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the euro area's framework for monetary policy implementation was introduced in 1999 eleven years on this volume examines the theoretical and historical underpinnings of the framework how it has fared in practice and what challenges it is likely to face in the future the technology serving the implementation of monetary policy has historically been the exclusive preserve of a narrow group of specialists but the recent global financial crisis brought the issue into the public eye as the supply of base money exploded while inflation risked turning into deflation this book addresses all the aspects of monetary policy implementation with particular emphasis on the european central bank and the euro allowing a more informed assessment of a neglected but important aspect of economic life and a better understanding of the exceptional developments brought about by the financial crisis written by the leading money market operators at the european central bank who were involved in creating and implementing the framework and who are still managing monetary policy implementation at the bank today this book provides a rare insider account of how the framework has evolved how it works in practice and the challenges of monetary policy implementation going forward in this book ferdi de ville and mattias vermeiren examine the linkages between the economic crisis in the euro area and the rise of brazil india and china bics in the global monetary and trading system drawing on the insights of the comparative capitalism literature the authors show that the latter development has been a key source of the escalation of trade imbalances in the euro area which are widely seen as an important cause of the financial and economic crisis in the region by pointing to the external source of these imbalances and the divergent institutional capacity of the euro area countries to deal with the intensified competition associated with the rise of the bics de ville and vermeiren go beyond the focus on the divergence in unit labor costs as the driving force of these imbalances as such this book provides a comprehensive policy critique of the eu's export led growth strategy based on declining unit labor costs as time elapses since the introduction of the euro it is legitimate to start asking what impact the new currency and the single monetary policy have had on european integration this book provides the most comprehensive review of financial integration in the euro area the volume includes an introduction to the institutional features of the euro area and the literature on financial integration it examines developments in the financial structures at large and moves forward to focus on specific areas pertaining to financial intermediaries the bond and equity markets and market based debt finance it is particularly suited to researchers and students of developments in the euro area central banking money and banking as well as international relations and international business more generally while the introductory chapters will help in bringing undergraduates on board the later chapters will particularly benefit the early graduate student as well as the professional observer this paper focuses on the convergence performance of euro area countries before and after euro introduction the analysis compares per capita incomes across countries both for the initial group of twelve countries that adopted the euro before 2002 the so called ea 12 as well as the current group of 19 euro area members ea 19 the convergence process has stalled since the introduction of the euro except for new euro area members which reduced their income gaps vis à vis the founding members until their adoption of the common currency the convergence of income levels is not a prerequisite for a functioning monetary union but has been considered an important objective of the european economic integration process lagging productivity growth in countries with lower initial gdp per capita is found to be the main explanation for the lack of convergence suggesting that structural reforms can help to restart the convergence process the sdn elaborates the case for and the design of a banking union for the euro area it discusses the benefits and costs of a banking union presents a steady state view of the banking union elaborates difficult transition issues and briefly discusses broader eu issues as such it assesses current plans and provides advice it is accompanied by three background technical notes that analyze in depth the various elements of the banking union a single supervisory framework a single resolution and common safety net and urgent issues related to repair of weak banks in europe this 2003 book offers the most systematic analysis available of the impact of european central bank monetary policy on the national economies of the eurozone analysing macro and micro economic evidence with chapters by central bank economists including a discussion chapter by eminent macroeconomists it is an essential contribution to research on the subject the emergence of macroeconomic imbalances among eu member states is often seen as a major underlying factor of the recent european debt crisis in order to identify and tackle these imbalances the european authorities established in 2011 a new surveillance tool incorporating rules to prevent future imbalances and labelled the excessive imbalance procedure eip stefan collignon argues that the premises of the excessive imbalance procedure are in fact wrong and its implementation therefore misguided in that they take for granted the policy framework of the nation state whereas the euro area economy is in reality integrated into a single market with a single currency such that so called foreign debt is effectively debt to other residents in the euro area the author demonstrates furthermore that strict adherence to the eip could in conjunction with other new economic governance instruments entail devastating consequences for peripheral countries in the european union following his observation that current indicators used by the commission fail to provide a correct or accurate assessment of imbalances in the euro area the author devises a new competitive index calculated as the difference between actual and equilibrium unit labour costs which he recommends as an alternative and better indicator in the context of the alert mechanism reports to be issued by the european commission in the future this book studies the interactions between monetary and fiscal policies in the euro area it carefully discusses the process of policy competition and the structure of policy cooperation as to policy competition the focus is on competition between the european central bank the american central bank the german government and the french government as to policy cooperation the focus is on the same institutions these are higher dimensional issues the policy targets are price stability and full employment the policy makers follow co turkey or gradualist strategies the policy decisions are taken sequentially or simultaneously monetary and fiscal policies have spillover effects special features of this book are numerical simulations of policy competition and numerical solutions to policy cooperation the present book is part of a larger research project on european monetary union see the references at the back of the book some parts of this project were presented at the world congress of the international economic association other parts were presented at the international conference on macroeconomic analysis at the international institute of public finance at the macro study group of the german economic association at the annual meeting of the austrian economic association at the gottingen workshop on international economics at the halle workshop on monetary economics at the research seminar on macroeconomics in freiburg and at the passau workshop on international economics this book 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financial assets the objective of this book is to provide a framework for that analysis that is comprehensible to most financial market participants the book begins with a focus on coincident and leading economic indicators for the euro area the following section looks at euro area institutions the next chapter focuses on the euro crisis it attempts to provide an explanation of its origins and a glimpse of the potential outcomes in addition the tools needed to analyze the crisis as it evolves are presented the last sections provide information unique to the economies of germany france the u k switzerland sweden and norway euro area policies selected issues sovereign risk premia in several euro area countries have risen markedly since 2008 driving up credit spreads in the private sector as well we propose a new keynesian model of a two region monetary union that accounts for this sovereign risk channel the model is calibrated to the euro area as of mid 2012 we show that a combination of sovereign risk in one region and strongly procyclical fiscal policy at the aggregate level exacerbates the risk of belief driven deflationary downturns the model provides an argument in favor of coordinated asymmetric fiscal stances as a way to prevent selffulfilling debt crises the ecb has taken a range of actions to address bank funding problems eliminate excessive risk in sovereign markets and safeguard monetary transmission but euro area financial markets have remained fragmented driving retail interest rates in stressed markets far above those in the core this has impeded the flow of credit and undermined the transmission of monetary policy analysis presented here indicates that the credit channel of monetary policy has broken down during the crisis particularly in stressed markets and that smes in these economies appear to be most affected by elevated lending rates given these stresses the ecb can undertake additional targeted policy measures including through additional term loans collateral policies and private asset purchases this book analyses the ongoing reform of the european economic union in the light of the new objective of stability of the euro area as a whole in article 136 3 tfeu on the basis of the relevant legal sources it qualifies this objective as the obligation to preserve the existence of the monetary union the establishment of which was an eu goal laid down in article 3 4 teu while to date the objective has been achieved through fiscal and macroeconomic consolidation in the member states and the activation of stabilisation mechanisms in cases of emergency the book argues that full stability requires a better system of economic governance either through a process of partial fiscal centralisation or the return to a more efficient and sustainable market discipline of public finances it also analyses the concrete legal challenges these raise including compliance with the conferral principle the longstanding democratic deficit of the governance and the balance between financial solidarity and fiscal responsibility when the euro was introduced in 1998 one objective was to create an alternative global reserve currency that would grant benefits to euro area countries similar to the u s dollar s exorbitant privilege i e a boost to the perceived quality of euro denominated assets that would increase demand for such assets and reduce euro area members funding costs this paper uses risk perceptions as revealed in investor surveys to extract a measure of privilege associated with euro membership and traces its evolution over time it finds that in the 2000s euro area assets benefited indeed from a significant perceptions premium while this premium disappeared in the wake of the euro crisis it has recently returned although at a reduced size the paper also produces time varying estimates of the weights that investors place on macro economic fundamentals in their assessments of country risk it finds that the weights of public debt the current account and real growth increased considerably during the euro crisis and that these shifts have remained in place even after the immediate financial stress subsided the paper makes an analytical contribution to the revived discussion about the euro area s institutional setup after significant progress during the euro crisis the drive to complete europe s economic and monetary union emu had stalled and the way forward will benefit from an in depth look at the conceptual issues raised by the evolution and architecture of europe and the tradeoffs involved a thorough look at the underlying economic issues suggests that in the long run emu will benefit from progressing along three mutually supporting tracks introduce more fiscal risk sharing helping to make the sovereign no bailout rule credible complementary financial sector reforms to delink sovereigns and banks and more effective rules to discourage moral hazard this evolution would ensure that financial markets provide incentives for fiscal discipline introducing more fiscal union comes with myriad legal technical operational and political problems raising questions well beyond the remit of economics but without decisive progress to foster fiscal risk sharing emu will continue to face existential risks this volume offers a timely analysis of economic and monetary union at a time of heightened uncertainty about the future of the euro it explores the evolution of euro area governance from the launch of the euro in 1999 to the sovereign debt crisis that struck the euro area in 2010 this volume begins with a review of the main events of the year and how the european central bank has dealt with them the report then deals with the relationships between the ecb and the eurogroup how the council make monetary policy decisions and macroeconomic adjustment in the monetary union this paper provides evidence of fiscal procyclicality excessive deficits distorted budget composition and poor compliance with fiscal rules in the euro area our analysis relies on real time data for 19 countries participating in the euro area over 1999 2015 we look for but do not find conclusive evidence of bias in procedures in relation to country size the paper also briefly reviews the literature on political economy factors and policy biases and offers some reflections on the euro area architecture the momentum for structural reforms is waning in the euro area at a time when even faster progress is needed to boost productivity and growth achieve real economic convergence and improve the resilience of the monetary union what can the european union eu institutions do to bridge this divide this paper argues for greater simplicity transparency and accountability in the eu governance framework for structural reforms our three interrelated proposals outcome based benchmarking better use of existing eu processes to strengthen oversight and reduce discretion and improved financial incentives could help advance reforms ex post monitoring by an independent eu level structural council and ex ante policy innovation by national productivity councils could strengthen accountability and ownership deeper governance reforms should be considered in the medium term with a view toward a greater eu role in promoting convergence this book provides an overview of the key challenges currently faced in the euro area and oecd s main policy recommendations to address them this is on a highly topical issue and addresses a key policy issue for europe namely reinforcing emu institutional architecture along with the banking union some proposals have emerged in europe and it will be important to put out staff views on this issue in that context publication as an sdn is appropriate given the high profile nature and relevance of the topic much like the banking union paper done a few months ago a non technical analysis of the monetary policy strategy institutions and operational procedures of the euros system first published in 2001 we build a factor augmented interacted panel vector autoregressive model of the euro area ea and estimate it with bayesian methods to compute government spending multipliers the multipliers are contingent on the overall monetary policy stance captured by a shadow monetary policy rate in the short run one year whether the fiscal shock occurs when the economy is at the effective lower bound elb or in normal times does not seem to matter for the size of the multiplier however as the time horizon increases multipliers diverge across the two regimes in the medium run three years the average multiplier is about 1 in normal times and between 1 6 and 2 8 at the elb depending on the specification the difference between the two multipliers is distributed largely away from zero more generally the multiplier is inversely correlated with the level of the shadow monetary policy rate in addition we verify that ea data lend support to the view that the multiplier is larger in periods of economic slack and we show that the shadow rate and the state of the business cycle are autonomously correlated with its size the econometric approach deals with several technical problems highlighted in the empirical macroeconomic literature including the issues of fiscal foresight and limited information the likely enlargement of euro area membership will radically change the environment under which monetary policy will be made in the euro area within less than a decade the number of member countries in the euro area could more than double with the vast majority of accession

countries being relatively small in economic terms compared with current members absent reforms such a significant but asymmetric expansion could impede the effectiveness of the institutional policymaking process of the European Central Bank (ECB) and be seen by some as resulting in the overrepresentation of small member countries in the ECB Council. The paper illustrates these issues, describes the principles on which reforms of the ECB Statute could build, and discusses four specific institutional reform scenarios. The analysis coincides with the ECB Council being scheduled to present suggestions for reform by late 2002.

Cross-country differences in economic resilience in an economy's ability to withstand and adjust to shocks remain significant in the Euro area. In part, the differences reflect the lack of a national nominal exchange rate as a mechanism to adjust to shocks. The IMF staff has argued that union-wide architectural changes such as the Banking Union, the Capital Markets Union, and a central fiscal capacity can help foster greater international risk sharing. Yet even these changes cannot insure against all shocks. National policies thus have a vital role to play. This IMF staff discussion note analyzes how national structural policies can help Euro area countries better deal with economic shocks using a mix of empirical and modeling approaches. The note finds that growth-enhancing reforms to labor and product market regulations tailored to country-specific circumstances would help individual Euro area economies weather adverse shocks. Higher quality insolvency regimes are associated with more efficient factor reallocation following a shock. The note also finds that structural and cyclical policies interact: greater rigidities make economies more fragile, putting a higher burden on fiscal policy. This is especially true for members of a monetary union. Countries should build fiscal space in good times and tackle rigidities, reducing their need for countercyclical policies in bad times while making countercyclical policies more effective when deployed.

1. The revised legal framework  
2. The procedure for member states to join the Euro area

This paper examines monetary and exchange rate policies of the Euro area. The paper reviews the European Central Bank's definition of price stability and examines the factors determining the optimal rate of inflation in the Euro area. It reviews the benefits of price stability, including the reduction in the distortions of savings and investment behavior that stem from the interaction between nominal tax systems and inflation. It then goes on to evaluate arguments for maintaining a small positive inflation rate in the context of the Euro area. We estimate a panel VAR model that captures cross-country dynamic interlinkages for 10 Euro area countries using quarterly data for the period 1999–2016. Our analysis suggests that fiscal spillovers are significant and tend to be larger for countries with close trade and financial links, as well as for fiscal shocks originating from larger countries. The current account appears to be the main channel of transmission, although strong trade integration among countries in the Euro area and spillback effects tend to zero out the net trade impact. In some cases, a subsample analysis shows that the effects of fiscal policy have changed over time, with larger estimated domestic multipliers and spillovers between 2011 and 2014. Imbalances within the Euro area have been a defining feature of the crisis. This paper provides a critical analysis of the ongoing rebalancing of Euro area deficit economies: Greece, Ireland, Portugal, and Spain, that accumulated large current account deficits and external liability positions in the run-up to the crisis. It shows that relative price adjustments have been proceeding gradually. Real effective exchange rates have depreciated by 10–25 percent, driven largely by reductions in unit labor costs due to labor shedding, while exports have typically rebounded. Subdued demand accounts for much of the reduction in current account deficits. Hence, the current account balance of the Euro area as a whole has shifted into surplus. Internal rebalancing has come with subdued activity, notably very high unemployment in the deficit economies, and made continued adjustment more difficult to advance rebalancing further. The paper emphasizes the need for:

1. macroeconomic policies that support demand and bring inflation in line with the ECB's medium-term price stability objective
2. continued EMU reforms, Banking Union, to ensure proper financial intermediation, and
3. structural reforms in product and labor markets to improve productivity and support the reallocation of resources to tradable sectors.

Investment across the Euro area remains below its pre-crisis level. Its performance has been weaker than in most previous recessions, and financial crises. This paper shows that a part of this weakness can be explained by output dynamics, particularly before the European sovereign debt crisis. The rest is explained by a high cost of capital, financial constraints, corporate leverage, and uncertainty. There is a considerable cross-country heterogeneity in terms of both investment dynamics and its determinants. Based on the findings of this paper, investment is expected to pick up as the recovery strengthens and uncertainty declines, but persistent financial fragmentation and high corporate leverage in some countries will likely continue to weigh on investment. The paper examines the extent to which current account imbalances of Euro area countries are related to intra-Euro area factors and to external trade shocks. We argue that the traditional explanations for the rising imbalances are correct but are incomplete. We uncover a large impact of declines in export competitiveness and asymmetric trade developments vis-à-vis the rest of the world, in particular vis-à-vis China, Central and Eastern Europe, and oil exporters, on the external balance of Euro area debtor countries. While current account imbalances of Euro area deficit countries vis-à-vis the rest of the world increased, they were financed mostly by intra-Euro area capital inflows, in particular by the purchase of government and financial institutions securities and cross-border interbank lending, which permitted external imbalances to grow over time. We analyze the impact of trade policy uncertainty on investment in the Euro area. Our identification strategy assumes that countries that are relatively more dependent on global trade networks exhibit a higher sensitivity of investment with respect to trade uncertainty. We find that the investment-to-GDP ratio is on average 0.8 percentage points lower for five quarters following a one standard deviation increase in the level of trade uncertainty. We demonstrate that these results are unlikely to be driven by omitted variables and that they are robust to different measures of trade uncertainty and trade openness. Our analysis suggests that the detrimental effect of trade tensions goes beyond lower trade growth, as uncertainty can reduce investment and the economy's long-term growth potential. Although still relatively closed, the Euro area economy is nevertheless subject to a broad range of economic impacts originating from outside its borders. This book aims to improve our understanding of how and to what extent such external developments affect the Euro area, using a broad range of methodologies and techniques. The chapters analyze the various channels that connect the Euro area to its external environment, most notably trade, capital flows, and other international macroeconomic linkages. The result is that the interaction between the Euro area and its external dimension is shown to be more complex and extensive than had previously been thought. With contributions from both academics and professionals, this volume will be an invaluable source of information for researchers and policy makers concerned with the interaction between regional European integration and globalization. First published in 2005, this volume considers that as time elapses since the introduction of the Euro, it is legitimate to start asking what impact the new currency and the single monetary policy have had on European integration. This book provides the most comprehensive review of financial integration in the Euro area. The volume includes an introduction to the institutional features of the Euro area and the literature on financial integration. It examines developments in the financial structures at large and moves forward to focus on specific areas pertaining to financial intermediaries, the bond and equity markets, and market-based debt finance. It is particularly suited to researchers and students of developments in the Euro area, central banking, money, and banking, as well as international relations and international business, more generally. While the introductory chapters will help in bringing undergraduates on board, the later chapters will particularly benefit the early graduate student, as well as the professional observer concerned about export growth within the Euro area. Peripheral countries, due to a lack of competitiveness within the Euro area, are a key policy issue. Our analysis suggests that i) long-term price elasticities for intra-Euro area exports are at least double those for extra-Euro area exports, so traditional real effective exchange rate indexes may overstate the effectiveness of Euro depreciation in restoring exports growth in the Euro area periphery, and ii) there are surprisingly wide divergences across alternative relative price

measures and even when relative price data suggest a steady loss in intra and extra euro area competitiveness the pace of deterioration depends on the measure of relative prices used this is an examination of the monetary integration of the group of countries which constitute the economic and monetary union emu signalling the emergence of a truly european economy it analyzes the macroeconomic policies within the emu and the thinking that underlies their conduct this textbook provides a comprehensive overview of monetary policy banking supervision and financial stability in the euro area the author uses his professional experience in central banking to provide a thorough understanding of european economics and to explore how the monetary and financial system functions the book takes into account the profound changes that resulted from crisis developments in recent years such as the implementation of quantitative easing or the establishment of the single supervisory mechanism ssm the author also invites readers to develop their thoughts on alternative policies to shape the monetary and financial system of the future the textbook is tailor made for intermediate courses in economics but will also appeal to those preparing a career in central banking or financial regulation

## **The Concrete Euro**

2014-10-02

the euro area's framework for monetary policy implementation was introduced in 1999 eleven years on this volume examines the theoretical and historical underpinnings of the framework how it has fared in practice and what challenges it is likely to face in the future the technology serving the implementation of monetary policy has historically been the exclusive preserve of a narrow group of specialists but the recent global financial crisis brought the issue into the public eye as the supply of base money exploded while inflation risked turning into deflation this book addresses all the aspects of monetary policy implementation with particular emphasis on the european central bank and the euro allowing a more informed assessment of a neglected but important aspect of economic life and a better understanding of the exceptional developments brought about by the financial crisis written by the leading money market operators at the european central bank who were involved in creating and implementing the framework and who are still managing monetary policy implementation at the bank today this book provides a rare insider account of how the framework has evolved how it works in practice and the challenges of monetary policy implementation going forward

## **The Euro Area Business Cycle**

2004

in this book ferdi de ville and mattias vermeiren examine the linkages between the economic crisis in the euro area and the rise of brazil india and china bics in the global monetary and trading system drawing on the insights of the comparative capitalism literature the authors show that the latter development has been a key source of the escalation of trade imbalances in the euro area which are widely seen as an important cause of the financial and economic crisis in the region by pointing to the external source of these imbalances and the divergent institutional capacity of the euro area countries to deal with the intensified competition associated with the rise of the bics de ville and vermeiren go beyond the focus on the divergence in unit labor costs as the driving force of these imbalances as such this book provides a comprehensive policy critique of the eu's export led growth strategy based on declining unit labor costs

## **Rising Powers and Economic Crisis in the Euro Area**

2016-06-15

as time elapses since the introduction of the euro it is legitimate to start asking what impact the new currency and the single monetary policy have had on european integration this book provides the most comprehensive review of financial integration in the euro area the volume includes an introduction to the institutional features of the euro area and the literature on financial integration it examines developments in the financial structures at large and moves forward to focus on specific areas pertaining to financial intermediaries the bond and equity markets and market based debt finance it is particularly suited to researchers and students of developments in the euro area central banking money and banking as well as international relations and international business more generally while the introductory chapters will help in bringing undergraduates on board the later chapters will particularly benefit the early graduate student as well as the professional observer

## **Elements of the Euro Area**

2018-02-06

this paper focuses on the convergence performance of euro area countries before and after euro introduction the analysis compares per capita incomes across countries both for the initial group of twelve countries that adopted the euro before 2002 the so called ea 12 as well as the current group of 19 euro area members ea 19 the convergence process has stalled since the introduction of the euro except for new euro area members which reduced their income gaps vis à vis the founding members until their adoption of the common currency the convergence of income levels is not a prerequisite for a functioning monetary union but has been considered an important objective of the european economic integration process lagging productivity growth in countries with lower initial gdp per capita is found to be the main explanation for the lack of convergence suggesting that structural reforms can help to restart the convergence process

## ***Euro Area Policies***

2017-07-25

the sdn elaborates the case for and the design of a banking union for the euro area it discusses the benefits and costs of a banking union presents a steady state view of the banking union elaborates difficult transition issues and briefly discusses broader eu issues as such it assesses current plans and provides advice it is accompanied by three background technical notes that analyze in depth the various elements of the banking union a single supervisory framework a single resolution and common safety net and urgent issues related to repair of weak banks in europe

## **A Banking Union for the Euro Area**

2013-02-12

this 2003 book offers the most systematic analysis available of the impact of european central bank monetary policy on the national economies of the eurozone analysing macro and micro economic evidence with chapters by central bank economists including a discussion chapter by eminent macroeconomists it is an essential contribution to research on the subject

## **Monetary Policy Transmission in the Euro Area**

2003-12-04

the emergence of macroeconomic imbalances among eu member states is often seen as a major underlying factor of the recent european debt crisis in order to identify and tackle these imbalances the european authorities established in 2011 a new surveillance tool incorporating rules to prevent future imbalances and labelled the excessive imbalance procedure eip stefan collignon argues that the premises of the excessive imbalance procedure are in fact wrong and its implementation therefore misguided in that they take for granted the policy framework of the nation state whereas the euro area economy is in reality integrated into a single market with a single currency such that so called foreign debt is effectively debt to other residents in the euro area the author demonstrates furthermore that strict adherence to the eip could in conjunction with other new economic governance instruments entail devastating consequences for peripheral countries in the european union following his observation that current indicators used by the commission fail to provide a correct or accurate assessment of imbalances in the euro area the author devises a new competitive index calculated as the difference between actual and equilibrium unit labour costs which he recommends as an alternative and better indicator in the context of the alert mechanism reports to be issued by the european commission in the future

## **Macroeconomic Imbalances and Comparative Advantages in the Euro Area**

2012

this book studies the interactions between monetary and fiscal policies in the euro area it carefully discusses the process of policy competition and the structure of policy cooperation as to policy competition the focus is on competition between the european central bank the american central bank the german government and the french government as to policy cooperation the focus is on the same institutions these are higher dimensional issues the policy targets are price stability and full employment the policy makers follow co turkey or gradualist strategies the policy decisions are taken sequentially or simultaneously monetary and fiscal policies have spillover effects special features of this book are numerical simulations of policy competition and numerical solutions to policy cooperation the present book is part of a larger research project on european monetary union see the references at the back of the book some parts of this project were presented at the world congress of the international economic association other parts were presented at the international conference on macroeconomic analysis at the international institute of public finance at the macro study group of the german economic association at the annual meeting of the austrian economic association at the gottingen workshop on international economics at the halle workshop on monetary economics at the research seminar on macroeconomics in freiburg and at the passau workshop on international economics

## **Monetary and Fiscal Policies in the Euro Area**

2006-03-14

this book studies interactions between monetary and wage policies in the euro area closely reviewing and discussing the process of policy competition and the structure of policy cooperation on policy competition the book focuses on competition between the european central bank the american central bank the german labour union and the french labour union as to policy cooperation the focus is on the same institutions includes numerical simulations and solutions

## **Monetary and Wage Policies in the Euro Area**

2006-11-24

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## **The Trader's Guide to the Euro Area**

2013-08-14

euro area policies selected issues

## **Euro Area Policies**

2015-07-27

sovereign risk premia in several euro area countries have risen markedly since 2008 driving up credit spreads in the private sector as well we propose a new keynesian model of a two region monetary union that accounts for this sovereign risk channel the model is calibrated to the euro area as of mid 2012 we show that a combination of sovereign risk in one region and strongly procyclical fiscal policy at the aggregate level exacerbates the risk of belief driven deflationary downturns the model provides an argument in favor of coordinated asymmetric fiscal stances as a way to prevent selffulfilling debt crises

## **Sovereign Risk and Belief-Driven Fluctuations in the Euro Area**

2013-11-06

the ecb has taken a range of actions to address bank funding problems eliminate excessive risk in sovereign markets and safeguard monetary transmission but euro area financial markets have remained fragmented driving retail interest rates in stressed markets far above those in the core this has impeded the flow of credit and undermined the transmission of monetary policy analysis presented here indicates that the credit channel of monetary policy has broken down during the crisis particularly in stressed markets and that smes in these economies appear to be most affected by elevated lending rates given these stresses the ecb can undertake additional targeted policy measures including through additional term loans collateral policies and private asset purchases

## **Fragmentation and Monetary Policy in the Euro Area**

2013-10-04

this book analyses the ongoing reform of the european economic union in the light of the new objective of stability of the euro area as a whole in article 136 3 tfeu on the basis of the relevant legal sources it qualifies this objective as the obligation to preserve the existence of the monetary union the establishment of which was an eu goal laid down in article 3 4 teu while to date the objective has been achieved through fiscal and macroeconomic consolidation in the member states and the activation of stabilisation mechanisms in cases of emergency the book argues that full stability requires a better system of economic governance either through a process of partial fiscal centralisation or the return to a more efficient and sustainable market discipline of public finances it also analyses the concrete legal challenges these raise including compliance with the conferral principle the longstanding democratic deficit of the governance and the balance between financial solidarity and fiscal responsibility

## **The Pursuit of Stability of the Euro Area as a Whole**

2019-10-14

when the euro was introduced in 1998 one objective was to create an alternative global reserve currency that would grant benefits to euro area countries similar to the u s dollar s exorbitant privilege i e a boost to the perceived quality of euro denominated assets that would increase demand for such assets and reduce euro area members funding costs this paper uses risk perceptions as revealed in investor surveys to extract a measure of privilege associated with euro membership and traces its evolution over time it finds that in the 2000s euro area assets benefited indeed from a significant perceptions premium while this premium disappeared in the wake of the euro crisis it has recently returned although at a reduced size the paper also produces time varying estimates of the weights that investors place on macro economic fundamentals in their assessments of country risk it finds that the weights of public debt the current account and real growth increased considerably during the euro crisis and that these shifts have remained in place even after the immediate financial stress subsided

## **The Re-Emerging Privilege of Euro Area Membership**

2017-07-18

the paper makes an analytical contribution to the revived discussion about the euro area s institutional setup after significant progress during the euro crisis the drive to complete europe s economic and monetary union emu had stalled and the way forward will benefit from an in depth look at the conceptual issues raised by the evolution and architecture of europe and the tradeoffs involved a thorough look at the underlying economic issues suggests that in the long run emu will benefit from progressing along three mutually supporting tracks introduce more fiscal risk sharing helping to make the sovereign no bailout rule credible complementary financial sector reforms to delink sovereigns and banks and more effective rules to discourage moral hazard this evolution would ensure that financial markets provide incentives for fiscal discipline introducing more fiscal union comes with myriad legal technical operational and political problems raising questions well beyond the remit of economics but without decisive progress to foster fiscal risk sharing emu will continue to face existential risks

## **Revisiting the Economic Case for Fiscal Union in the Euro Area**

2018-02-20

this volume offers a timely analysis of economic and monetary union at a time of heightened uncertainty about the future of the euro it explores the evolution of euro area governance from the launch of the euro in 1999 to the sovereign debt crisis that struck the euro area in 2010

## **Governing the Euro Area in Good Times and Bad**

2011-08-25

this volume begins with a review of the main events of the year and how the european central bank has dealt with them the report then deals with the relationships between the ecb and the eurogroup how the council make monetary policy decisions and macroeconomic adjustment in the monetary union

## **Defining a Macroeconomic Framework for the Euro Area**

2001

this paper provides evidence of fiscal procyclicality excessive deficits distorted budget composition and poor compliance with fiscal rules in the euro area our analysis relies on real time data for 19 countries participating in the euro area over 1999 2015

we look for but do not find conclusive evidence of bias in procedures in relation to country size the paper also briefly reviews the literature on political economy factors and policy biases and offers some reflections on the euro area architecture

## **Fiscal Politics in the Euro Area**

2017-01-30

the momentum for structural reforms is waning in the euro area at a time when even faster progress is needed to boost productivity and growth achieve real economic convergence and improve the resilience of the monetary union what can the european union eu institutions do to bridge this divide this paper argues for greater simplicity transparency and accountability in the eu governance framework for structural reforms our three interrelated proposals outcome based benchmarking better use of existing eu processes to strengthen oversight and reduce discretion and improved financial incentives could help advance reforms ex post monitoring by an independent eu level structural council and ex ante policy innovation by national productivity councils could strengthen accountability and ownership deeper governance reforms should be considered in the medium term with a view toward a greater eu role in promoting convergence

## **Building a Better Union**

2015-09-11

this book provides an overview of the key challenges currently faced in the euro area and oecd s main policy recommendations to address them

## **Better Policies Euro Area: Economic Challenges and Policy Recommendations**

2014-02-14

this is on a highly topical issue and addresses a key policy issue for europe namely reinforcing emu institutional architecture along with the banking union some proposals have emerged in europe and it will be important to put out staff views on this issue in that context publication as an sdn is appropriate given the high profile nature and relevance of the topic much like the banking union paper done a few months ago

## **Toward A Fiscal Union for the Euro Area**

2013-09-25

a non technical analysis of the monetary policy strategy institutions and operational procedures of the eurosystem first published in 2001

## **Monetary Policy in the Euro Area**

2001-07-26

we build a factor augmented interacted panel vector autoregressive model of the euro area ea and estimate it with bayesian methods to compute government spending multipliers the multipliers are contingent on the overall monetary policy stance captured by a shadow monetary policy rate in the short run one year whether the fiscal shock occurs when the economy is at the effective lower bound elb or in normal times does not seem to matter for the size of the multiplier however as the time horizon increases multipliers diverge across the two regimes in the medium run three years the average multiplier is about 1 in normal times and between 1.6 and 2.8 at the elb depending on the specification the difference between the two multipliers is distributed largely away from zero more generally the multiplier is inversely correlated with the level of the shadow monetary policy rate in addition we verify that ea data lend support to the view that the multiplier is larger in periods of economic slack and we show that the shadow rate and the state of the business cycle are autonomously correlated with its size the econometric approach deals with several technical problems highlighted in the empirical macroeconomic literature including the issues of fiscal foresight and limited information

## **The Euro-Area Government Spending Multiplier at the Effective Lower Bound**

2019-06-28

the likely enlargement of euro area membership will radically change the environment under which monetary policy will be made in the euro area within less than a decade the number of member countries in the euro area could more than double with the vast majority of accession countries being relatively small in economic terms compared with current members absent reforms such a significant but asymmetric expansion could impede the effectiveness of the institutional policymaking process of the european central bank ecb and be seen by some as resulting in the overrepresentation of small member countries in the ecb council the paper illustrates these issues describes the principles on which reforms of the ecb statute could build and discusses four specific institutional reform scenarios the analysis coincides with the ecb council being scheduled to present suggestions for reform by late 2002

## **The ECB and Euro-Area Enlargement**

2006

cross country differences in economic resilience in an economy s ability to withstand and adjust to shocks remain significant in



the euro area in part the differences reflect the lack of a national nominal exchange rate as a mechanism to adjust to shocks the imf staff has argued that union wide architectural changes such as the banking union the capital markets union and a central fiscal capacity can help foster greater international risk sharing yet even these changes cannot insure against all shocks national policies thus have a vital role to play this imf staff discussion note analyzes how national structural policies can help euro area countries better deal with economic shocks using a mix of empirical and modeling approaches the note finds that growth enhancing reforms to labor and product market regulations tailored to country specific circumstances would help individual euro area economies weather adverse shocks higher quality insolvency regimes are associated with more efficient factor reallocation following a shock the note also finds that structural and cyclical policies interact greater rigidities make economies more fragile putting a higher burden on fiscal policy this is especially true for members of a monetary union countries should build fiscal space in good times and tackle rigidities reducing their need for countercyclical policies in bad times while making countercyclical policies more effective when deployed

## ***Strengthening the Euro Area***

2019-06-17

recoge 1 the revised legal framework 2 the procedure for member states to join the euro area

## **The Legal Framework for the Enlargement of the Euro Area**

2006

this paper examines monetary and exchange rate policies of the euro area the paper reviews the european central bank s definition of price stability and examines the factors determining the optimal rate of inflation in the euro area it reviews the benefits of price stability including the reduction in the distortions of savings and investment behavior that stem from the interaction between nominal tax systems and inflation it then goes on to evaluate arguments for maintaining a small positive inflation rate in the context of the euro area

## **Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies of the Euro Area**

2002-10-29

we estimate a panel var model that captures cross country dynamic interlinkages for 10 euro area countries using quarterly data for the period 1999 2016 our analysis suggests that fiscal spillovers are significant and tend to be larger for countries with close trade and financial links as well as for fiscal shocks originating from larger countries the current account appears to be the main channel of transmission although strong trade integration among countries in the euro area and spillback effects tend to zero out the net trade impact in some cases a subsample analysis shows that the effects of fiscal policy have changed over time with larger estimated domestic multipliers and spillovers between 2011 and 2014

## **Fiscal Spillovers in the Euro Area: Letting the Data Speak**

2017-11-15

imbalances within the euro area have been a defining feature of the crisis this paper provides a critical analysis of the ongoing rebalancing of euro area deficit economies greece ireland portugal and spain that accumulated large current account deficits and external liability positions in the run up to the crisis it shows that relative price adjustments have been proceeding gradually real effective exchange rates have depreciated by 10 25 percent driven largely by reductions in unit labor costs due to labor shedding while exports have typically rebounded subdued demand accounts for much of the reduction in current account deficits hence the current account balance of the euro area as a whole has shifted into surplus internal rebalancing has come with subdued activity notably very high unemployment in the deficit economies and made continued adjustment more difficult to advance rebalancing further the paper emphasizes the need for 1 macroeconomic policies that support demand and bring inflation in line with the ecb s medium term price stability objective 2 continued emu reforms banking union to ensure proper financial intermediation and 3 structural reforms in product and labor markets to improve productivity and support the reallocation of resources to tradable sectors

## **Adjustment in Euro Area Deficit Countries**

2014-07-14

investment across the euro area remains below its pre crisis level its performance has been weaker than in most previous recessions and financial crises this paper shows that a part of this weakness can be explained by output dynamics particularly before the european sovereign debt crisis the rest is explained by a high cost of capital financial constraints corporate leverage and uncertainty there is a considerable cross country heterogeneity in terms of both investment dynamics and its determinants based on the findings of this paper investment is expected to pick up as the recovery strengthens and uncertainty declines but persistent financial fragmentation and high corporate leverage in some countries will likely continue to weigh on investment

## ***Investment in the Euro Area***

2015-02-19

the paper examines the extent to which current account imbalances of euro area countries are related to intra euro area factors and to external trade shocks we argue that the traditional explanations for the rising imbalances are correct but are incomplete we uncover a large impact of declines in export competitiveness and asymmetric trade developments vis à vis the rest of the world in particular vis à vis china central and eastern europe and oil exporters on the external balance of euro area debtor countries while current account imbalances of euro area deficit countries vis à vis the rest of the world increased they were financed mostly by intra euro area capital inflows in particular by the purchase of government and financial institutions

securities and cross border interbank lending which permitted external imbalances to grow over time

## **External Imbalances in the Euro Area**

2012-10-09

we analyze the impact of trade policy uncertainty on investment in the euro area our identification strategy assumes that countries that are relatively more dependent on global trade networks exhibit a higher sensitivity of investment with respect to trade uncertainty we find that the investment to gdp ratio is on average 0.8 percentage points lower for five quarters following a one standard deviation increase in the level of trade uncertainty we demonstrate that these results are unlikely to be driven by omitted variables and that they are robust to different measures of trade uncertainty and trade openness our analysis suggests that the detrimental effect of trade tensions goes beyond lower trade growth as uncertainty can reduce investment and the economy's long term growth potential

## **Trade Uncertainty and Investment in the Euro Area**

2018-12-11

although still relatively closed the euro area economy is nevertheless subject to a broad range of economic impacts originating from outside its borders this book aims to improve our understanding of how and to what extent such external developments affect the euro area using a broad range of methodologies and techniques the chapters analyse the various channels that connect the euro area to its external environment most notably trade capital flows and other international macroeconomic linkages the result is that the interaction between the euro area and its external dimension is shown to be more complex and extensive than had previously been thought with contributions from both academics and professionals this volume will be an invaluable source of information for researchers and policy makers concerned with the interaction between regional european integration and globalization

## **The External Dimension of the Euro Area**

2012-10-04

first published in 2005 this volume considers that as time elapses since the introduction of the euro it is legitimate to start asking what impact the new currency and the single monetary policy have had on european integration this book provides the most comprehensive review of financial integration in the euro area the volume includes an introduction to the institutional features of the euro area and the literature on financial integration it examines developments in the financial structures at large and moves forward to focus on specific areas pertaining to financial intermediaries the bond and equity markets and market based debt finance it is particularly suited to researchers and students of developments in the euro area central banking money and banking as well as international relations and international business more generally while the introductory chapters will help in bringing undergraduates on board the later chapters will particularly benefit the early graduate student as well as the professional observer

## **Elements of the Euro Area**

2020-04-02

concerns about export growth within the euro area peripheral countries due to a lack of competitiveness within the euro area are a key policy issue our analysis suggests that i long term price elasticities for intra euro area exports are at least double those for extra euro area exports so traditional real effective exchange rate indexes may overstate the effectiveness of euro depreciation in restoring exports growth in the euro area periphery and ii there are surprisingly wide divergences across alternative relative price measures and even when relative price data suggest a steady loss in intra and extra euro area competitiveness the pace of deterioration depends on the measure of relative prices used

## **Euro Area Export Performance and Competitiveness**

2011-06-01

this is an examination of the monetary integration of the group of countries which constitute the economic and monetary union emu signalling the emergence of a truly european economy it analyzes the macroeconomic policies within the emu and the thinking that underlies their conduct

## **The Economics of the Euro Area**

2000

this textbook provides a comprehensive overview of monetary policy banking supervision and financial stability in the euro area the author uses his professional experience in central banking to provide a thorough understanding of european economics and to explore how the monetary and financial system functions the book takes into account the profound changes that resulted from crisis developments in recent years such as the implementation of quantitative easing or the establishment of the single supervisory mechanism ssm the author also invites readers to develop their thoughts on alternative policies to shape the monetary and financial system of the future the textbook is tailor made for intermediate courses in economics but will also appeal to those preparing a career in central banking or financial regulation

## **Monetary and Financial Policy in the Euro Area**

2018-05-31

## Annual Report on the Euro Area - 2009

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