



# **Capital Markets Union**

A ratings agency perspective

#### What is CMU?

European Commission:

"plan to mobilise capital in Europe"

Action plan outlines 6 areas with multiple initiatives in each

Assessment and promotion of best practice

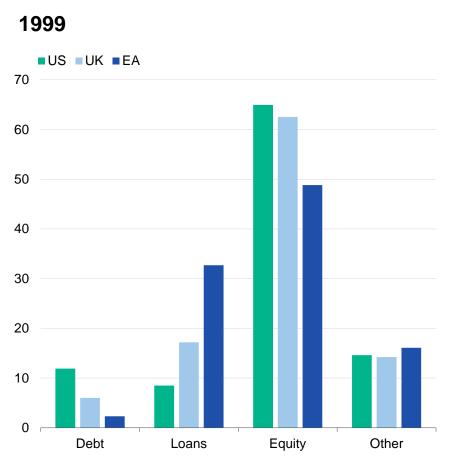
Facilitation of development of some funding markets

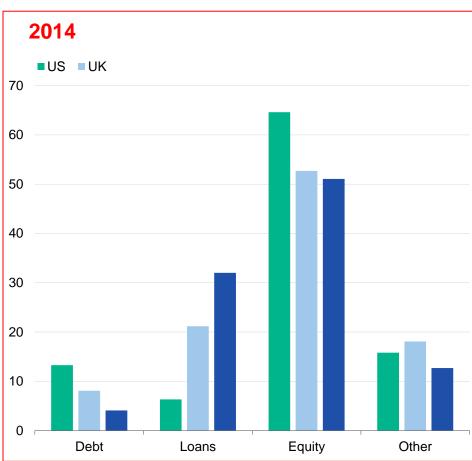
Simplifying market access for SMEs

Lots of parallel focused measures. Different from banking union

### **Liability (funding) structures**

Non-financial corporations: breakdown of balance sheets



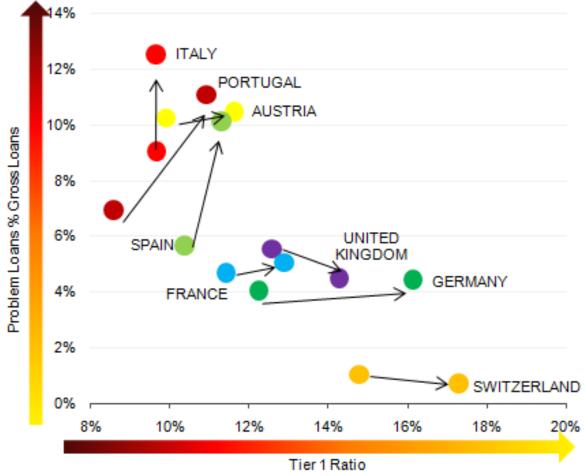


Source: Moody's Investors Service & Haver Analytics



#### European banking landscape remains uneven

**Evolution of capital adequacy and asset quality in European banking systems** 

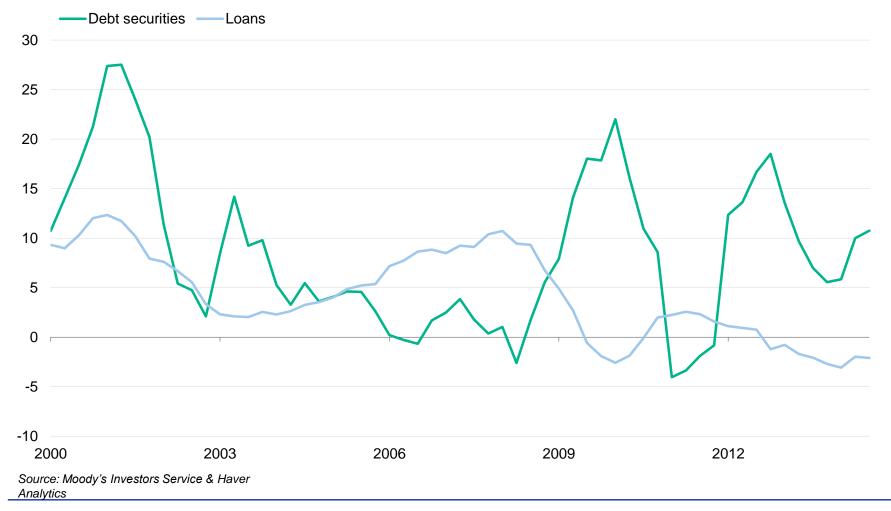


Source: ECB and Moody's Investors Service



### Finding credit: debt securities vs loans

Euro area non-financial corporate sector liabilities, %y/y





#### High-yield issuance in the EU



No. Issuances \$Bn 25 120 100 20 80 15 60 10 40 20 Feb Jan Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec



### New issuers smaller, but still large

Average annual turnover of first-time EU issuers (€ million)





#### Why is CMU a good thing?

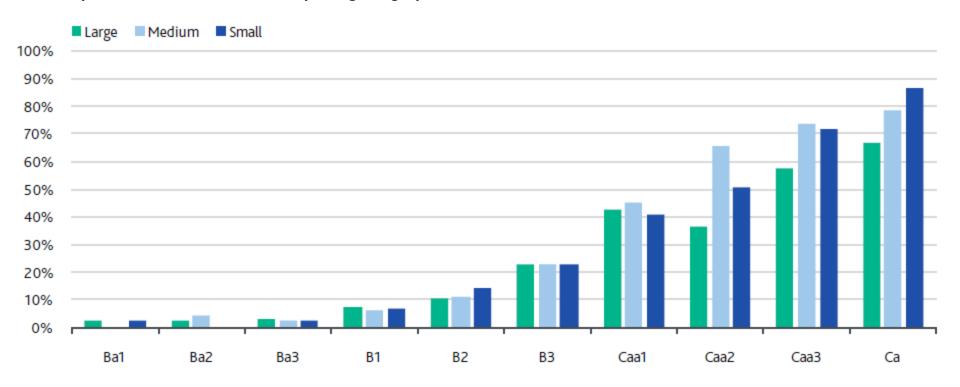
- Overreliance on bank lending can be a bad thing
- Current inefficiencies/barriers impede growth
- Offer savers more choice

#### Why isn't capital already pan-European?

- Accounting/insolvency regimes differ
- Taxation differences
- Fragmented market infrastructure
- Different levels of risk

#### Are smaller firms too lowly rated?

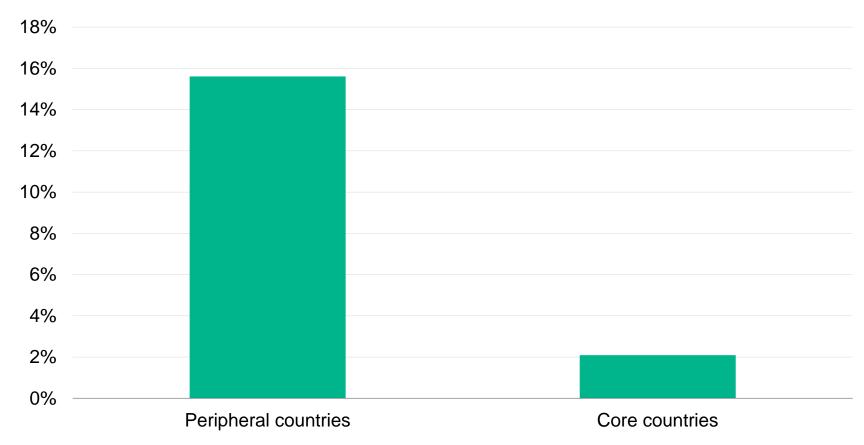
#### Three-year cumulative default rates by rating category & firm size





## Different credit ratings borne out by experience

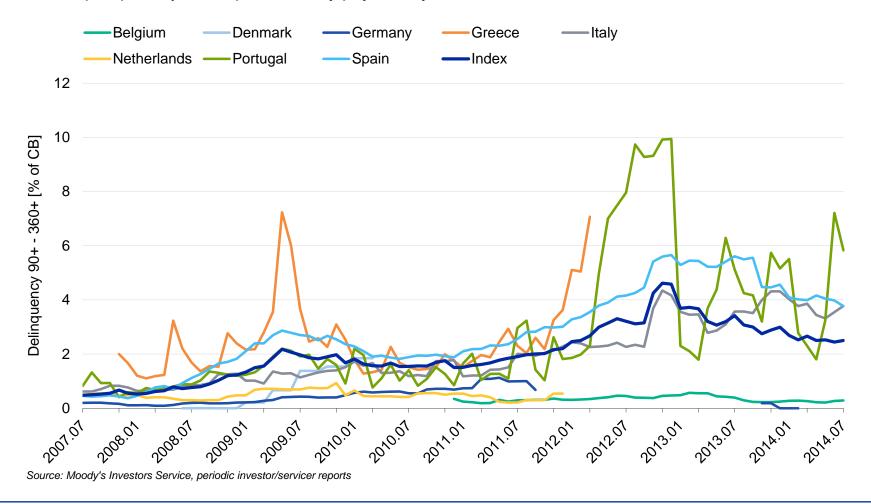
Non-financial corporate cumulative default rates since 2008





#### Securitization performance illustrates credit differences

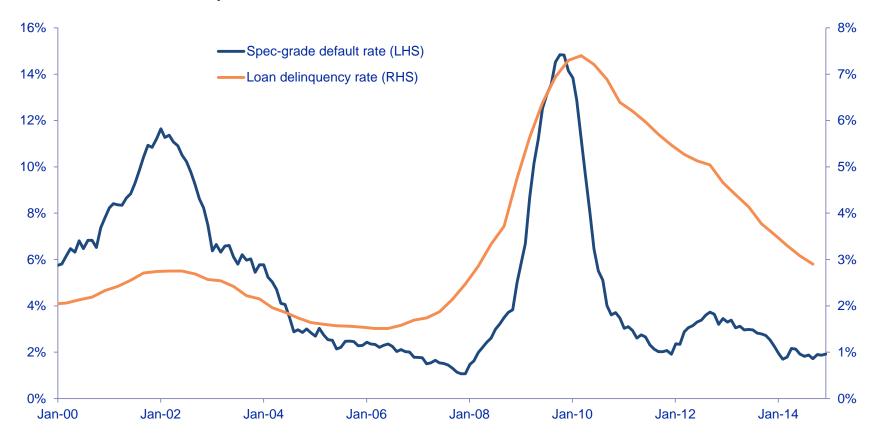
EMEA ABS (SME) delinquencies (90 to 360 days) by country





#### Structural vs cyclical: bank and non-bank correlations

#### US bank and non-bank credit cycles





#### 'Positive' aspects of CMU

- Diversification away from banks positive; but no panacea
- Removing barriers will ease capital flight
- Do savers really want more risk?

#### Real challenges to acknowledge

- Genuine political will to harmonise critical frameworks?
- Will market infrastructure develop without subsidisation?
- Sovereign risk is pervasive; and it differs across EA

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