World Economic and Financial Prospects

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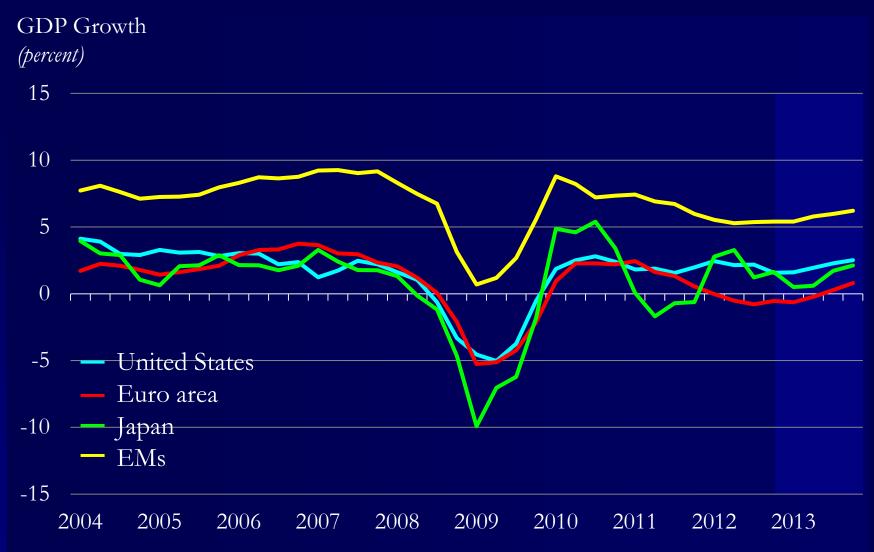
• Developments in world economy and financial system

Sources of uncertainty

Actions to resolve Euro area crisis



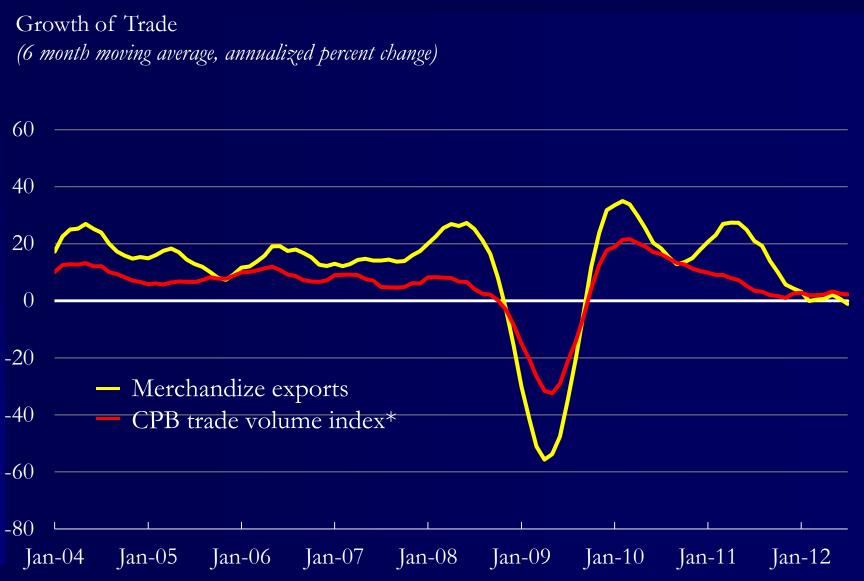
Recovery has slowed down...





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...and world trade growth has stalled.

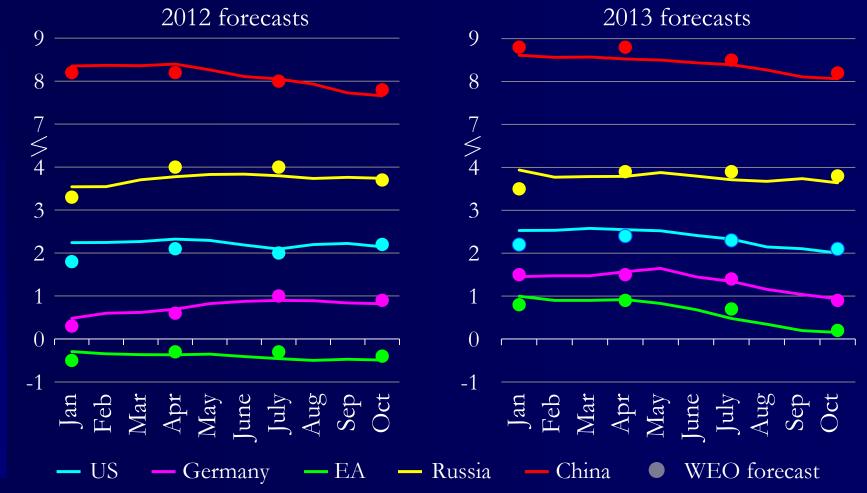


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*Trade volume is calculated from the trade value deflated by CPB estimated price series

Forecasts are being revised down

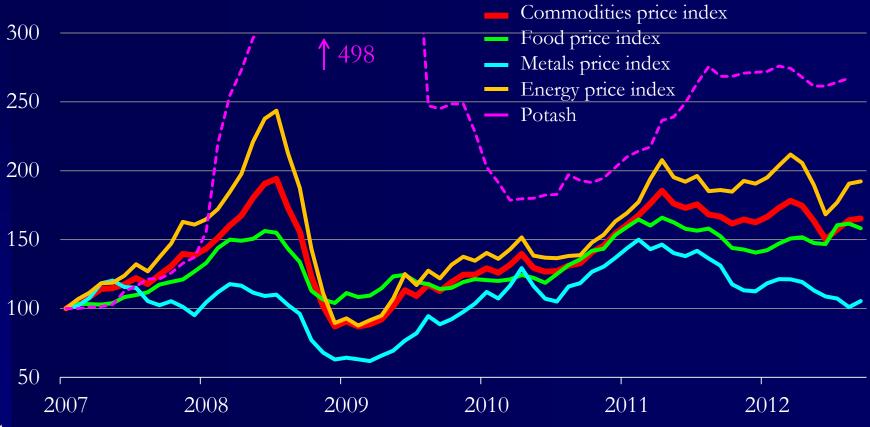
Vintages of GDP Growth Consensus and WEO Forecasts (percent)





Commodity prices seem to have stabilized

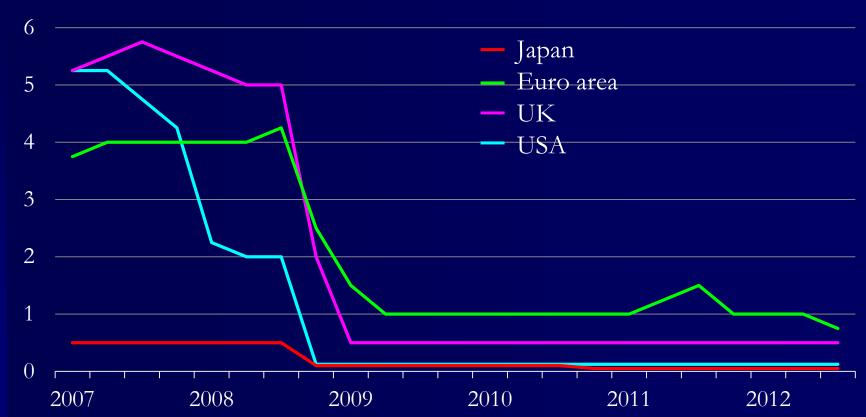






Policy interest rates have been kept low...

Central Bank Policy Rates (percent)

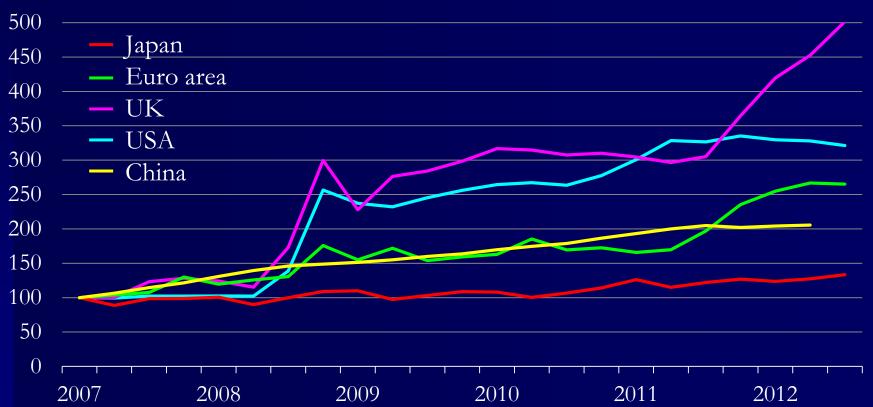




Source: Haver

... and central banks' balance sheets have been expanded.

Central banks balance sheet (index, 2007Q1=100)





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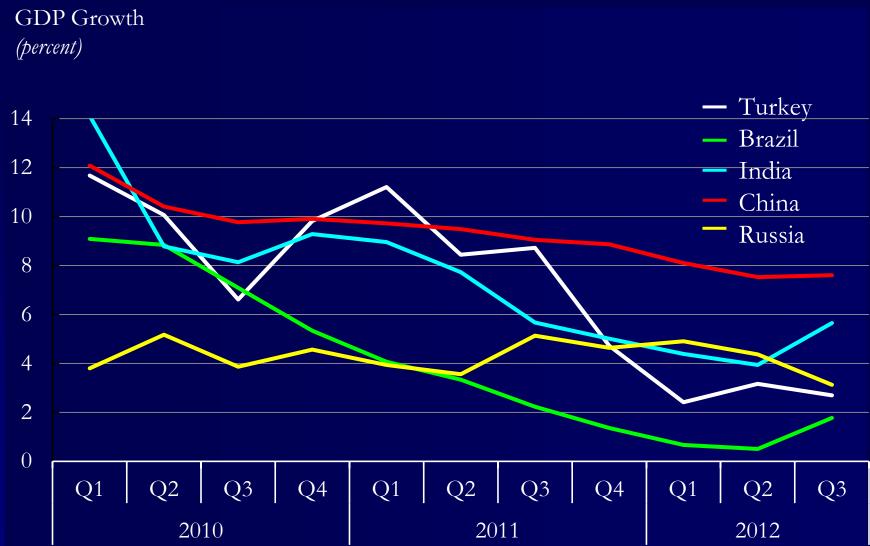
But there is still no sign of inflation

10-year inflation break-even rates (percent)





The boom in Emerging Markets may be over...





... but capital flows to EM bond markets remain strong.

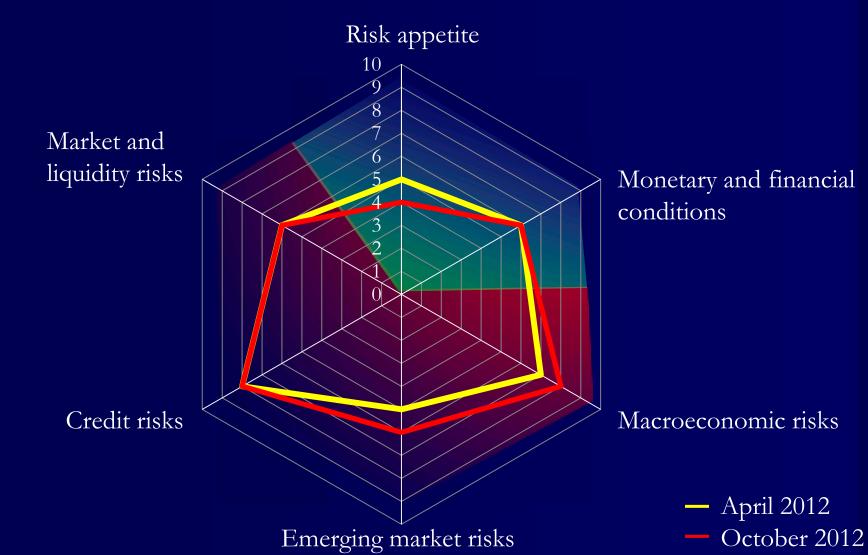
Cumulative Portfolio Flows to Emerging Market Mutual Funds (In billions of U.S. dollars)





...and in worsening of many financial indicators.

Changes in Global Financial Stability Map since April 2012 GFSR



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Risk appetite

- Lower risk appetite among investors
- Unchanged monetary and financial conditions liquilighter financial conditions offset by easier lending conditions and financial
- · Higher macroeconomic risks from slower economic activity
- Higher emerging market risks from inflation, corporate sector and liquidity
- Unchanged but high credit risks
 - Banking sector deterioration offset by corporate sector improvement
- Unchanged market and liquidity risk

Better liquidity and funding, and equity valuations offset by more cautious





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Challenges remain as before

• Recovery is weak

• US faces the fiscal cliff

• Europe is slow to resolve eurozone crisis



• Emerging markets may face hard landing

Business confidence is weak



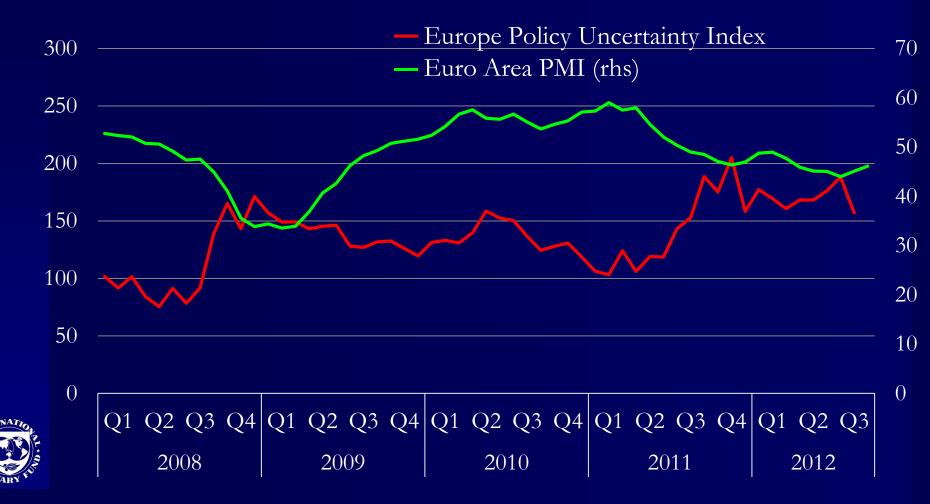


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Confidence in Europe is directly related to uncertainty...

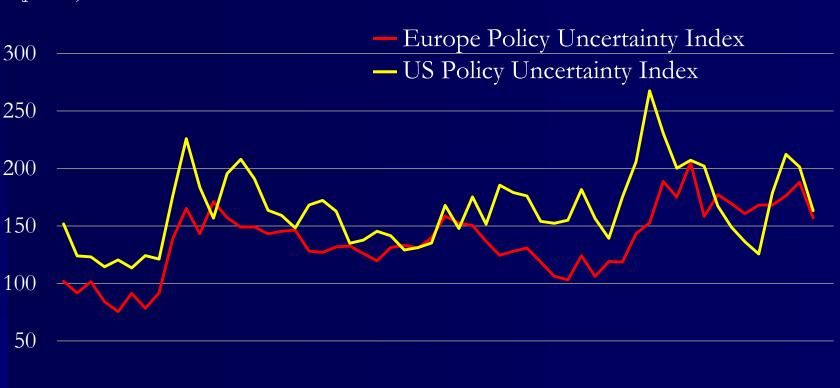
Policy Uncertainty Index and Purchasing Manager Index (points)





...and uncertainty about the outlook is high in the US too

Policy Uncertainty Indices (points)

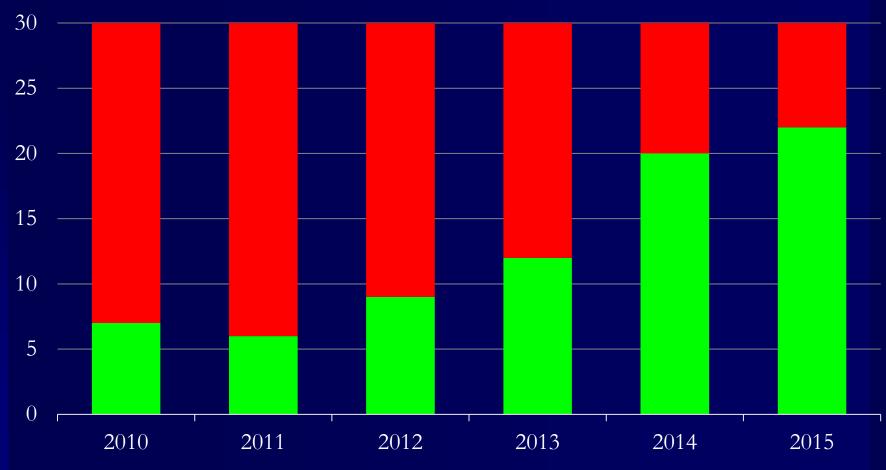




| Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 | Q1 Q2 Q3 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

Debt reduction is expected to gain traction in 2014...

Advanced economies with Increasing/Decreasing Gross Debt to GDP





- Countries with increasing debt to GDP ratio
- Countries with decreasing debt to GDP ratio

Source: Fiscal Monitor

...but there is still work for fiscal policy.

• US and Japan lack credible medium-term fiscal strategies

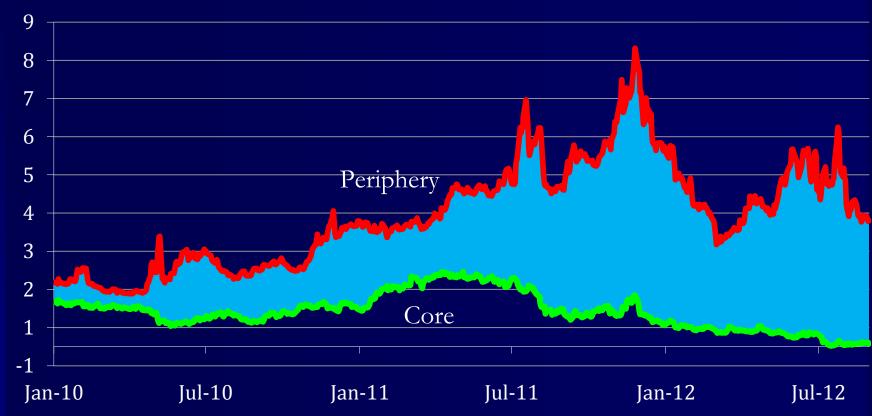
- European Union should show flexibility on Stability and Growth Pact
 - Focus should be on structural not headline deficits



 Where fiscal policy can support demand it should do so

Financial disintegration continues in the Euro area...

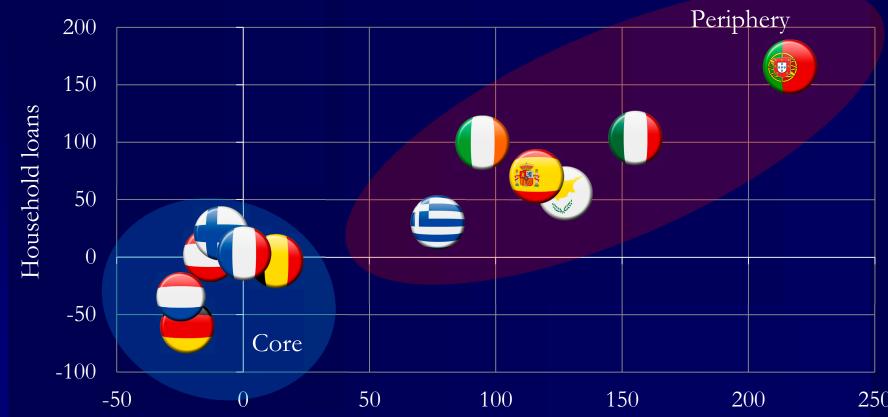
European 2-year Sovereign Bond Yields (percent)





...and easy money is not reaching periphery...

Change in Interest Rate on New Bank Loans (Basis points; December 2009 to July 2012)

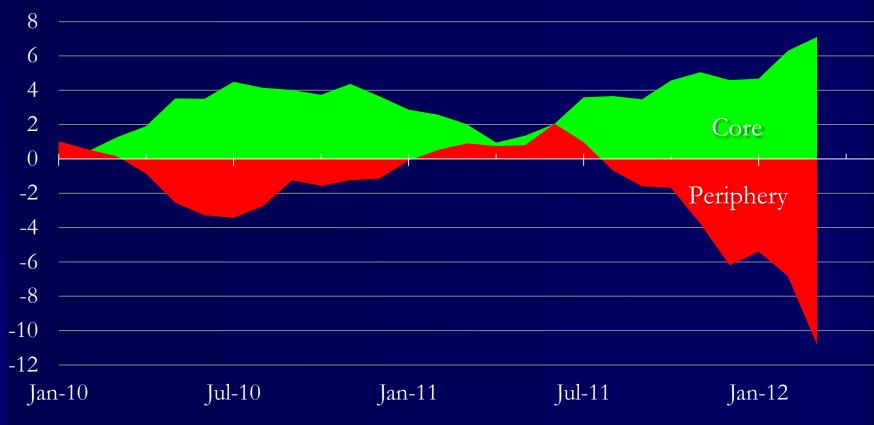




Corporate loans

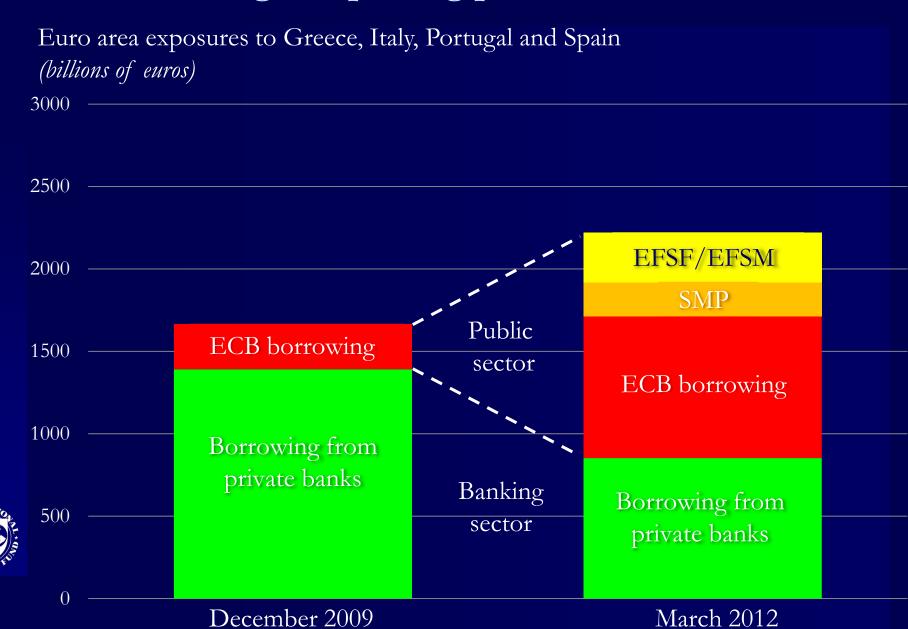
...which faces large private capital ouflows.

Portfolio and Other Investment Capital Flows Excluding Central Banks (Cumulative from December 2009, in percent of GDP)



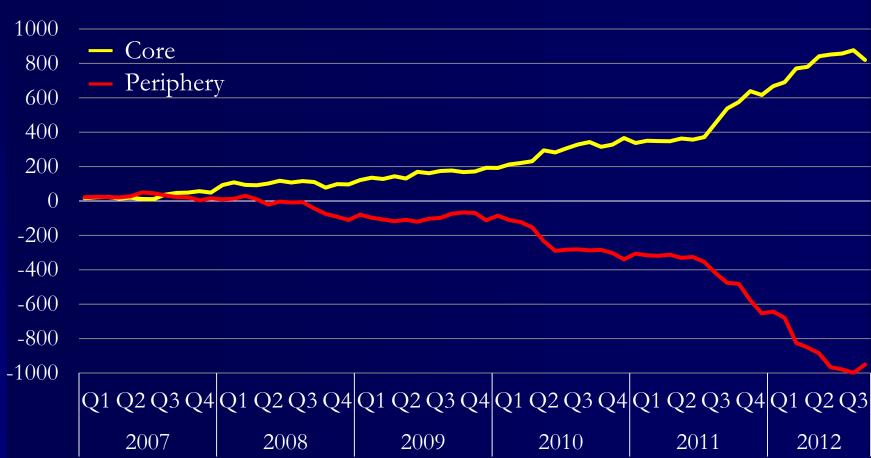


Public funding is replacing private cross-border flows



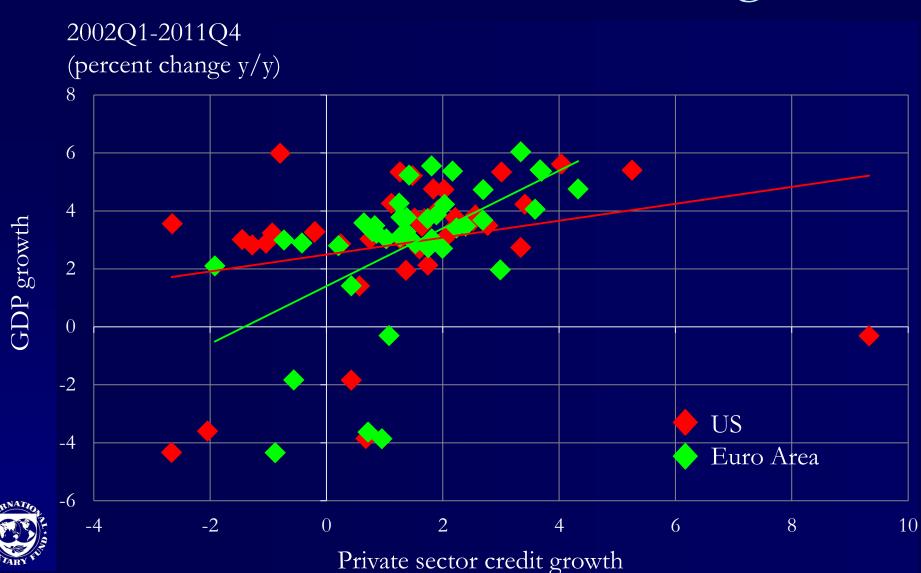
...and this is reflected in TARGET2 balances.

Net balance with Eurosystem (EUR billion)





Bank credit is vital for Euro area growth



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Source: Haver

Euro Area has made progress, but not yet enough

Actions since June 2012

OMT*

- · Vital to repair monetary transmission mechanism and support sovereigns
- Activation depends on ESM/EFSF***

ESM**

- Ratified and effective
- Increases resources available to support banks directly

Banking Union

- In principle common regulation and supervision by 2013
- Needs to be complemented by common bank resolution and deposit insurance

Fiscal Union

- Embroyonic only in ESM/EFSF
- Framework of fiscal rules
- Needs to be some common bond issuance



Clear thought and steadfast implementation needed to reassure markets

* Outright Monetary Transactions

** European Stability Mechanism ***European Financial Stability Facility

Thank you

