

SLOVENIA'S EXPERIENCE WITH NPL RESOLUTION

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2004 - 2008: SLOVENIAN ECONOMY AFTER EU ACCESSION

- Fast GDP growth and low unemployment rate
- Joining the Eurozone (2007)
- Excessive credit growth and corporate indebtedness

<u>2009 – 2013</u>: SLOVENIAN ECONOMY AFTER OUTBREAK OF GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

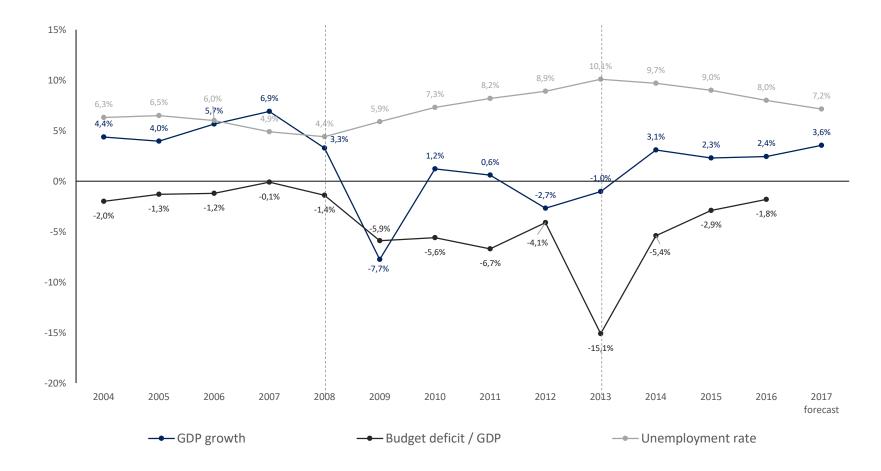
- Delayed reaction to global effects and "home-grown" inbalances
- Sharp drop in GDP and employment
- Hike in budget deficit, public debt and financing risks/costs
- Sharp increase in corporate insolvency, banking sector losses and capital short fall, corporate NPL ratio peaking at 28%

<u>2013 – 2014</u>: ESTABLISHMENT OF DUTB AND BANK REHABILITATION

2014 - 2017: SLOVENIAN ECONOMY BOUNCING BACK

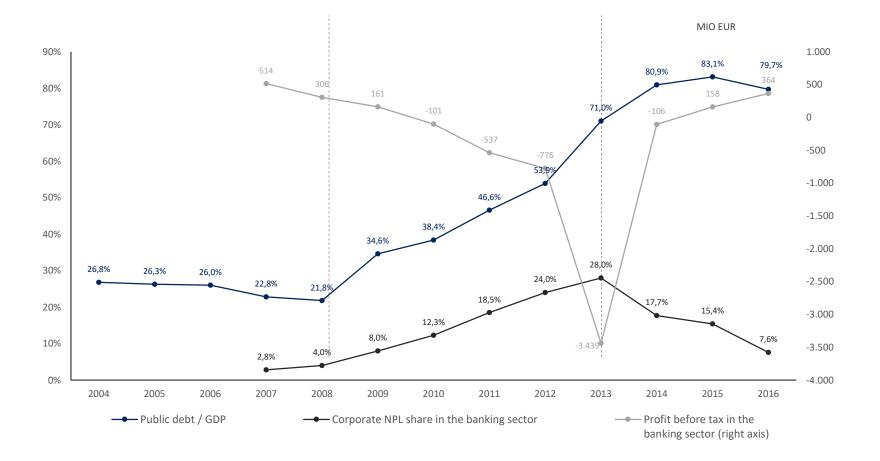
- Recovery of growth, reduction in unemployment and financing cost (CDS spread)
- Return to pre-crisis profitability levels
- Gradual reduction in corporate NPL ratio and leverage, largely creditless recovery until recently

Slovenia financials	2008	Cumulative (c) or average (a) 2009-2013	2013	Cumulative (c) or average (a) 2014-2016
GDP growth	3,3%	-9,5% (c)	-1,0%	8,0% (c)
Budget deficit / GDP	-1,4%	-7,5% (a)	-15,1%	-3,4% (a)
Unemployment rate	4,4%	8,1% (a)	10,1%	8,9% (a)
Public debt / GDP	21,8%	48,9% (a)	71,0%	81,2% (a)
Corporate NPL share in the banking sector	4,0%	20,7% (a)	28,0%	13,6% (a)
Profit before tax in the banking sector (in € million)	306	-4.692,5 (c)	-3.439	415,9 (c)





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MILESTONES IN BANK REHABILITATION

- Capital injections into NLB and NKBM totaling € 0.7 billion (2011-2012).
- Government Measures to Strengthen the Stability of Banks Act (2012).
- Establishment of DUTB with 100% state ownership (March 2013).
- AQR and stress test for 8/10 systemic banks according to ECB & EBA methodology, supervised by Steering Committee: BoS, MoF, ECDGComp, EC FIN, ECB, EBA (July November 2013).
- Transfer values (REV) based on independent assessment performed in AQR/ST.
- Recapitalization of the 6 banks through €3.4 billion equity injection by the state (in addition to capital injections in 2011-12), plus € 0.6 billion implicit state aid embedded in transfers to DUTB (2013-2014), extraordinary measures to terminate existing equity and subordinated debt (€0.6 billion).



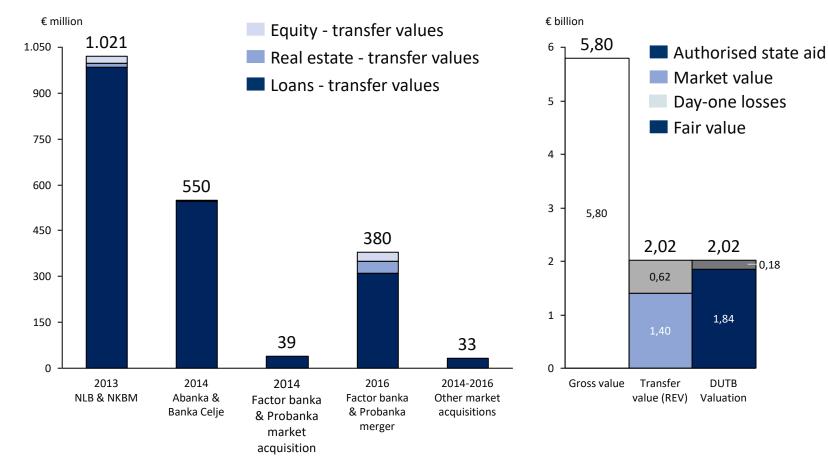
MILESTONES IN BANK REHABILITATION

 Transfer of €5 billion distressed assets from 4 systemic domestic banks to DUTB (2013-2014) on the basis of bilateral agreements.

Criteria:

- Claims exceeding EUR 500.000 (principal and accrued interests) towards corporate clients registered in Slovenia
- Non core real-estate and equities
- If one bank transfers its exposure towards a client, all banks have to follow
- DUTB was not involved in the process of selection of transferred assets and their pricing
- Orderly wind-down of Probanka and Factor banka (2013-2015), merged into DUTB (2016).
- Government guarantees totaling €2.6 billion for repayment of DUTB, Factor banka and Probanka liabilities.

BANK REHABILITATION IN FIGURES



- €5,8 billion contractual (gross) value of transferred / merged assets
- **€2,0 billion** assets transfer value (REV-based)
- €623 million above market value (documented in EC state aid decisions)
- €179 million above fair value (DUTB valuation)

DUTB's ROLE IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY

CORPORATE EXPOSURES TRANSFERRED OR MERGED INTO DUTB IN 3 STAGES CONSTITUTED:

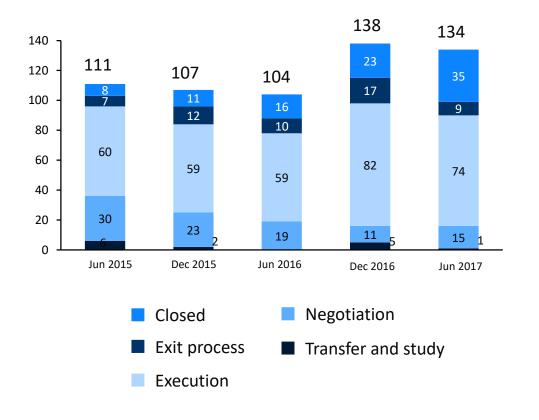
- **25% of gross loans** to domestic corporates and sole proprietors (in November 2013, right before the first tranche of transfer)
- **60% of NPLs** of domestic corporates as of November 2013
- 16% of Slovenian GDP in 2013
- Liabilities of corporates with min. 10-12% share of GDP and employment (conservative, rough expert estimate)

RESULTS HALF WAY THROUGH:

- Unlocked € 1.1 billion worth of frozen /misused assets and recycled them for more efficient use in the economy.
- Cashed more than 50% of its assets and repaid €983 million debt.
- **Partially relieved recapitalized banks** from the burden of NPLs and took leadership role in a number of high impact restructurings.
- Reduced the guarantee exposure of the Republic of Slovenia from initial €2.6 billion (including Factor banka and Probanka) to current € 0.9 billion.
- **Provided 14% average annual return on equity** via profit stream plus paid €84 million in guarantee fees and interest surplus to the budget and public sector entities.

PROGRESS IN PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

RESTRUCTURING CASE:



SALES AND REFINANCING:

2013 - H1 2017	Number of sales completed	Of these foreign buyers	Average number of interested buyers per case	Average number of due diligences performed	Total contractual value (in € million)
Loans	57	18	2,5	2,3	301
Equity & bonds	33	9	4,8	3,8	72
Total	90	27	3,1	2,5	374

Fully refinanced exposures towards 6 debtors with the total (transferred) gross exposure of **€116 million**.

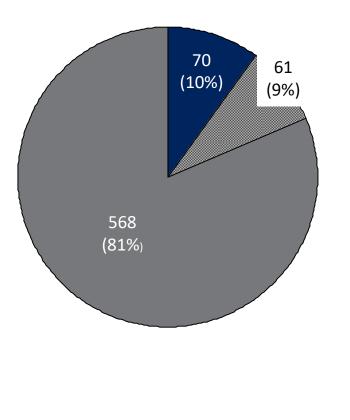
CURRENT PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION

Restructuring

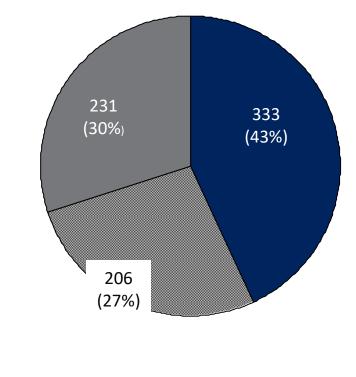
Mixed

Recovery

LOAN PORTFOLIO BY NUMBER:









DUTB CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

OUR MAIN CHALLENGES

- Corporate governance described as **system in evolution**, responding to changing circumstances rather than a snapshot
- Due to 100% state ownership and DUTB's economic significance very complex stakeholder structure to manage
- Develop and maintain business and **result-oriented** corporate culture.
- Sustain autonomous, fast, professional decision making.
- Maintain **integrity** of organization under enormous stress and temptations.
- Develop into **self-improving** organization despite limited lifetime.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

WELL REGULATED EXTERNAL FRAMEWORK

GOVERNMENT AS 100% SHAREHOLDER

- Tasks and responsibilities of the DUTB AGM exercised by the Government as the sole shareholder
- The Ministry of Finance:
 - monitors the work of DUTB (the compliance of DUTB operations with ZUKSB)
 - can not be actively involved in DUTB individual business decisions

ONE-TIER BOARD

- Board of Directors as strategic decision-making body
- Separated tasks of Executive and Non-Executive Directors
- Defend the professional autonomy of executive management from external / political interference

CREDIT AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEES

- Effective and fast decision making structure
- Clearly layered 3-level system with segregated responsibilities
- Empowerment of lower lever for large number of smaller tickets / simplified decisions
- Strong controls for executive level over high impact larger tickets (80+% of volumes)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

ETHICAL MODUS OPERANDI THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION

INTERNAL CONTROLS THROUGHOUT EVERY PROCESS AND ENTIRE COMPANY

Defense lines with responsibility / reporting line to the Board of Directors:

- Internal audit
- Compliance and AML department
- Corporate security

ETHICAL AND QUALITY STANDARDS

- Ethic Intelligence: Anti corruption compliance certificate in 2015, renewal and upgrade in progress
- Personal integrity plan for employees
- ISO qualification in progress
- "Whistleblowing" system
- No cases in personal portfolio from past jobs

CLEAR SEGREGATION OF ROLES COMBINDED WITH TEAM STRUCTURE

- Strictly segregated roles of units in organizational structure
- Bank-like horizontal process controls and full 4-eye principle
- Balanced with teamwork to foster flexible operations and proactive approach
- Clear responsibilities on all decisionmaking levels
- Management of assets in largely homogenous asset classes

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

KNOWLEDGE CENTER AND SALES VEHICLE FOR NPLs

WELL DEFINED SALES RULES

- Transparent standardized sales process
- KYC and The Law on Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism: prevention of primary and secondary sale to former owners/executives of distressed debtors or to "blacklisted" investors

EFFICIENT SALES PROCESS

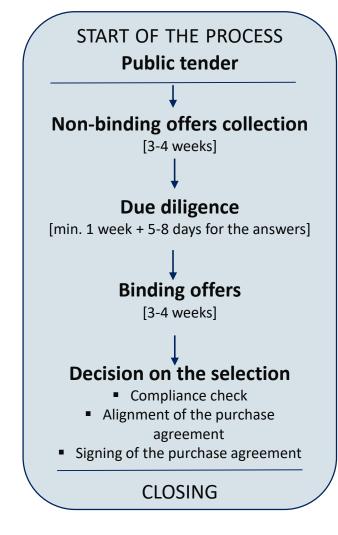
- Fast decision making, flexibility and independence
- Equal treatment of every investor in tenders (competitive bidding process, sufficient time for each phase, equal information)
- Supported by deal flow management, marketing and investor relations management

RENOWNED KNOWLEDGE CENTER

- Expert for NPL management and corporate restructuring
- High demand from the market for DUTB employees
- Internal and external best practice sharing

DUTB

• Performance and development oriented human resources management



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MANAGING HR CHALLENGES

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- Project type organization with limited life span
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 fluctuation of quality staff at acceptable level
- **Tensions** between internal perception of mission and external image ("bad bank")
- Shock of 3-way merger: mix of corporate cultures, extra operational burden, fundamental organizational and process changes, portfolio reallocation, internal competition for jobs
 redundancy 20+%, mid-management replacement / renewal in competitive selection process
- Develop and run a measurable performance oriented evaluation system
- Preserve accumulated knowledge base

DUTB

• Maintain **cooperative spirit** under circumstances of constant downsizing

- Norms based staffing model is key for managing labour efficiency, dilemma for the future:
 - a) <u>Maintain current (stock-type) norms based staffing model</u> (more even pace of redundancies, slow-down of sales in favor of managing assets) *OR*
 - b) Switch to flow-based norms

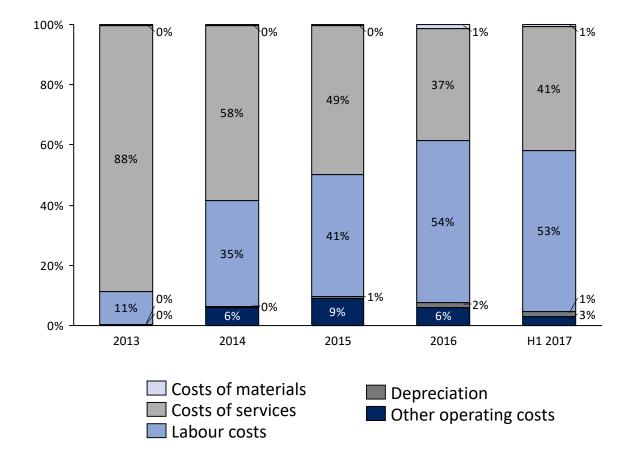
(maintain strong momentum, but higher upfront FTEs and costs with faster decline later, shorten organizational lifetime)

Providing hope and perspective

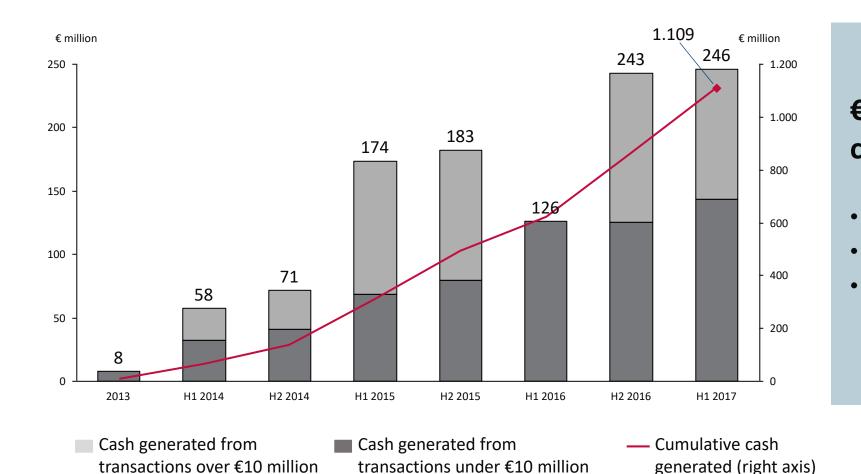
- 1. <u>for the organization</u>: expansion into new fields
- 2. <u>for the individuals</u>:
 - improved future employment opportunities
 - education to strengthen competitiveness in job market
 - outplacement with a human face, support in job search

PRINCIPLES OF COST MANAGEMENT

- Basic operating cost / assets one of key company-level KPIs
- Changing proportion of out soucing over-time: insource if sustainable cost savings achieved
- Large fluctuation in transaction, litigation and RE management expenses
- All material contracts / orders subject to periodic renewal via public procurement / competitive tenders



OPERATIONS - CASH GENERATION

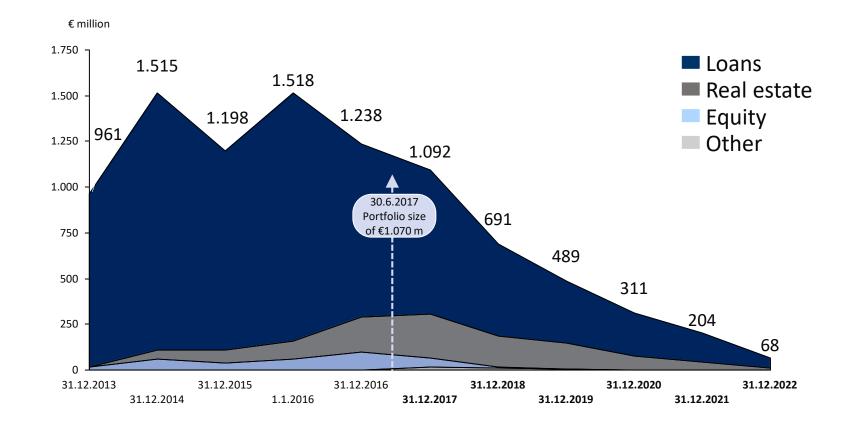


€1,1 billion cash generated

- >50% of assets liquidated)
- in 3,5 years
- through both larger and smaller transactions

PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

Past portfolio development and rundown plan for DUTB's lifespan



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SALES MANAGEMENT

cash-flow generation momentum to slim / shorten tail

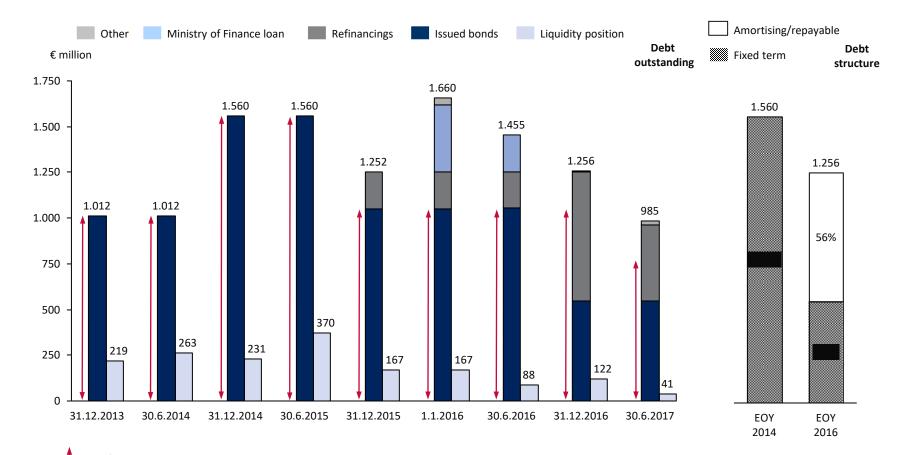
METHOD

- New initiatives in 2017:
 - package sales
 - refinancing drive for restructured / bankable companies
 - accelerated repossessions of real-estate suitable for fit-for-sale minor investments or
 - for joint-venture developments
- Development of Investor Database
- Marketing-supported, focused investor targeted sales initiatives to create sense of urgency
- Linking cash-flow generation performance measurement with bonus system plus pipeline management: internal pull/push for sales drive



DEBT STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Debt outstanding reducing and changing in structure



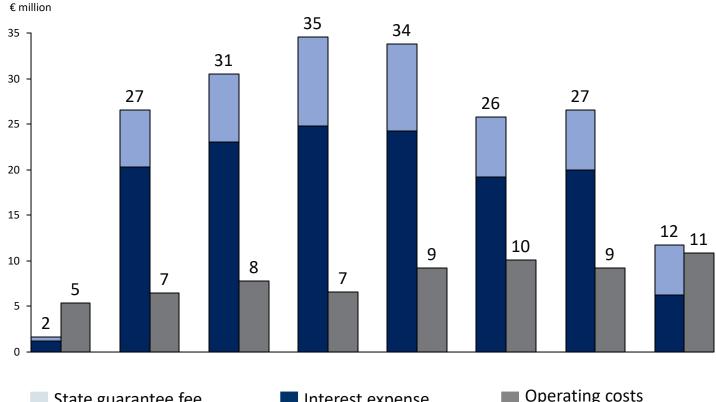
- 2013-2015
 High-cost fixedterm debt, accumulating intra-year liquidity
- 2016-2017

Mixture of fixed maturity and amortising/repaya ble debt, tighter liquidity management

Explicit state guarantee

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FINANCING vs OPERATING COSTS



Financing costs:

- initial excessive ٠ burden gradually reduced
- decreasing from a • multiple of operating costs to equal level

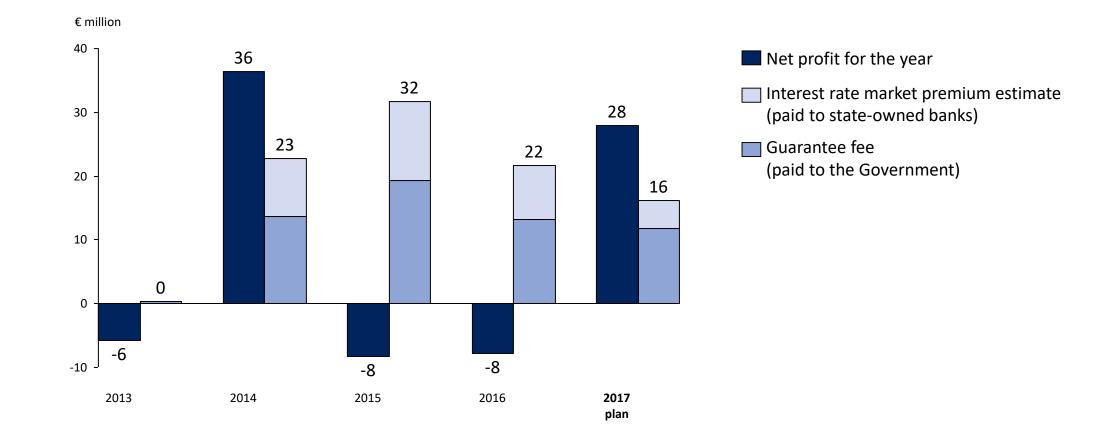
State guarantee fee

Interest expense

Operating costs (net of transaction & merger expenses)

RETURN

More than just net profit provided for the state



EQUITY MOVEMENT & RETURN TO TAXPAYERS

Equity movements through owner's decisions and company operations

