Panel 3: Making European non-financial corporations more resilient
Lessons from the financial and sovereign debt crises

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How did the financial crisis interacted with productivity developments?

- The credit boom before the crisis undermined productivity
- During the crisis productivity was further undermined by
  - Binding financial constraints
  - Reduced efficiency of the financial system
Is Europe’s financial system fit for the future?

- No consensus about the impact of financial structure on growth.
- Equity finance is important in the initial stages of a firm’s life.
- Debt finance is crucial in order to scale up quickly.
- Do different growth stages need different financial structures?
...and your thoughts on...

- What is the impact of an impaired financial system on productivity growth?

- Does the structure of the financial system matter for its efficiency of resource allocation and for productivity growth?

- Does the European financial system provide an adequate offer of external financing options to NFCs?

- How can we make banks more resilient to risk, while also easing credit availability to smaller (and less transparent) firms? How can we balance the medium to long-term objective of diversifying the financial sector (capital markets) against the objective of supporting financial intermediation over the short and medium-term?

- What role can the EIB play in supporting financial sector diversification/strengthening and access to finance for small firms?