### **EUROPEAN STABILITY MECHANISM**



# Kalin Anev Janse, ESM Secretary General "A crucial year for Europe!"

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### A CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL WORLD

An Unending Trade
War Leaves Wall Street
Jittery

'No-Deal' Brexit Returns to Forefront of Debate

Populist tide rises but fails to flood EU

Brexit claims new victim as May bows to inevitable

Trump calls European Union a 'foe' - ahead of Russia and China

**EUROPE** 

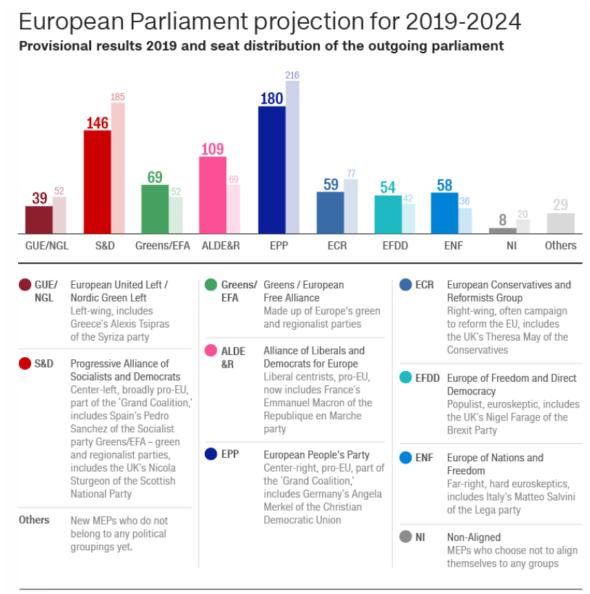
Pro-EU Parties to Hold Majority in European Parliament

China Sees Protracted Trade War With the U.S.



### OUTCOME OF THE SECOND LARGEST DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THE WORLD

- 400+ million eligible voters
- People care highest voter turnout in 20 years (over 50%)
- Pro-European mainstream parties continue to dominate the EP
- No landslide win for populist, three
   Eurosceptic parties up from 20% to 22%
- Absolute majority with just center-left and center-right no longer possible
- EP more fragmented and multi-party majorities needed



## WAS THE OUTCOME A SURPRISE?

NO!

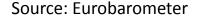


## Three quarters people in Euro Area in favour of Euro

340 million Europeans use it every day

More than 30% of Euro area citizens never used another currency than the Euro

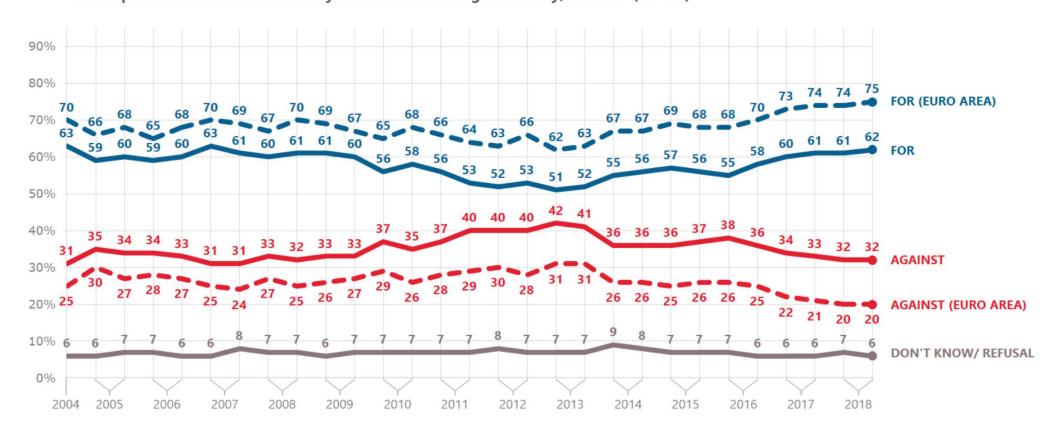




### SUPPORT FOR EURO HIGHEST SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN 1999

QA15.1 What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell me for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.

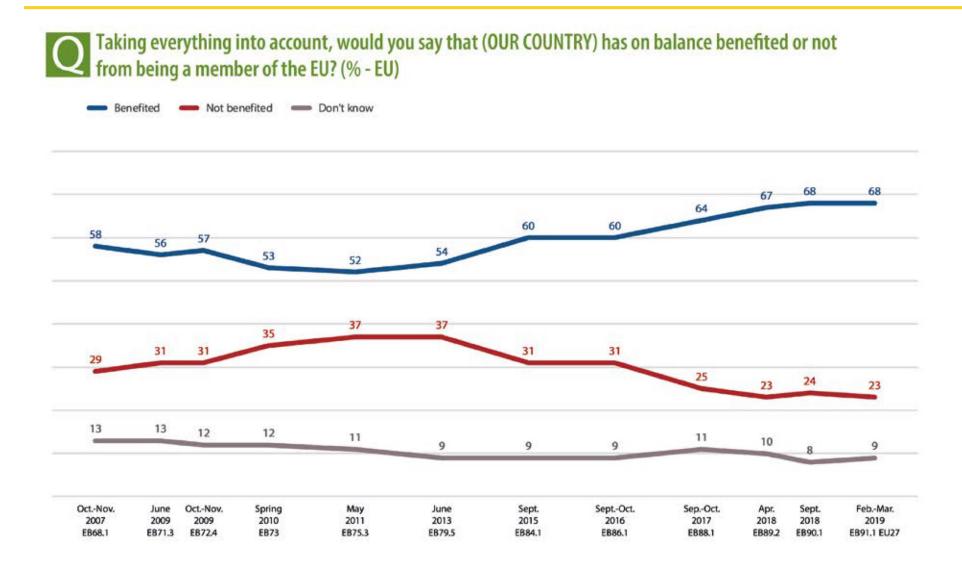
A European economic and monetary union with one single currency, the euro (% - EU)





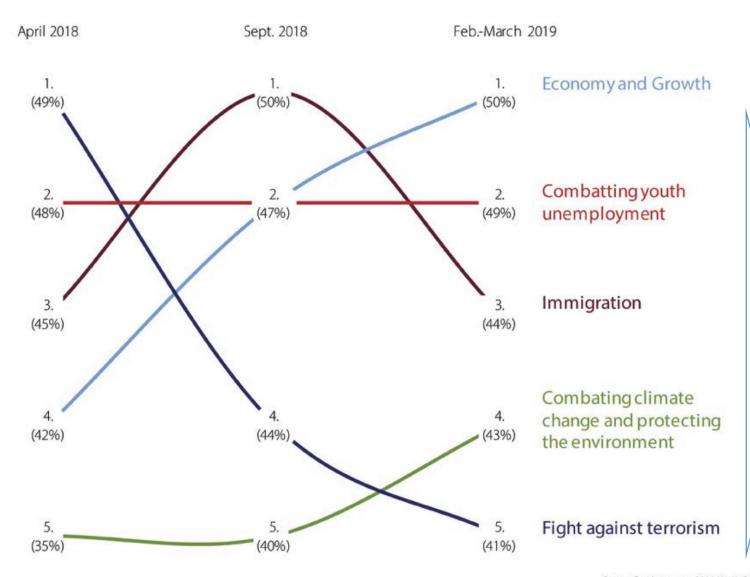


### SUPPORT FOR EU AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 1983





### WHAT ARE EUROPEANS WORRIED ABOUT?



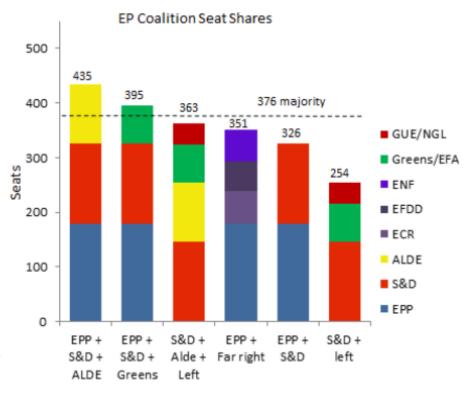
### Important topics for us:

- Deepen Economic and Monetary Union; CMU (make Europe more prosperous)
- Focus on safety and security (migration is a cross border issue)
- Strengthen in ESG (rise of Greens and student movements)



### EUROPE'S CRUCIAL YEAR: WHAT TO WATCH THE NEXT WEEKS AND MONTHS

- Coalition majority in Parliament
- European Commission President
- 27 remaining Commissioners
- European Council president Tusk's term ends in November
- ECB president end of year, half of the Executive Board changes
- A new and fresh group of leaders will be in charge of taking Europe forward through the tumultuous and unpredictable global landscape.



Source: European Parliament, Kantar, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research



## WE CAME A LONG WAY



#### HOW THE EURO CRISIS – BIGGEST CRISIS IN 80 YEARS TIME - WAS OVERCOME

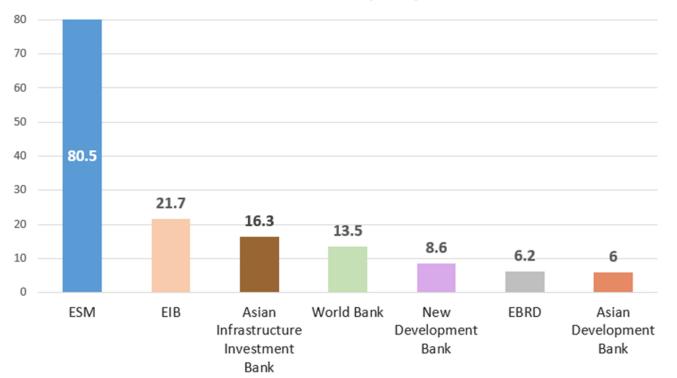
### Five essential measures that helped overcome the euro crisis:

- 1. Establishing a crisis mechanism
- 2. Reducing vulnerabilities, implementing reforms
- 3. Strengthening governance of euro area
- 4. Improving resilience of European banking system
- 5. Conducting an active monetary policy



#### THE ESM – MOST CAPITALISED IFI IN THE WORLD

## Paid-in capital of major international financial institutions (€ bn)



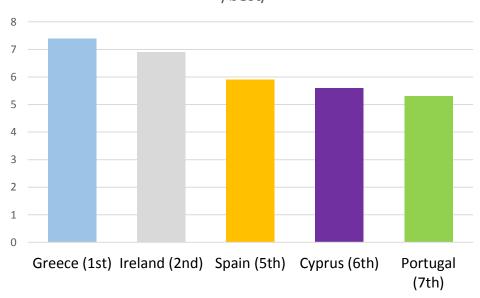
- FFSF created in 2010
- ESM has a capital of over €700
   billion, €80.5 billion of which is paid in. Created in 2012.
- EFSF/ESM combined disbursed €295
   bn in loans (three times more than the IMF) and issued €300 bn+ in bonds. 1600+ investors
- €32.5 bn issuance this year
- Follow "Cash for reform" approach.
   Greece saves €12bn annual or almost 6% GDP



### EFSF/ESM PROGRAMME COUNTRIES ARE THE REFORM CHAMPIONS

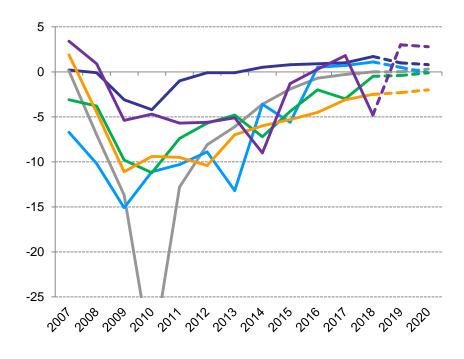
## **Greece and Ireland** ranked highest in overall measure of 4 key medium-term adjustment criteria

## Overall adjustment (scale from 0 /worst/ to 10 /best/



Source: "Adjustment Progress Indicator" in Euro Plus Monitor 2017 published by the Lisbon Council. The ranking comprised the 28 EU countries; Latvia and Romania are ranked 3rd and 4th, respectively.

#### Fiscal balance in programme countries (% of GDP)

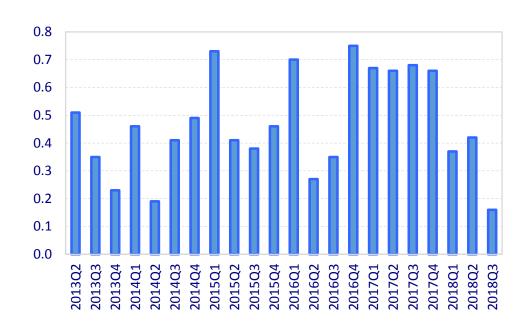


Source: European Commission Economic Forecast –Spring 2019 \*Actual figure for Ireland in 2010: -32%

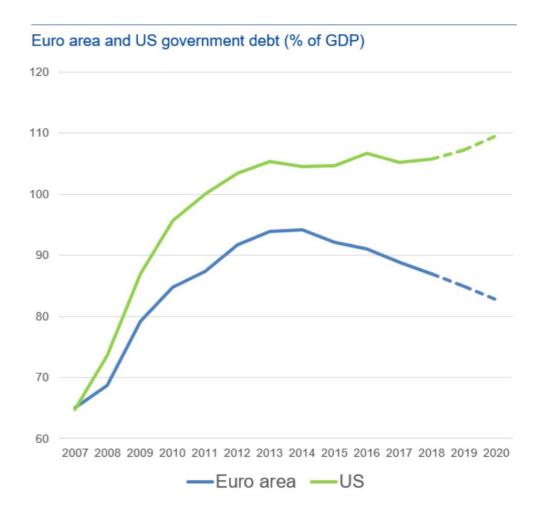


### **EUROPE'S ECONOMY IS DOING WELL**

## 20+ quarters of continuous growth for the euro area



Source: Eurostat





#### WHAT TO WATCH ON THE SHORT TERM: STRONGER ROLE FOR THE ESM

As part of the Euro Summit decisions taken on 14 December 2018 on strengthening Economic and Monetary Union:

- ESM will provide backstop for the Single Resolution Fund (SRF)
  - To be introduced at the latest in 2024 (earlier introduction will depend on progress in bank risk reduction)
  - Backstop volume: up to around €60 bn, loan to be repaid by SRF to ESM within 3 to 5 years
- ESM to prepare, design and monitor future country programmes together with the Commission
  - ESM more involved in the design of policy conditionality
  - Future MoU signed by both the Commission and the ESM
  - Debt sustainability analysis done together with the Commission
- ESM's role outside programmes
  - The ESM will examine macro-economic and financial situation in all euro area member states for internal purposes
  - The Commission and the ESM will informally discuss analysis and assess macro-financial risks
  - The Commission may invite the ESM to join its missions related to economic policy coordination and budgetary monitoring
- Improved effectiveness of ESM precautionary credit lines (PCCL and ECCL)
  - The eligibility process for the precautionary credit lines will be made more transparent and predictable

Euro area finance ministers to prepare necessary amendments to ESM Treaty for new mandate by June 2019



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### BUILDING THE FUTURE OF MARKETS – European Debt Distribution Instrument

- Bond market infrastructure not changed since 1990s
- We launched new technology idea for distribution of public debt instruments in 2017
- Need for a European debt issuance platform
  - single and synchronized system front to back
  - More efficient issuance process for issuers, banks and investors
  - Neutral, pan European and harmonised
- ECB launched public consultation last week
  - Deadline 9 July 2019
- Not only a great new technology, but also strengthens euro as currency and deepens CMU





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- Creation of a Safe Asset to integrate markets and attract global investors
  - U.S. issuance much higher; DE, NL, FI, AT, ESM and some others current safe assets
  - Creation more liquid and deeper Euro area market for securitities
- Strengthen the role of the Euro
  - Move towards a multi-currency system



### STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE EURO

What was the world currency of 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> century?

Design a fairer, equal and more balanced global system for 21<sup>st</sup> century





The are challenges – Europe will come out stronger

Most important peace – for 70 years - and prosperity

We all need to live up to expectation of European Voters



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