APPENDIX METHODOLOGY AND DATA DEFINITION

Data used were directly taken from the European Commission, DG ECFIN, AMECO database, unless otherwise mentioned. Data refer to 2011 unless otherwise mentioned.

I. Productivity and investment

- Hourly labour productivity = Y/(E*H)
 - Y: GDP at Purchasing Power Parity
 - E: Employment, persons: all domestic industries
 - H: Average annual hours worked per person employed
- Productivity per person employed: Gross domestic product at PPP/ Employment, persons
- Corporate investment rate = (PGFCF NRGFCF) / Y
 - PGFCF: Private gross fixed capital formation (at current prices)
 - NRGFCF: Gross fixed capital formation: construction total economy (at current prices)
 - Nominal GDP levels
- Industry over total value added: industry / total gross value added at 2000 prices
- R&D: gross domestic expenditure on R&D Source: Eurostat
- Profit: Gross operating surplus as a percentage of gross value added at basic prices

II. Trade and competitiveness

- Export market share: Market performance of exports of goods and services (in volumes) on export weighted imports of goods and services of 35 industrial markets (EU-27, TR CH NR US CA JP AU MX NZ); 2000=100
- Net exports: trade balance as a percentage of GDP
- Gain in global trade share: relative gain in average share of imports and exports in world trade including EA
- Current account balance: Balance on current transactions with rest of the world (as percentage GDP at market prices)
- Unit Labour costs: Nominal unit labour cost, total economy, relative to 35 industrial countries: double export weights, total economy 2000=100
- High-tech exports: as a percentage of total exports Source: Eurostat

III. Employment, labour participation and hours worked

- Employment rate: as a percentage of working age population Source: Eurostat
- Employment rate 15-24 years Source: Eurostat
- Employment rate 55-64 years -Source: Eurostat
- Annual hours worked per person employed (OECD definition)
- Labour participation: labour force as percentage of active population (Labour Force Statistics)
- Working age population: as a percentage of total population –Source: Eurostat
- Unemployment rate: as a percentage of labour force Source: Eurostat

IV. Public finances and fiscal sustainability

- Gross debt general government: General government consolidated gross debt: excessive deficit procedure definition, as percentage of GDP
- Net debt general government as a percentage of GDP – Source: Eurostat
- Public deficit: net lending/ net borrowing of general government: excessive deficit procedure definition
- Public investment: Gross fixed capital formation: general government as percentage of total current expenditure of the general government
- Tax burden: total tax burden including imputed social security contributions, total economy
- Primary Balance: General government net lending excluding interest as a percentage of GDP
- Highest marginal tax rate, individual rate (%): Highest marginal tax rate (individual rate) is the highest rate shown on the schedule of tax rates applied to the taxable income of individuals. – Source: World development indicators

V. Financial stability

- Net foreign assets: as percentage of GDP Source: Eurostat
- Net financial assets, households: as percentage of GDP – Source: Eurostat
- Net financial liabilities, non-financial corporations: as percentage of GDP Source: Eurostat
- Regulatory tier 1 capital: as percentage of risk weighted assets Source: IMF
- Non-performing loans to total gross loans: as percentage of GDP Source: IMF
- Loans to private sector: loans to non-financial corporations and households as a percentage of GDP Source: Eurostat
- Bank liabilities: as percentage of GDP Source: Eurostat