



# Forum İstanbul 2016

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# ***Outline***

**Outlook for Turkey**

**Turkey's Structural Problems**

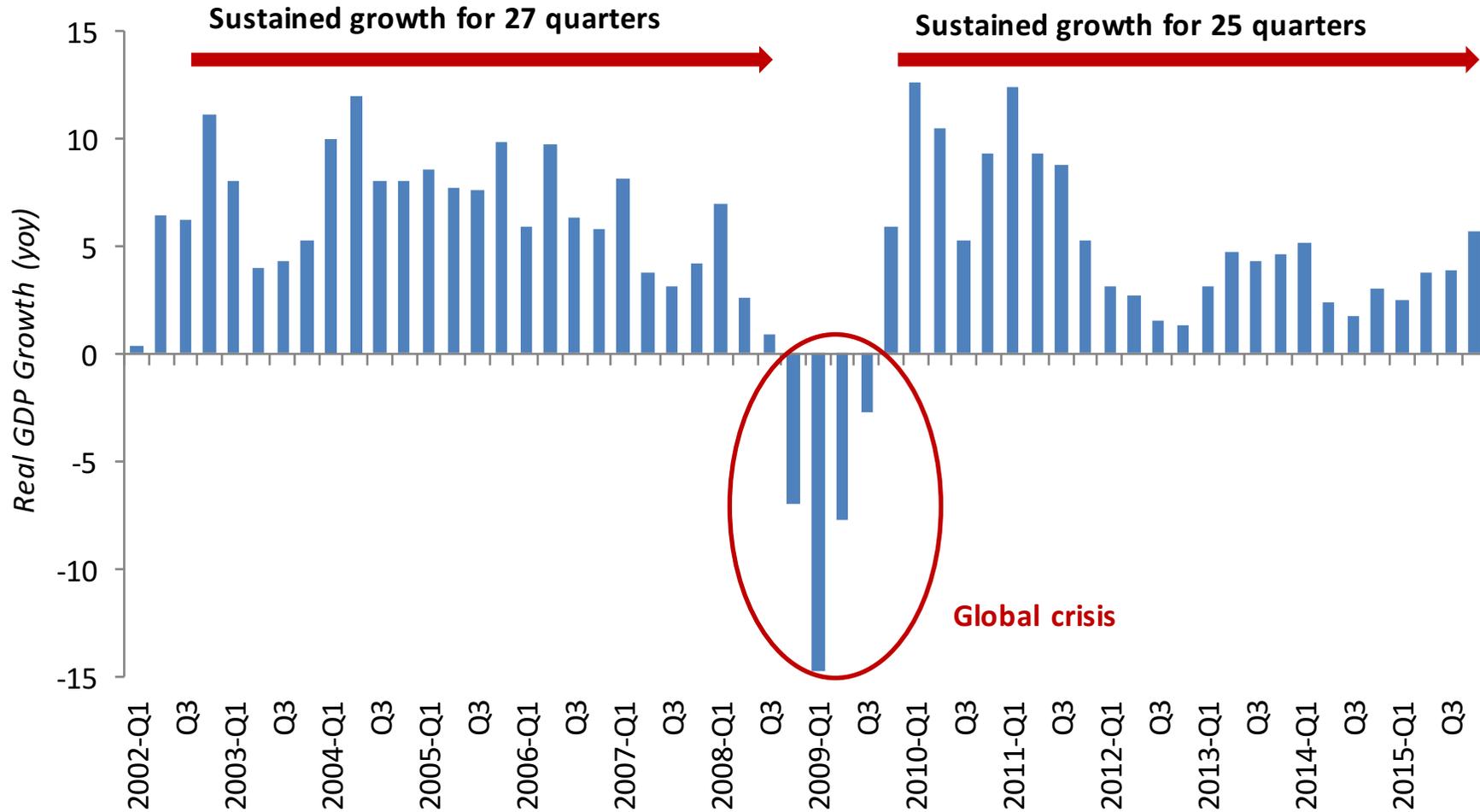
**Reform Agenda & Structural Fixes**

**Long-Term Prospects**

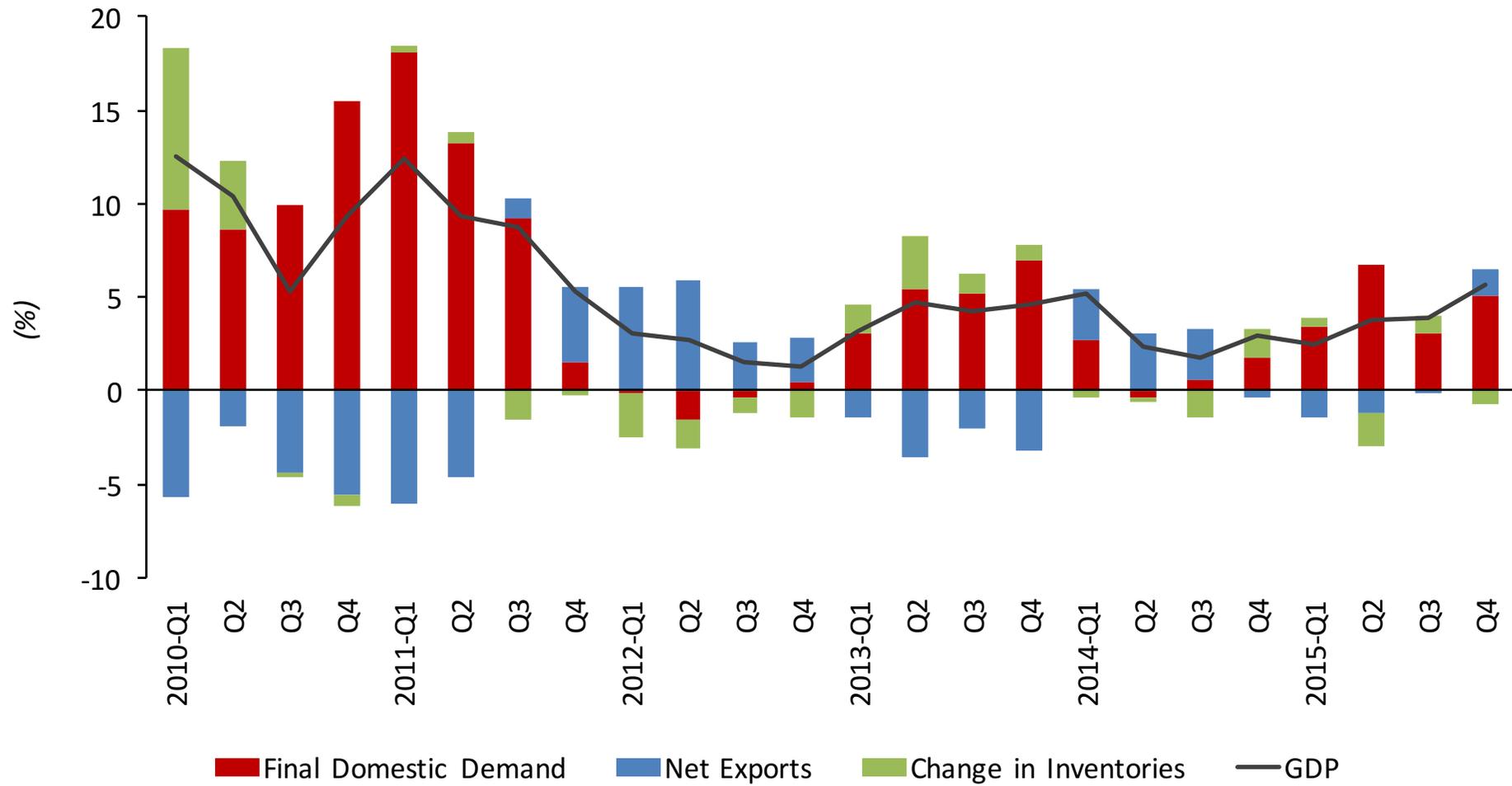


# Outlook for Turkey

# Resilient Growth

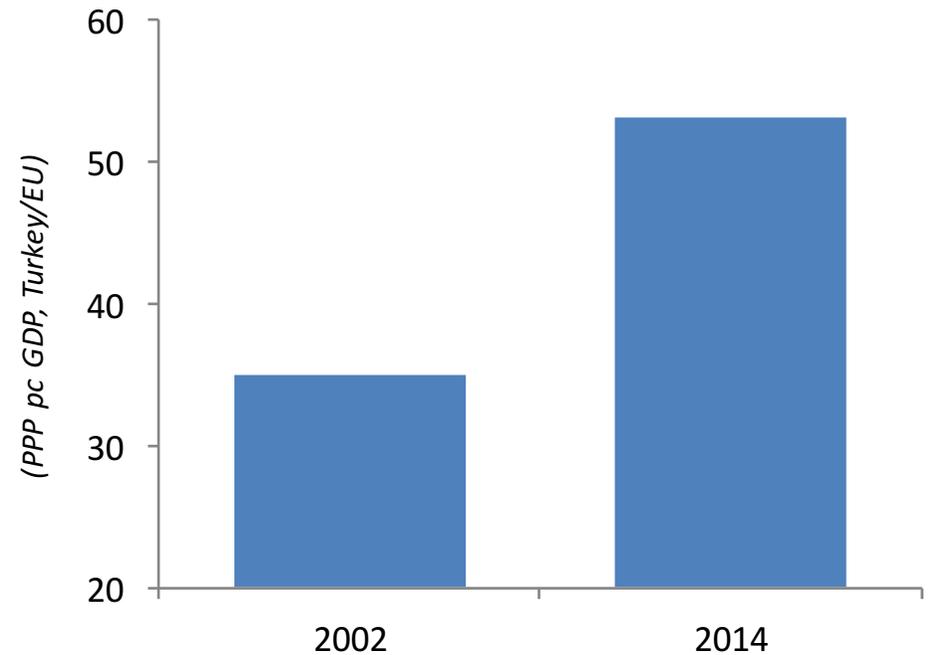
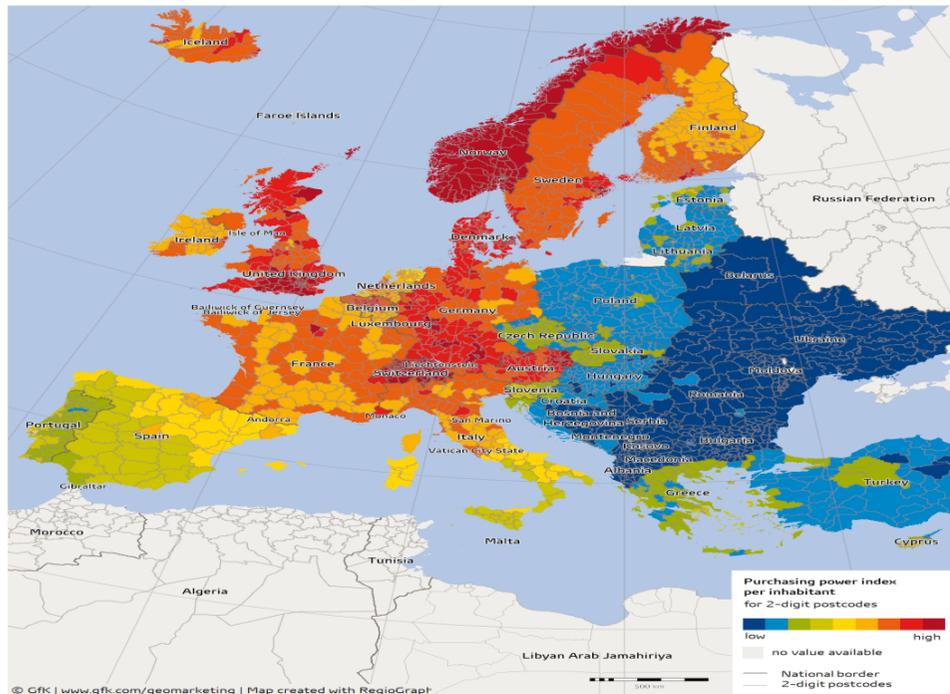


# More Balanced Growth

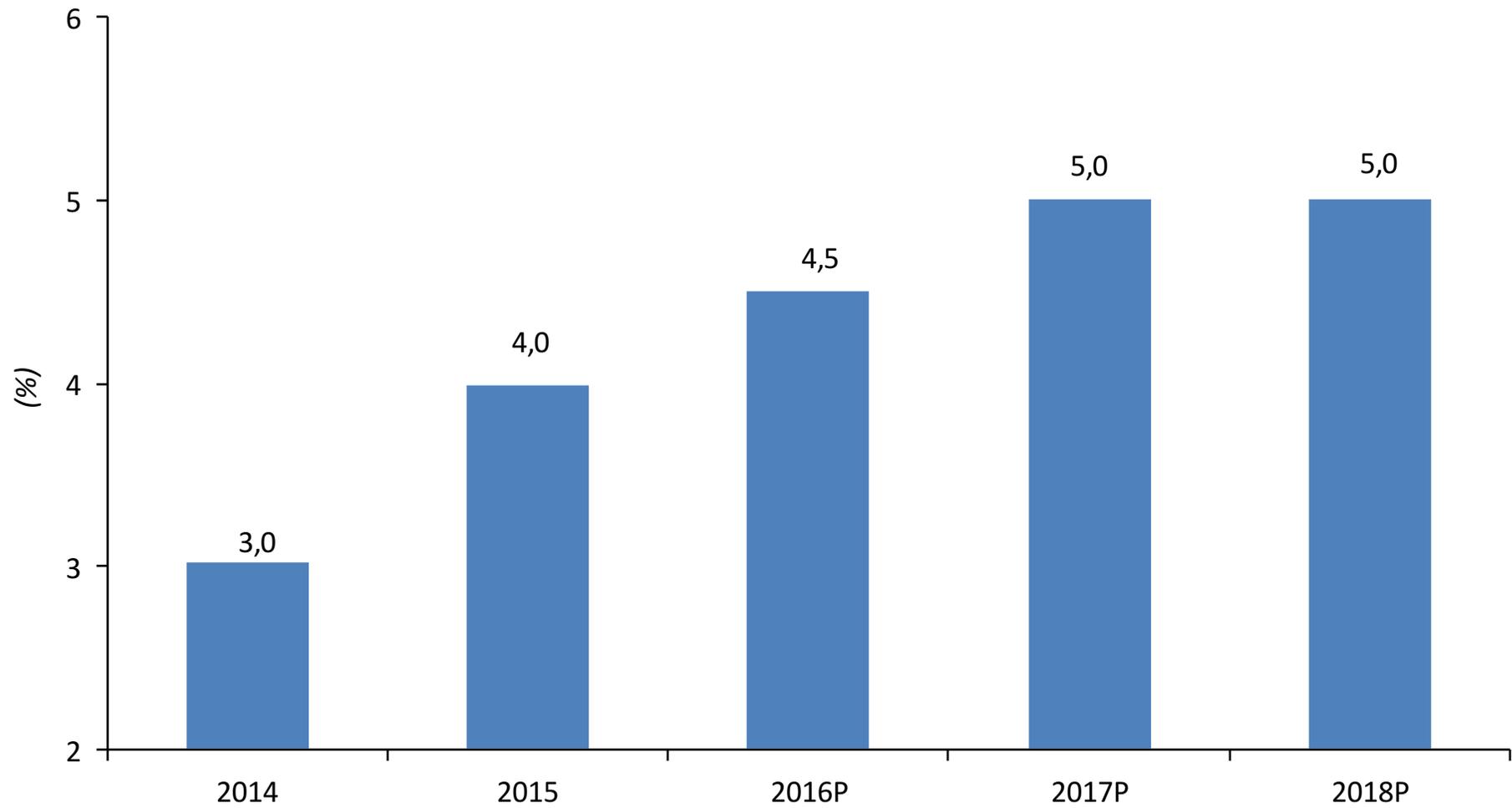


# Real Convergence

Narrowing per capita GDP gap between Turkey and EU by nearly 20 percentage points



# ***GDP Growth Outlook***



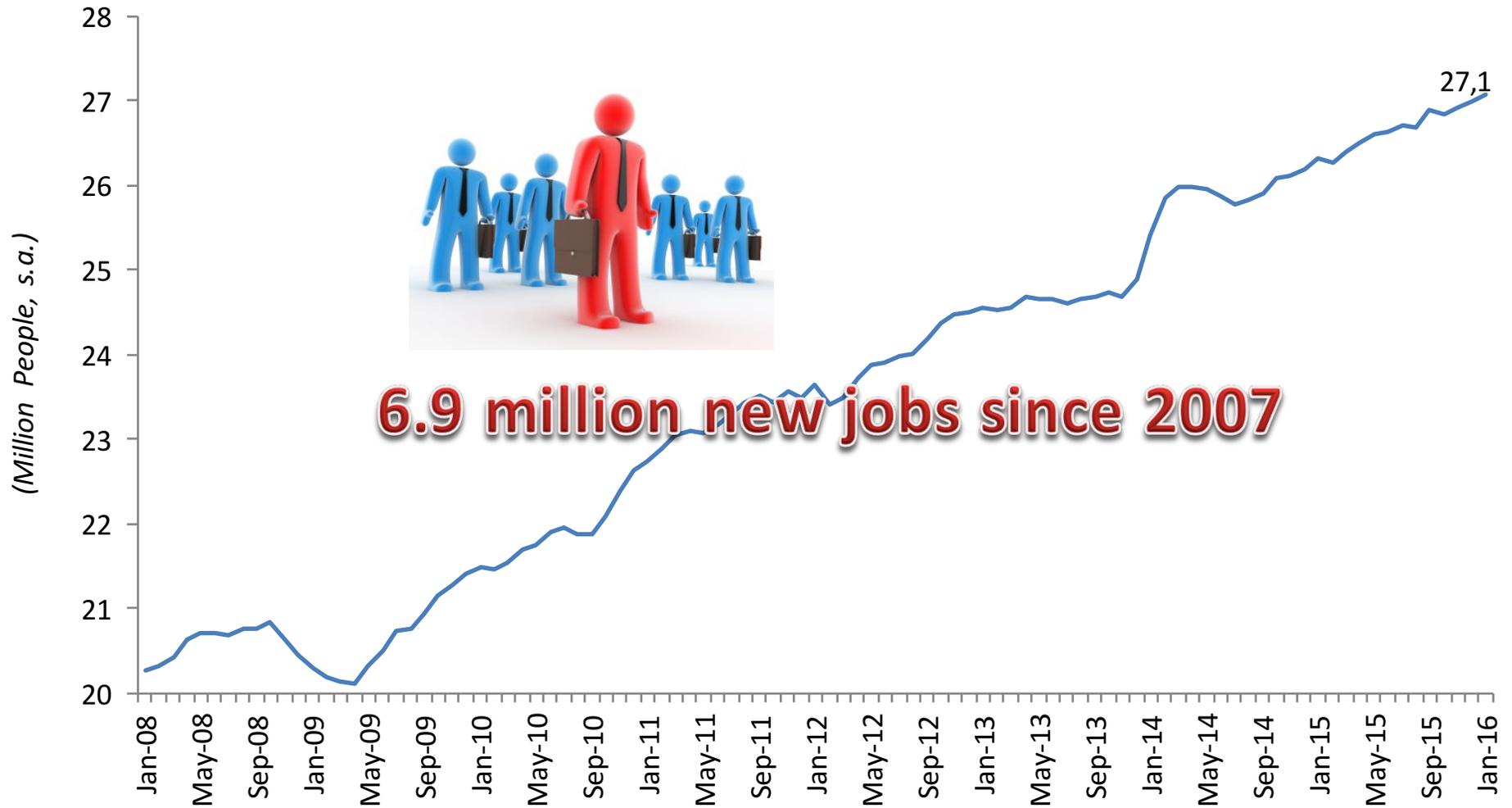
# ***Risks to Growth Outlook***

Geopolitical tensions

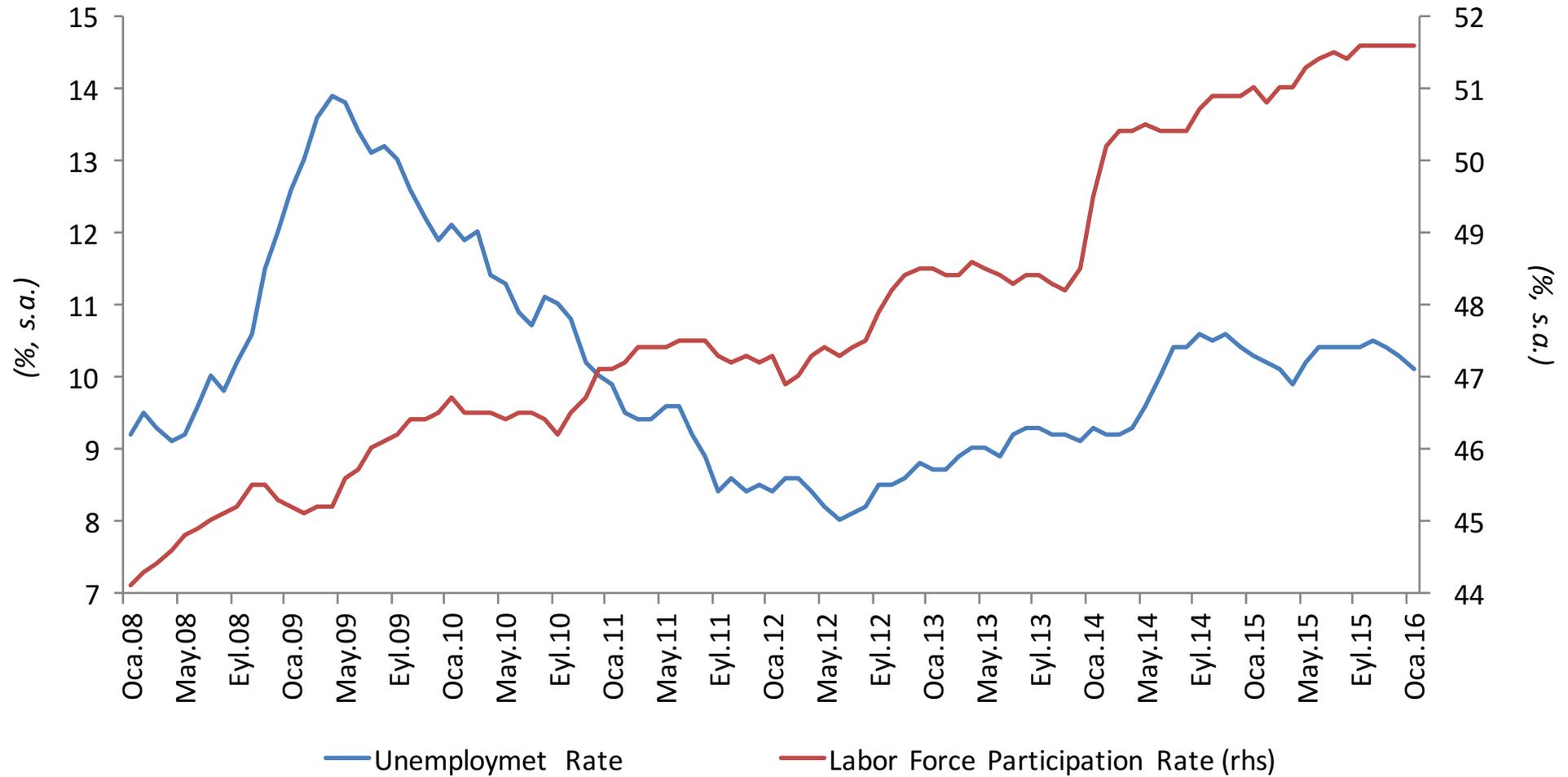
Limited or no progress in structural reforms

More aggressive Fed rate hikes

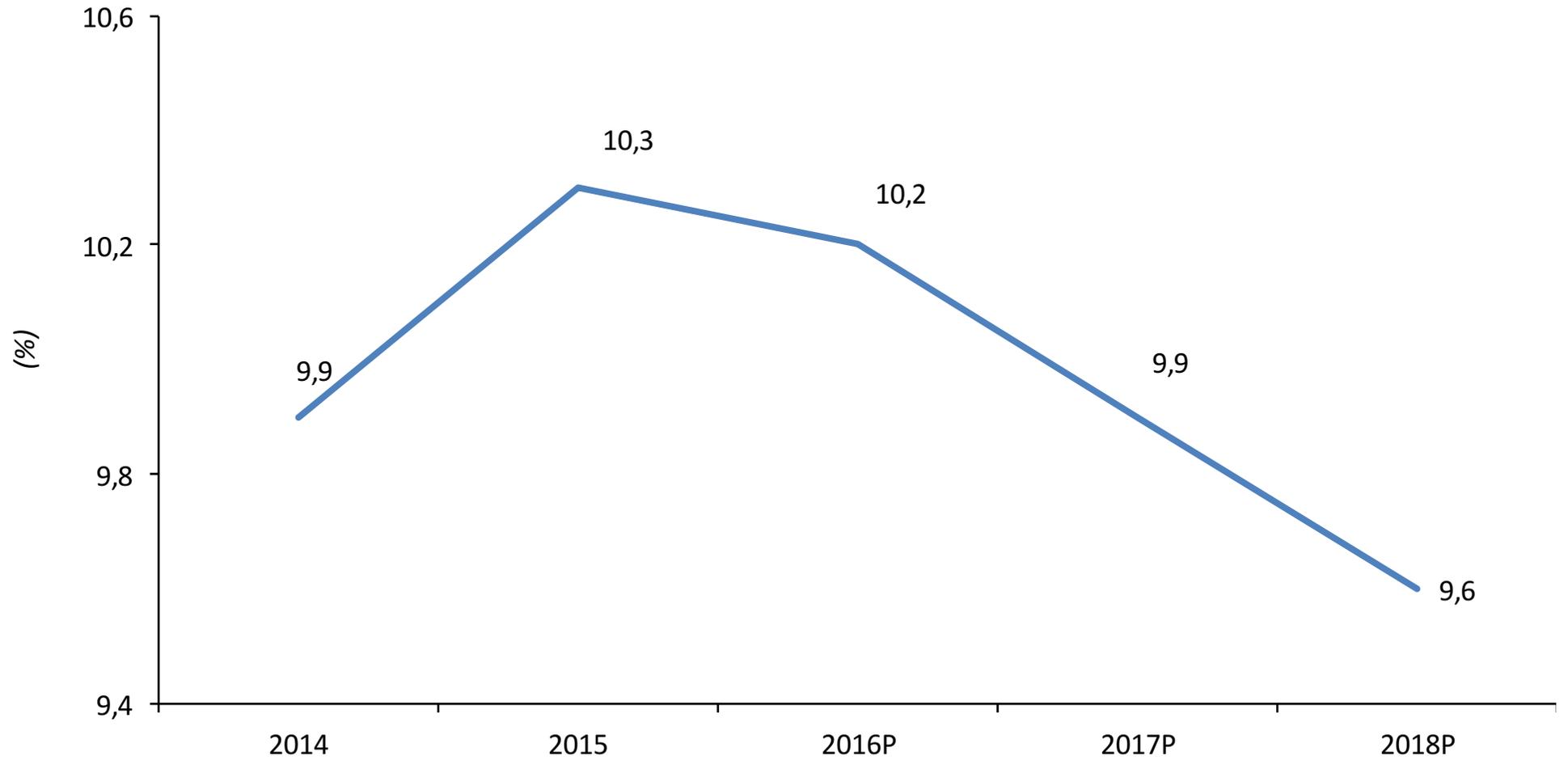
# Strong Job Creation



# Unemployment Remains High



# *Unemployment Outlook*



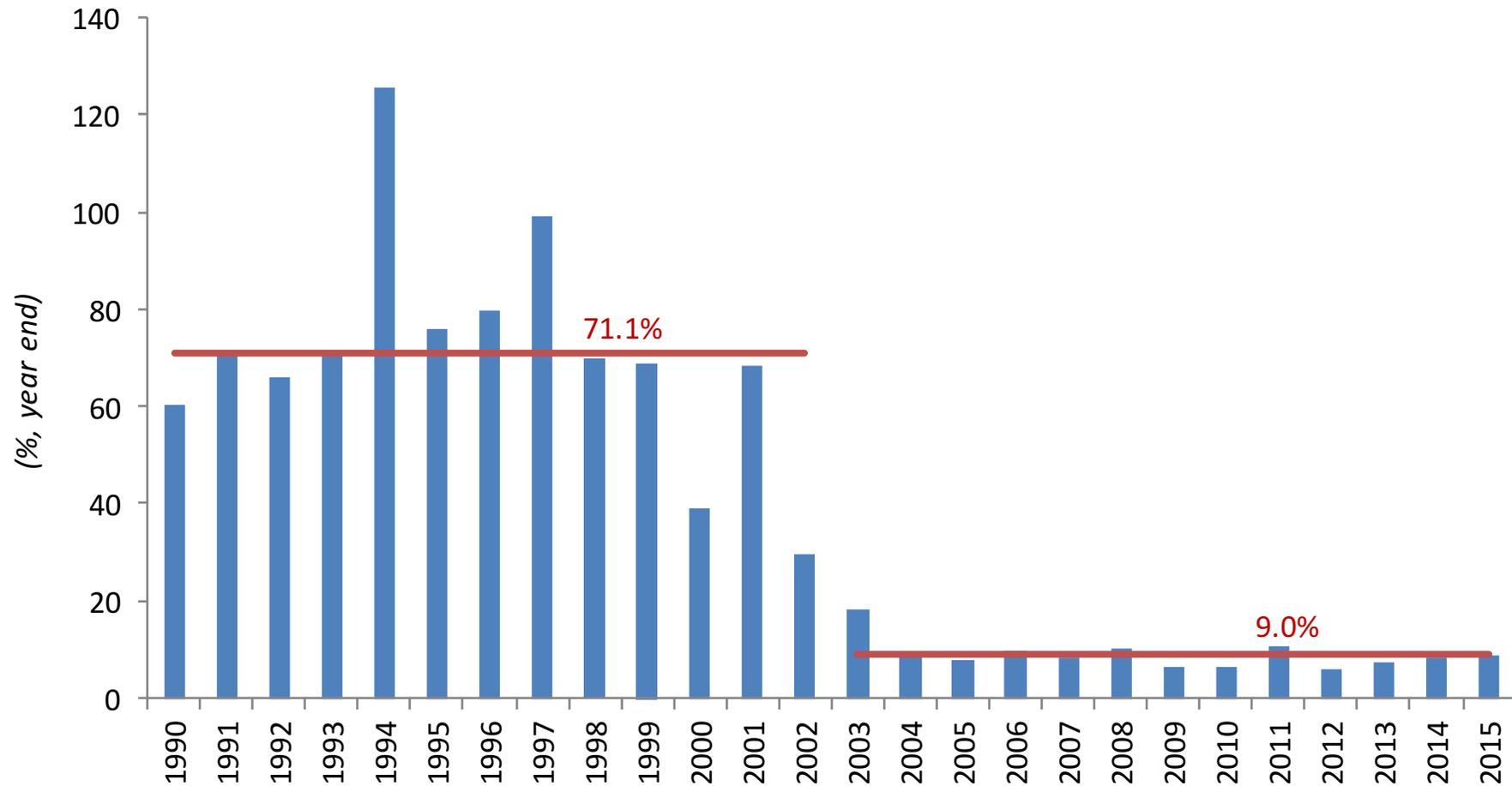
# ***Risks to Employment Outlook***

Shocks to expected growth

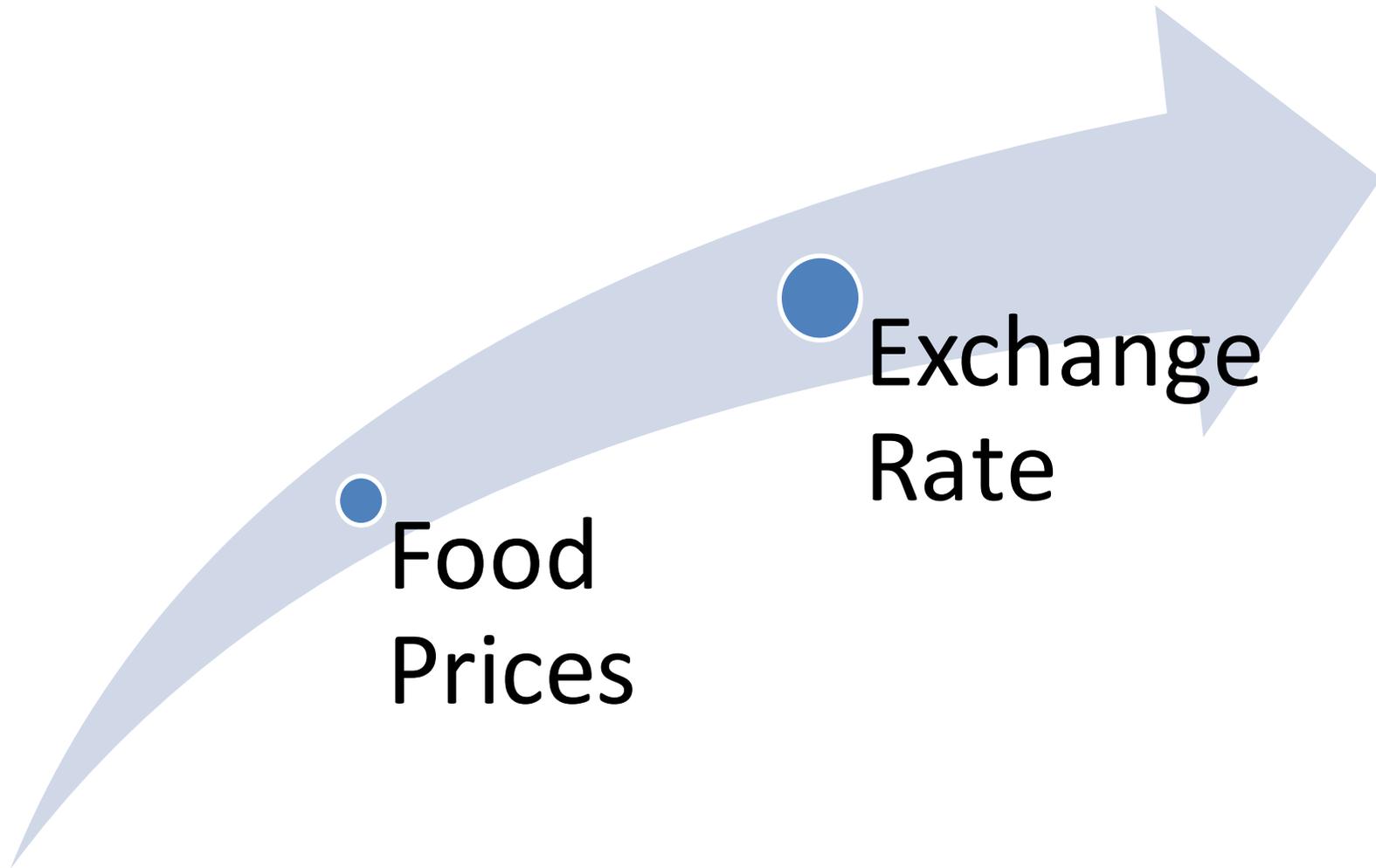
Limited or no progress on Labor Market Reform

Increase in # of refugees

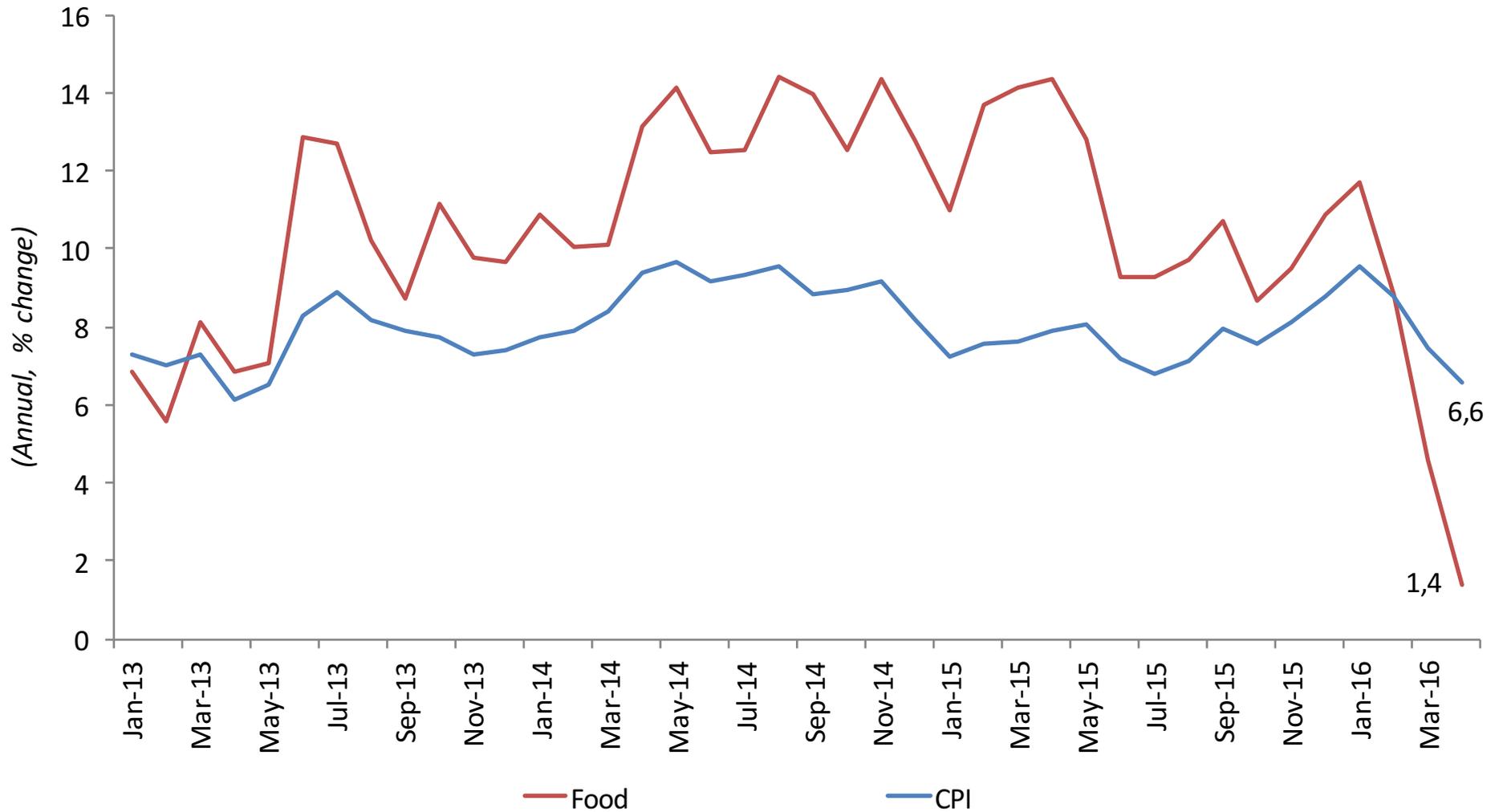
# *Inflation is Down to Single Digits*



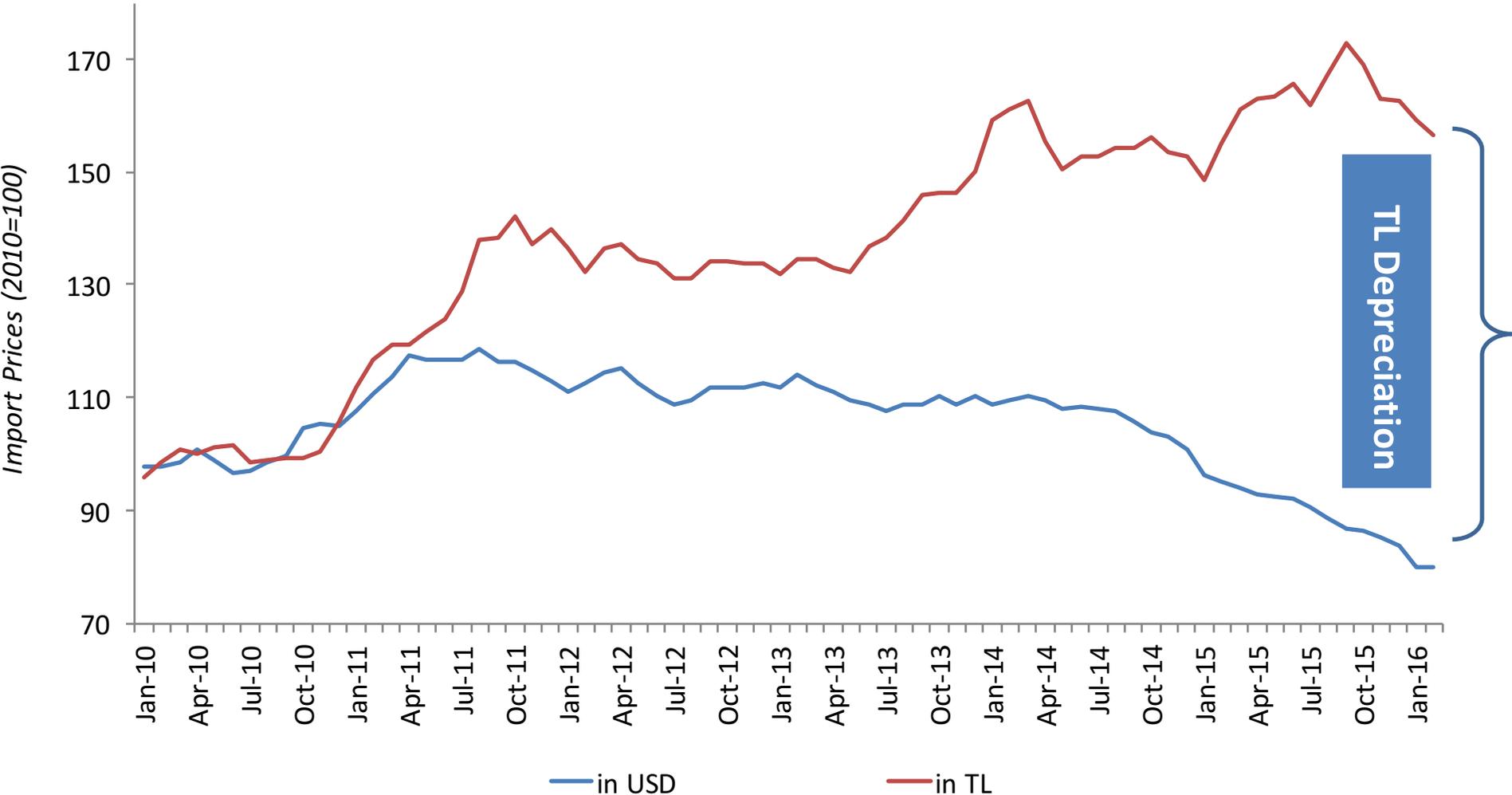
# ***Why is Inflation above the Target?***



# Headline Inflation vs Food Inflation

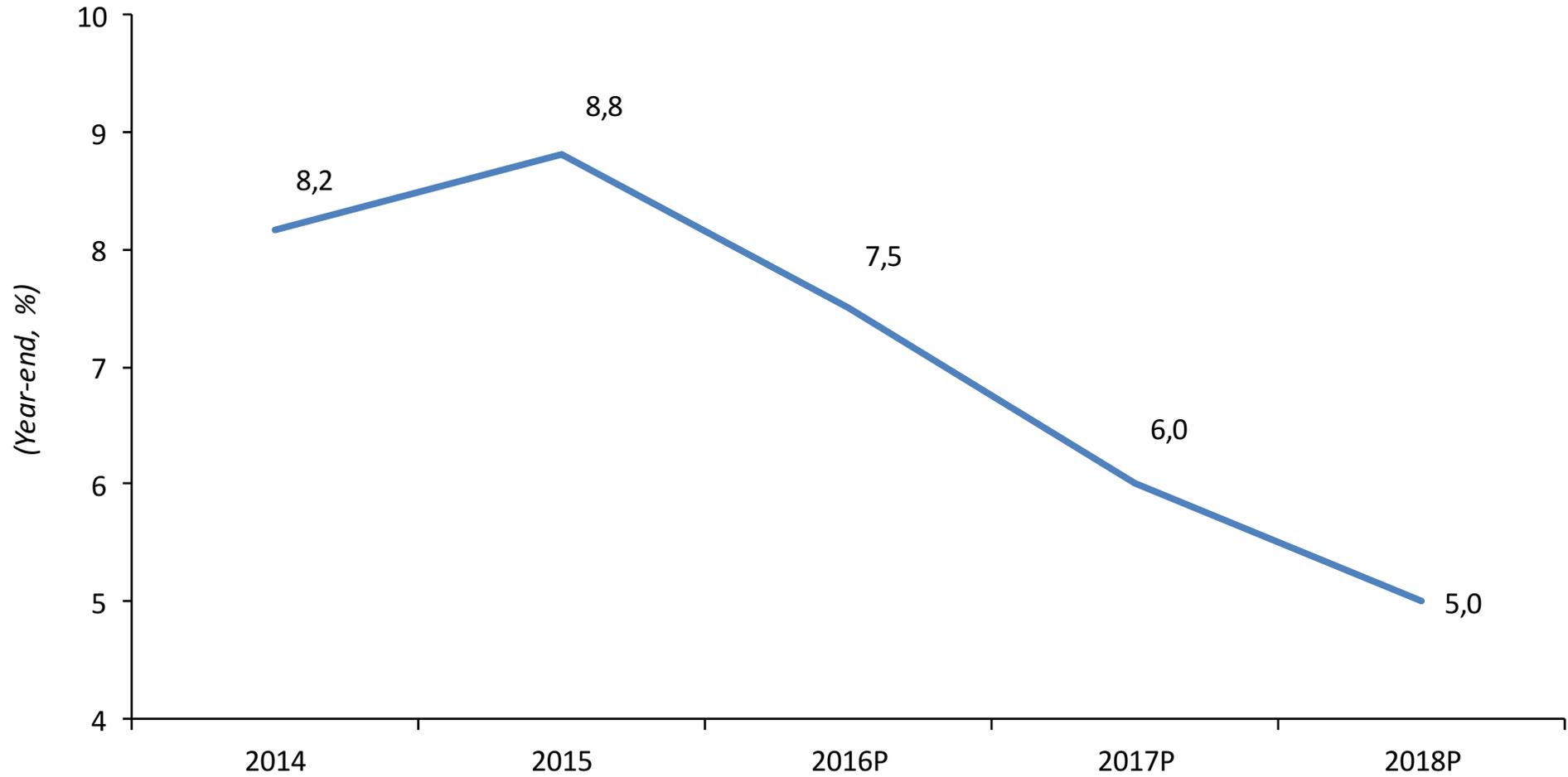


# Impact of Currency Weakness

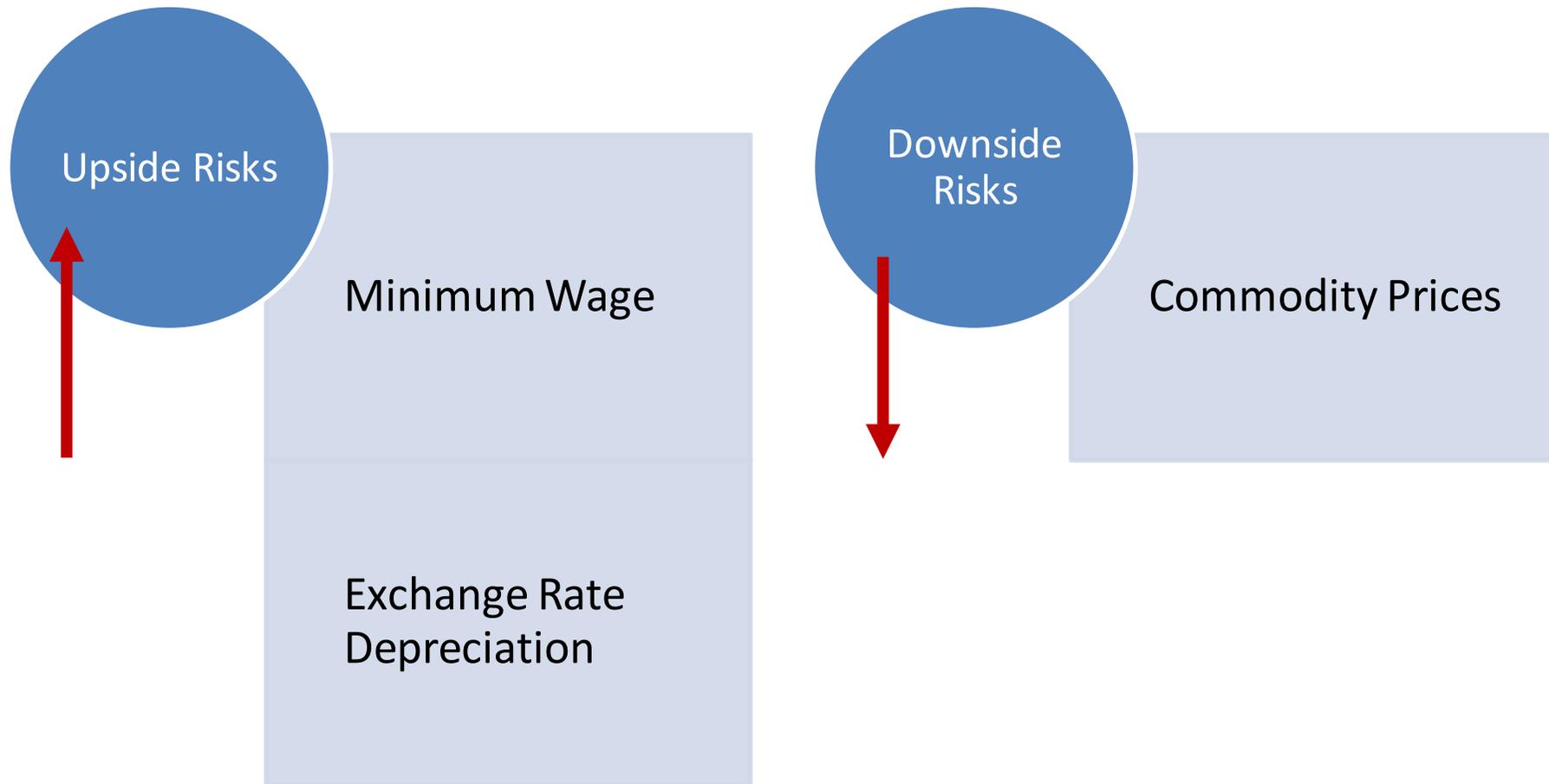


Source: TURKSTAT

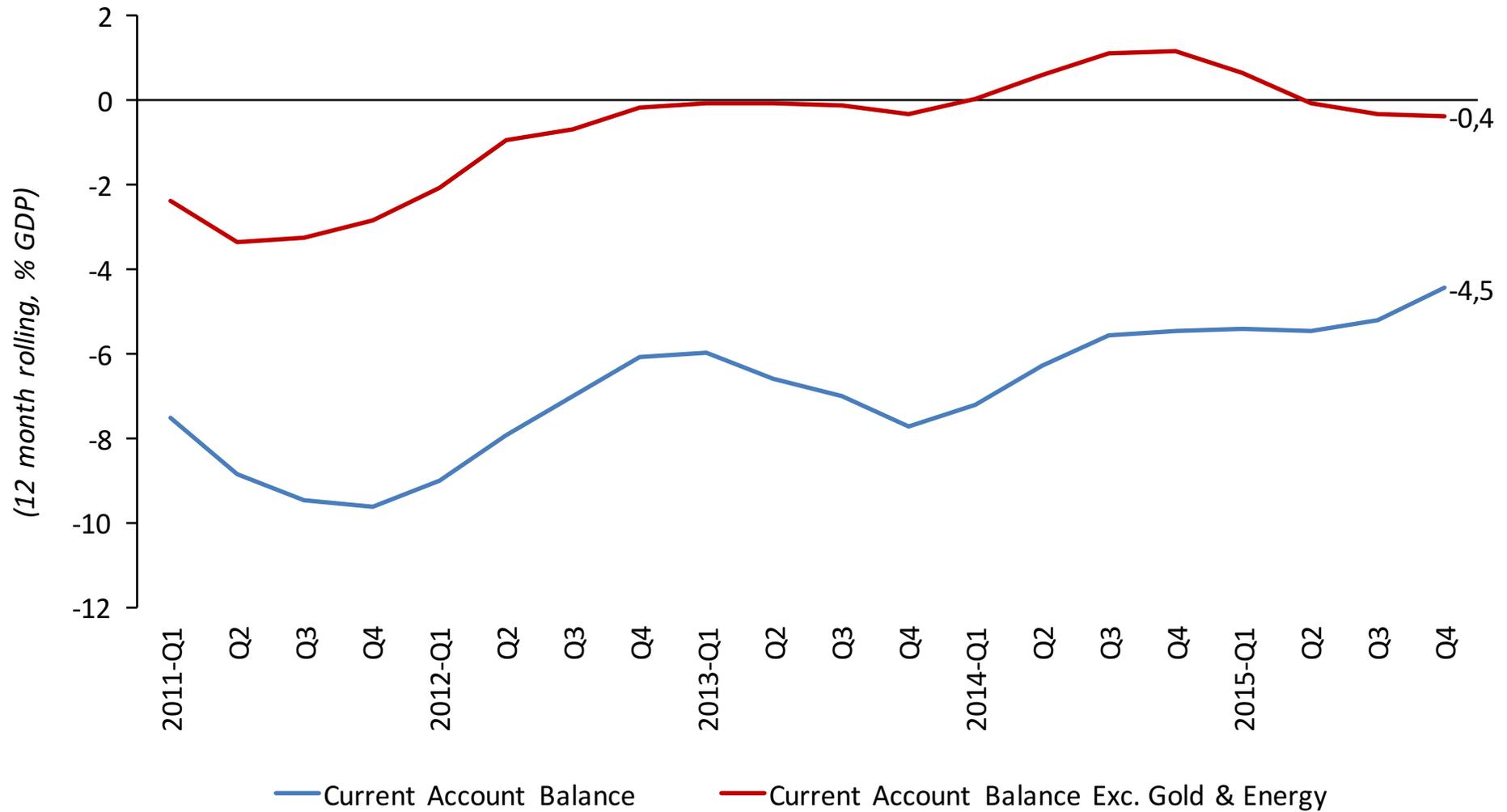
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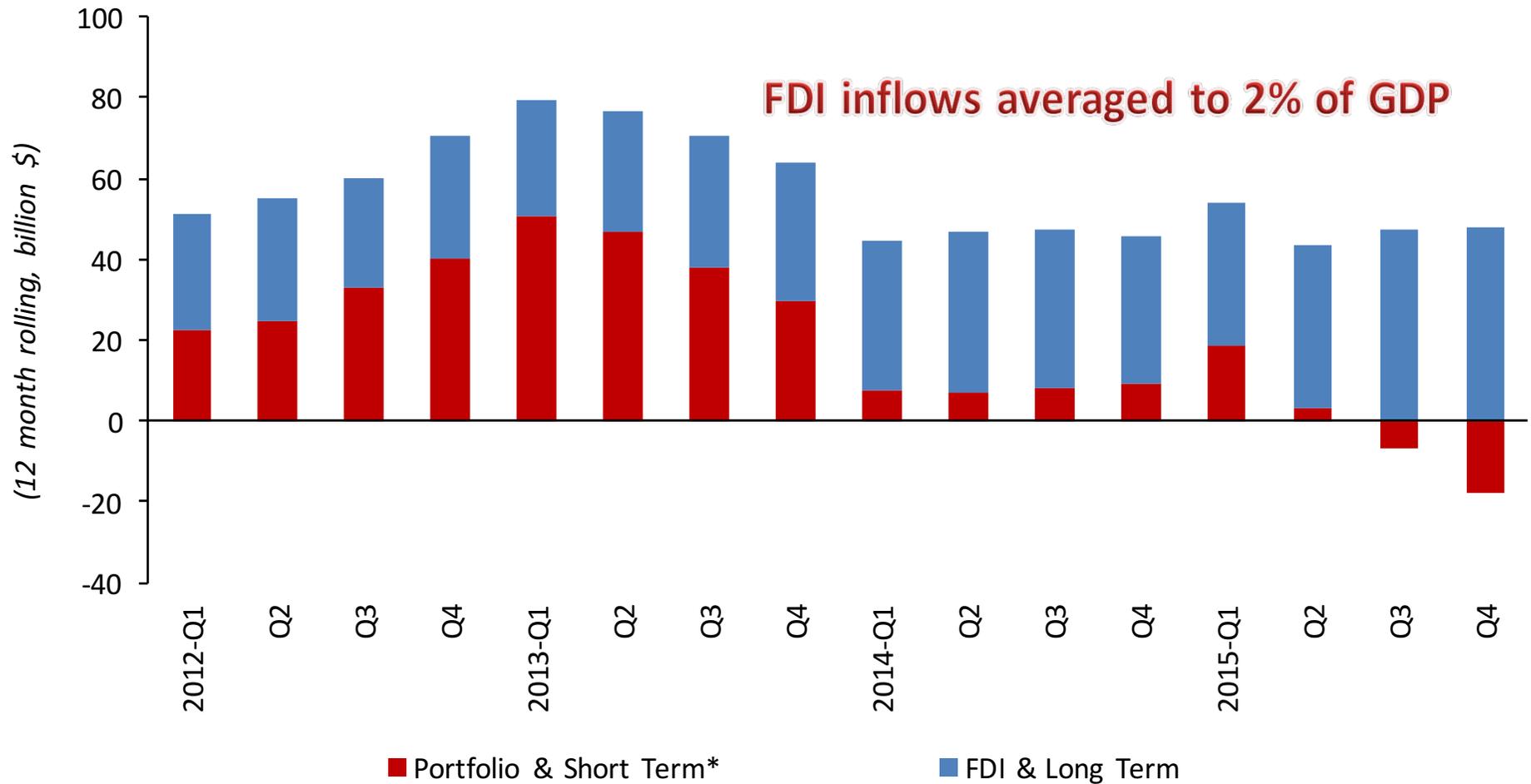
# *Risks to Inflation Outlook*



# Current Account Balance



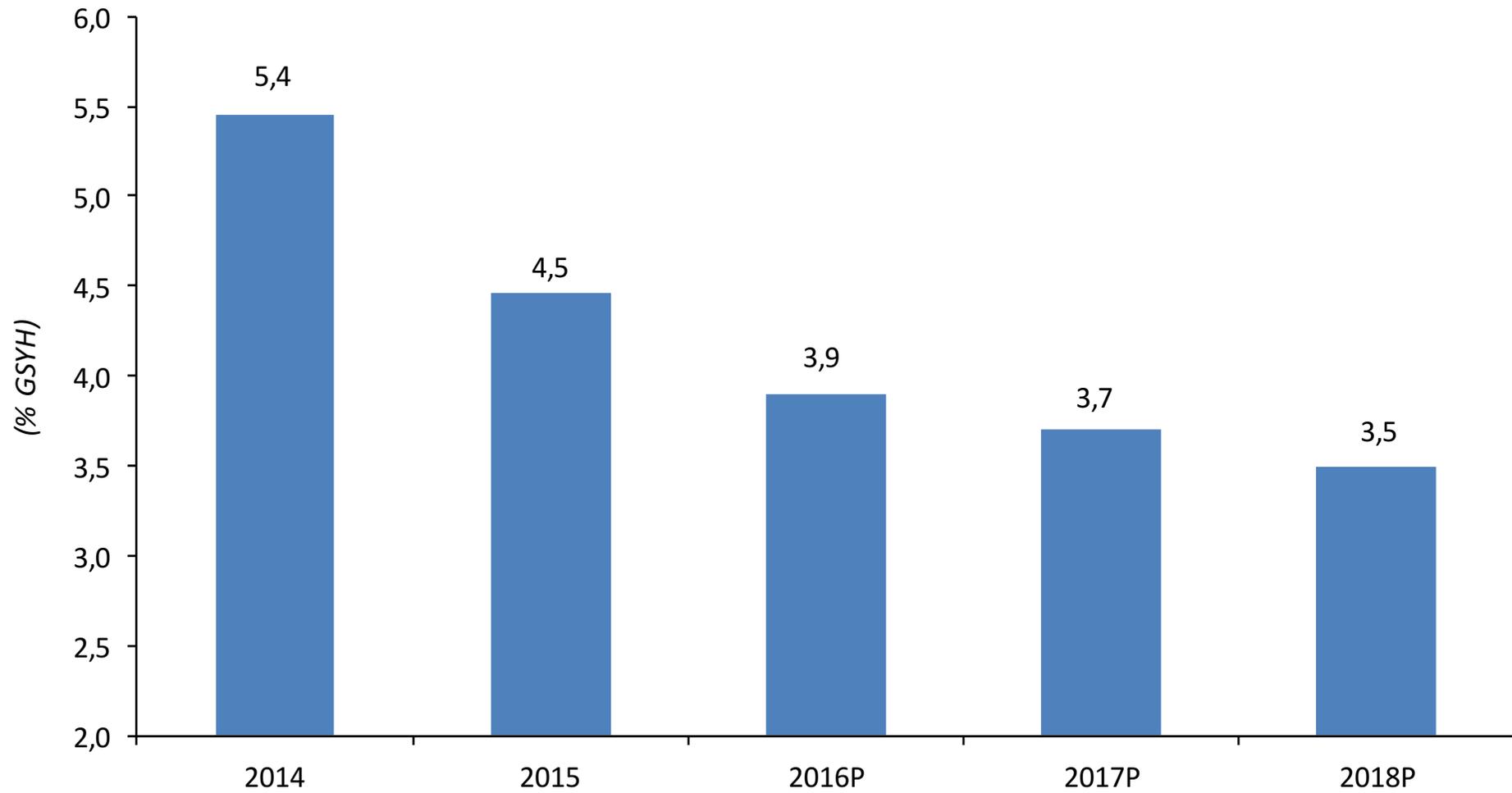
# Financing of C/A Deficit has Improved



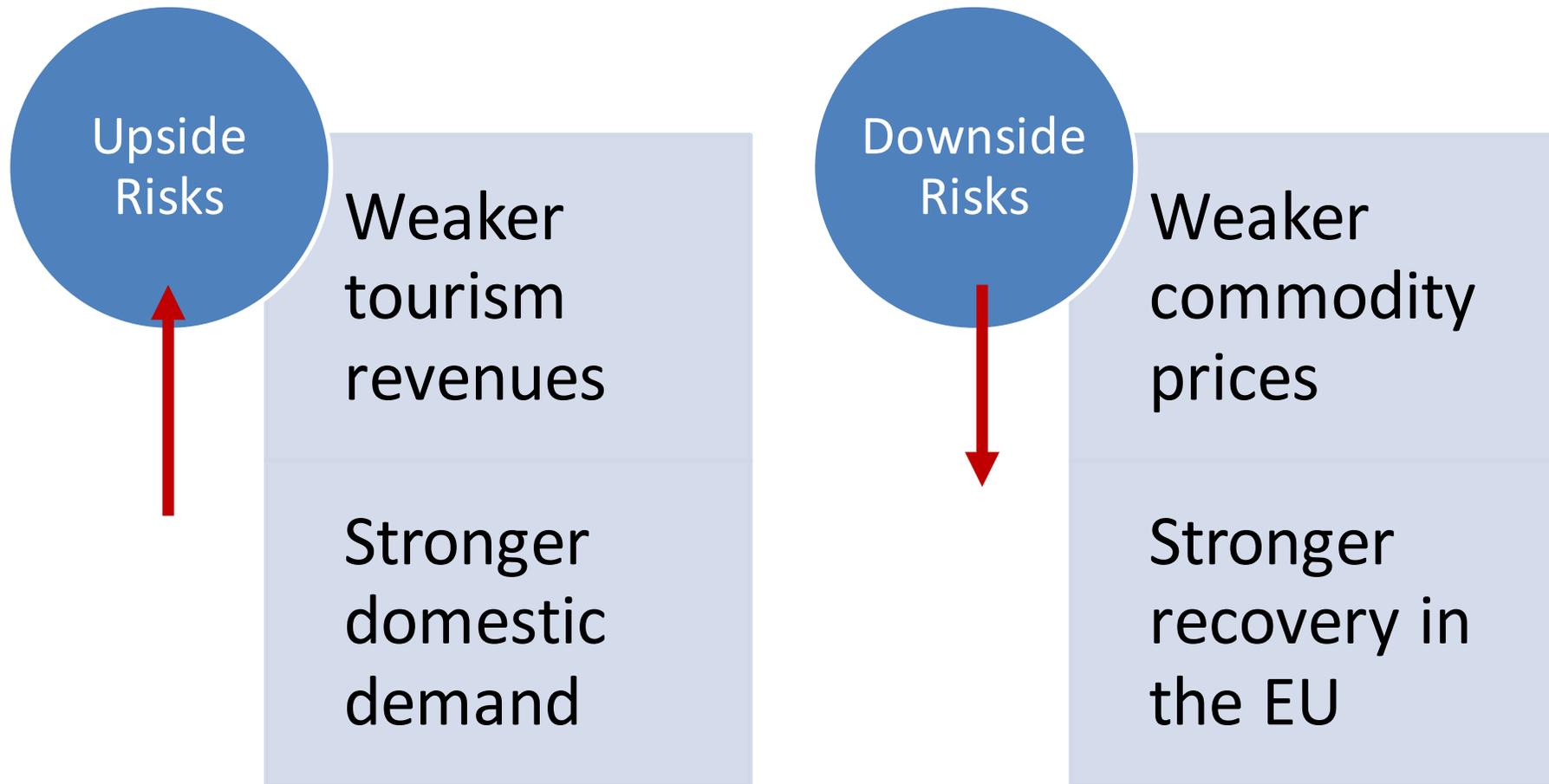
Source: CBRT

(\*) Short term capital flows includes banks and other sectors' net short term loans and banks' currency and deposits.

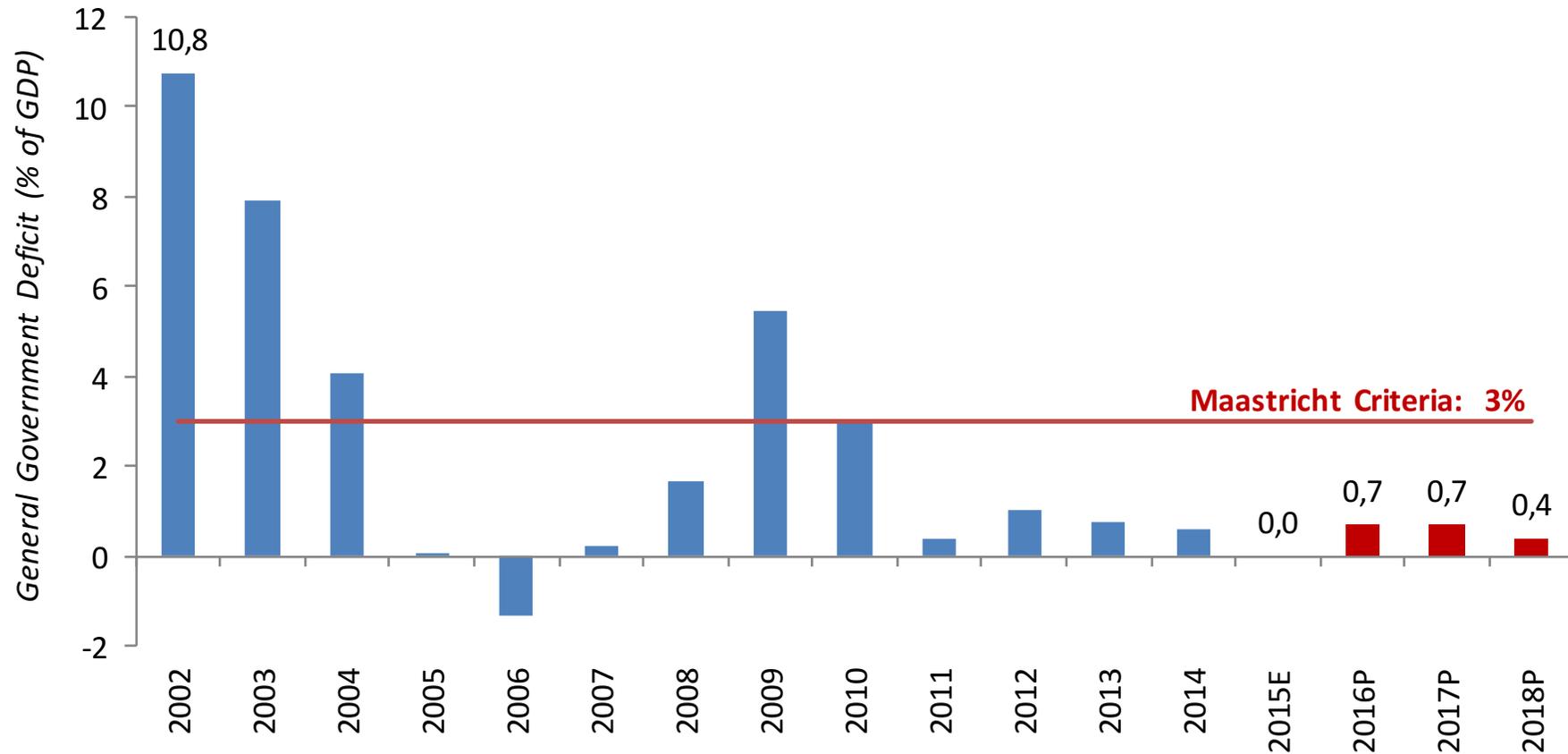
# *C/A Deficit Outlook*



# *Risks to C/A Outlook*



# Strong Fiscal Position



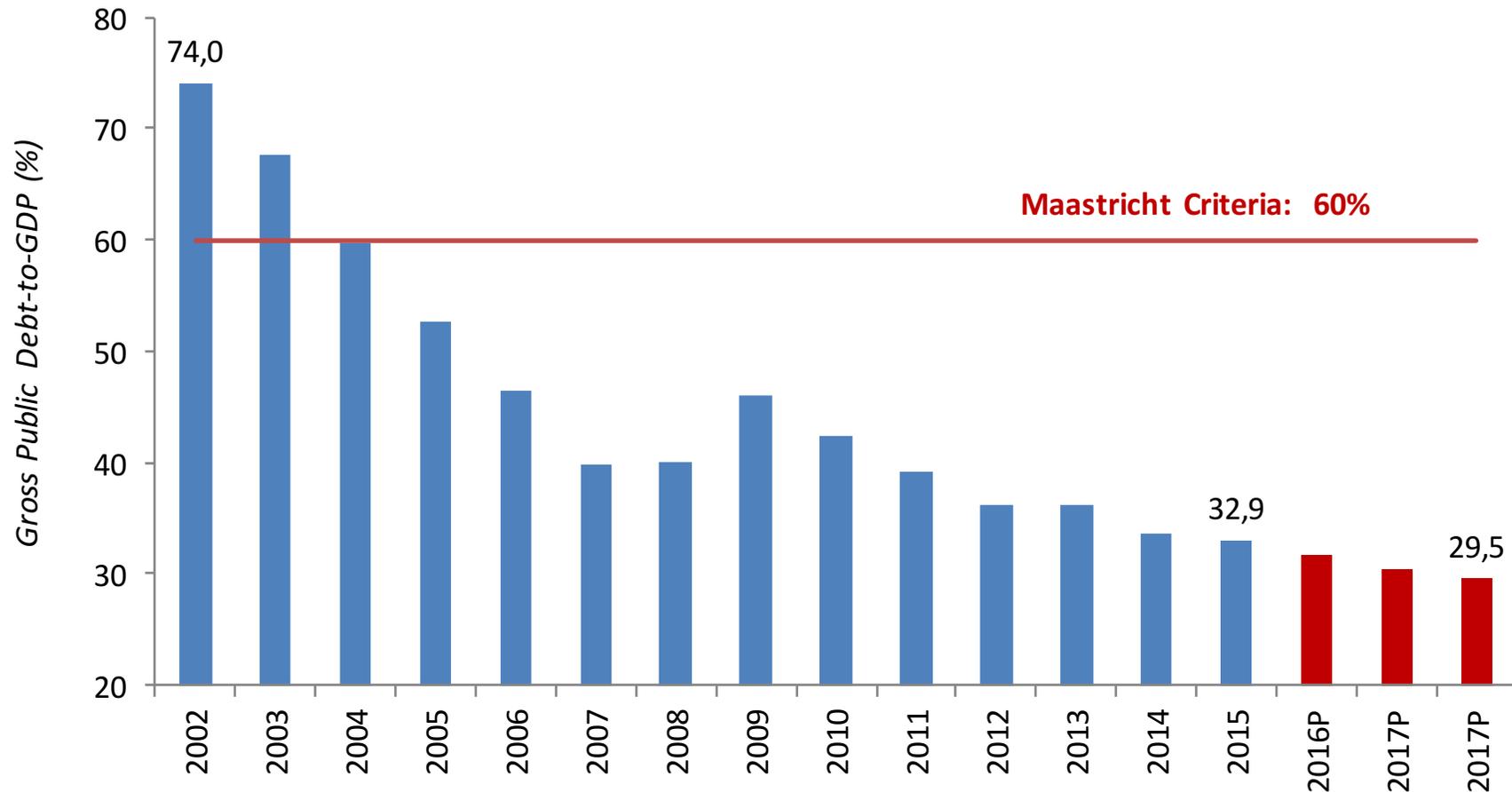
Satisfied Maastricht Criteria except 2009

Source: Ministry of Development, TURKSTAT

E: Realization Estimate

P: Program

# Favorable Debt Dynamics



Satisfying Maastricht Criteria since 2004

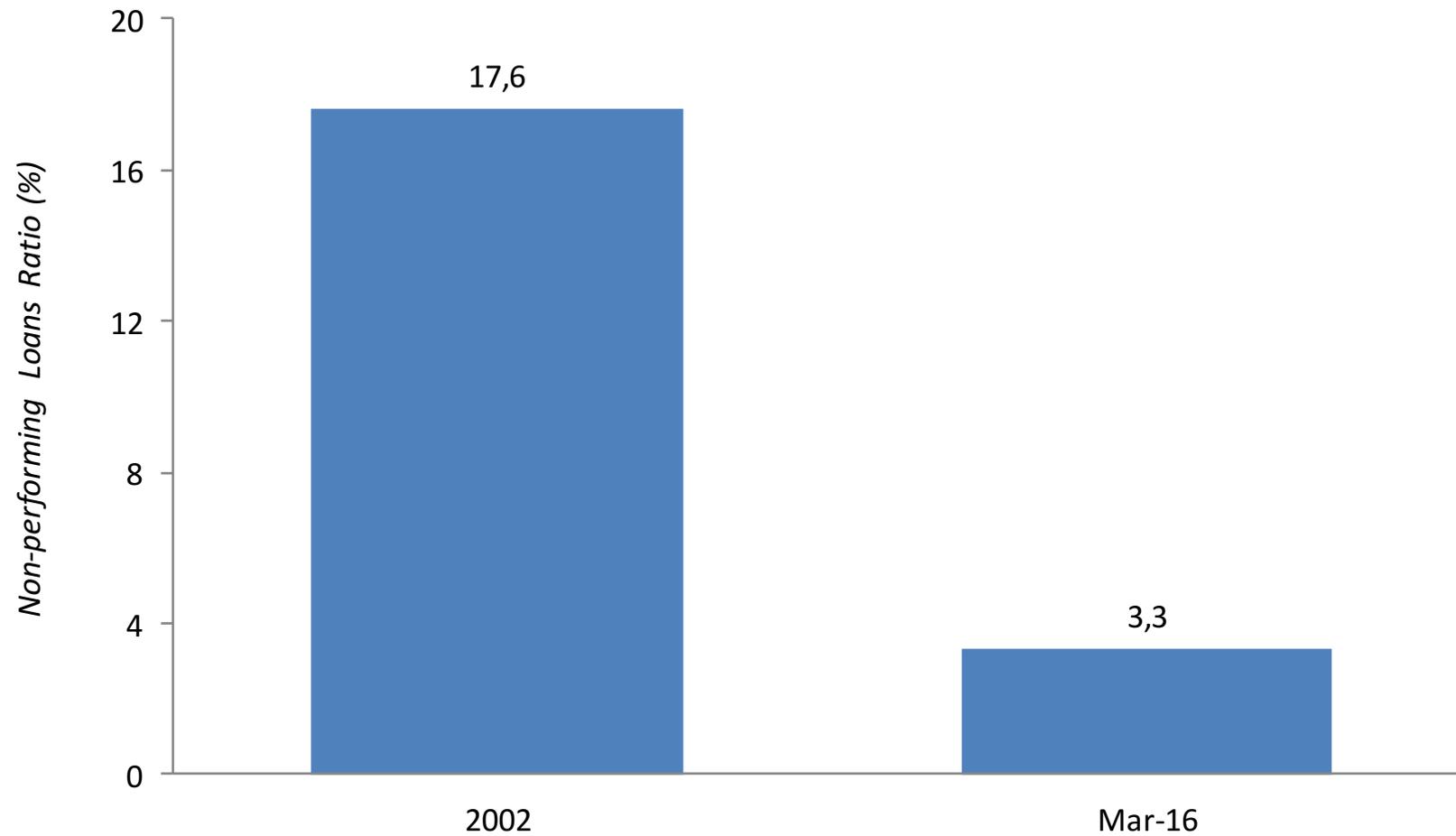
# ***Risks to Fiscal Outlook***

Higher Spending Needs

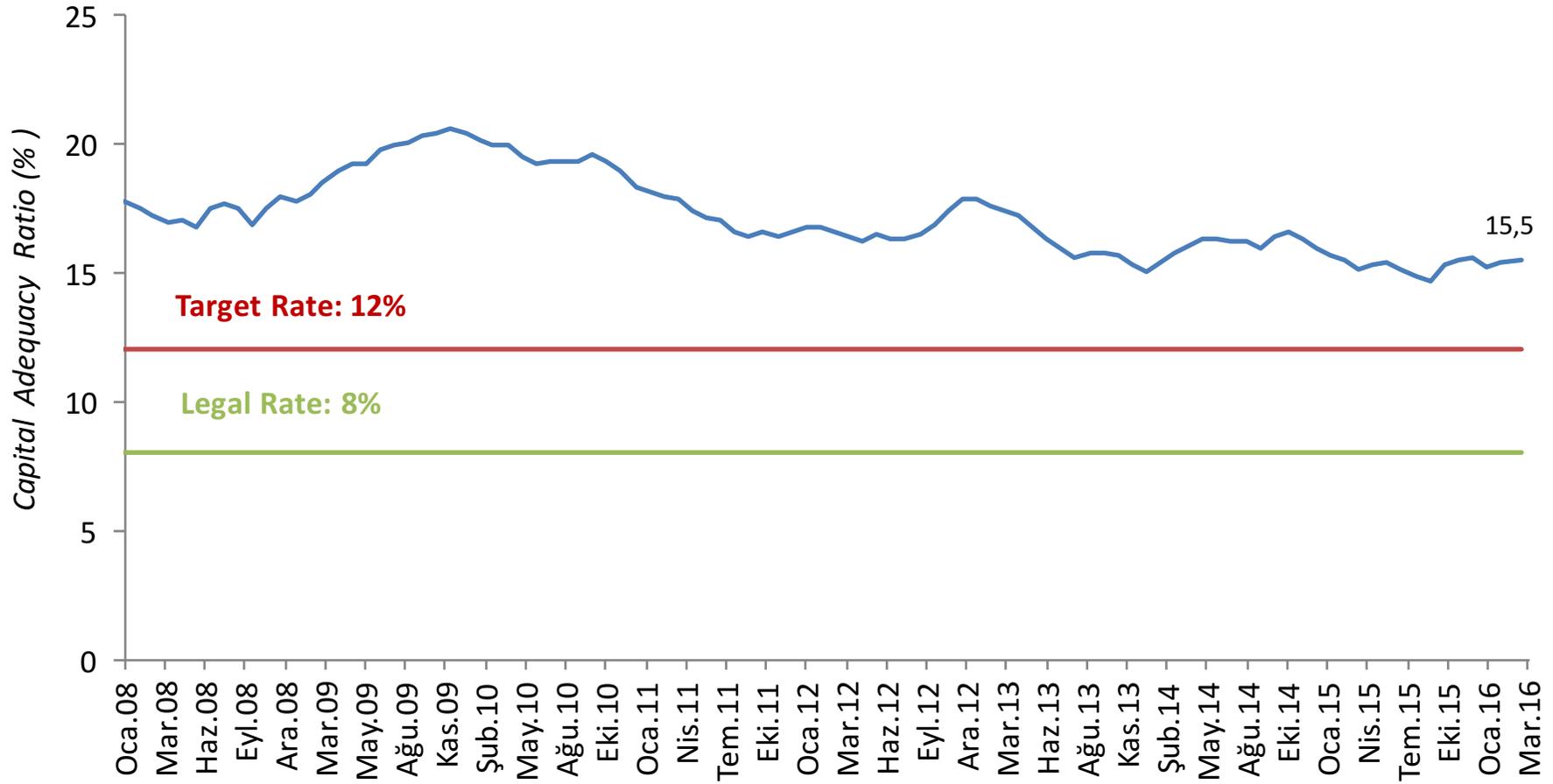
Lower Real Tax Revenues

Slower Growth

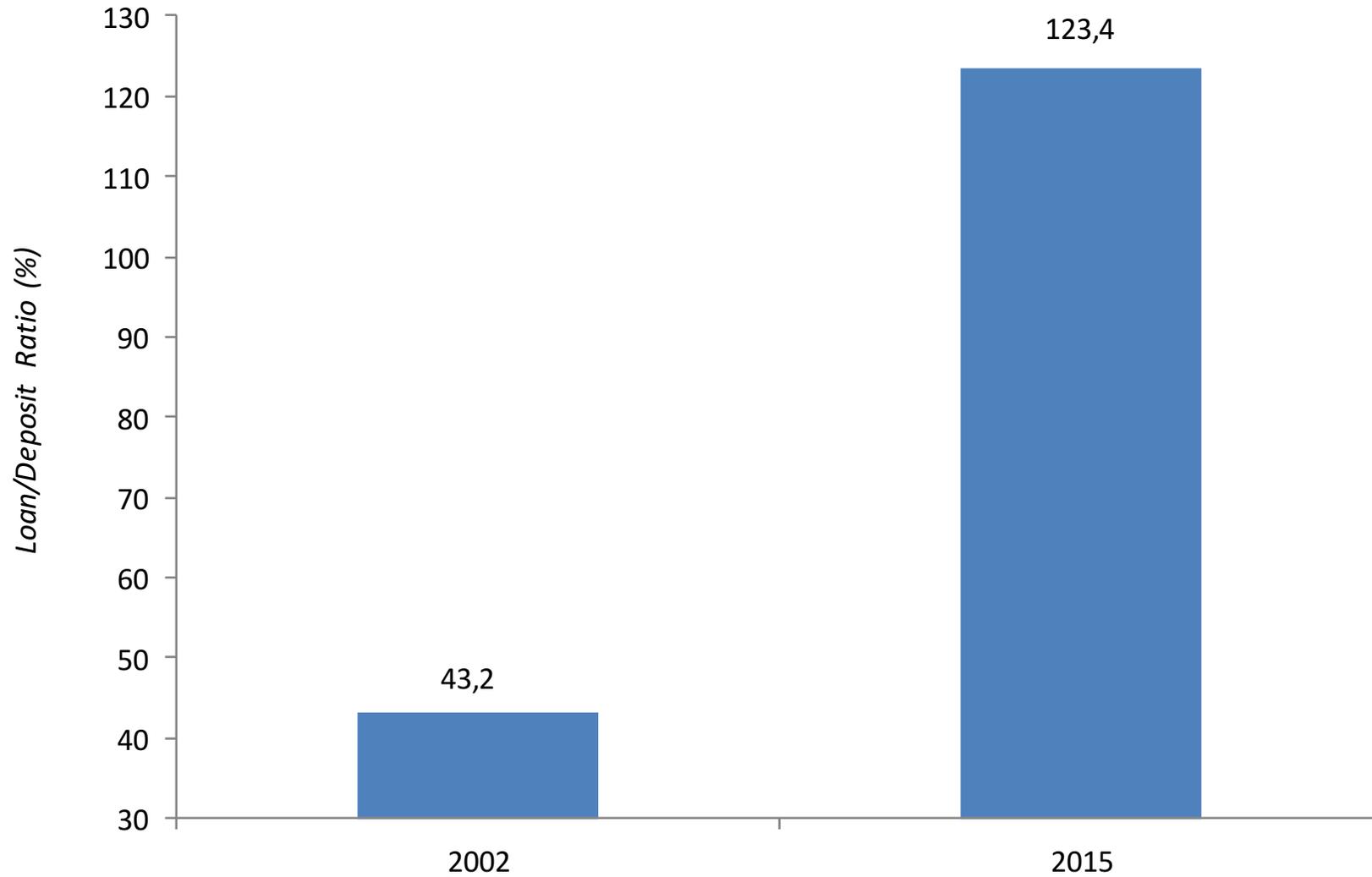
# ***Banking Sector: High Asset Quality***



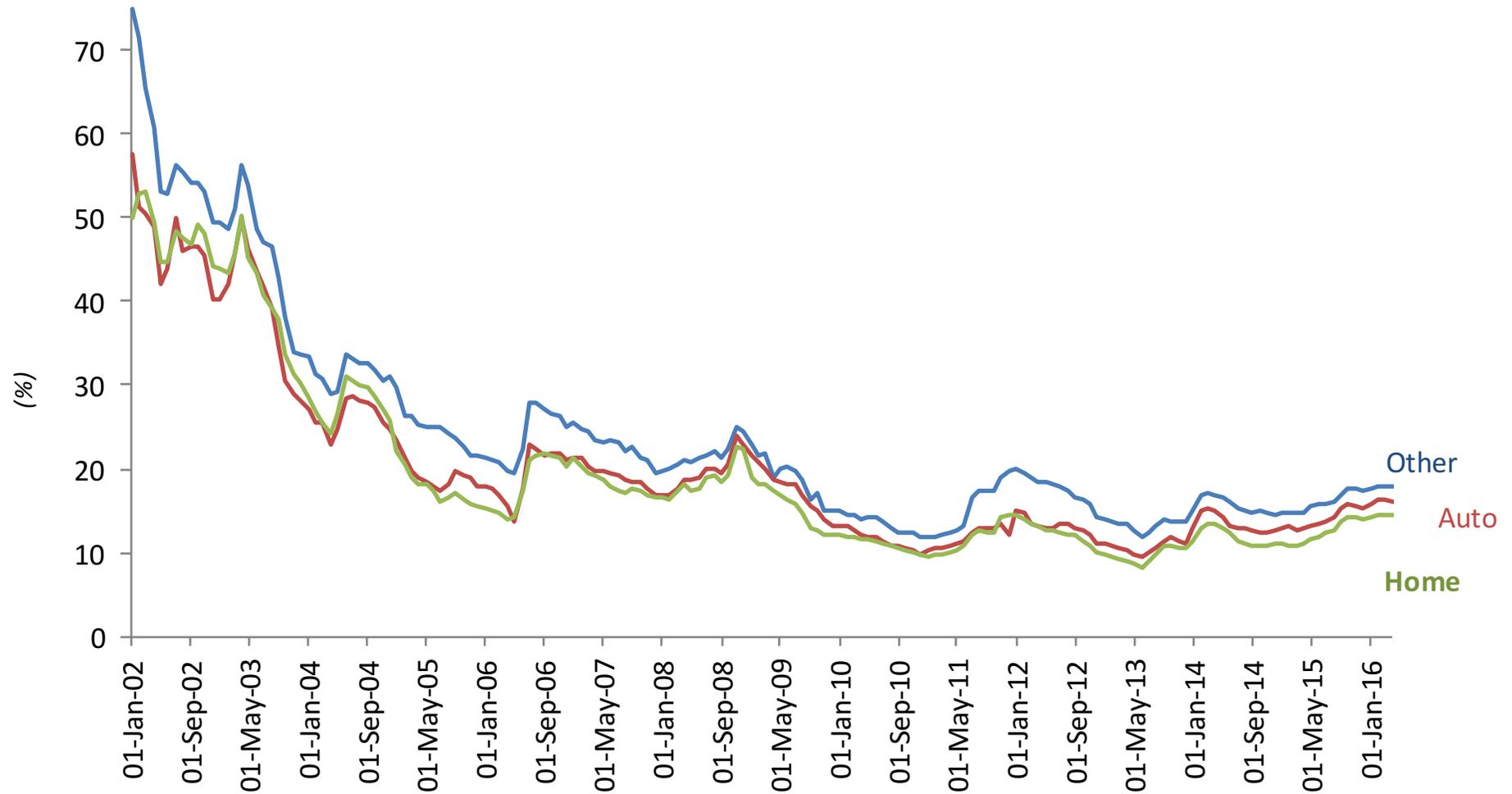
# Banking Sector: Well Capitalized



# ***Banking Sector: Loan/Deposit Ratio***



# Interest Rates

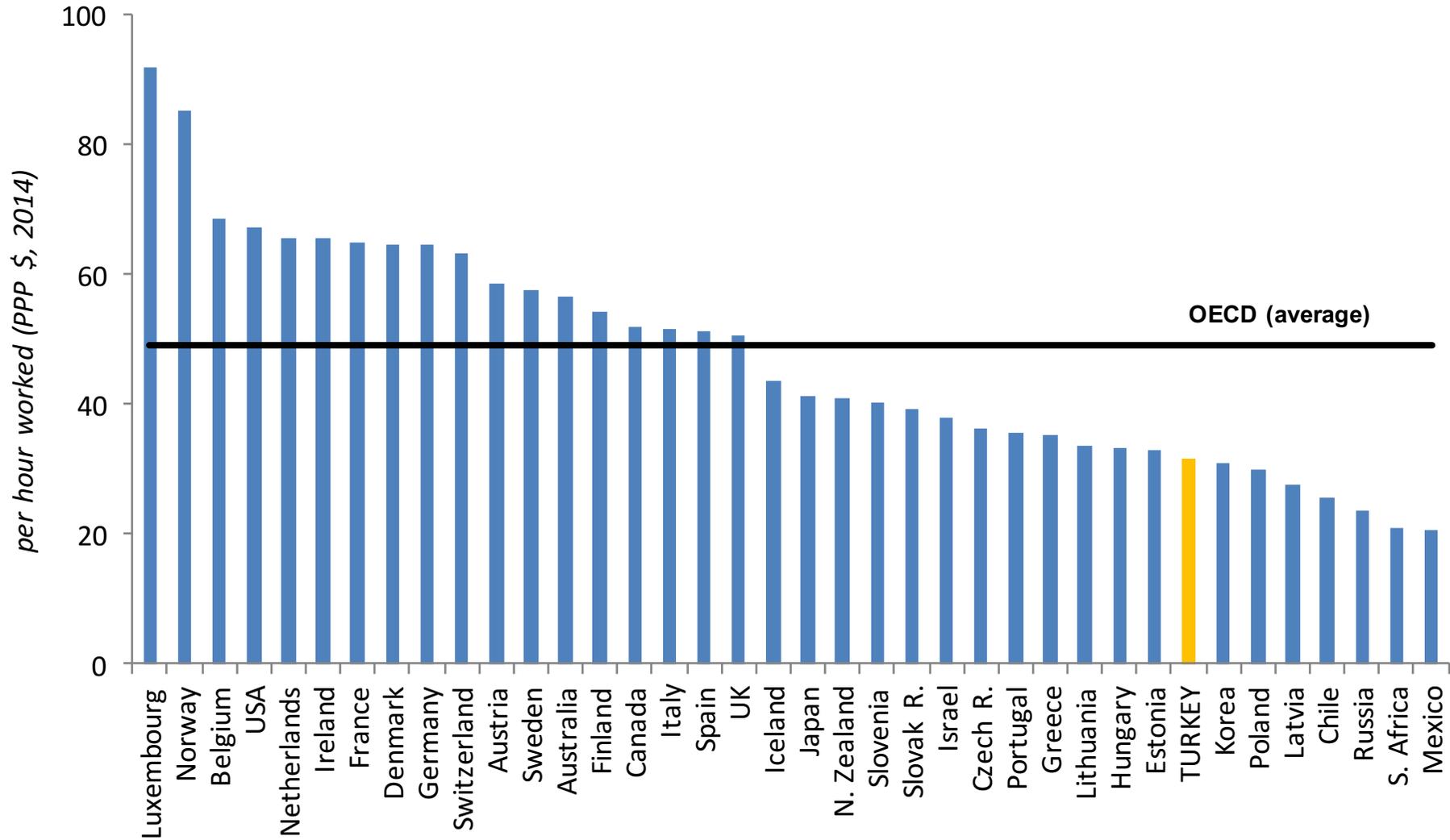


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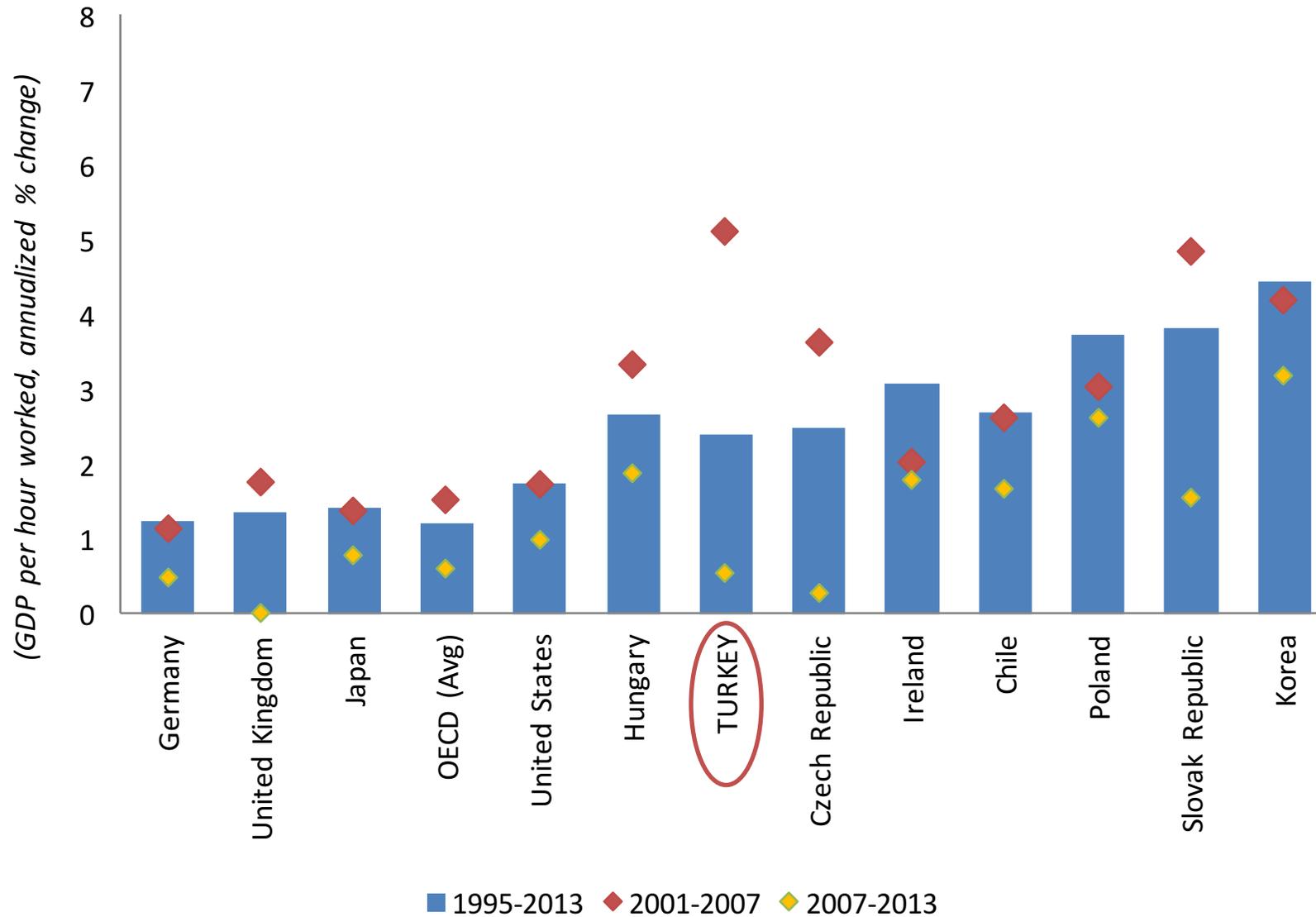


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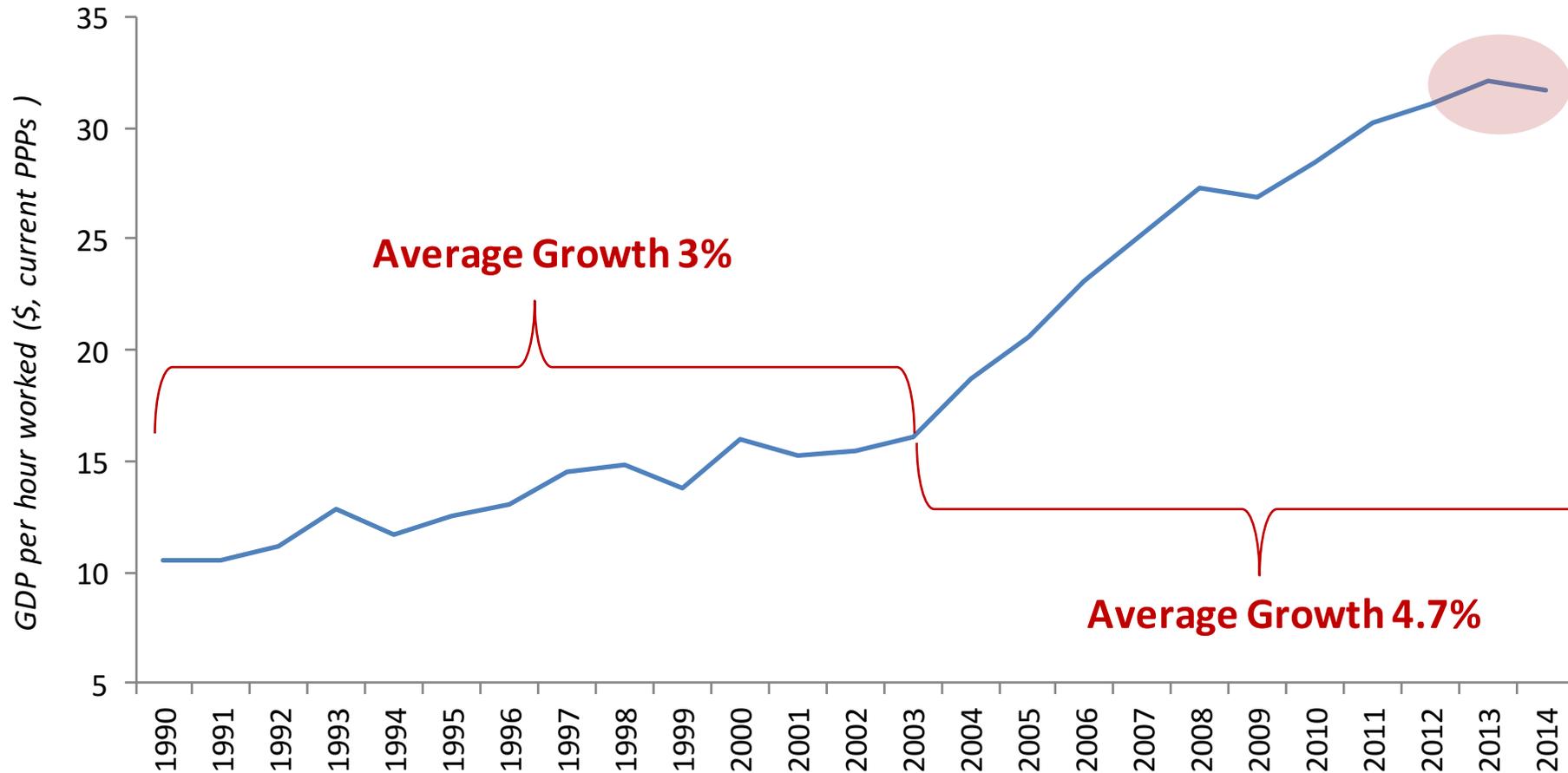
# Low Productivity



# Recent Trends in Productivity

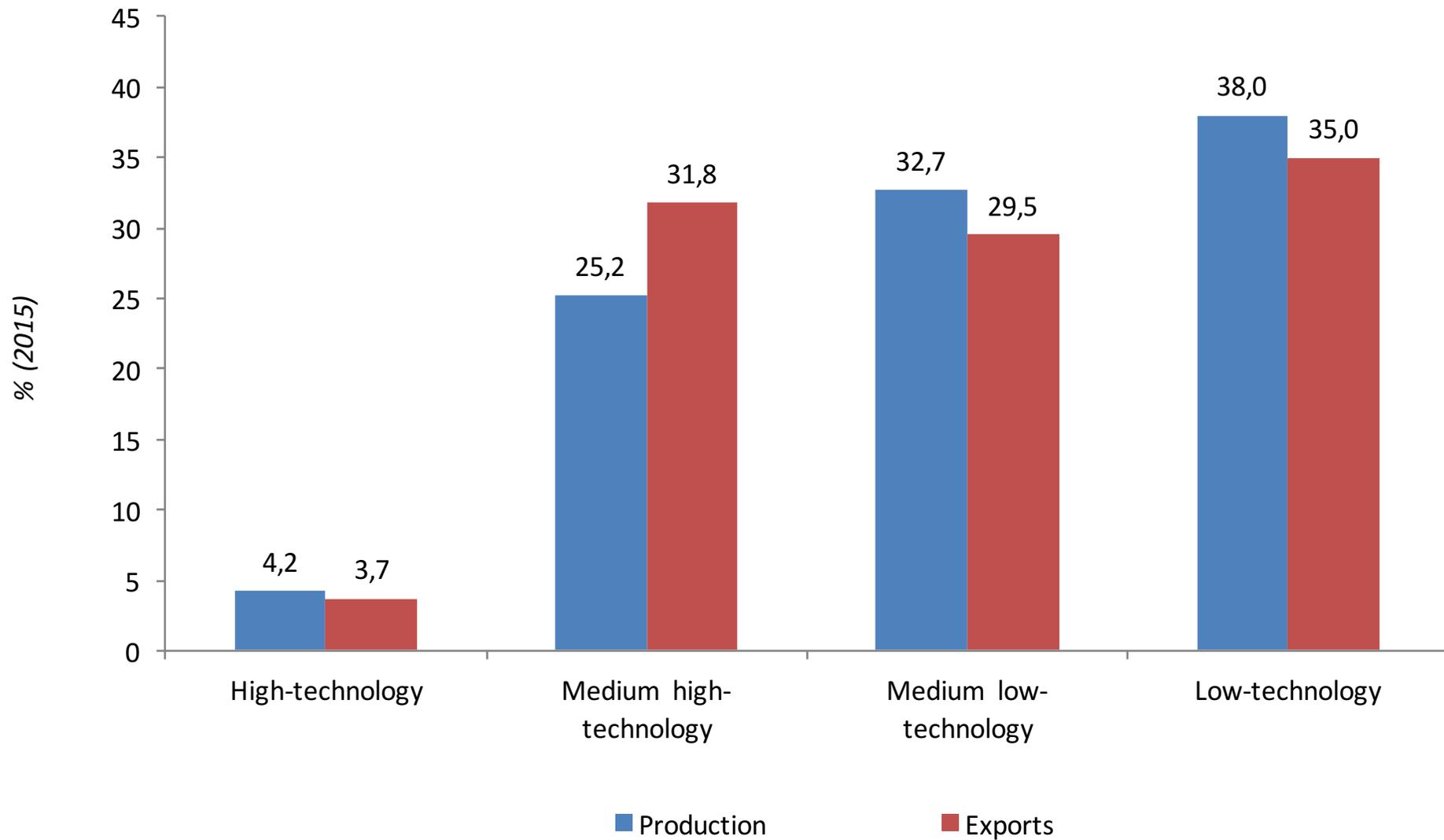


# Productivity: 1990s vs 2000s

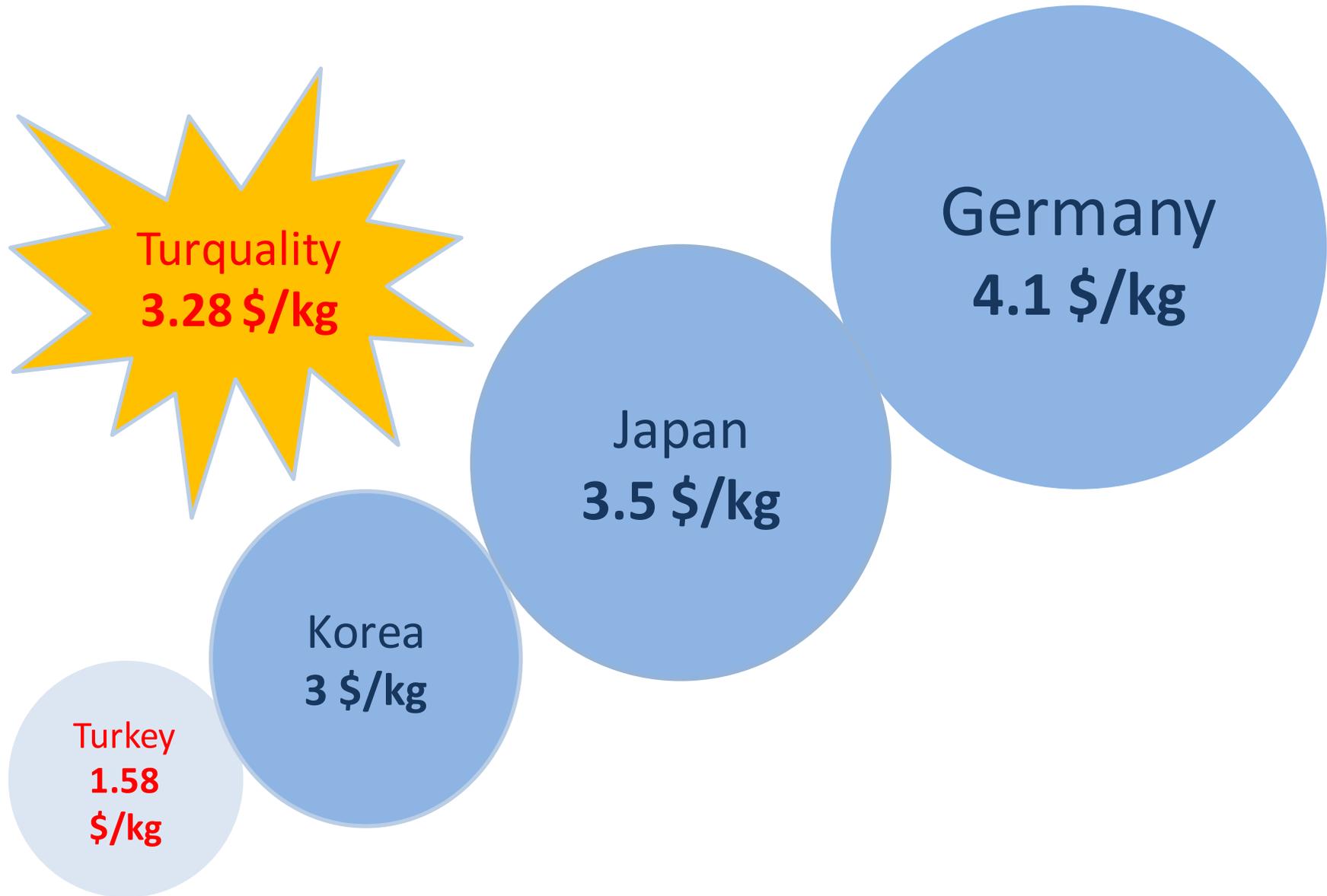


**Current Situation:** Productivity growth has been stagnant in recent years. **Increasing productivity** would support high, stable and sustainable growth in the medium term.

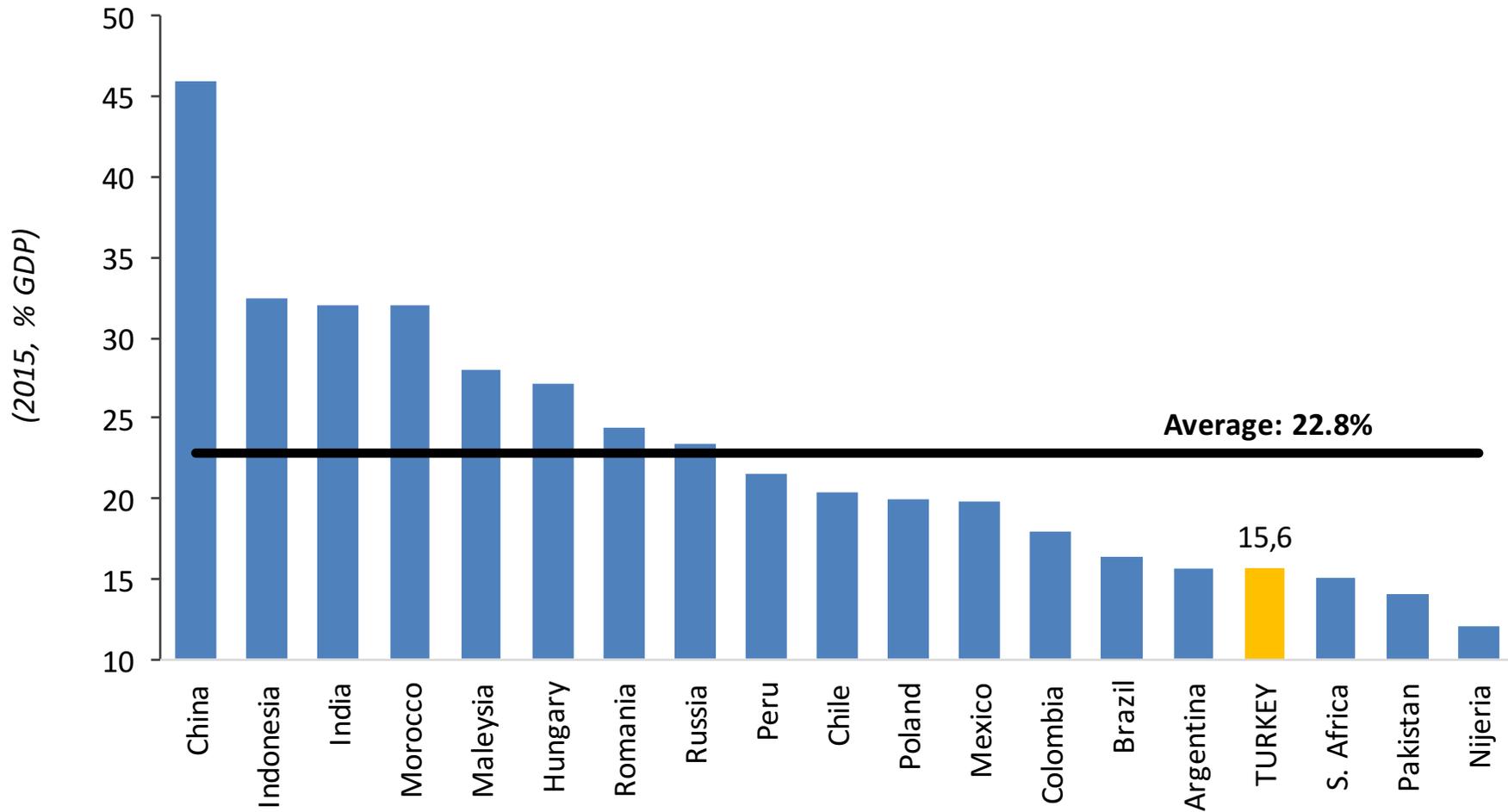
# Low Value Added Manufacturing



# *How Much is a Kilo of Exports*

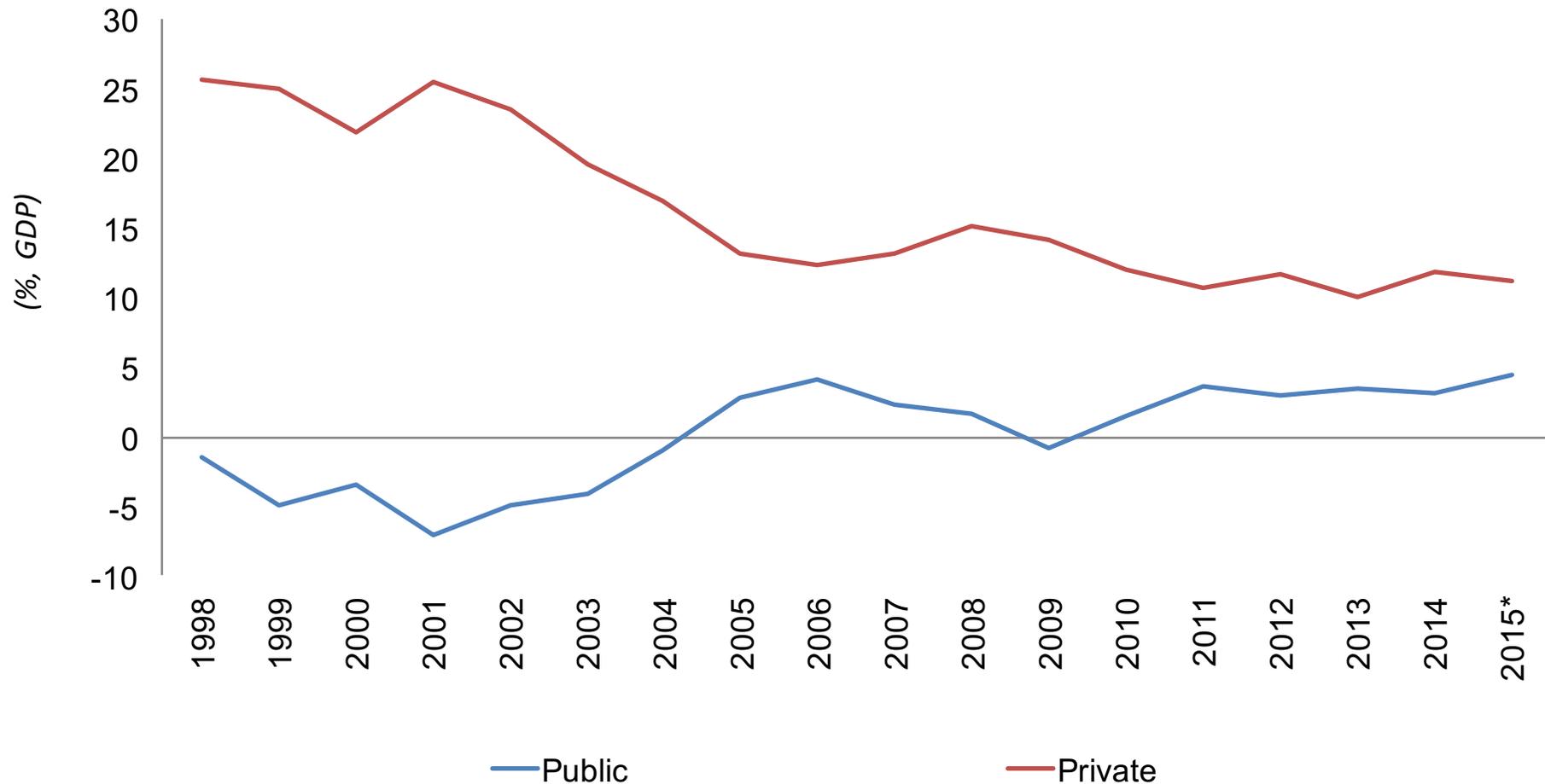


# Low Domestic Savings



Source: IMF

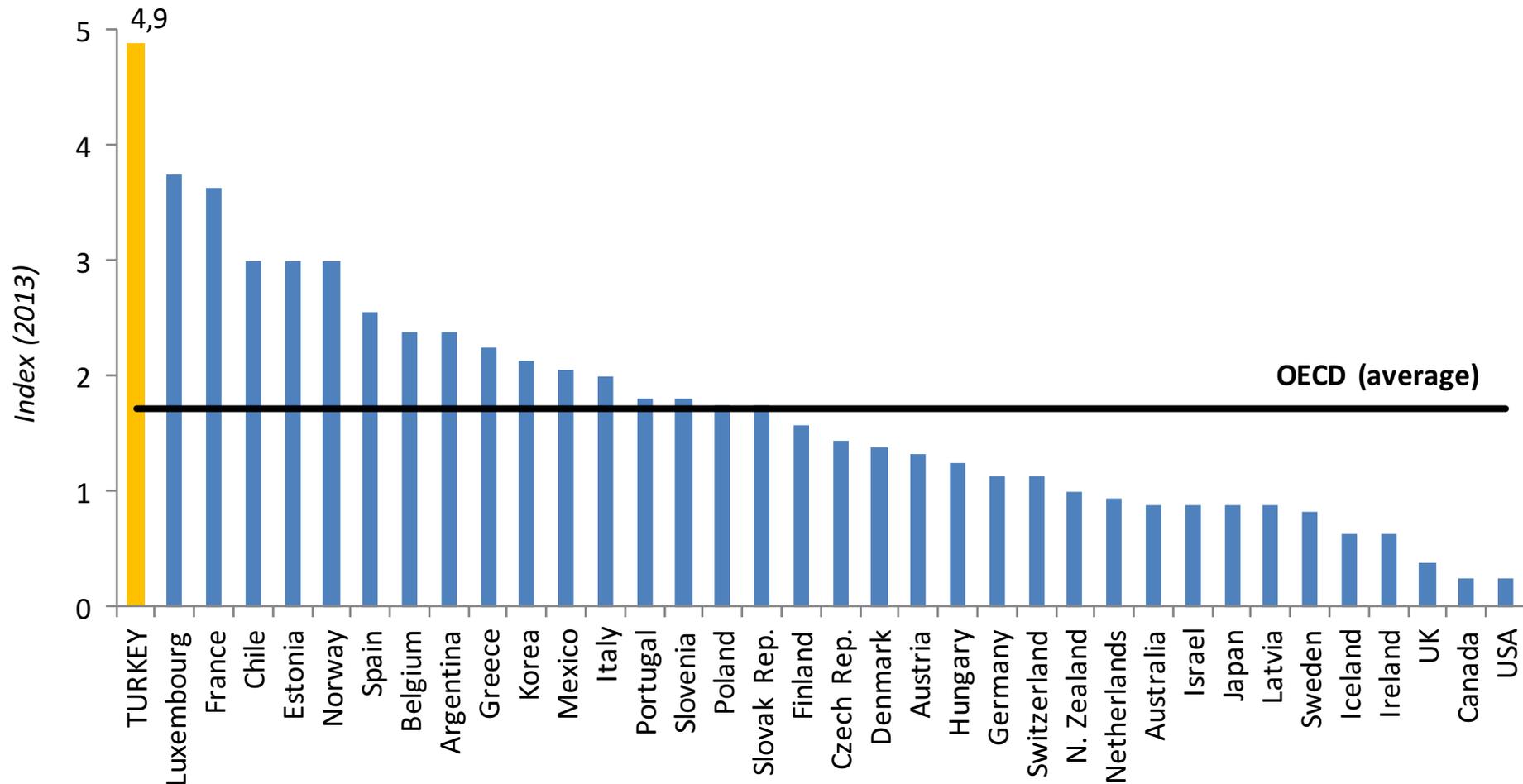
# Private and Public Savings



Source: Ministry of Development, TURKSTAT, Central Bank of Turkey

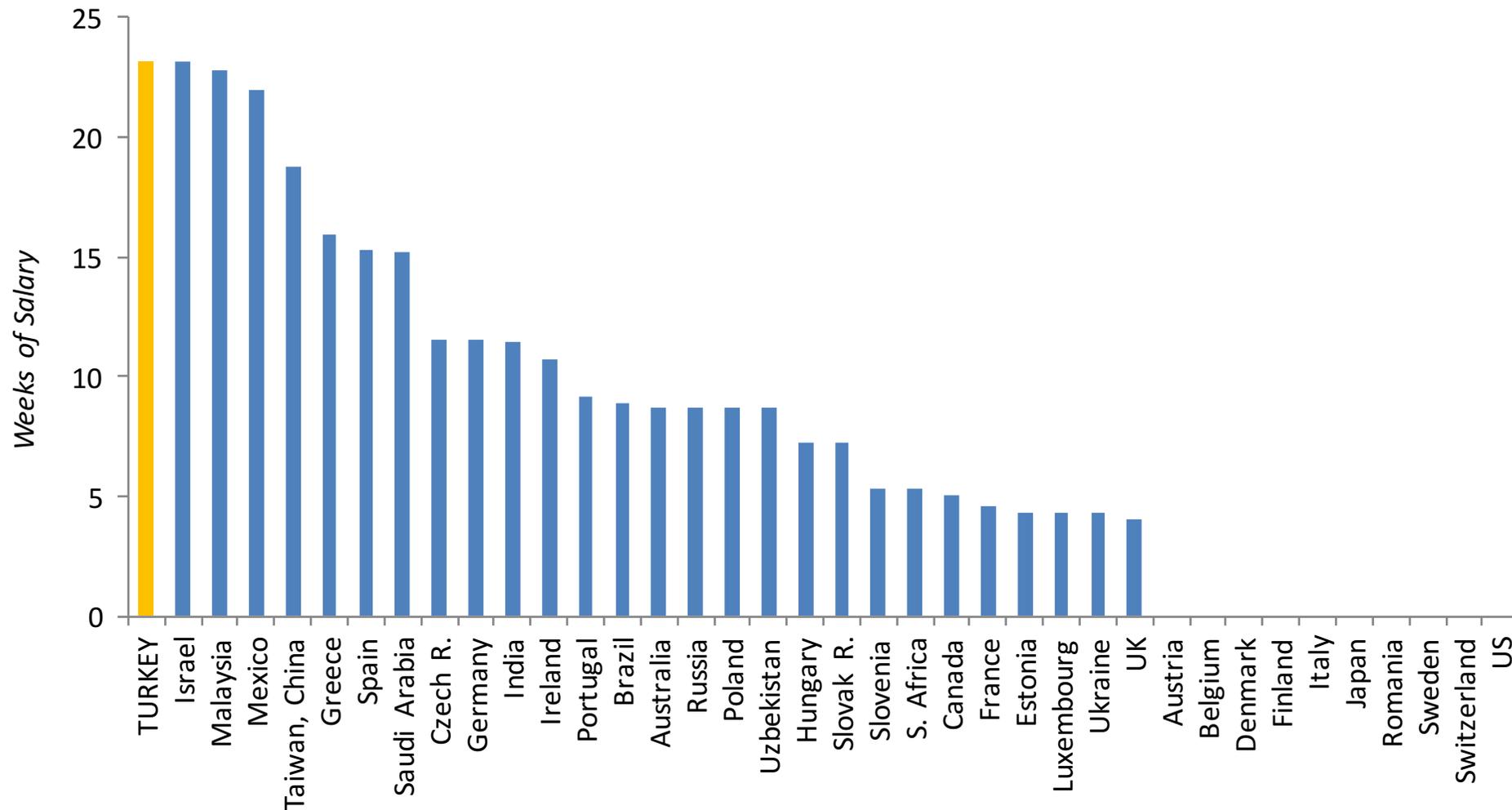
\*: Forecast

# Rigidities in Labor Market



**Current situation:** Among OECD countries, Turkey has the highest level of labor market rigidity.

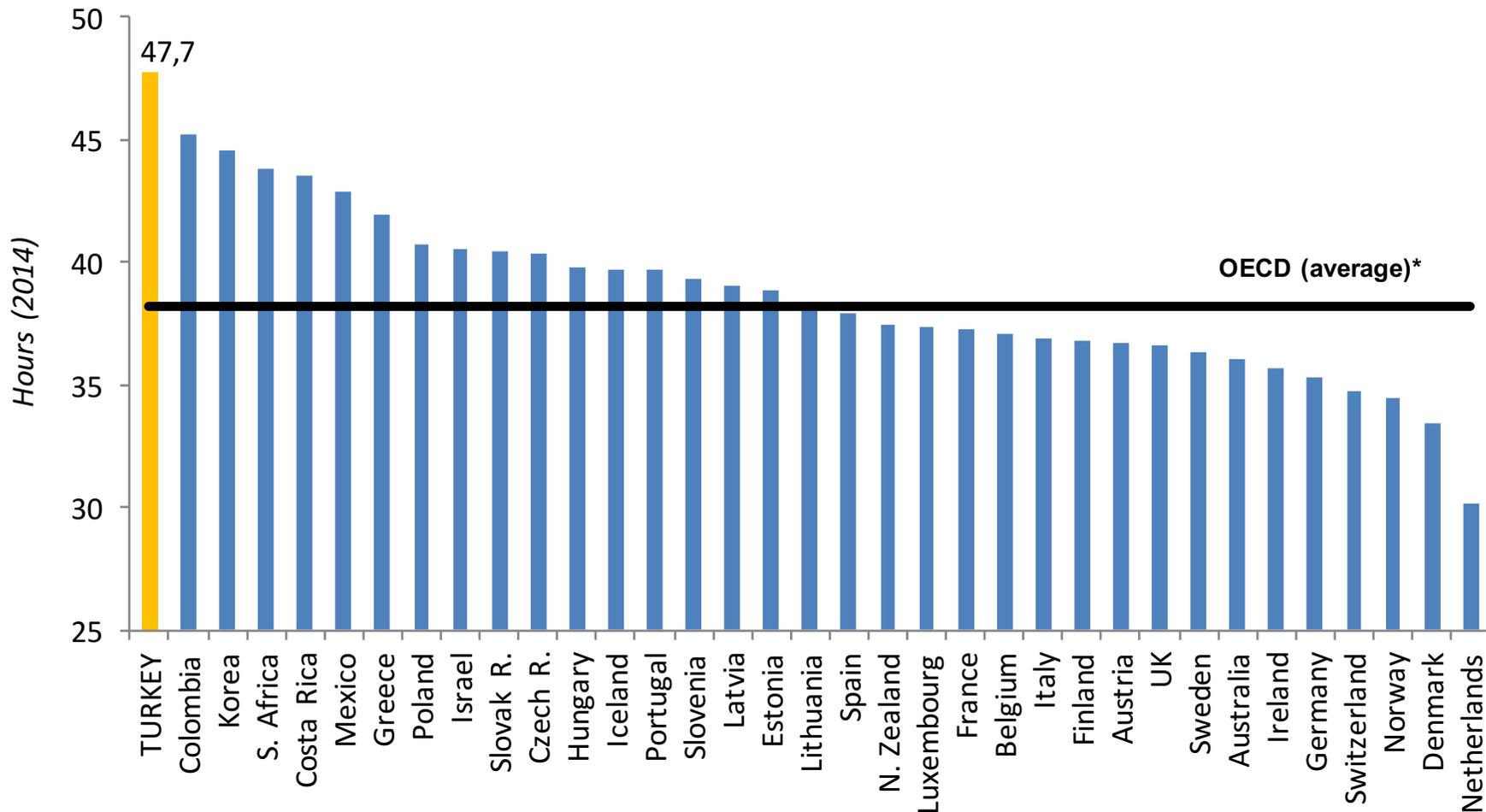
# Severance Pay



Source: World Bank, Doing Business 2016, labor market regulation data

Note: Average for workers with 1 year, 5 years and 10 years of tenure.

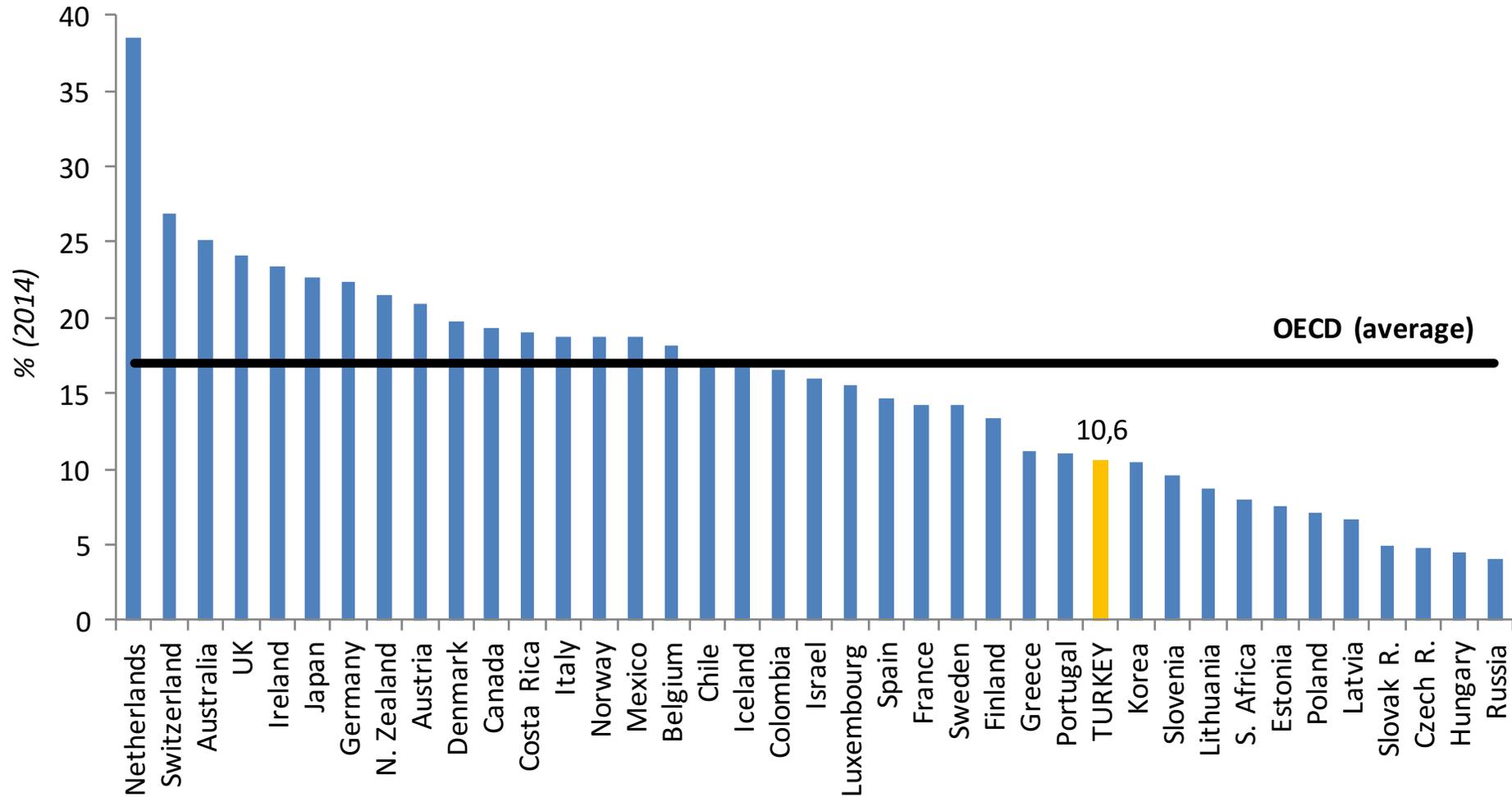
# Average Weekly Hours Worked on the Main Job



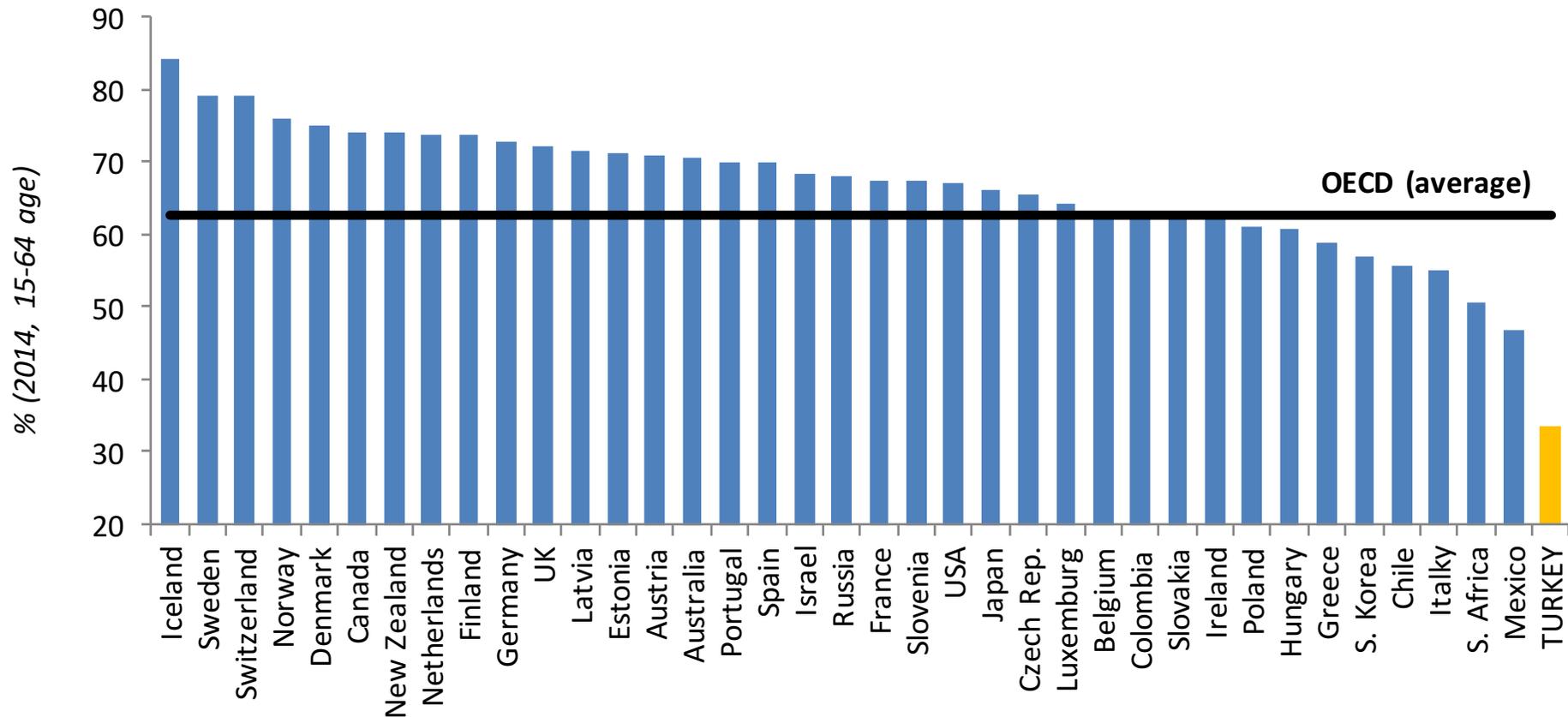
Source: OECD

(\*) Data show average of OECD countries.

# Share of Part Time Employment

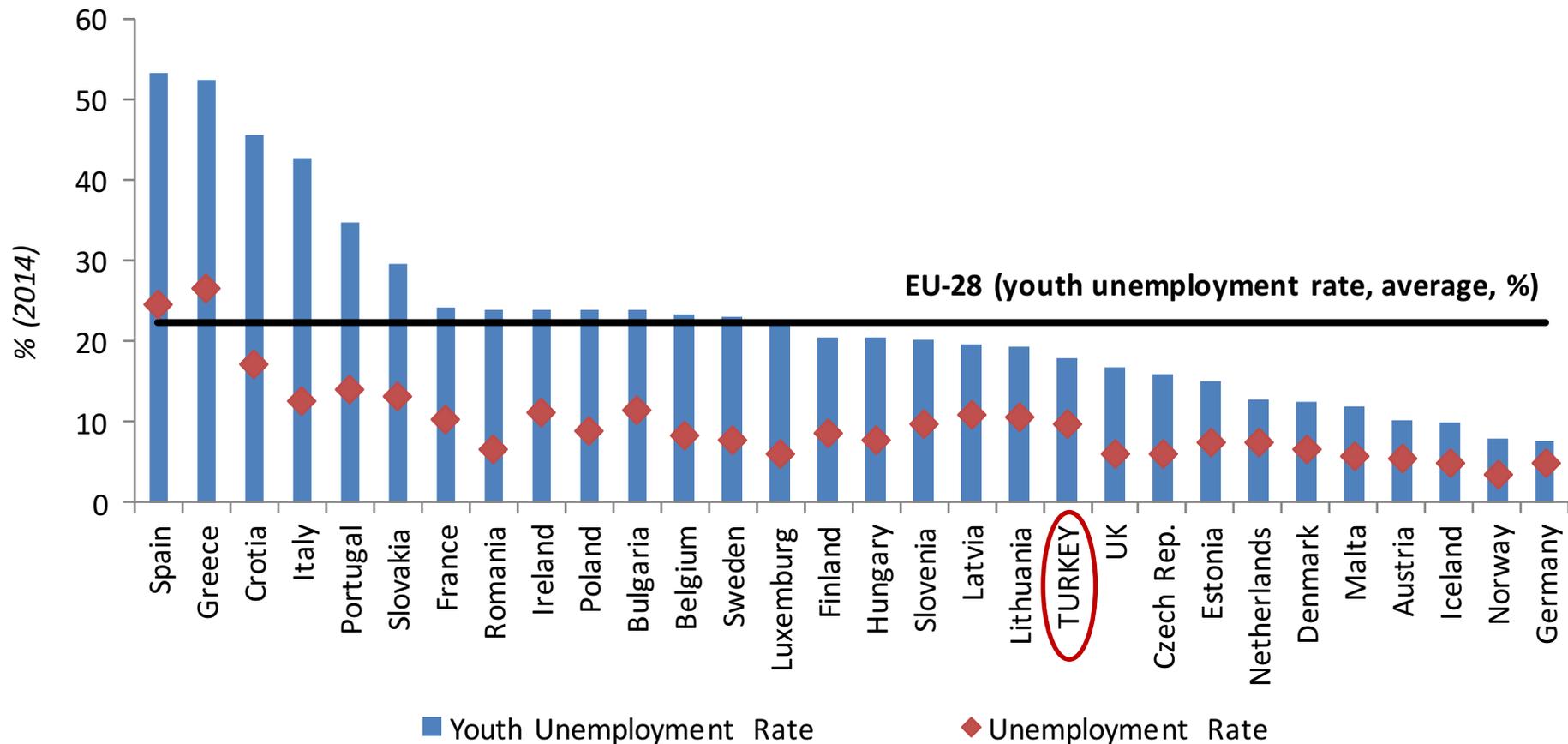


# Low Female Labor Force Participation Rate



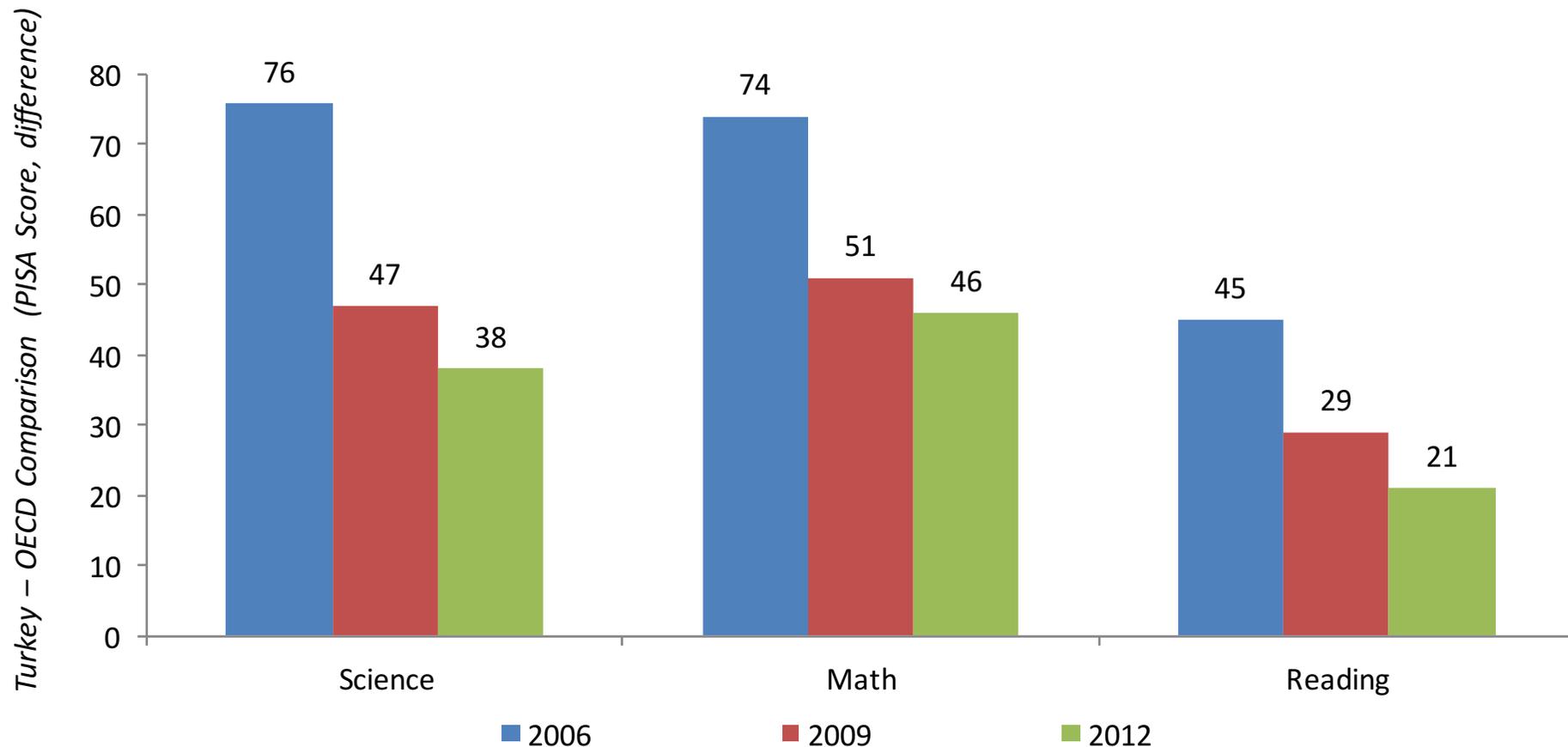
**Current situation:** Although female labor force participation has significantly increased in recent years, it is still lower than the OECD average. **The added value that women produce by participating in labor force will help us unleash the potential of Turkish economy.**

# High Youth Unemployment



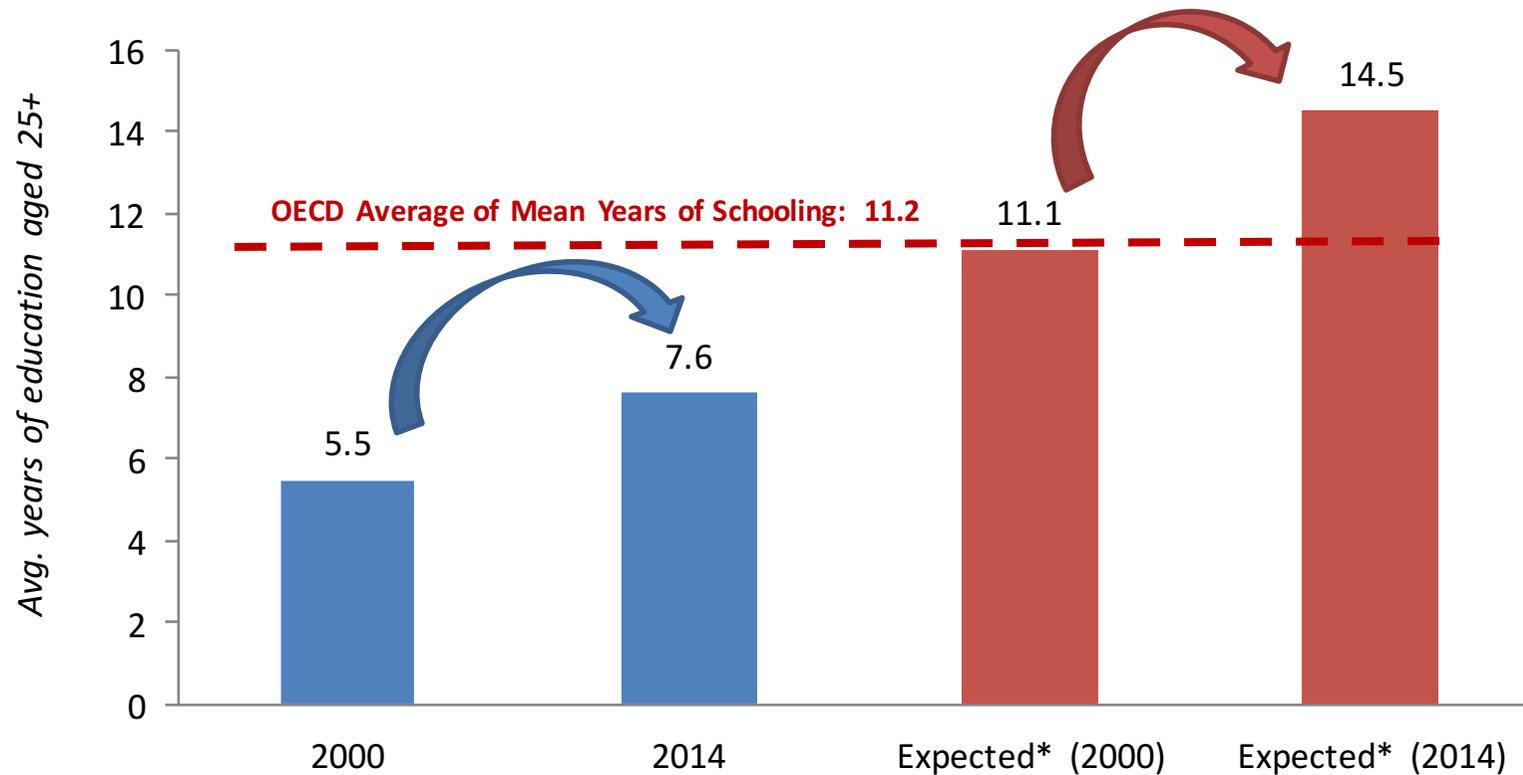
**Current situation:** Youth unemployment rate is a common phenomena across all countries and considerably higher than the headline. While youth unemployment rate in Turkey is still lower than the EU-28 average, it is 8 percentage points higher than the headline unemployment rate.

# Poor Quality of Education



**Current Situation:** Turkey has made significant progress in **education quality** according to OECD's PISA research. Approximately 30 points of improvement has been achieved in all three categories relative to the OECD average. It is important to accelerate this positive tendency in the upcoming periods.

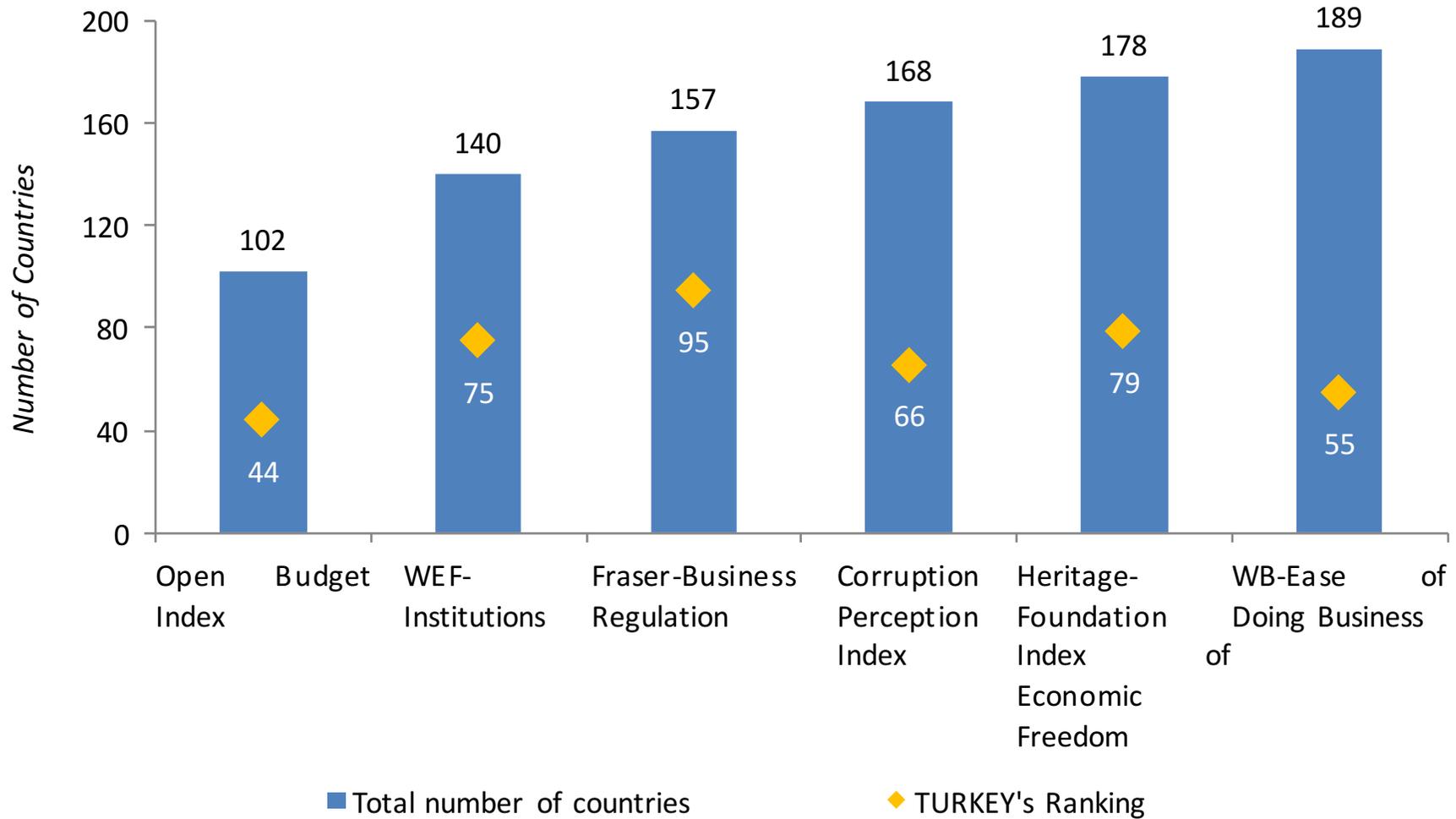
# Quality of Human Capital Stock



Source: UNDP, Human Development Reports.

(\*) Number of expected years of schooling for children of school entrance age.

# Weak Institutions



Source: World Bank, World Economic Forum, Fraser Institute, Heritage Foundation, Transparency International



# Turkey's Reform Agenda & Structural Fixes

# *Why Reforms?*

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Avoid middle-income trap

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Boost productivity

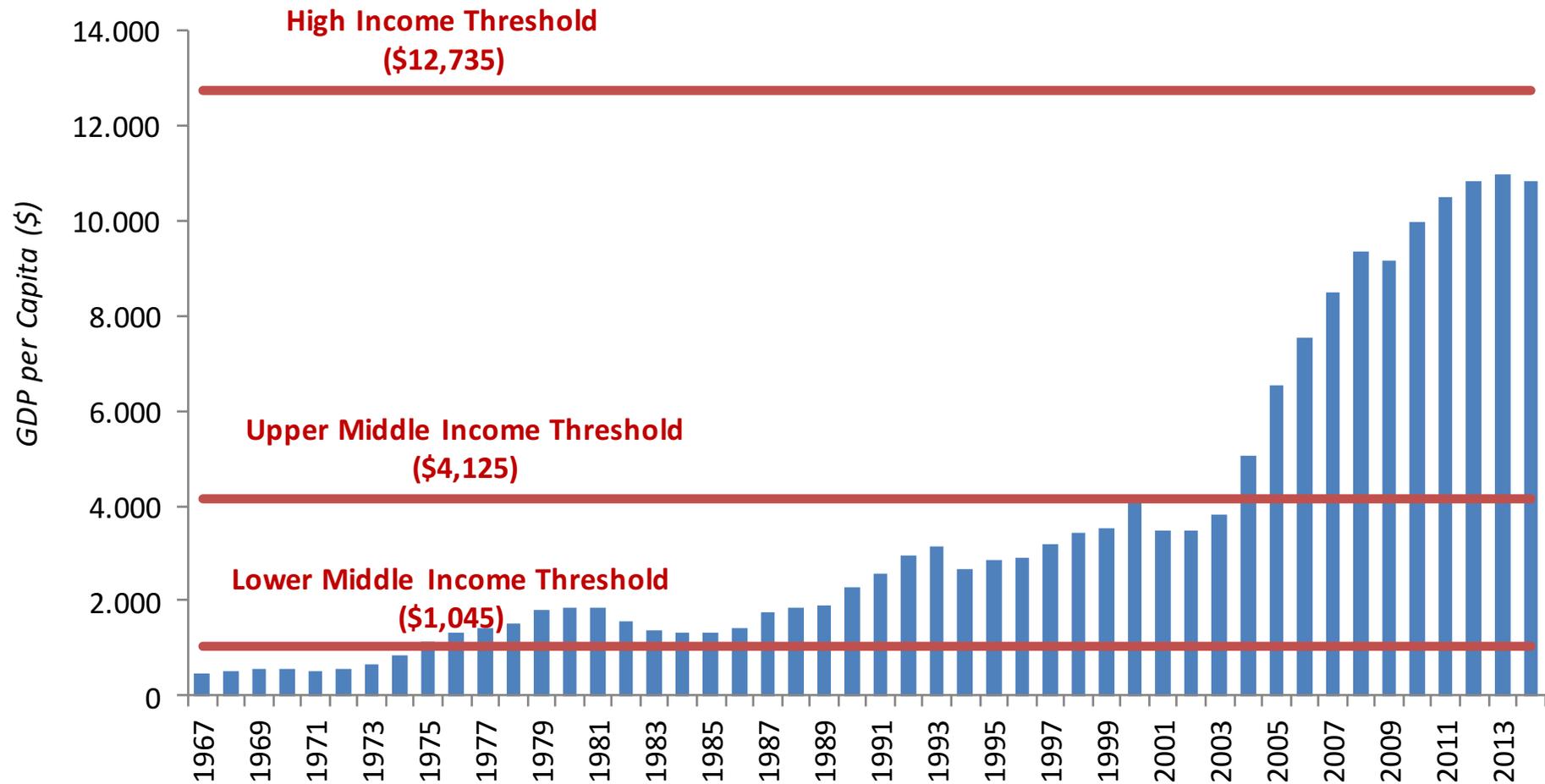
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Move up the value chain

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Improve competitiveness

# *The Ultimate Goal of Structural Reforms*



# *Three Pillars*

Sectoral  
Transformation  
(Micro Reforms)

Structural  
Reforms  
(Macro Reforms)

EU Accession  
Process



# Sectoral Transformation (Micro Reforms)

# ***Sectoral Transformation***



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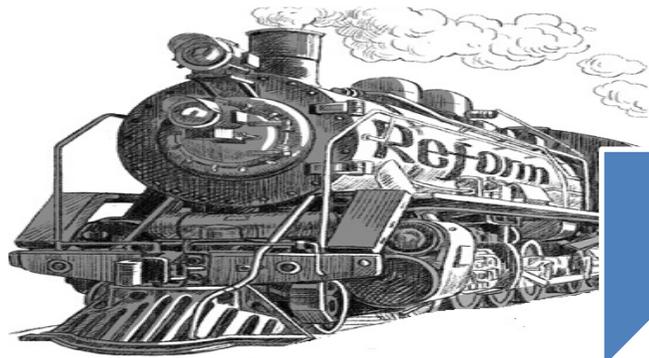
Transformation  
Programs

1,250

Micro Reforms

# ***Sectoral Transformation: 25 Programs***

Reducing Import Dependency	Commercialization in Priority Technology Areas	Tech. Develop't and Domestic Production through Public Procurement	Domestic Resource Based Energy Production	Energy Efficiency Improvement
Enhancing Efficiency of Water Use in Agriculture	Healthcare Related Industries Structural Transformation	Health Tourism Improvement	Transformation from Transportation to Logistics	Enhancing Productivity In Manufacturing
Increasing Domestic Savings and Avoiding Waste	Istanbul International Financial Center	Rationalization of Public Expenditures	Public Revenue Quality Enhancement	Business and Investment Climate Improvement
Statistical Infrastructure Development	Family and Dynamic Population Structure Conservation	Improving Labor Market Effectiveness	Reducing Informal Economy	Basic and Occupational Skills Development
Attracting Qualified Human Resources	Healthy Life and Mobility	Institutional Capacity Improvement at Local	Competitiveness and Social Cohesion Enhancing Urban Regeneration	Improving the Infrastructure of International Cooperation for Development



# Structural Reforms (Macro Reforms)

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Labor Market  
Reforms

Education Reform

Enhancing  
Investment  
Climate

Enhancing  
Transparency &  
Combatting  
Corruption

Judicial Reform

Public Finance &  
Public  
Administration  
Reform

# ***Reforms to Improve Capital Productivity***

## **High Value Added Production**

- Increase Private Sector R&D
- Commercialization of R&D
- New patent law

## **Entrepreneurship**

- A stronger entrepreneurship eco system
- A new fund for early stage R&D and design efforts
- A credit guarantee mechanism for commercialization of innovative projects
- Incentives for young entrepreneurs

# ***Reforms to Improve Labor Productivity***

## **Quality of Education**

- Teachers training
- Performance measurement & quality index

## **Skills of Labor Force**

- On-the-job training
- Vocational & technical education

## **Qualified Employment**

- Attracting global talent

# *Education Reform*

Teachers  
Training

Performance  
Measurement &  
Quality Index

Vocational &  
Technical  
Training

School-Based  
Budgeting

Foreign  
Language  
Education

Life-Long  
Learning

# ***Enhancing Investment Climate***

A New  
Patent Law &  
R&D Package

Reducing Red  
Tape

Specialized Courts

Incentives for  
Medium- & High-  
Tech Production

# ***Enhancing Transparency & Combatting Corruption***

Ethics, Integrity,  
& Accountability  
in Public Sector

Public  
Procurement

Campaign Finance  
Disclosure

Rule-Based  
Zoning  
Regulations

# ***Reforming Judicial System***

Modern  
Arbitration  
System

Specialized Courts

Expert Witness  
Mechanism

Creation of New  
Appeals Court

# ***Public Finance Reform***

Income Tax  
Reform

Enhancing Tax  
Payers' Right (Tax  
Procedures Code)

Expenditure  
Reform

Performance  
Based Budgeting

# ***Public Administration Reform***

Public Personnel  
Reform

Productivity,  
Accountability &  
Transparency

e-State

Performance  
Based Culture



# EU Accession Process

# ***EU Accession Process: The Main Agenda***

Enhancing Customs Union Agreement

Implementation of Readmission Agreement

Finalizing the Efforts on Visa Exemption

# ***Why do we need EU?***

Strengthening Rule of Law

Enhancing Standards of Democracy

Improving Quality of Institutions

# ***Why does EU need Turkey?***

Improved Economic Dynamism

A Greater Say in International Affairs

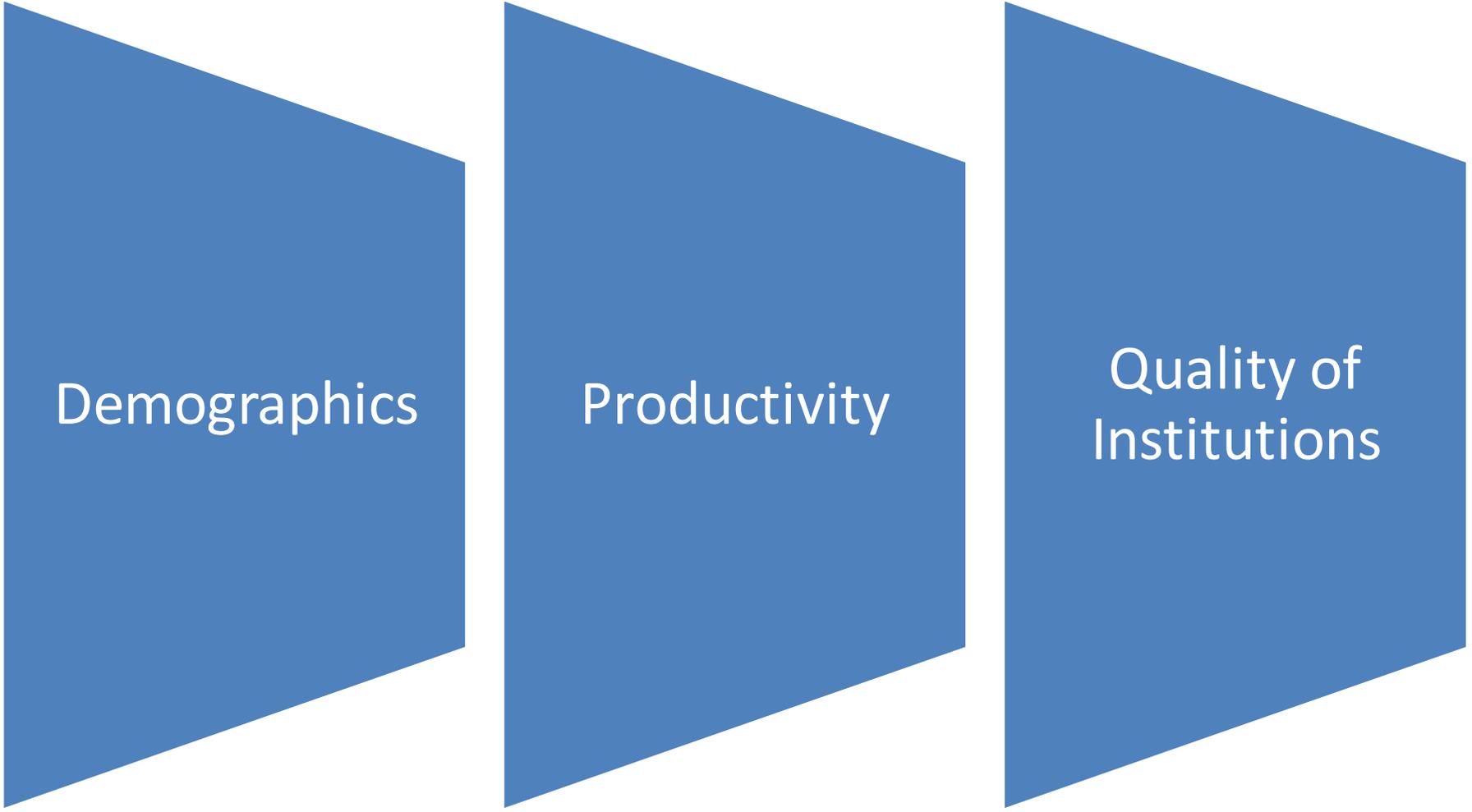
Enhanced Dialogue between Civilizations

Energy Supply Security



## Long-Term Prospects

# ***Determinants of Long-Term Growth***

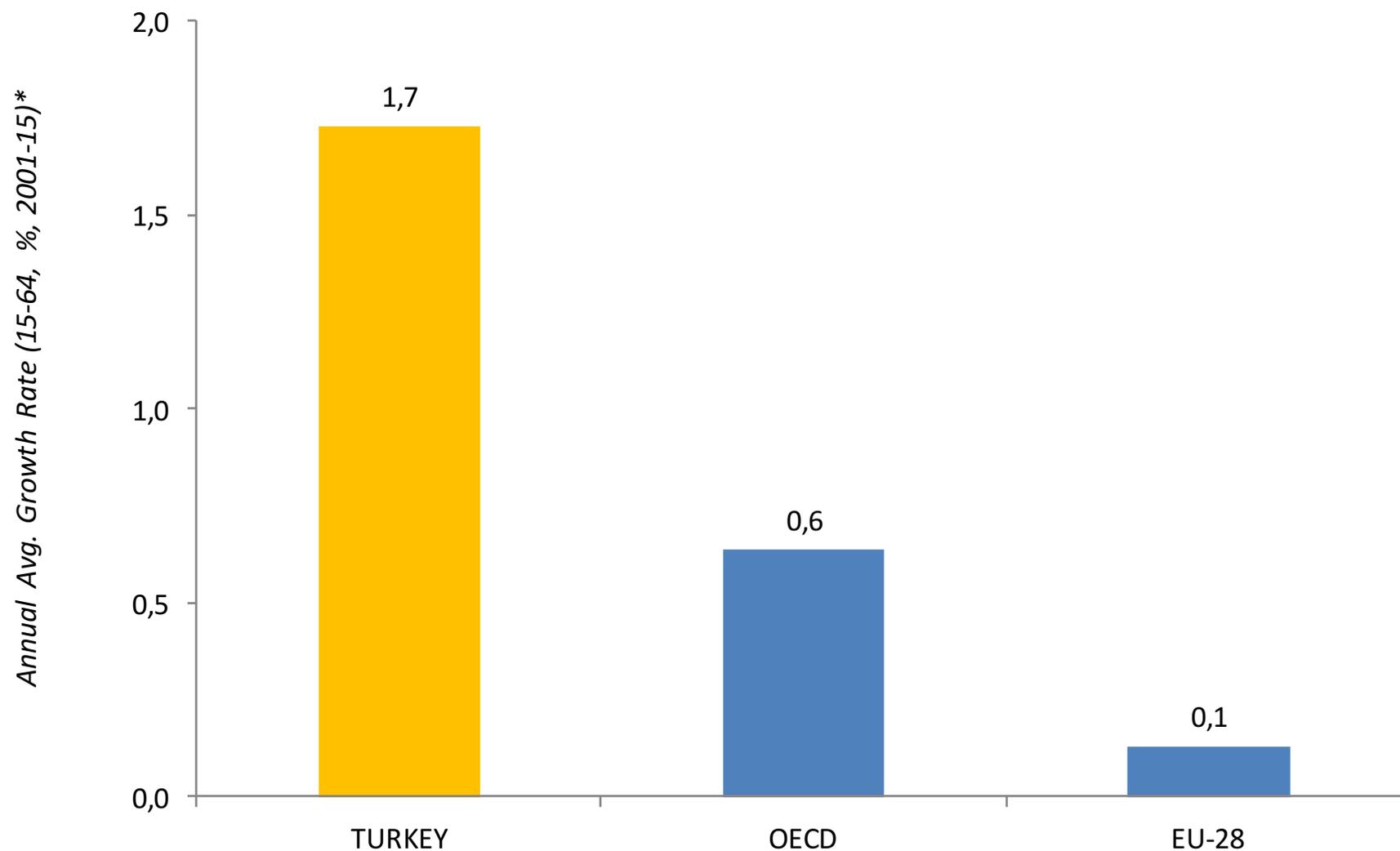


Demographics

Productivity

Quality of  
Institutions

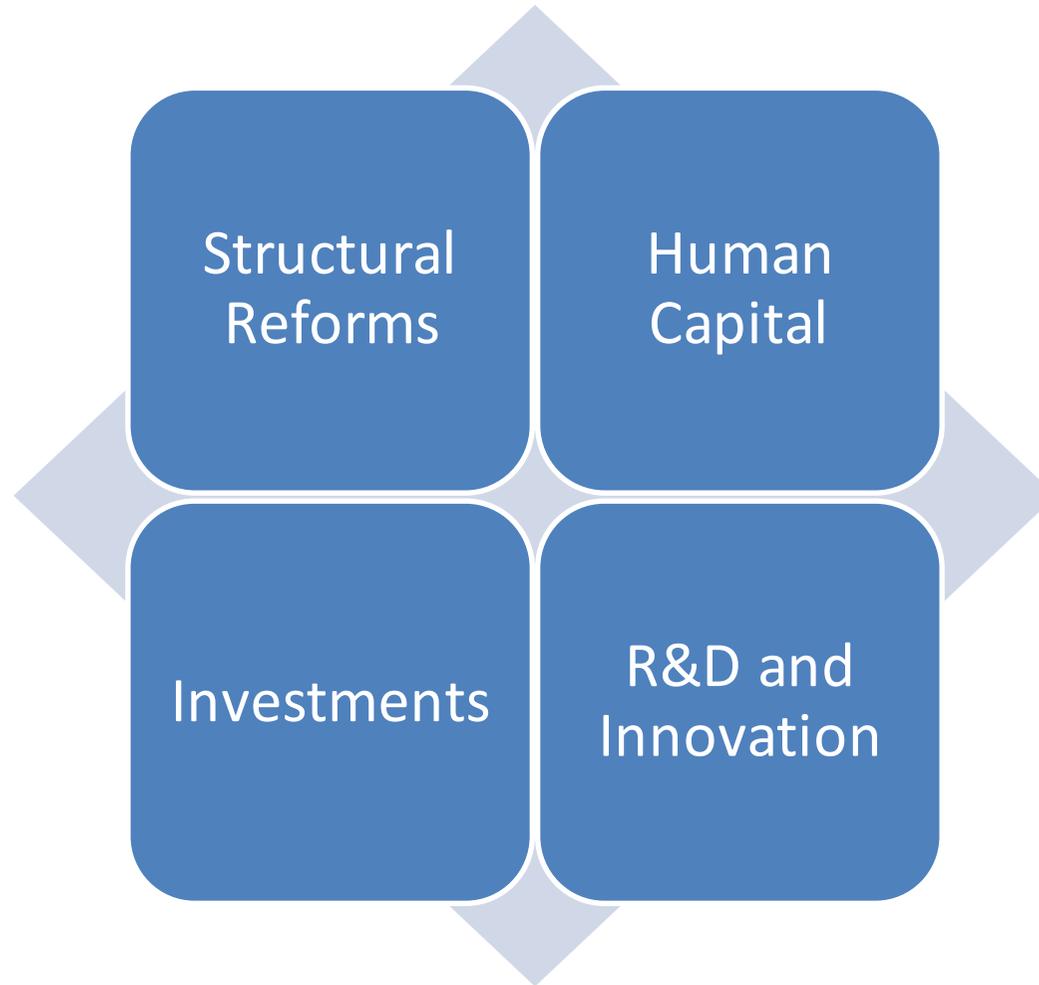
# Demographics: Working Age Population Growth



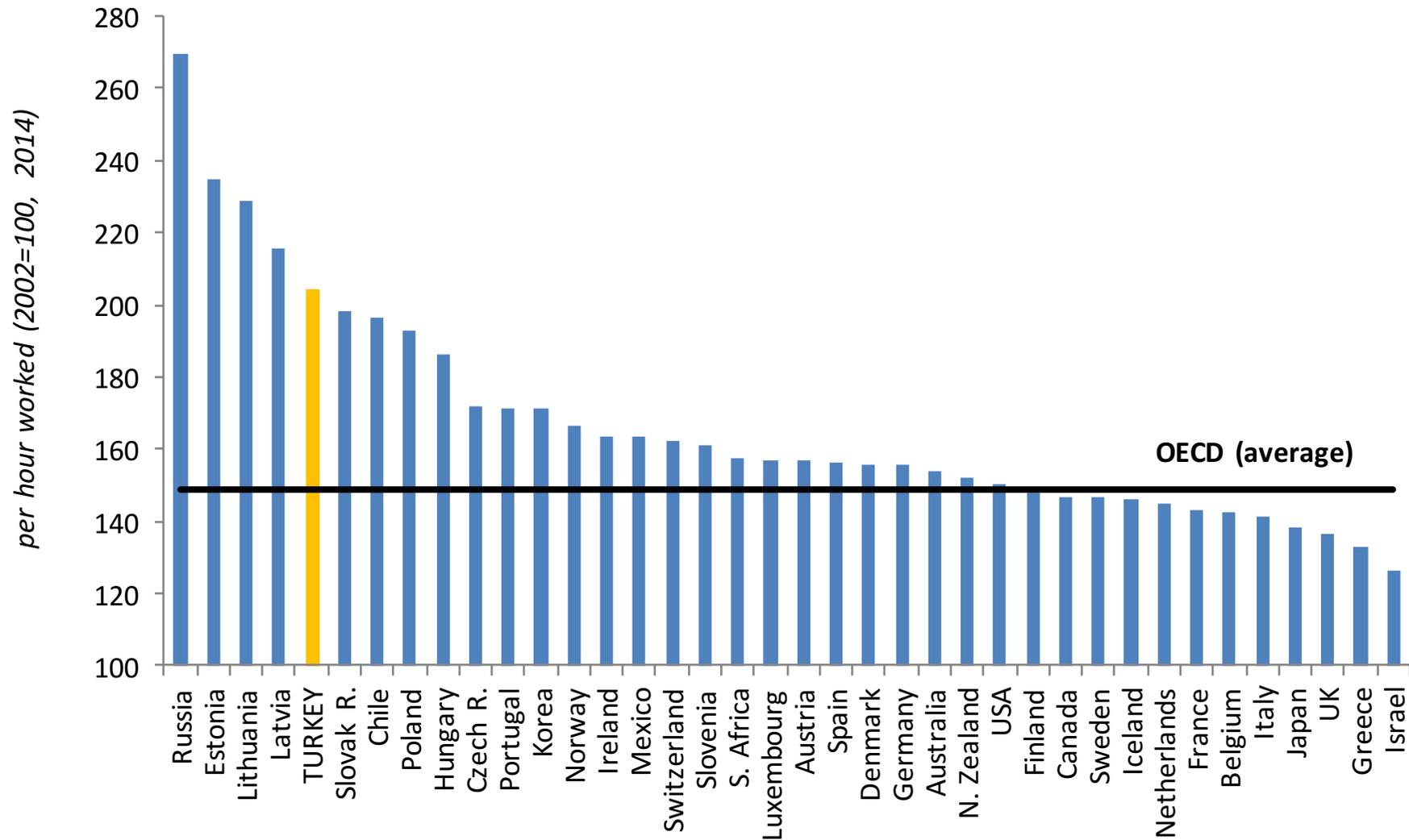
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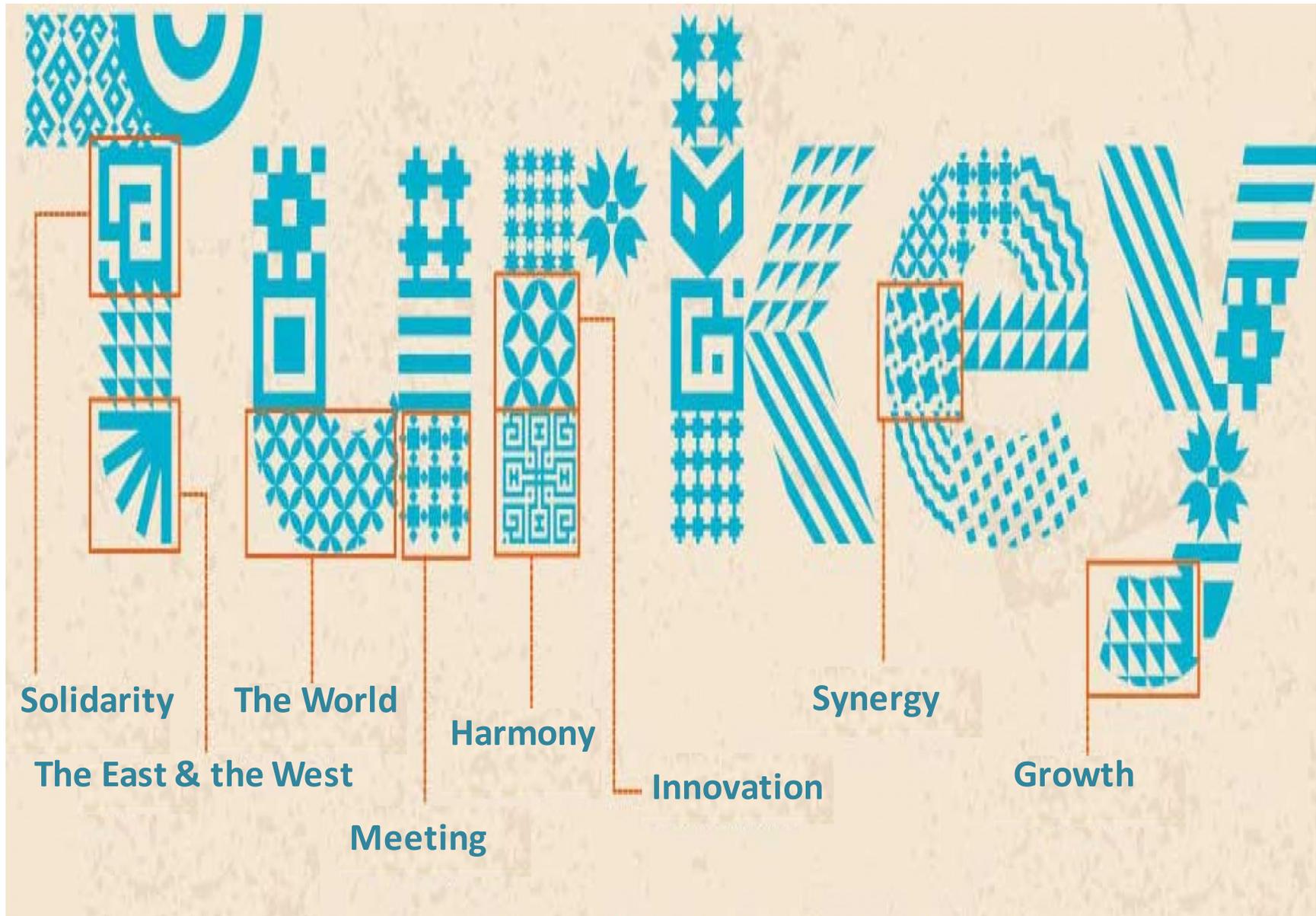
(\*) The latest data available

# ***Determinants of Productivity***



# Rising Productivity





Solidarity

The World

The East & the West

Meeting

Harmony

Innovation

Synergy

Growth

***THANK YOU...***