

The current European policies and the ISIGrowth policy roadmap

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Diagnosis of European Problems

EU badly hit by 2008 crisis, but long-term problems:

- De-industrialization (in several EU countries, with some exceptions)
- 2. European relative weakness in new technologies and new industries
- (Nearly) stagnant wages and divergence between productivity growth and wage growth
- 4. Declining labour share, and related ...
- 5. Surge in corporate profits, especially financial ones
- 6. In general, rising inequalities
- 7. The threat of climate change





EU post crisis policy mix

Facing post crisis poor performances policy answers:

- 1. Fiscal austerity
- 2. Structural reforms, i.e. flexibilization of labour markets and labour relations

Both have failed!

The Investment Plan for Europe is welcomed, but it is not enough





Toward a European New Deal

- 1. Transition towards high-value, innovative, environmental-friendly production and industries
- 2. Mission-oriented industrial policies addressing societal challenges such as climate change
- 3. De-financialization of European economies
- 4. "Good" structural reforms in labour markets
- Tackling inequality: income redistribution and strengthening of universal public services (e.g. education)

Such new policy mix will put the European Union back on a steady, innovation-fuelled, inclusive and sustainable growth path!



