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Social partners' involvement in the European semester

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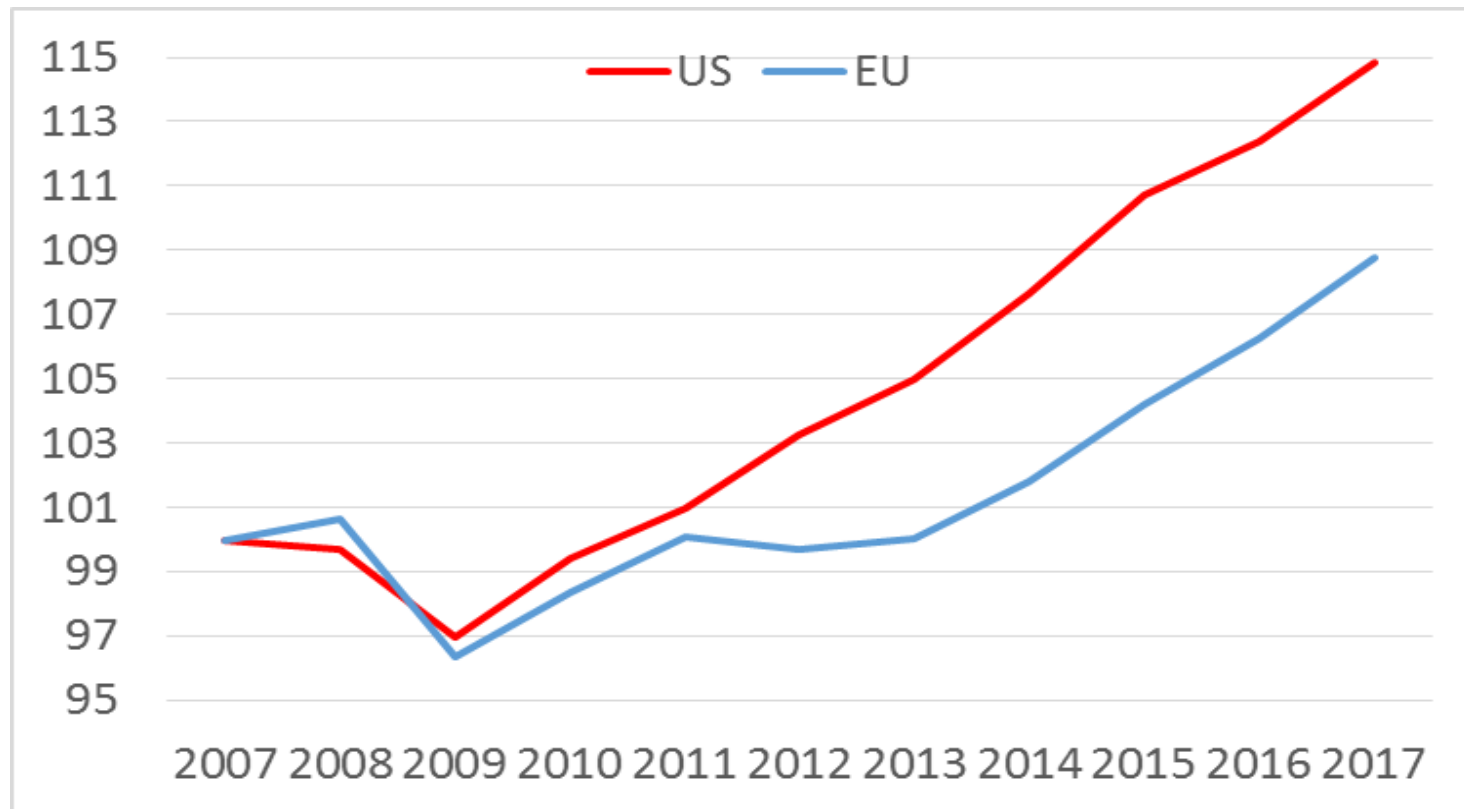
BusinessEurope Reform Barometer

- Dates back over a decade.
- Two main sections:
 1. EU global competitiveness
 2. Member's assessment of CSR implementation
- 2018 version to be published on 20 March.



EU recovery lost ground from 2011

Real GDP, constant prices and national currency, 2007-17



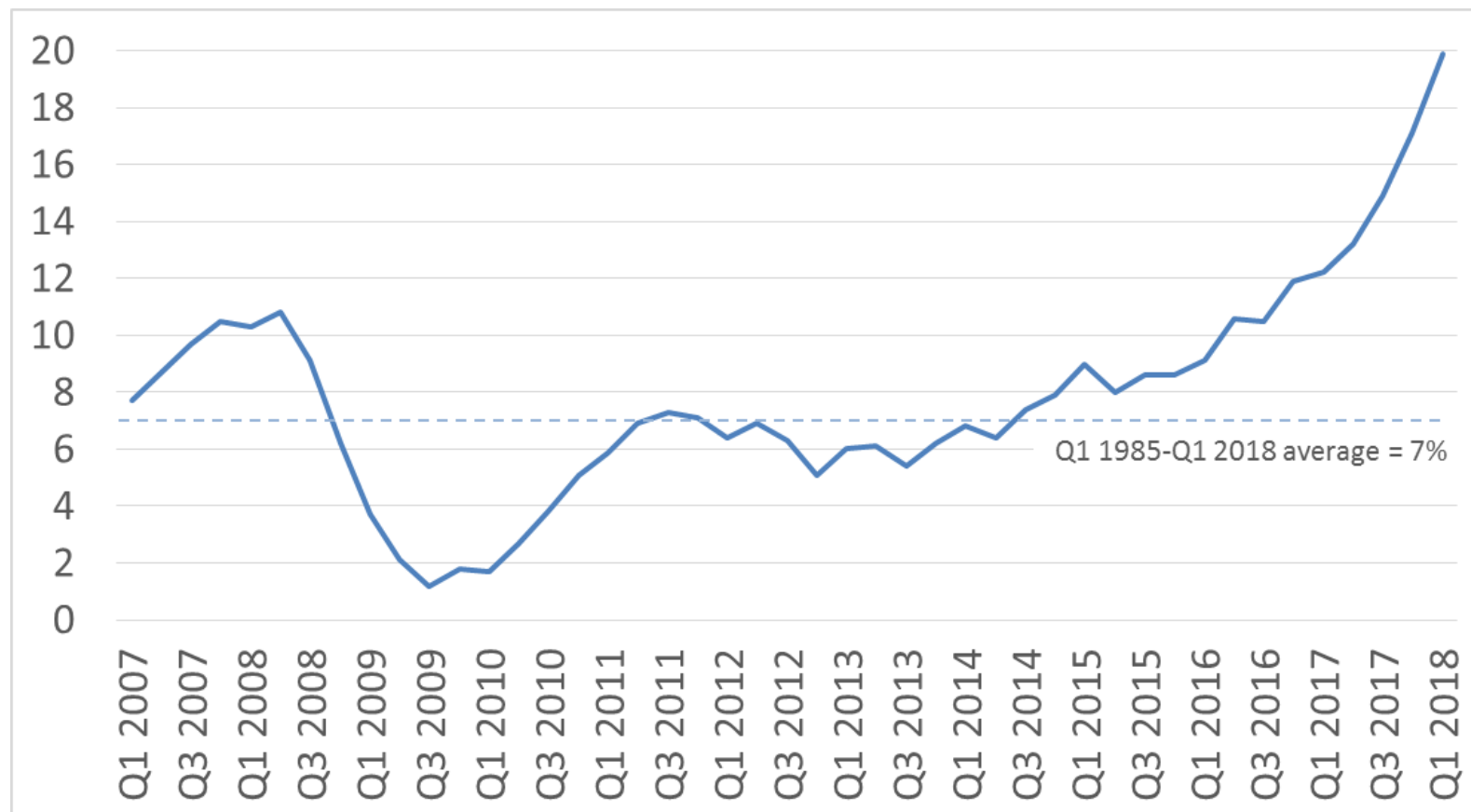
Source: BusinessEurope calculations based on IMF data

- *Potential growth (OECD) falling globally:*
 - US 2.3% (2007) to 1.5% (2017)
 - EU 1.9% to 1.3%



Skills shortages already above pre-crisis levels

% Share of industrial enterprises indicating insufficient labour limits production



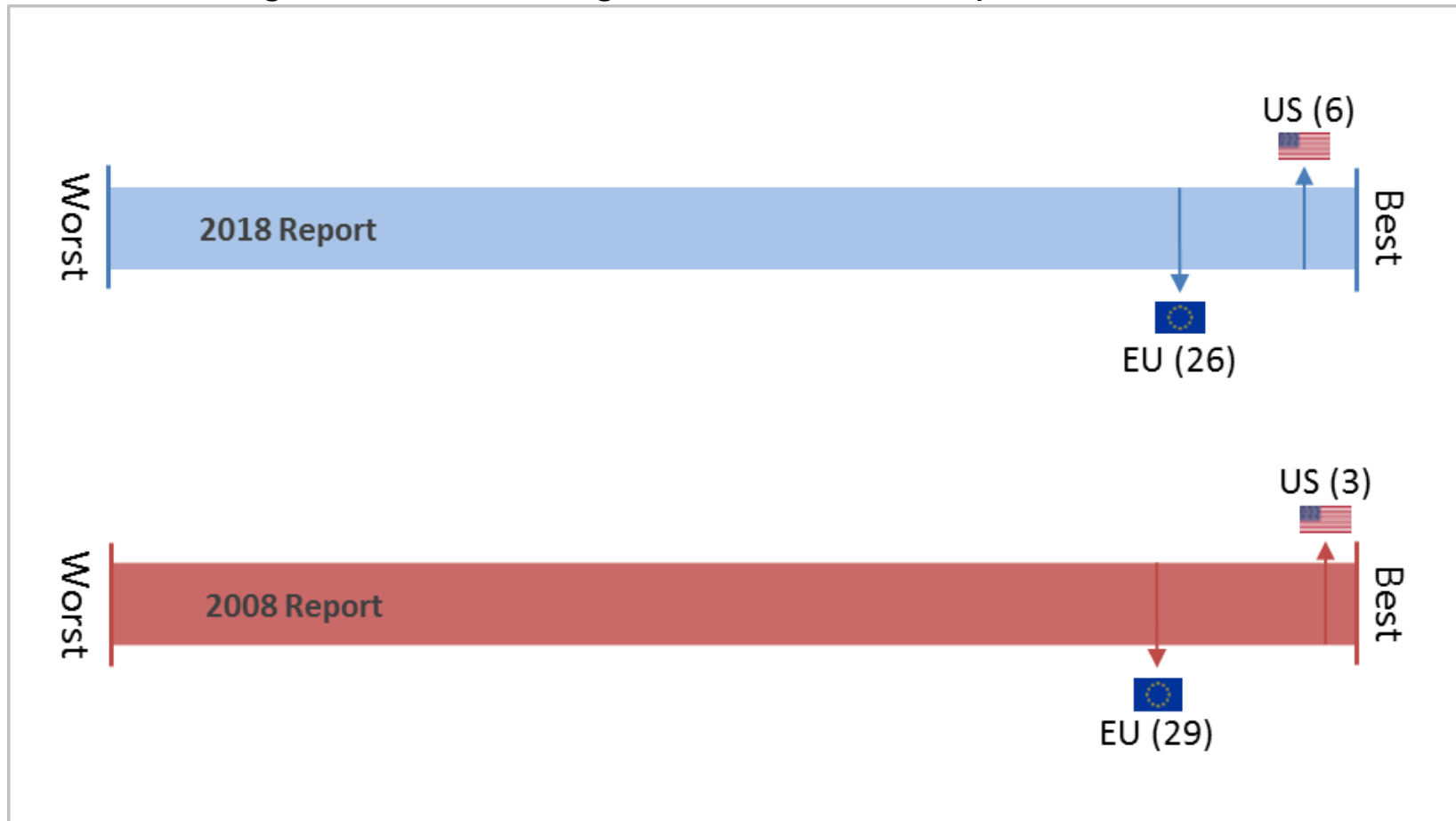
Source: European Commission

- Skills shortages now Federations' ⁴priority issue (from 13th/20 in 2013)



It remains more difficult to do business in the EU than in the US

Ease of doing business ranking, 2008 and 2018 reports

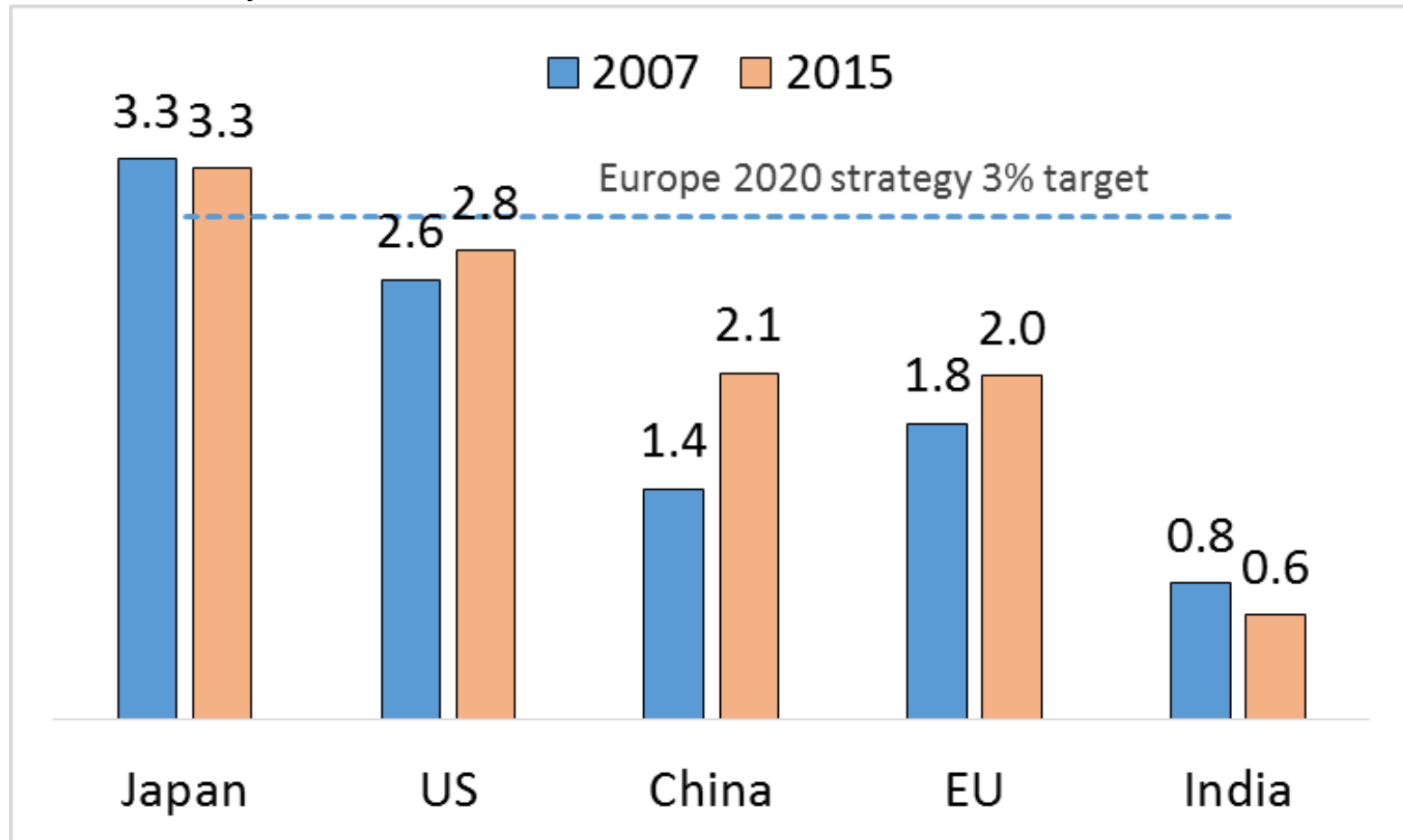


Source: World Bank Doing Business Reports 2008 & 2018



EU spending on R&D remains well below US and Japanese levels

R&D intensity as % of GDP in 2007 & 2015

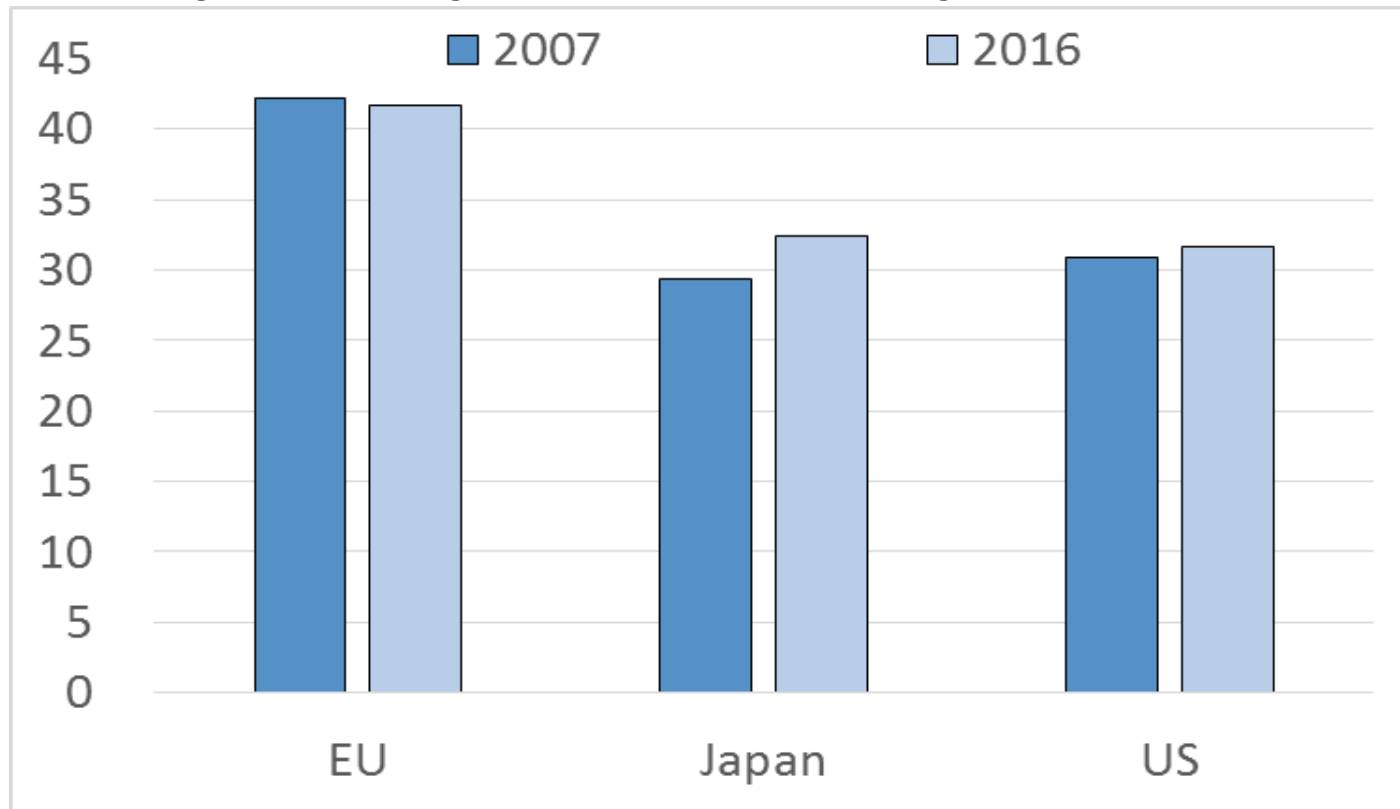


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The tax wedge on labour in the EU needs to come down

Tax wedge on average income earners (single person), 2007 and 2016



Source: OECD

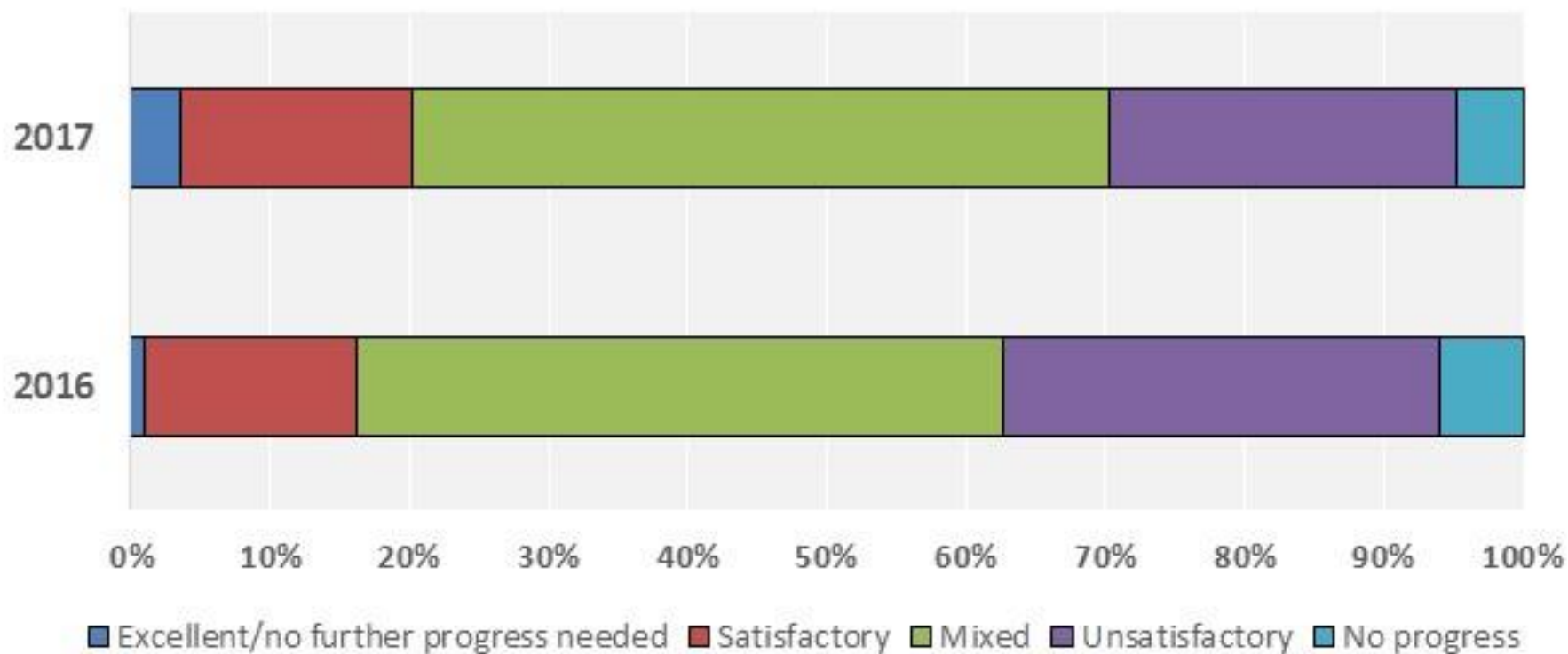
Share of 'Growth friendly public expenditure' in overall spending remains too low:

- US: 43.0% (2007) 45.3% (2015)
- EU: 30.9% 30.4%



20% of 2017 CSRs satisfactorily implemented; (17%) 12 months ago

Member Federations' assessment of Member States' efforts to implement CSRs

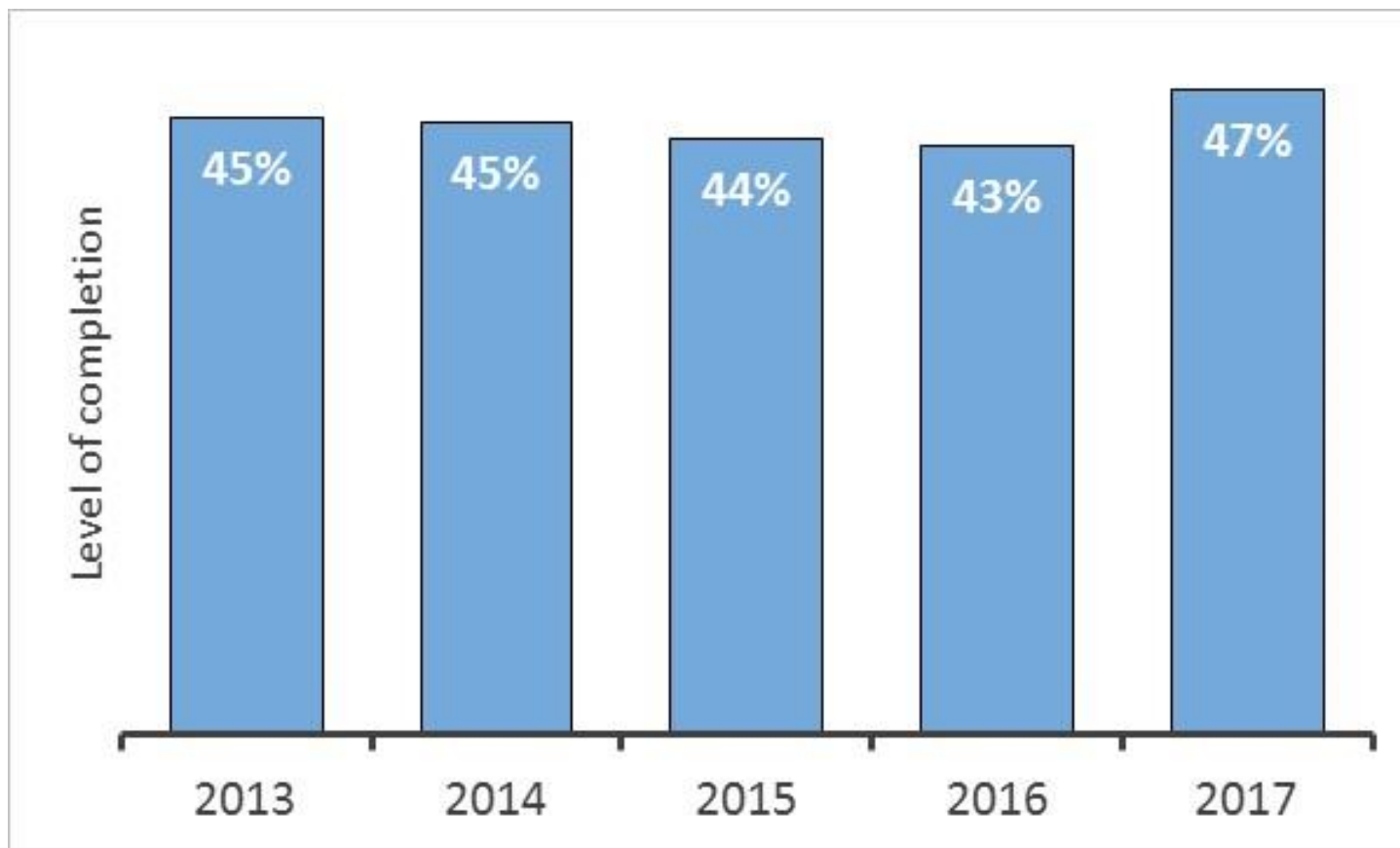


Source: BusinessEurope survey of Member Federations



Overall implementation broadly unchanged over post-crisis period

Member Federations' long-term assessment of the appropriateness of Member States' efforts to implement CSRs



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Any questions?