

European Research and Innovation Policies in Times of Change: The Budget Review and the Economic Crisis

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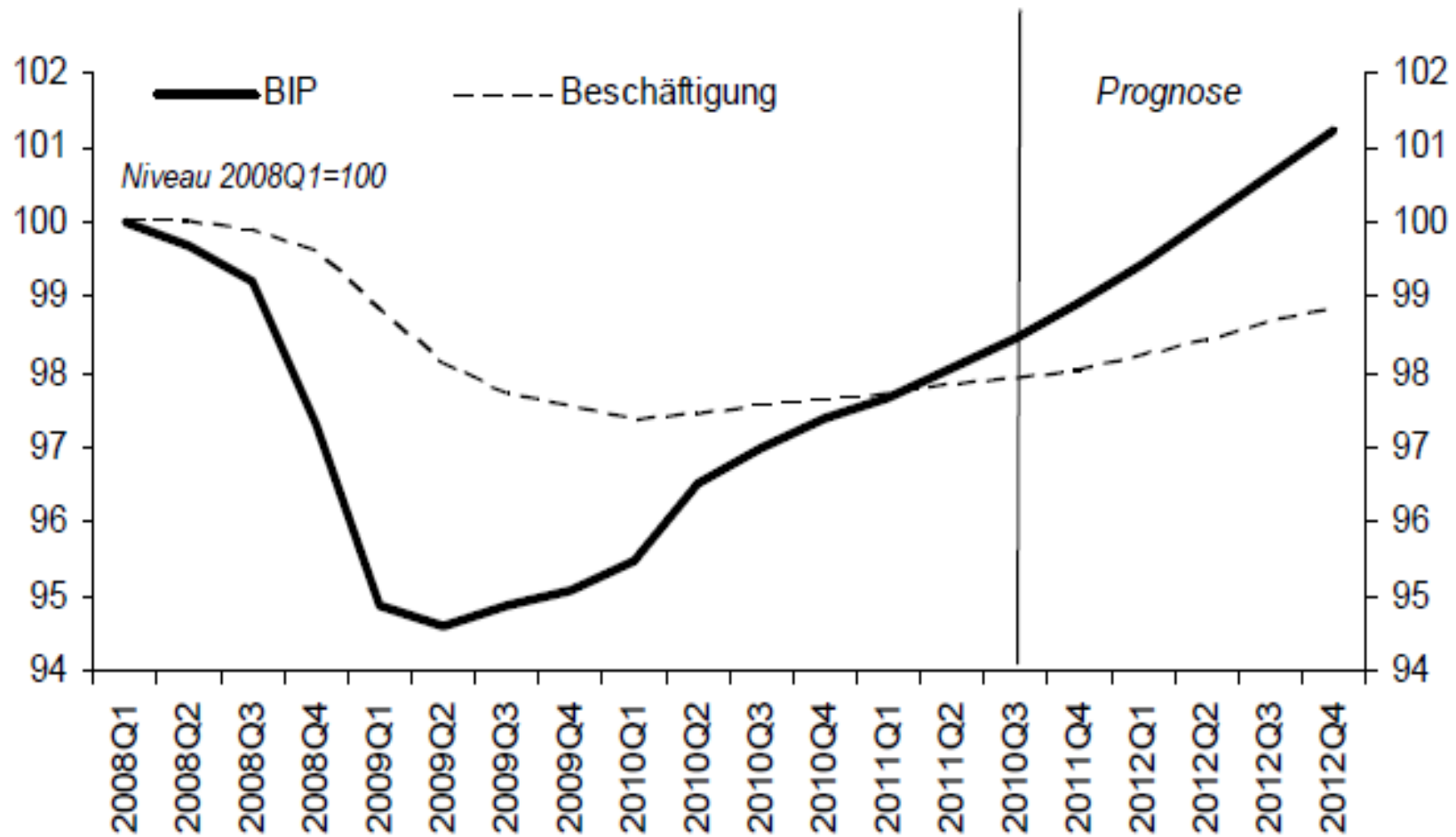
Overview

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1. Introduction: The EU Budget for R&I Policies in Times of Change (I)

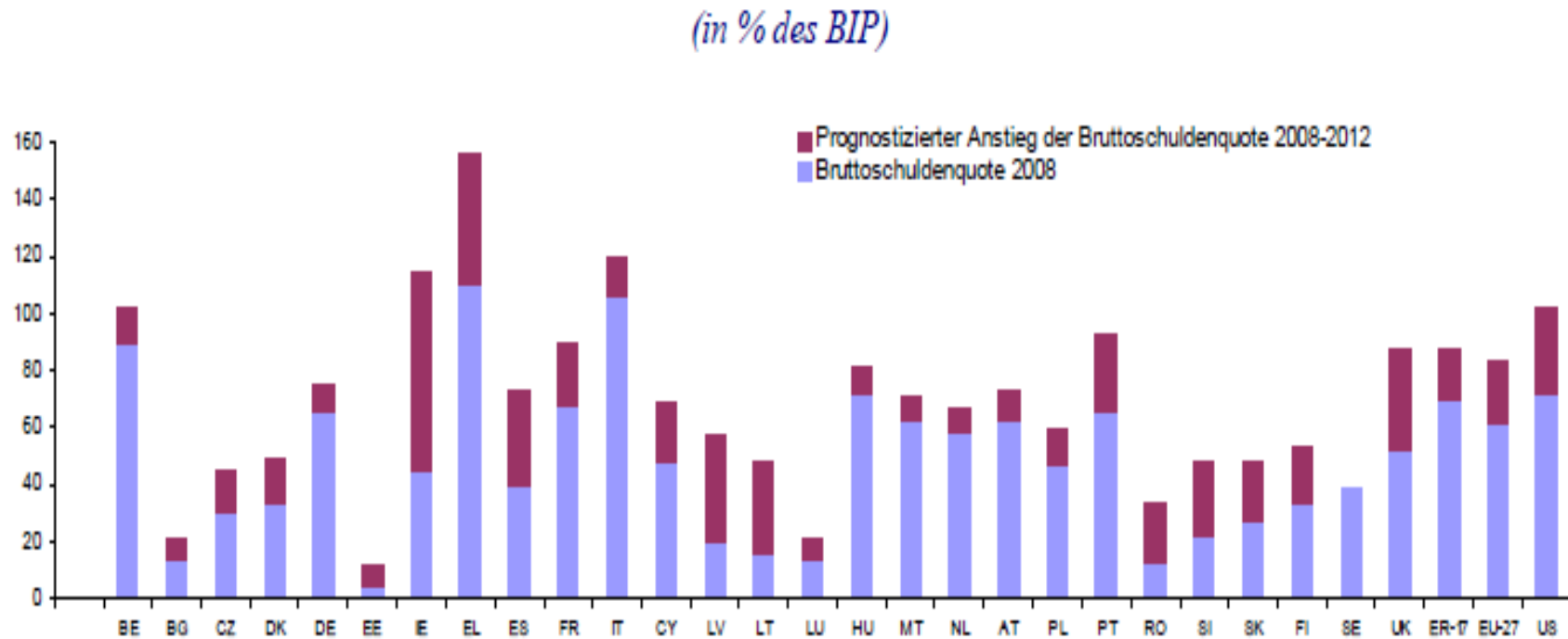
- The budget review as a “normal” policy process
- The budget review in the context of “Europe 2020”
- The argument: The economic and financial crisis - from normal to crisis politics
- Policy change and institutional adaptation: crisis as a window of opportunity

1. Introduction: The EU Budget for R&I Policies in Times of Change (II)



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Schaubild 8: Öffentlicher Schuldenstand 2008 und prognostizierter Anstieg im Zeitraum 2008-2012



Quelle: Herbstprognose der GD ECFIN

2. From Normal to Crisis Politics: the role of the institutional framework

- Two institutional dynamics:
 - The Lisbon Treaty and crisis politics
 - The specific multi-level governance structure
- The impact of the crisis on “typical” EU governance problems:
 - Blocked decisions
 - Suboptimal policy solutions
 - High coordination costs
 - Significant control problems
- Methodological approach: process tracing (September 2007 to October 2010)

3. Reactions to the Crisis: Coherent Strategies, Common Agendas?
 1. EU level
 - From the Lisbon Strategy to Europe 2020
 - Europe 2020 and growth policies: The Innovation Union
 - The European Economic Recovery Plan
 2. Member States level
 - Member States' positions during the budget review process
 - Member States' reactions to the crisis: Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Spain + Norway
 - Stimulus Packages & Austerity Measures
 - National funding for research and innovation

4. Facing the European Dilemma: Strategic Choices for European R&I policies

- The European Dilemma:
 - Although even the Member States are looking for a European answer to the crisis, the European Union neither has the legislative nor the financial resources to overcome the crisis.
- Member States' governments gain importance, but no “re-nationalisation” of European policies
- The new institutional balance within the European Union:
 - The European Council as the focal arena
 - Significantly limited entrepreneurial capacities of the European Commission
 - A more competitive relationship between the Commission and the member states' governments
 - The European Parliament as an ally for the Commission

5. Conclusions: What's next for European R&I policy

- The new dualism between normal and crisis politics
- Decreasing coherence between member states' policy measures
- From budget review to budget negotiations: the reinforcement of the net-payer-logic
- An increase of the EU's budget for R&I policies seems to be unlikely
- Significant re-allocations largely depend on the political will of the Commission