

Securitisation and financial stability

Fostering Europe's growth while safeguarding resilience

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European Stability Mechanism



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ESM in Europe's financial architecture

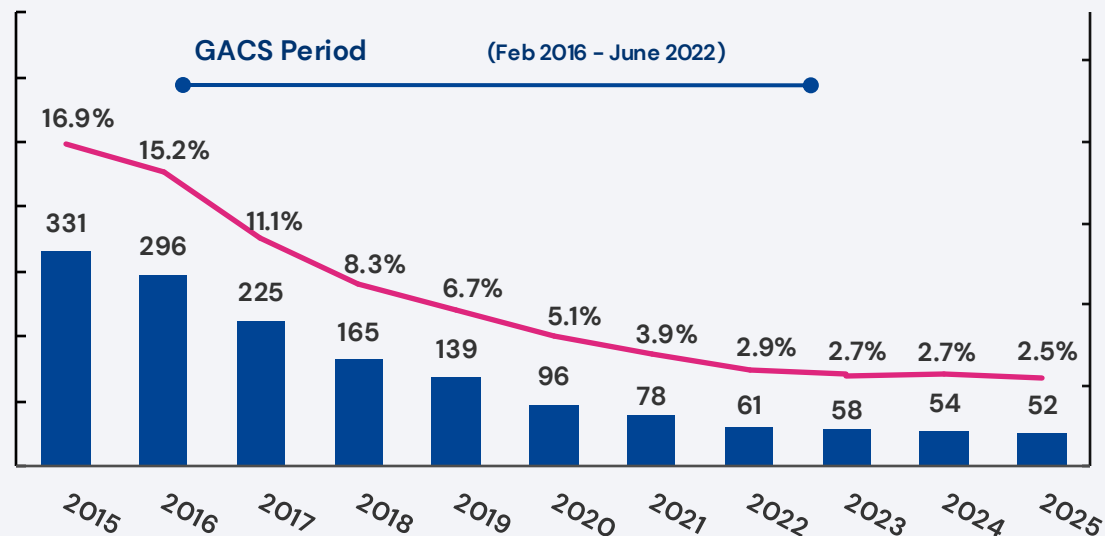


* Ratification of the Amending Agreement to the ESM Treaty ongoing

Securitisation can support crisis management and bolster investor confidence

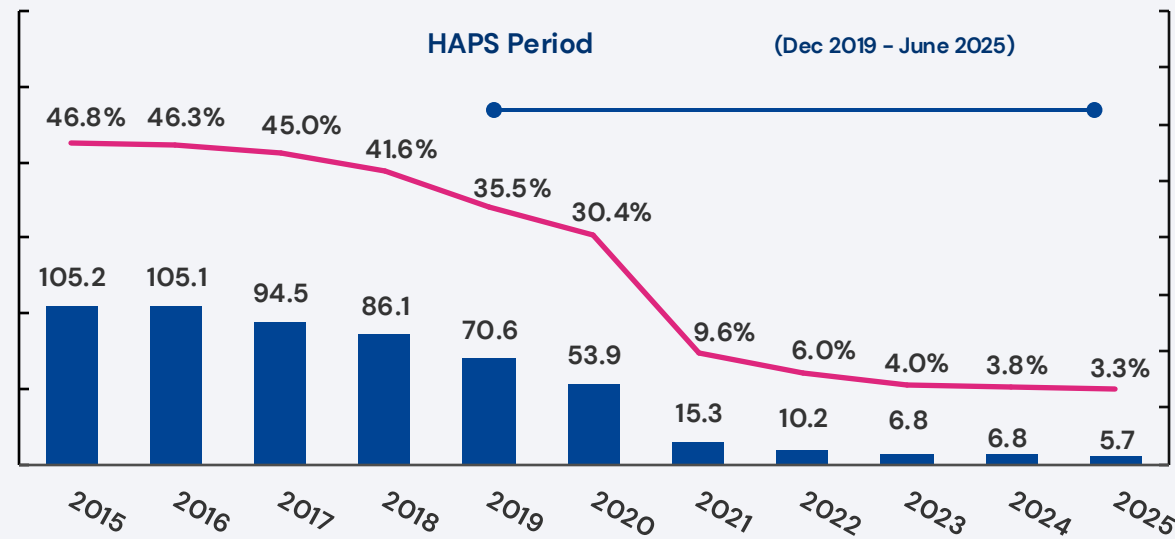
- Two groundbreaking schemes were introduced: GACS in Italy (2016) and HAPS in Greece (2019)
- Pivotal in their role as industrial sized NPL management tools:
 - ✓ Transformed troubled assets into marketable assets
 - ✓ Reduced information asymmetries and bid-ask spread

Italy NPE Stock (€Bn) and NPE ratio (%)



Source: ECB

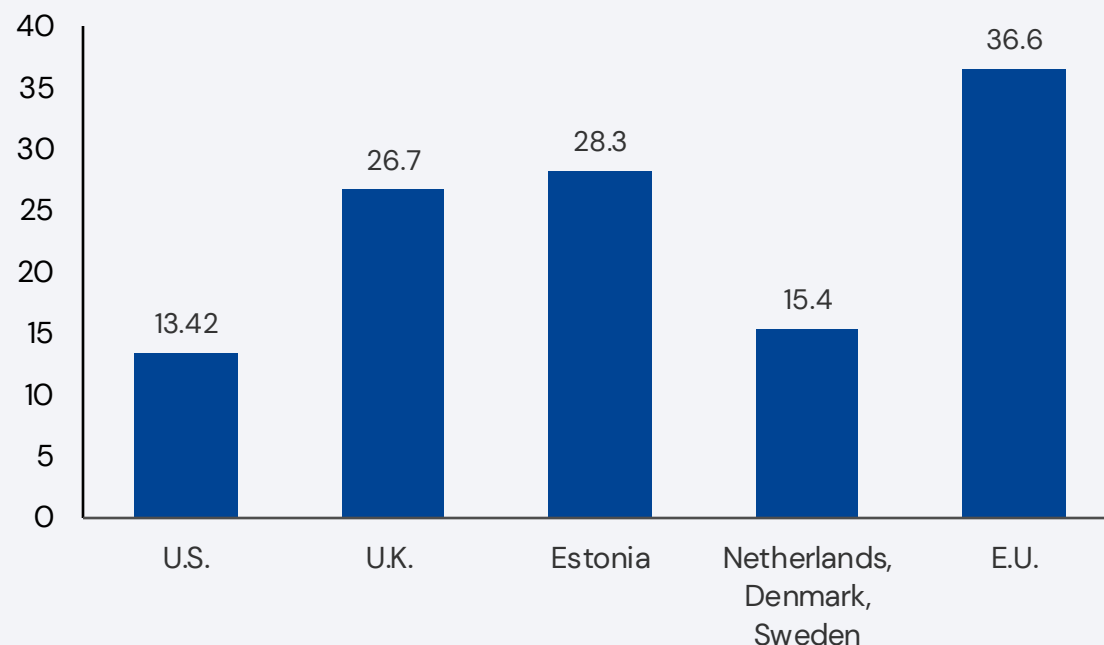
Greek NPE Stock (€Bn) and NPE ratio (%)



Source: ECB

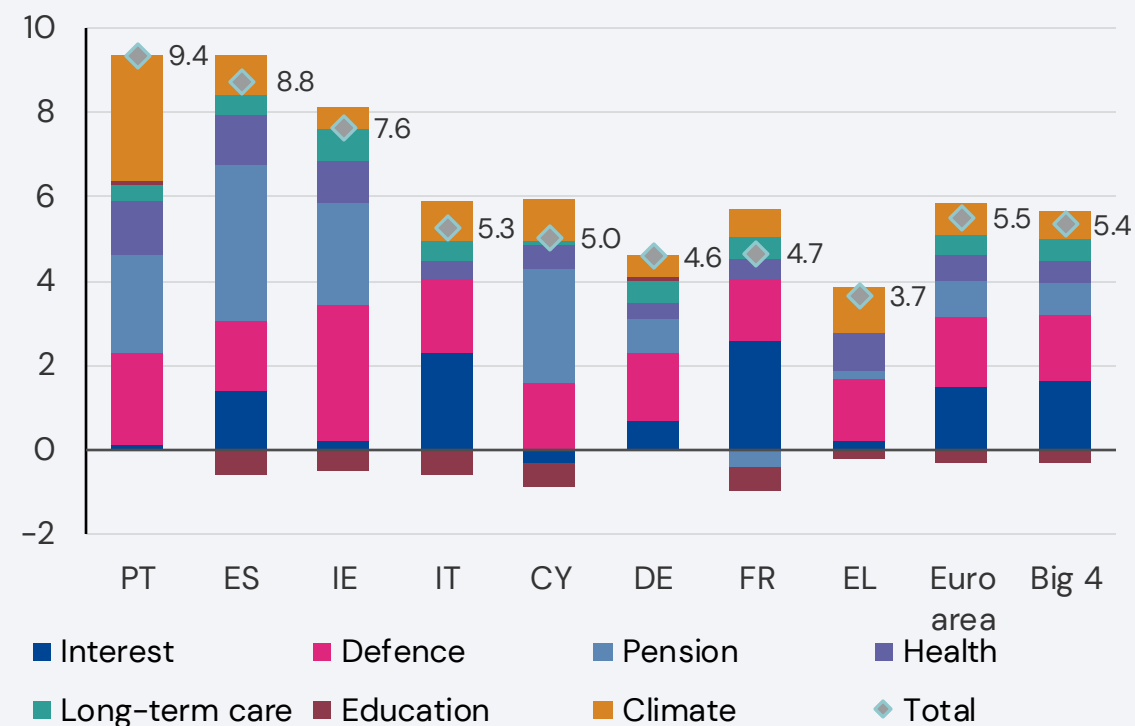
A bridge to channel untapped investment capacity while fiscal space is increasingly constrained

Household deposits and cash holdings (% of financial assets)



Source: ESM analysis

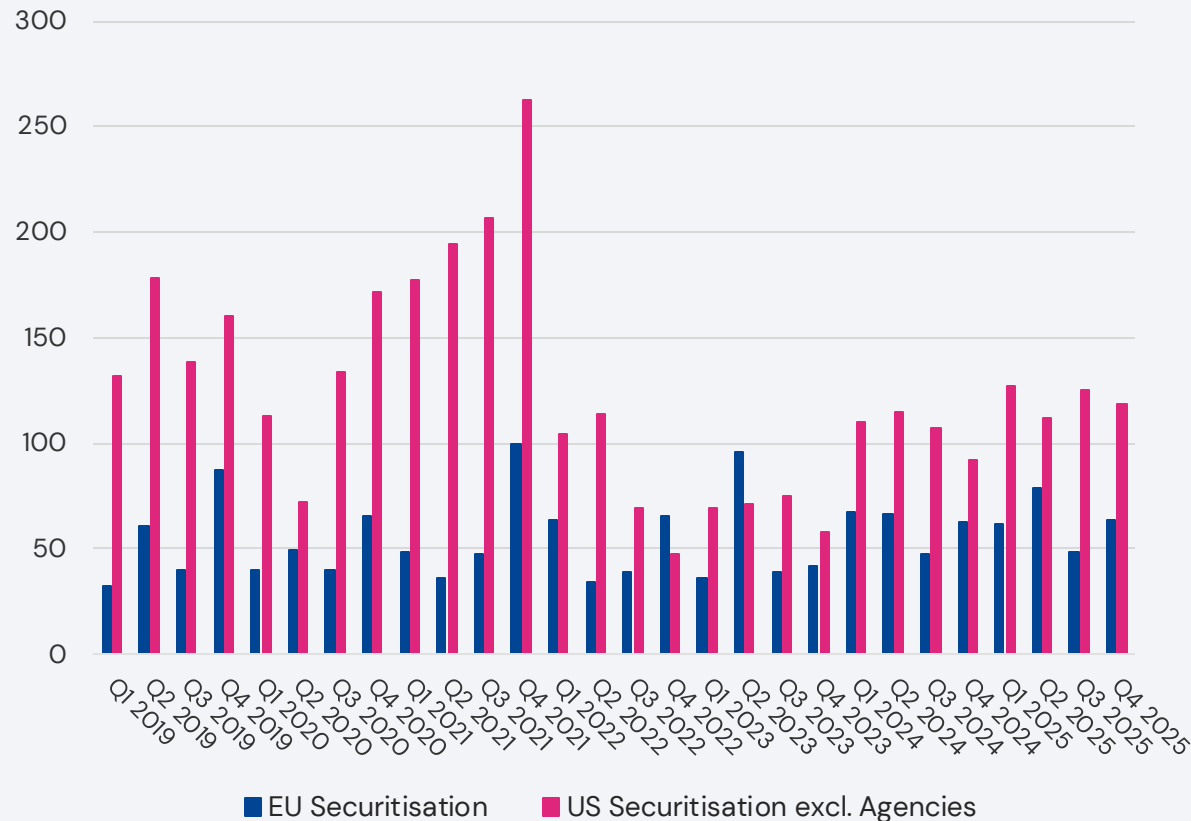
Incremental euro area spending pressures 2025–2050 (% of GDP)



Sources: European Commission, IMF, Eurostat, NATO, ESM analysis

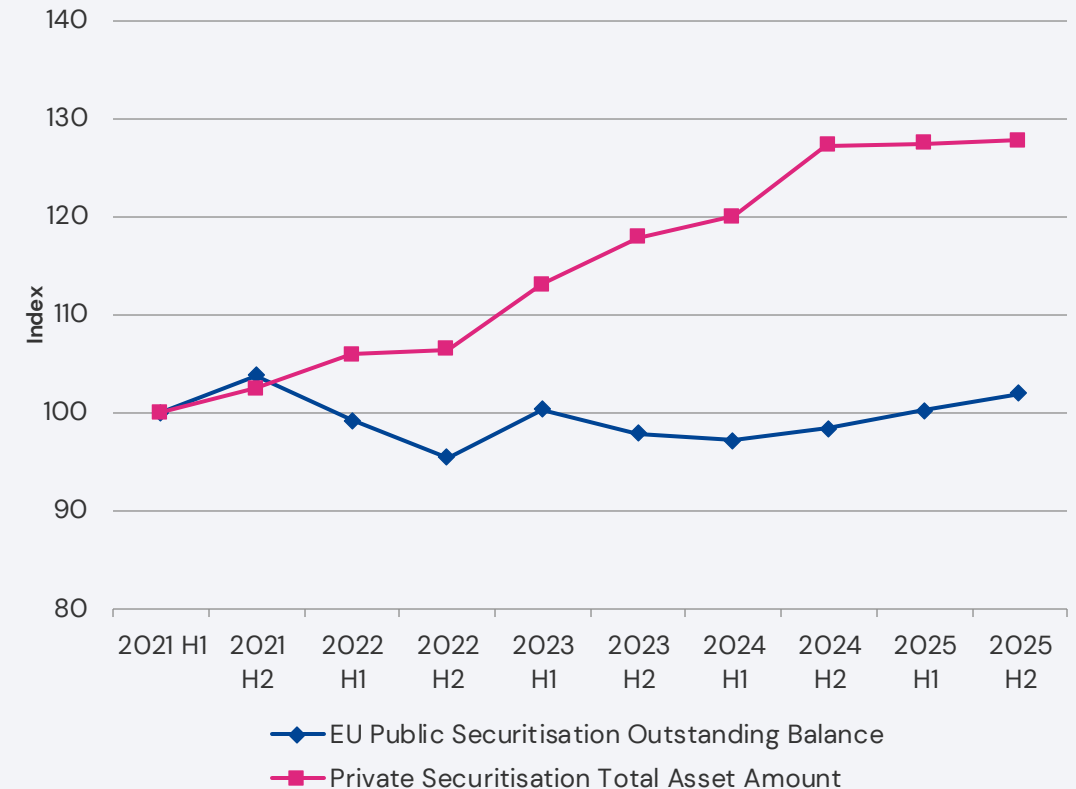
Is private securitisation becoming market dominant?

Quarterly EU vs US Securitisation issuance volumes



Source: AFME. Data reported in € billions

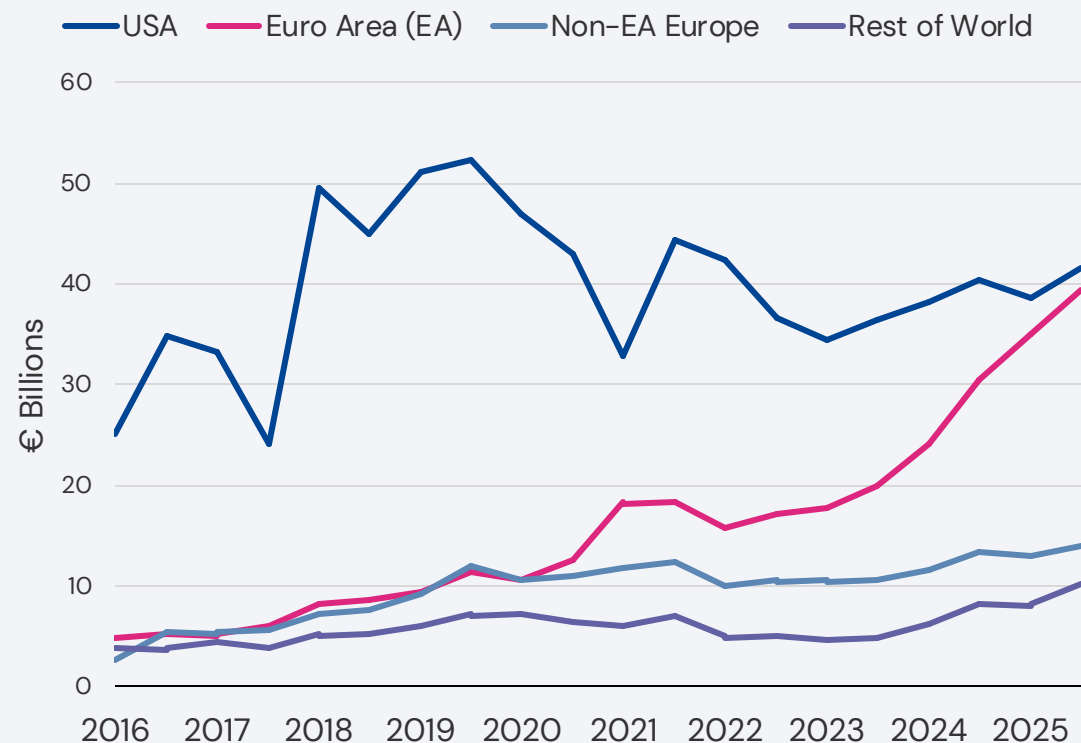
Private Securitisation Growth Outpacing Public Securitisation (2021 H1=100)



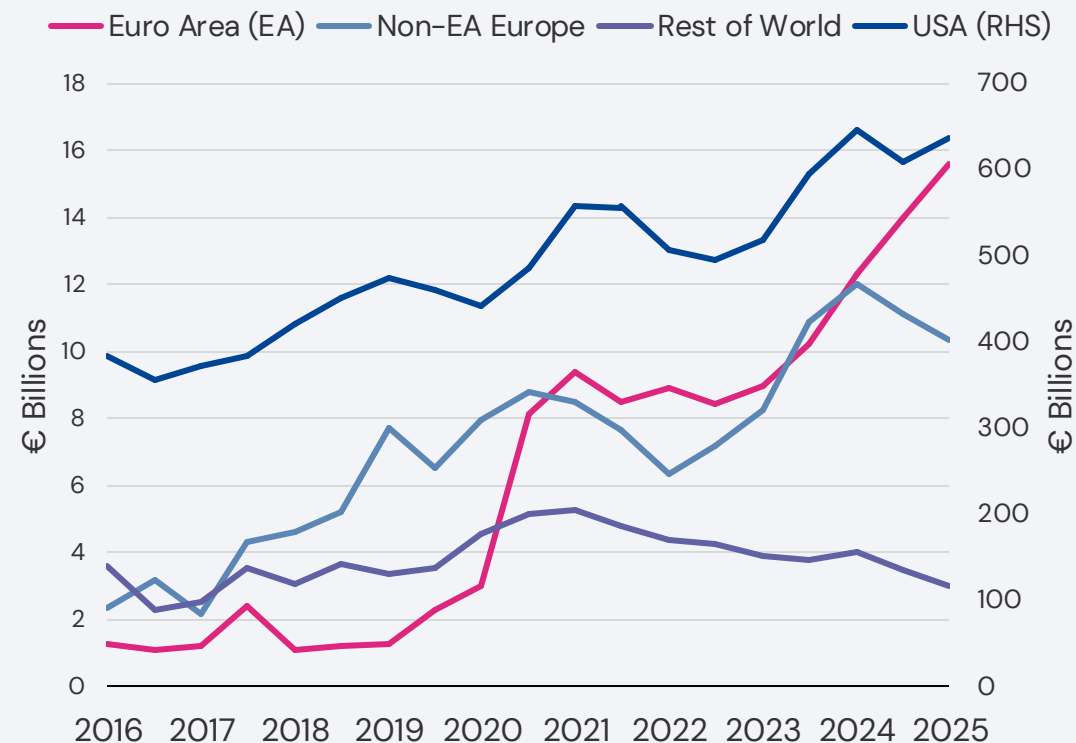
Source: AFME. European Benchmarking Exercise (EBE) for Private Securitisations

Institutional investors' appetite is changing

Euro Area Domiciled Fund Holdings of Securitizations, By Region of Issuance



USA Domiciled Fund Holdings of Securitizations, By Region of Issuance

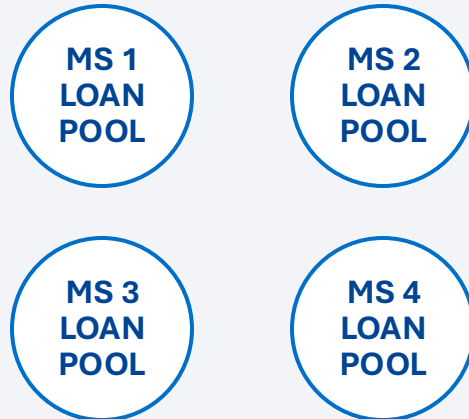


Source: Refinitiv Lipper, European Datawarehouse, and ESM Calculations. US issuances exclude agency. US domiciled fund holdings shown on right hand side (RHS) due difference in scale.

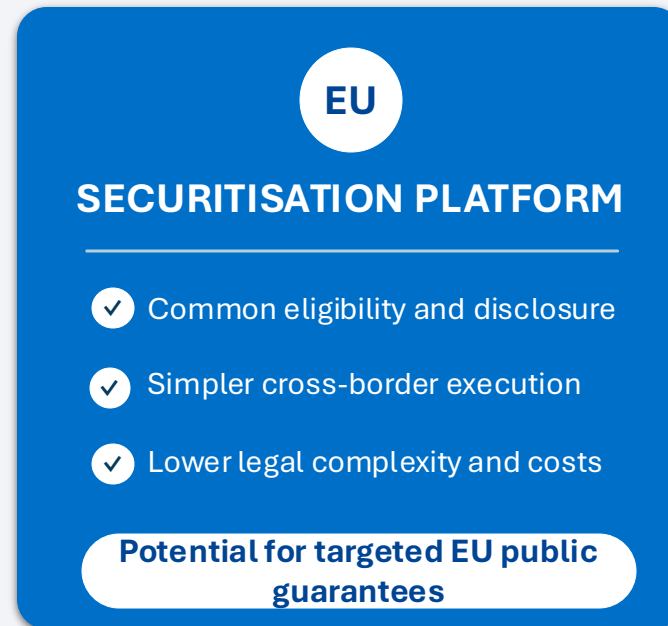
A common EU securitisation platform

1 POOL LOANS

National pools across Member States



2 HARMONISATION



3 MARKET SCALE

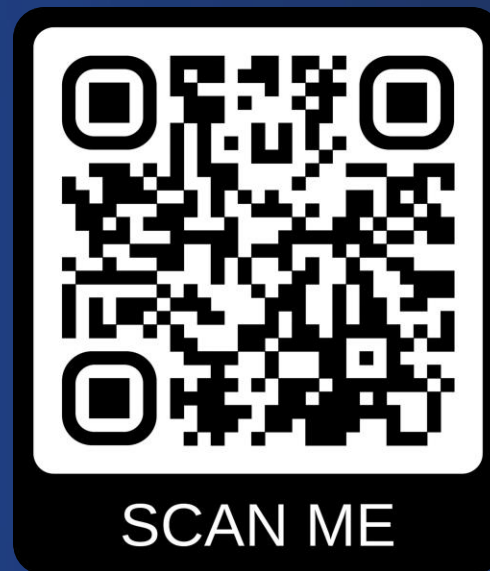
- 01 Depth and liquidity**
Improved pricing and greater market efficiency
- 02 Diversification and risk mitigation**
Across Member States, reducing national concentration
- 03 Broader investor base**
New opportunities for mobilising pension and long-term savings capital

Potential to support additional lending for EU priorities, including the green and digital transitions.

Illustrative concept — scope, governance and risk-sharing arrangements to be developed

Euro Area Stability Watch 2026.

Global shocks,
domestic shields:
Resilience under strain



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