Investing on Knowledge Aiming for Production rehabilitation and Economic Growth. The Case of Greece

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# Knowledge and economic growth

- Theory
  - economic development places emphasis on knowledge intensive activities, such as research, technology and innovation as an engine of growth
- Evidence
  - Developed and developing
  - Positioned at the core and at the peripheries

#### Greek production pattern

#### Sectoral distribution

	<u>Agriculture</u>	<b>Manufacturing</b>	<u>Services</u>
1970	18	19	51
1975	19	20	51
1980	18	20	51
1985	17	18	54
1990	15	16	57
1995	10	13	68
2000	7	11	71
2008	3	9	70
2011	3	9	81
2016	4	10	80

• gradual erosion of the domestic production model

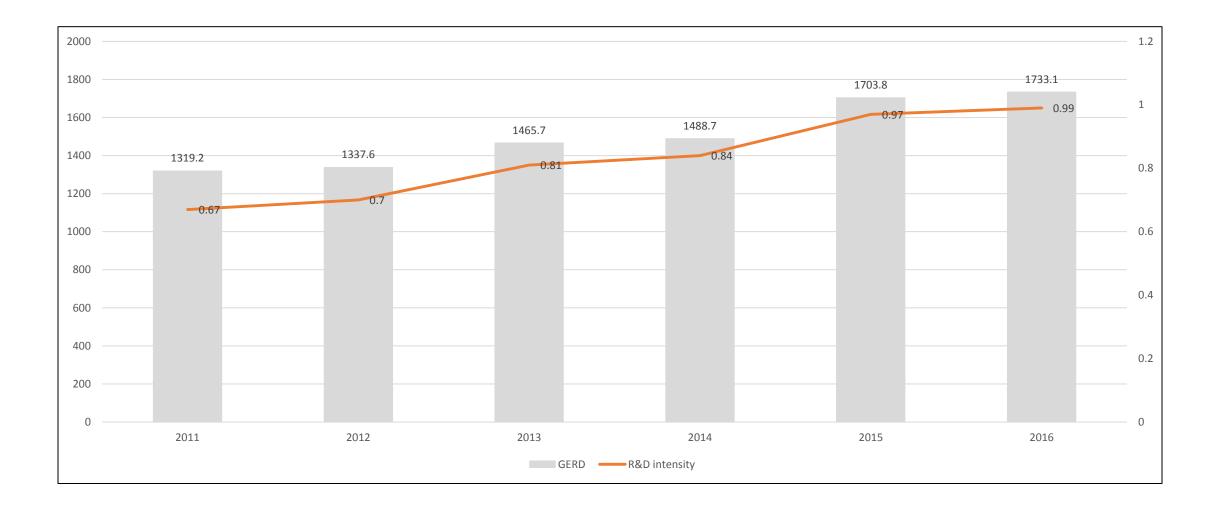
## The role of the crisis

- Exposed the ill structure of the domestic production system
  - productive incapacity to balance Greece's foreign payments and adopt an export oriented productive strategy
- Devaluation as a preferred means to what?
  - it further excarbated the already existing recession mode of the domestic economy
- Domestic firms double pressure
  - competition from both low labour and technologically advanced countries
  - Signposts
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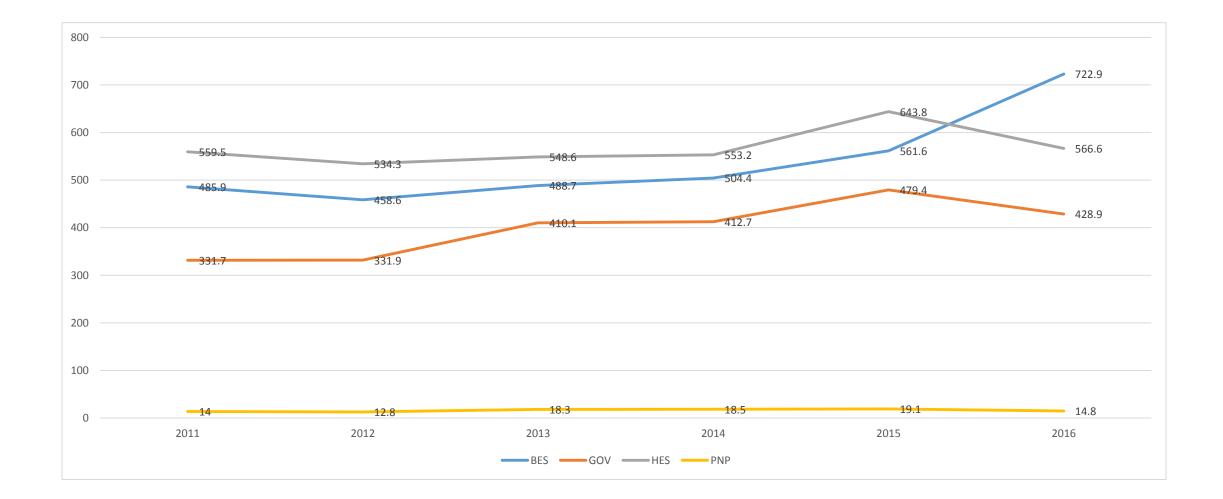
# The role of the crisis (2)

- Renewed emphasis on the importance of the contribution of research and technology on economic development
- The crisis as an opportunity to substantially boost the significance of the domestic science, technology and innovation system and transform the country into a knowledge-based economy
- Optimistic signposts
  - Institutionalization of a Deputy Minister explicitly responsible for maters of research and technology
  - The creation of the Hellenic Foundation of Research and Innovation (ELIDEK) with € 240 million
  - The creation of EquiFund, a € 260 million fund-of-funds
  - Allocation of + € 1 billion of the National Strategic Reference Framework (2014-2020) to R&D-related activities

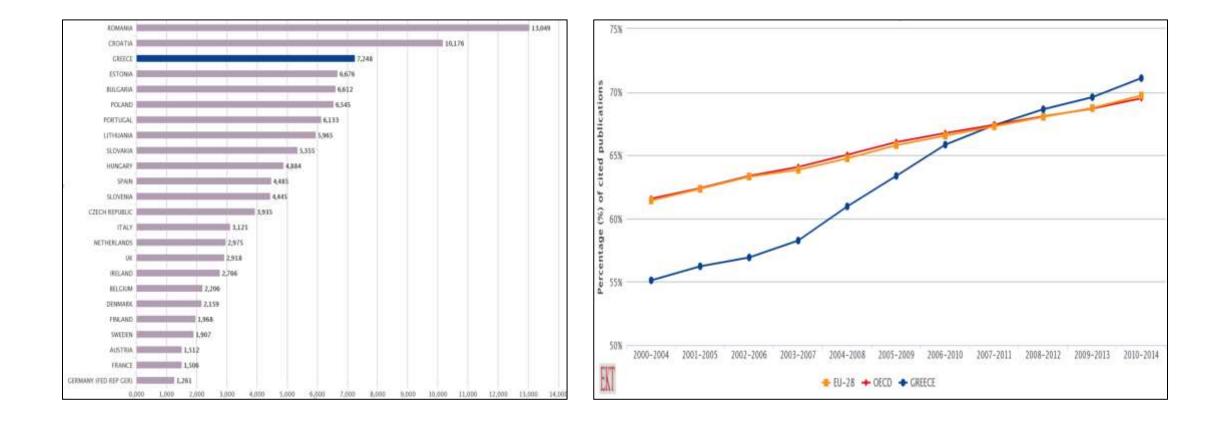
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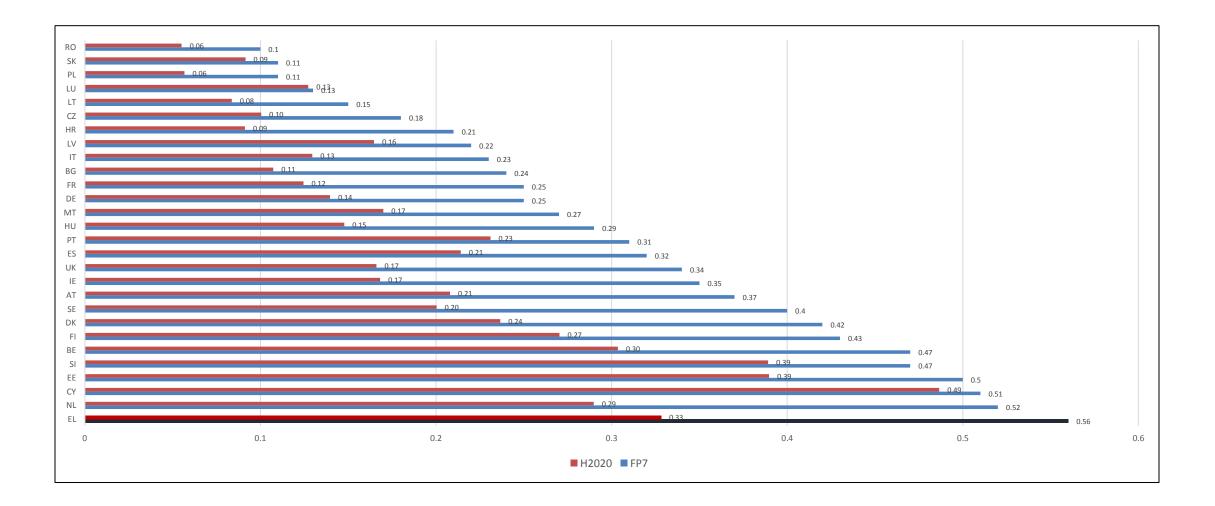
## Aspects of turnaround (2)



#### Aspects of turnaround (3)



#### Aspects of turnaround (4)



#### Conclusion

The realization that a range of

- Virtuous elements are already there (highly educated human capital) in addition to
- Increased R&D performance by firms
- The role of the crisis as a wake up call
- Lead to a new Greek industrial policy based on knowledge.

Thank you!

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