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# EURO AREA ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: RESILIENCE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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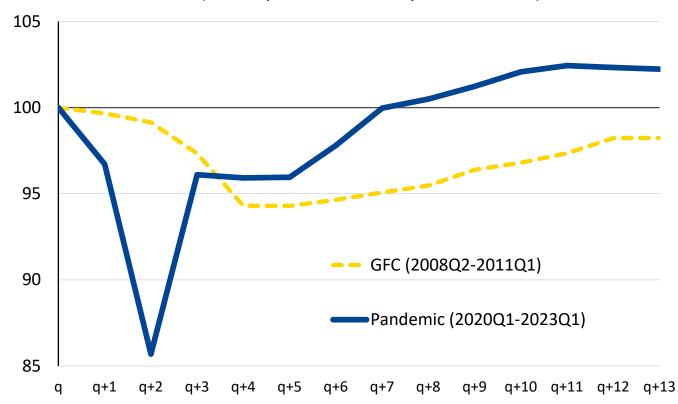
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# ECONOMIC RESILIENCE VS TWO UNPRECEDENTED SHOCKS: PANDEMIC AND RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

## Euro area real GDP level since the pandemic: comparison with global financial crisis

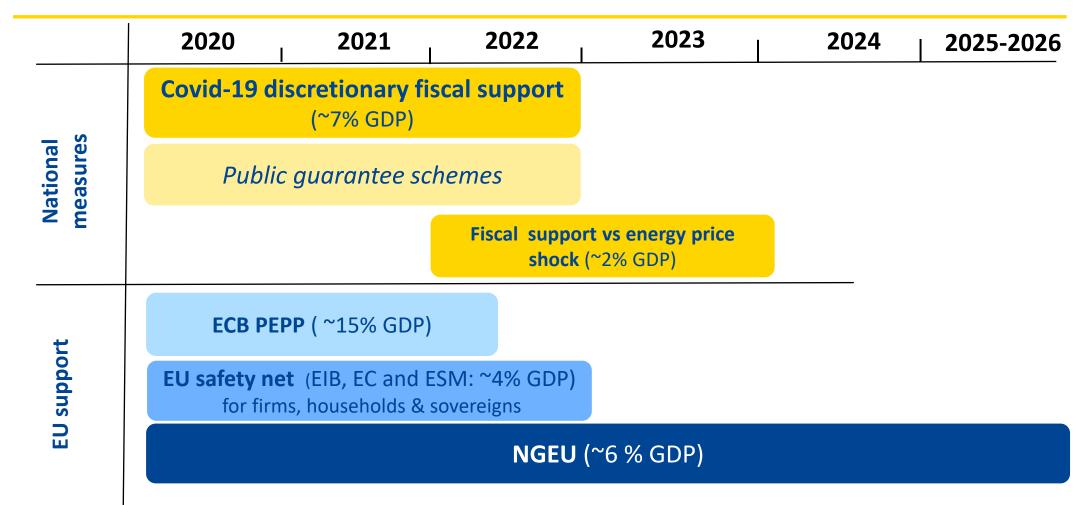
(Index pre-recession quarter = 100)



Sources: Eurostat



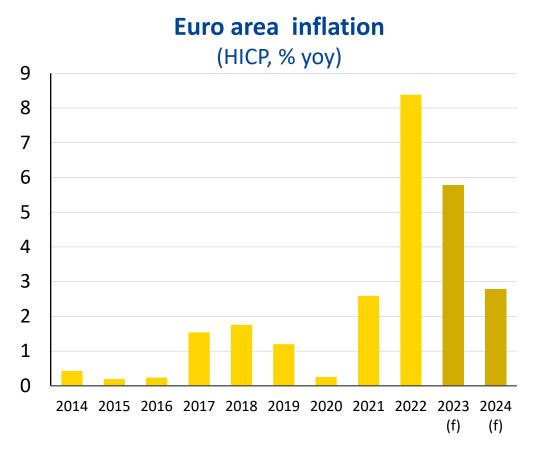
## EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT IN SIZE AND FORMAT

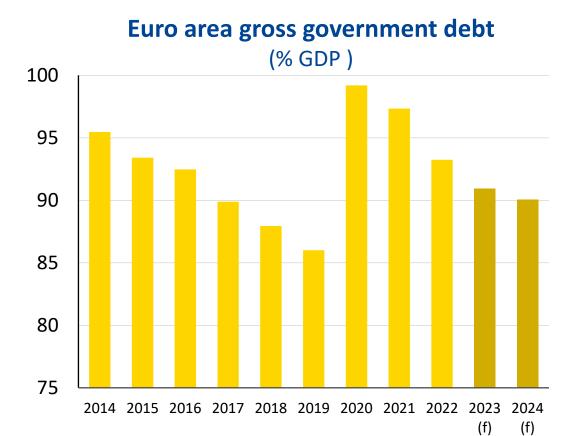


Source: ESM based on EC, ECB, ESRB. Discretionary fiscal support calculated as net budgetary impact of temporary measures. The % for EU and ECB schemes is calculated using the overall volume estimates and the average GDP over the availability period.



## LEGACIES I: HIGHER INFLATION AND PUBLIC DEBT



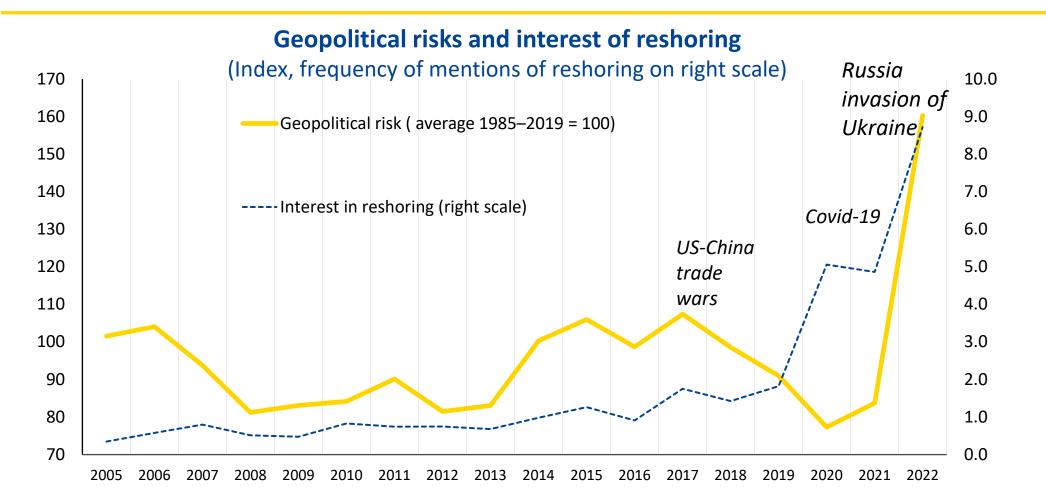


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# LEGACIES II: GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS & RISK OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC FRAGMENTATION



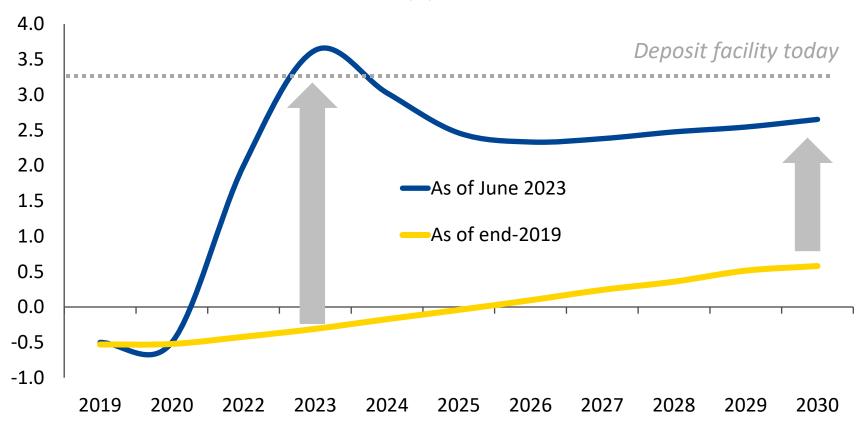
Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook April 2023 based on Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten (2017), Hassan and others (219); NL Analytics. Note: the interest in reshoring measures the frequency of mentions of reshoring, friend shoring or near-shoring in firms' earnings calls.



## CHALLENGE #1: HIGHER FOR LONGER INTEREST RATES

## Market implied path for short-term interest rates

(%)



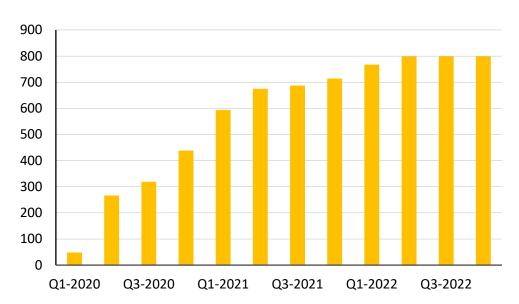
Source: Bloomberg and ECB



# CORPORATES AND HOUSEHOLDS: WITH SOME BUFFERS TO FACE THE INTEREST RATE SHOCK

## Euro area households: accumulated excess savings

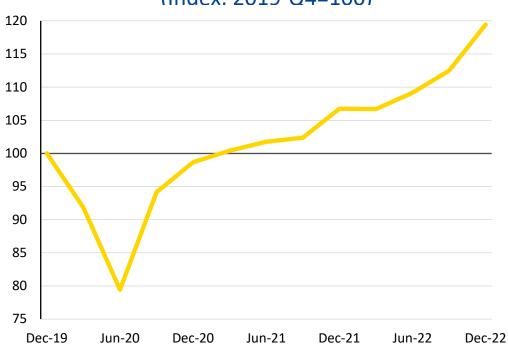
(EUR bn)



Source: Eurostat and ESM calculations. Note: Excess saving is defined as the sum of the elevated precautionary and forced savings compared to pre-crisis, due to uncertainties about the future and forced savings due to missed consumption opportunities. The calculations follow Capolongo and Kühl, "From savings to spending: Fast track to recovery", ESM blog, July 2021.

## **Euro area non-financial corporations:**gross operating surplus

(Index. 2019-04=100)

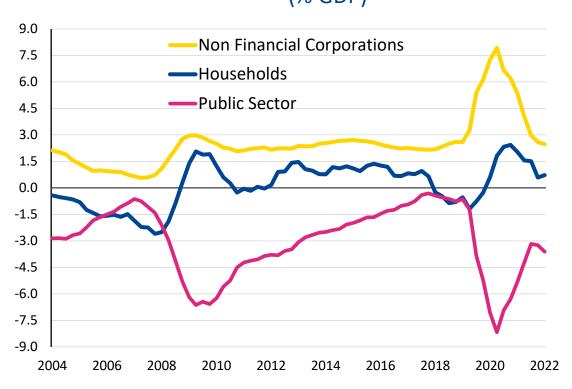


Source: Eurostat.



## SOVEREIGNS: VULNERABLE BUT WITH SOME MITIGATORS

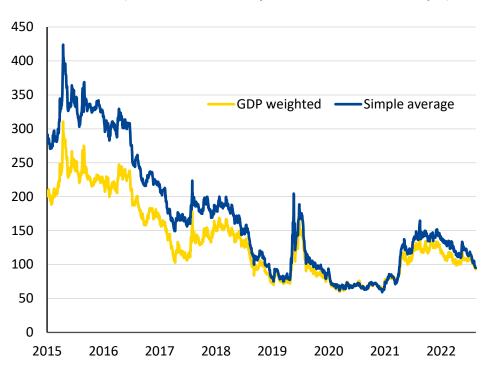
## Euro area net lending(+)/borrowing capacity (% GDP)



#### Source: Eurostat

## **Sovereign credit spreads**

(ESM beneficiary Member States, bps)



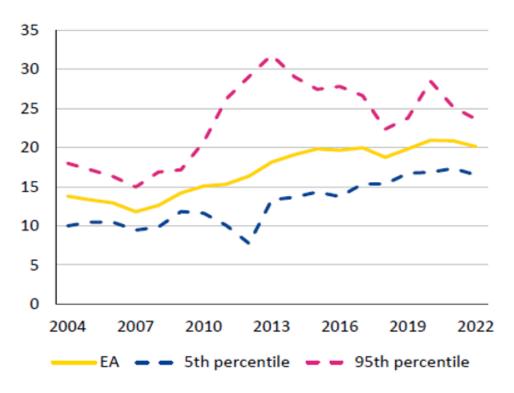
Source: Own calculations based on ECB, Bloomberg. Average of spreads of Spain, Portugal, Greece, Ireland and Cyprus. GDP weights are fixed, based on 2022 GDP. Spread calculated as difference between the 10 year benchmark and Bund yields.



## BANKING SECTOR: SOUND FUNDAMENTALS, CONFIDENCE KEY

## **Total capital ratio (%)**

Euro area cross country distribution



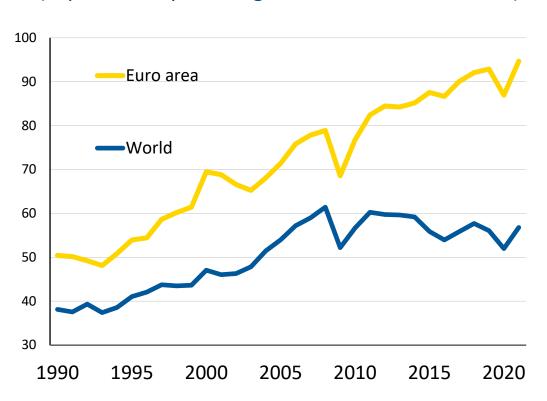
Source: ECB, latest available reporting date 2022Q3



## CHALLENGE #2: VULNERABILITIES IN A NEW GLOBAL ORDER

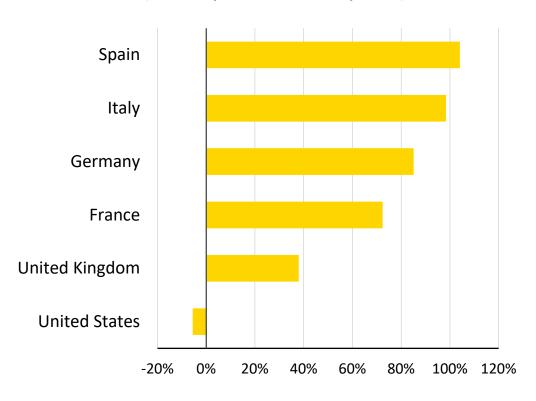
## **Trade openness**

(Exports & imports of goods and services, % GDP)



## **Energy dependence ratio**

(net imports/consumption)



Source: World Bank

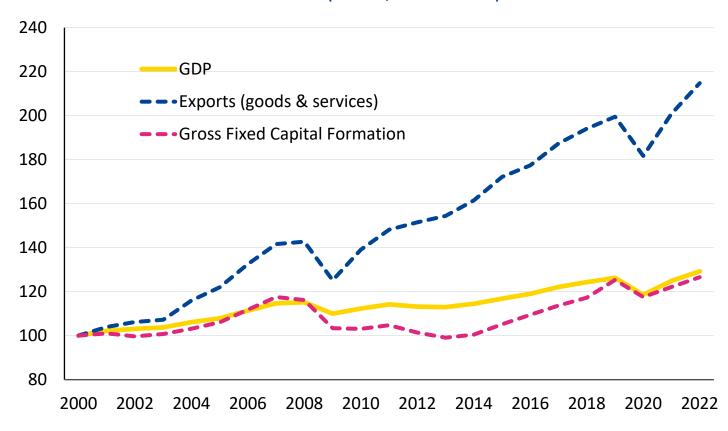
Source: International Energy Agency. Latest available data: 2020



# EURO AREA GROWTH MODEL: FROM EXPORTS TO INVESTMENT?

## Euro area GDP, exports and investment 2000-2022

(index, 2000=100)



Source: Eurostat



## CONCLUSION: FURTHER STEPS NEEDED TO ENSURE RESILIENCE

Complete EMU institutional framework

Banking Union,
Capital Markets Union
Fiscal framework

RRP
Green & digital
transformations

**Investment** 

**Innovation** 

**Reforms** 



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