

Eurozone growth back to pre-crisis level

The eurozone economy expanded 0.6 percent in the first three months of 2016, meaning growth in the 19-country currency bloc is now at the same rate as it was before the 2008 financial crisis

Growth of euro area gross domestic product
(% change over previous quarter)

2008: EU share of world GDP stands at **20.23%**
European Commission predicts growth of **1.4%**

2016: Growth of **0.6%** in first quarter outpaces growth in UK at **0.4%** and U.S. at **0.5%**

