



CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

ROBUST GROWTH: FROM RECOVERY TO EXPANSION

Growth has been around

2%

in the EU and the euro area in recent years

49%

of Europeans have a **positive opinion** of the current situation of the European economy

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE
in the EU and euro area



The EU and euro area have now grown for

26

consecutive quarters

The ratio of government debt in the EU has fallen from

88.3%

(2014) to

81.9%

(2018)

Public deficit in the EU has decreased

from **6.6%** (2009)

to **0.7%** (2018)

Source: European Commission.

MORE AND BETTER JOBS

14.2 million jobs

created in the EU since the start of the Juncker Commission

Record high number of people -

241.5 million

in employment

JOBS



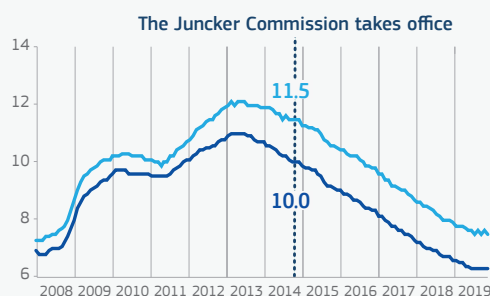
The **employment rate** was at a record high in the second quarter of 2019, at

73.9%

Unemployment is declining
% of active population

While still too high, **youth unemployment** has decreased from a peak of 24% in January 2013 to

14.4%



Source: European Commission.