

PERSPECTIVES OF THE SPANISH ECONOMY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT: CHALLENGES AND ROLE OF THE NGEU

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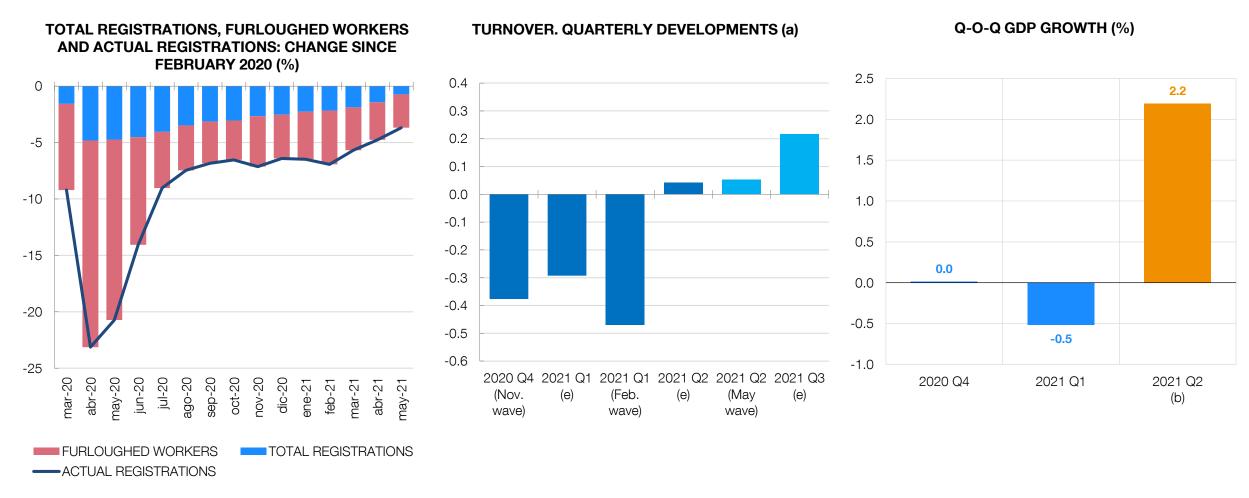
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SHORT-TERM INDICATORS SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT IN ACTIVITY IN THE SPANISH ECONOMY SINCE MARCH, WHICH HAS ACCELERATED MORE RECENTLY



Sources: Banco de España, Instituto Nacional de Estadística and Ministerio de Inclusión, Seguridad Social y Migraciones.

⁽a) Index calculated as: "Significant decline" = -2; "Slight decline" = -1; "Stability" = 0; "Slight increase" = 1; "Significant increase" = 2. Encuesta del Banco de España sobre la actividad empresarial (EBAE).

⁽b) Macroeconomic Projections, June 2021, Banco de España.

THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONTEXT IS CARACTERIZED BY HIGH DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY (CAPTURED BY ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS)

MAIN SOURCES OF UNCERTAINTY:

Pandemic

Private consumption/saving

Foreign tourism

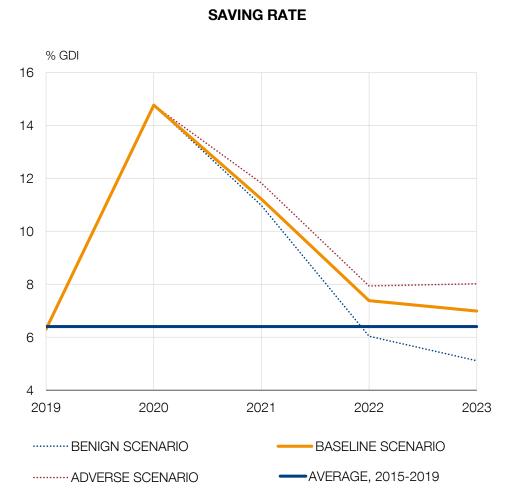
NGEU: degree of execution and multiplier effect

Persistent effects of the crisis on potential growth

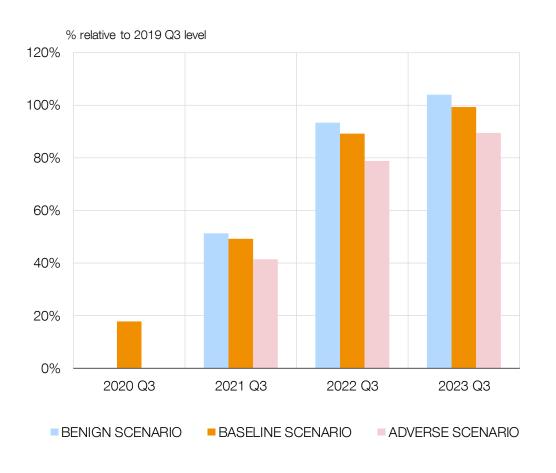
Effectiveness of public policies

Source: Banco de España.

FACTORS DETERMINING THE INTENSITY OF THE RECOVERY INCLUDE THE PACE OF (I) HOUSEHOLDS CONVERTING CUMULATIVE SAVINGS INTO EXPENDITURE AND (II) THE RETURN OF TOURISM

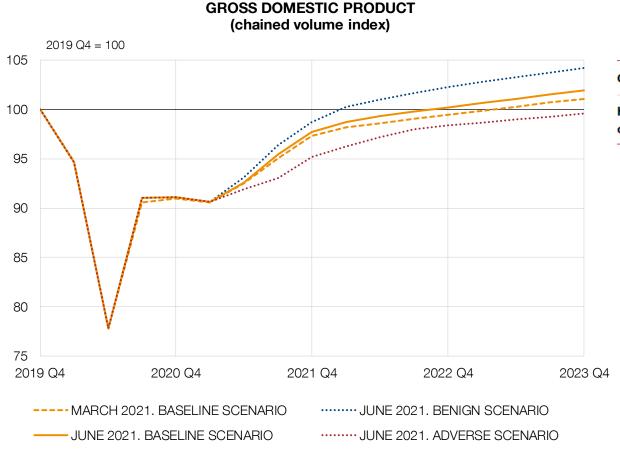


TOURISM EXPORTS



Sources: Banco de España and Instituto Nacional de Estadística.

A GRADUAL RECOVERY OF GDP IS EXPECTED, FAVORED BY THE CONTINUATION OF EXPANSIONARY POLICIES (AND, IN PARTICULAR, BY THE NGEU)



		JUNE 2021 PROJECTIONS			MARCH 2021 PROJECTIONS		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
GDP	-10.8	6.2	5.8	1.8	6.0	5.3	1.7
Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP)	-0.3	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.2

CHANGES IN GDP FORECASTS IN THE JUNE BASELINE SCENARIO COMPARED WITH THAT FOR MARCH

2021: Changes in exogenous variables and upward revision for the current quarter

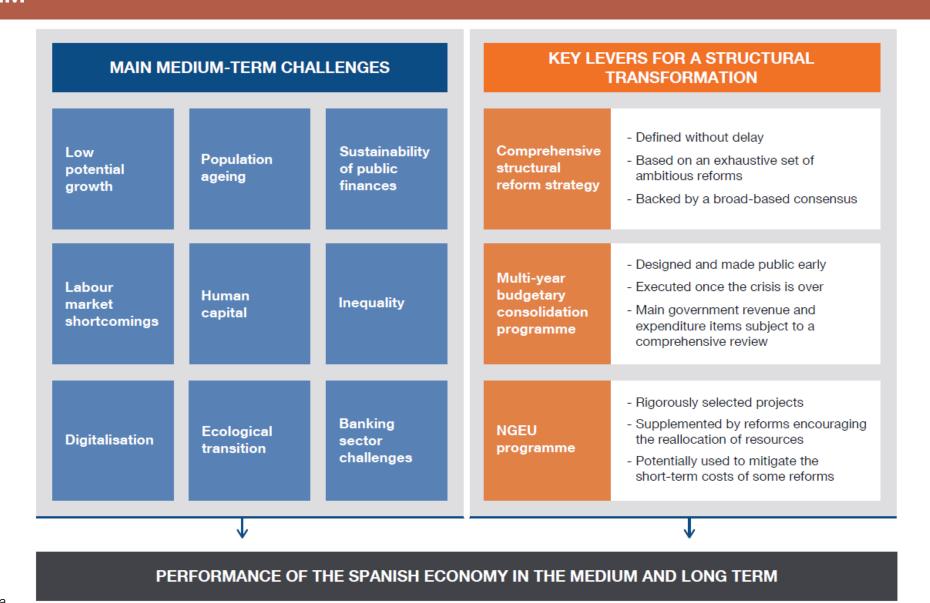
Revisions of past data

2022: Changes in exogenous variables and re-estimation of the degree of absorption of the NGEU

2023: Changes in exogenous variables

Sources: Banco de España (Macroeconomic Projections, June 2021) and Instituto Nacional de Estadística.

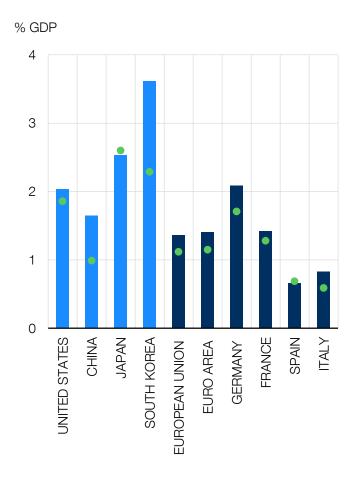
CHALLENGES FOR THE SPANISH ECONOMY IN THE MEDIUM TO LONG RUN AND MAIN POLICY LEVERS TO ADDRESS THEM



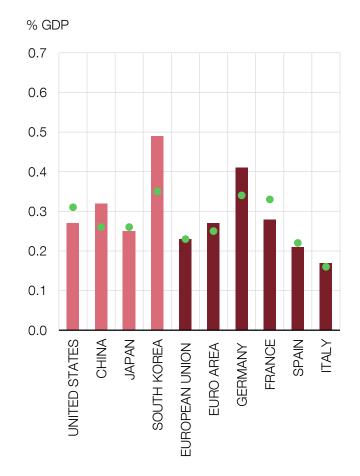
Source: Banco de España.

SPAIN SHARES WITH THE REST OF EUROPE IMPORTANT LONG-TERM CHALLENGES, SUCH AS DRIFTING AWAY FROM THEIR COMPETITORS ON FIELDS LIKE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

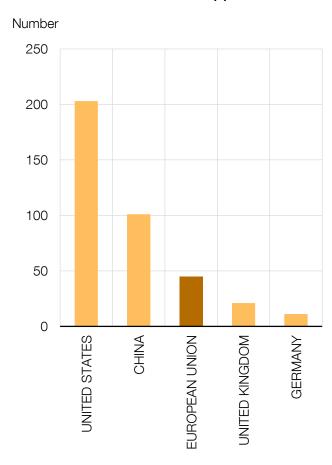
EXPENDITURE IN R&D: BUSINESS SECTOR



EXPENDITURE IN R&D: PUBLIC SECTOR



UNICORN COMPANIES OCTOBER 2019 (a)



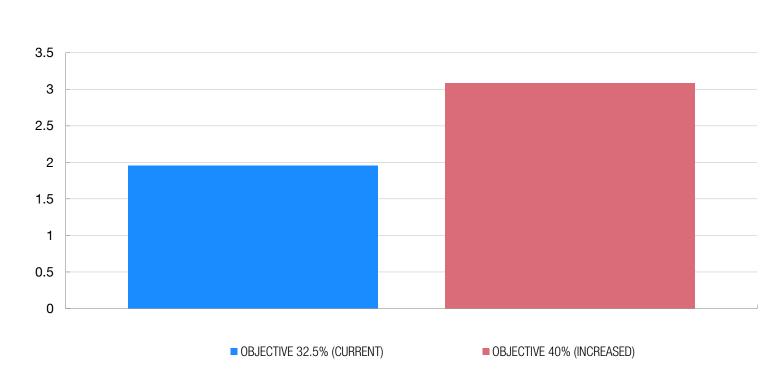
Sources: CB-insights and Eurostat

⁽a) Technological companies with a market valuation of more than 1 billion dollars.

EUROPE MUST ALSO FACE SOME COSTLY STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES, LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE

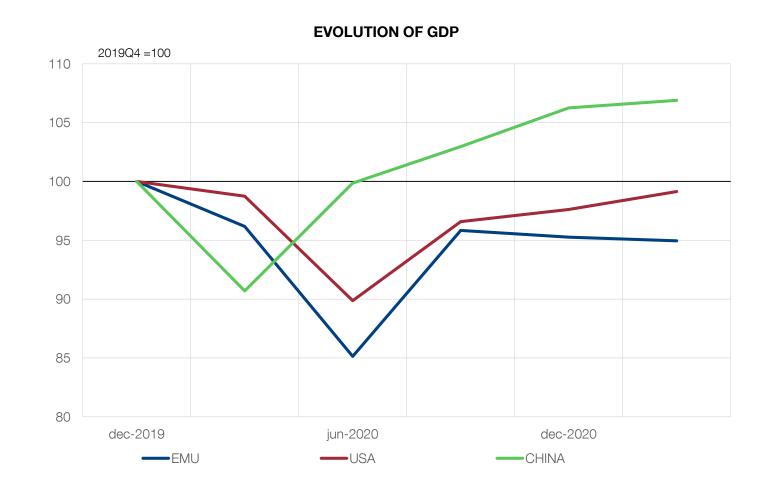
ADDITIONAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT NEEDS IN THE EU-27 TO COMPLY WITH THE CLIMATE OBJECTIVES





Sources: European Commission.

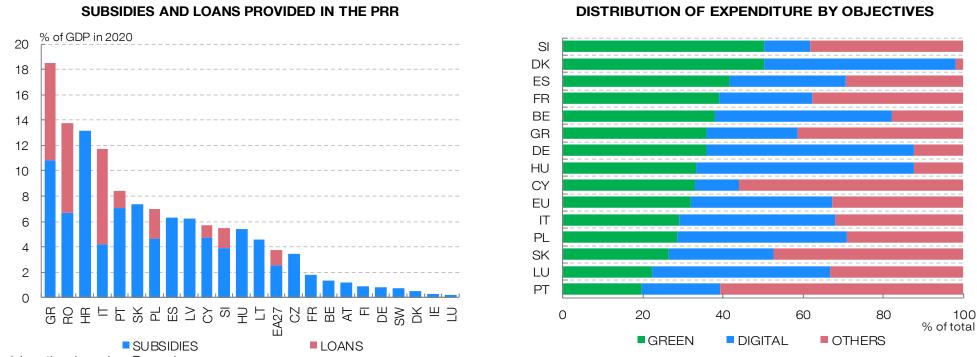
THE RELATIVE INITIAL CONDITION WILL NOT HELP: THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD A HIGHER IMPACT ON EUROPE THAN ON THE LEADING GLOBAL ECONOMIC AREAS



Sources: Refinitiv.

AN IMPORTANT LEVER FOR EUROPE TO REDUCE ITS GAP WITH THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP BY THE USA AND CHINA IS THE NGEU

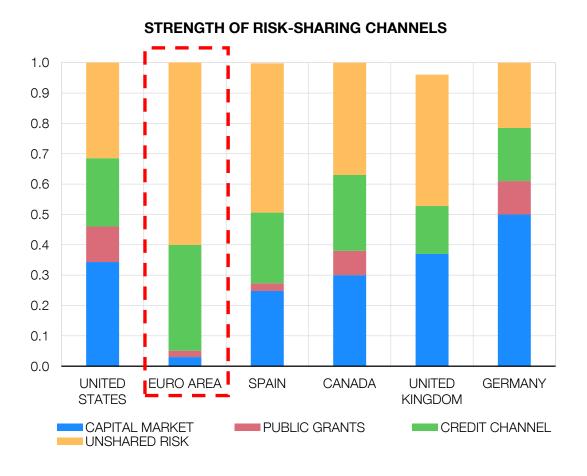
- The NGEU seeks not only to contribute to economic recovery, but also to catalyze the transformation of the economies (ecological and digital transition).
- The Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (RRM) is the main instrument of the NGEU (€ 723.8 billion) and represents an
 unprecedented fiscal boost in some countries.
- The main objectives of the investments financed with the RRM are the ecological transition (37%) and the digital transformation (20%).

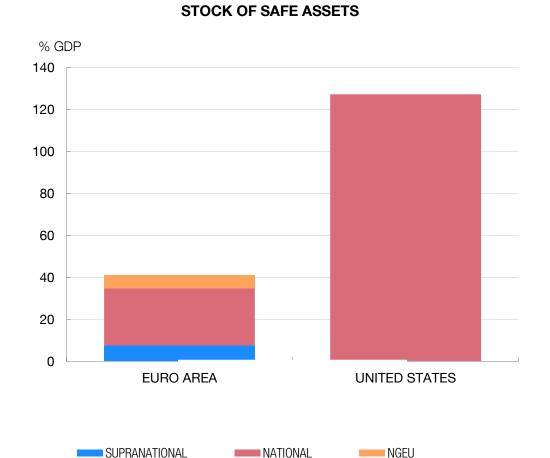


Source: Own elaboration, based on Bruegel.

a In some cases, part of the spending from the PRRs aims, at the same time, to the ecological transition (i.e. green investment) and to digital transition. For presentation purposes, it is assumed that said expenditure is distributed equally between green and digital investment.

NGEU SHOULD ALSO HELP TO ALLEVIATE SOME STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES, SUCH AS THE ABSENCE OF RISK-SHARING MECHANISMS OR THE SCARCITY OF SAFE ASSETS





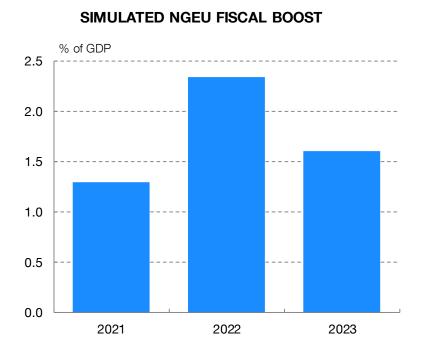
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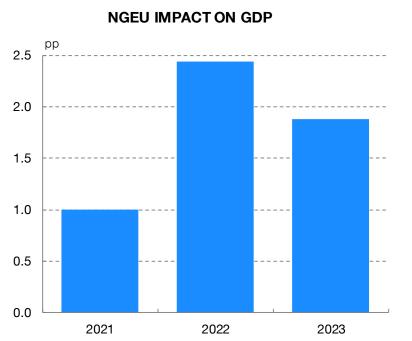
Sources: Cimadomo et al (2019), European Commission, Eurostat and national statistics...

(a)Long-term public debt. Credit rate AAA/AA+ S&P. National of the European Union includes Germany, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Sweden.

THE LARGE AMOUNT OF NGEU RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO SPAIN COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

- The Spanish Government PRTR plans to absorb 96% of the funds available for transfers between 2021 and 2023 (€ 66.8 mm) and announces (although without further details) that loans will also be used.
- The detailed analysis of the PRTR carried out by the Banco de España leads to the assessment that the fiscal impulse between 2021 and 2023 will be significant.
- According to the Quarterly Model of the Banco de España, it is estimated that GDP could increase, on an annual average basis, by up to 1.8 pp in 2021-2023.





Source: Banco de España

MAXIMIZING THE BENEFITS OF NGEU IN SPAIN INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES



RIGOROUS PROJECT SELECTION

- Slimmed-down administrative procedures
- Guidelines defining project selection criteria clearly and consistently
- Strengthened ex post control mechanisms
- Encouragement of the participation of firms in programmes and tenders

REFORMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE SHORT TERM TO MAXIMISE THE IMPACT OF THE RTRP

- Improving the efficiency of corporate insolvency and liquidation procedures
- Limiting disproportionate regulatory formalities
- Reformulating active labour market policies
- Redesigning incentives for investment in R&D&I

FUNDS TO MITIGATE THE SHORT-TERM COSTS OF CERTAIN REFORMS

- For example, implementing a reform to reduce excessive labour market duality
- Combining the creation of individual funds with a more equitable distribution of firing costs in the long term
- In the short term, launching a public support mechanism for firms to mitigate the extra costs of maintaining pre-reform rights

Source: Banco de España.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

