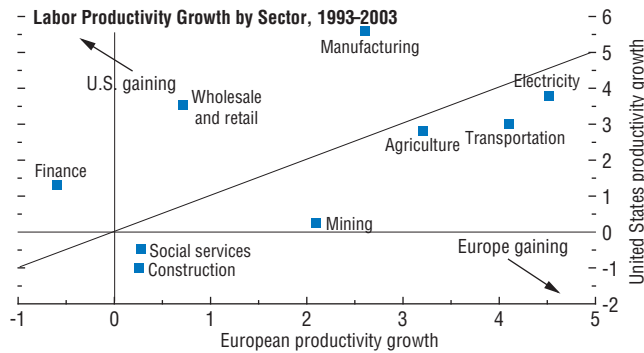
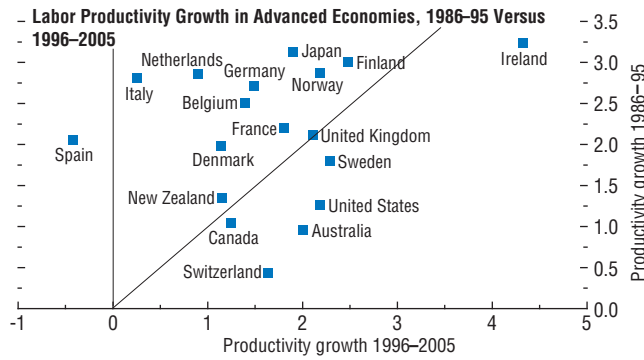
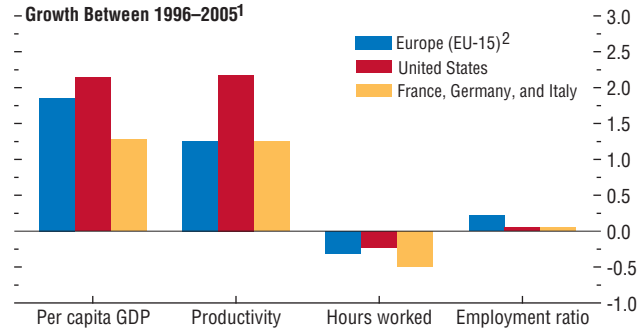


Figure 2.2. Western Europe: Boosting Productivity Is the Key to Stronger Growth
(Percent change)

Labor productivity growth in Europe has been disappointing over the past decade. Europe has underperformed in the manufacturing, financial services, and retail sectors compared to the United States.



Sources: OECD, *Economic Outlook*; and IMF staff calculations.
¹Employment ratio defined as employed persons as a percent of working age population.
²Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.