Trends and opportunities in the Greek Economy: Competitiveness, debt and wealth

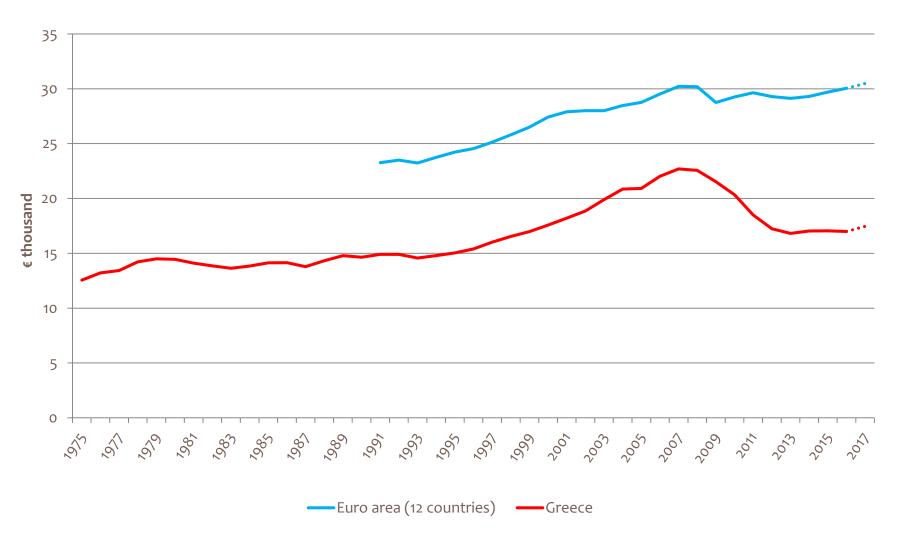
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GDP per capita



Source: AMECO

Successes and failures of the post-2010 policies

- □ 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 administrative burden and inefficiency remains a core problem.
- Uncertainly remains significant.

Key Macroeconomic and Financial Figures

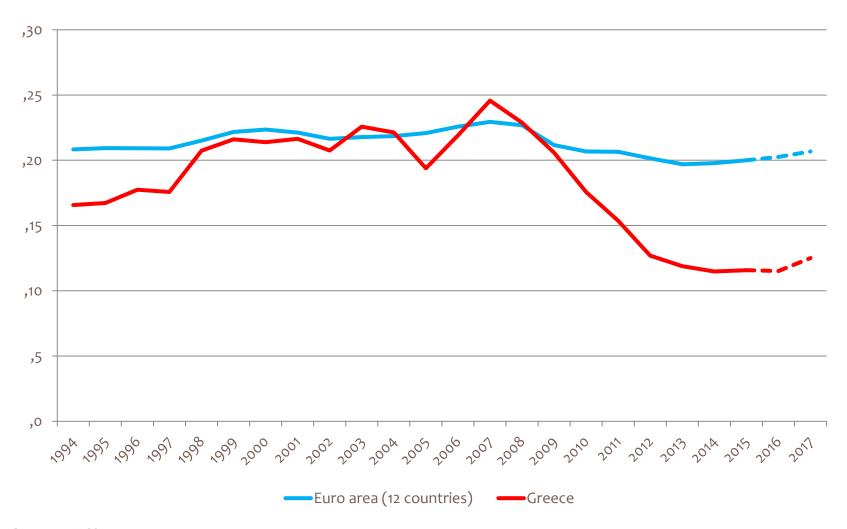
Key Macroeconomic Figures	2009	2013	2014	2015	2016*
GDP	-3.1	-3.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment	9.5	27.5	26.5	24.9	24.7
General Government Balance ¹	-15.6	-12.4	-3.6	-7.2	-3.1
Current Account Balance	-14.4	-2.2	-3.0	-0.2	0.6
Harmonized Inflation	1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.1	-0.3
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	-13.7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

¹Including State aid to the banking sector on the deficit

^{*} European Commission's projections (European Economic Forecast, spring 2016) **Sources:** Eurostat/European Economic Forecast, spring 2016, European Commission

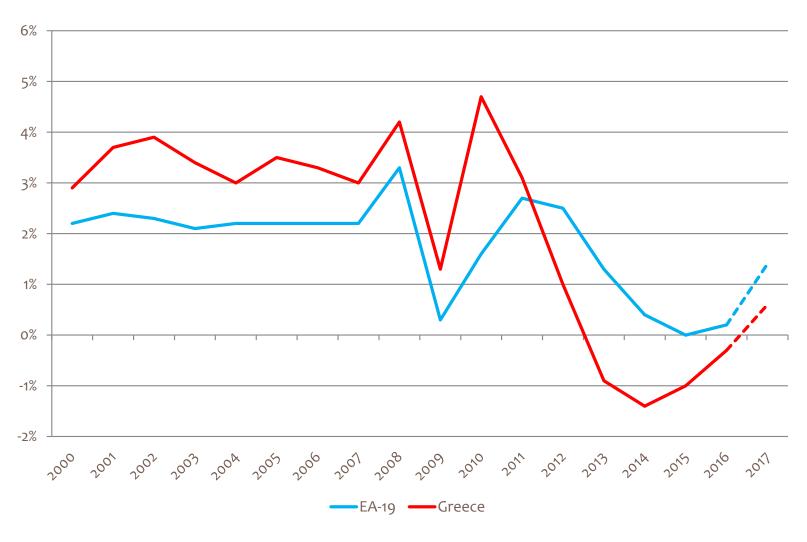
Investments

Gross Fixed Capital Formation (% of GDP)

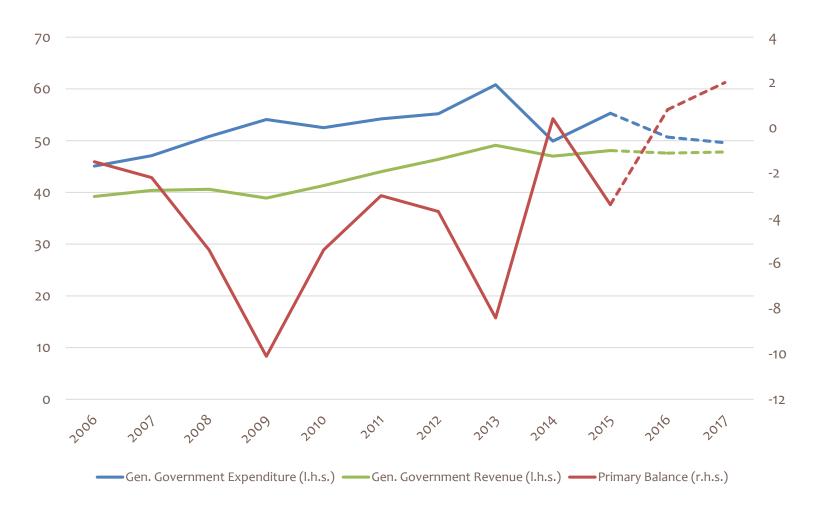


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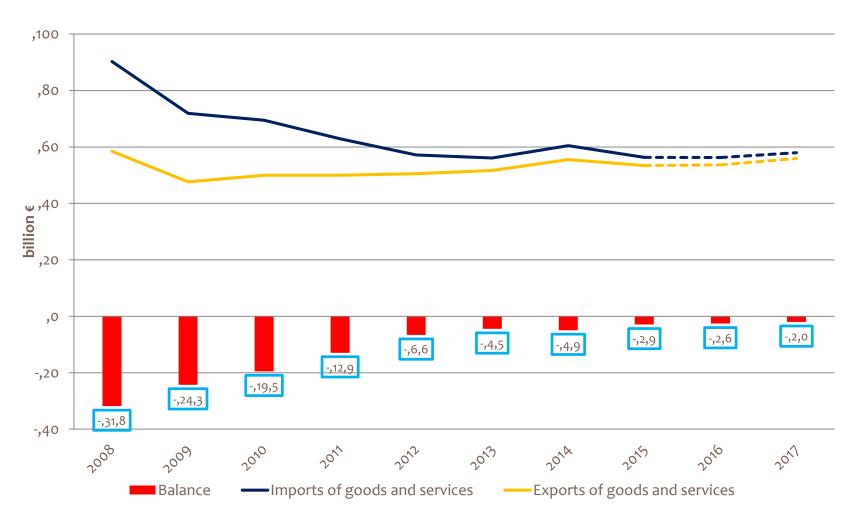


Public Revenue- Expenditure – Primary Balance (% of GDP)



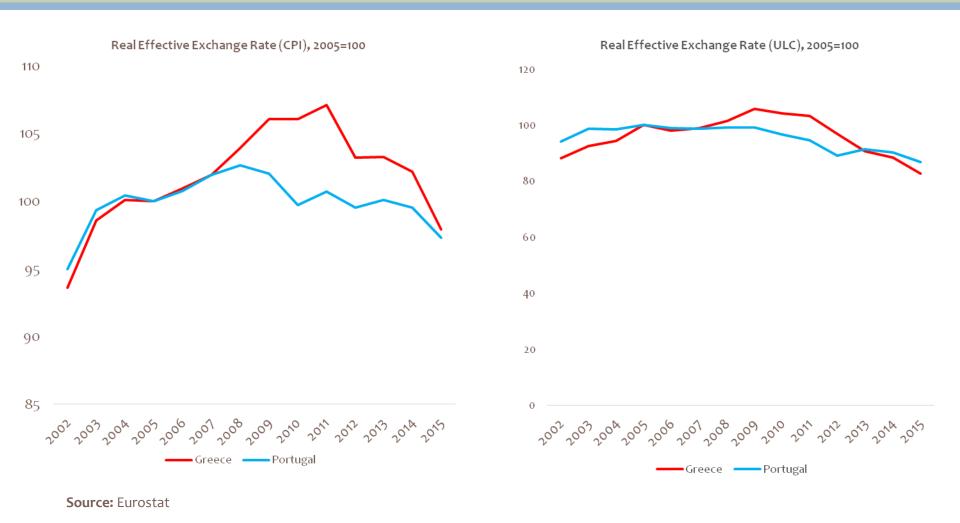
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Trade Balance (Goods and Services)



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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)

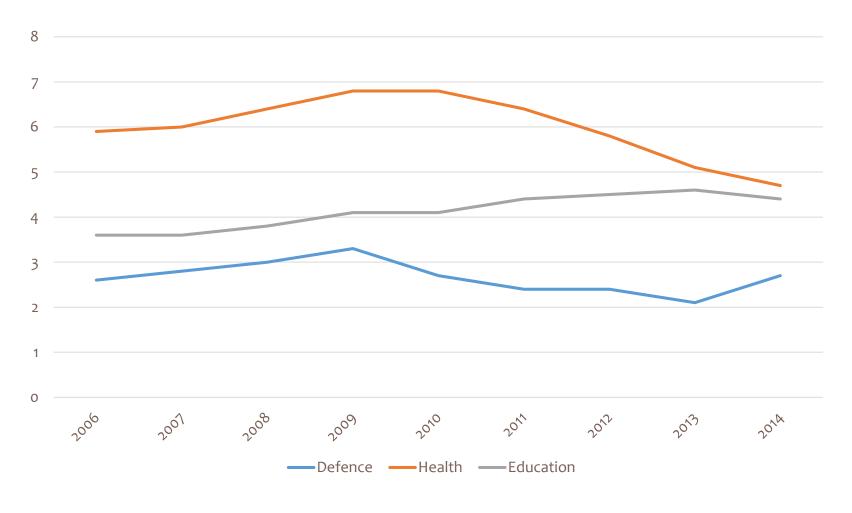
Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy (Edited volume)

Forthcoming, MIT Press, Spring 2017

In Greek: to be released just afterwards

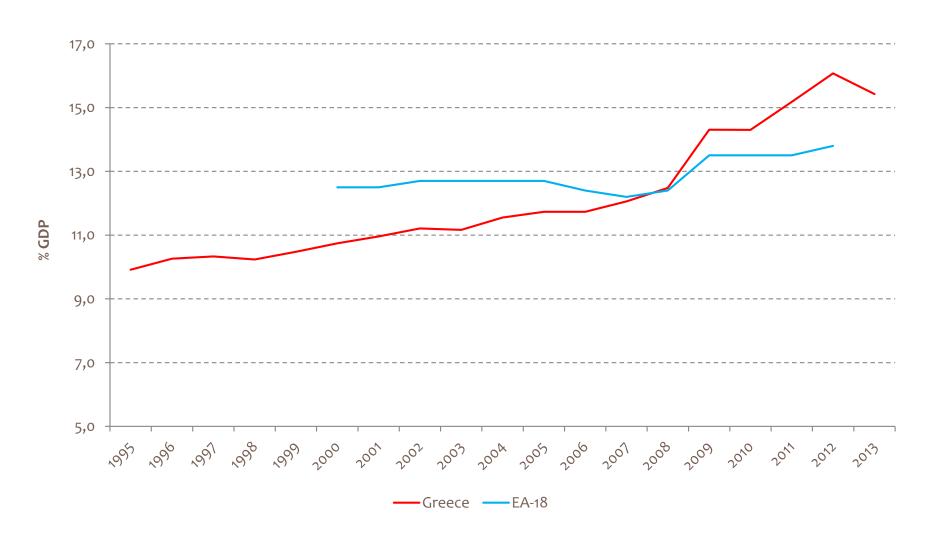
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Public Spending categories (% of GDP)

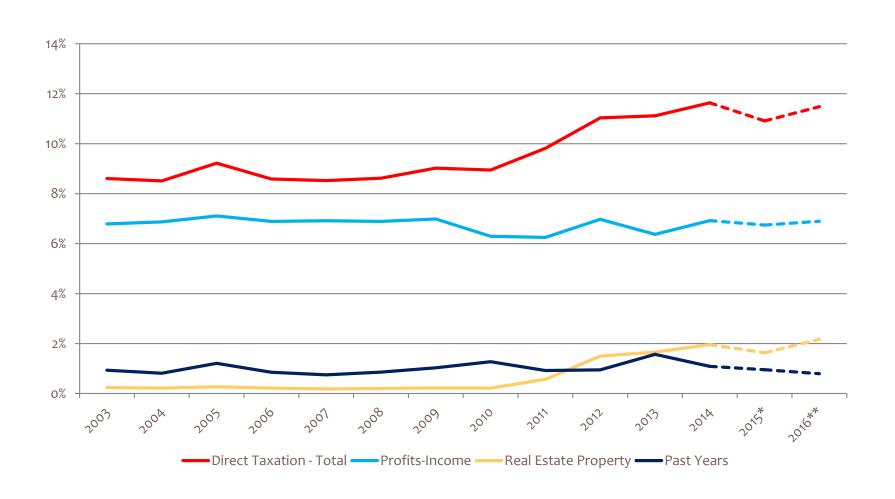


Source: Eurostat

Pensions Payments (% of GDP)

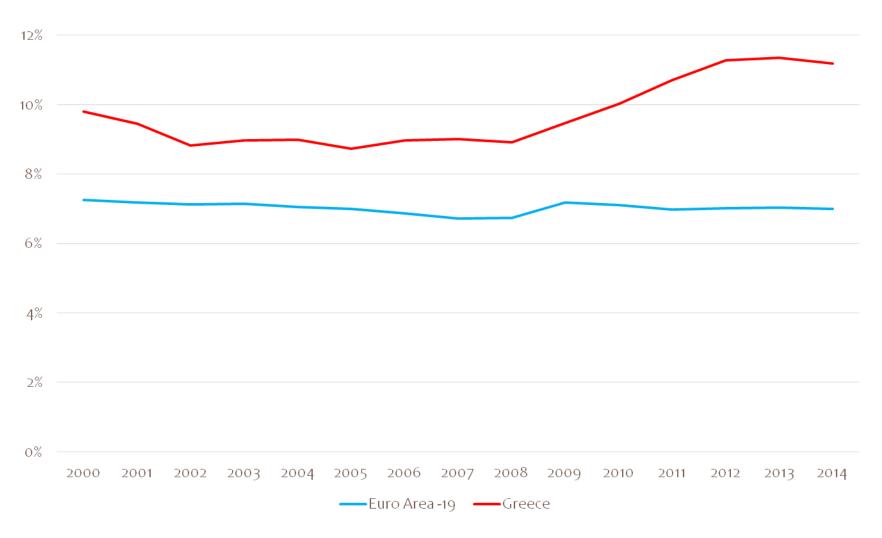


Direct Taxation (% of GDP)



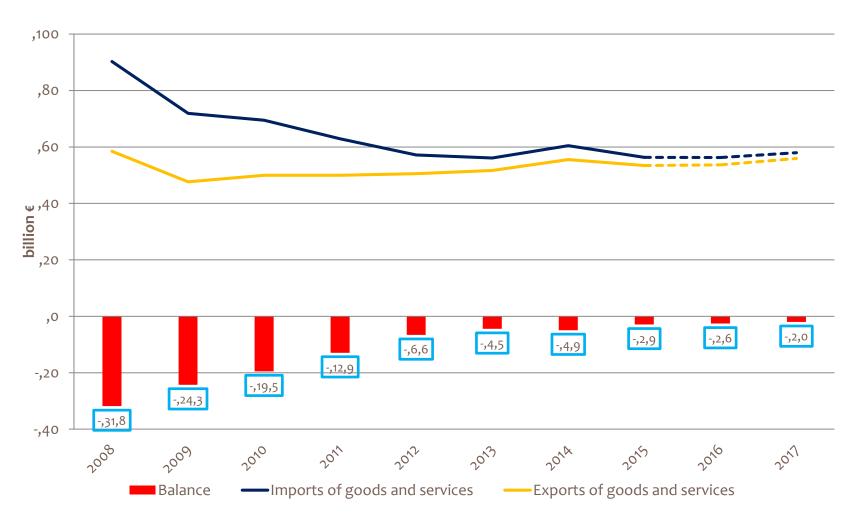
^{*} Projection ** Forecast Source: State Budget, 2005-2016, Ministry of Finance

Gross value added of Public Sector (% of GDP)



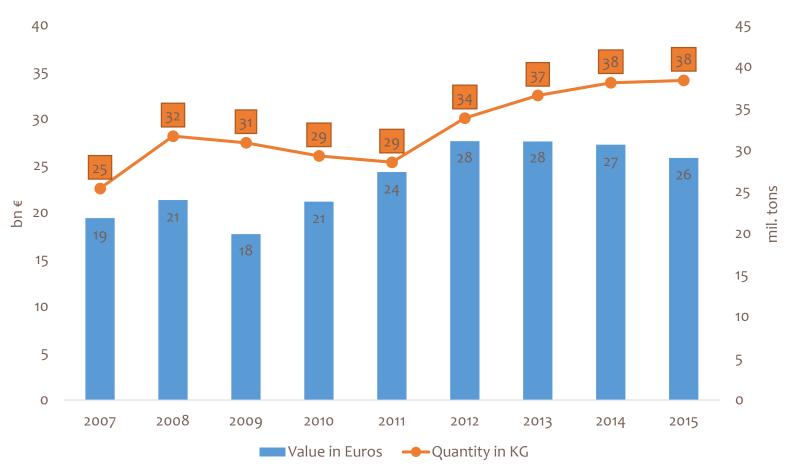
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Trade Balance (Goods and Services)



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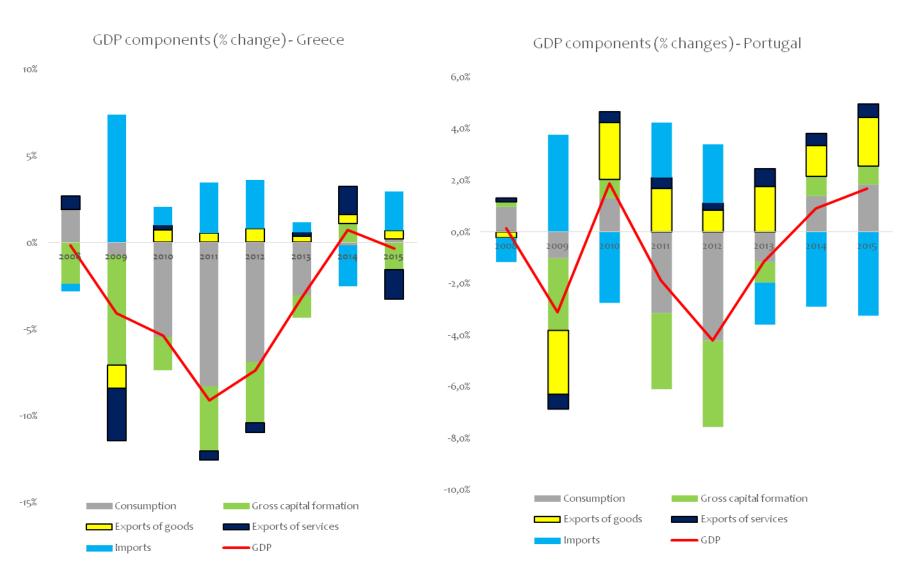
Value vs. Volume of Exports



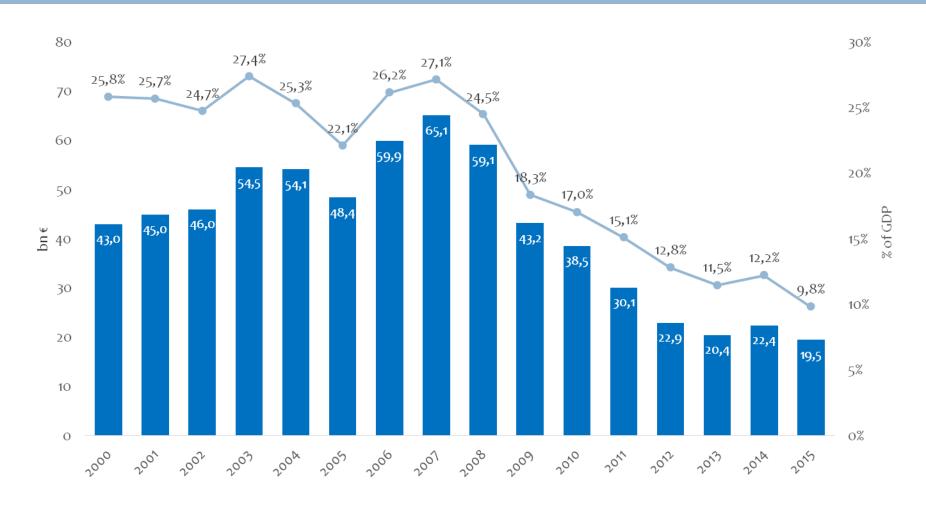
Source: Eurostat

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

Weak contribution of exports to GDP



Investment

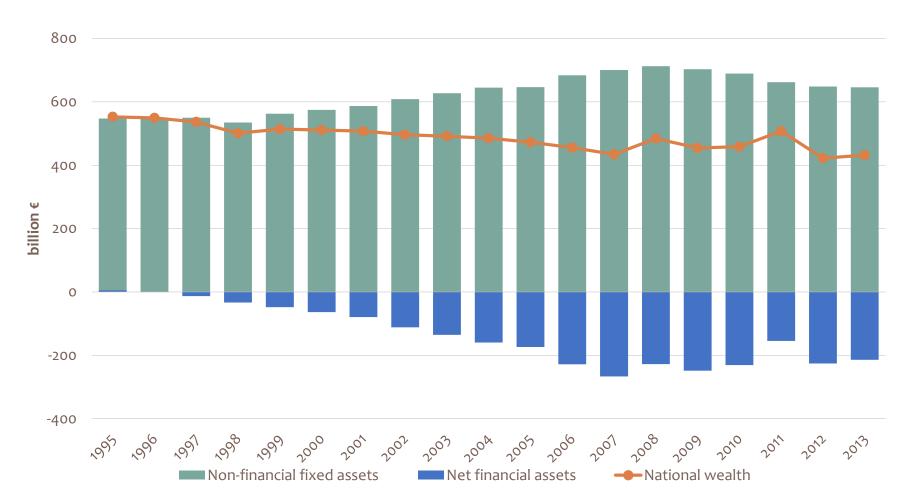


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AVG 2010-2015:

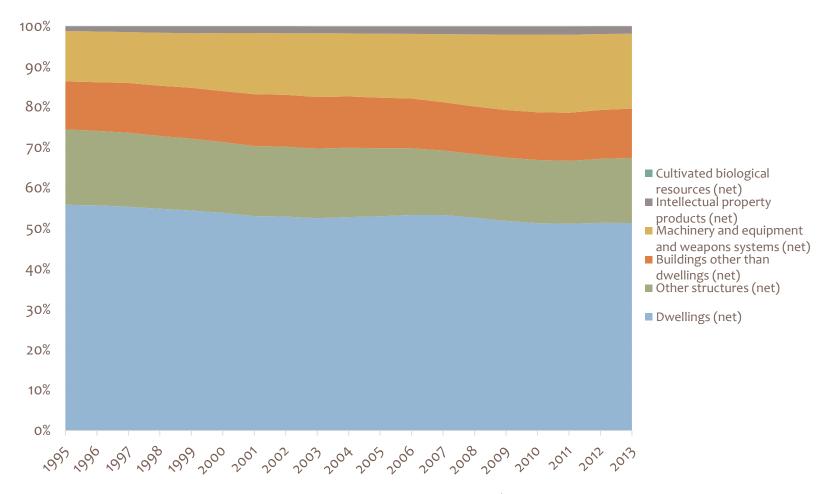
- Greece 13.1%
- Portugal: 16.8%

National wealth of Greece (2010 prices)



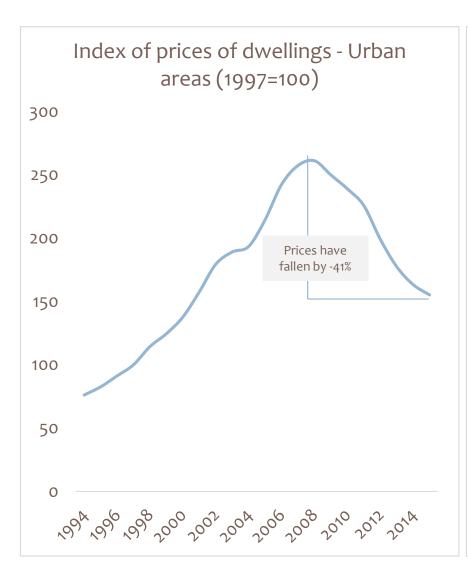
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Composition of Greece's fixed assets



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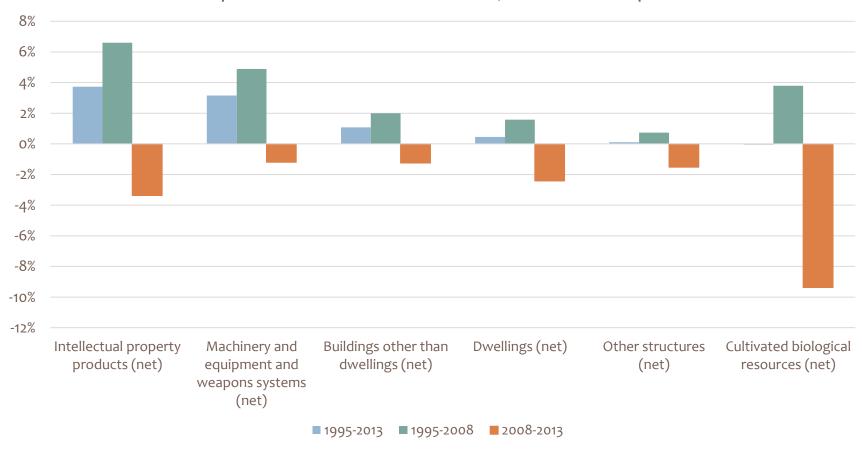
Prices of dwellings





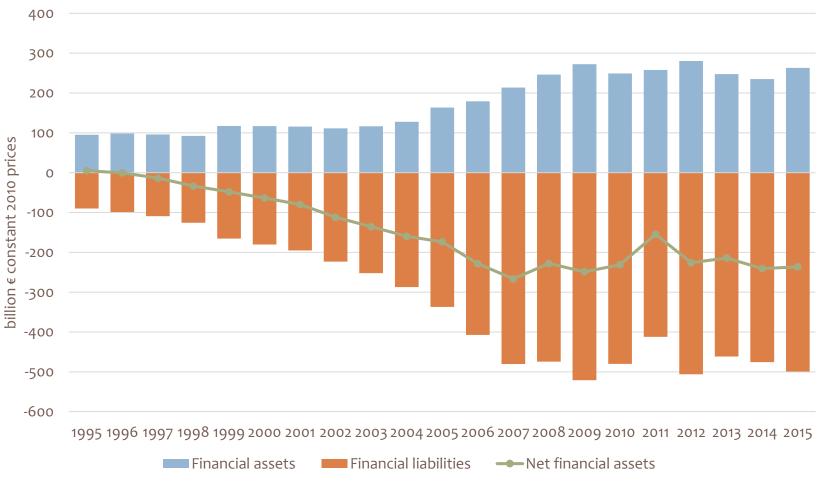
Annual change of fixed asset components before and during the crisis

Fixed Asset Components, Compounded Annual Growth Rates, constant 2010 prices



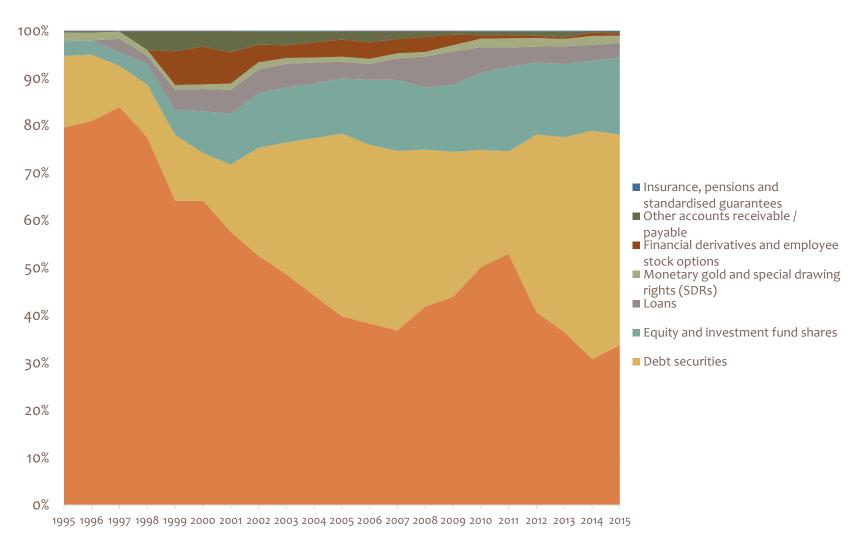
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Net financial assets of Greece with the rest of the world

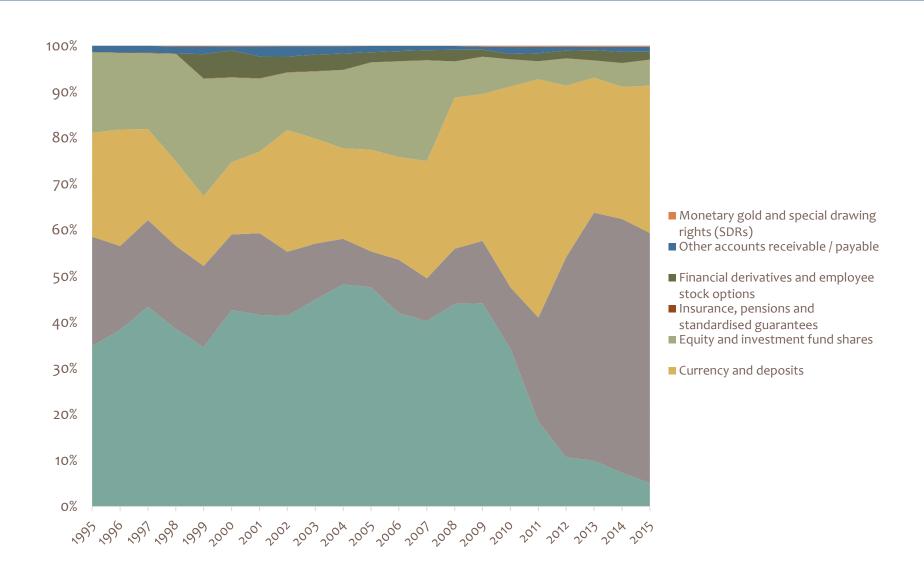


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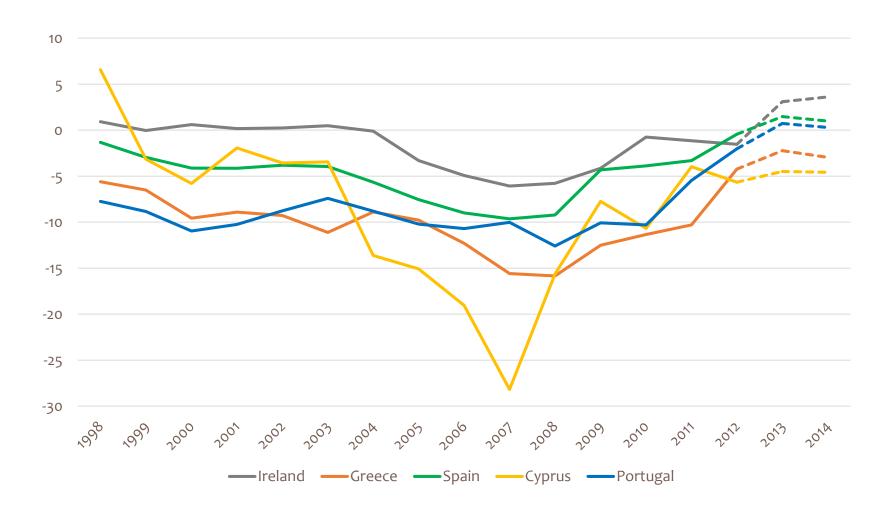
Composition of financial assets



Composition of financial liabilities

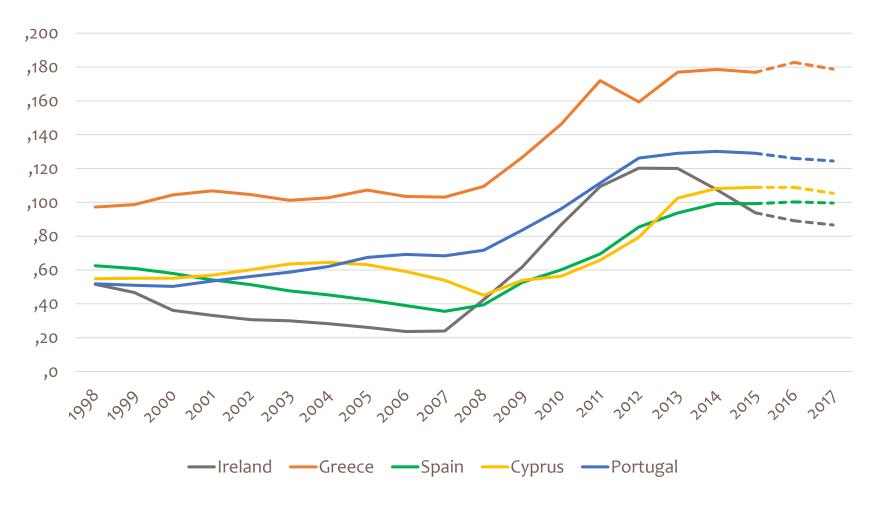


Current Account Balance – Eurozone periphery (% of GDP)



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

Government Debt – Eurozone periphery (% GDP)



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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
 [Risks: (1) political (2) banks (3) Europe]
- Uncertainty is the key ingredient of a continuing vicious cycle.
- The meaning of Eurozone participation for Greece.

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- □ Economic climate indicator
- Quarterly review of the Greek Economy
- Micro level studies (industry, tax, investments)
- Macro level studies
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