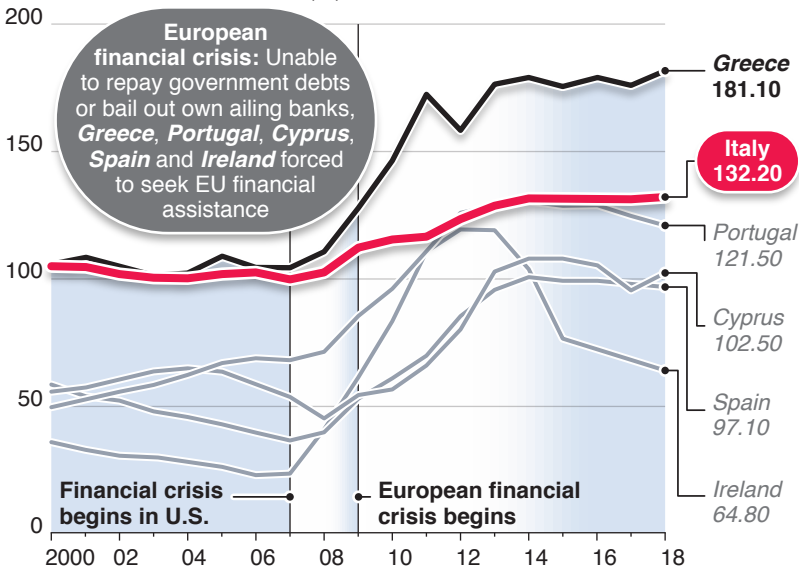


Italy could face EU financial sanctions

The European Commission says Italy is breaching EU rules over its mounting debt, starting a process that could lead to financial sanctions

GOVERNMENT DEBT TO GDP (%)



Despite no EU bailout, Italy's debt to GDP ratio is second only to that of Greece. Increasing signs suggest that if left unchecked, Italy could trigger another, more damaging, European debt crisis