

Europe 2020 and European Semester

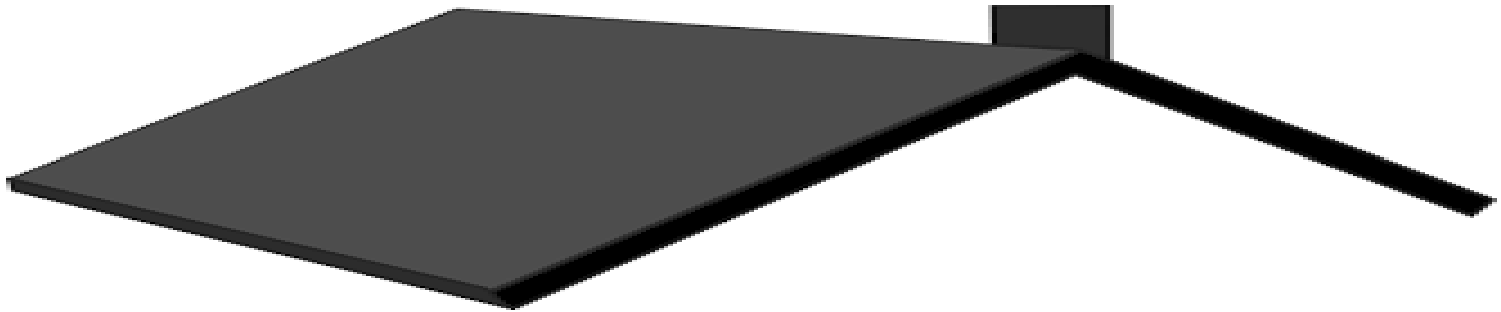
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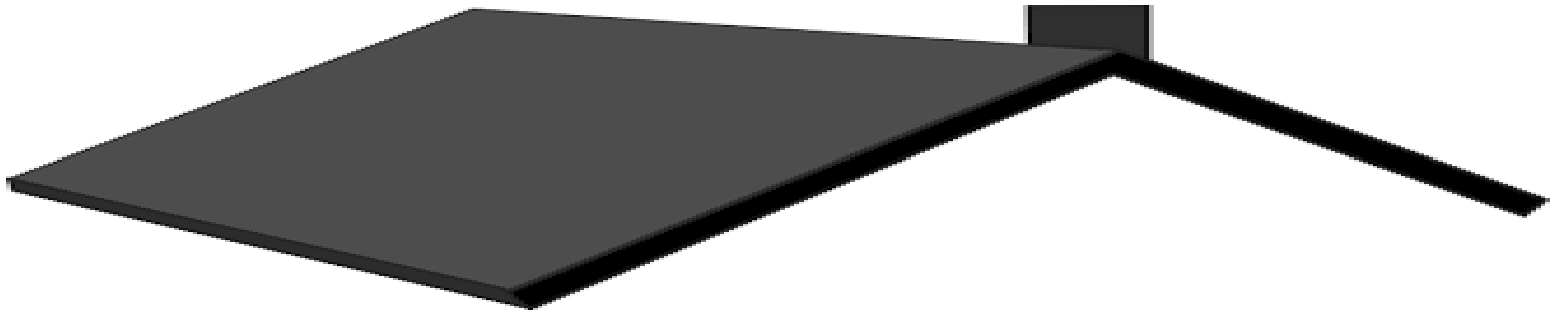
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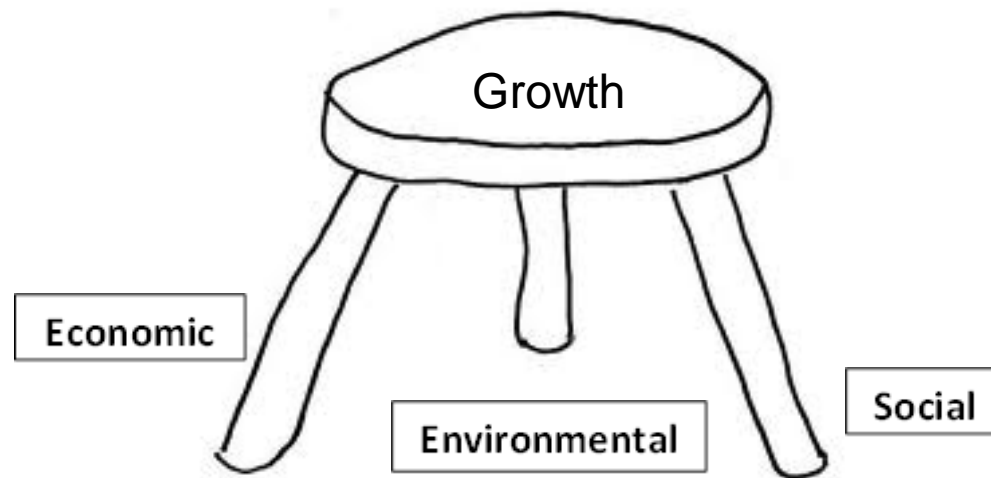


**1. Europe 2020
Strategy**

**2. Growth and
Stability Pact**

1. Europe 2020 Strategy

Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth



- From 2010-2020
- 5 Targets – EU and National
- Engagement of stakeholders
- Mid-Term Review 2014/2015

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5 Targets



EU: 75% of the 20-64 year-olds to be employed

Ireland: To raise to 69-71% the employment rate for women and men aged 20-64



EU: 3% of the EU's GDP to be invested in R&D

Ireland: To raise combined public and private investment levels in this sector to 2.5% of GNP (approximately equivalent to 2.0% of GDP)



EU: Greenhouse gas emissions 20% (or even 30%, if the conditions are right) lower than 1990; 20% of energy from renewables and 20% increase in energy efficiency

Ireland: To reduce emissions in the non-traded sector by 20% compared to 2005 levels; to increase the share of renewables in final energy consumption to 16%; and to move towards a 20% increase in energy efficiency



EU: Reducing the rates of early school leaving below 10% and at least 40% of 30-34-year-olds completing third level education

Ireland: To reduce the percentage of 18-24 year olds with at most lower secondary education and not in further education and training to 8%; and to increase the share of 30-34 years olds having completed tertiary or equivalent education to at least 60%



EU: At least 20 million fewer people in or at risk of poverty and social exclusion

Ireland: To reduce the number experiencing consistent poverty to 4% by 2016 and to 2% or less by 2020, from the 2010 baseline rate of 6.3%

2. Growth and Stability Pact



1. **Budget deficit:** Below 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP or value of the Economy)
2. **Public debt:** Below 60% of GDP or must move towards the 60% target

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	EUROPE 2020	STABILITY AND GROWTH PACT
November	Annual Growth Survey (European Commission)	
		Alert Mechanism Report (European Commission)
April	National Reform Programmes (Member States)	Stability / Convergence Report (Member States)
May/June	Country Specific Recommendations (European Commission and European Council)	
October		Eurozone budget appraisal (European Commission)

Why Engage?



- **Europe 2020 and Semester move forward the key priorities of the EU and its Member States**
- **Has a direct impact on national budgets**
- **Ensuring that the economic, social and environmental balance is maintained within Europe 2020 and across the whole Semester - implications of getting this wrong**

Why Engage? (contd.)



- Use EU commitments as another means of moving forward our own concerns
- Ensure gaps are addressed e.g. absence of gender dimension etc.
- Insist on structured dialogue as essential to ensuring our voice is heard and for the legitimacy of the EU and this process