Institutions, reforms and entry barriers

Breaking the Bottlenecks - Steps towards Sustainable Growth

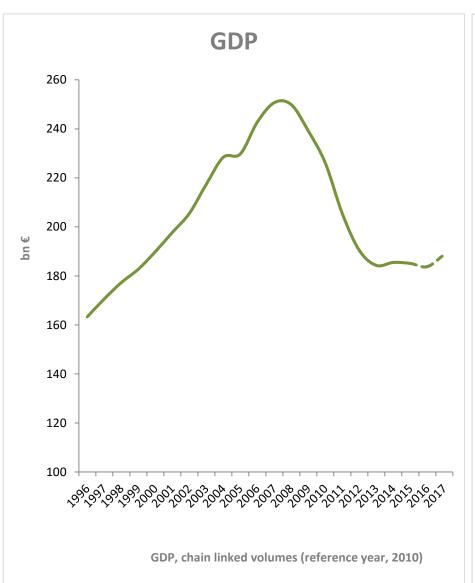
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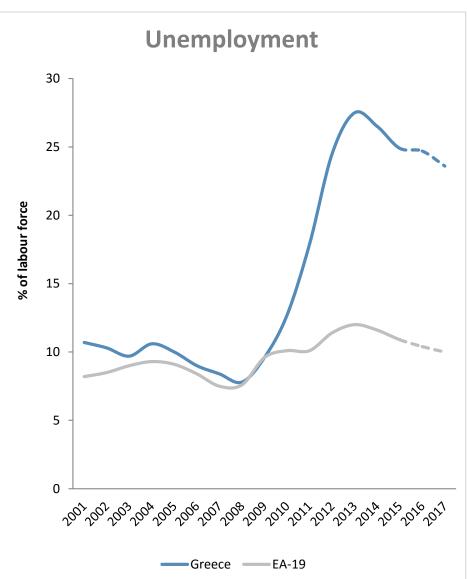
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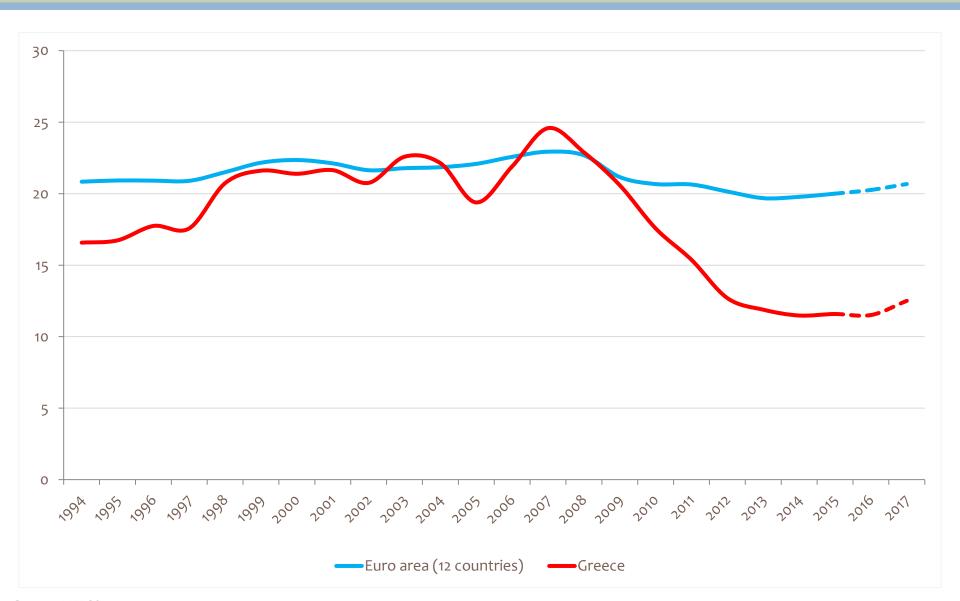
Gross Domestic Product and Unemployment in Greece





Investments

Gross Fixed Capital Formation (% of GDP)



Source: AMECO

Key Macroeconomic and Financial Figures

Key Macroeconomic Figures GDP	-3.1	-3.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	2016*
Unemployment	9.5	27.5	26.5	24.9	24.7	25.2
General Government Balance ¹	-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	0.2
Harmonized Inflation	1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	-13.7	-9.4	-2.8	0.7	-0.9	-4.0

¹Including State aid to the banking sector on the deficit

^{*} IOBE projections

Sources: Eurostat/European Economic Forecast, spring 2016, European Commission

Recent economic performance of Greece

Macro

- Significant success in the areas of government budget and balance of payments ('twin deficits')
- Weak performance for investments and exports

Structural

- The economy has adjusted primarily via an extremely deep recession
- Increase in competitiveness mainly through the reduction in labor unit cost
- Lack of wide enough political support and social consensus for structural reforms, despite some important efforts

Other

- Public sector has been shrinking but administrative burden and inefficiency remains a key issue
- Accumulated debt remains a significant problem

Overall evaluation: significant successes and failures — high uncertainty deters investment and postpones the start of a virtuous growth cycle

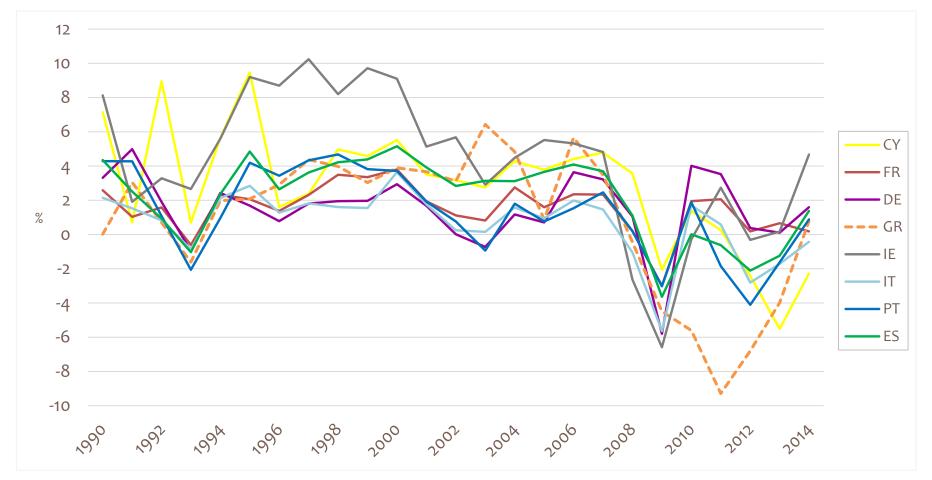
Perspectives

- □ Product design 'details'
- □ Eurozone architecture
- □ Low capacity to implement reforms and lack of ownership
- Entry barriers and rents

Pre-crisis

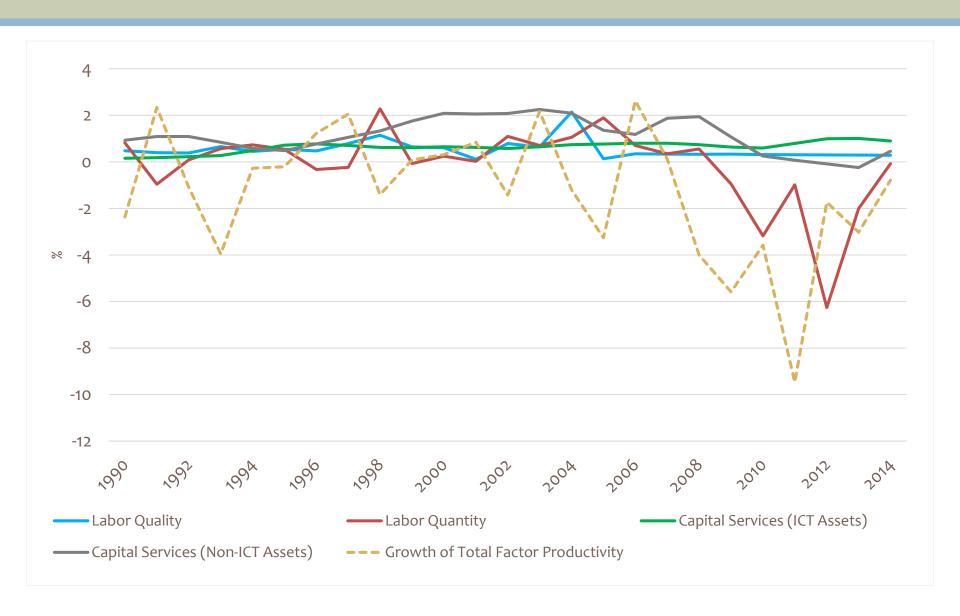
- GDP and productivity
- □ Current account and competitiveness
- Investment
- □ Public sector
- □ The Eurozone effect

GDP change

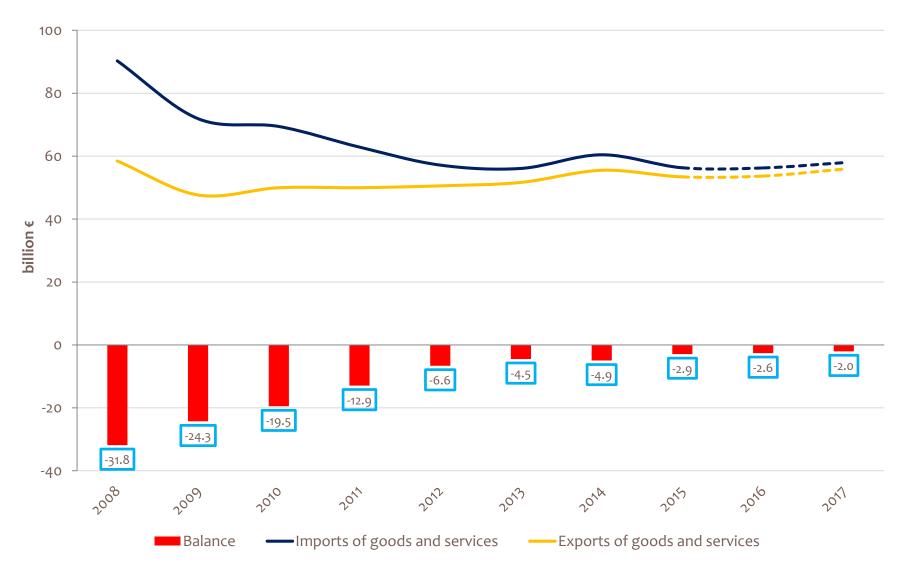


Country	Avg. Growth Rate 1994-2007	Country	Avg. Growth Rate 1994-2007
Germany	1.7%	France	2.3%
Ireland	7.4%	Italy	1.7%
Greece	3.6%	Cyprus	4.5%
Spain	3.6%	Portugal	2.3%

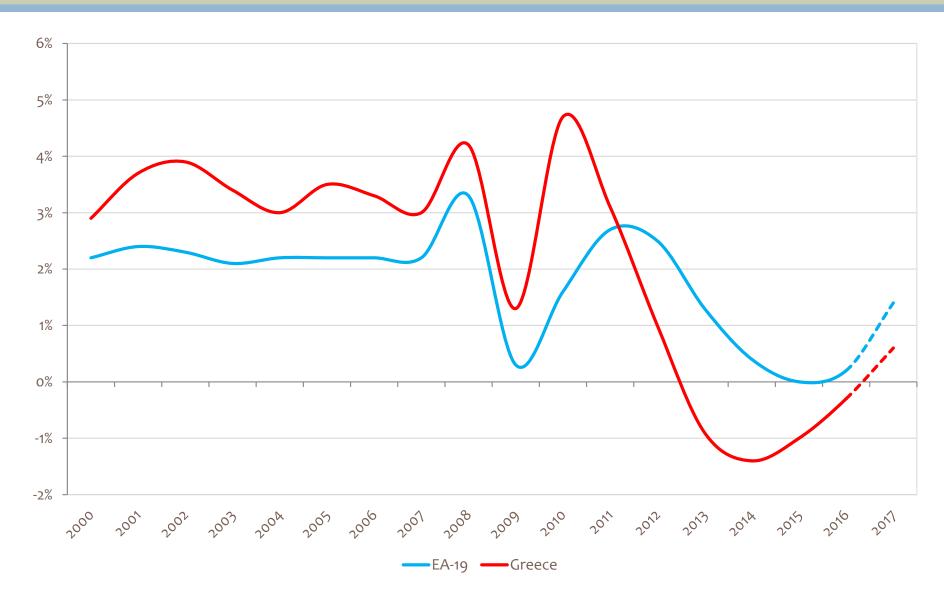
Determinants of GDP change in Greece



Trade balance (Goods and Services)



Harmonized Inflation

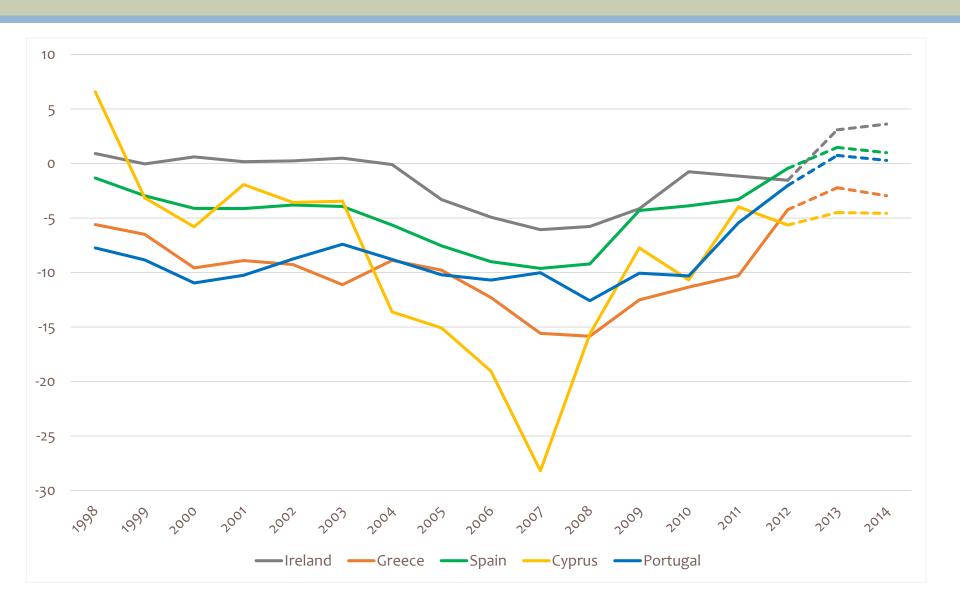


Investment



Source: Eurostat

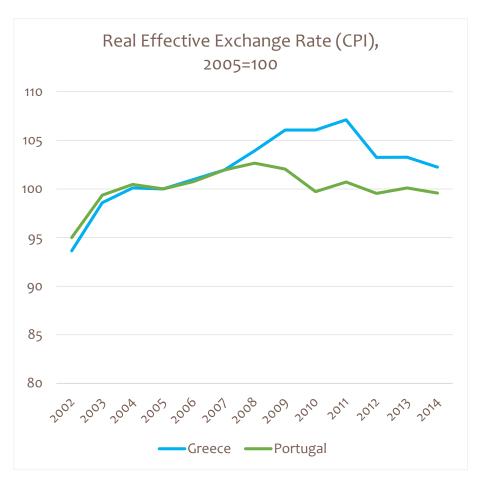
Current account balance – Eurozone periphery (% of GDP)

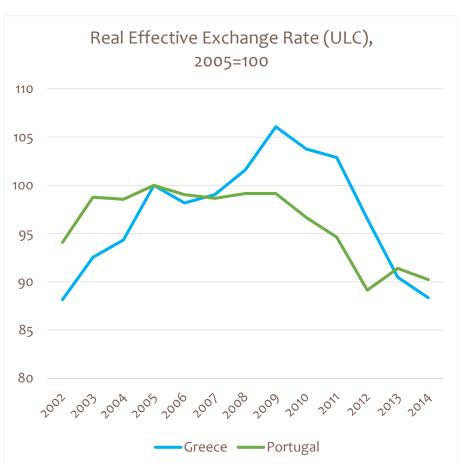


Crisis – post 2009

- Twin deficits
- Investment
- Exports
- □ Structural reforms

Real effective exchange rate





Source: Eurostat

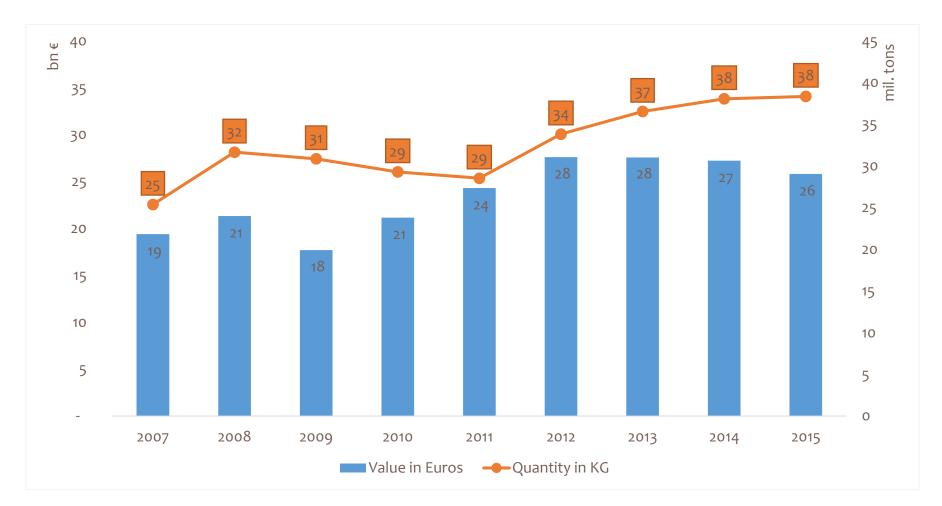
Real Effective Exchange Rate (deflator: CPI - against 37 trading partners)

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

Budget Primary Balance (% of GDP)



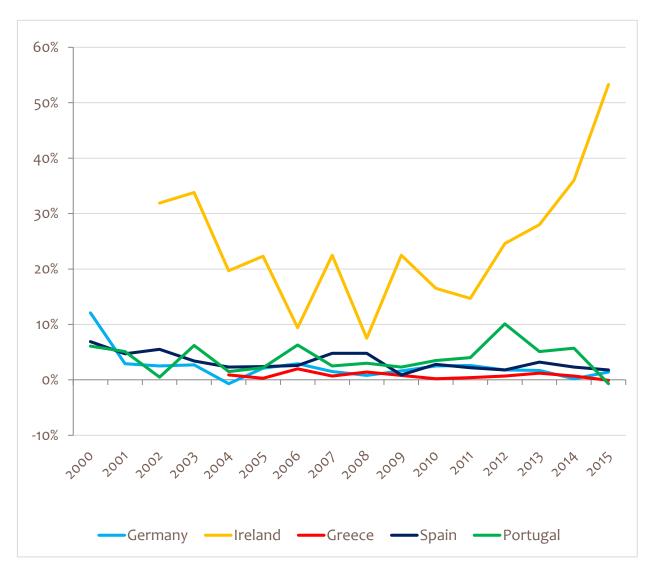
Value vs. Volume of Exports



Source: Eurostat

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

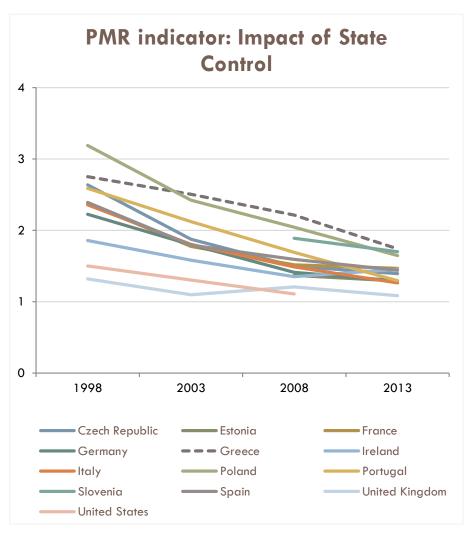
Foreign Direct Investment (% of GDP)

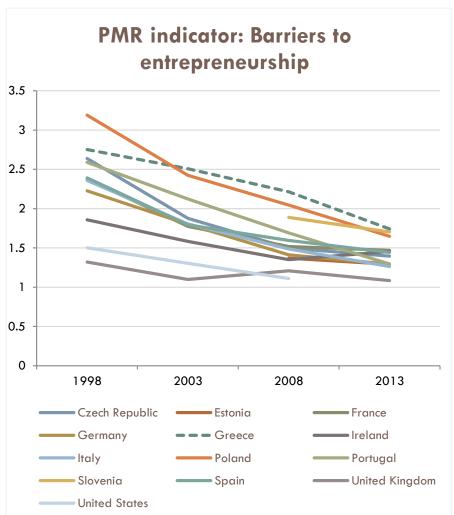


FDI as a % of GDP						
	2000-2008	2009-2015				
Germany	3.0%	1.7%				
Ireland	21.0%	27.9%				
Greece	1.1%	0.6%				
Spain	4.2%	2.1%				
Portugal	3.7%	4.3%				

Source: Eurostat

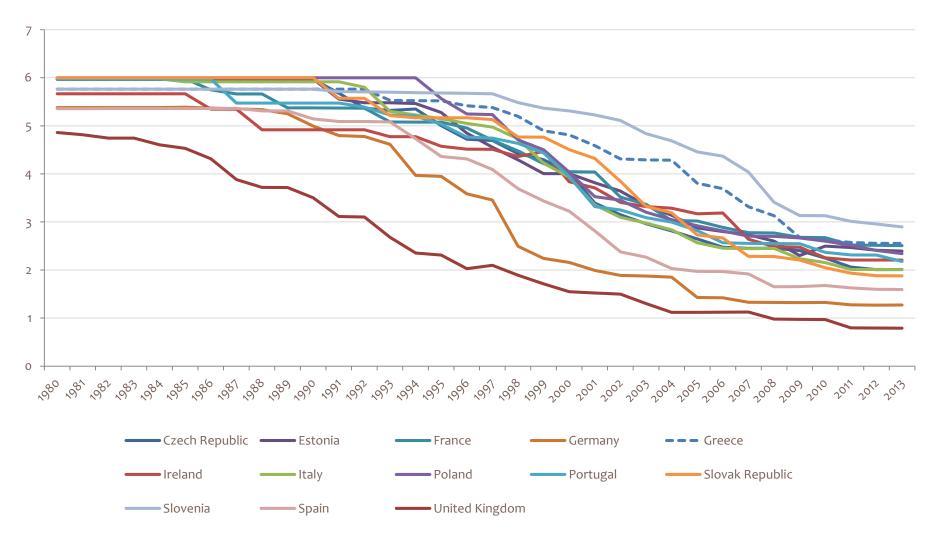
Barriers to entrepreneurship and investment



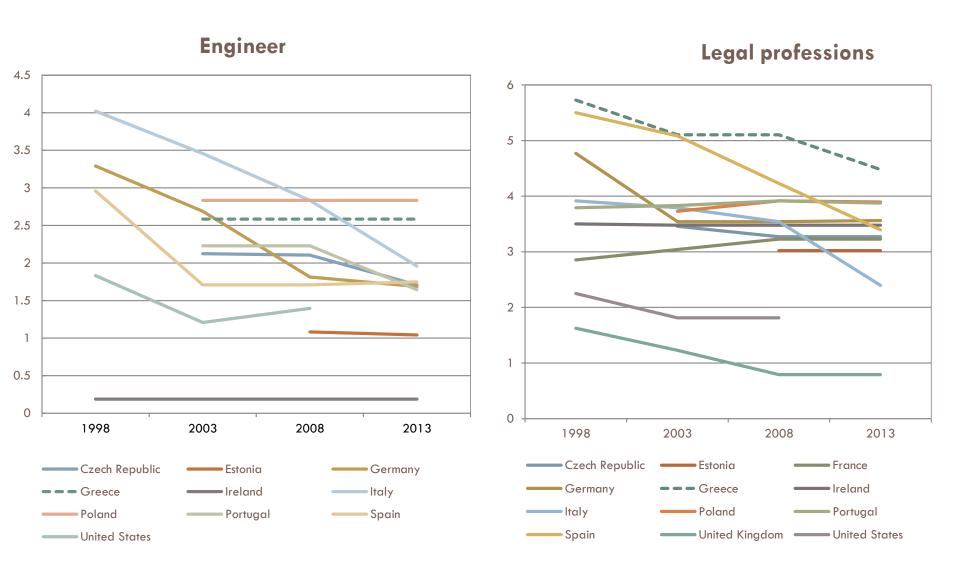


Services markets regulation

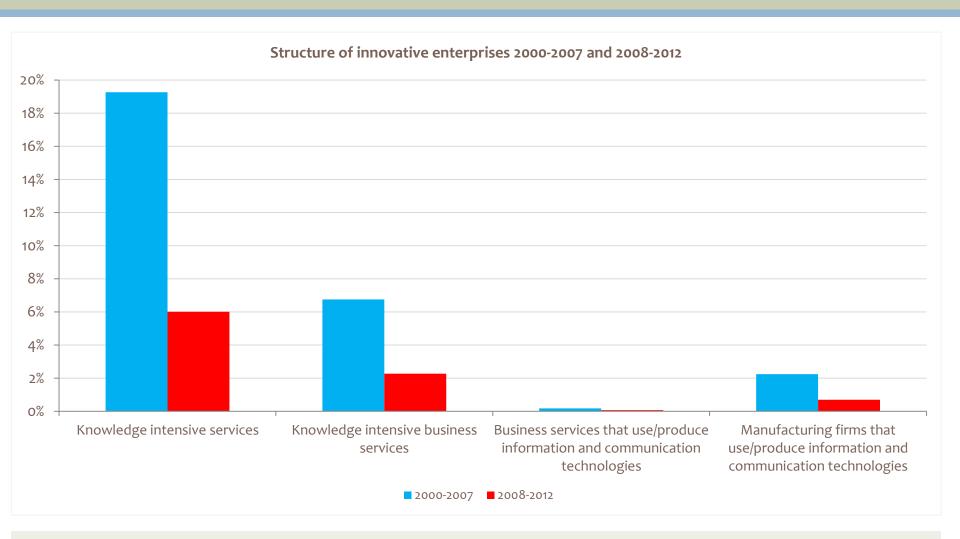
Regulation in Energy, Transport and Communications



Professional Services Regulation

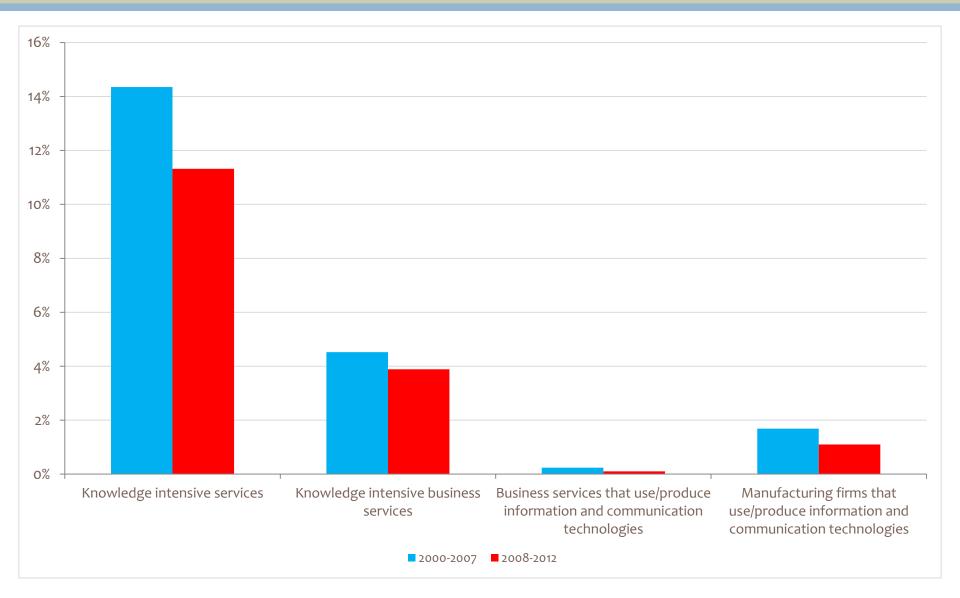


Unfavorable macroeconomic conditions of period 2008-2012 discouraged the entry of new firms operating in Knowledge and ICT intensive industries



Only 6% of those firms that founded during period 2008-2012 belong to knowledge intensive sectors. The corresponding percent during period 2000-2007 was nearly 20%

But knowledge and ICT intensive firms exhibit lower percentage of exit during period 2008-2012



Reforms that boost competition and reduce mark-ups in product markets lead to higher income and employment

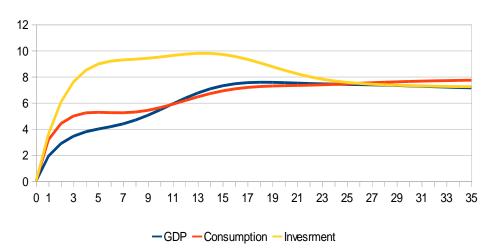
Greece has significantly higher mark-ups than the EU average

Stronger competition in the product markets implies lower mark-ups

What would happen if the difference in the mark-ups in Greece and the EU was halved for non-tradables (-9 p.p.) and eliminated for tradables (-5 p.p.)?

Real GDP, Consumption and Investment

Permanent increase in competition in T and NT sectors, percentage deviations from base



Medium-term results (deviation from base):

- Private consumption +6.9%
- Investment +9.7%
- GDP +7.3%
- Employment +60,000 jobs

- □ The role of 'outsiders'
- New investment and growth model
- Improvement cannot be uniform, allowing some to 'run faster' if they wish
- □ Tax reform, public administration
- □ Justice and education system

Gradually increased consensus and clarity, new investment, new growth model, positive interaction with EU environment improvements

Lack of ability to implement reforms, low liquidity and investment, lingering uncertainty, external effects