Towards the Climate Transition: Green Finance and Investment

Insights from the EIB Investment Survey

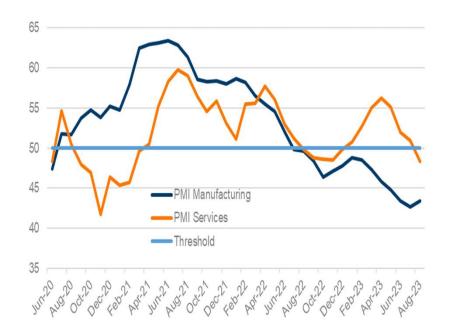
Slovenia

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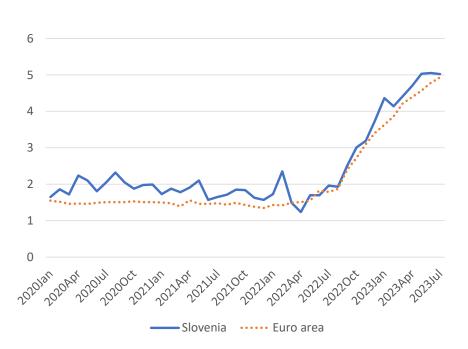
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In the Euro area the cycle is turning at times of persistently tightening monetary conditions



The cycle is turning (PMI Manufacturing and services in Eurozone)



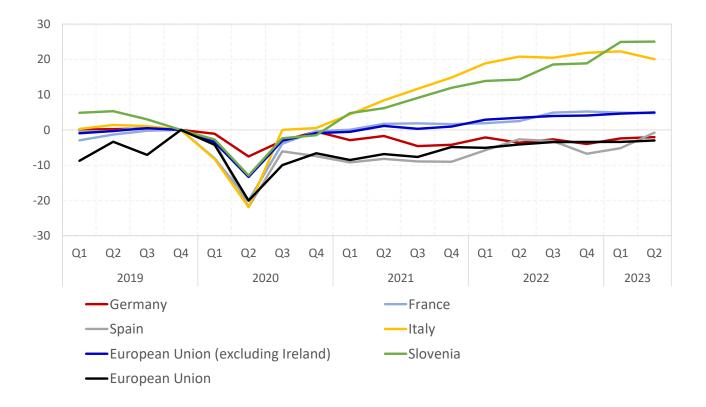
Cost of corporate bank borrowing

(%)



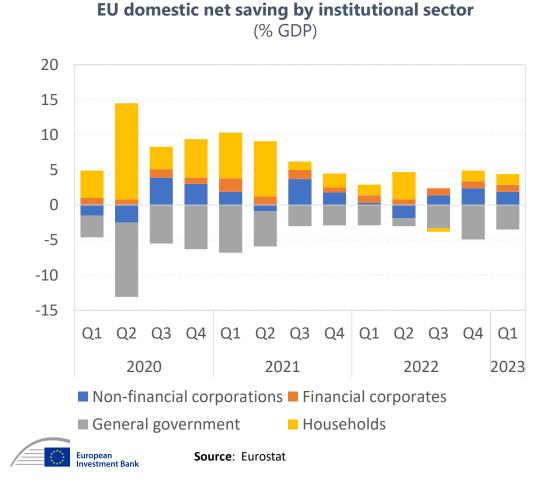
Corporate investment remained so far resilient, with substantial intra-country differentiation and a strong performance in Slovenia

Real investment of non-financial corporations (% change relative to Q4 2019)

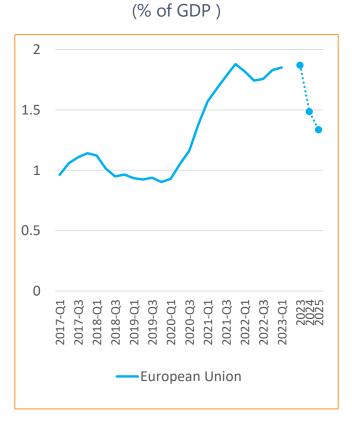




Generally in Europe, buffers have been built and policy support/capital transfers are at historical highs

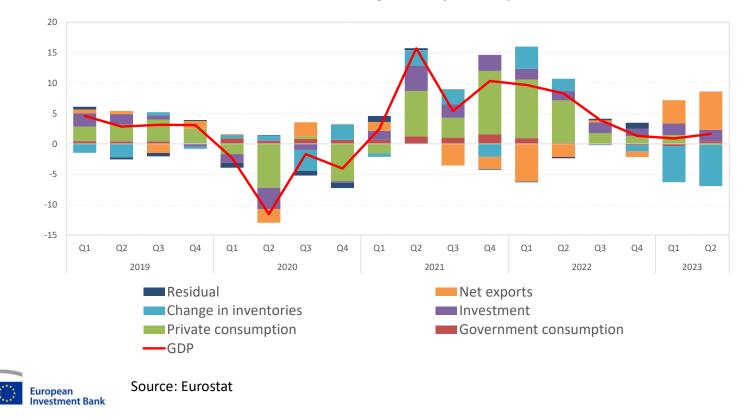


EU capital transfers



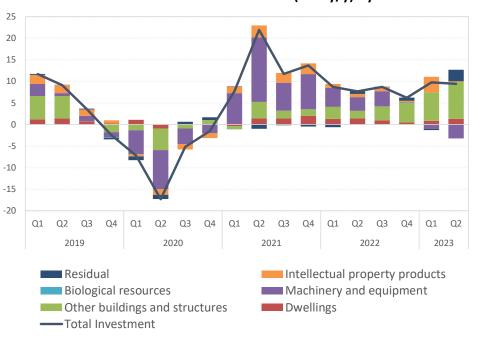
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In Slovenia, investment and net export are drivers of GDP growth



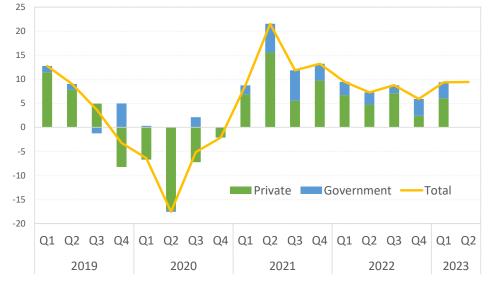
Slovenia Real GDP growth by its components (%)

Investment resilience is driven by buildings and transport infrastructures supported by the public sector and EU funds



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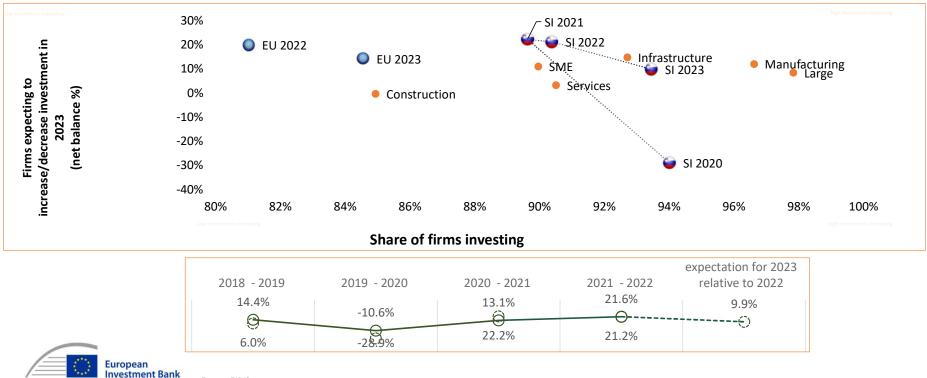
Slovenia: Real Investment Growth (in % y/y) by Assets Slovenia: Real investment by institutional sector (in % y/y)



Note: 2023 Q2 breakdown between private and government not available yet.

EIBIS 2023 shows that Slovenian firms remain positive on investment

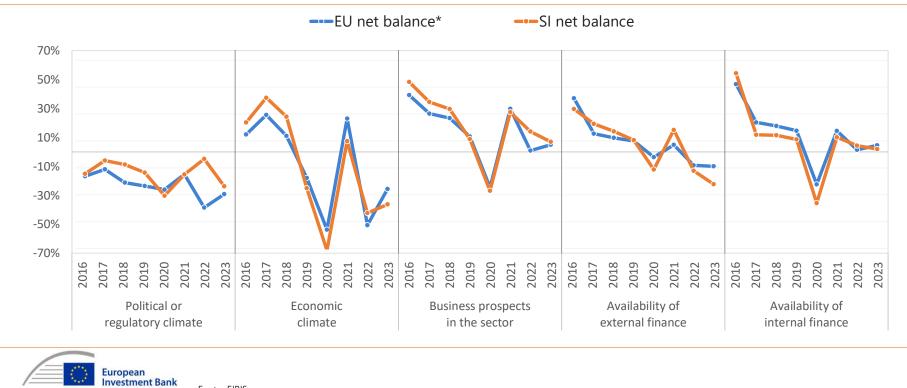
Investment cycle – share of firms investing back at pre-pandemic levels and outlook slightly positive (% firms)



Fonte: EIBIS

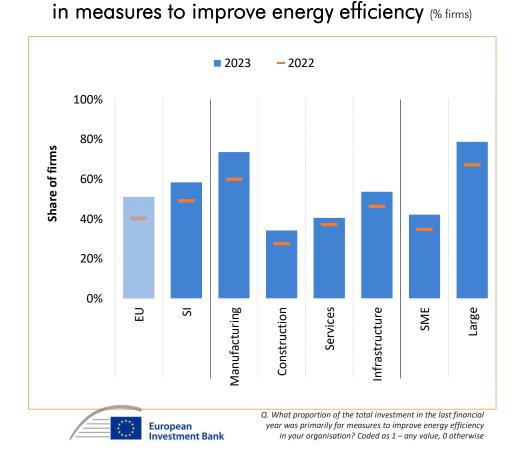
External finance to become more of a drag on investment

12M investment outlook – net positives (% firms)



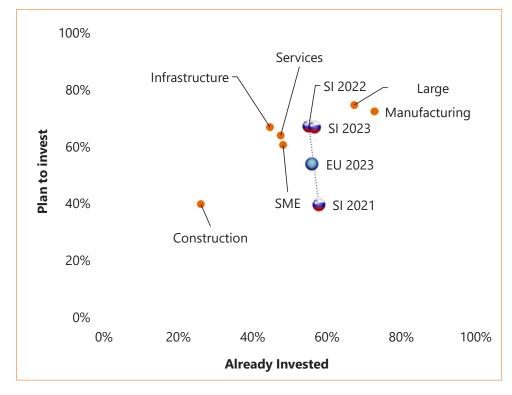
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In the last year, energy efficiency investment increased and there are plans for more climate action



Share of firms investing

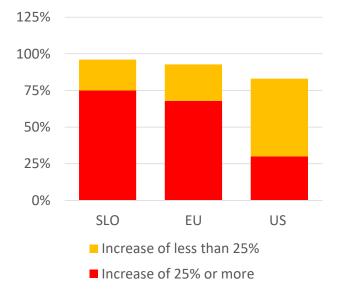
Investment to tackle climate change (% firms)



Source: EIBIS

The energy shock hit particularly strong in Slovenia, stimulating transformation, but highlighting the EU long term competitiveness issue

The energy shock was particularly strong (% firms)



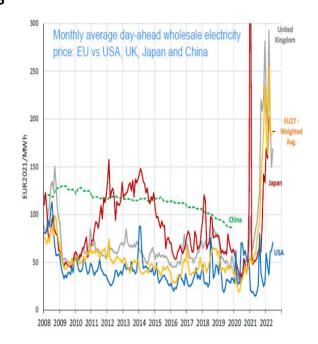
Firms have reacted, passing through costs and focusing on energy savings (% firms)

EU

Pass-through to consumers

US

Wholesale electricity prices)



Energy costs will remain 3x for long – competitiveness is the issue



Fonte: EIBIS and EC DG Ener, M. Gil Tetre

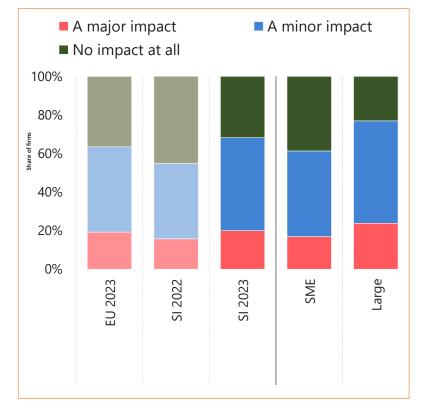
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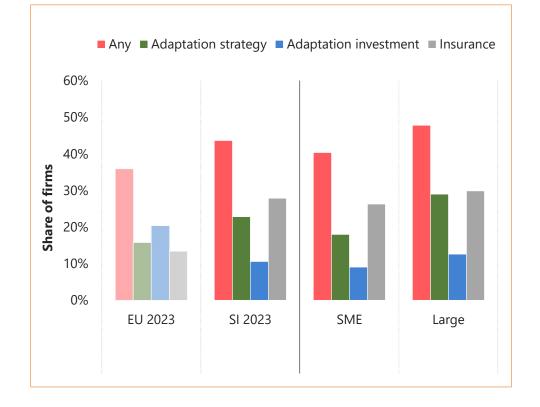
Energy savings

Firms are affected by physical climate risk and they start doing something about it. A much stronger focus on insurance, compared to the rest of the EU

Physical risk - (% firms)



Physical risk – actions taken by firms – (% firms)



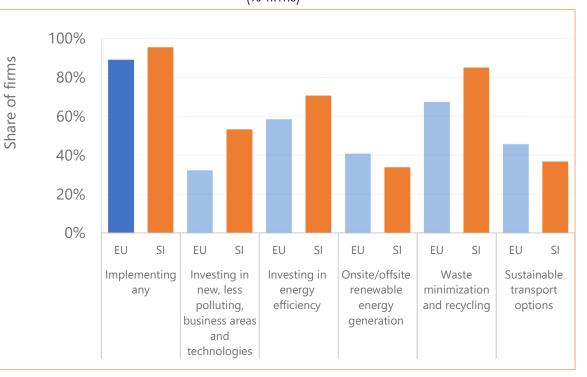


Firms are reacting to transition risks, with some transformation also in terms of radical change of the business model

Transition risk % firms



Actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (% firms)

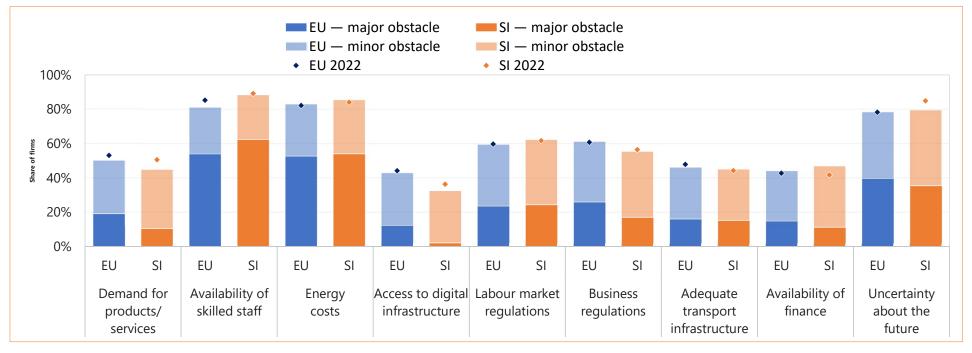




Skills, energy costs and uncertainty remain key constraints

Barriers to investment

(Share of firms, %)



Q. Thinking about your investment activities, to what extent is each of the following an obstacle? Is it a major obstacle, a minor obstacle or not an obstacle at all? European Investment Bank

Conclusions

- Investment needs remain
- The buffers are depleting and financial conditions are tightening
- Targeted support for competitiveness and sustainability enhancing investment is needed

