



# **The European Semester and Education: governance and the case of BE**

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# Treaty Base

## Treaty on the functioning of the EU

Title VIII: Economic and monetary policy

Chapter 1 - Art. 121

Chapter 4 - Art. 136

Title IX: Employment Policy

Art. 145

Art. 148

Cf. Titel I: Competences of the EU

# **New framework for fiscal and economic policy coordination**

## **More encompassing**

- Operational debt criterion
- Macro-economic imbalances

## **Stricter**

- Sanctions in the preventive arm and in MIP
- Reversed qualified majority rule

## **More proactive**

- Common timeline

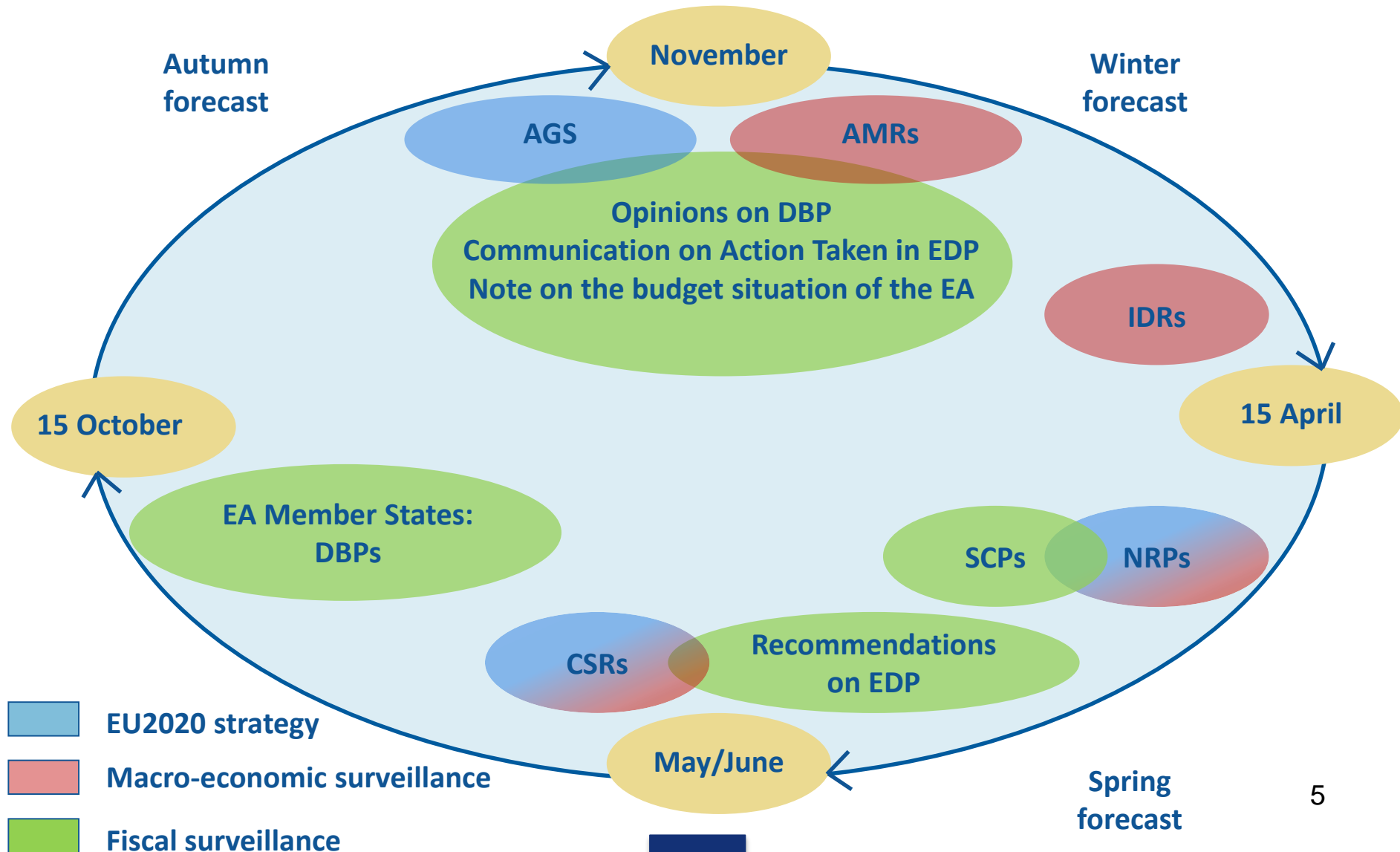
## **More transparent**

- Common quality standards

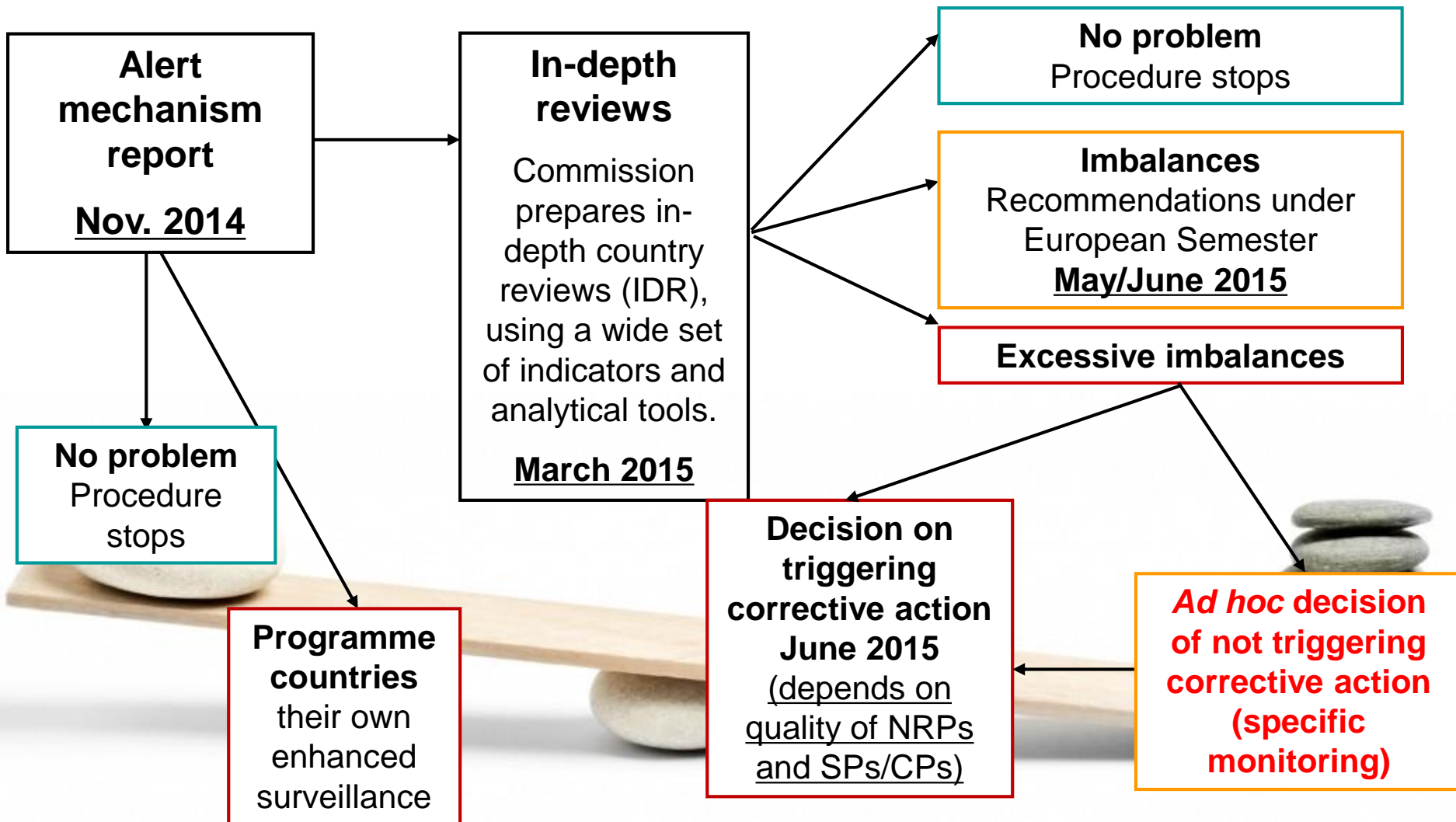
## Europe 2020: European Objectives

- ***Employment rate:*** 75%
- ***Research and Development:*** 3%
- ***Education:***
  - Early School Leavers: 10%
  - Tertiary Education: 40%
- **Climate Change & Energy:** 3x20%
- **Poverty and Social Exclusion:** 20 MM

# The European Surveillance Cycle

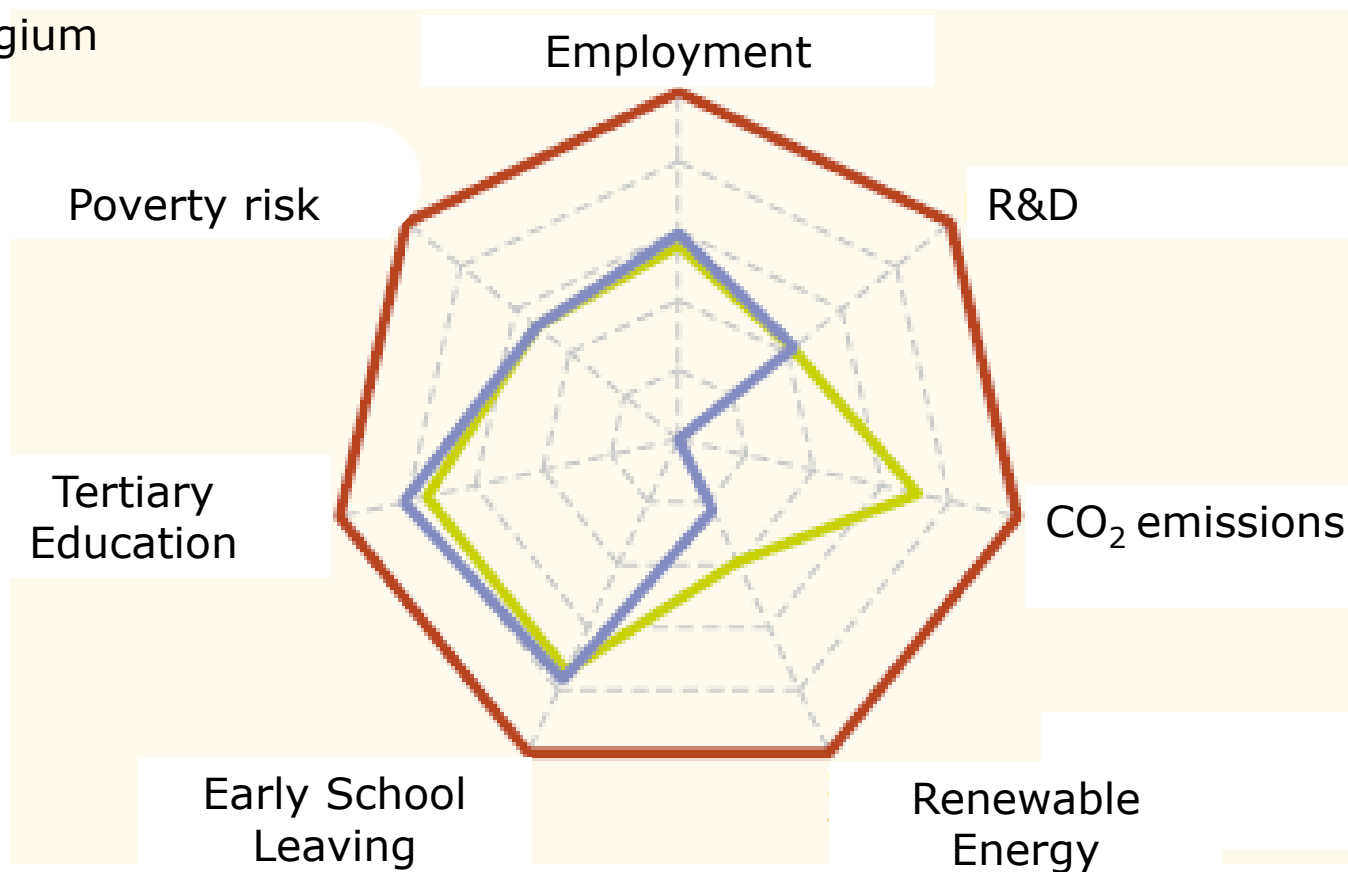


# The MIP procedure

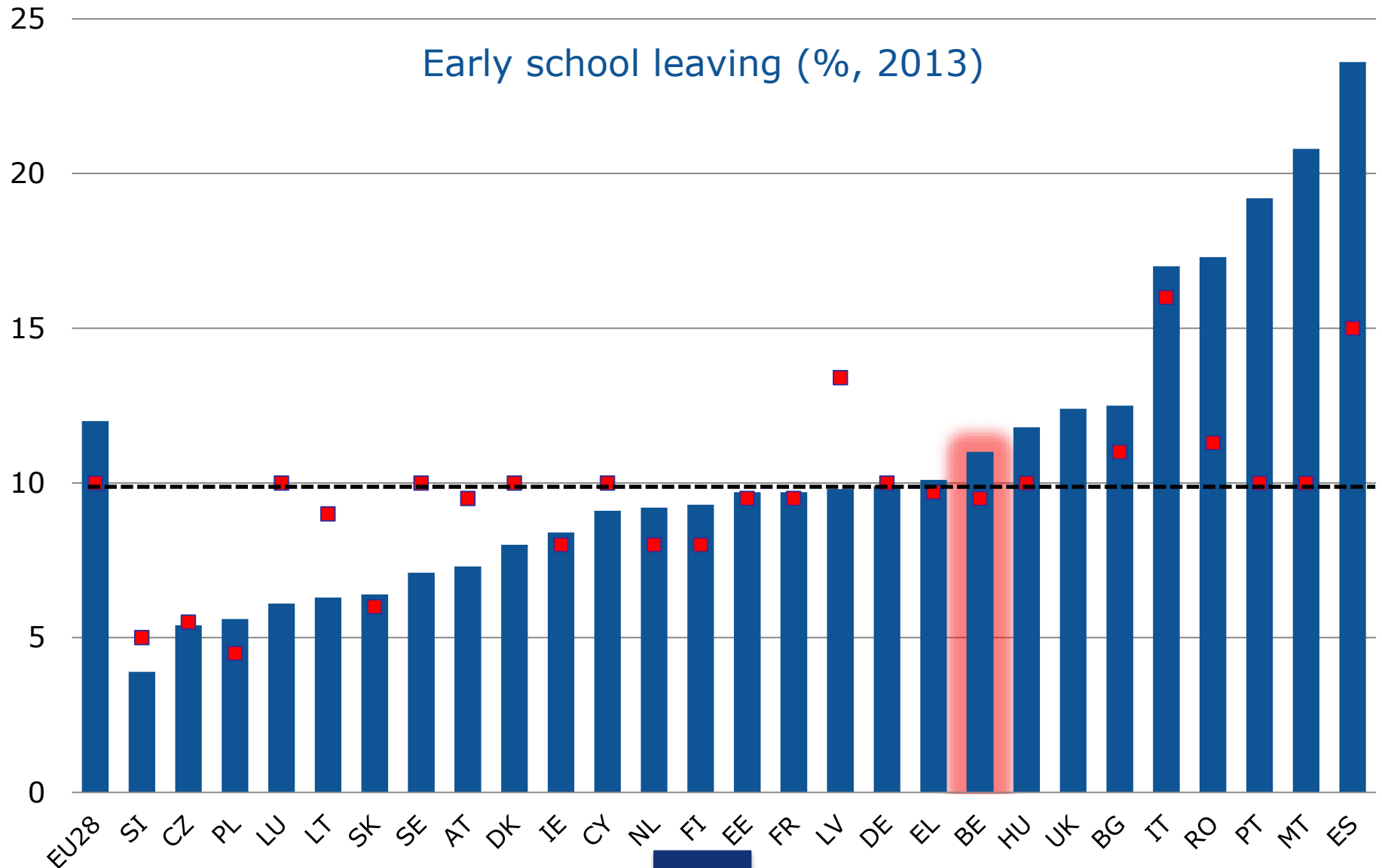


# Distance relative to National Goals: BE

- EU objective
- EU average
- Belgium



# BE pursues a slightly more ambitious goal and performs relatively well

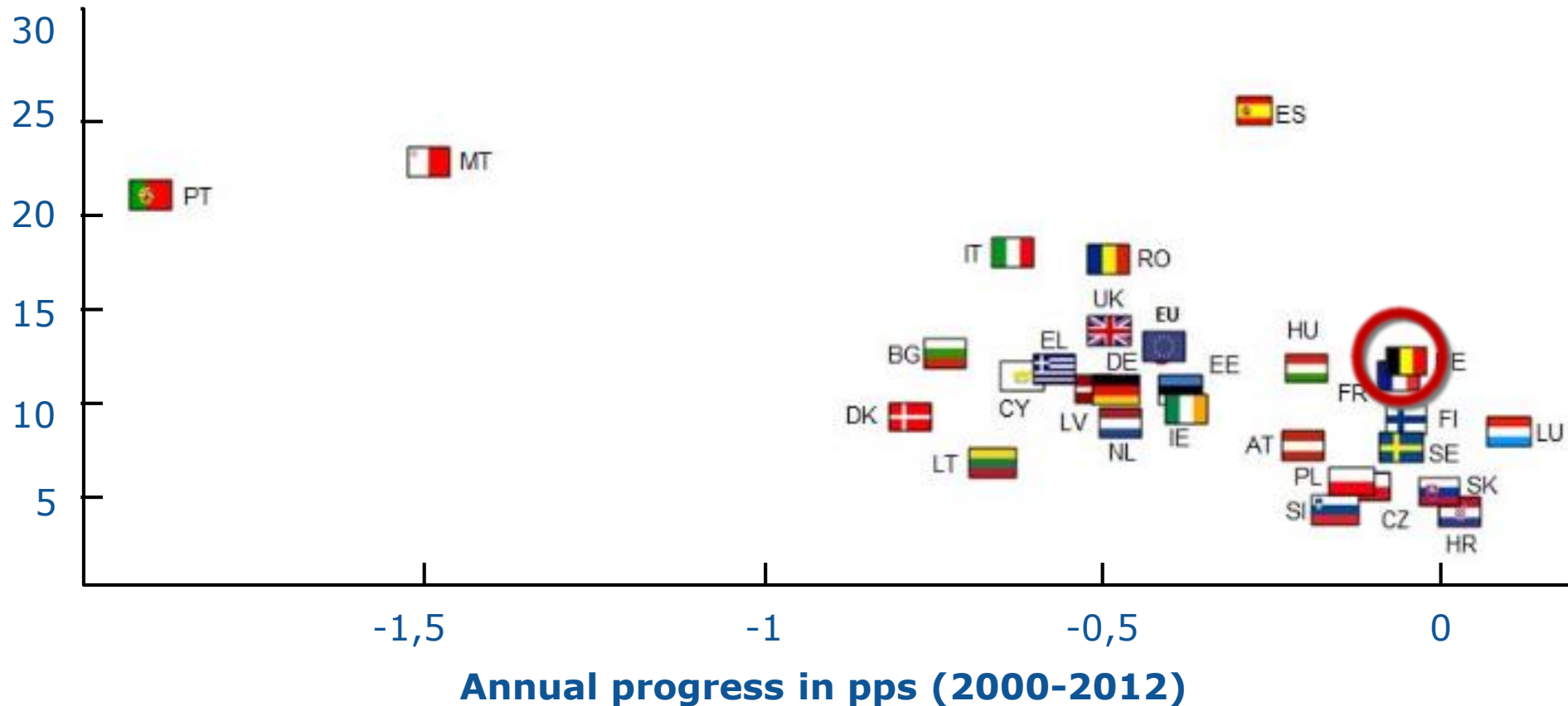




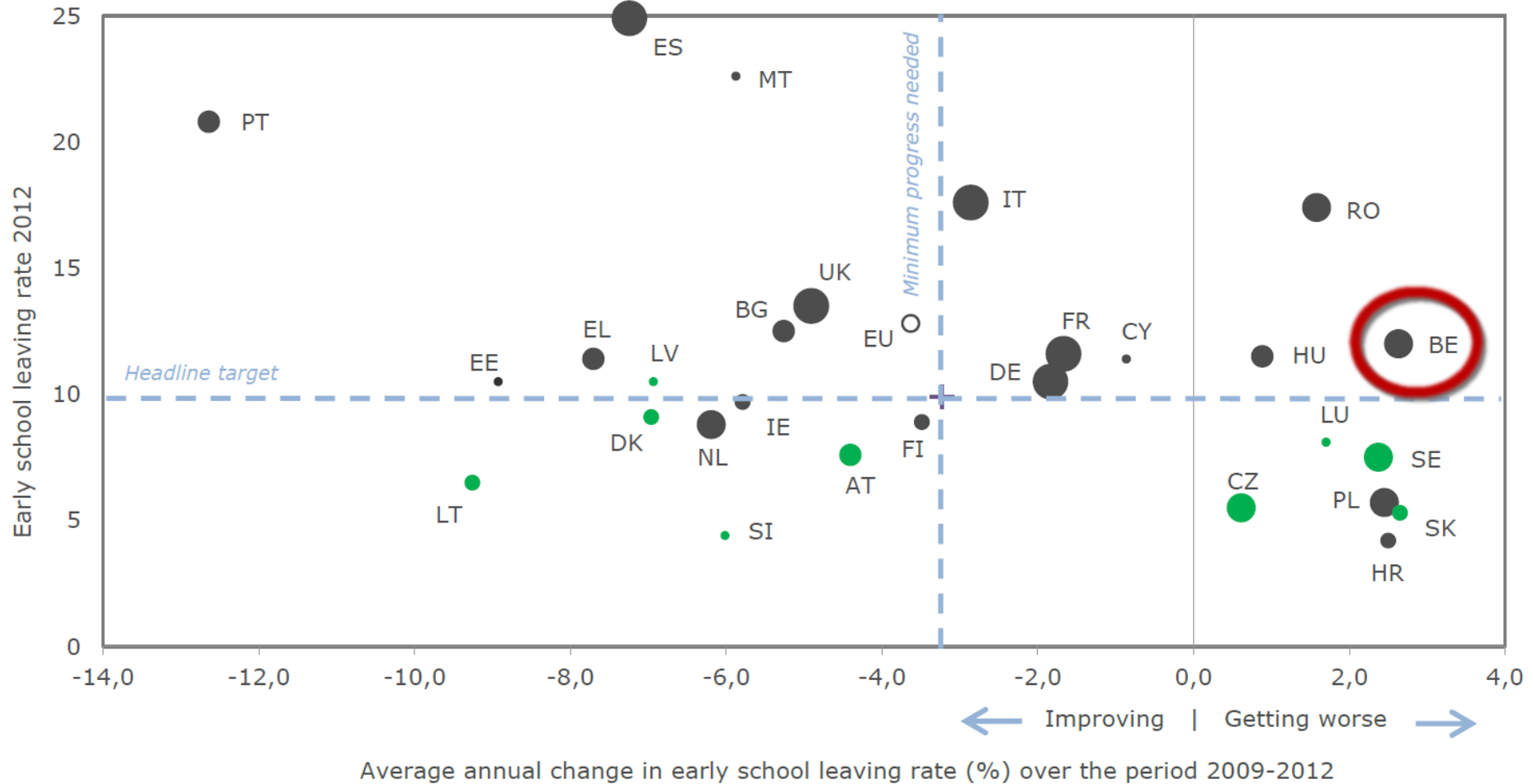
# But progress towards the set goal is slow (1/2)

## Situation in 2012 and progress since 2000

Share of ESL  
(2012, %)

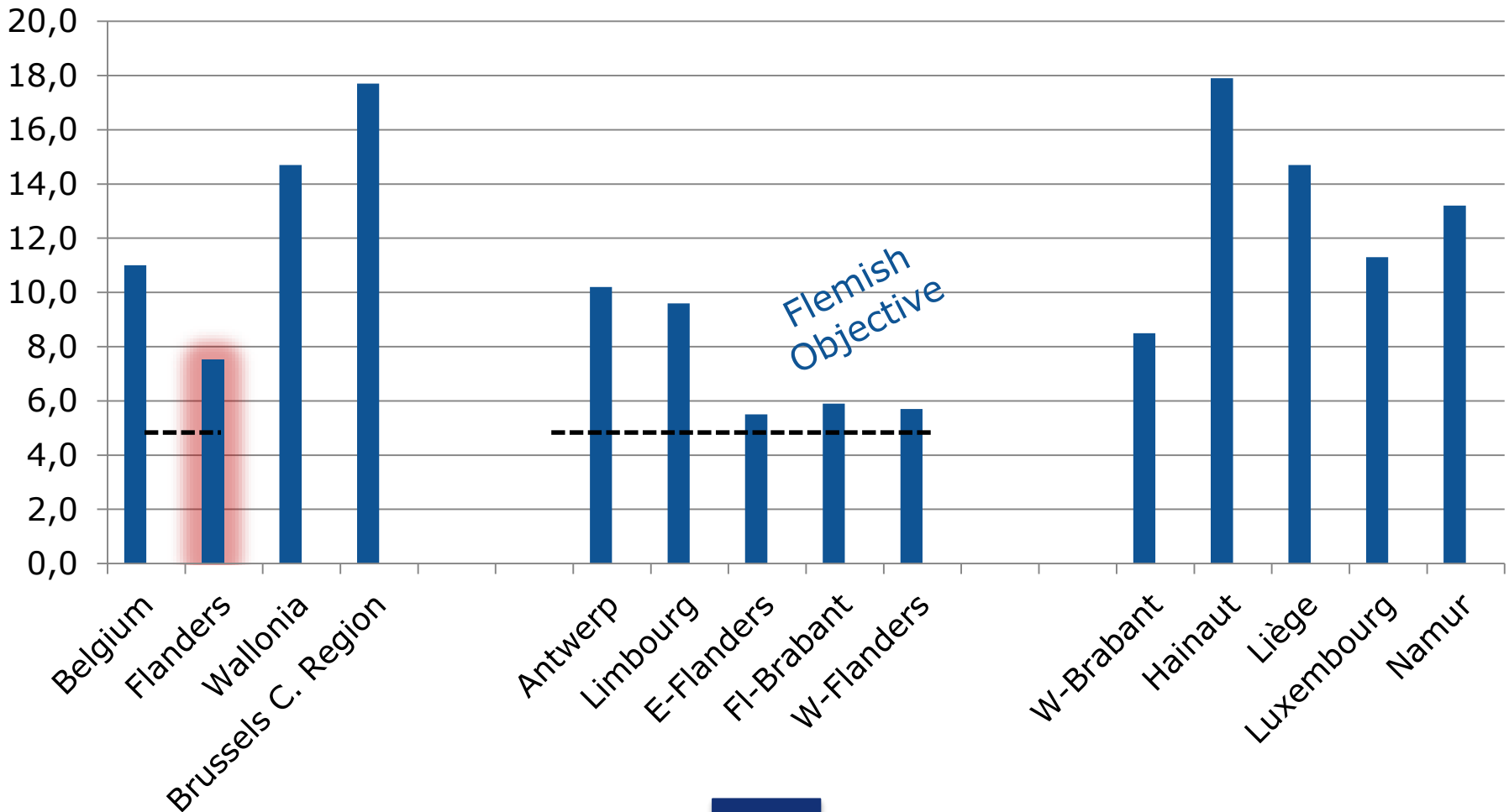


# But progress towards the set goal is slow (2/2)



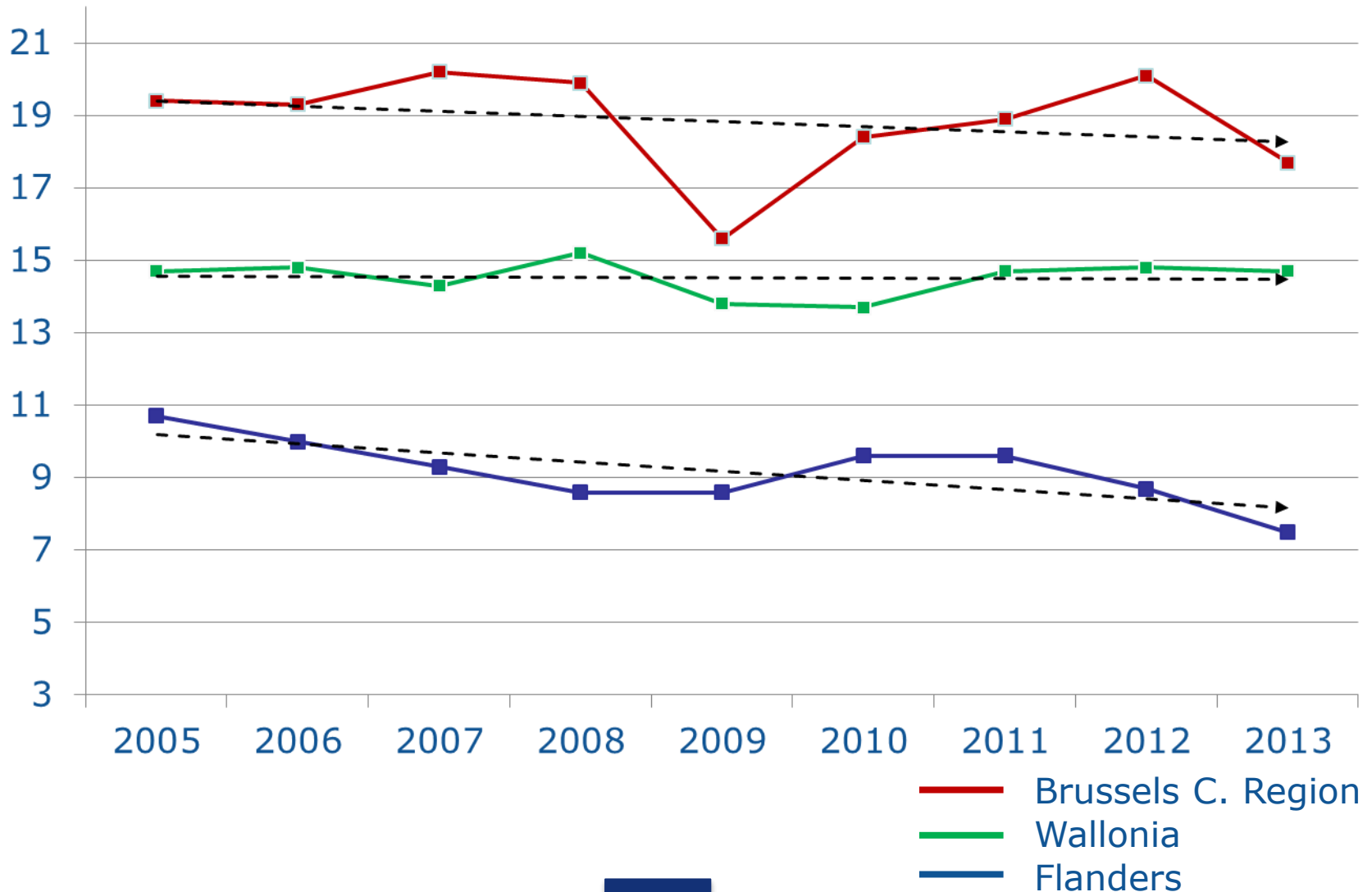
# Regional and subregional performance varies

## Share of ESL per region and province (2013)



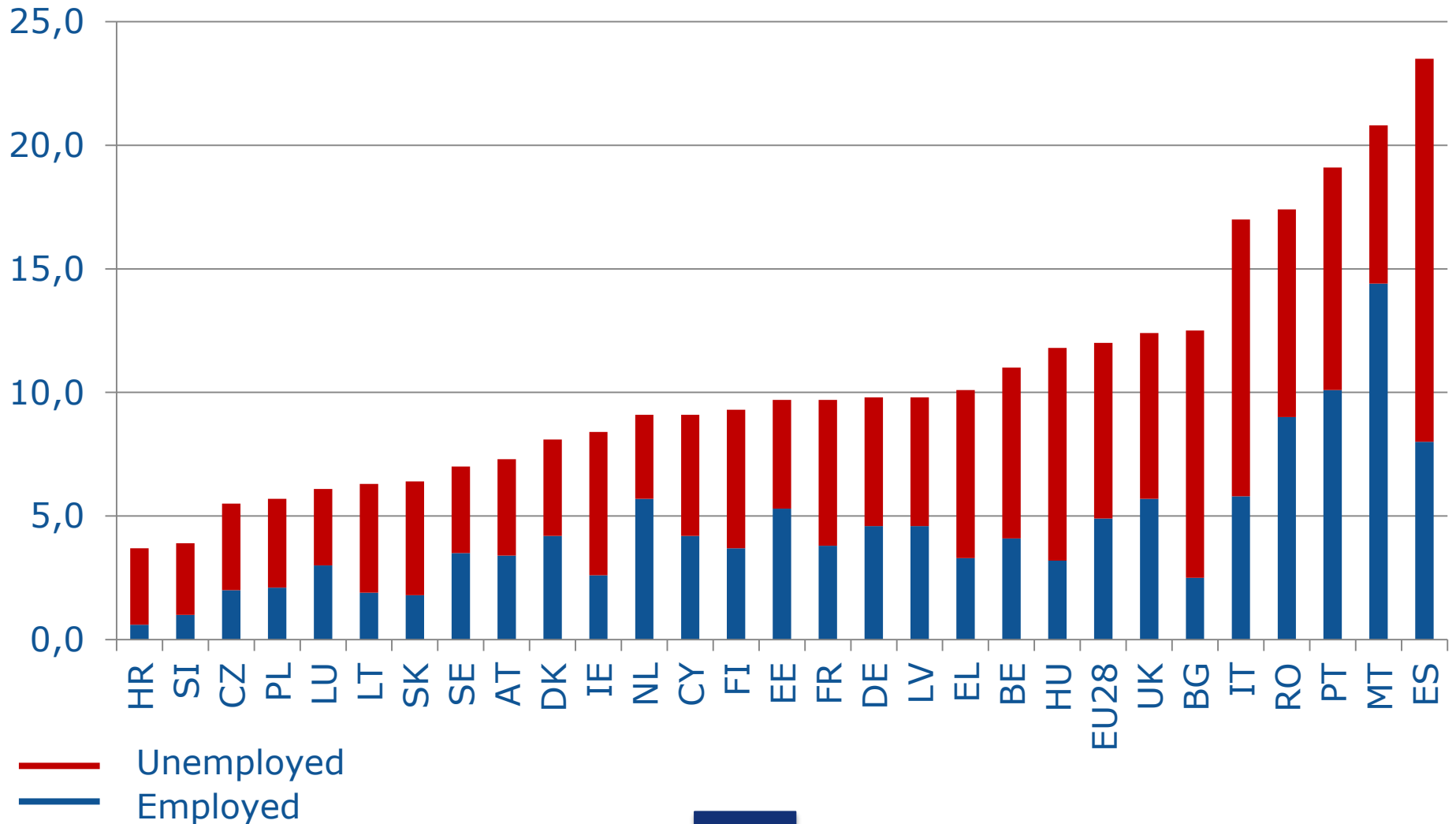
# The same can be said about long-term trends

## Evolution of ESL per region (2005 – 2013)



# Performance regarding ESL affects employment performance

## Share of working and unemployed ESL (2013)



# Performance regarding ESL affects employment performance

Which target groups could potentially contribute most to employment growth? \*

MS	Men			Women			Low-skilled	Non-EU27 nationals
	Young	Prime Age	Older	Young	Prime Age	Older		
BE	2.0	2.1	3.3	2.3	2.8	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	1.6
NL	0.3	1.4	0.8	0.0	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	0.0	0.8
FR	1.6	1.7	<b>3.1</b>	2.1	2.0	<b>3.2</b>	1.8	1.4
DE	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	0.4	1.5
UK	0.5	<b>1.4</b>	1.0	1.1	<b>2.4</b>	1.9	0.9	0.9
DK	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	1.3	1.0	<b>1.5</b>	0.3	1.1

## What about the future?



Reformed Commission

Administrative reorganisation

Equilibria in the Semester

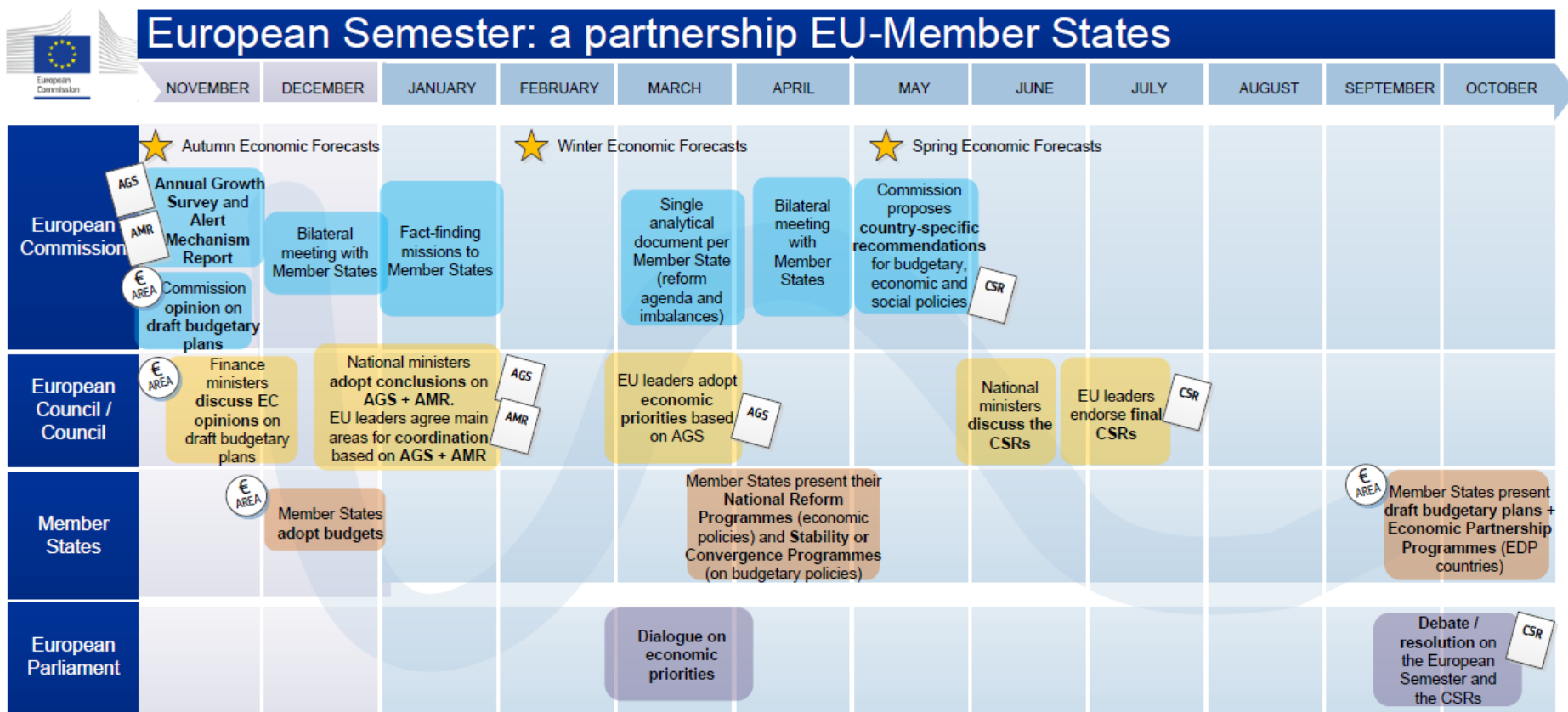


Mid-term evaluation EU2020

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# A streamlined governance: the European Semester

## European Semester: a partnership EU-Member States



GLOSSARY: AGS: Annual Growth Survey – AMR: Alert Mechanism Report – CSR: Country-Specific Recommendations – EDP: Excessive Deficit Procedure

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