

“Europe - Driver or driven?”

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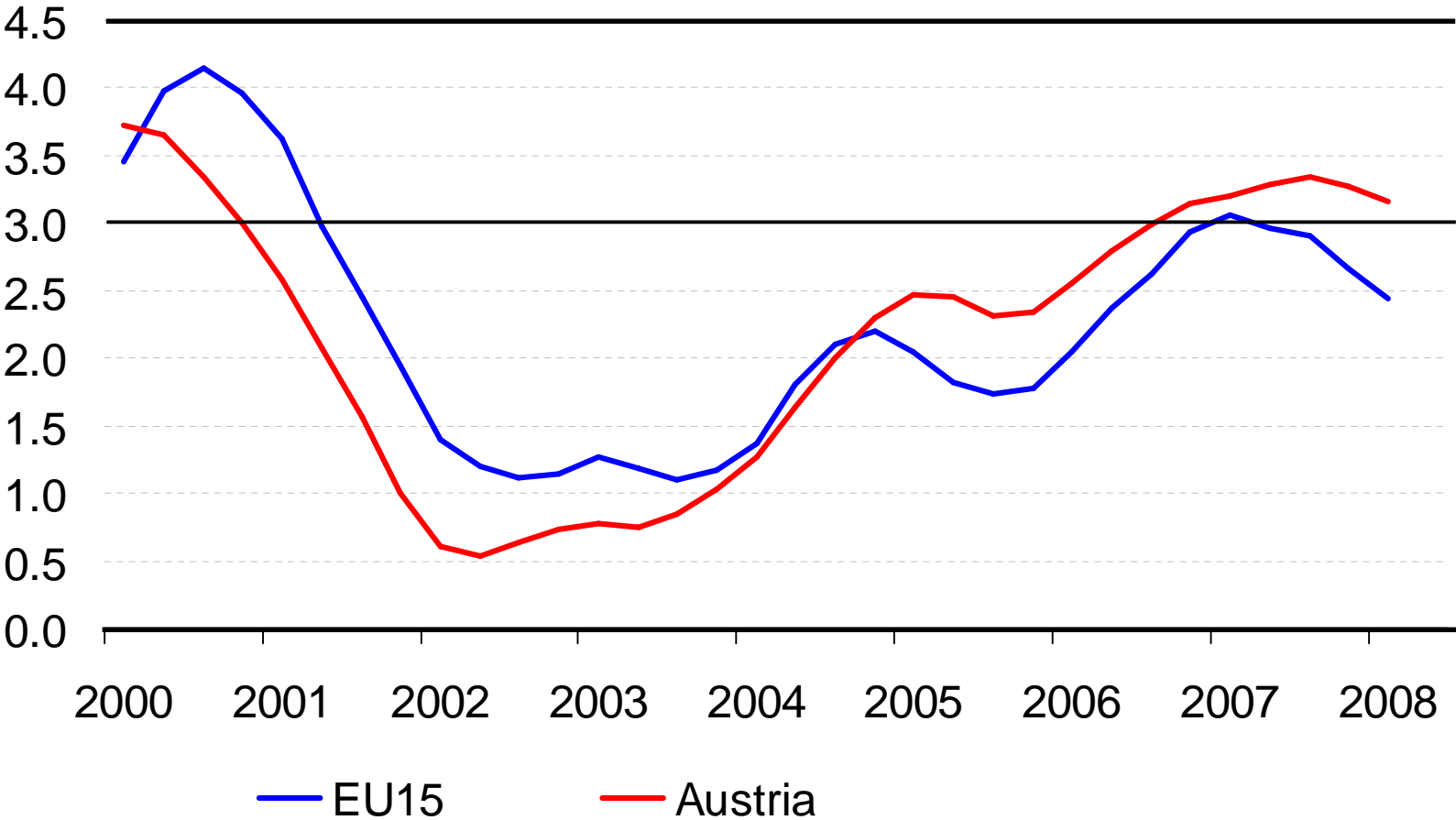
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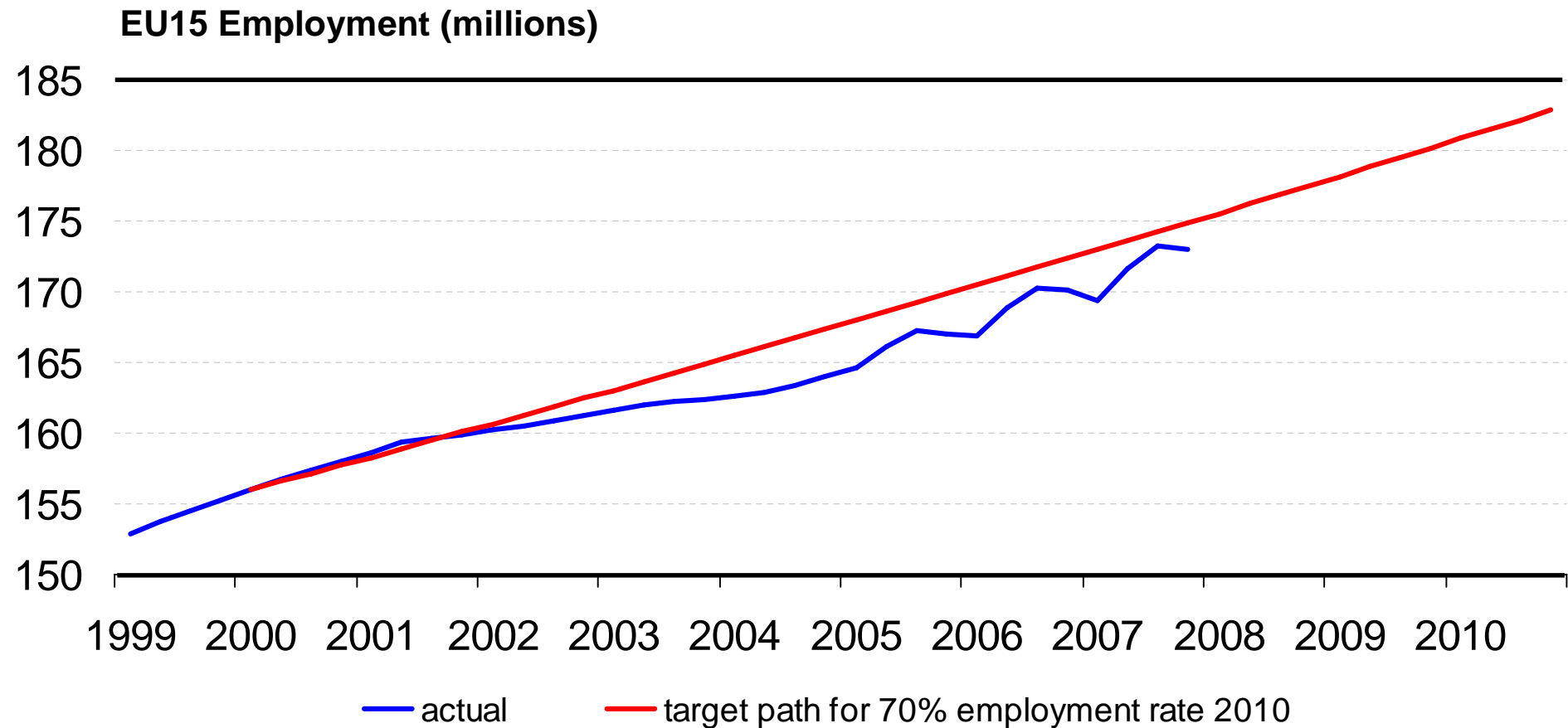
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Europe is (still) on the road to success

GDP growth, in % y-o-y, four-quarter moving average



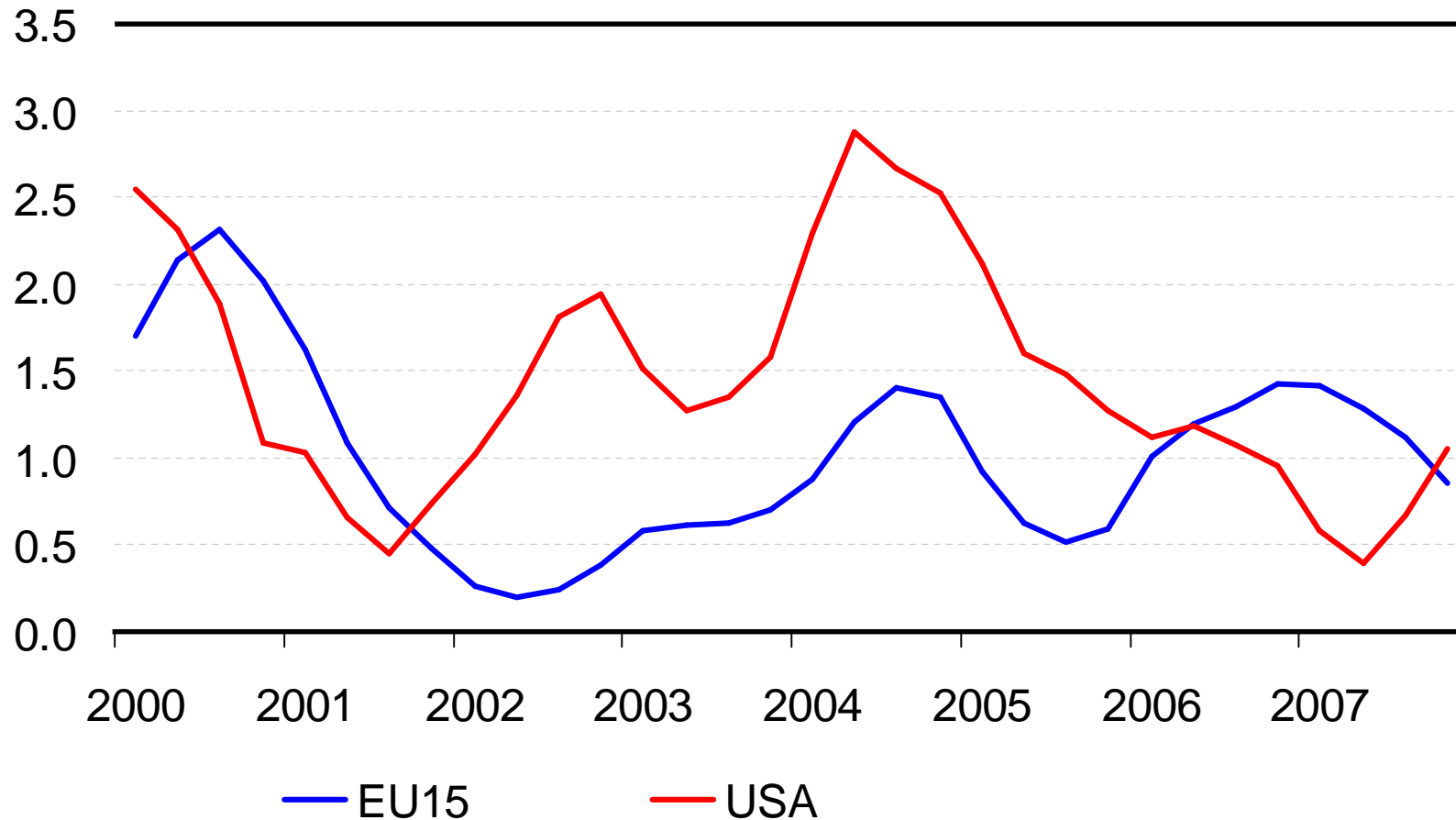
Employment close to Lisbon goals



actual: interpolated annual figures 2000 - 2004, seasonally unadjusted quarterly figures starting 2005.

Productivity increases despite jobs growth

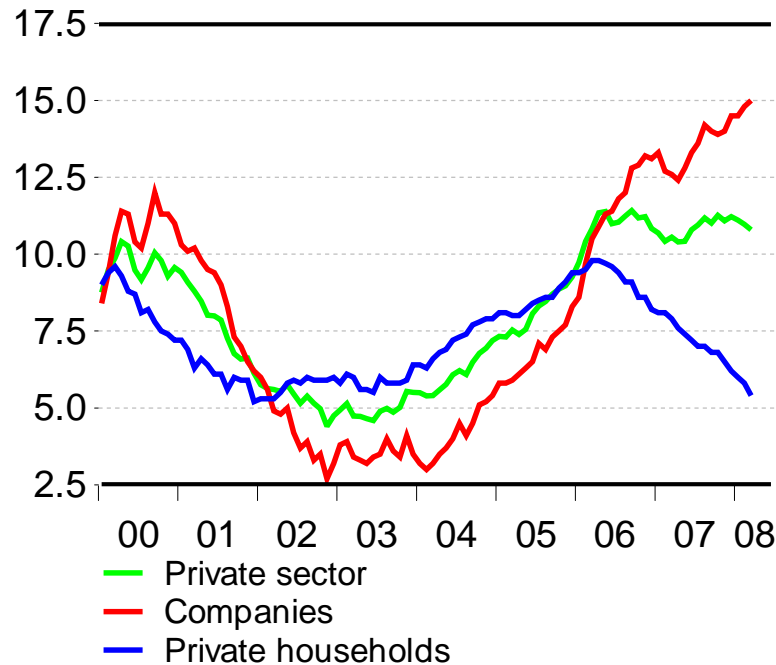
Labour productivity growth
 real GDP per person employed, in % y-o-y, four-quarter moving average



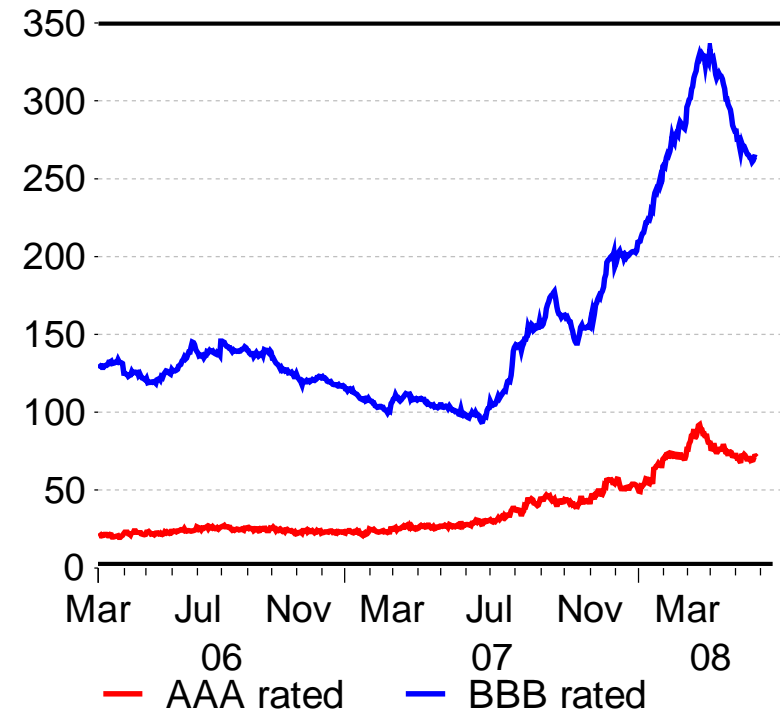
No credit crunch in Europe, but repricing of risk

Continued strong expansion of corporate loans

Percentage change over previous year

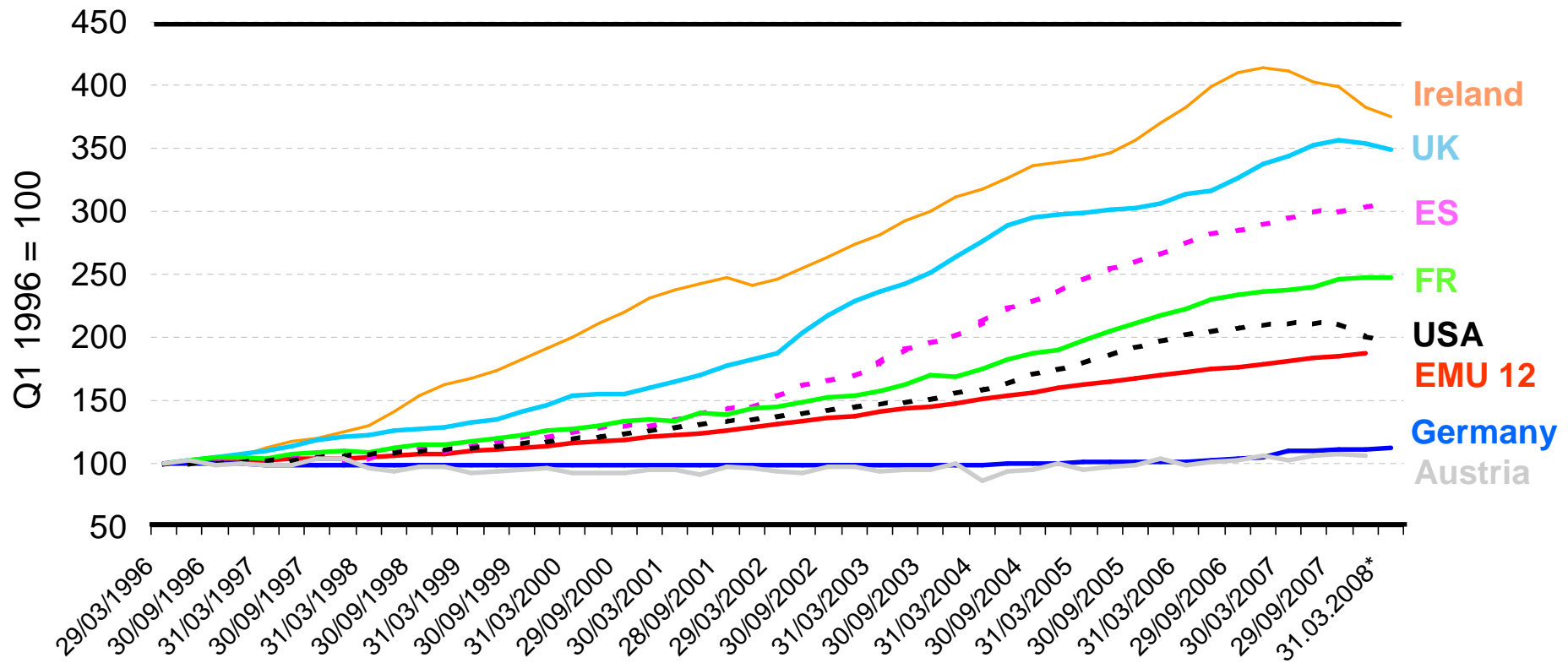


Euro area: Corporate spreads (bps)*



* Calculated as: Corporate bond yields (7-10yr.) minus average of gov. benchmark bond yields with maturity of 7 and 10 years.

European house price indices: EMU average increase now moderating



Examples of indices used:
 USA: OFHEO index, Ireland: Permanent tsb index,
 UK: Nationwide index, France: INSEE.

March values 2008 for USA
 and France estimated