



# The Spanish Economy in its international context Prof. Águeda Gil

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#### OUTLINE

- 1. A quick 'macro' picture of the present vs. recent past situation
- 2. The Spanish development during the last decades:
  - Political and economic milestones
- 3. The impact of the Great Recession
- 4. Current situation of the Spanish economy
  - opportunities and threats







#### **List of countries by GDP**

Rank	Country	GDP (current Million US\$)
1	USA	19.390.604
2	China	12.237.700
3	Japan	4.872.136
4	Germany	3.677.439
5	UK	2.622.433
6	India	2.597.491
7	France	2.582.501
8	Brazil	2.055.505
9	Italy	1.934.797
10	Canada	1.653.042
11	Russia	1.577.524
12	South Korea	1.530.750
13	Australia	1.323.421
14	Spain	1.311.320
15	Mexico	1.149.918
16	Indonesia	1.015.539
17	Turkey	851.102

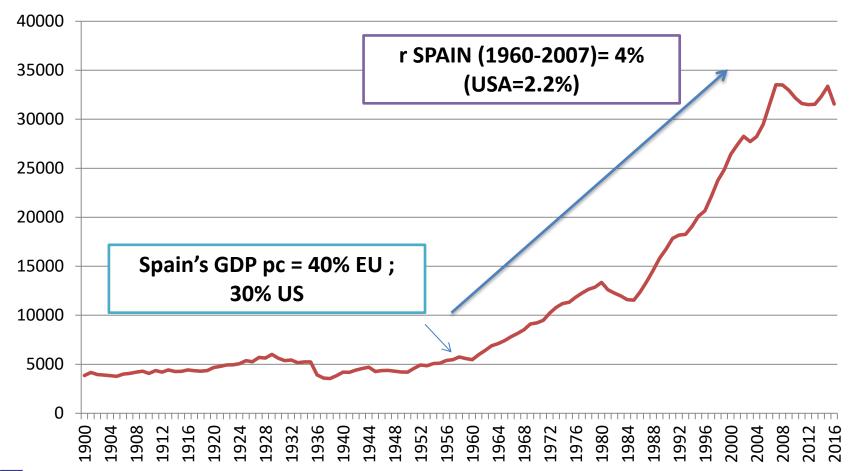
The 5th-largest in Europe behind Germany, United Kingdom, France and Italy







#### GDP per capita (\$1990)



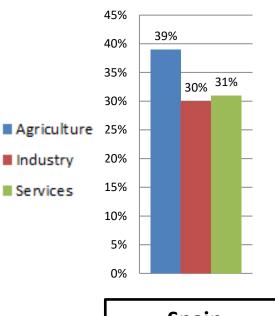


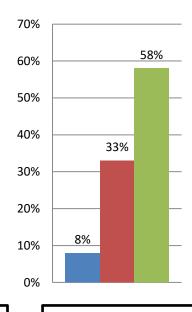












Spain

USA







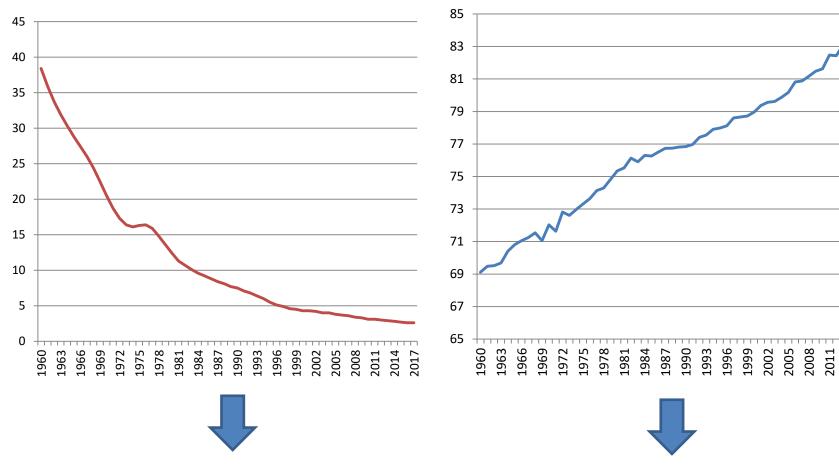




#### Mortality rate, infant (per 1,000 live births)

#### Life Expectancy at Birth

We live longer



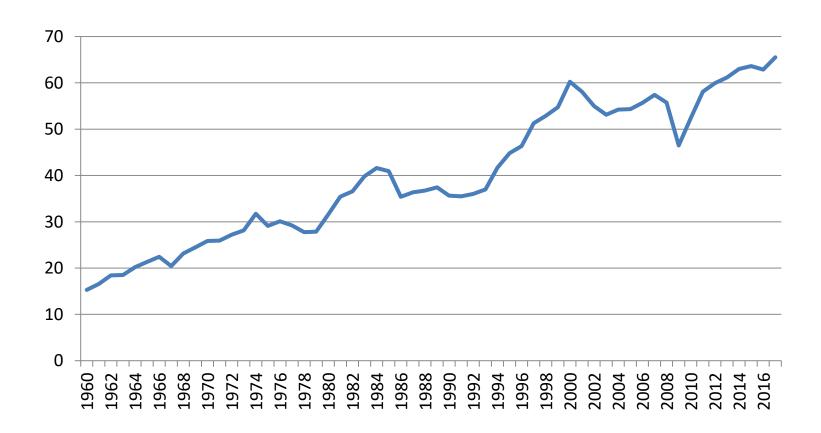






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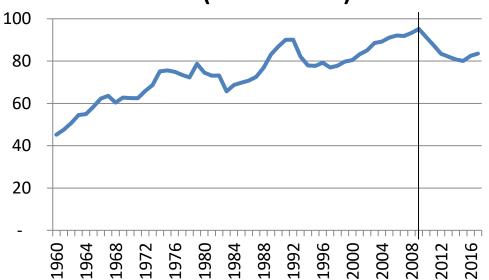
#### **Openness: X+M shares in GDP (%)**





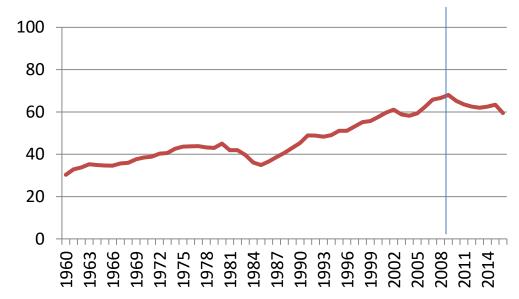


### **GDP** per capita at current market prices (EUR 28=100)



**US=100** 

Falling behind, catching up ... and falling back again?







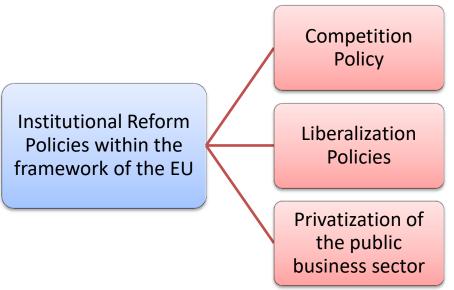
## The Spanish development during the last decades: political and economic milestones

The Stabilization Plan of 1959

Transition to Democracy: 1975-1978

• Spain's accession to the EEC: 1986

• Monetary Union 1999: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.







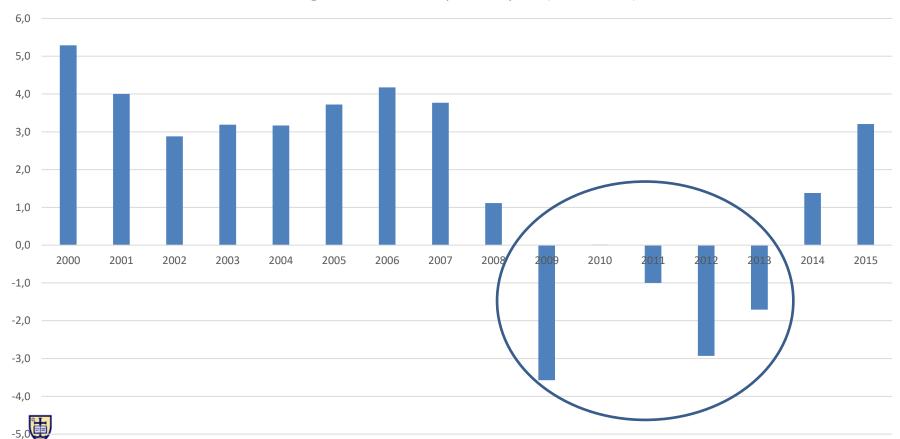








GDP growth at market prices, Spain (2000-2015)

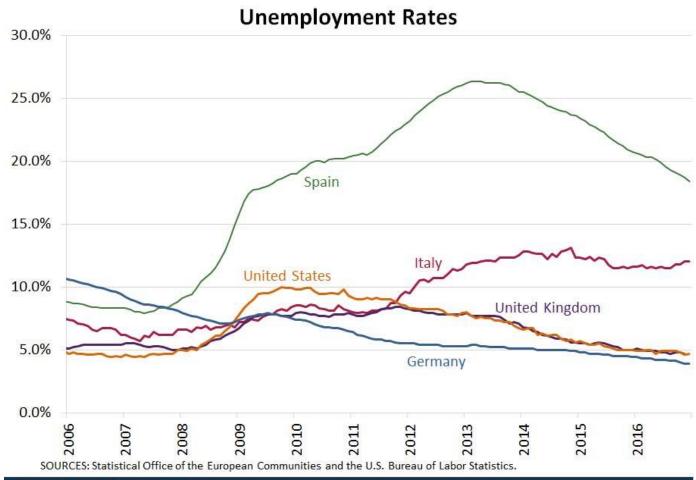


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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS









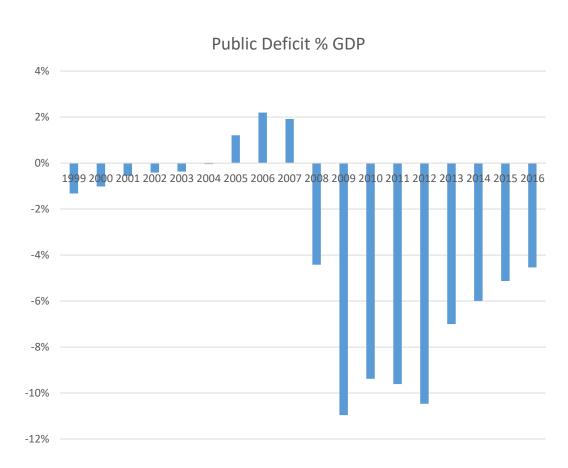
#### With the onset of the crisis:

- Fall in revenues related to the paralysis of economic activity
- Increase in Public
   Expenditure,
   unemployment benefits,
   higher risk premium, more
   interest on national debt...



- Increase in Public Deficit
  - Public Spending cuts



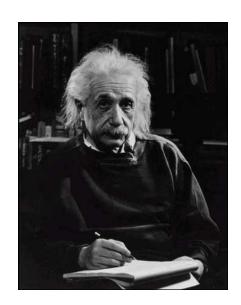


Source: INE (2017)



Do not pretend that things will change if we always do the same. The crisis is the best blessing that can happen to people and countries, because the crisis brings progress. Creativity is born from the distress, as the day is born from the dark night. It is in crisis that invention, discovery and large strategies are born.

Albert Einstein.

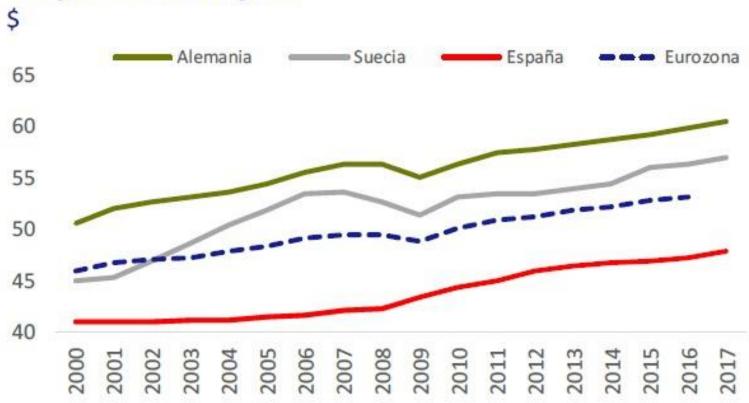






#### Productivity is going up...

#### PIB por hora trabajada



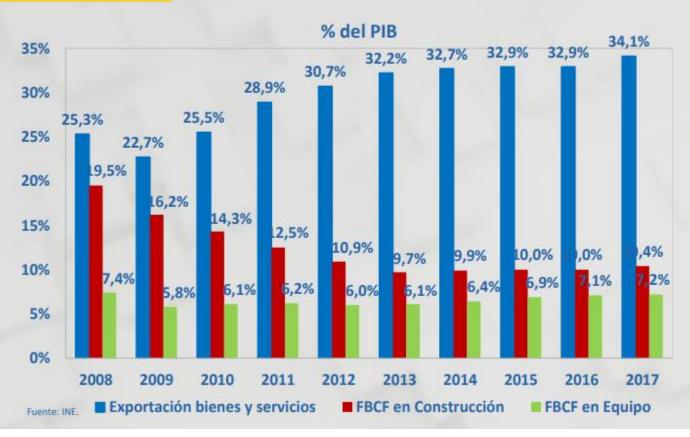
Fuente: Círculo de Empresarios a partir de OCDE, 2018







#### **Spanish Exports**



- 1. France (15.1%)
- 2. Germany (11.3%)
- 3. Italy (7.8%)
- 4. Portugal (7.1%)
- 5. UK (6.9%)

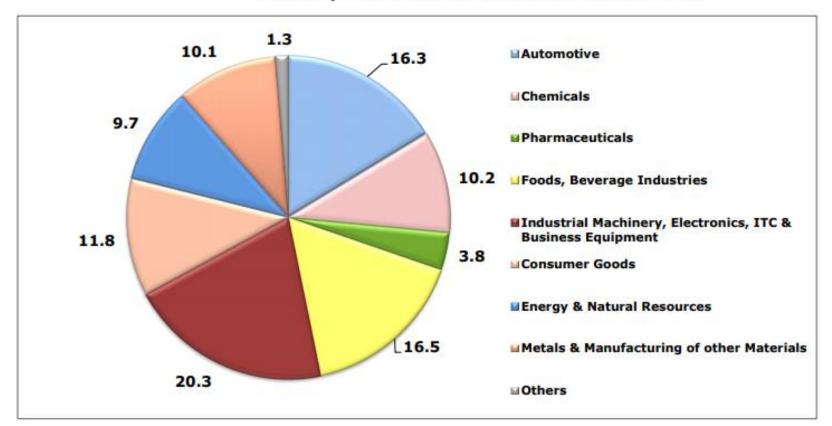
- 6. US (4.4%)
- 7. Netherlands (3.4%)
- 8. Belgium (3%)
- 9. Morocco (2.8%)
- 10. China (2.2%)





#### Increasing exports with High Value Added and Technological content

2017: Exports of Goods. Sector breakdown in %



Source: Secretariate of State for Trade 2018

Spanish Auto-Parts industry ranks 6th in the world in terms of turnover





- Spain is the 2<sup>nd</sup> country worldwide in revenues and the 1<sup>st</sup> in Europe.
- Spain ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in tourist arrivals worldwide and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Europe.

#### INTERNATIONAL TOURISM GENERATED REVENUE (Billion \$) \*

Country	2017
1. USA	210,7
2. Spain	68,0
3. France	60,7
4. Thailand	57,5
5. United Kingdom	51,2
6. Italy	44,2
7. Australia	41,7
8. Hong Kong	33,3
9. China	32,6
10. Mexico	21,3

#### INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS (Million) \*

Country	2017
1. France	86.9
2. Spain	81,8
3. USA	76.9
4. China	60,7
5. Italy	58,2
6. Mexico	39,3
7. United Kingdom	37,6
8. Turkey	37,6
9. Thailand	35,4
10.Austria	29.5

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2018.

Spain received 82 million tourists in 2017.

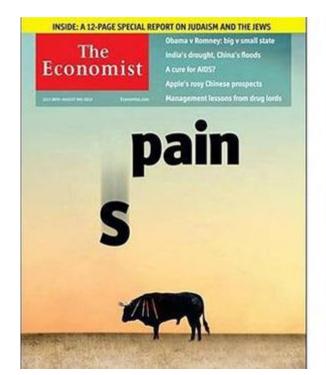




<sup>\*</sup> Data as collected by UNWTO September 2018

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#### • But

- Unemployment is still the most pressing problem
- Aging population
- Need to improve human capital and R&D
- Relatively low productivity
- Inequality
- Large (but diminishing) budget deficits









# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Q&A?