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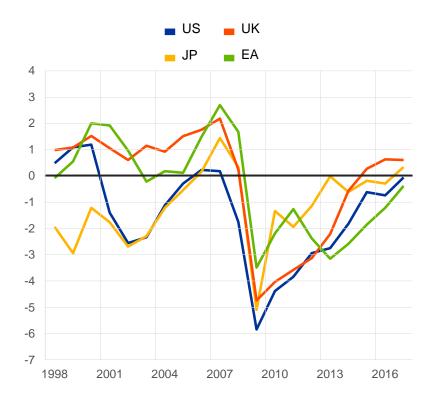
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Scars that never were? Potential output and slack after the crisis

Paris, 12 April 2018

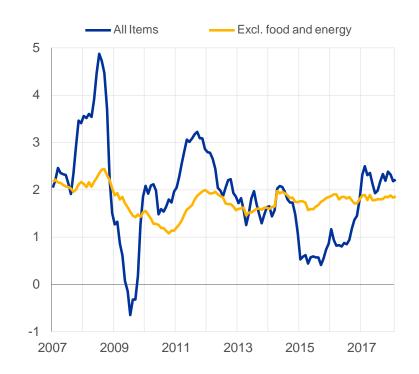
Output gaps for selected economies

(as a percentage of potential output)



Sources: Haver Analytics, US Congressional Budget Office, Japan Cabinet Office and European Commission. Latest observations: 2017Q4 (Japan and US) and 2017 (UK and euro area).

OECD inflation (annual percentage changes)

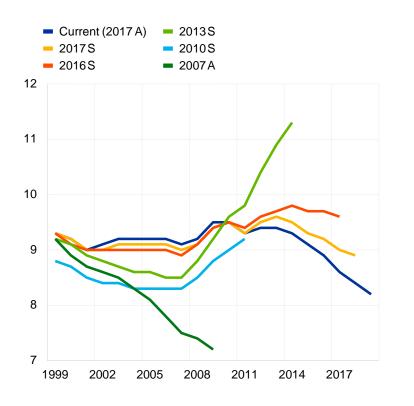


Sources: Haver Analytics and OECD. Latest observation: February 2018.

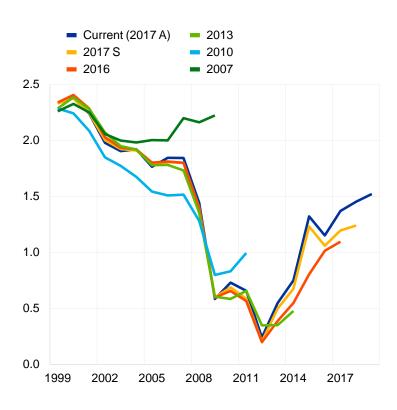
Estimates of potential growth are uncertain and tend to be pro-cyclical

Real-time vintages of euro area NAWRU* estimates

(% of labour force)



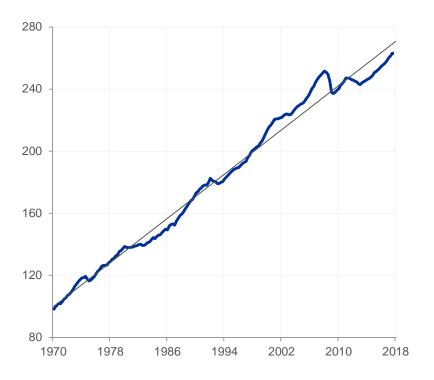
Real-time vintages of euro area potential growth (% p.a.)



Sources: European Commission and ECB calculations. Note: Latest observation from EC Autumn 2017 forecast. S refers to Spring, A refers to Autumn forecast vintages. * Non-accelerating wage-rate of unemployment

Euro area real GDP

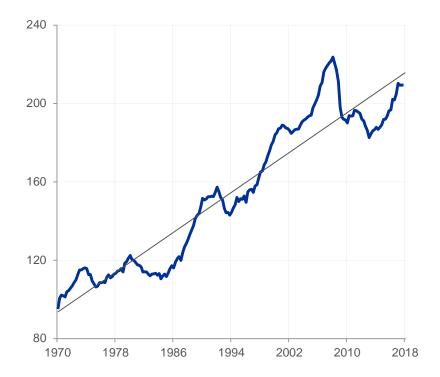
(index: 1970 mean = 100)



Sources: AWM database and ECB calculations. Latest observation: 2017Q4.

Euro area real investment

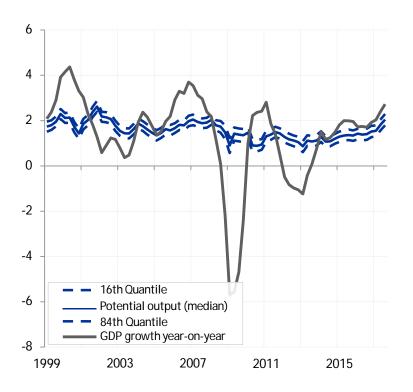
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Euro area GDP and potential output

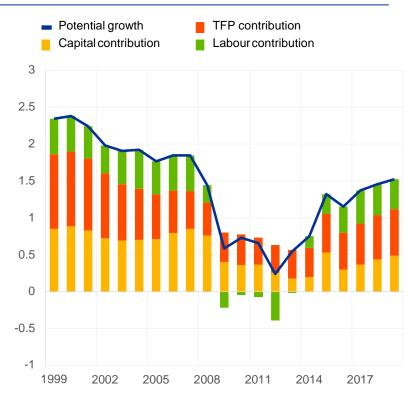
(year-on-year growth rates)



Source: Jarocinski, M. and M. Lenza (2018), "An inflationpredicting measure of the output gap in the euro area", *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, forthcoming.

Contributions to euro area potential growth

(annual percentage change; contributions in p.p.)



Sources: European Commission, Autumn 2017 forecast.

Thank you