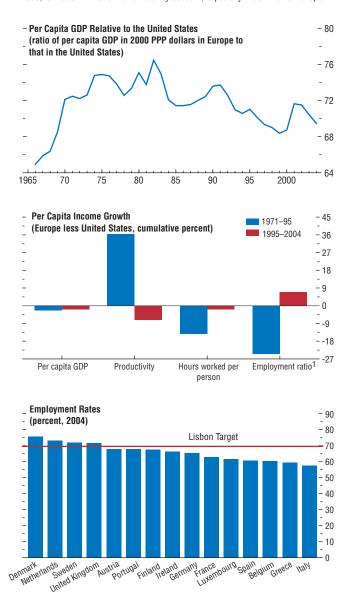
Figure 1.13. Europe: Why Has per Capita GDP Stagnated Relative to the United States?

Since 1970, strong European productivity growth has been offset by falling working hours and lower labor utilization. While these trends have partly reversed since 1995, low labor utilization remains a key concern, especially in continental Europe.



Sources: OECD, *Economic Outlook*; Eurostat; and IMF staff calculations. ¹Includes differences in age structure of the population.