

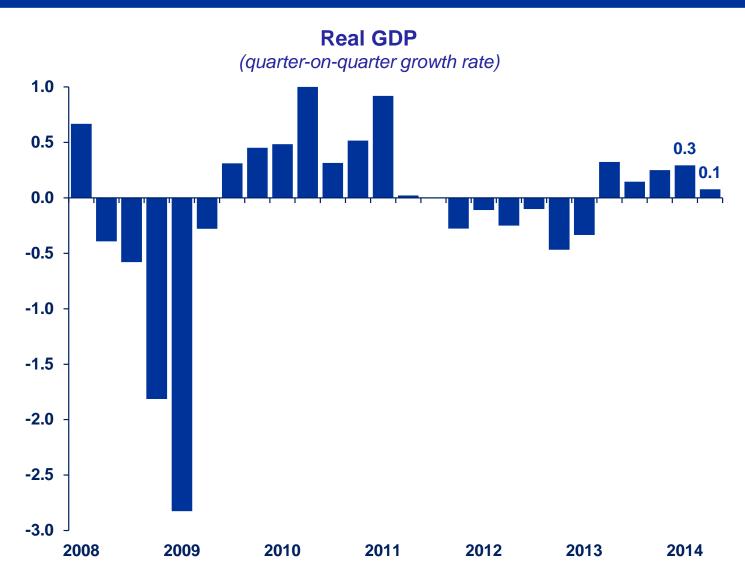
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# **Economic situation** in the euro area

**Euro Summit** 

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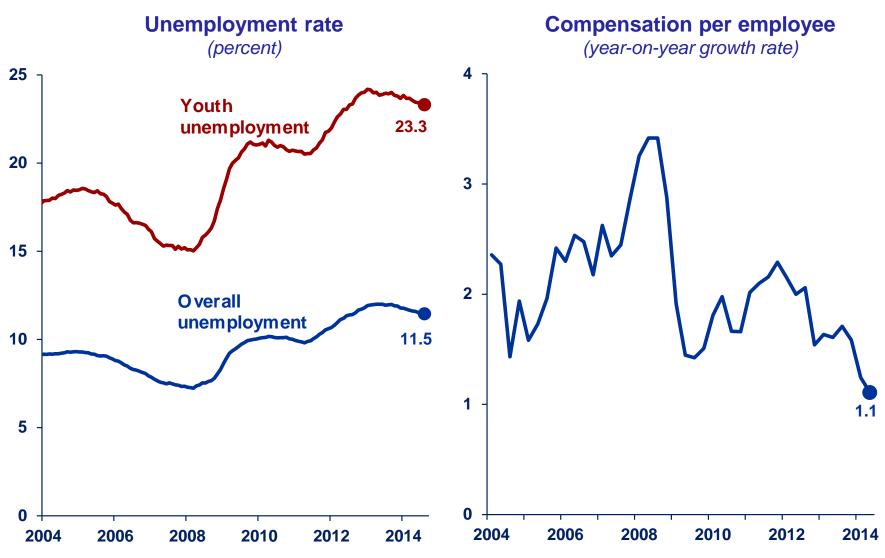
# **Recovery has lost momentum**



Sources: European Commission and Eurostat.

Latest data: 2014Q2.

# **Unemployment remains unacceptably high**



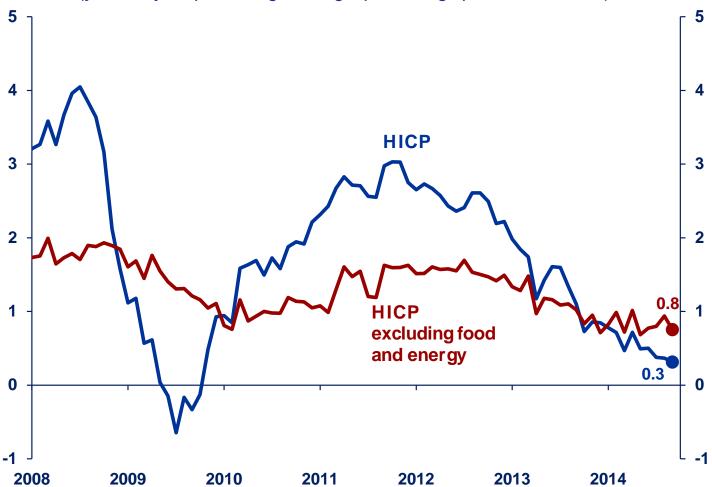
Source: Eurostat.

Latest data: August 2014 for the unemployment rate and 2014Q2 for compensation per employee.

#### Inflation is expected to remain low in the near term

**HICP:** overall and exclusion-based measure

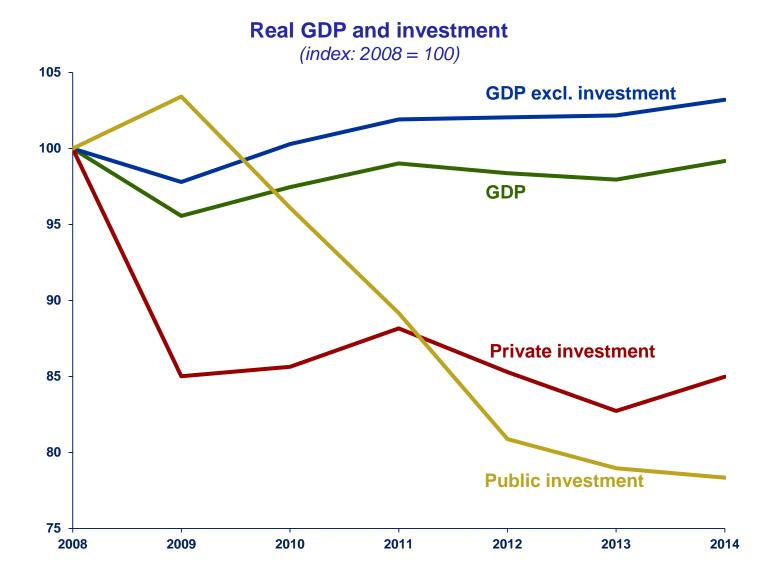
(year-on-year percentage change, percentage point contribution)



Source: Eurostat.

Latest data: September 2014.

# **Confidence key to lift investment**

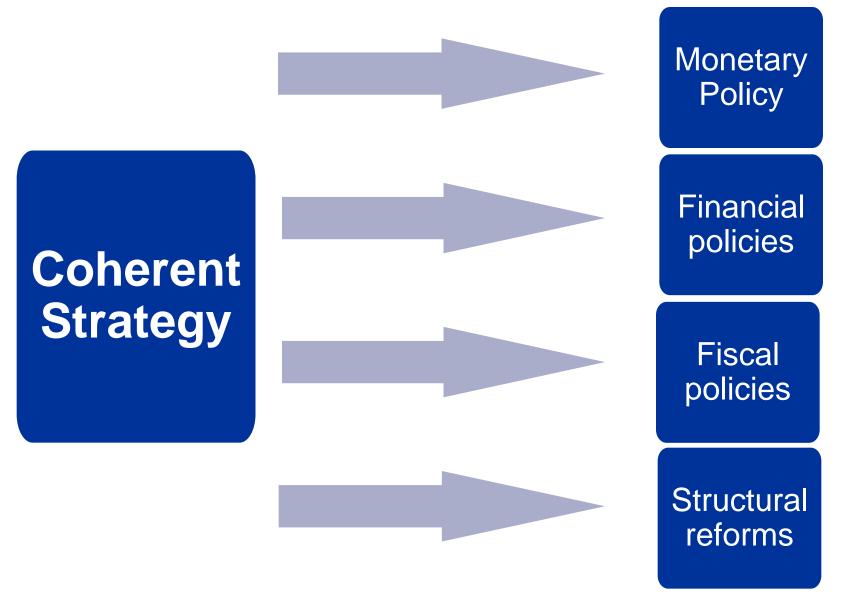


Sources: ECB calculations and European

Commission.

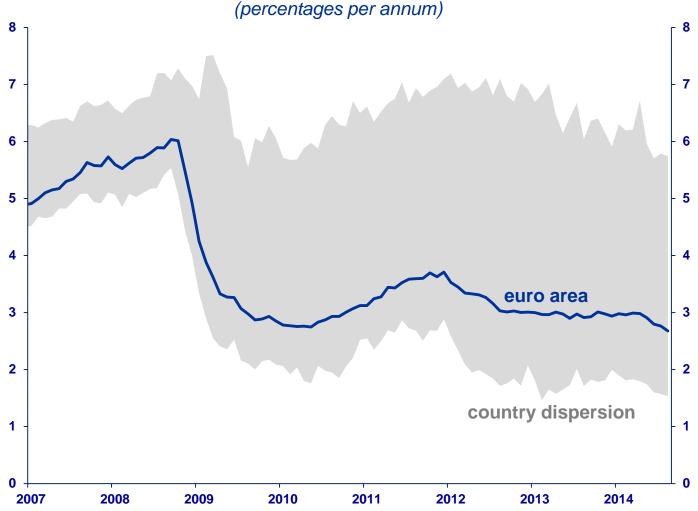
Latest data: 2013 (forecast 2014).

### **Need for a coherent and comprehensive strategy**



### Monetary policy supports financing conditions



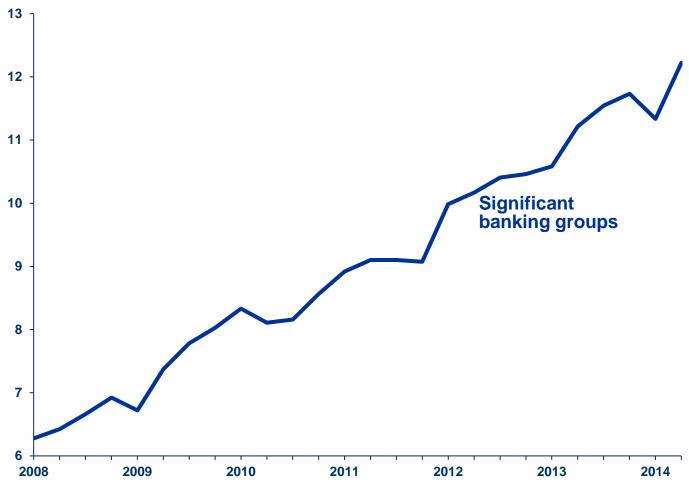


Source: ECB. Latest data: August 2014.

Notes: The country dispersion is calculated as min/max over 18 euro area countries. The indicator is calculated by aggregating short and long-term rates using a 24-month moving average of new business volumes.

### Financial policies restore the resilience of the banking sector

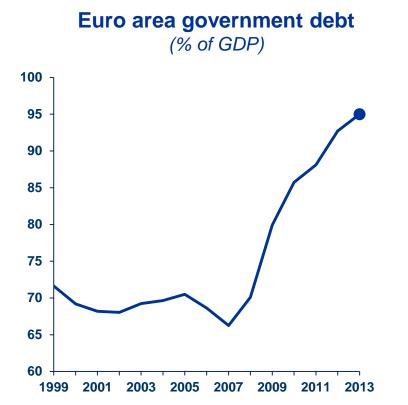




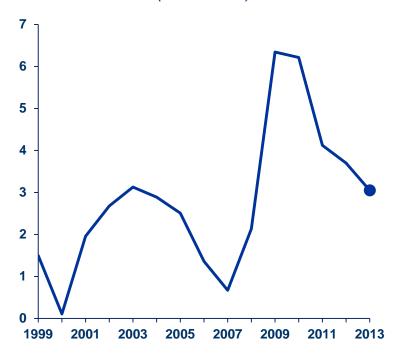
Note: Based on publicly available data on significant banking groups, including large and complex banking groups, which report annual financial statements and on data on a subset of those banks that report on a quarterly basis.

Source: SNL Financial. Latest data: 2014Q2.

### Comprehensive progress towards reducing budgetary imbalances ...



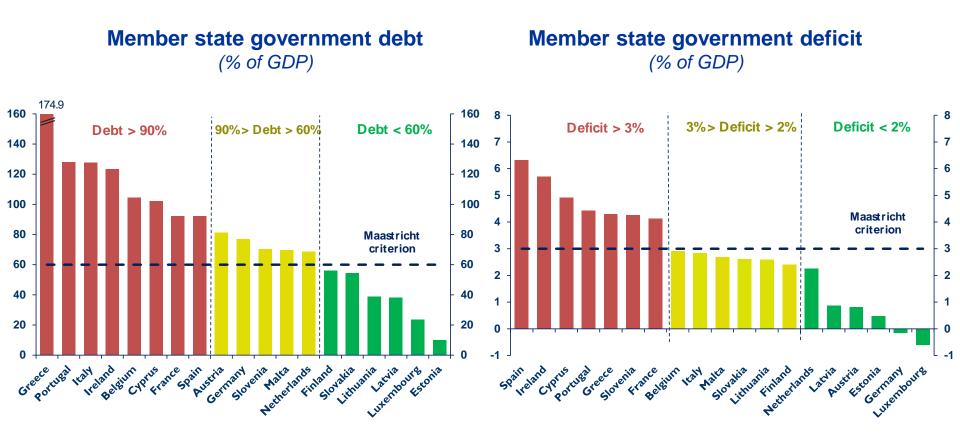




Source: European Commission 2014 spring forecast, ESCB.

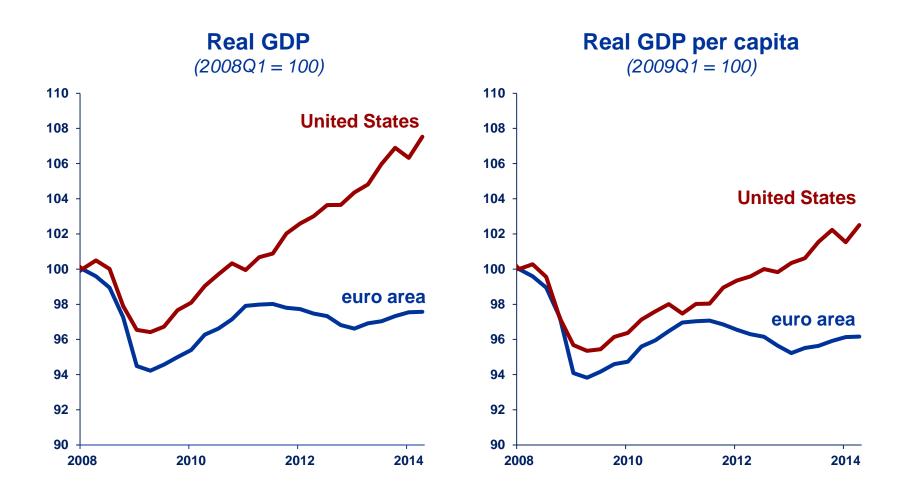
Note: For data-availability reasons, the ratios shown use the older European System of Accounts (ESA 1995) instead of the newer ESA 2010 methodology.

#### ...with fiscal space differing across countries



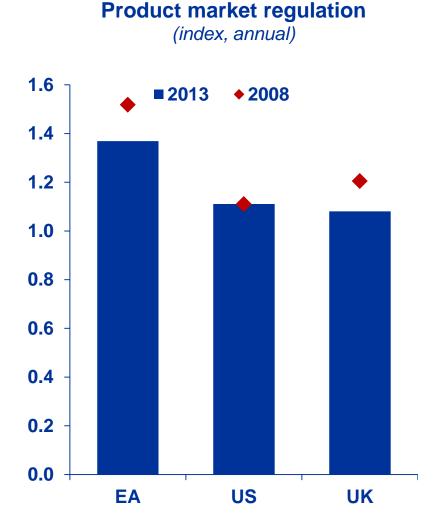
Note: The budget balance is corrected for injections into banks. Data calculated using the ESA 2010 methodology. Source: European Commission 2014 spring forecast, ESCB.

# Need for structural reforms to lift euro area growth

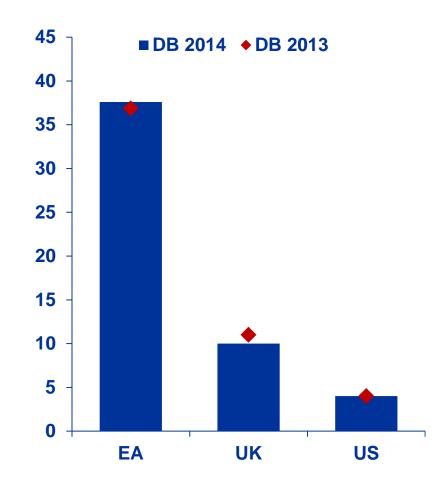


Source: Eurostat and Federal reserve. Latest observation: 2014Q2.

# While structural reforms have advanced, gaps remain



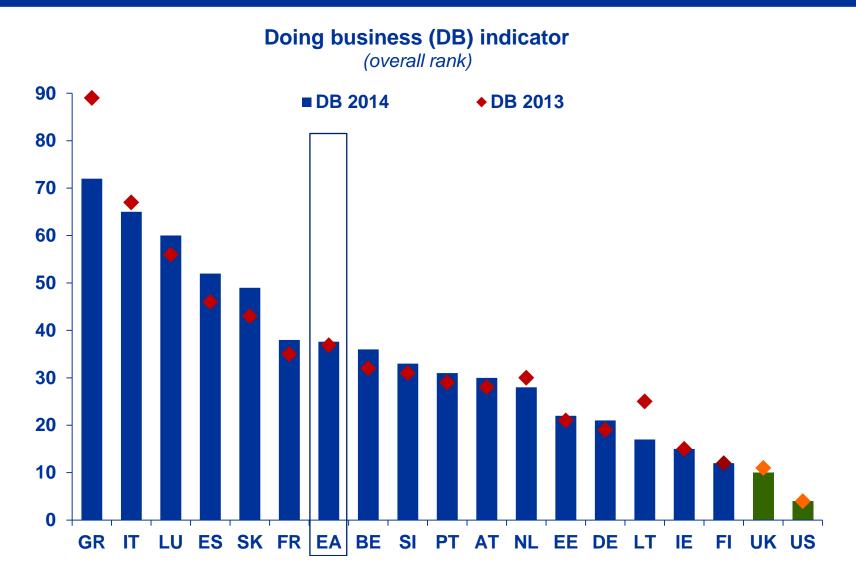




Source: OECD.

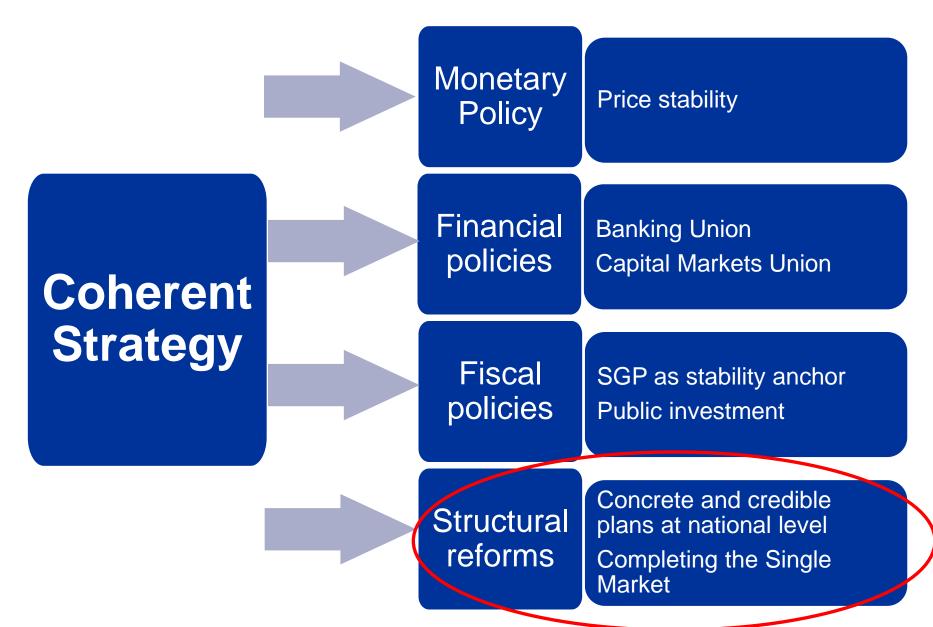
Note: lower values indicate less regulation.

# Strong improvement in business environment is needed



Source: World Bank.

#### **Need for a coherent and comprehensive strategy**



#### **Return of confidence**

Coherent strategy for a sustainable recovery

Further steps towards sharing sovereignty in economic governance