



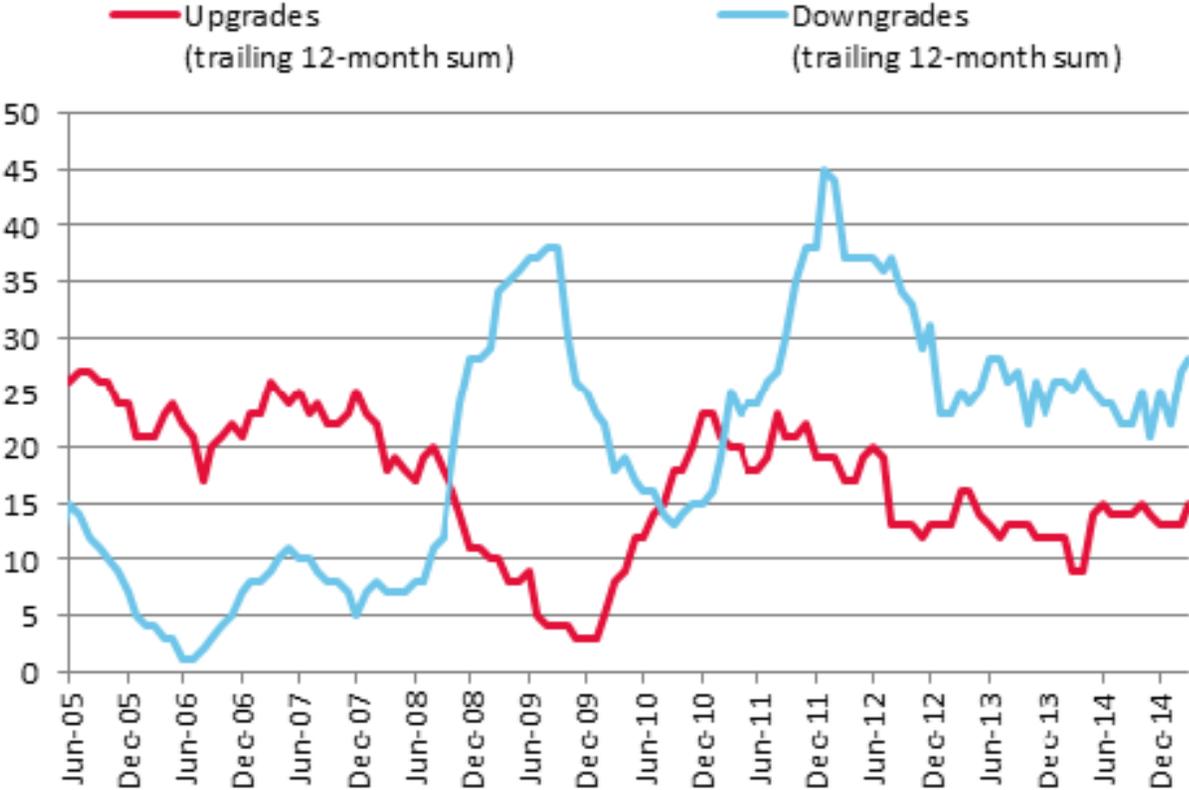
# European Sovereign Ratings Trends

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# Downgrades Have Been Dominant For Over Five Years Now

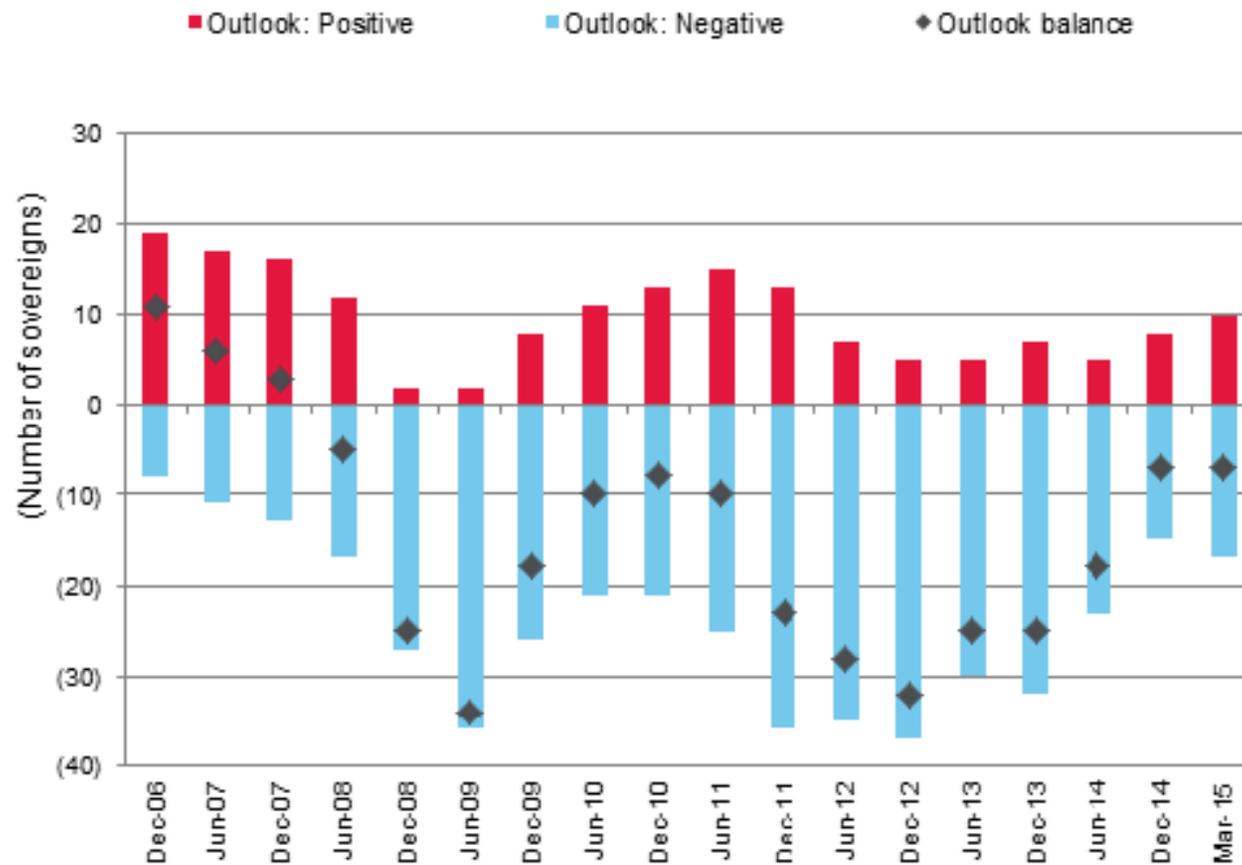
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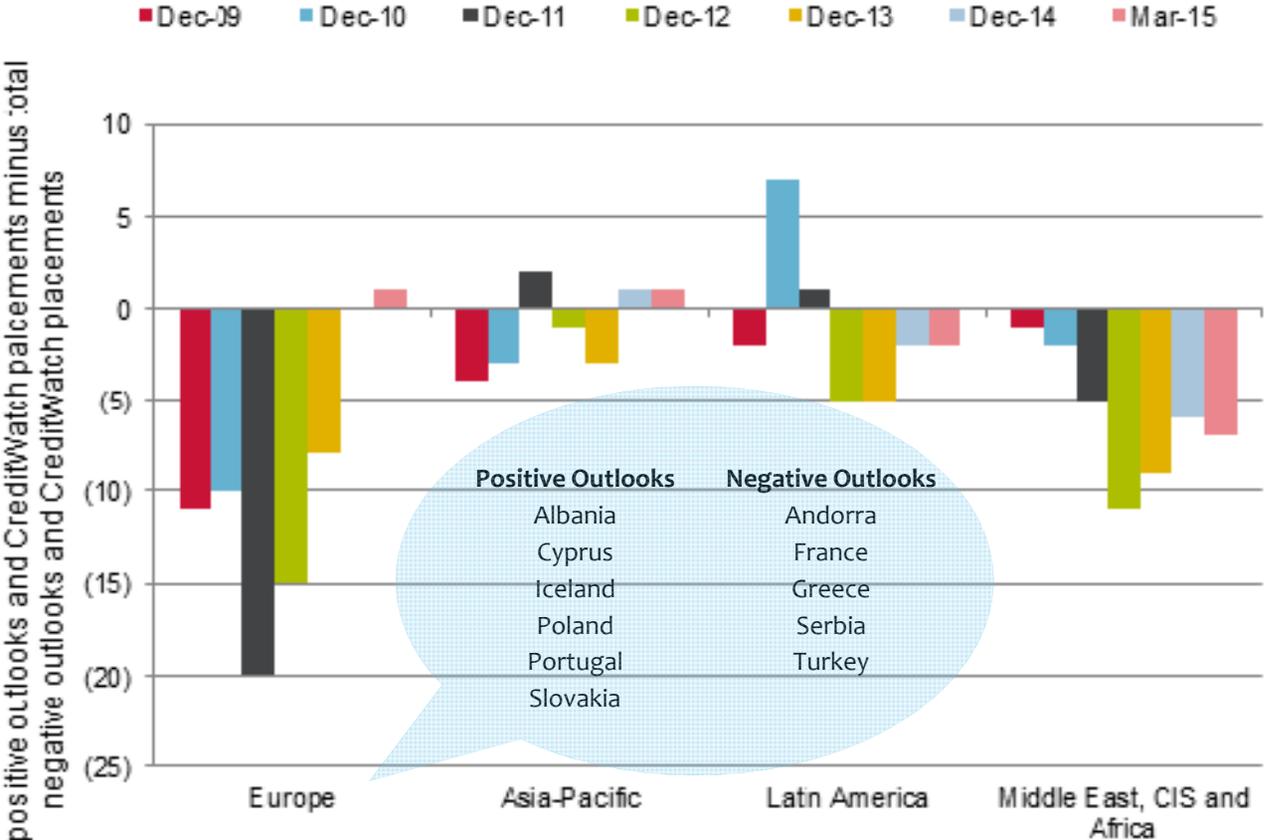
## Global Sovereign Ratings Outlook Balance



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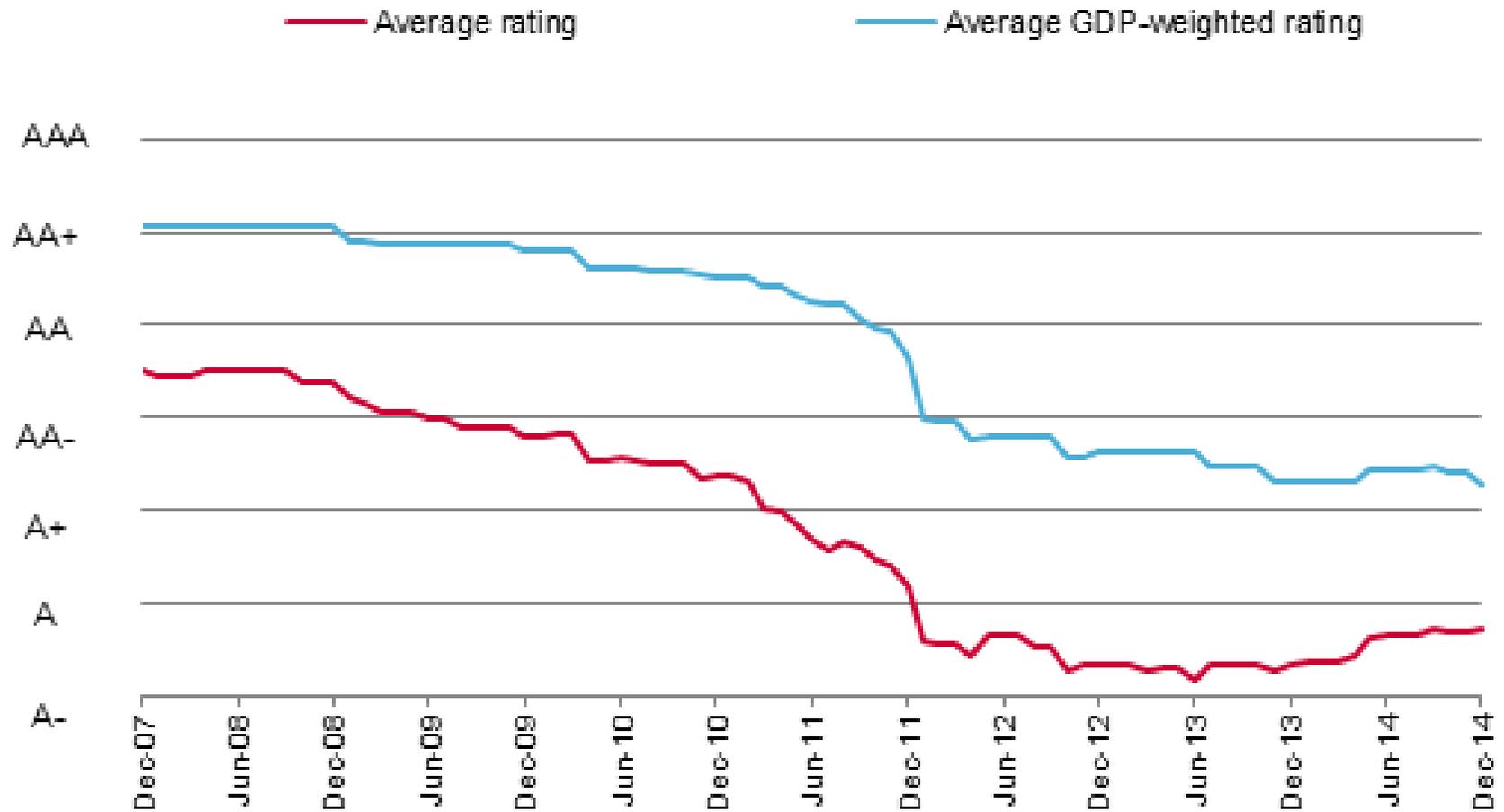
# But the balance has turned positive in Europe

Sovereign Rating Trends Are Stabilizing, With A Few Notable Exceptions



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## Eurozone Sovereign Rating History

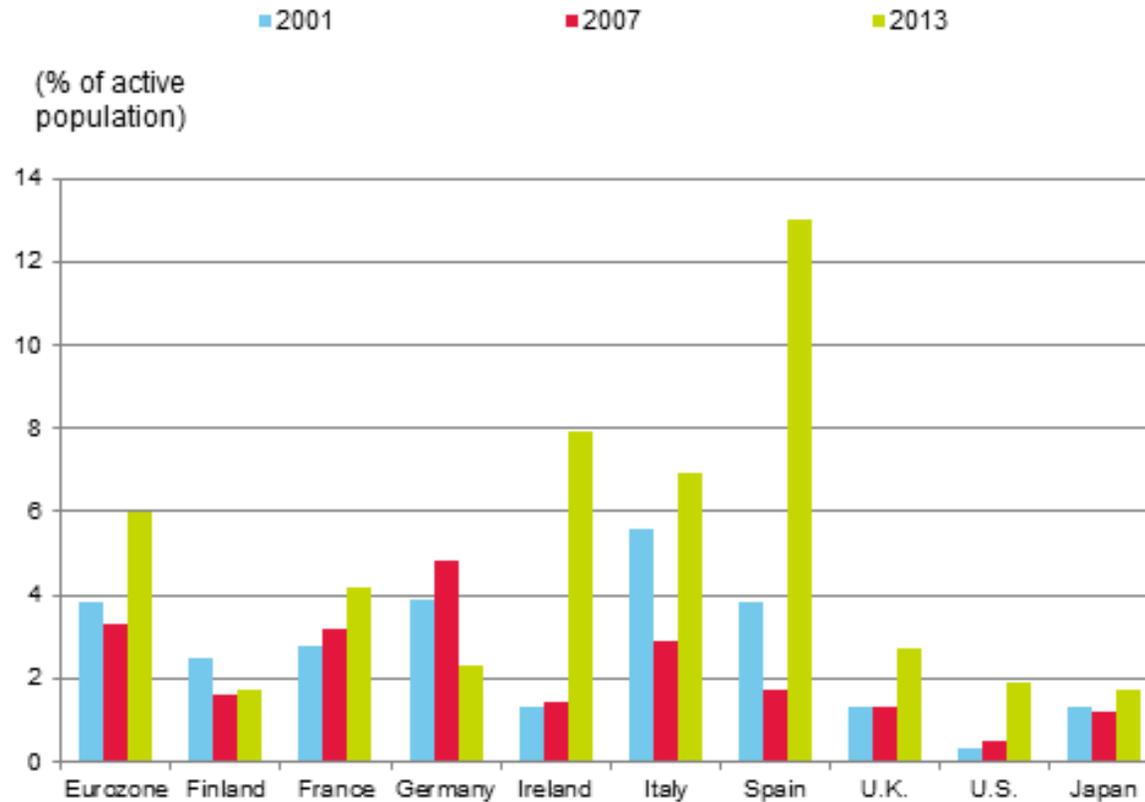


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# Is The Eurozone on The Mend?

# Are Skills Being Lost?

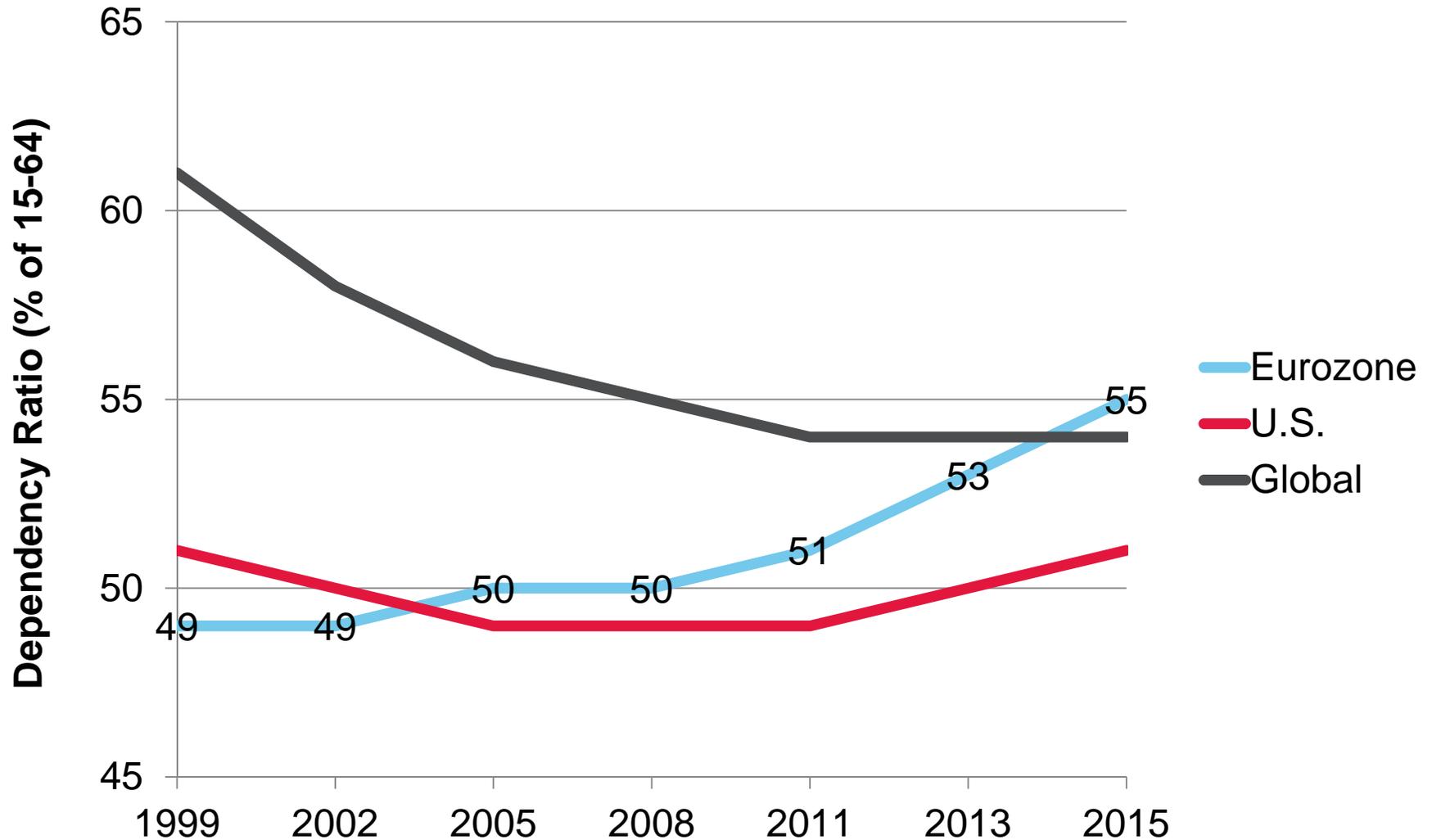
## Long-Term Unemployment rates More than 12 months



Source: Eurostat.

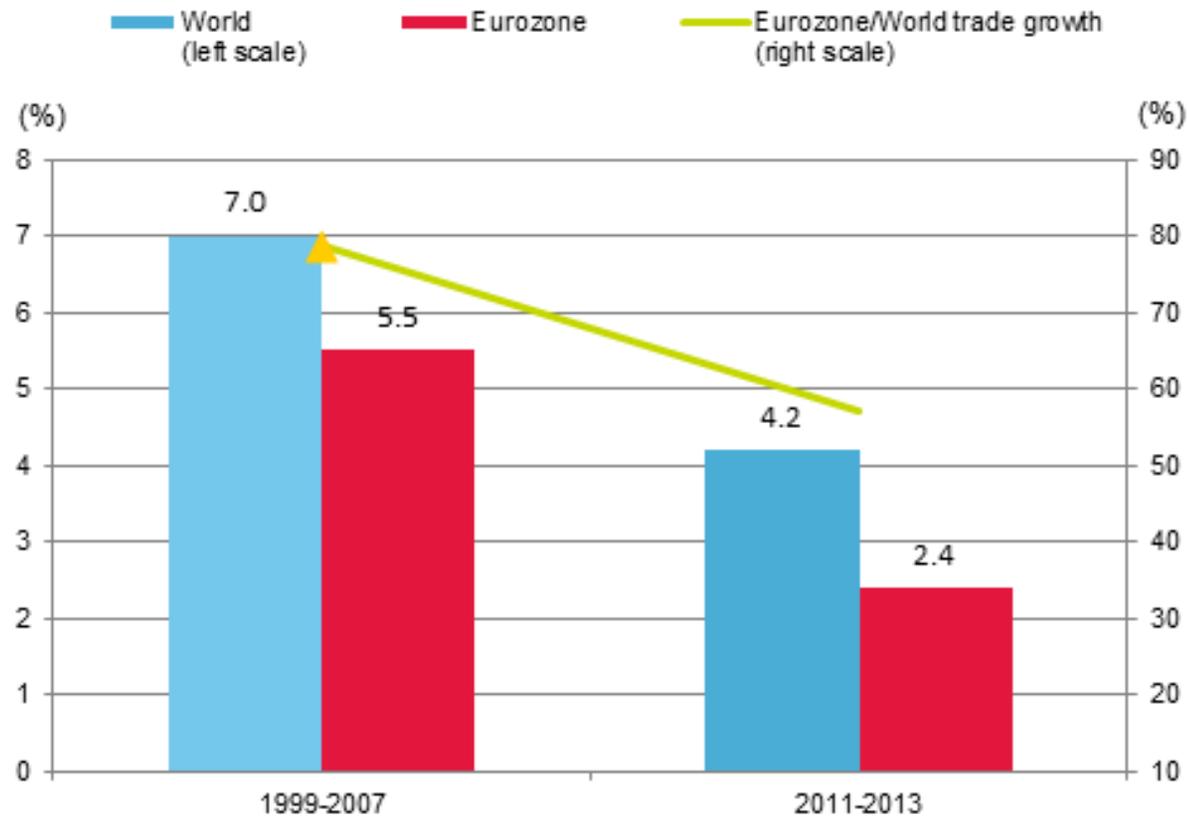
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# The Demographic Soft-Spot Is Behind the Eurozone



# Globalisation Tailwinds Less Powerful?

Trade Volume Growth (Goods And Services, Annual Average)

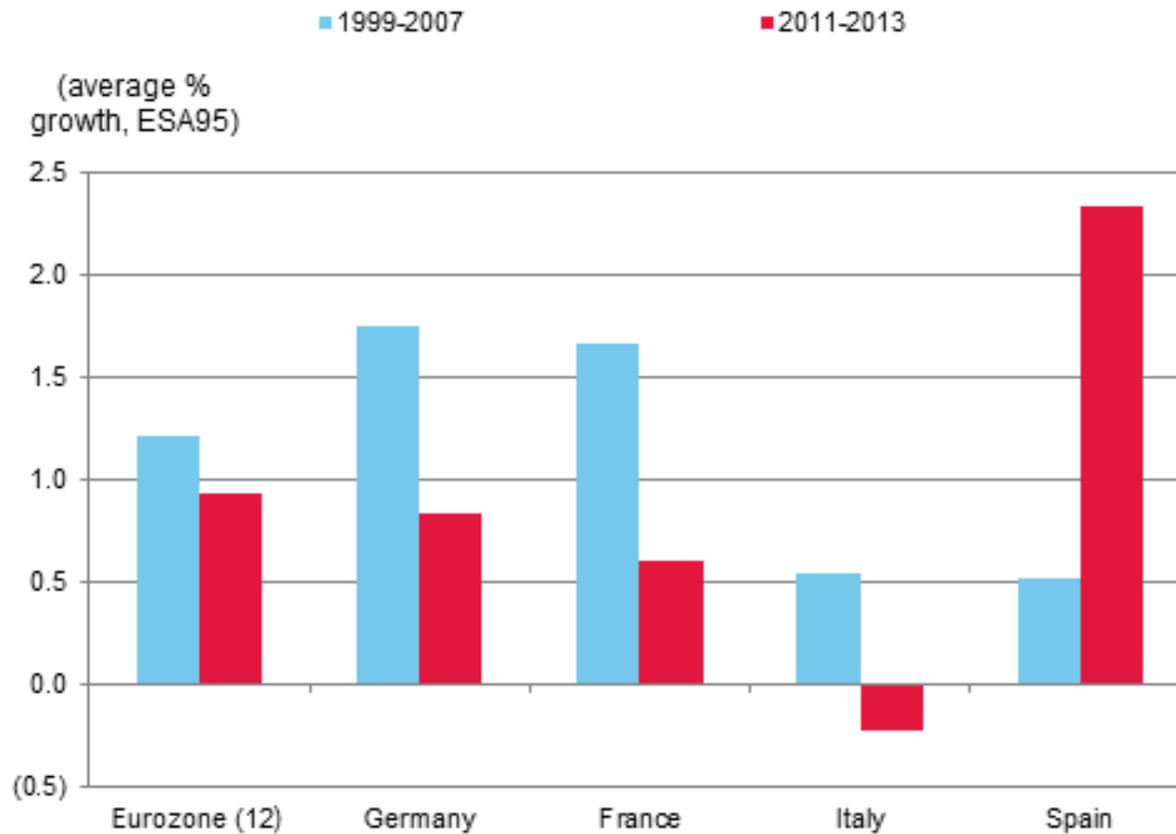


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# Productivity Increases Have Been Falling

Real Labor Productivity Per Hour Worked, Selected Eurozone Countries

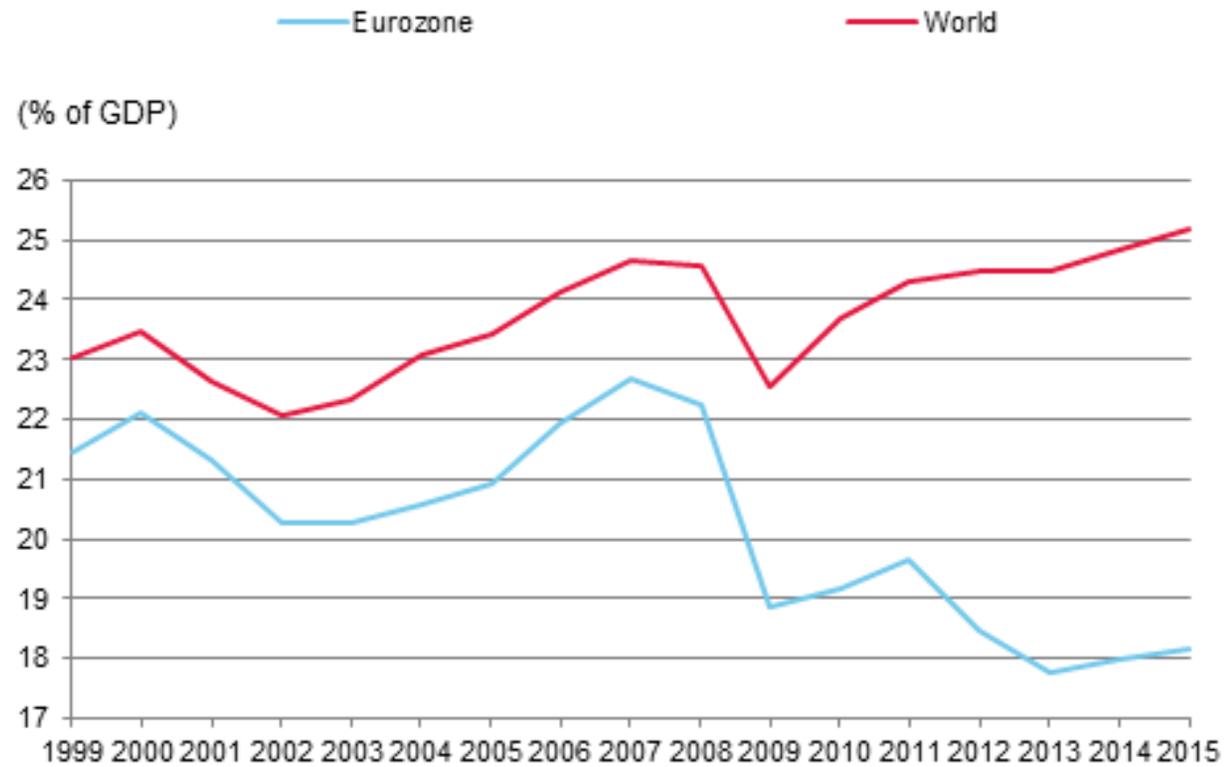


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# Low Investment = Low Growth?

## Gross Investment



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