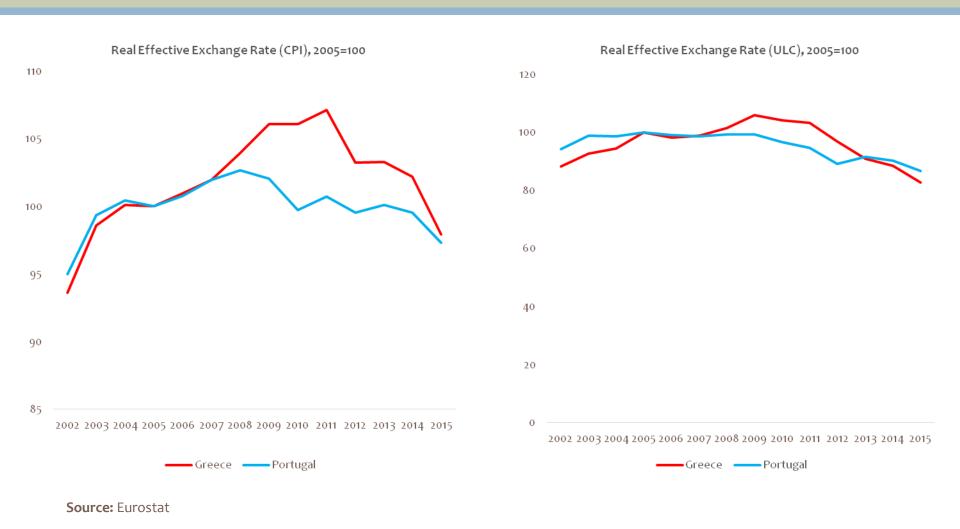


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### Unemployment

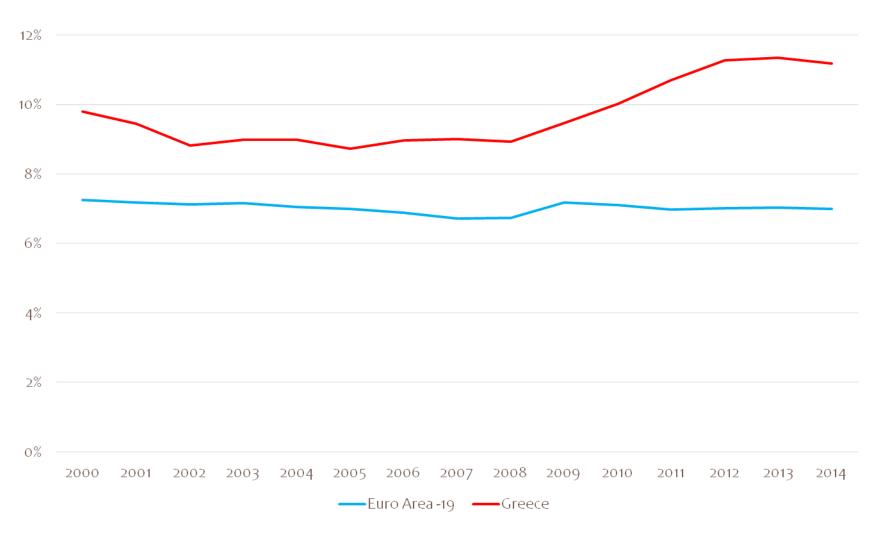


### Real effective exchange rate



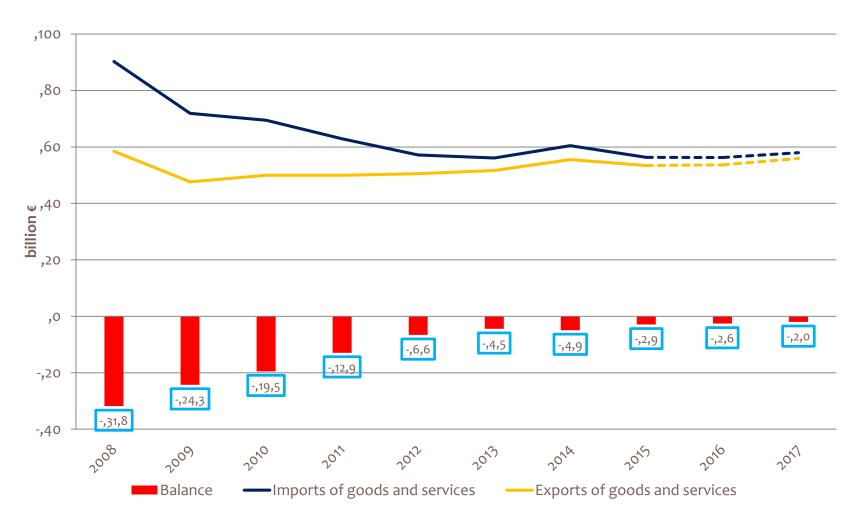
Real Effective Exchange Rate (deflator: CPI - against 37 trading partners)
Real Effective Exchange Rate (deflator: unit labor costs in total economy - against 37 trading partners)

### Gross value added of Public Sector (% of GDP)

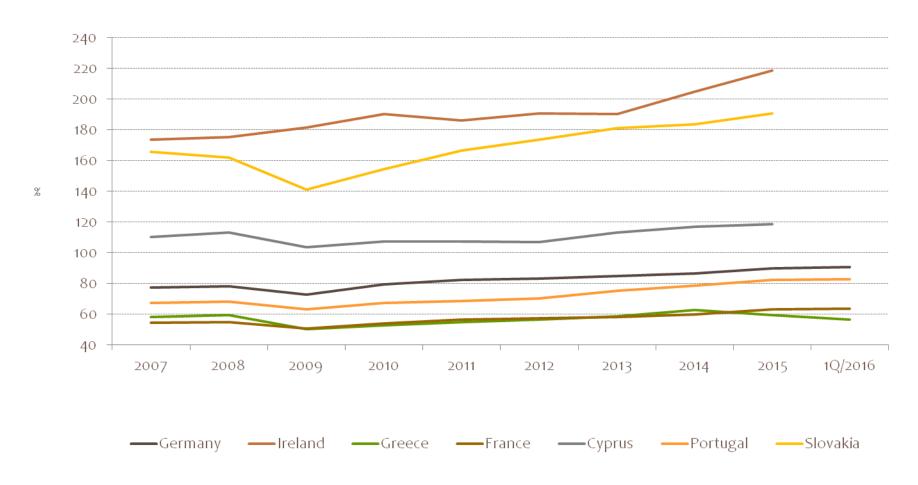


Source: Eurostat

### Trade balance (Goods and Services)



### Openness of Economy (X+M/GDP)



<sup>\* (</sup>Exports + Imports)/GDP

**Source:** Eurostat

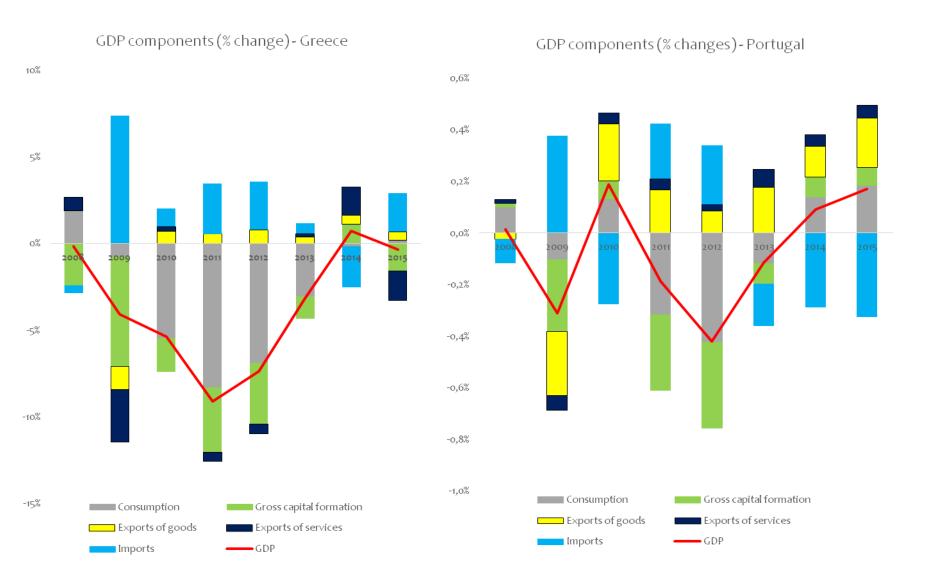
### Value vs. Volume of Exports



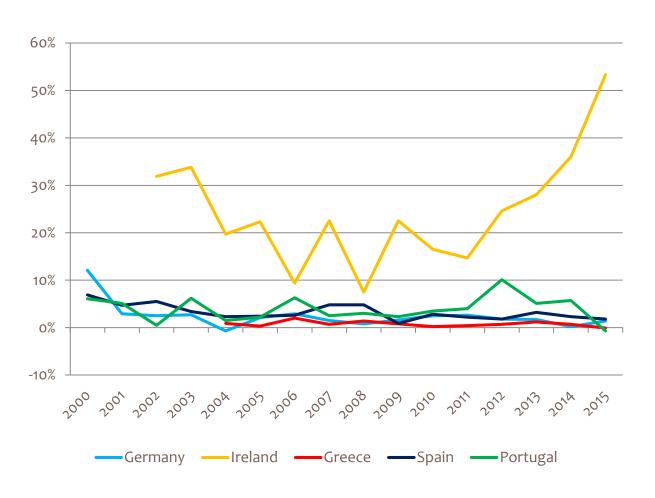
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- > Change of the value of exports, 2007-2015: +33%
- Change of the volume of exports, 2007-2015: +51%

### Weak contribution of exports to GDP



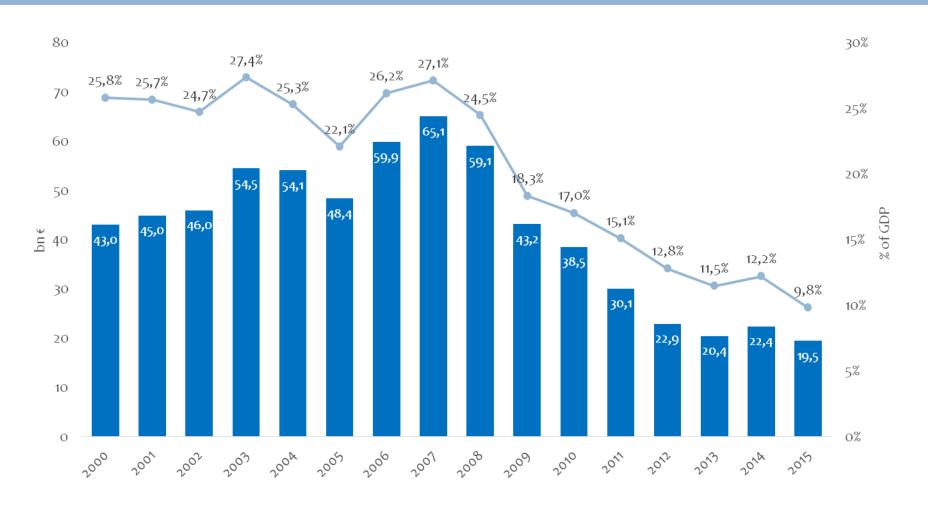
### Foreign Direct Investment (% of GDP)



FDI as a % of GDP					
	2000-2008	2009-2015			
Germany	3.0%	1.7%			
Ireland	21.0%	27.9%			
Greece	1.1%	0.6%			
Spain	4.2%	2.1%			
Portugal	3.7%	4.3%			

Source: Eurostat

#### Investment

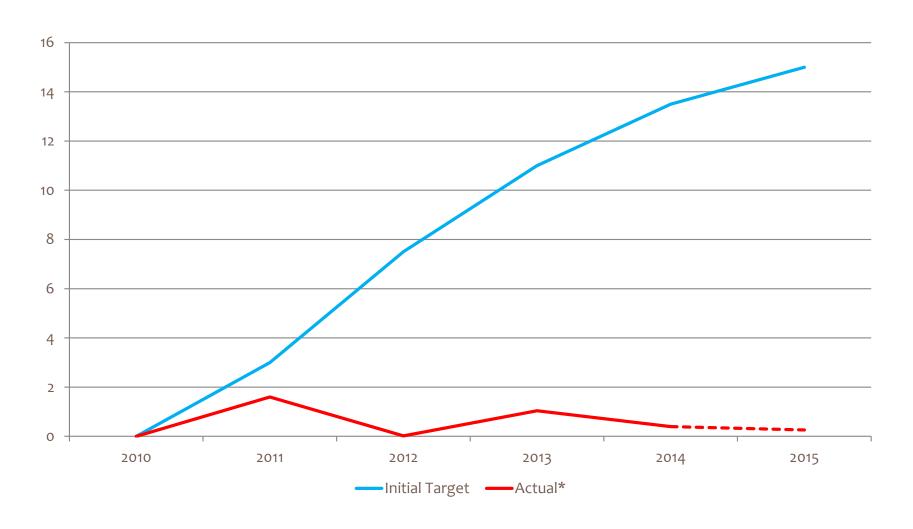


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AVG 2010-2015:

- Greece 13.1%
- Portugal: 16.8%

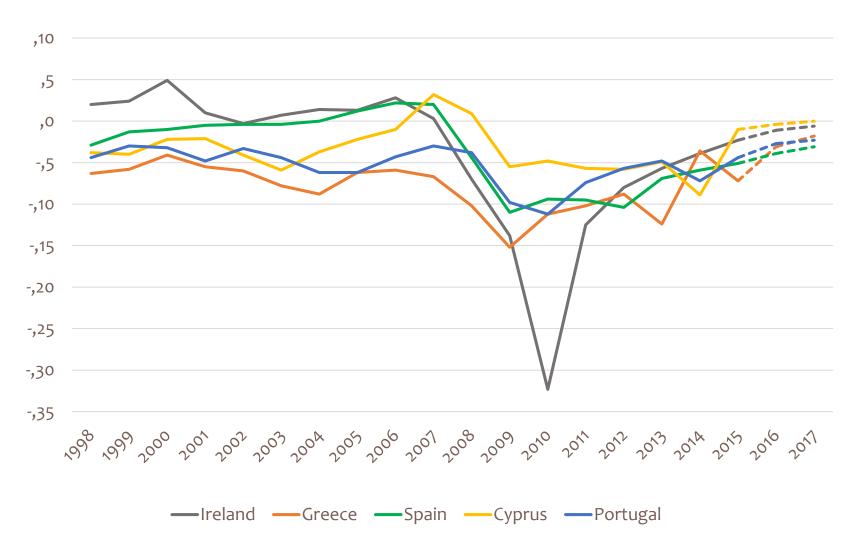
### Privatization Receipts per annum (€ bn)



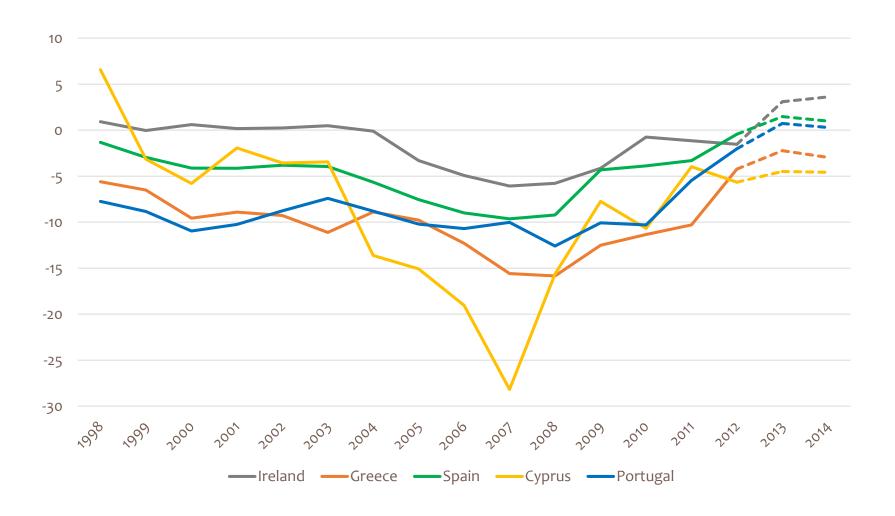
<sup>\*</sup>Forecasts for 2015, 2016 Budget, November 2015, Ministry of Finance

<sup>•</sup>Sources: 1) Targets: Greece, Fourth Review Under the Stand-by Arrangement, IMF, July 2011 2) Actual 2011-2012: Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2015-2018, Ministry of Finance, April 2014 3) Actual 2013-2014: 2016 Budget, November 2015, Ministry of Finance

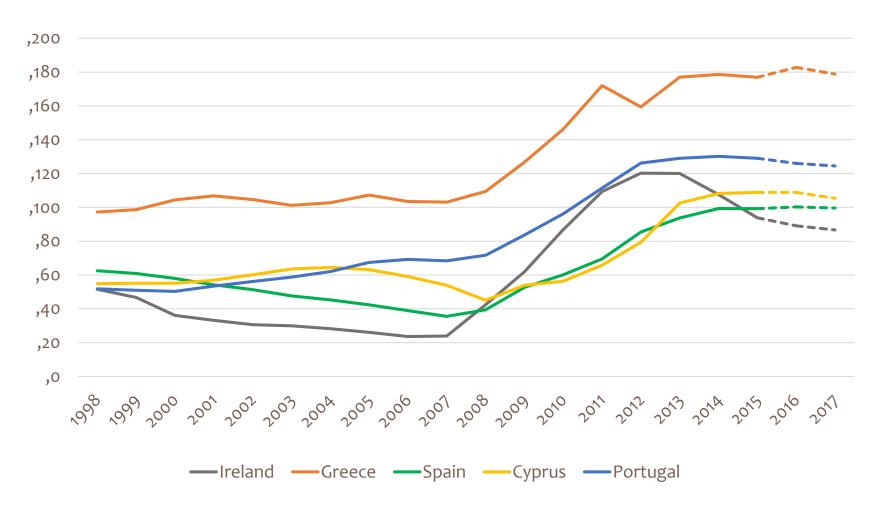
### Budget Balance Eurozone periphery (% of GDP)



#### Current account balance – Eurozone periphery (% of GDP)



### Government Debt – Eurozone periphery (% GDP)



### **Greek economy prospects**

- Positive scenario: increasing consensus and clarity, investment and openness, gradual shift to a new growth model, positive interaction with EU environment.
- Negative scenario: lack of willingness or ability to implement reforms, low liquidity and investment, lingering uncertainty, negative external effects. [Risks: (1) political (2) banks (3) Europe]
- □ Uncertainty is still the key ingredient; policy credibility.
- Euro-zone participation as the central 'structural reform'.
- □ New policy mix; 'trading off' reforms for debt relief

### Forthcoming book

# **Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy**

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