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# Economic impacts of TTIP in Ireland

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## Introduction

# Purpose of the Study

### **Objectives**

- Quantify the sectoral and overall macro-economic impacts of the TTIP on the Irish Economy
- Identify key sectors
- In-depth analyses of key sectors

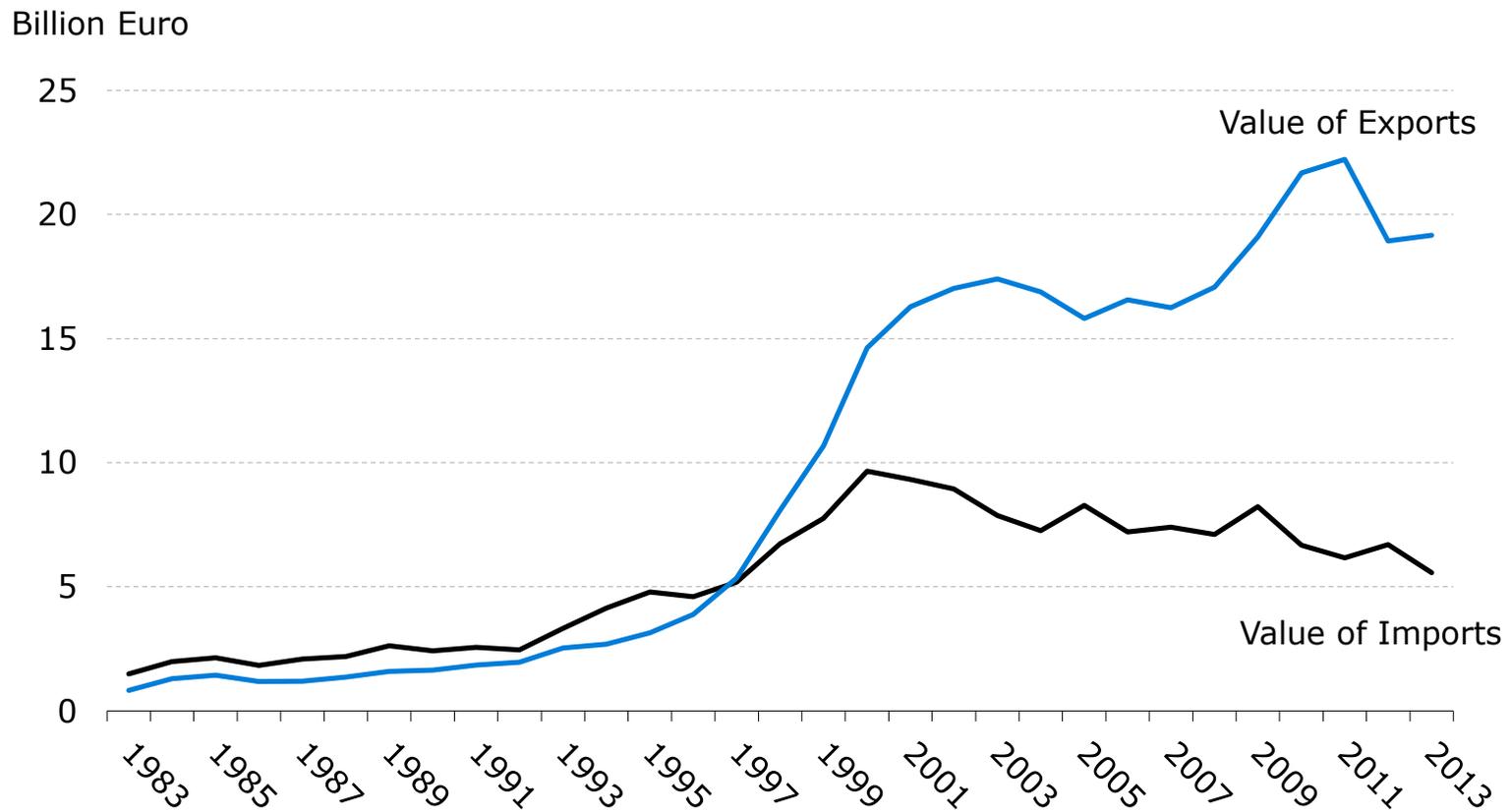
### **Approach**

- Large scale model from the CEPR (2013) study
- Adapted to the Irish economy and sectors
- Stakeholder consultations

# Current trade between Ireland and the US



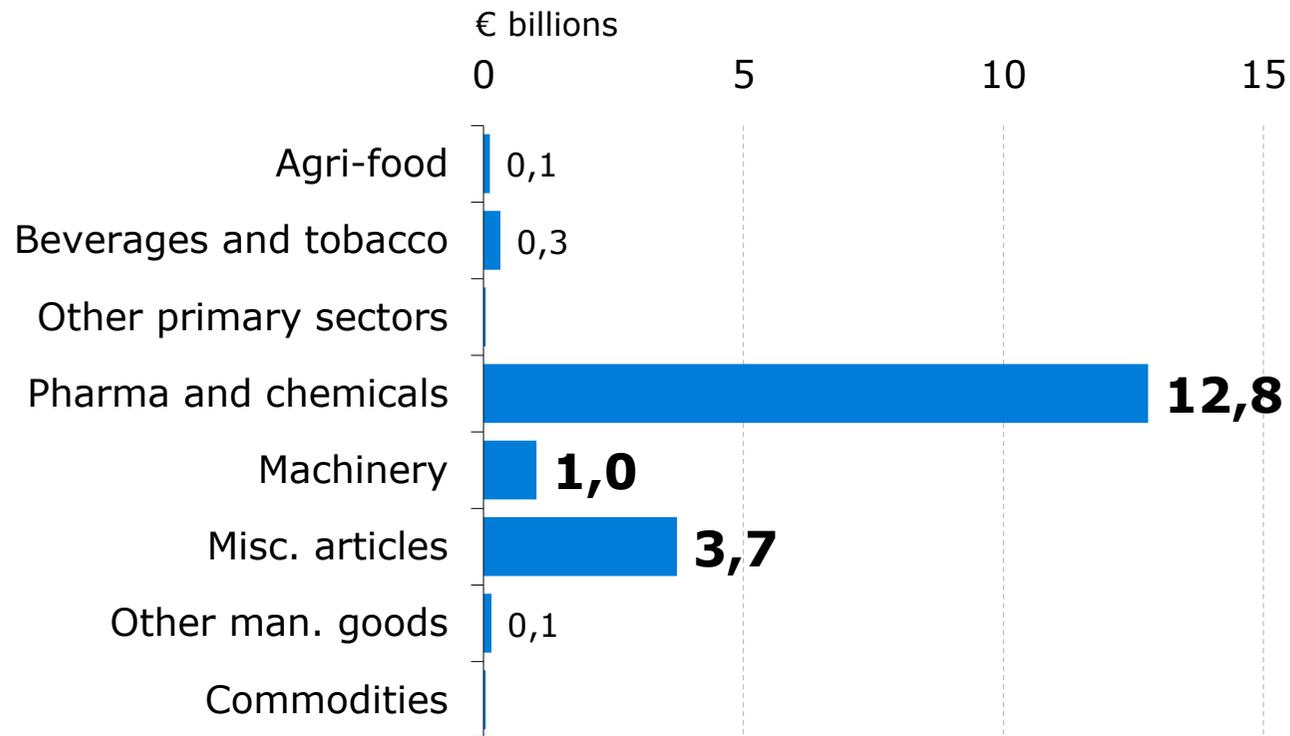
# Ireland's trade in goods with U.S.



Export to US

# Pharmaceuticals dominate goods exports

## Value of goods exports to the US, 2013



**70%**  
is pharmaceuticals,  
chemicals and  
related products

Note: Ireland's export to the US.

Source: Copenhagen Economics based on data from Irish CSO

# Ireland's exports to the US

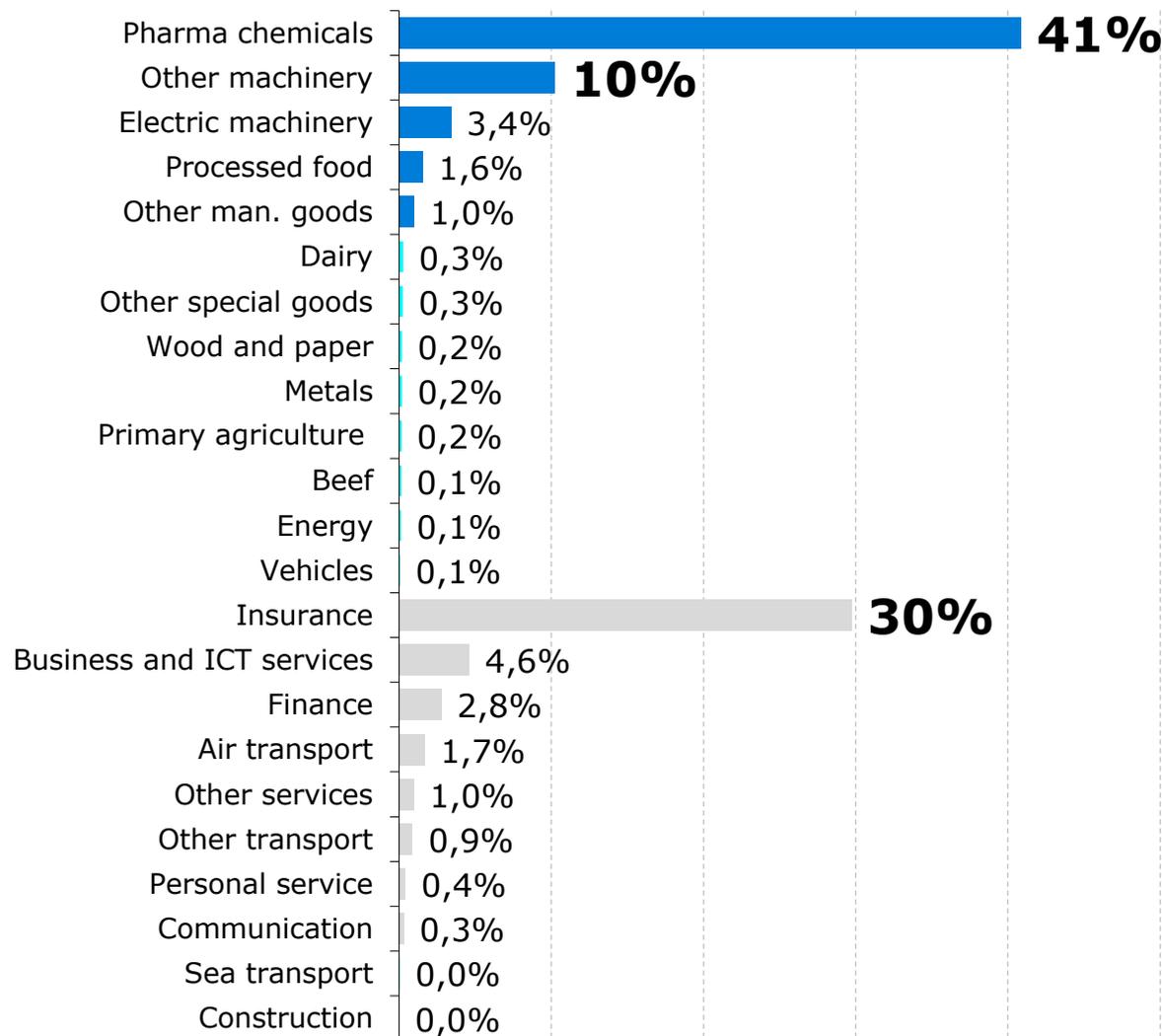
## Goods exports

~60%

## Service exports

~40%

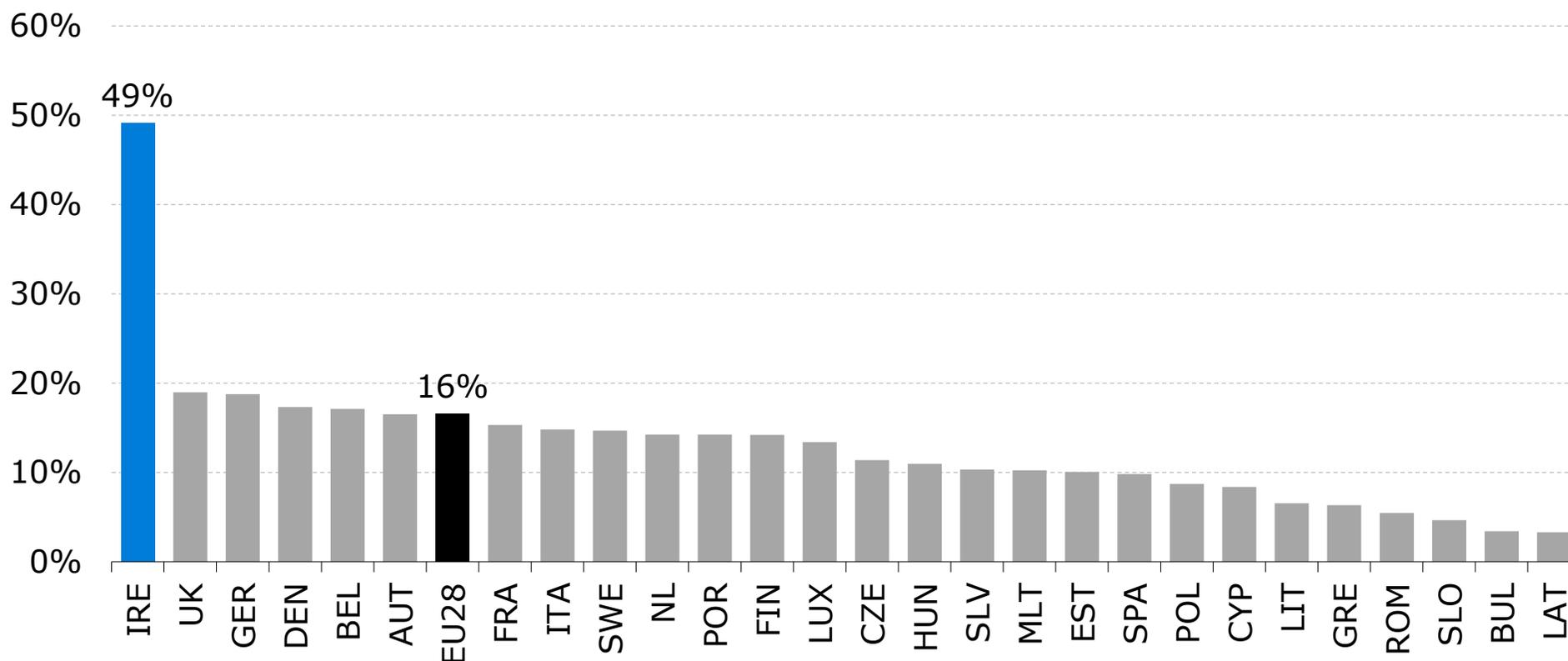
Composition (% of total goods + services)



Source: Copenhagen Economics based on GTAP9 data.

## A strong Ireland-US trade relation

### Share of extra-EU export of goods destined for the US market



Note: Based on value of exports for total goods exports. Share of exports to the US relative to total extra-EU export.  
Source: Copenhagen Economics based on data from Eurostat.

# Current barriers to transatlantic trade

An aerial night view of a busy port. A large container ship is docked at a pier, with its deck illuminated by bright lights. The ship is surrounded by a massive stack of colorful shipping containers in various colors like blue, red, and yellow. In the background, a city skyline is visible with many lit-up buildings, suggesting a major metropolitan area. The overall scene is a vibrant display of international trade and logistics.

## Tariffs are generally low – but peaks for certain products

Tariffs applied **by the US** on imports from the EU

<i>Agriculture average</i>	<b>6.6%</b>
<i>Industry average</i>	<b>1.7%</b>
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<b><i>Total average</i></b>	<b>2.2%</b>

Irish exporters  
pay **in excess of  
USD 300m** in  
tariffs to the US  
Treasury per year.

Tariffs applied **by the EU** on imports from the US

<i>Agriculture average</i>	<b>12.8%</b>
<i>Industry average</i>	<b>2.3%</b>
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<b><i>Total average</i></b>	<b>3.3%</b>

## Non-tariff barriers and regulation

### Regulation is legitimate

- ensuring consumer information
- improving health
- product safety
- preserving the environment

### Regulation in itself does not hinder trade

... but *differences in regulation and procedures* to comply these may increase the cost of selling in foreign markets

- Familiarisation costs
- Conformity assessment costs
- Certification costs
- Adaptation costs
- Blocking products

## Non-tariff barriers may affect firms in several ways

NTBs implies both

- a) Upfront fixed costs of selling in a foreign market
- b) On-going variable costs of exporting to that market

This in turn affect firms'

- i) Probability to export (to a country or a product)
- ii) Value of export
- iii) Export prices

Impact can be measured as a *tariff equivalent*, but impact differs from that of a tariff – e.g. they do not yield any fiscal revenue, and NTBs can be a **heavier burden on SMEs.**

## Cost impact estimates and ‘actionability’

### Objective:

*Reduce costs for exporters, **without compromising the existing levels of protection** of safety, health, environment.*

Cost equivalent of NTBs in **the US** for imports from the EU

*Manufacturing goods average* **22%**

Cost equivalent of NTBs in **the EU** for imports from the US

*Manufacturing goods average* **25%**

Source: CEPR (2013)



## NTBs differ from sector to sector

Cost equivalent of NTBs in **the US** for imports from the EU

*Food and beverages, average*      **73%**

*Pharma and chemicals, average*      **19%**

*Electrical machinery, average*      **15%**

Source: CEPR (2013)

# Main results



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## **This is an EU-US agreement ... not Ireland-US**

- TTIP will boost EU GDP by €120 bn and the US GDP by €90 bn (CEPR, 2013)
- Realising an untapped potential
- Limited trade diversion
- Trade with third parties will go up

TTIP will change how Irish firms:

- ...trade with the US
- ...trade with rest of EU
- ...trade with the rest of the world

Trade liberalisation – and in particular NTB reductions  
– has different impacts on SMEs and MNEs

## Main results

### **Main economic impact in Ireland: Large and positive**

#### **More trade**

- Overall Irish export up by 3.8% to 5.0%
- Overall Irish import up by 4.3% to 5.3%

#### **Higher economic growth and welfare**

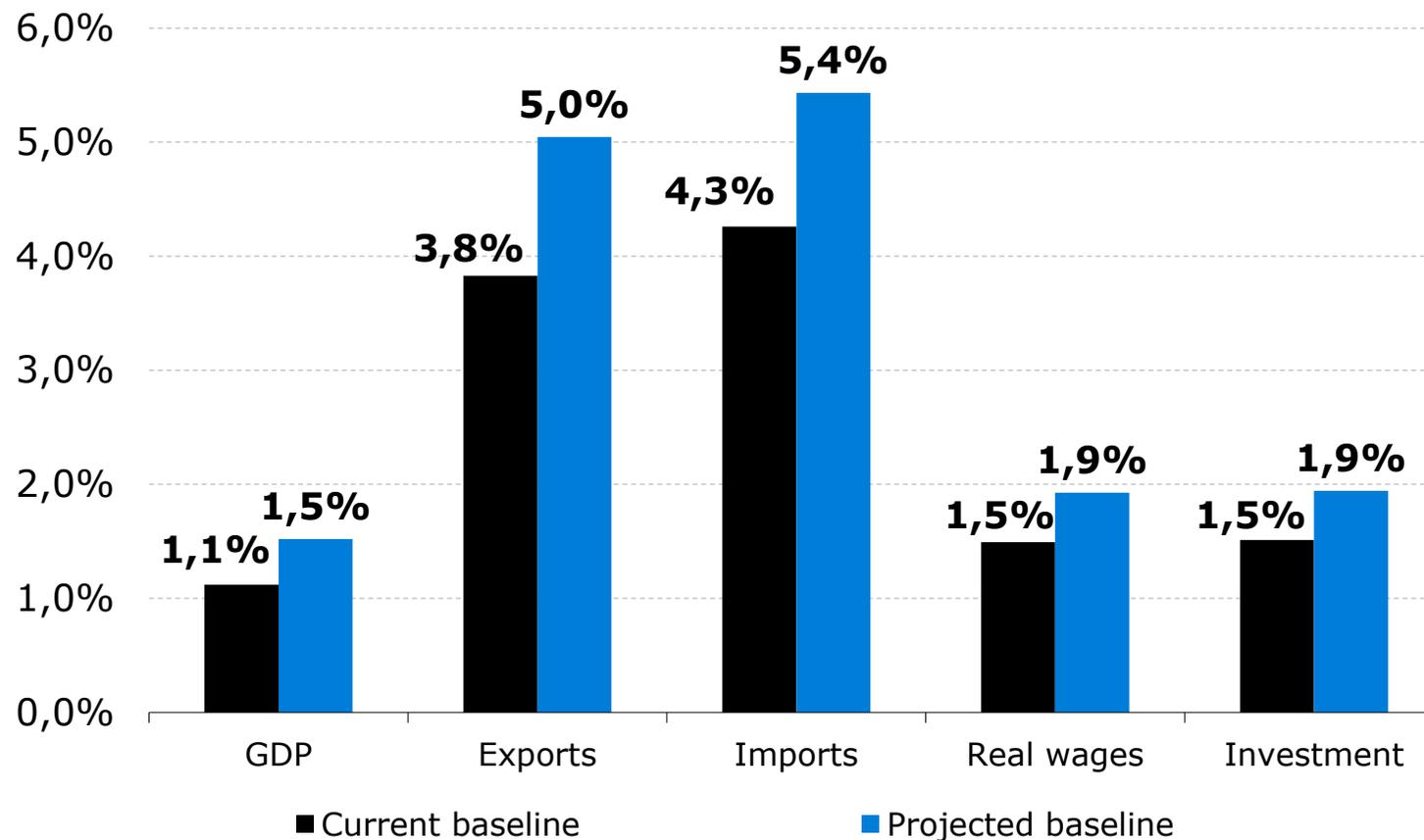
- Irish real GDP up by 1.1% to 1.5% (EU avg. 0.5%)
- Investment up by 1.5% to 1.9%

#### **Higher wages and more export-related jobs**

- Real wages up by 1.5% to 1.9%
- Export increase is estimated to correspond to 5,000 to 10,000 additional export-related jobs in Ireland.

## Macro-results with current *and future base year* (2030)

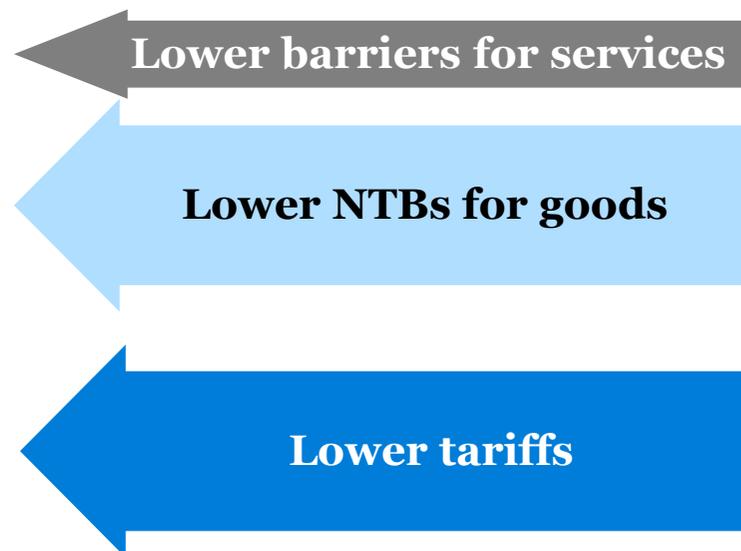
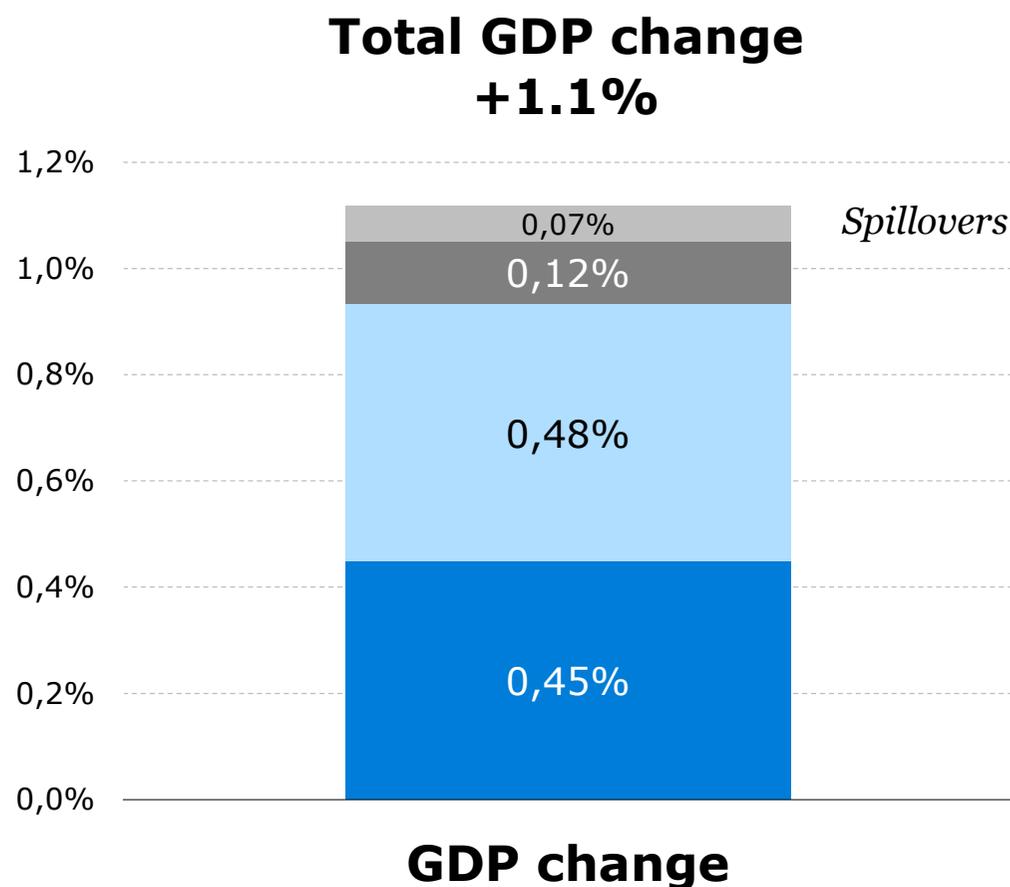
Pct. change from baseline year



Source: Copenhagen Economics based on CGE-simulations by prof. J. F. Francois 2014

# Lower tariffs and lower NTBs for goods are main sources of economic impact in Ireland

TTIP implies reduction of transatlantic trade barriers, which result from these elements of the agreement:



# Main sectors



## Opportunities are expected mainly in...

### **Manufacturing**

- Pharmaceuticals and chemical industry
- Electrical machinery
- Other advanced machinery

### **Services**

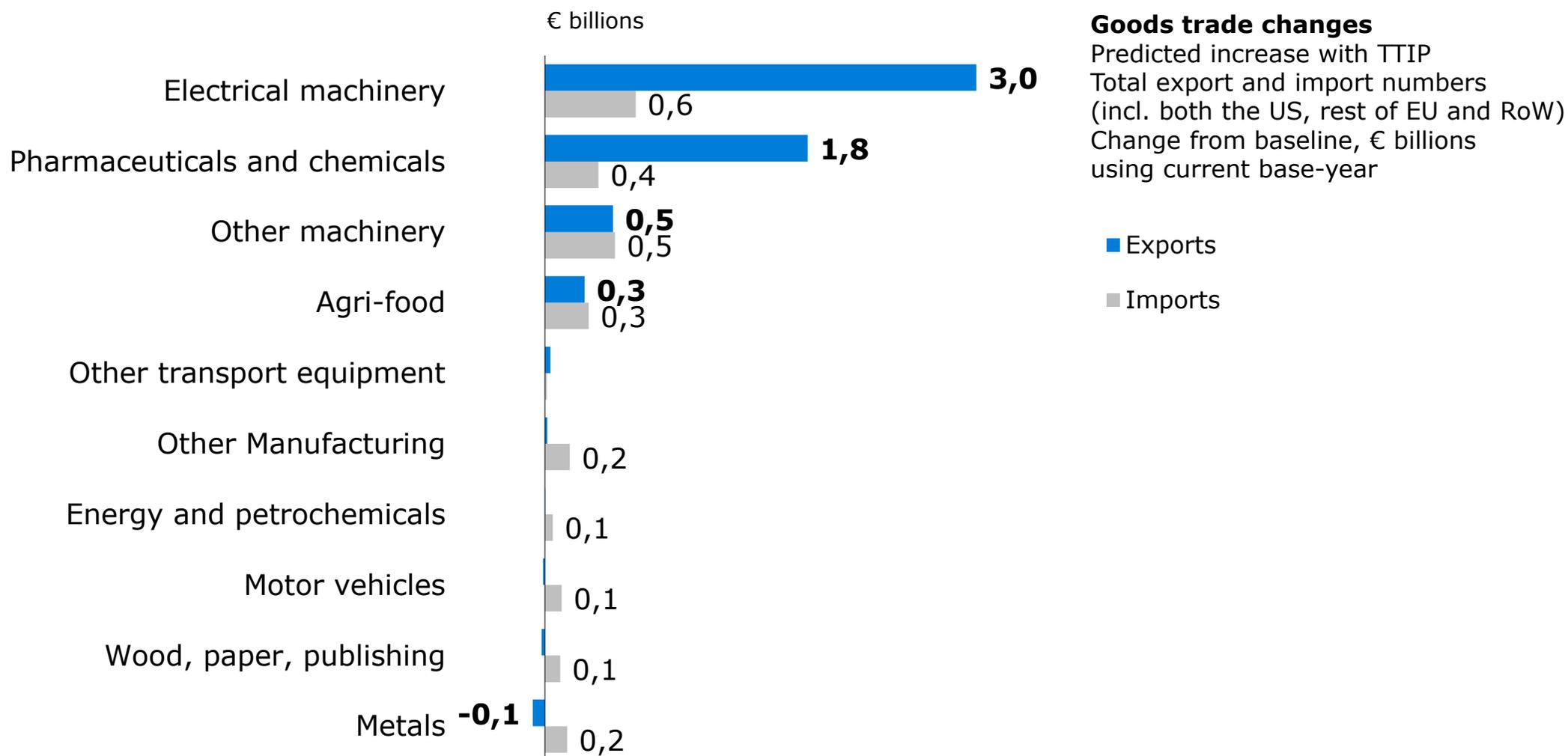
- Insurance

### **Agriculture and processed food**

- Overall increase in exports
- Attention to certain subsectors such as dairy and beef

## Impacts in Manufacturing (non-food)

# Pharma and electronics are driving the trade effects



Note: Change from baseline. Estimates are based on Ireland's trade flows in 2013 according to the CSO.  
 Source: Copenhagen Economics based on CGE-simulations by prof. J. F. Francois 2014

## Impacts in services

**Insurance and financial up. Contraction in business service/ICT**

- Small increase in overall service exports
- Significant increase in service imports
- Service output largely unaffected

**Irish service exports are predicted to increase in**

- Insurance (incl. pension funding, except compulsory social security)
- Financial services (financial intermediation)

**...while decrease in Irish export of**

- Business, professional and ICT services
- Other services

**Service barrier estimates**

Services	EU	US
● Maritime transport	8%	8%
● Air transport	2%	2%
● Finance	11%	32%
● Insurance	11%	19%
● Business/ICT	15%	4%
● Communications	12%	2%

Source: CEPR (2013) and Ecorys (2009)

## Impacts in agri-food

**Dairy and processed food up. Challenges in beef.**

- Exports of processed foods and dairy go up
- Exports of primary agriculture and beef could go down
- Output in beef and primary may drop 2-3%. Dairy up 2%.

50% tariff reductions  
+ NTB reductions

**Scenario 1**

*US quota +  
50,000 metric  
tons*

Changes in billion Euro relative to 2013		
	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>
Primary production	-0.02	0.06
Beef	0.04	0.08
Dairy	0.16	0.07
Processed Food	0.09	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.30</b>

**Scenario 2**

*US quota +  
75,000 metric  
tons*

Changes in billion Euro relative to 2013		
	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>
Primary production	-0.02	0.06
Beef	-0.01	0.13
Dairy	0.17	0.07
Processed Food	0.10	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.34</b>

# Conclusion and closing remarks



## Summary

- TTIP will have a **large and positive impact** on the Irish economy
- TTIP will **boost Irish GDP by 1.1%** or €2.0 billion
- **Exports will increase by 3.8%** and require **5.000-10.000 export-related jobs** in Ireland
- **Real wages** will increase by 1.5%
  - slightly higher for **low skilled** (1.9%)
  - Slightly lower increase for high skilled (1.2%)
- **Main sectors of opportunities for Ireland**
  - Pharmaceuticals and chemicals
  - Electrical machinery
  - Other machinery
  - Agri-food (notably dairy and processed food)
  - Insurance

## **Ireland will have the means and time to adapt**

TTIP will strengthen Ireland's most productive sectors  
Sector composition will anyway change over time.

There is time to adapt and find appropriate policy responses.

Certain sectors (beef and primary agriculture) will require careful consideration to limit negative impacts:

- Maintain certain tariffs
- Moderate increase of quotas (and consider composition hereof)
- Maintain equivalence of standards – ensure that US imports must meet the same standards as EU producers concerning animal health, traceability and environmental standards and hormone-free beef
- Ensure that meeting EU standards do not have unwarranted negative effects on US exporters

## Closing remarks

- Tariffs and NTBs for goods dominate the impact for Ireland, but service barriers are not to be neglected
- The opening of beef and primary agriculture need to be considered carefully, and opportunities for dairy and processed foods needs to be pursued
- Productivity gains from TTIP likely to be important
- TTIP has considerable gains, and requires timely policy considerations to manage the long-term adjustment in particular sectors
- Important to position Ireland's sectors and companies to pursue opportunities
- The potential benefits are substantial, but hinge on difficult issues: NTB actionability.

This will not be easy.

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