

Rising Policy Risk Suggests Further Meaningful EU Integration Unlikely in 2017

The far-reaching nature and ubiquity of the political shifts under way in Europe means that the impact of the upcoming elections could be more significant from a credit perspective than is usually the case.

- » Policy uncertainty in several EU economies may drive market volatility and weaken regional growth
- » Fundamental flaws in the euro-area will persist due to a lack of meaningful further integration
- » The near-term prospect of a member state deciding to leave the EU or euro currency bloc is rising, but remains low
- » Europe's election calendar is one of many factors that will complicate negotiations over the UK's withdrawal from the EU

UNITED KINGDOM **GERMANY** 2017 FORECAST 2017 FORECAST 5.2% 1.0% 66.0% 4.7% 1.5% Government Unemployment Real GDP growth Government Unemployment Real GDP growth **ELECTION DATE ELECTION DATE** General election, 8 June 2017 Federal Election, 24 September 2017 MAIN RULING PARTY MAIN RILLING PARTY Conservatives Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands (CDU) KEY OPPOSITION PARTIES Sozialdemokratische Partei Labour Deutschlands (SPD) Liberal Democrats Scottish National Party KEY OPPOSITION PARTIES NITED Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) Die Linke **FRANCE** Die Grünen **GERMANY ITALY** 98.2%* **FRANCE** 9.8% 1.3% 2017 FORECAST Government Unemployment Real GDP growth Debt to GDP 132.9% 11.2% 0.8% FLECTION DATE Government Unemployment Real GDP growth Presidential election, 7 May 2017 **ITALY ELECTION DATE** (second round) Federal Election, by 23 May 2018 Legislative Election - 11 June and (Potentially in 2017) 18 June 2017 (second round) MAIN RULING PARTY MAIN RULING PARTY Partito Democratico Parti Socialiste KEY OPPOSITION PARTIES KEY OPPOSITION PARTIES Les Républicains Movimento 5 Stelle En Marche! Forza Italia Front National Lega Nord *Excludes SFEF Source: Moody's Investors Service

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