

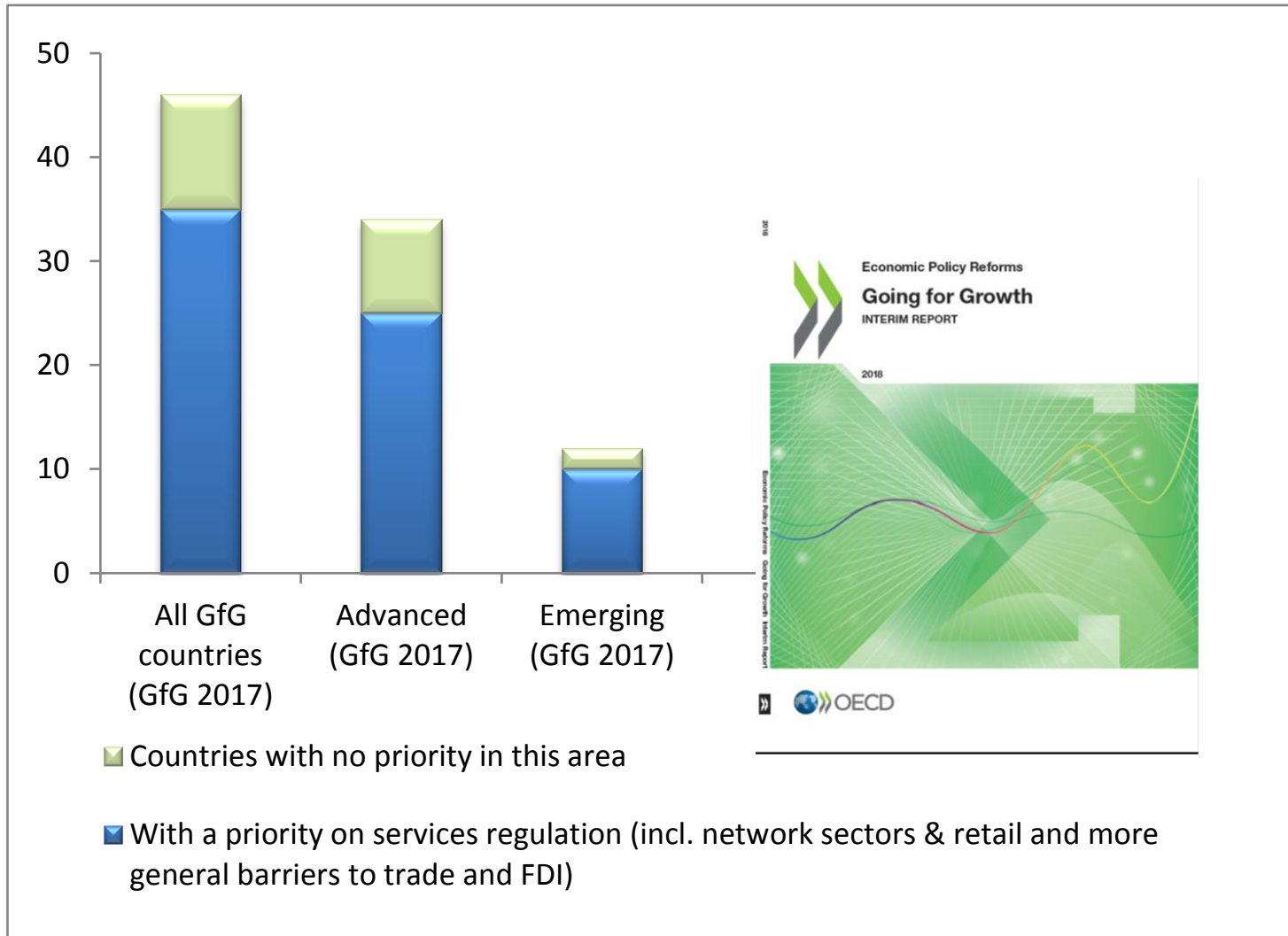


Discussion:
**Session II: The
consequences of
competition and regulation
in services**

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OECD: services (de)regulation among top 5 pro-growth reform priorities



Source: OECD Reform Tracker, forthcoming.



Questions and thoughts on approaches: (ESP) Correa-Lopez et al., (EU) van der Marel et al.

- **Sample representativeness?** **ESP:** given size of sample and subsamples, **EU:** across countries,
- **Time horizon:** when would we really expect the benefits from reform to materialise? **ESP:** immediately, **EU:** in 2 years?
- **Non-linearities?** **ESP:** firm size, **EU:** enforcement/foreign/df.
- **ESP:** service intensive industries – result or assumption? **EU:** Foreign firms suffer from conduct more, but not from entry?
- **Exogeneity of reforms?** **ESP:** “*services reforms are treated as exogenous and brought forward from EU wide directives and initiatives*”, **EU:** doesn't seem too concerned.
- **Fixed I/O tables:** what if: services liberalisation -> lower prices -> input substitution? Would this imply effects are underestimated?
- **Independent variables:** trending variables can cause problems for identification (particularly in **ESP**, but also in **EU**)



More general questions and thoughts

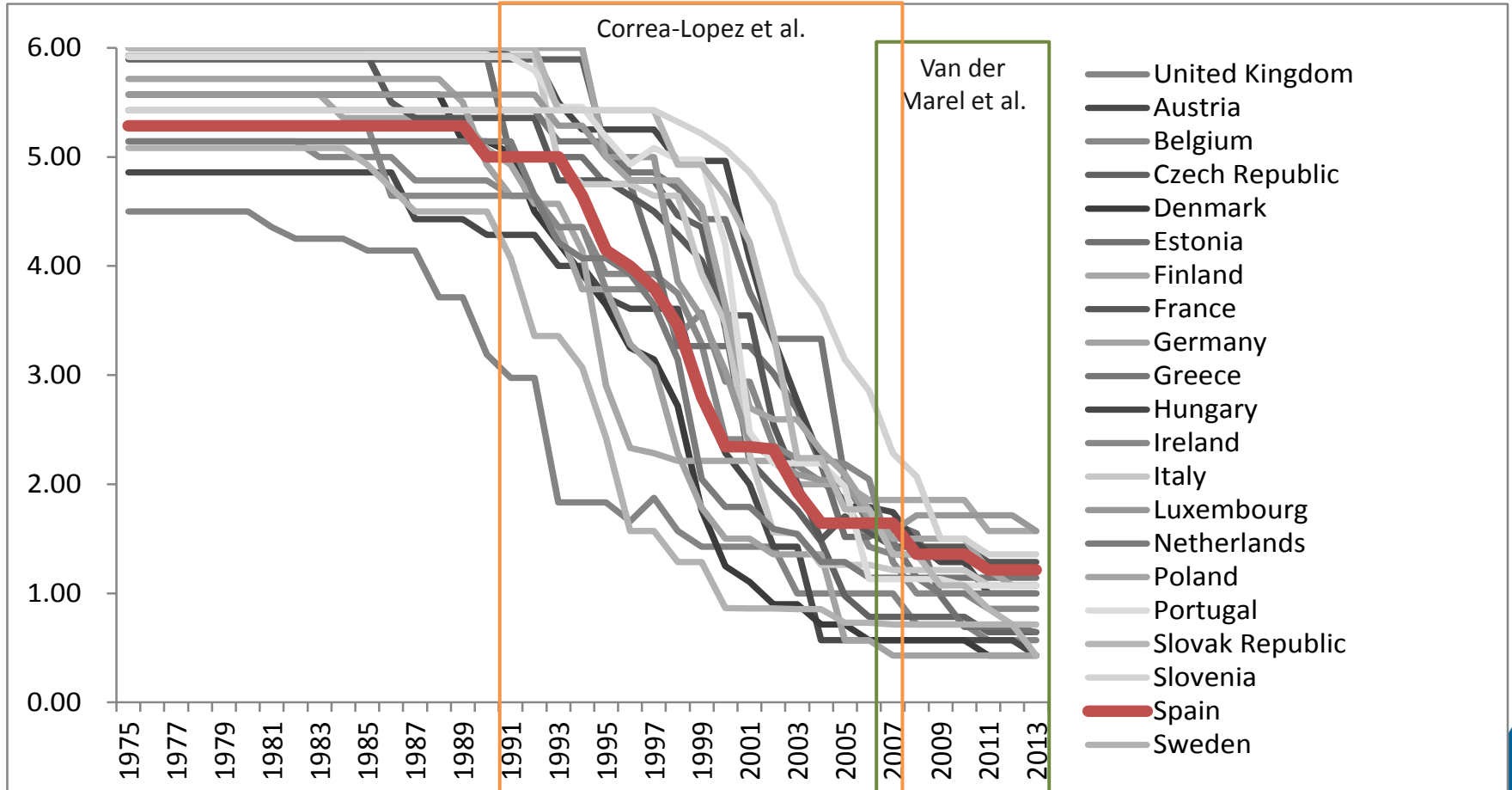
Taking the results at face value:

- How important is EU harmonisation/single market for services?
- Is what you find “low hanging fruit”? Has it been picked already?
- What about “new” service markets? Digital/data, etc.?
- Limits of measurement?



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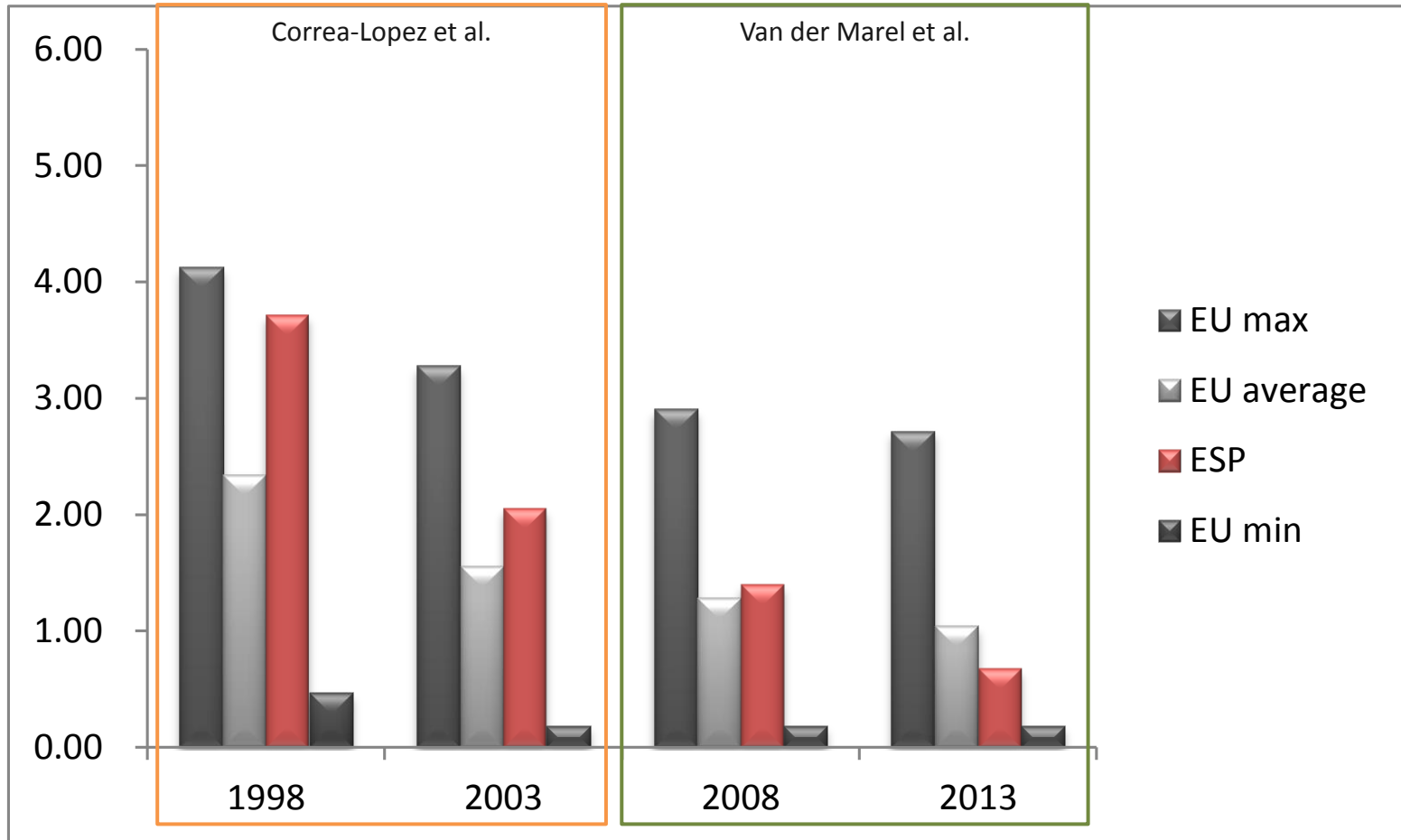
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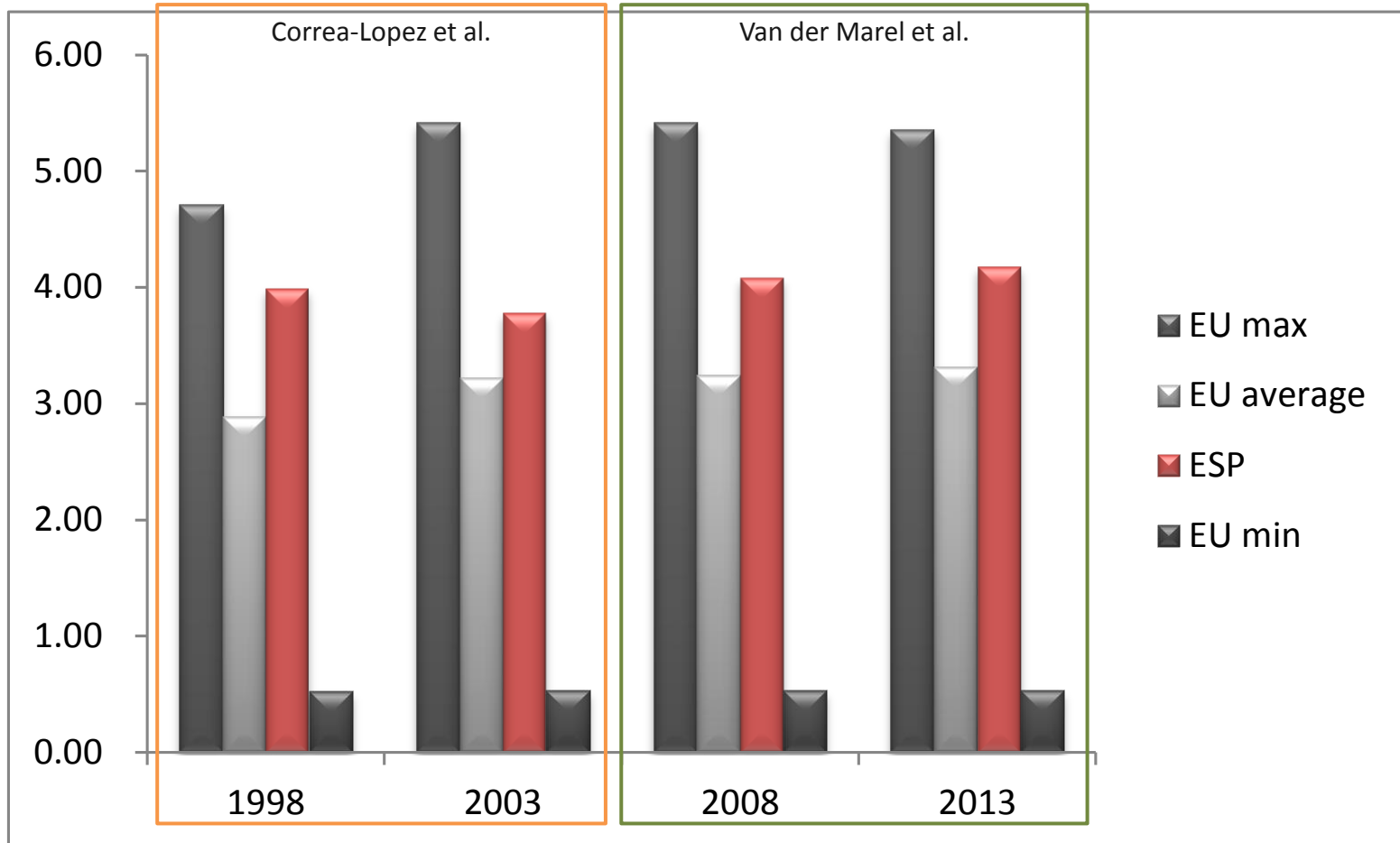
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Better design and measure regulations and understand their effects?



PROGRAMME FOR EFFECTIVE
MARKET REGULATION (PEMR)



OECD's Programme for Effective Market Regulation – to respond to new challenges in (measuring) regulations

- Reform tracking (IMF, OECD):
 - Better evidence (e.g. what is best practice)
 - Narrative approaches
 - Quasi-natural experiments
 - Case studies