



Greek Economic Outlook: The Current State of Affairs after the pending agreement

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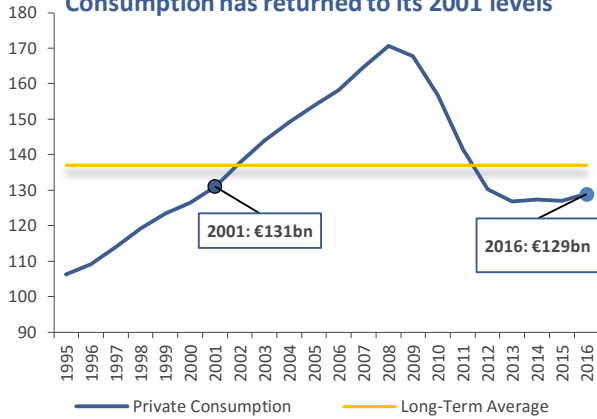


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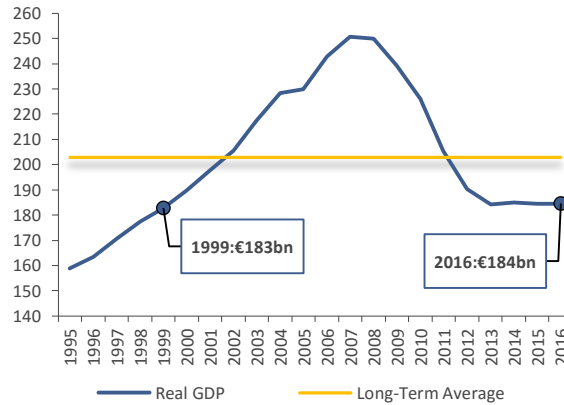
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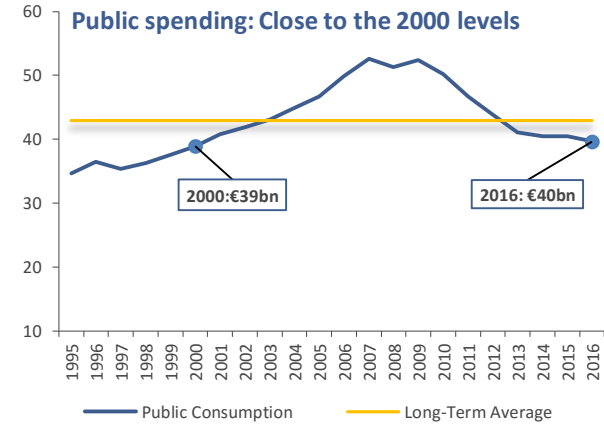
Consumption has returned to its 2001 levels



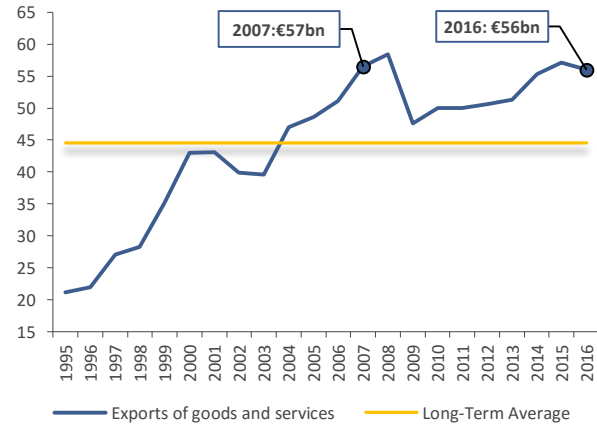
GDP is back to 1999



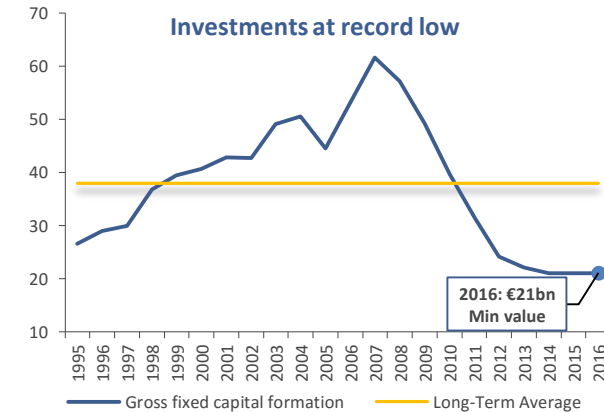
Public spending: Close to the 2000 levels



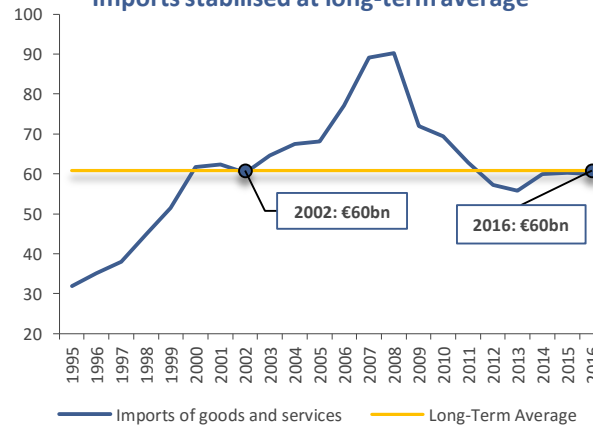
Exports are on the rebound due to Tourism



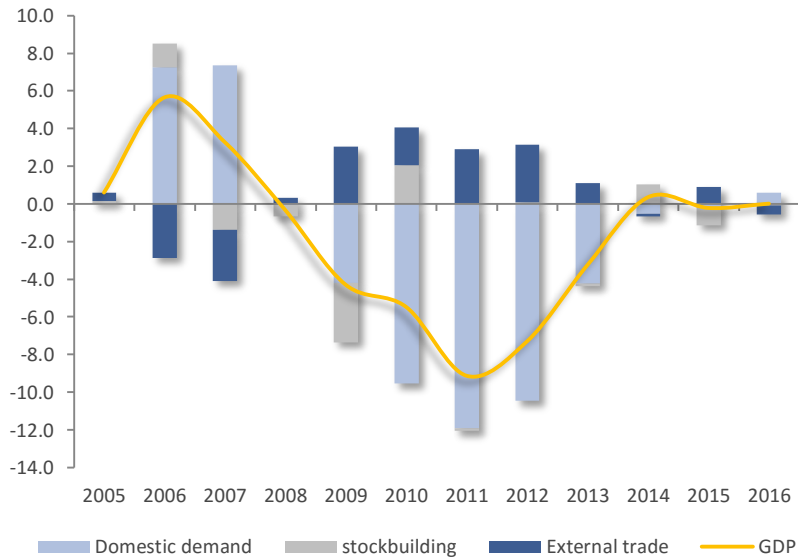
Investments at record low



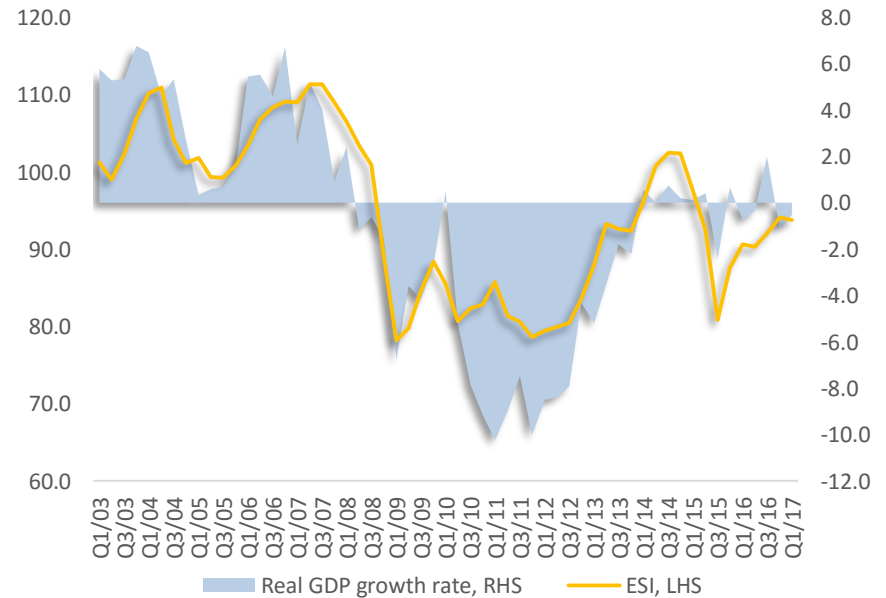
Imports stabilised at long-term average



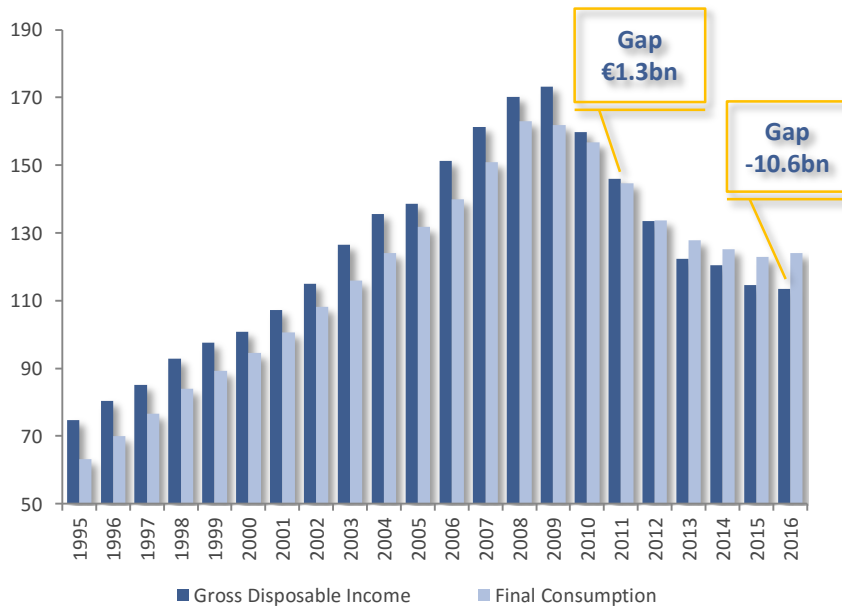
Contribution to GDP growth rate



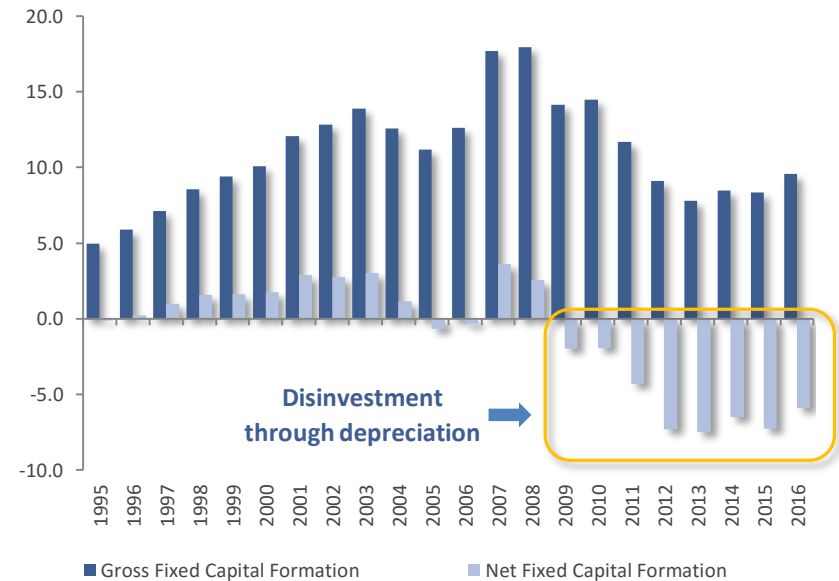
ESI vs GDP Growth Rate



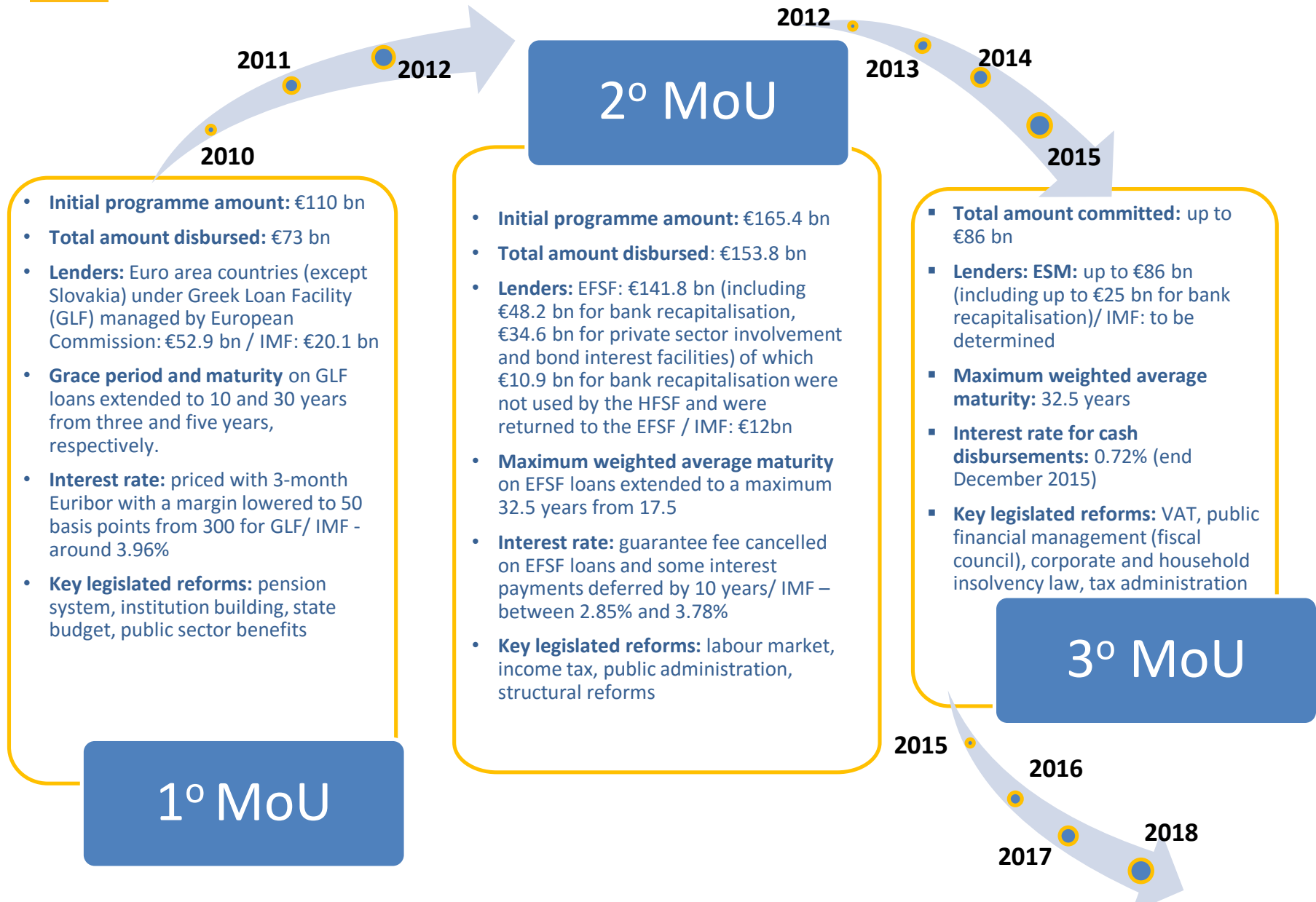
Households Disposable Income vs Private Consumption (€ bn, current prices)



Non Financial Corporations Net vs Gross Fixed Capital Formation (€ bn, current prices)







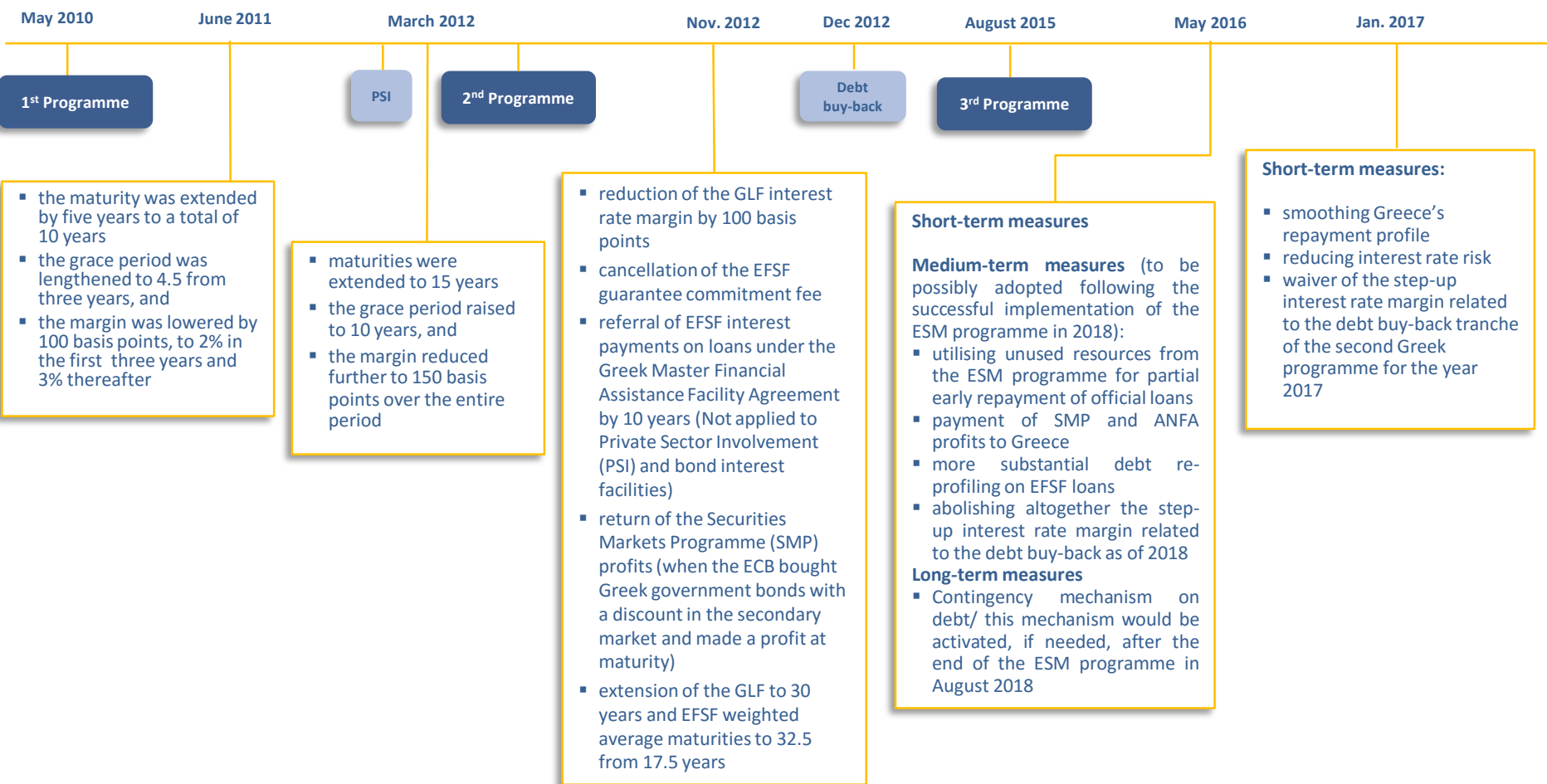
The first European assistance instrument, known as the Greek Loan Facility (GLF), was amended in June 2011

This change was replaced by the second amendment in March 2012

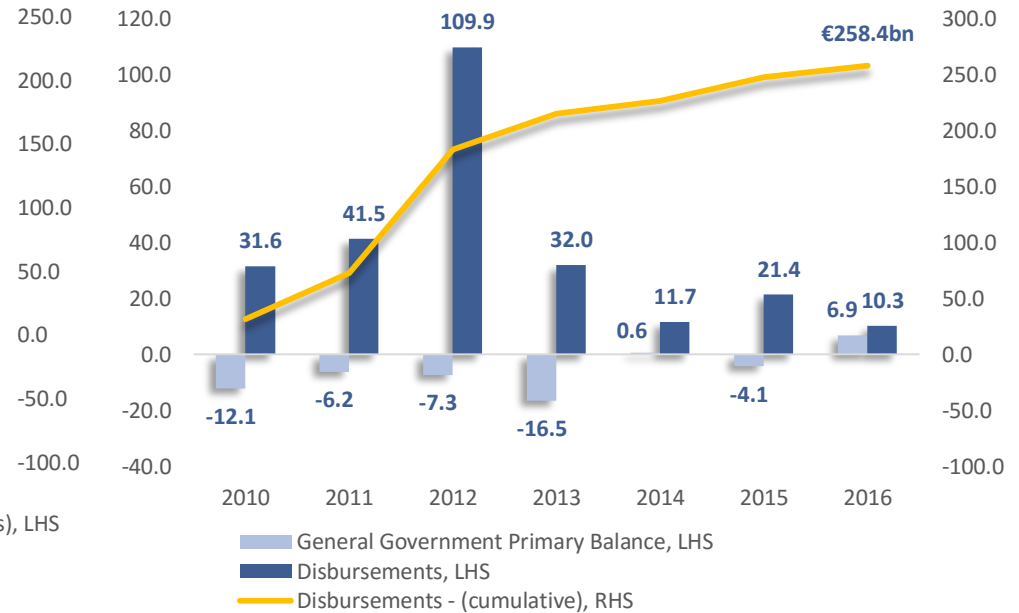
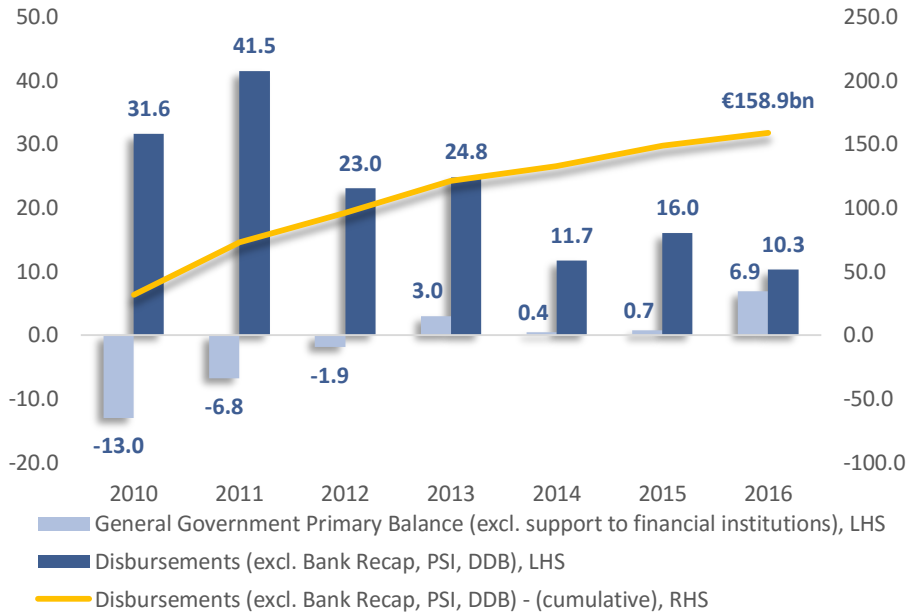
In November 2012 the 2nd programme introduced additional debt alleviation measures on the GLF and EFSF loans

Debt relief measures agreed by the Eurogroup meeting on 25 May 2016

The governing bodies of the ESM & the EFSF formally completed the approval process of the short-term measures



Primary Balances Vs Programme Disbursements (€ bn)



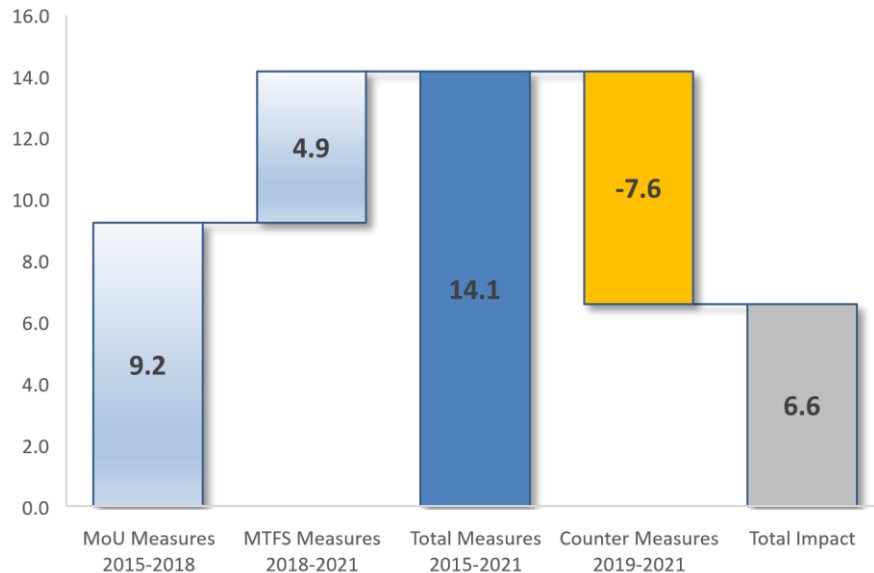
Expected over performance in fiscal targets has led to the introductions of the “countermeasures” in order to hedge the risks from excessive policy tightening



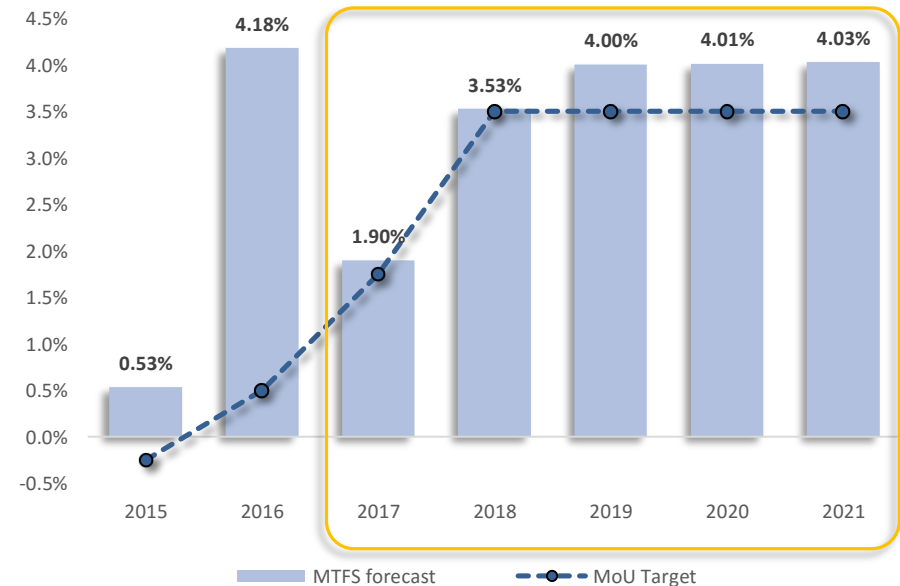
In the context of the MTF5 2018-2021, the new fiscal consolidation measures of €4.9 bn, bring the total cumulative amount of legislative measures to € 14.1 bn by 2021. However in an effort to manage potential over-performance and mitigation of the negative effects from excessive surpluses, the MTF5 also introduces counter measures of up to € 7.6 bn.

A combination of higher revenues and lower spending has led to a spectacular over performance (vs fiscal targets) in 2016. From 2018, fiscal targets are becoming even more daring.

Fiscal Consolidation Measures legislated (in € bn)



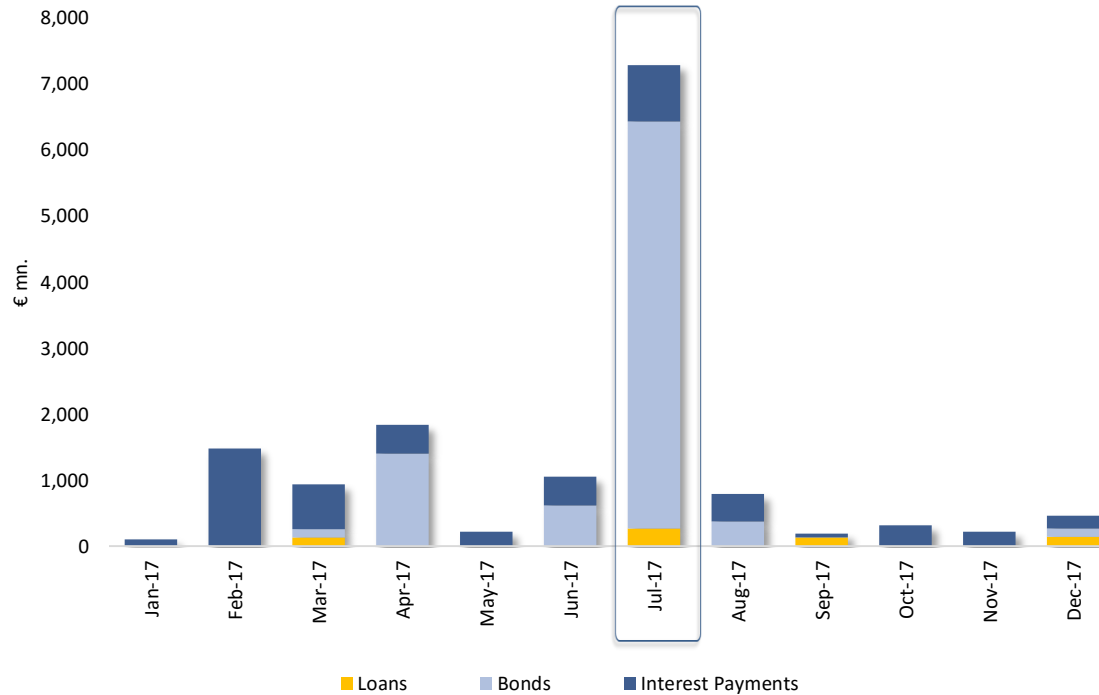
Primary Balance based on MoU definition (% of GDP)



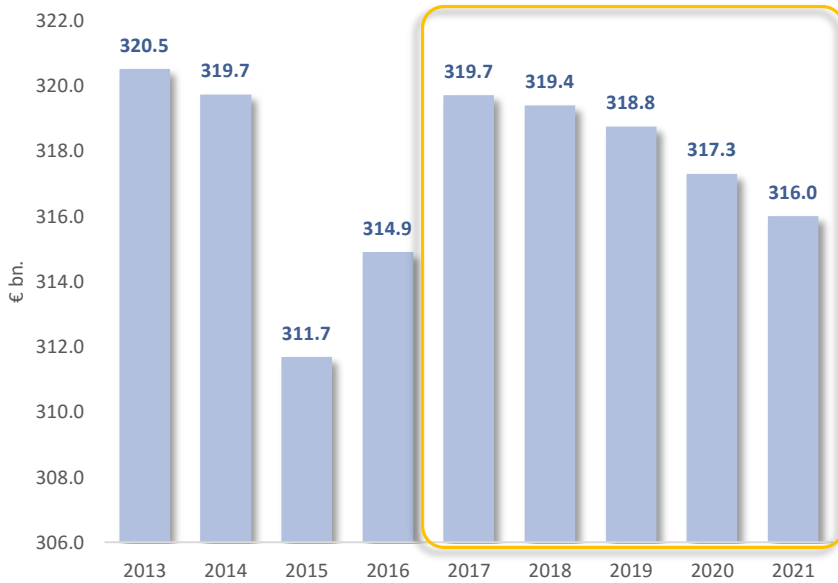
	Scenario	IMF	QE	Funding	Implication
An IMF-Type Solution	Concrete & Quantifiable Measures on Greek Debt	Full Participation	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No-Grexit Speculation ○ Restoration of Confidence ○ Full Visibility
A German-Type Solution	Vague Statements on Future Actions on Greek Debt	Token Participation	?	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited Visibility ○ Temporary Reprieve
An EU-Only Solution	New Negotiations on a New Programme (MoU)	No-Participation	?	?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Renewed Speculation on Greece ○ No-Visibility ○ Possible reversal of recently legislated measures

A spike in redemptions always acts as a natural time limit to the negotiations.

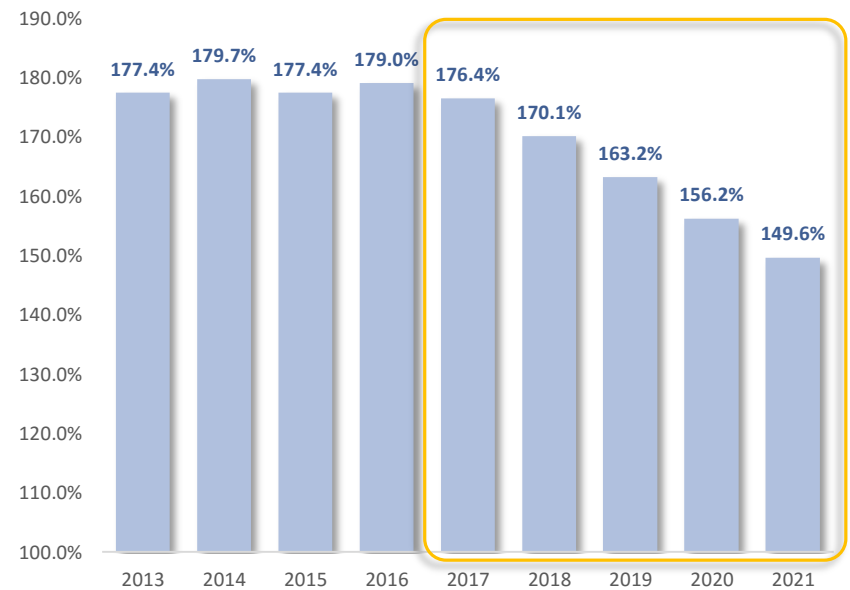
Bonds & Loans Maturities, 2017 (€ mn)



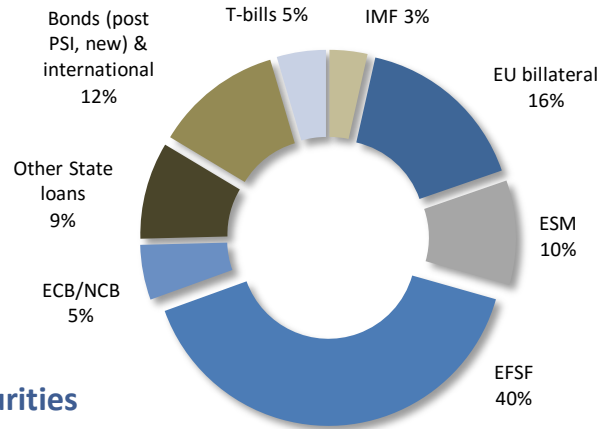
**General Government consolidated
Gross Debt (€ bn)**



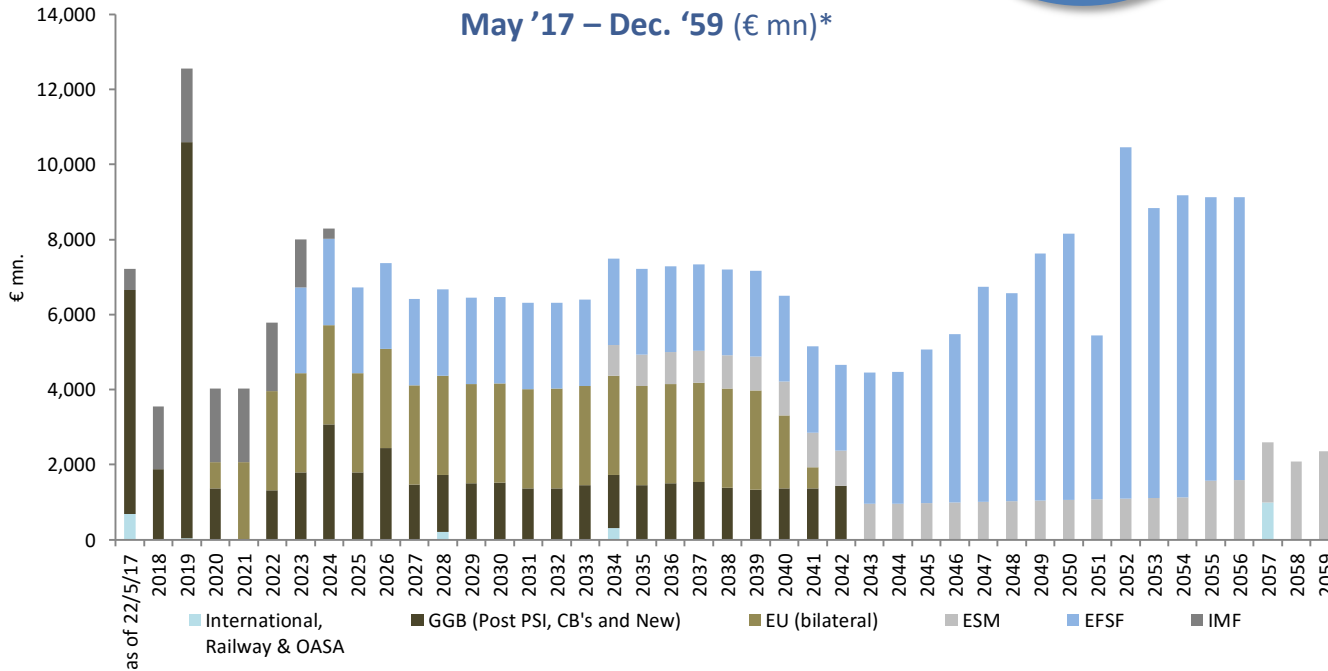
**General Government consolidated
Gross Debt (as % of GDP)**



Debt distribution by holder 84% held by the official sector



Bonds & Loans Maturities
May '17 – Dec. '59 (€ mn)*



*Figures do not include T-bills and approx. €29 bn related to Bank of Greece loans, special and bilateral loans, other internal and external loans, repos and external securitizations as well as notes amounting to €2.2 bn of the total €5.4bn that have been disbursed for funding bank recapitalization are not included. This later amount was disbursed pro rata in ESM floating rate notes and the final maturity will be in line with the maximum weighted average loan maturity of 32.5 years.

On 28/02/2017, €1.6 billion from the amount disbursed on 01/12/2015, and €1.6 billion from amount disbursed on 08/12/2015 were merged into a new cash loan (Amortisation from 2055 to 2059)



Greece needs to reorient itself from a consumption-based to an **export-based** economy

Greece has a number of competitive advantages but **needs to move up** the Value Added Chain

In several sectors and for a variety of reasons, a **massive consolidation process** has started

More funding, either in the form of equity or loans, will be required

Greece is facing regulatory pressures to **liberalize and privatize** a number of sectors

Greek banks have committed to **reduce NPLs** and **restructure** their balance sheets

Emerging Trends & Opportunities

Emphasis on **export-oriented** sectors: Tourism, farming, food processing, oil refining, basic metals & minerals, chemicals, pharmaceuticals

Even in sectors with a competitive advantage Greece needs **infrastructure upgrades**, i.e. 5-star resorts, yachting, conversion centers, marketing & branding

In sectors with less stellar prospects such as retail and wholesale trade, fish-farming, passenger shipping, telecoms, **consolidation** will **create sectoral champions** with improved margins

Privatized assets & natural resources development will require substantial investment (equity or loans)

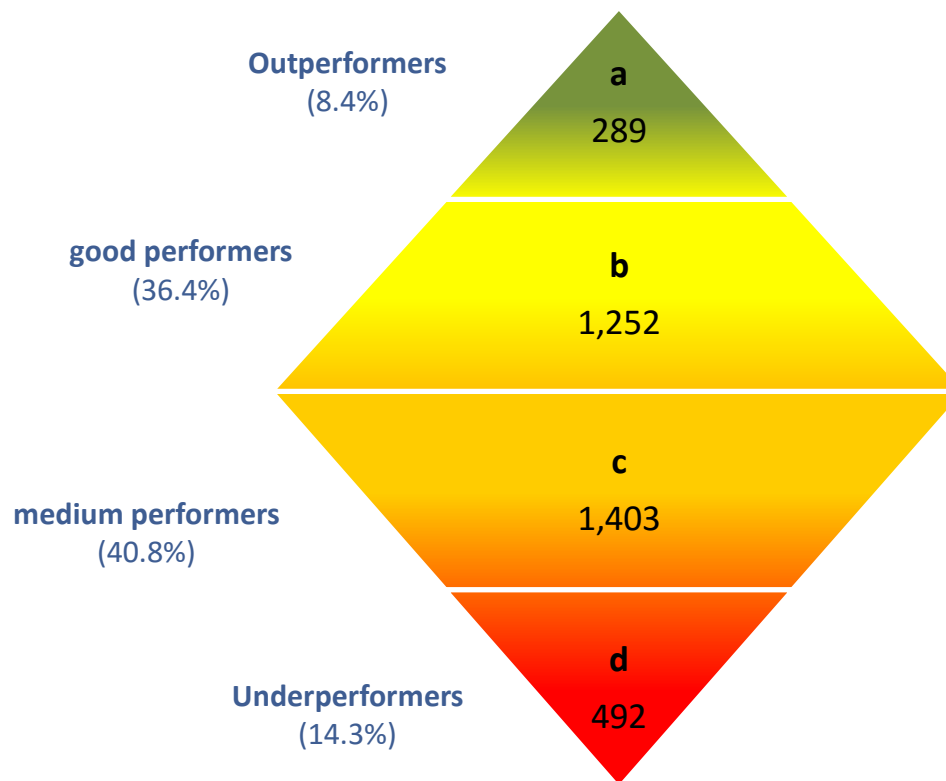
Clusters can be created around **privatized assets**, i.e. ship-repair zone, logistics, cargo management, cruise tourism

Regulatory pressures to **liberalize industries** such as electricity, natural gas, waste processing & management, renewable energy

Banks commitment to **reduce NPLs** & Non Core Assets will create opportunities in real estate, insurance and leasing, hotels and in over-indebted but viable companies

The implementation of the rating system for enterprises ERS to a sample of 3,436 enterprises revealed that in 2015 **the structure of the Greek entrepreneurship resembles the shape of a rhomboid**. The majority of the enterprises are good (“b”) and medium (“c”) performers with percentages of 36.4% and 40.8% respectively. Outperforming enterprises (“a”) account for only 8.4% whereas underperforming ones (“d”) for 14.3% of our sample.

Enterprises per final ERS rating, 2015



Enterprises unrated based on the initial sample, 2015

with non-calculable ratios:
3,496

Outside the acceptable ratio limits:
2,352

Profile of the average enterprise per final ERS rating, 2015

Outperformer “a”

- Outperformance in terms of profitability relative to sales
- High levels of efficiency with the EBITDA margin amounting to 24.8% and the return on equity to 20.6% on average
- Low levels of leverage, since its debt only amounts to half of equity
- High liquidity, with current assets covering around 3.8 times current liabilities

Good performer “b”

- Lower, but satisfactory level of liquidity, since the current assets amount to 2.5 times the current liabilities
- More conservative, but satisfactory level of operating profitability, with EBITDA margin at 15.2%
- Profitable efficiency of equity, with the return on equity at 13.8%
- Adequate debt service ability, since EBITDA covers financial expenses by 11.4 times
- Higher debt levels, as liabilities exceed equity by 1.3 times

Medium performer “c”

- Low levels of efficiency and profitability, since the return on equity is limited to 4.1% and the EBITDA margin to 6.8%
- High net debt level, which exceeds EBITDA by 13.2 times
- Low level of debt servicing, since EBITDA covers financial expenses by 3.3 times
- Satisfactory, but limited liquidity, with current assets covering current liabilities by 1.5 times

Underperformer “d”

- Obvious financial problems
- Loss making, with EBITDA margin at -7.6%.
- Inefficient management of equity, with a negative return on equity at -16.1%
- Liquidity difficulties, since the current liabilities exceed the current assets (current ratio: 0.8 times)
- Overleveraged, with debt 3.8 times higher than equity and net debt 24.5 times higher than EBITDA

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