



Weighted Average Cost of Capital – a Game Changer (?)

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Introduction

Research results from RE Frame project

Conclusion

Methodology

Existing data

- Estimations of **costs of capital of wind onshore-investments** from DIA Core Project
- Comprehensive interview series with financial experts
- Evaluation of development of parameters

Analysis

- Comparison with **interest rates for loans from other sectors in EURO zone**
- Description of trends

Results

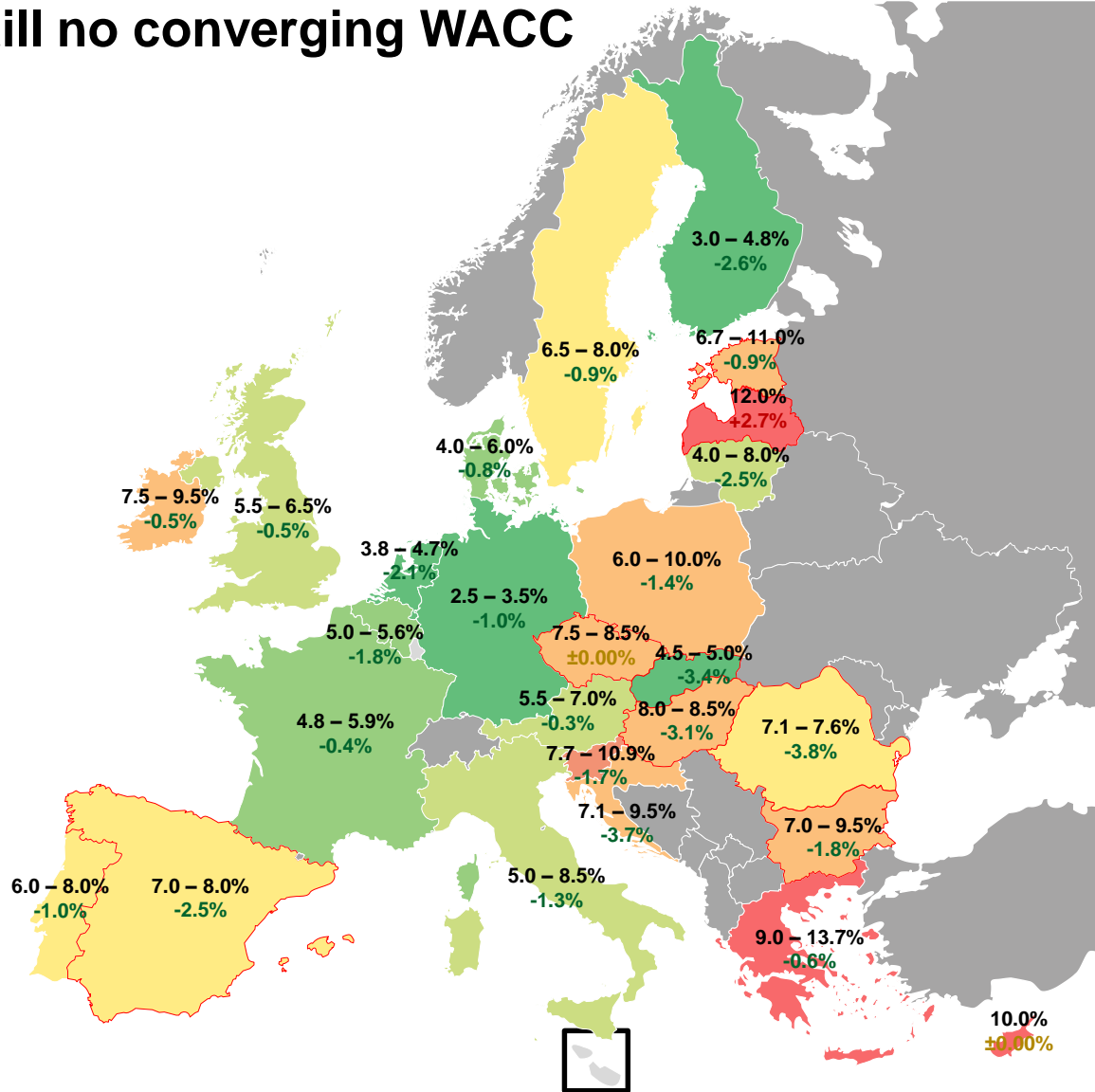
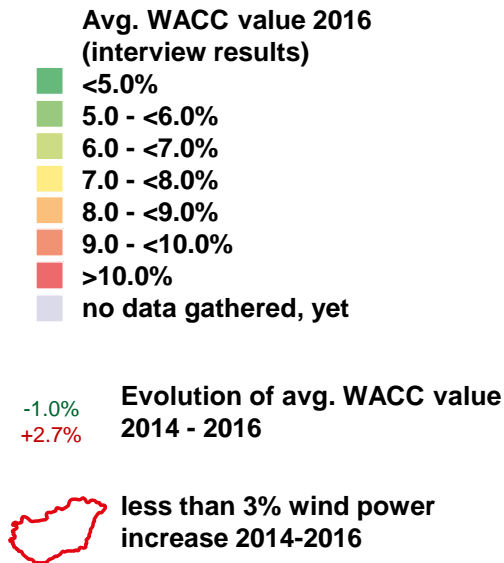
- Aggregation and visualization of meta data
- Presentation of results and **feedback from national experts**
- Preparation of deliverables: project presentation & database

Before we start: some caveats

- There are **several methods for wind project financing**: corporate financing or project financing
- Ongoing changing interest rates
- Constant changes of RES market conditions
- **Lack of current, significant projects in some EU markets**, made sometimes model estimations necessary
- Different level of transparency of market actors

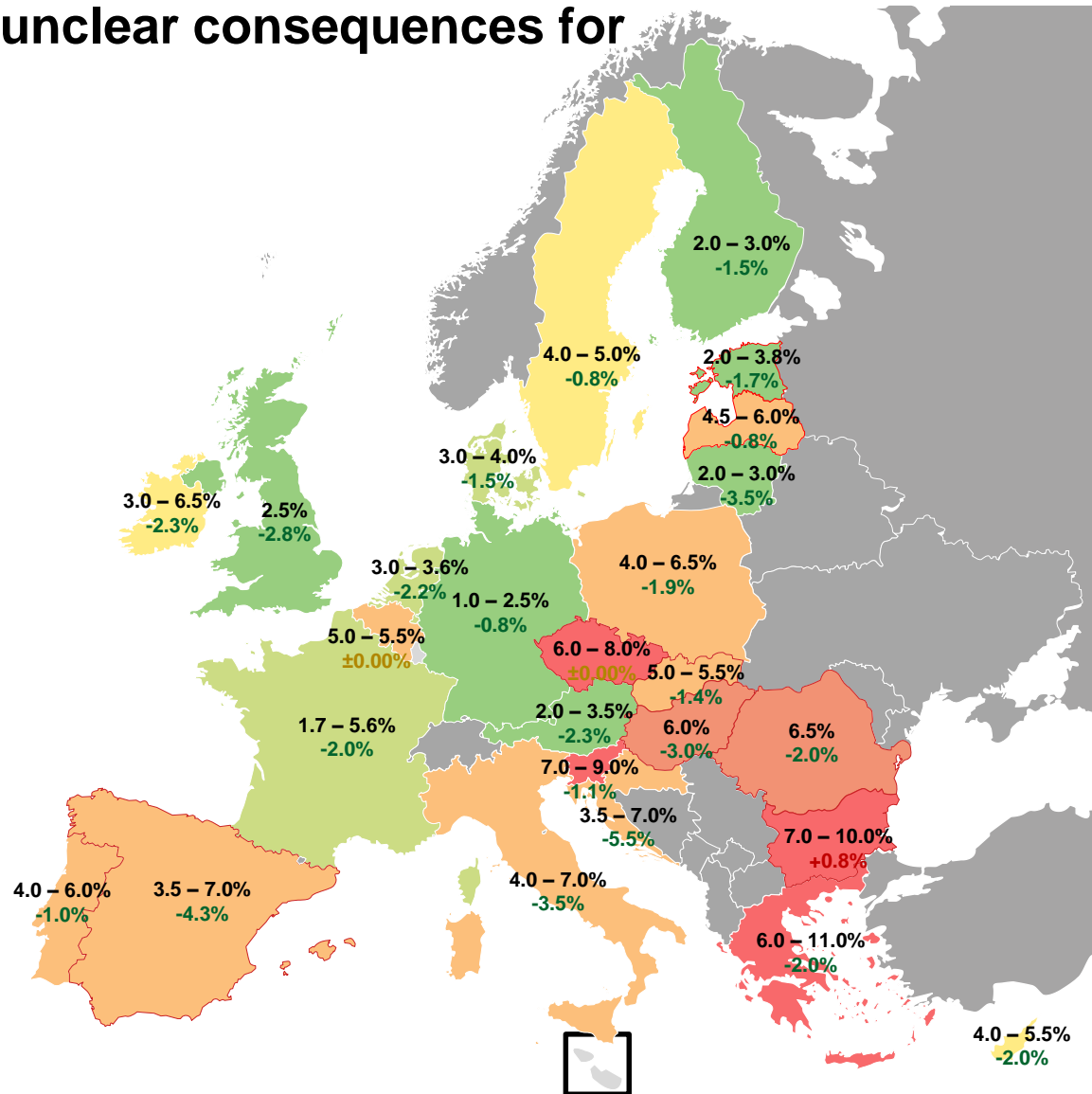
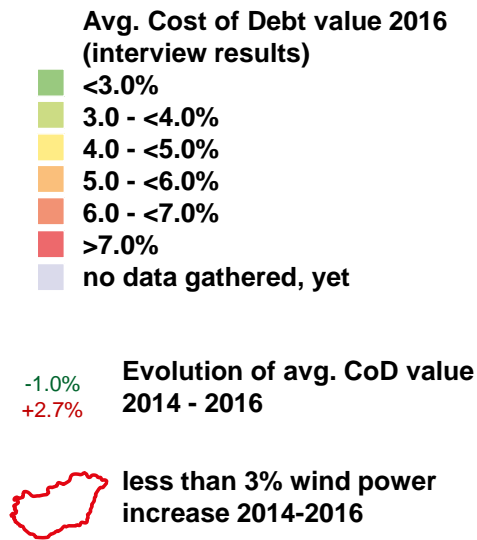
WACC Development

Decrease in most MS, but still no converging WACC



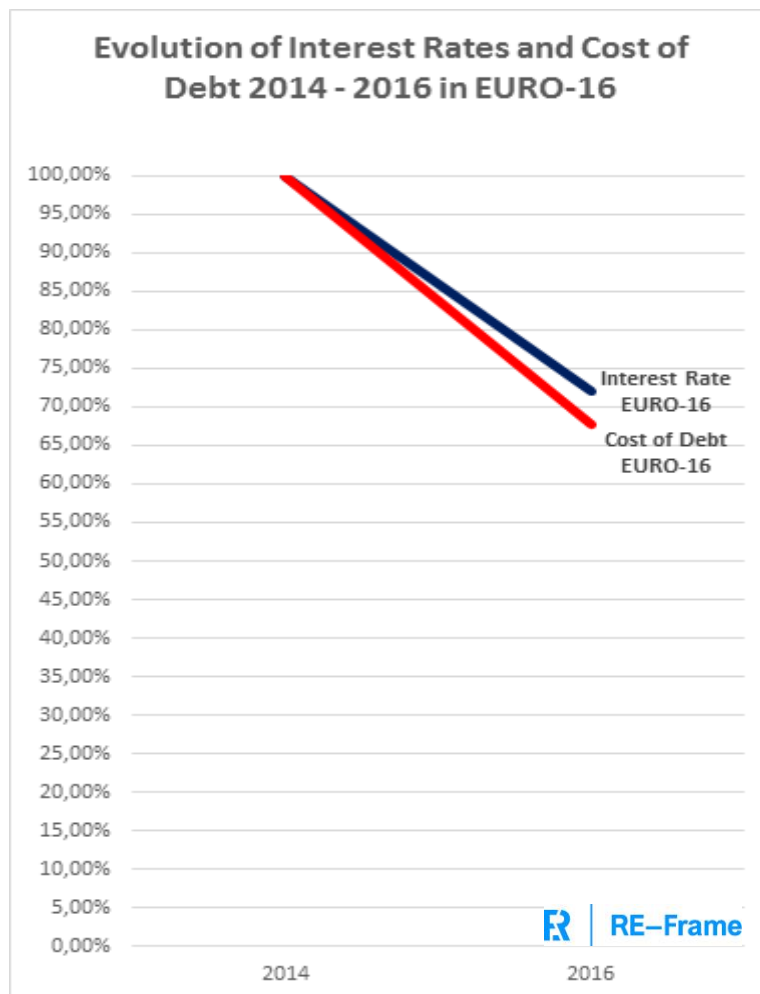
Cost of Debt Development

Plunging interest rates – but unclear consequences for market actors



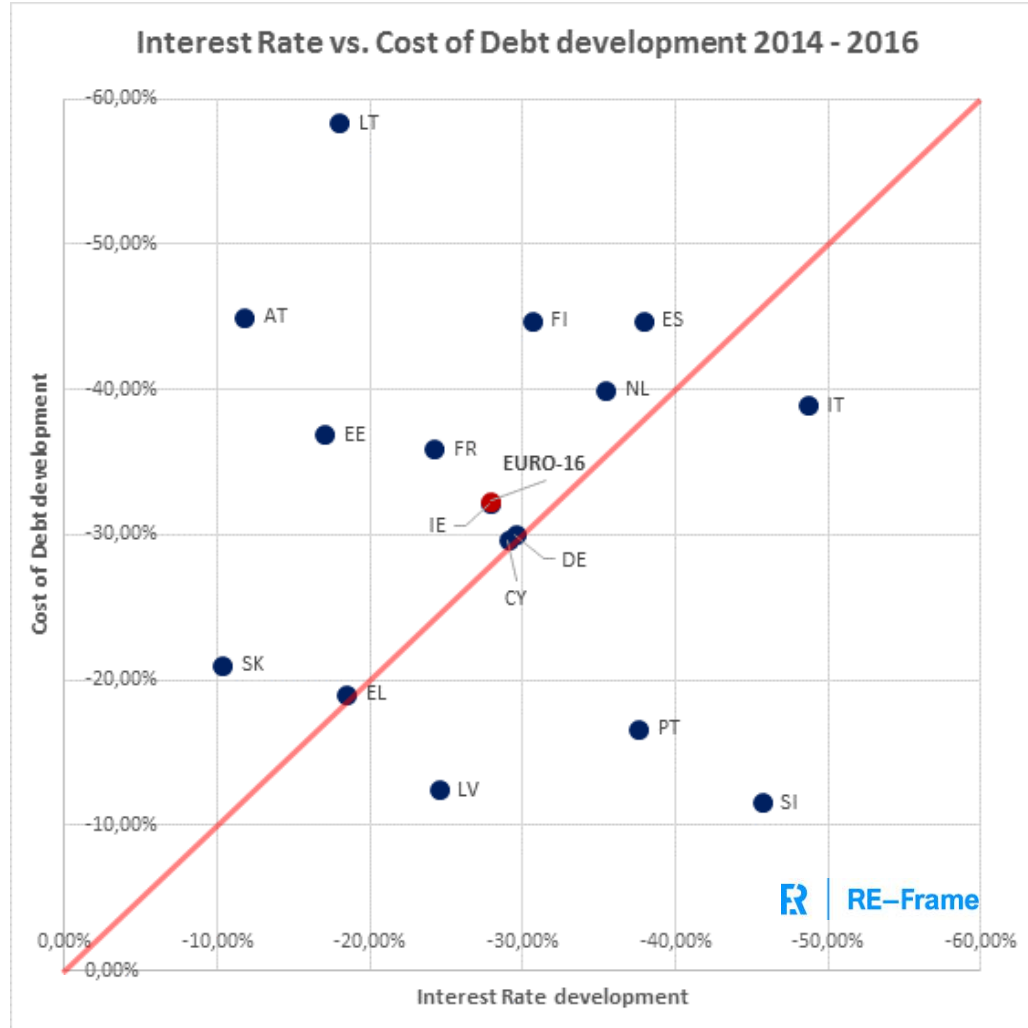
Comparison of Cost of Debt & interest rate development

Trend indicates correlation between cost of debt & interest rates...



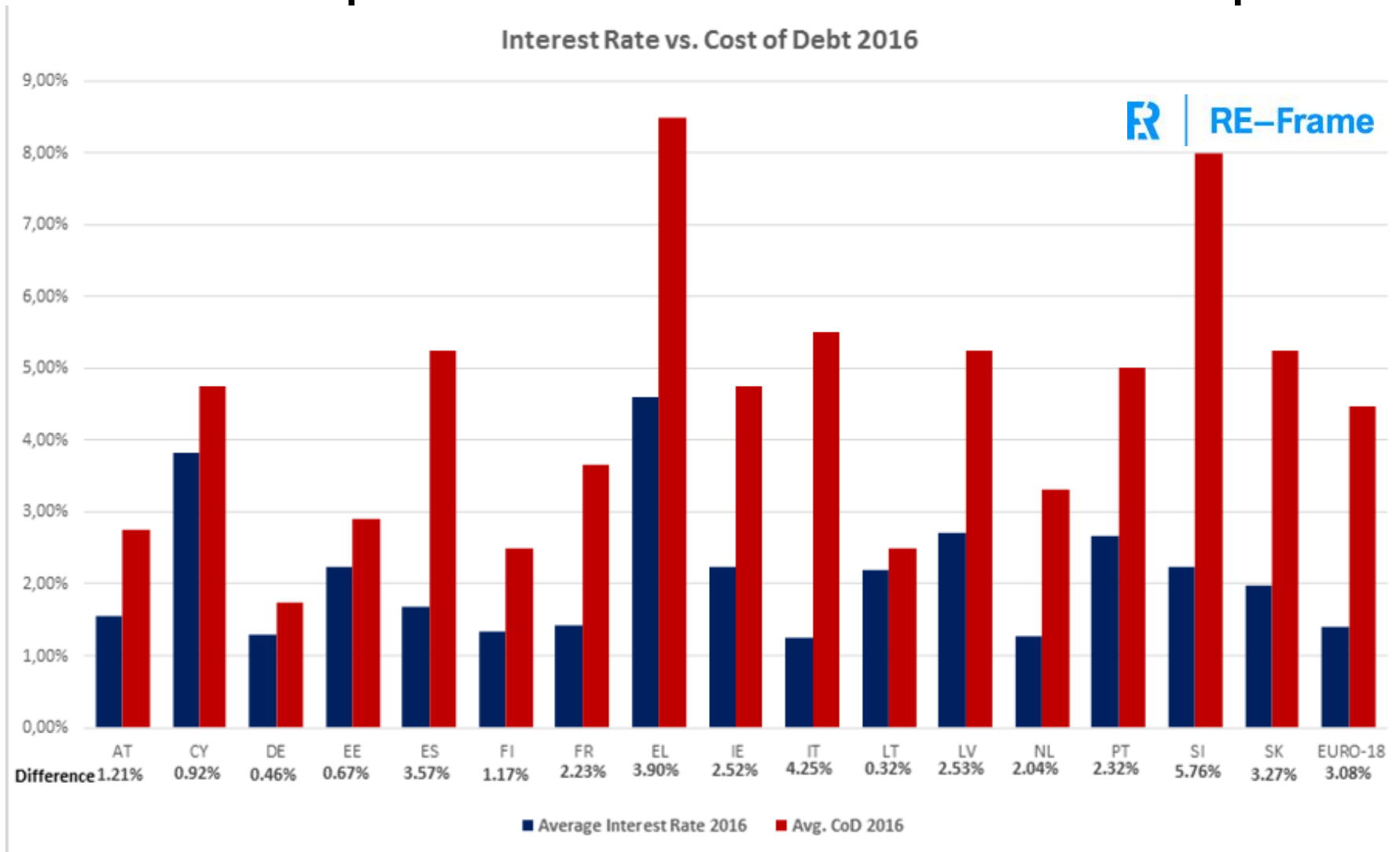
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...but the development at EU Member State level is extremely diverse



Comparison of Cost of Debt & interest rate development

Differences in comparison to absolute interest rates - and their potential



Cost of Equity Development

Decrease in almost all Member States

– change of business models?



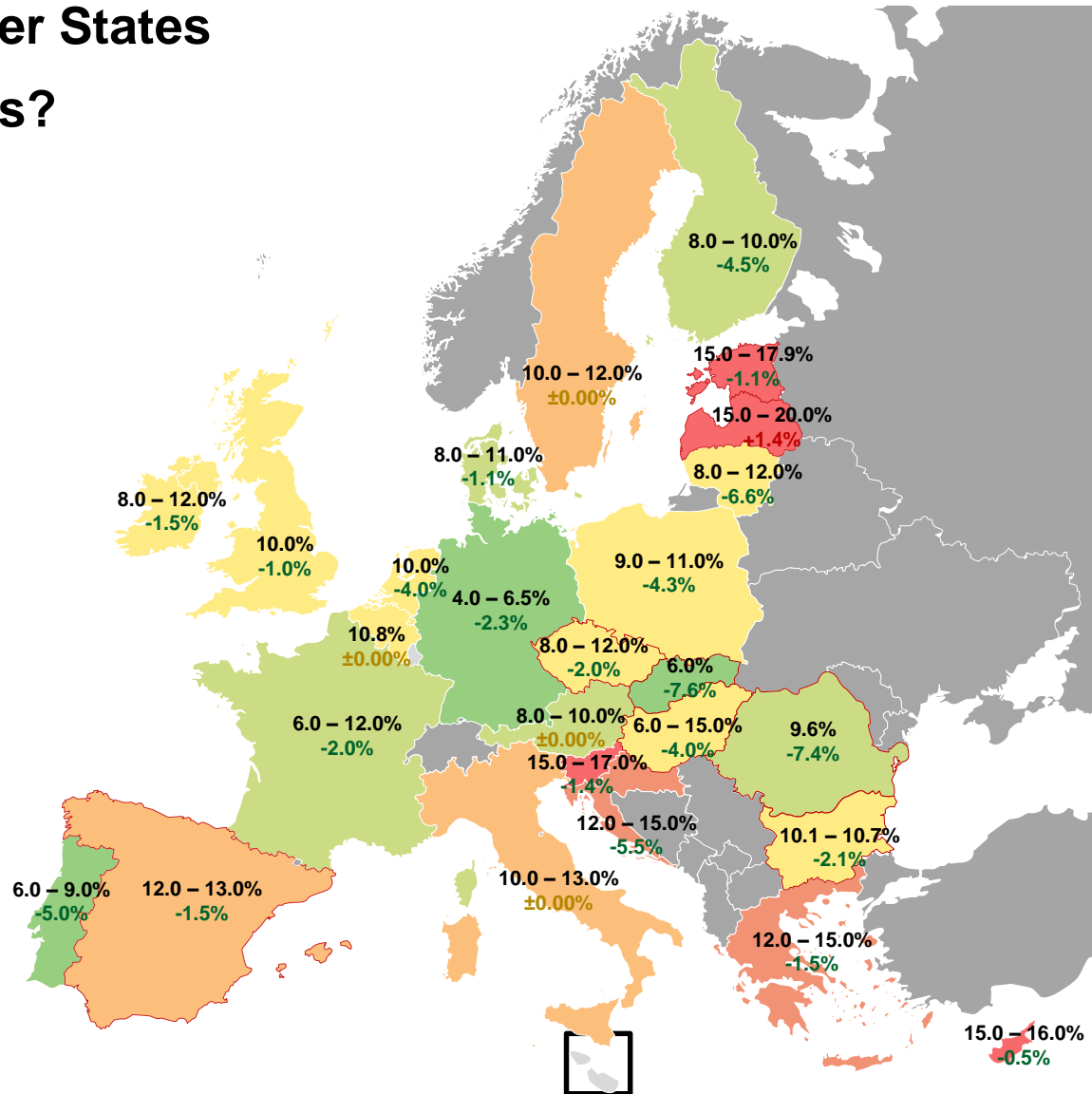
Avg. Cost of Equity value 2016
(interview results)

- <9.0%
- 9.0 - <10.0%
- 10.0 - <11.0%
- 11.0 - <13.0%
- 13.0 - <15.0%
- >15.0%
- no data gathered, yet

Evolution of avg. CoE value
2014 - 2016

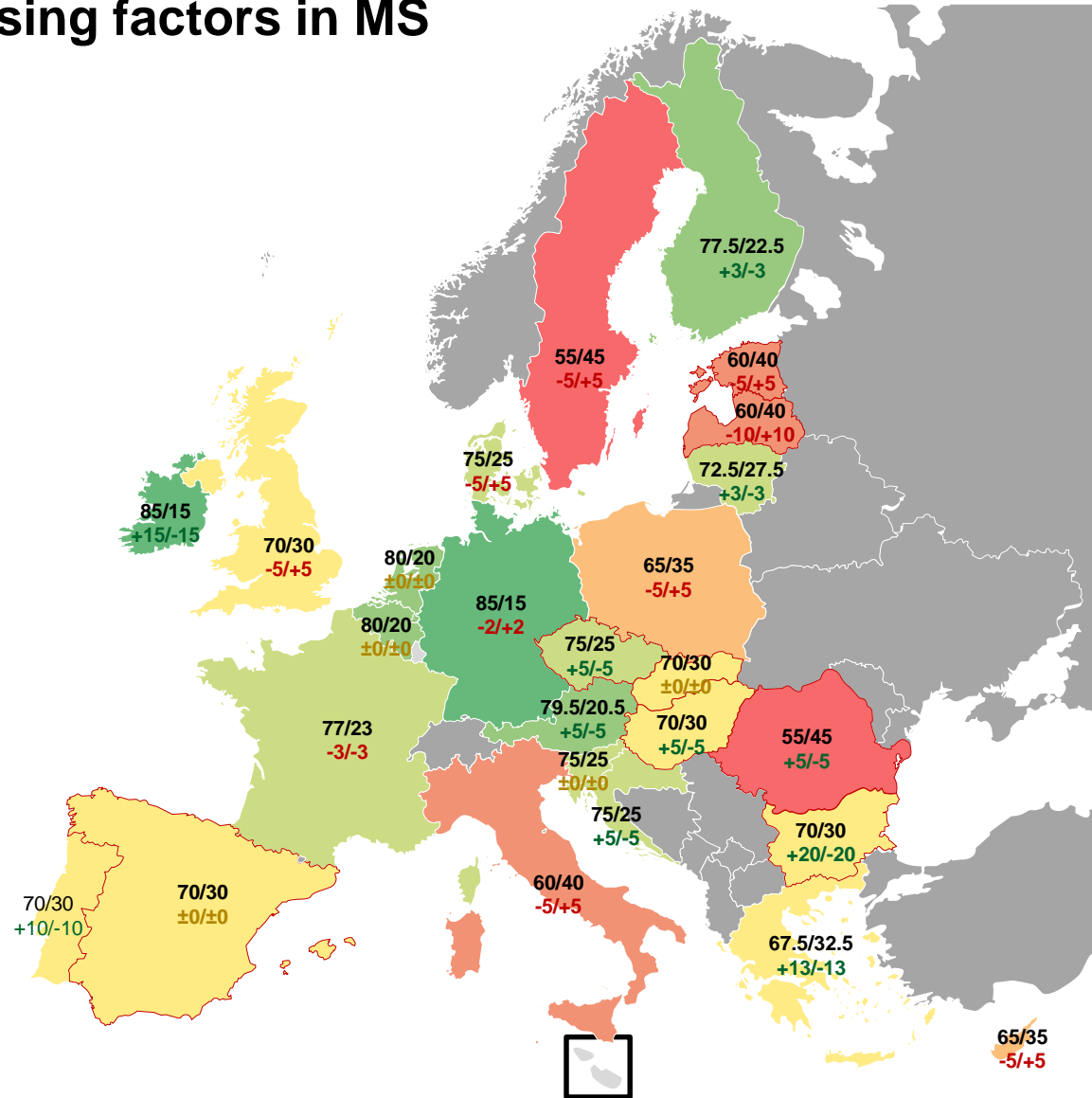
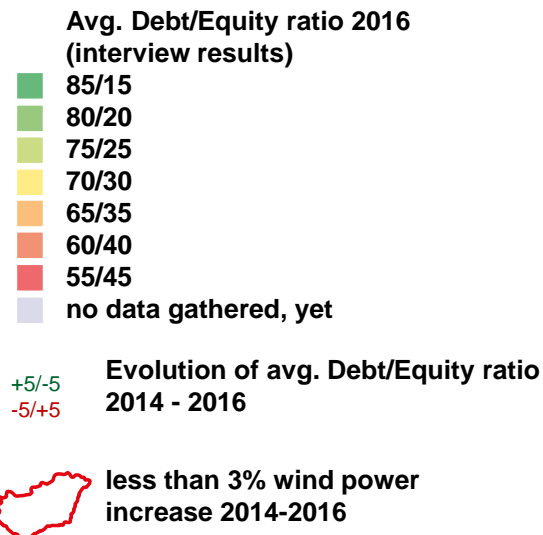
-1.0%
+2.7%

 less than 3% wind power
increase 2014-2016



Development of debt/ equity ratio

Diverging ratios reflect opposing factors in MS



Conclusions

The Good:

- Decreasing trend for WACC for wind onshore in Europe
- Trend more positive than in other sectors

The Bad:

- Still no converging markets
- Discrepancy in all WACC components
- No wind-onshore deployment in some markets despite decreased WACC
- Increasing risks for at least some market actors

The Ugly:

- Relationship between macroeconomic development, policies & WACC development still not entirely clear
- Predictions of future developments are pretty limited

The Pretty:

- Huge numbers of approaches to analyze and mitigate this challenge
- The window of opportunity is open now.



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