

# Measuring Euro Area Monetary Policy

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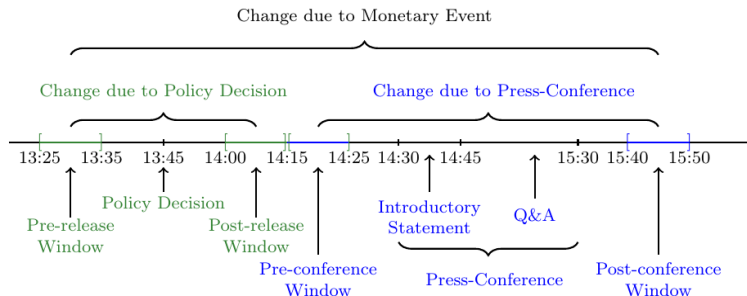
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- Will help in increased attention for and research on euro area monetary policy.

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2 Euro Area Monetary Policy Event Study Database (EA-MPD)

3 Data appendix of Altavilla, Brugnolini, Gürkaynak, Motto, and Ragusa (2018)

4 "Measuring Euro Area Monetary Policy"

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7 Definitions and data construction explained in detail in the paper and appendices.

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9 Contents:

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27 OIS7Y: 7 years OIS rate change in the relevant window in basis points.

Notes Press Release Window Press Conference Window Monetary Event Window

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232	15/04/15	1.70	0.06	0.23	0.28	0.57	0.89	0.90	0.60	0.50	-0.09	-0.31	-0.62	-0.75	-0.85	-1.10	-1.30	-1.40	-0.30	-0.20	0.60	0.60	0.55	0.40	0.00	-0.35	-0.04	
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234	16/07/15	0.00	0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.23	0.47	0.50	0.55	0.82	1.20	1.53	1.61	1.78	1.90	1.90	1.80	1.00	0.00	0.10	0.50	0.80	0.85	1.25	1.50	1.70	1.5	
235	03/09/15	0.00	-0.12	-0.03	-0.27	-0.20	-0.76	-1.50	-1.90	-2.40	-4.00	-2.23	-2.02	-1.84	-1.60	-1.35	-1.20	-0.60		-0.30	-1.25	-1.60	-2.40	-2.95	-2.65	-2.40	-2.1	
236	22/10/15	-1.00	0.00	-1.00	-2.40	-3.16	-3.50	-4.50	-4.10	-4.10	-4.00	-4.12	-4.20	-4.07	-3.95	-3.30	-3.10	0.30	-1.80	-3.40	-4.50	-4.95	-4.90	-4.75	-4.95	-5.10	-5.2	
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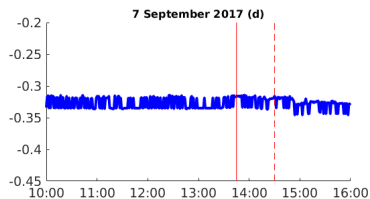
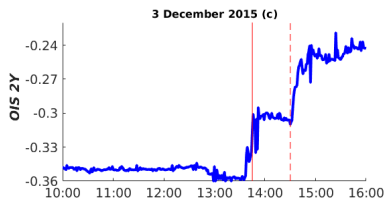
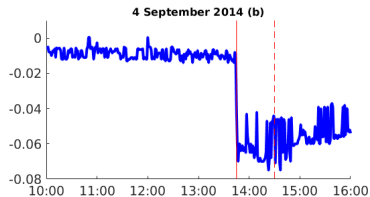
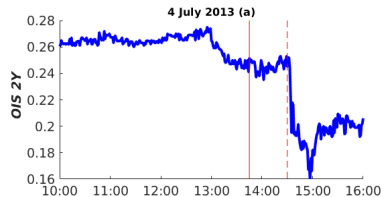
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# Market behavior in the two windows

- Very different reactions in press release and conference windows.
- Information flow can be in neither, either, or both windows.

# Examples of different market reactions across windows



# Policymaking practice has been changing over time

- Meetings twice a month with press conference once a month at the beginning,
- Then monthly meetings (since 2001),
- Then six-week cycles (since 2015),
- And QE announcements (since 2014).

- How many dimensions of policy do the market reactions suggest?
- Cragg and Donald test of significant factors.

# Number of factors

	Press Release Window		Conference Window	
	Pre-QE	Full sample	Pre-QE	Full sample
$H_0 : k = 0$	46.20 (0.001)	49.12 (0.000)	105.49 (0.000)	108.438 (0.000)
$H_0 : k = 1$	18.77 (0.173)	22.54 (0.068)	33.73 (0.002)	39.63 (0.000)
$H_0 : k = 2$			14.86 (0.061)	17.44 (0.025)
$H_0 : k = 3$				3.97 (0.263)

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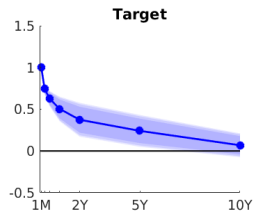
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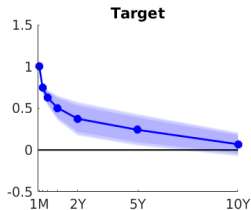
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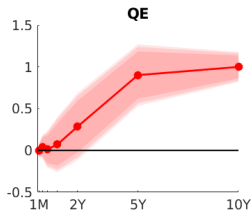
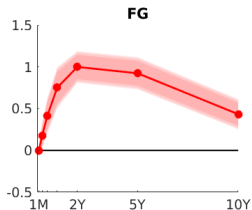
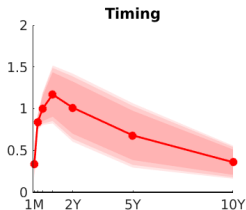


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# Factor loadings

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Target	1.00*** (0.02)	0.74*** (0.03)	0.63*** (0.04)	0.50*** (0.06)	0.37*** (0.08)	0.24*** (0.08)	0.07 (0.06)
Constant	0.20*** (0.02)	0.09** (0.04)	0.11** (0.05)	0.14** (0.07)	0.05 (0.09)	-0.03 (0.11)	-0.05 (0.09)
Observations	185	185	185	185	185	185	185
R-squared	0.98	0.91	0.83	0.60	0.33	0.12	0.02

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Timing	0.33*** (0.07)	0.84*** (0.02)	1.00*** (0.02)	1.17*** (0.02)	1.01*** (0.02)	0.68*** (0.03)	0.36*** (0.02)
FG	0.00 (0.03)	0.17*** (0.01)	0.41*** (0.01)	0.75*** (0.01)	1.00*** (0.02)	0.92*** (0.03)	0.43*** (0.02)
QE	0.00 (0.02)	0.04* (0.02)	0.02 (0.01)	0.07*** (0.02)	0.29*** (0.02)	0.90*** (0.05)	1.00*** (0.03)
LJC	0.04 (0.05)	-0.04 (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.03)	0.01 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.03)
Constant	-0.13** (0.05)	-0.13*** (0.03)	-0.15*** (0.03)	-0.22*** (0.03)	-0.35*** (0.03)	-0.25*** (0.05)	-0.13*** (0.04)
Observations	180	180	180	180	180	180	180
R-squared	0.55	0.96	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.97

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# What do the factors capture?

	1-month	3-month	6-month	1-year	2-year	5-year	10-year	SD Factor
<i>Press release window</i>								
Target	97.8	91.3	82.7	60.4	32.9	11.9	1.5	2.2
Residual	2.2	8.7	17.3	39.6	67.1	88.1	98.5	
SD OIS	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	
<i>Conference window</i>								
Timing	54.7	86.6	70.3	50.1	29.5	14.8	9.7	2.3
Forward Guidance	0.0	9.0	28.1	48.9	68.0	64.2	33.2	3.6
QE	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.7	18.7	53.8	2.0
Residual	45.3	4.2	1.6	0.9	0.8	2.3	3.3	
SD OIS	1.1	2.1	2.8	3.9	4.4	4.1	2.7	

- Press release yield volatility curve is downwards sloping. Target captures the short-end volatility. Long-end is idiosyncratic noise.
- Press conference yield volatility curve is upwards sloping, peaking at 2 to 5 years.
- FG and QE both affect these maturities.
- Timing is related to volatility of shorter (but not 1-month) maturities.
- We capture *all* of the variance of the high volatility maturities.

# Sub samples: pre-crisis. 2002-2007

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Target	1.03*** (0.02)	0.62*** (0.03)	0.42*** (0.03)	0.22*** (0.06)	0.01 (0.09)	-0.04 (0.11)	-0.07 (0.10)
Constant	0.19*** (0.03)	0.13** (0.06)	0.14** (0.06)	0.23** (0.09)	0.08 (0.09)	0.06 (0.10)	-0.08 (0.09)
Observations	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
R-squared	0.98	0.85	0.69	0.22	0.00	0.01	0.03
Sample	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002
blank	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Timing	0.23*** (0.07)	0.87*** (0.05)	0.98*** (0.04)	1.18*** (0.03)	1.07*** (0.04)	0.57*** (0.15)	0.44*** (0.07)
FG	0.02 (0.03)	0.16*** (0.04)	0.43*** (0.01)	0.80*** (0.02)	1.01*** (0.04)	1.16*** (0.13)	0.63*** (0.06)
IJC	-0.03 (0.06)	-0.05 (0.04)	0.10** (0.05)	-0.01 (0.03)	-0.13*** (0.05)	-0.04 (0.12)	-0.19* (0.10)
Constant	-0.06 (0.06)	-0.15*** (0.05)	-0.12*** (0.04)	-0.24*** (0.03)	-0.39*** (0.06)	-0.16 (0.14)	-0.18 (0.13)
Observations	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
R-squared	0.34	0.92	0.97	0.99	0.98	0.86	0.75
Sample	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002	01/2002
blank	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007	12/2007



# Crisis, before QE. 2008-2013

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Target	1.00*** (0.03)	0.77*** (0.03)	0.67*** (0.02)	0.58*** (0.04)	0.47*** (0.06)	0.31*** (0.09)	0.10 (0.08)
Constant	0.21*** (0.04)	0.03 (0.05)	0.10* (0.05)	0.07 (0.10)	0.01 (0.15)	-0.07 (0.22)	0.04 (0.17)
Observations	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
R-squared	0.98	0.97	0.95	0.79	0.53	0.20	0.04
Sample	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008
blank	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Timing	0.34*** (0.08)	0.81*** (0.02)	1.02*** (0.02)	1.17*** (0.02)	0.97*** (0.03)	0.62*** (0.04)	0.27*** (0.06)
FG	0.02 (0.03)	0.18*** (0.01)	0.39*** (0.01)	0.73*** (0.01)	1.00*** (0.02)	0.84*** (0.05)	0.36*** (0.06)
IJC	0.21** (0.09)	-0.06 (0.05)	-0.08** (0.04)	-0.03 (0.05)	-0.03 (0.08)	-0.33 (0.29)	-0.32 (0.28)
Constant	-0.24** (0.10)	-0.14** (0.05)	-0.12*** (0.04)	-0.18*** (0.05)	-0.36*** (0.09)	-0.35 (0.26)	-0.11 (0.27)
Observations	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
R-squared	0.64	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.84	0.48
Sample	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008	01/2008
blank	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013	12/2013

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Target	0.88*** (0.08)	1.05*** (0.12)	1.11*** (0.18)	1.04*** (0.14)	1.09*** (0.17)	0.92*** (0.18)	0.45* (0.25)
Constant	0.22*** (0.05)	0.08 (0.08)	0.02 (0.11)	0.05 (0.10)	-0.03 (0.14)	-0.20 (0.18)	-0.22 (0.21)
Observations	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
R-squared	0.91	0.85	0.80	0.79	0.65	0.43	0.11
Sample	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014
blank	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Timing	0.60*** (0.14)	0.92*** (0.07)	0.93*** (0.04)	1.02*** (0.05)	1.04*** (0.04)	0.87*** (0.09)	0.19** (0.07)
FG	-0.04 (0.07)	0.15*** (0.05)	0.48*** (0.02)	0.72*** (0.03)	1.00*** (0.02)	0.92*** (0.05)	0.44*** (0.04)
QE	-0.07** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.03)	0.03* (0.02)	0.16*** (0.03)	0.30*** (0.02)	0.76*** (0.05)	1.12*** (0.04)
IJC	-0.03 (0.11)	-0.06 (0.13)	0.04 (0.07)	0.06 (0.05)	-0.06* (0.03)	-0.01 (0.07)	0.02 (0.06)
Constant	-0.08 (0.10)	-0.09 (0.07)	-0.25*** (0.04)	-0.22*** (0.05)	-0.25*** (0.03)	-0.35*** (0.08)	-0.07 (0.06)
Observations	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
R-squared	0.70	0.87	0.96	0.96	0.99	0.98	0.99
Sample	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014	01/2014
blank	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018	09/2018

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# Effects on spreads: Italy

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) IT 2Y	(2) IT 2Y	(3) IT 2Y	(4) IT 5Y	(5) IT 5Y	(6) IT 5Y	(7) IT 10Y	(8) IT 10Y	(9) IT 10Y
Target	0.10 (0.11)	0.45** (0.20)	0.99*** (0.34)	-0.03 (0.12)	0.39** (0.19)	0.85** (0.42)	-0.06 (0.09)	0.16 (0.12)	0.80 (0.62)
Constant	0.15 (0.11)	-0.20 (0.29)	-0.74 (0.46)	0.03 (0.10)	-0.09 (0.31)	-0.94** (0.42)	-0.07 (0.09)	-0.07 (0.25)	-0.88** (0.43)
Observations	72	71	42	72	71	42	72	71	42
R-squared	0.04	0.22	0.12	0.00	0.16	0.10	0.03	0.05	0.08
Sample	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
blank	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) IT 2Y	(2) IT 2Y	(3) IT 2Y	(4) IT 5Y	(5) IT 5Y	(6) IT 5Y	(7) IT 10Y	(8) IT 10Y	(9) IT 10Y
Timing	1.05*** (0.06)	0.61*** (0.18)	0.75* (0.44)	0.77*** (0.07)	0.24 (0.19)	1.21** (0.54)	0.42*** (0.07)	0.14 (0.11)	0.84* (0.47)
FG	1.03*** (0.06)	0.98*** (0.10)	0.92*** (0.25)	0.94*** (0.07)	0.76*** (0.11)	1.20*** (0.32)	0.62*** (0.06)	0.30*** (0.08)	1.11*** (0.31)
QE			0.82*** (0.27)			1.07*** (0.31)			1.77*** (0.20)
IJC	-0.10 (0.06)	0.03 (0.48)	-0.19 (0.27)	-0.17* (0.09)	-0.59 (0.59)	-0.03 (0.39)	-0.21** (0.09)	-0.57 (0.41)	-0.03 (0.41)
Constant	-0.23*** (0.07)	-0.04 (0.72)	-1.18*** (0.41)	-0.32*** (0.11)	0.43 (0.85)	-1.58*** (0.46)	-0.25* (0.13)	0.61 (0.75)	-1.01** (0.43)
Observations	67	71	42	67	71	42	67	71	42
R-squared	0.96	0.44	0.55	0.90	0.26	0.67	0.76	0.08	0.81
Sample	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
blank	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) ES 2Y	(2) ES 2Y	(3) ES 2Y	(4) ES 5Y	(5) ES 5Y	(6) ES 5Y	(7) ES 10Y	(8) ES 10Y	(9) ES 10Y
Target	0.06 (0.10)	0.39** (0.18)	1.00*** (0.33)	-0.04 (0.12)	0.26* (0.14)	0.87** (0.41)	-0.07 (0.09)	0.25 (0.15)	0.81 (0.67)
Constant	0.14 (0.11)	-0.33 (0.30)	-0.46** (0.21)	0.04 (0.11)	-0.39 (0.26)	-0.55* (0.28)	-0.09 (0.09)	-0.14 (0.24)	-0.63 (0.40)
Observations	72	71	42	72	71	42	72	71	42
R-squared	0.02	0.16	0.43	0.01	0.11	0.22	0.03	0.12	0.10
Sample	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
blank	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) ES 2Y	(2) ES 2Y	(3) ES 2Y	(4) ES 5Y	(5) ES 5Y	(6) ES 5Y	(7) ES 10Y	(8) ES 10Y	(9) ES 10Y
Timing	0.61*** (0.12)	0.52*** (0.12)	1.01*** (0.31)	0.41*** (0.14)	0.30** (0.13)	1.25*** (0.45)	0.20* (0.11)	0.11 (0.10)	0.68 (0.43)
FG	0.84*** (0.09)	0.90*** (0.08)	0.72*** (0.15)	0.68*** (0.08)	0.71*** (0.08)	1.00*** (0.26)	0.32*** (0.08)	0.32*** (0.08)	0.87*** (0.27)
QE			0.49*** (0.10)			0.71*** (0.14)			1.45*** (0.19)
LJC	-0.10 (0.33)	0.04 (0.41)	0.09 (0.22)	-0.63* (0.38)	-0.52 (0.46)	-0.11 (0.38)	-0.82** (0.35)	-0.71* (0.40)	-0.01 (0.37)
Constant	-0.56 (0.36)	-0.33 (0.54)	-1.02*** (0.22)	-0.36 (0.45)	0.14 (0.65)	-1.45*** (0.38)	0.16 (0.49)	0.61 (0.67)	-0.79* (0.39)
Observations	113	71	42	113	71	42	113	71	42
R-squared	0.51	0.54	0.74	0.32	0.35	0.68	0.11	0.12	0.79
Sample	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
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- QE causes spreads to narrow, works as expected and desired.
- This is a very robust finding
- Note that QE is extracted from OIS curve *only*, is *not* defined as factor that makes spreads narrower. This is a finding, not an assumption.

Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) EUR	(2) EUR	(3) EUR	(4) EUR
Target	0.02* (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)	0.16* (0.09)
Constant	-0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)	-0.09** (0.04)
Observations	185	72	71	42
R-squared	0.04	0.01	0.10	0.25
Sample	01/2002	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
blank	09/2018	12/2007	12/2013	09/2018

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) EUR	(2) EUR	(3) EUR	(4) EUR
Timing	0.06*** (0.01)	0.07*** (0.02)	0.05*** (0.01)	0.21*** (0.06)
FG	0.05*** (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)	0.22*** (0.06)
QE	0.08*** (0.02)			0.11*** (0.03)
IJC	0.05** (0.03)	0.08** (0.03)	-0.00 (0.05)	-0.01 (0.09)
Constant	-0.02 (0.03)	0.01 (0.03)	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.12* (0.06)
Observations	180	67	71	42
R-squared	0.35	0.25	0.40	0.64
Sample	01/2002	01/2002	01/2008	01/2014
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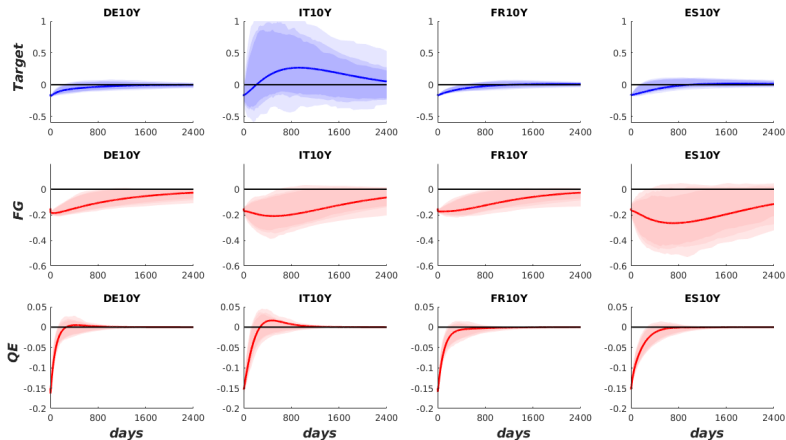
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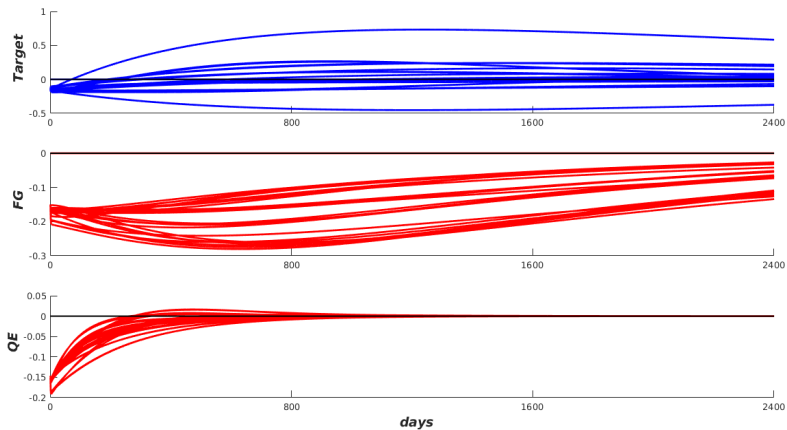
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- We do not find a “saving the euro” effect.

- Based on a daily VAR.
- We employ various different VARs, with policy surprise factors used as instruments to identify VAR.

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Panel (A): Press release window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Target	1.01*** (0.02)	0.71*** (0.04)	0.64*** (0.08)	0.47*** (0.10)	0.35*** (0.13)	0.20 (0.14)	0.04 (0.11)
Targetx(Target<0)	-0.01 (0.05)	0.07 (0.06)	0.02 (0.09)	0.12 (0.11)	0.12 (0.16)	0.13 (0.16)	0.10 (0.13)
Target<0	0.02 (0.05)	0.07 (0.08)	0.17* (0.10)	0.32** (0.15)	0.40** (0.20)	0.33 (0.26)	0.20 (0.20)
Observations	185	185	185	185	185	185	185
R-squared	0.98	0.92	0.83	0.62	0.35	0.14	0.03

Panel (B): Conference window

VARIABLES	(1) OIS 1M	(2) OIS 3M	(3) OIS 6M	(4) OIS 1Y	(5) OIS 2Y	(6) OIS 5Y	(7) OIS 10Y
Timing	-0.04 (0.16)	-0.10 (0.15)	-0.07 (0.12)	-0.03 (0.10)	0.04 (0.08)	0.08 (0.09)	0.04 (0.06)
FG	0.13 (0.17)	0.13 (0.13)	0.12 (0.12)	0.04 (0.11)	-0.03 (0.10)	-0.08 (0.06)	-0.10* (0.06)
QE	0.12 (0.16)	0.04 (0.18)	0.09 (0.18)	0.15 (0.17)	0.18 (0.19)	0.14 (0.18)	0.09 (0.12)
Timingx(Timing<0)	-0.04 (0.18)	0.06 (0.16)	0.02 (0.13)	-0.01 (0.11)	-0.12 (0.10)	-0.14 (0.11)	-0.10 (0.08)
FGx(FG<0)	-0.02 (0.19)	-0.06 (0.15)	-0.06 (0.13)	0.04 (0.12)	0.11 (0.11)	0.18** (0.08)	0.14* (0.07)
QEx(QE<0)	-0.16 (0.24)	-0.15 (0.23)	-0.19 (0.22)	-0.21 (0.21)	-0.23 (0.22)	-0.33 (0.24)	-0.25 (0.22)
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