

"The currency union and financial integration"

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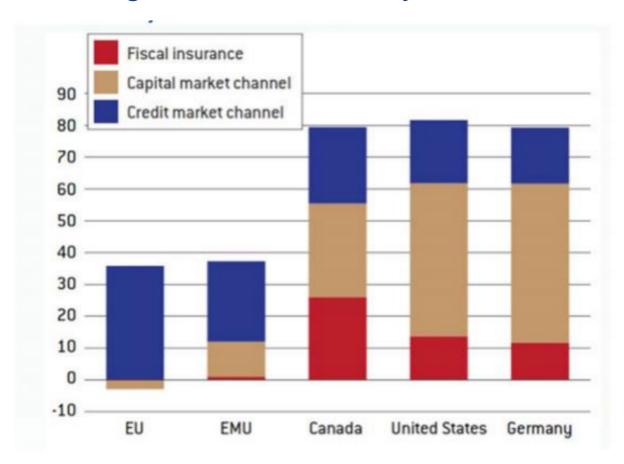
Firewalls against the crisis: ESM and EFSF

- Maximum lending capacity of €700 bn
 - Total disbursed to five countries so far: €262 bn
 - Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Cyprus, Greece
- Four success stories:
 - Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Cyprus have exited programmes
 - Greece is a special case
 - It entered a new programme of up to €86 bn last year



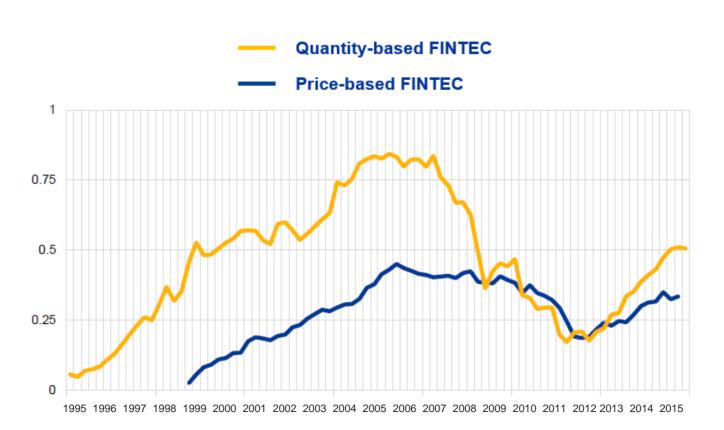
Insurance against income shocks in EMU remains low

Percentage of shock smoothed by different channels





ECB indicator of financial integration in euro area

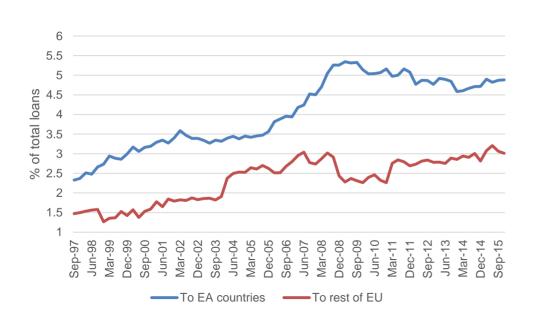


Note: The price-based FINTEC aggregates ten indicators covering the main market segments such as money, bonds, equities and banking. The input series measure price dispersion in EA countries. The quantity based FINTEC aggregates five indicators, covering intra-EA cross border holdings expressed as a % of EA total holdings. The FINTEC is bounded between zero (full fragmentation) and one (full integration). Increases in the indicators signal higher financial integration. Source: ECB

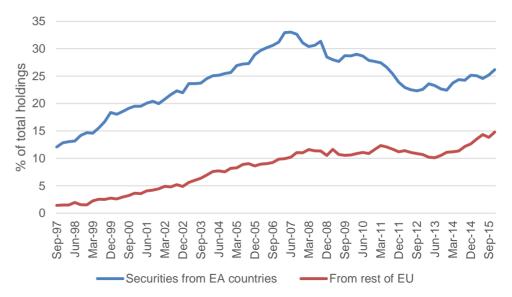


Cross-border activites of euro area banks are on the rise

Cross-border loans



Cross-border holdings of securities



Source: ECB



Cross-country dispersion on interest rates

Interest rates on MFI deposits for households in euro area

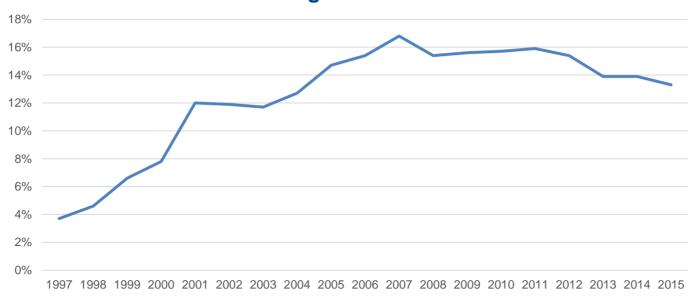


Note: Chart shows standard deviation of interest rates on MFI deposits for households in euro area. Source: ECB



Cross-border banking assets are still trending down

Share of EA cross-border bank assets in total EA banking sector assets



Source: ECB



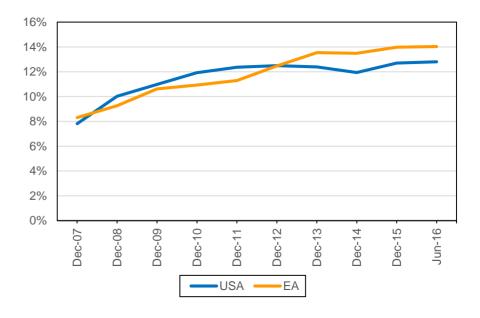
European banks are catching up with the US

Profitability is returning ...



Return on Equity. Source: Standard and Poor's (SNL Financial), banks' annual reports, ESM calculations

... and capital ratios have continued to increase...

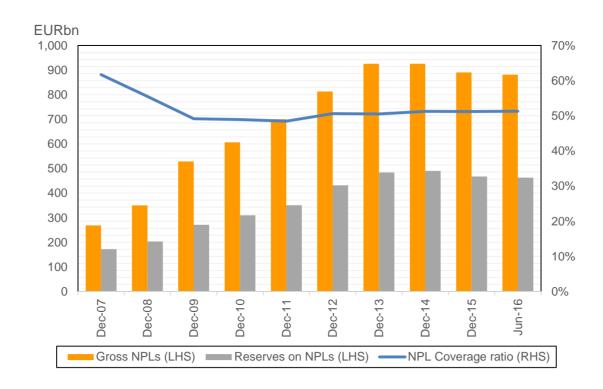


Tier 1 Ratio. Source: Standard & Poor's (SNL Financial), banks' annual reports, ESM calculations



Europe: Non-Performing Loans are stalling at a high level...

... but provisions cover more than half



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