



Investment and investment finance in Europe: policy perspective from the European Commission

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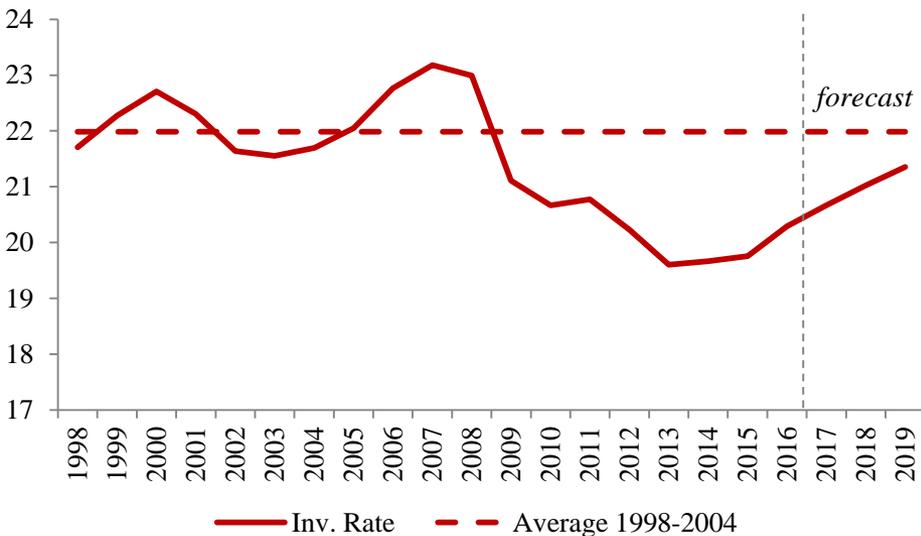
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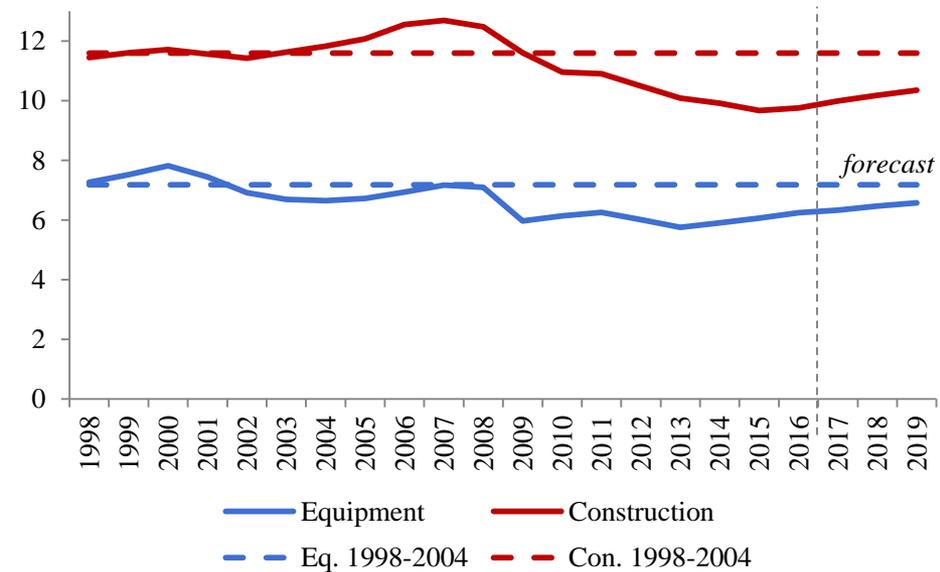
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Is there still an "investment gap" in the euro area?

Total investment rate

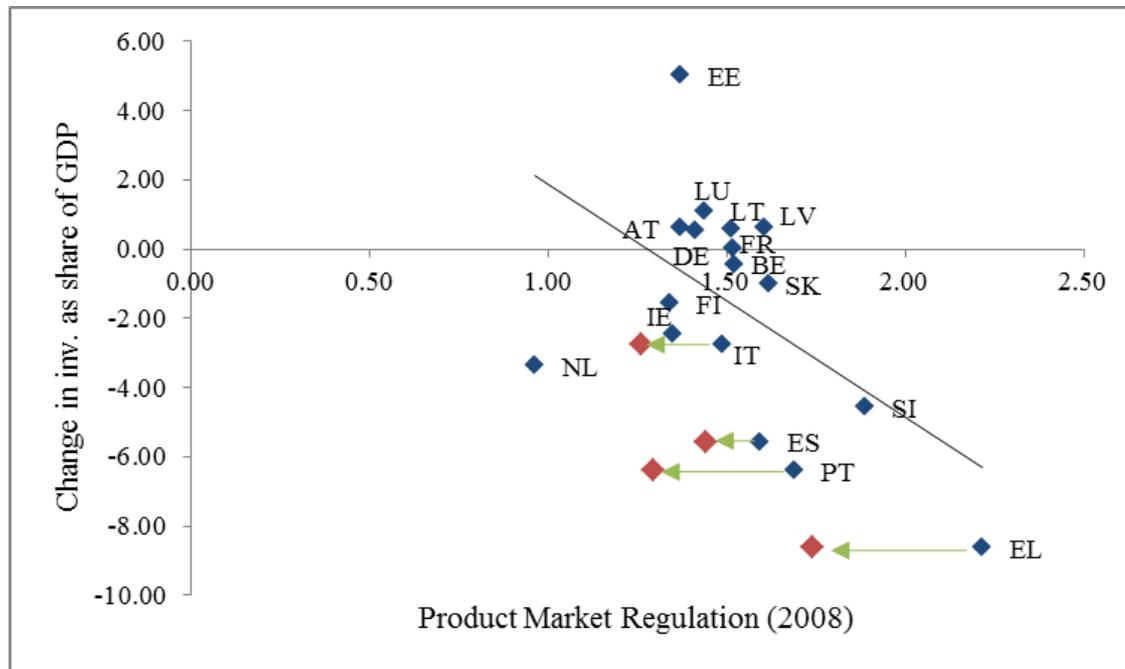


Investment: equipment vs. construction



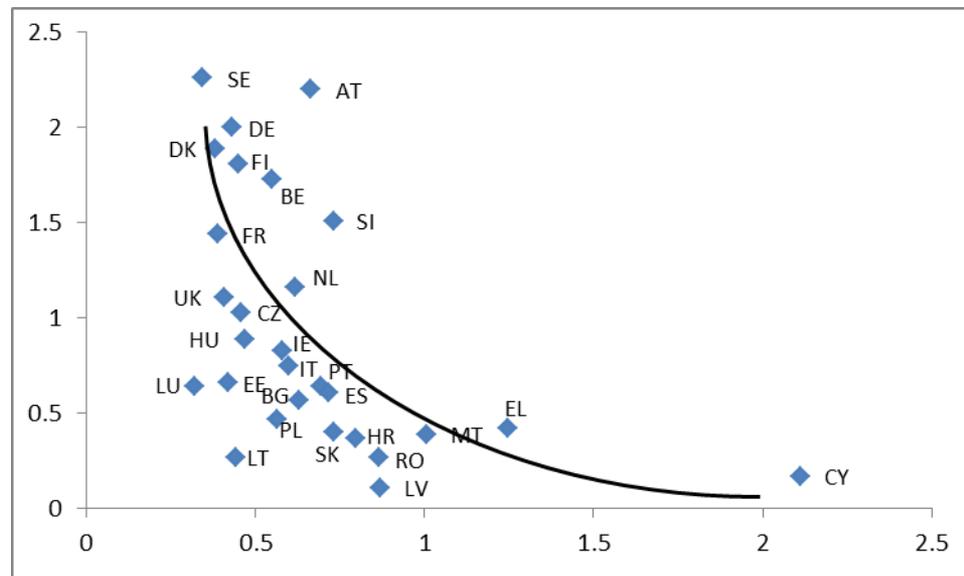
Note: Investment as a share of GDP. Data for euro area excluding Malta. Construction includes both residential and non-residential investment. Source: AMECO

Investment and resilience



Source: European Commission Economic Forecast, Autumn 2017 and OECD. The red dots refer to PMR in 2013 for the selected countries.

Lower R&D investment where firms are more bank-dependent



Note. Horizontal axis: ratio of Loans / debt securities and equity for the corporate non-financial sector. Vertical axis: Expenditure in R&D of the business sector (%GDP). 2016 data (for FR, UK and PL: 2015). Source: AMECO and Eurostat.

Policies at EU and National level

	EU-level	National level
Financing investment in innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMU • EFSI / EFSI2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address NPL and banking weaknesses • Foster alternative sources of finance
Fostering structural reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGP investment clause • Investment protection scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress in addressing CSRs
Removing regulatory obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better regulation agenda • Completing the Single Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative simplification