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Chairman of the supervisory board

First item on the agenda

Report on the financial year 2018

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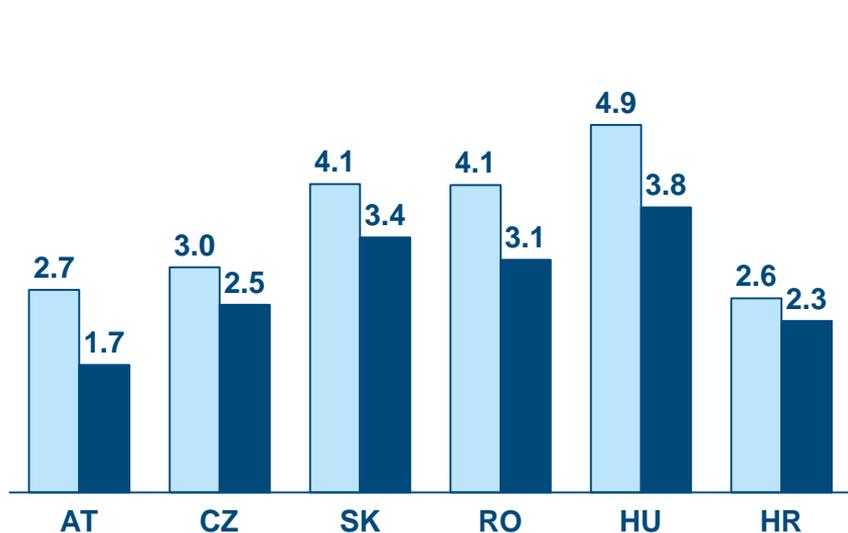
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Operating environment –

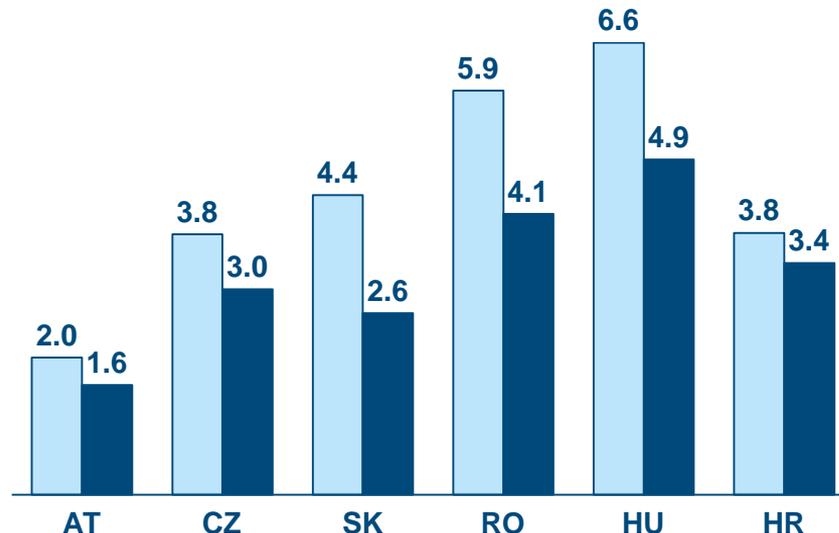
Strong economic development in Erste Group's key markets



Real GDP growth (in %)



Domestic demand contribution to GDP growth (in %)

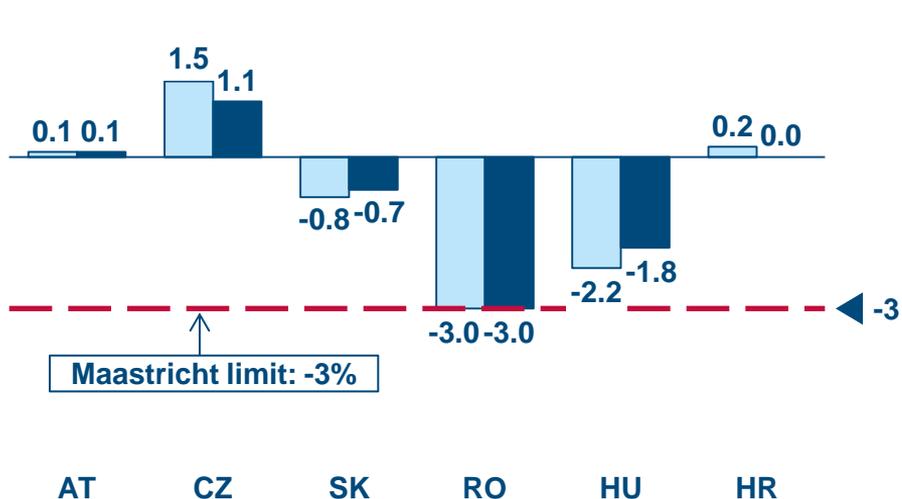


- CEE economies grew faster than the euro zone in 2018 (euro zone GDP grew by 1.8% yoy in 2018)
- Domestic demand remained significant growth driver in 2018
- Insignificant contribution of net exports to GDP growth in 2018

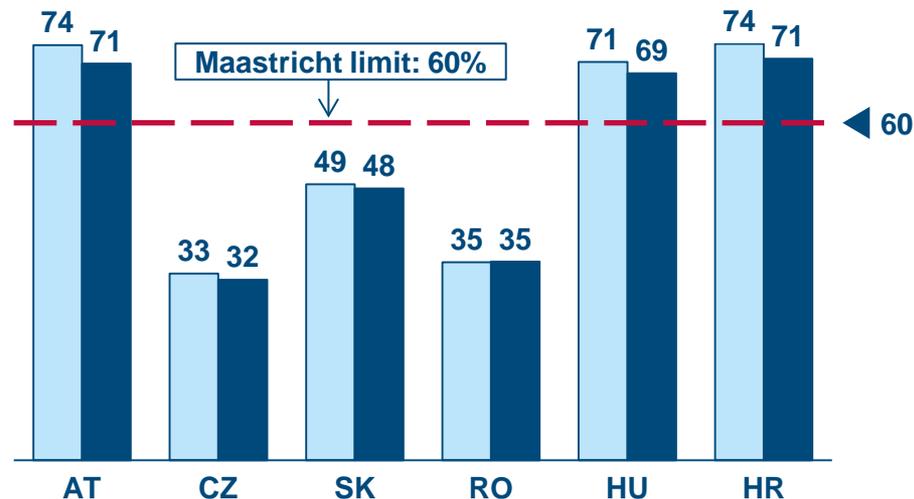
Operating environment – Solid public finances in Erste Group's markets

2018
2019

General government balance (in % of GDP)



Public debt (in % of GDP)

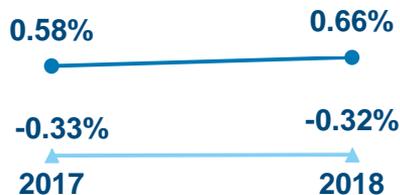


- General government balance in all markets within Maastricht limit
- Public debt in most markets below 60% Maastricht limit; Austria, Hungary and Croatia are exceptions, but with a positive trend

Business environment – Low interest rates still hurt, CZ rates have started to rise

▲ 3m Interbank
● 10-year Gov

Austria



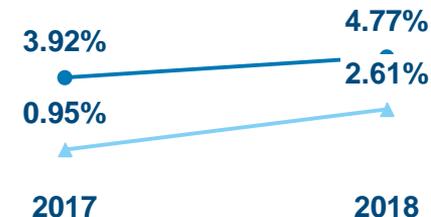
- ECB cut discount rate to 0% in March 2016; maintains expansionary monetary policy stance

Czech Republic



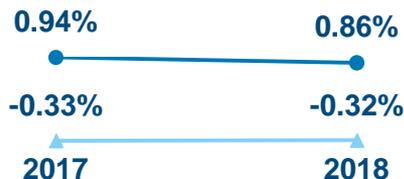
- National bank increased its benchmark rate in several steps from historic low of 0.05% to 2.00% since August 2017

Romania



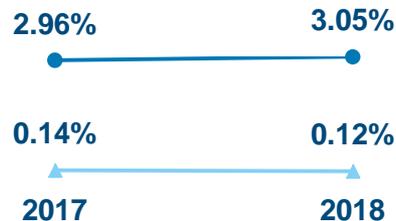
- Central bank increased policy rate from historic low of 1.75% to 2.50% in January, February and May 2018

Slovakia



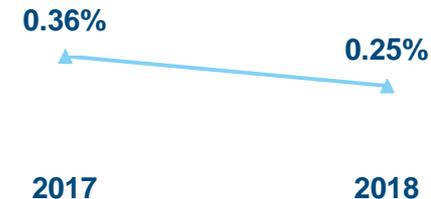
- As part of euro zone ECB rates are applicable in SK

Hungary



- Base rate was cut to historic low of 0.9% in May 2016

Croatia



- Central bank maintains discount rate at 3.0% since 2015

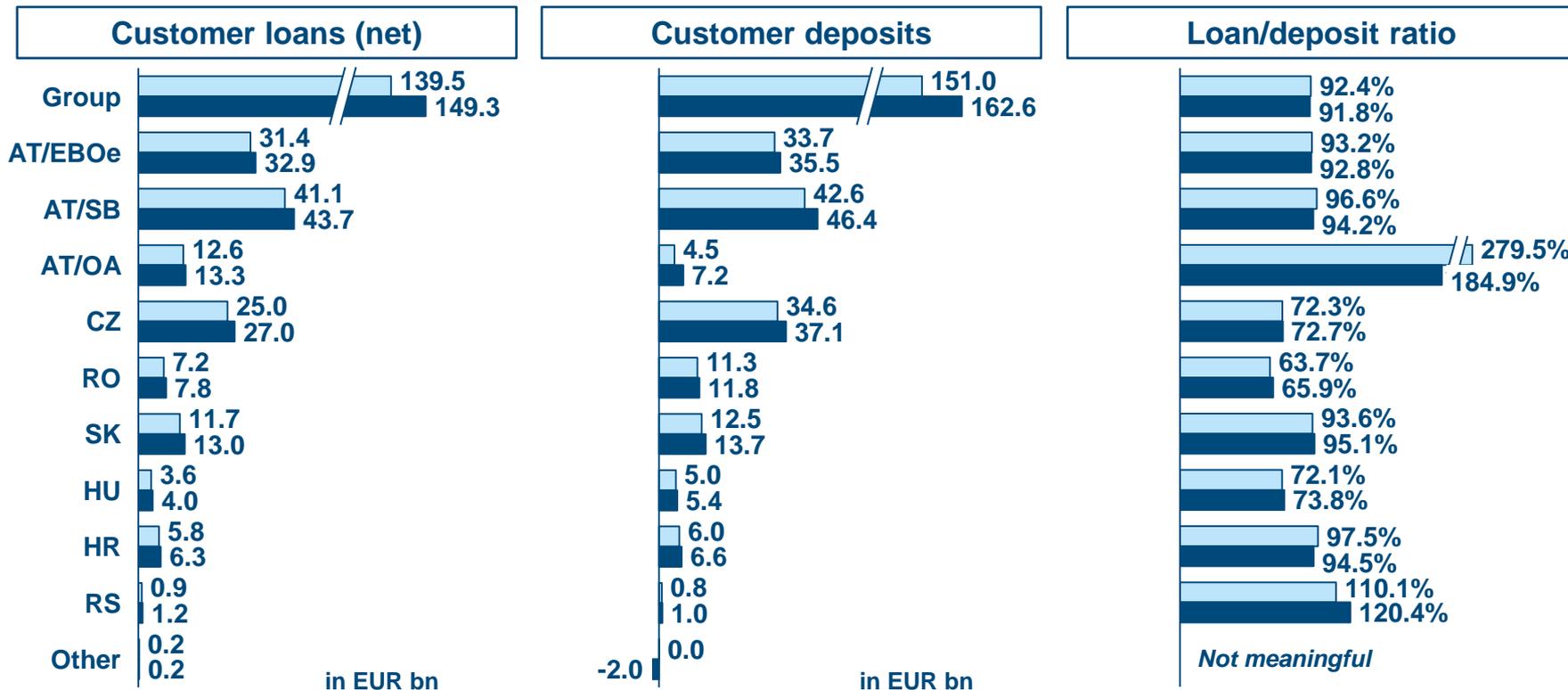
Source: Bloomberg.

Business performance: customer loans and deposits –

Continued loan growth, strong deposit base, balanced business

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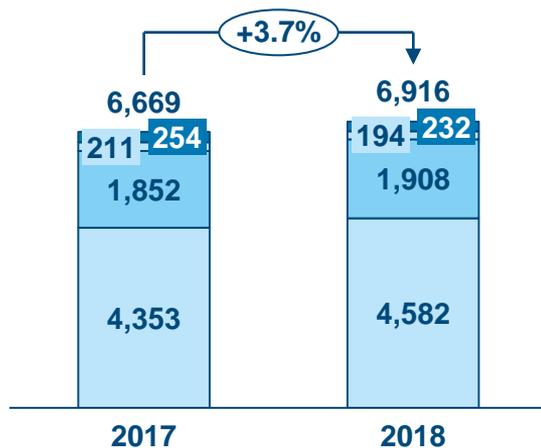


Business performance: operating revenues and expenses –

Revenues rise on strong net interest income, operating expenses stable

Operating revenues

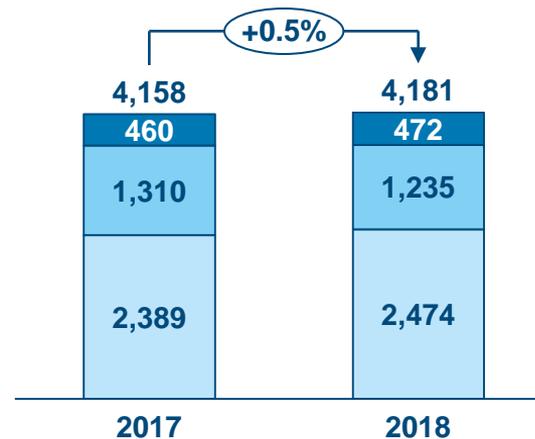
in EUR m



- Net interest income
- Net fee and commission income
- Net trading and fair value result
- Other income

Operating expenses

in EUR m



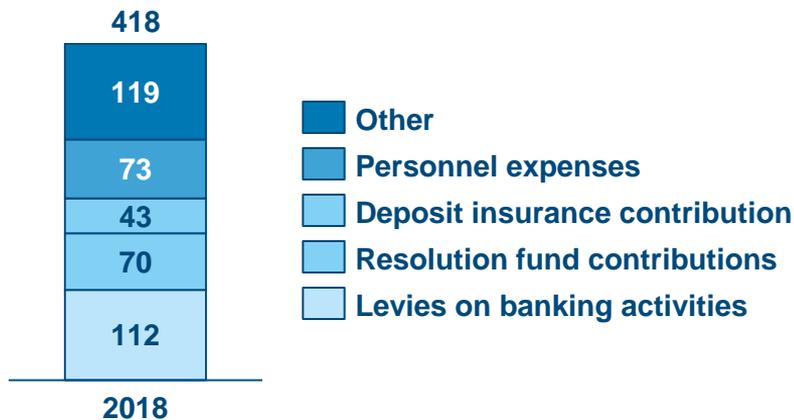
- Personnel expenses
- Other administrative expenses
- Depreciation and amortisation

Focus on operating expenses –

Regulatory costs and inflation absorbed in 10-year comparison

Additional expenses related to regulation

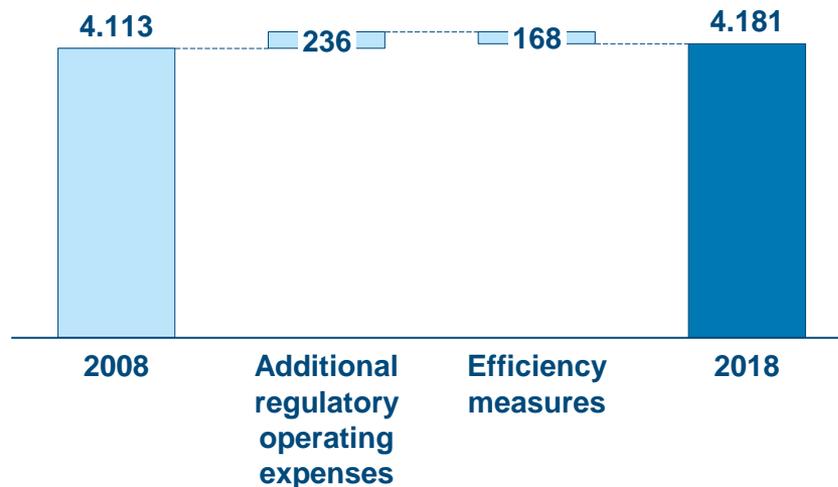
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- Presentation of additional regulatory expenses p.a. compared to 2008
- Increase in deposit insurance contributions since 2008 (Total 2018: EUR 89m)
- Other comprises IT-Projects, additional trainings and supervisory costs

Development of operating expenses¹

in EUR m

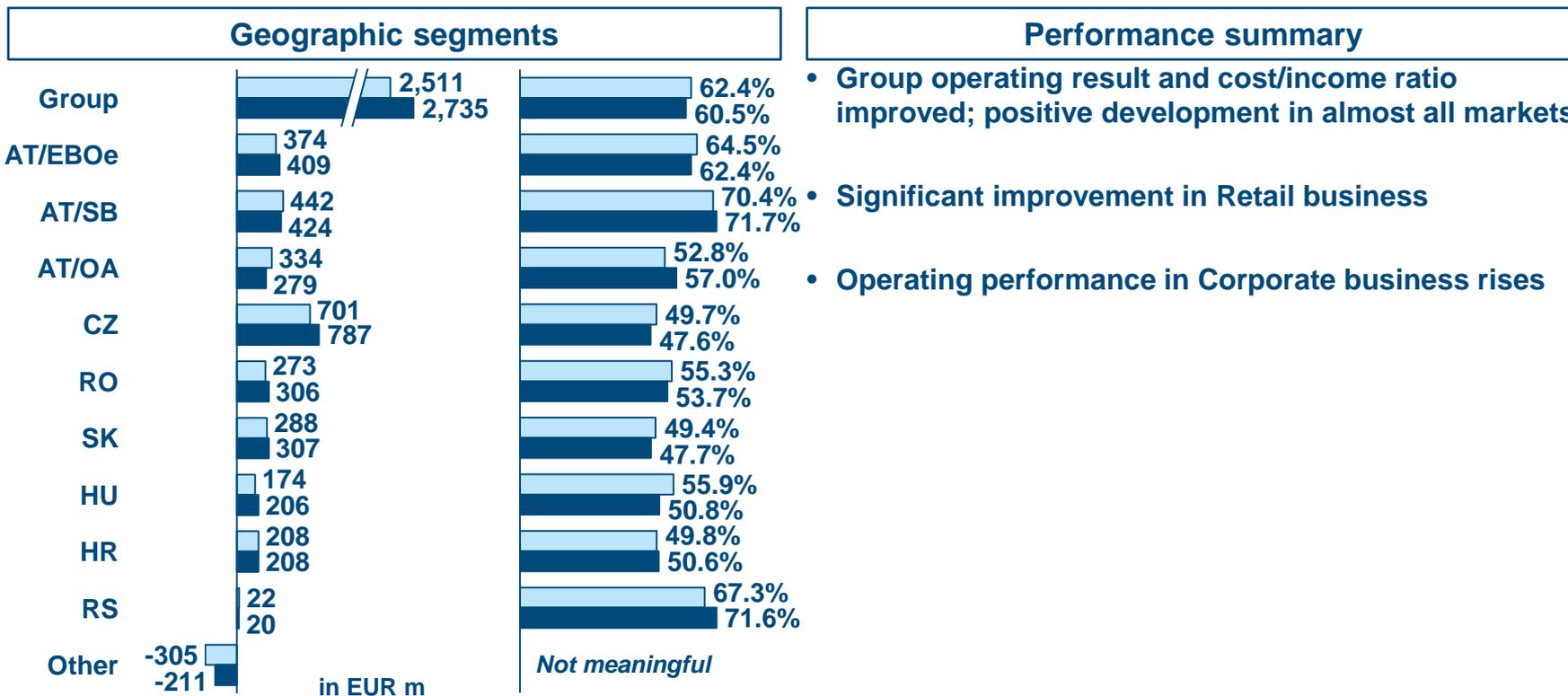


1) Contributions into resolution funds and levies on banking activities are shown in other operating result

Business performance: operating result and cost/income ratio –

Operating turnaround, led by CZ, RO and AT/EBOe

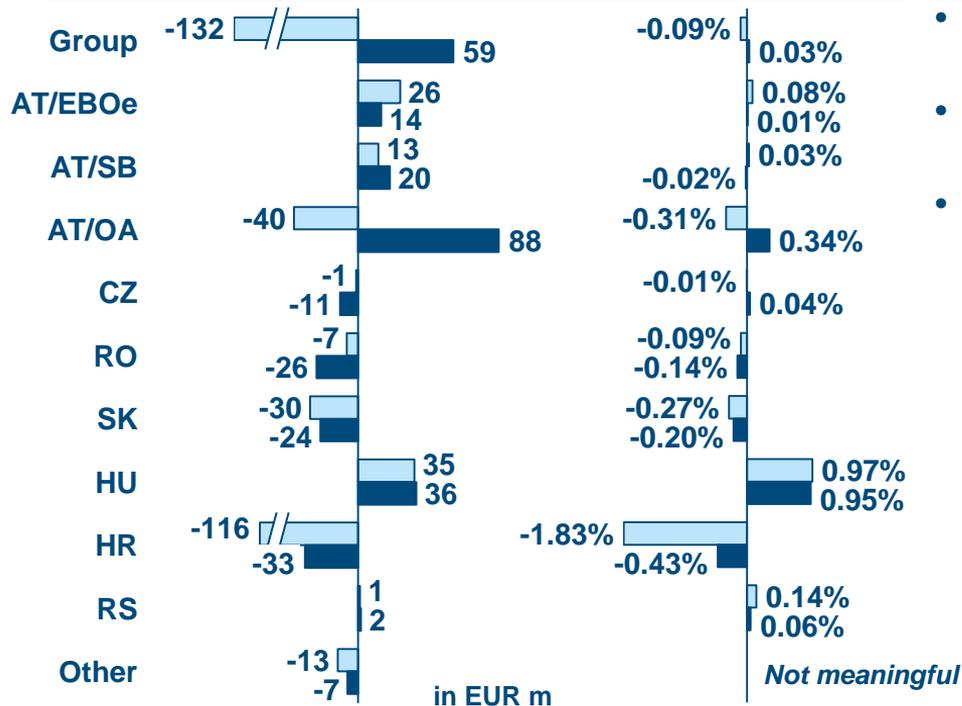
2017
2018



Business performance: risk costs – Net releases reflect improving asset quality

2017
2018

Geographic segments



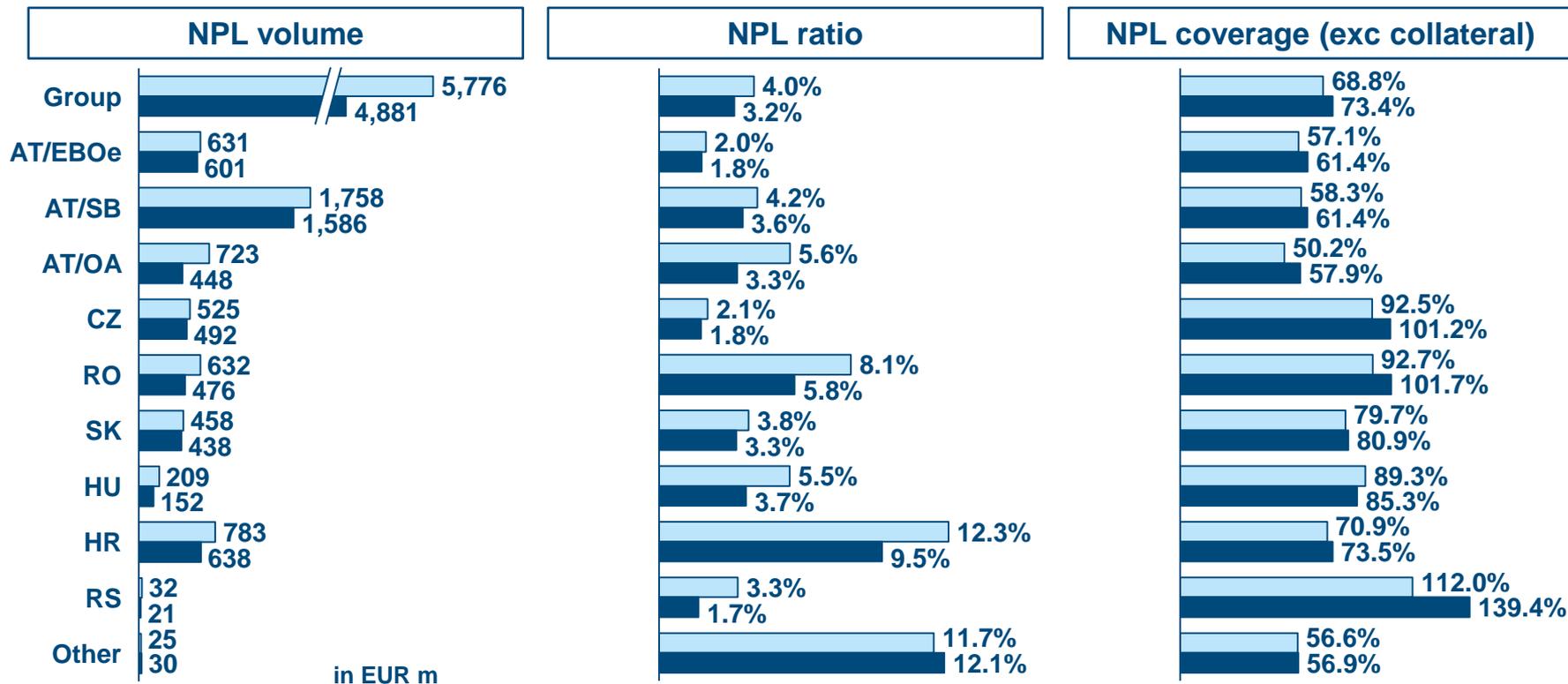
Performance summary

- Excellent credit risk environment across the board
- Historically low risk costs
- Net releases in Austria, Croatia and Serbia

Business performance: asset quality in 2018 –

Strong asset quality improvement

2017
2018

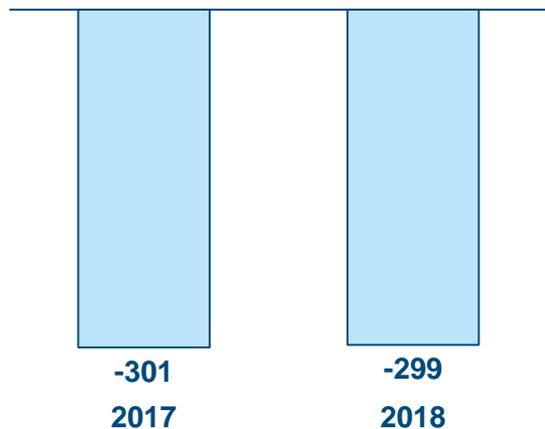


Business performance: other result –

Other result stable at 2017 levels

Other result *

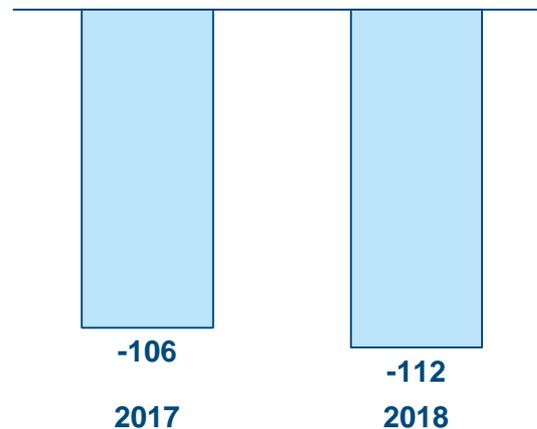
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- Other result remains relatively stable despite minor increases in banking levies and contributions into resolution funds

Levies on banking activities

in EUR m



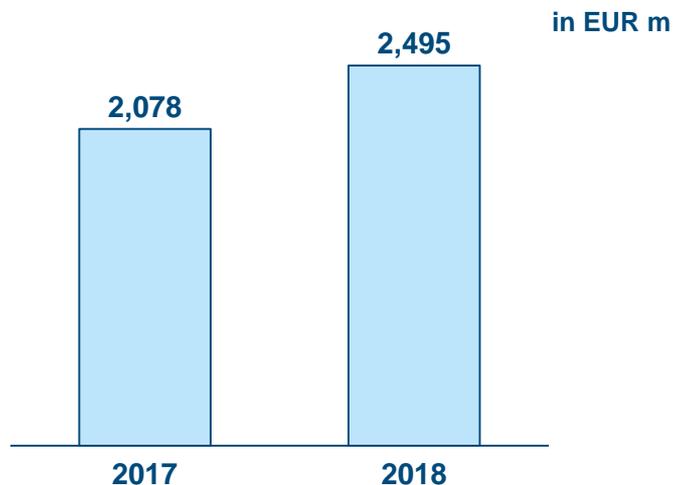
- Slight increase in banking levies in Slovakia and Hungary, stable in Austria

*) Includes other operating result and gains/losses from financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value through profit or loss, net.

Business performance: pre-tax result and taxes on income –

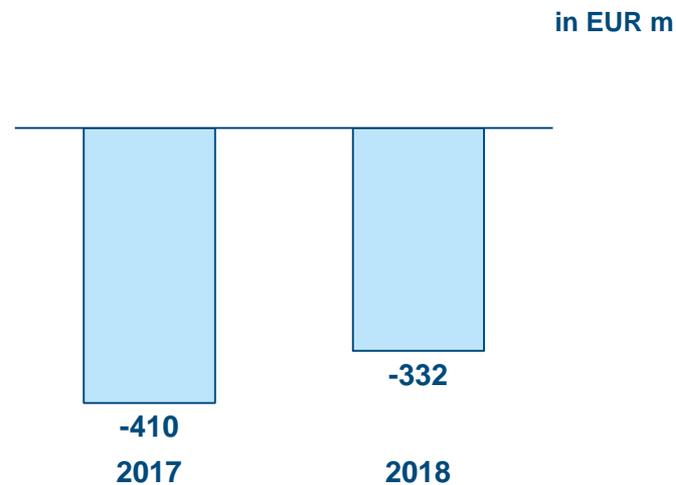
Further increase in pre-tax result

Pre-tax result



- Strong increase in operating performance and net releases lead to further improvement of pre-tax result

Taxes on income

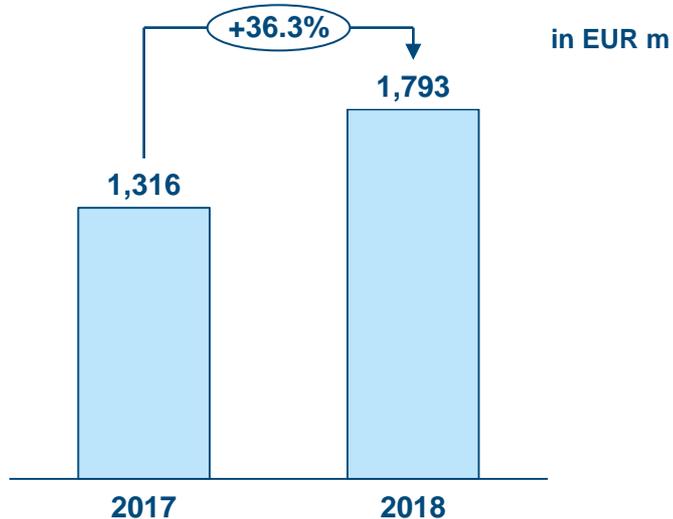


- Tax rate is at 13.3% in 2018 due to the recognition of deferred tax assets

Business performance: net result and dividend –

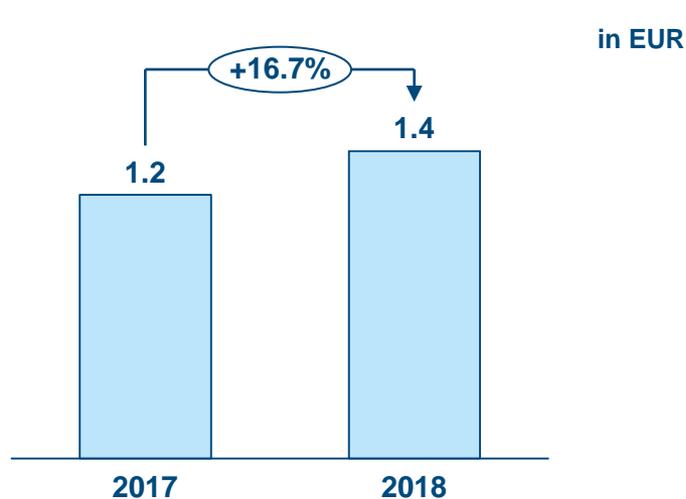
Dividend raised to EUR 1.4 per share on the back of record net profit

Net result



- Highest net profit in corporate history

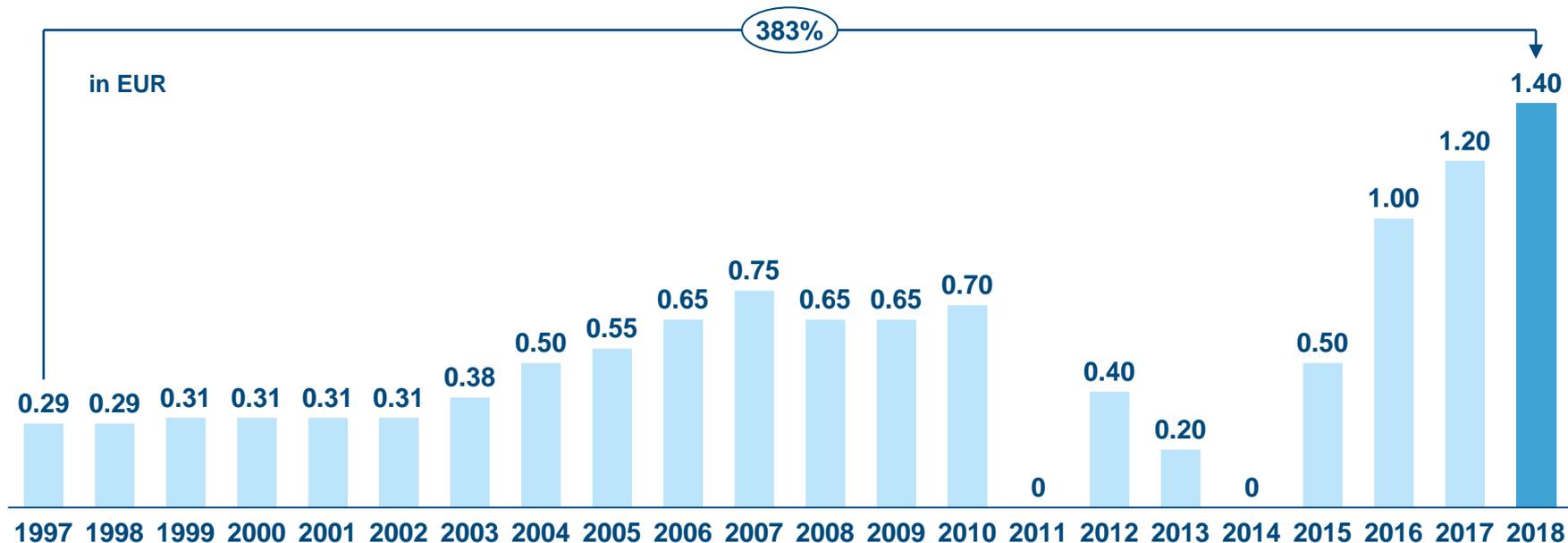
Dividend



- Payout ratio equates 33.6%

Erste Group since 1997 –

Dividend payments since IPO amount to EUR 3.9 billion

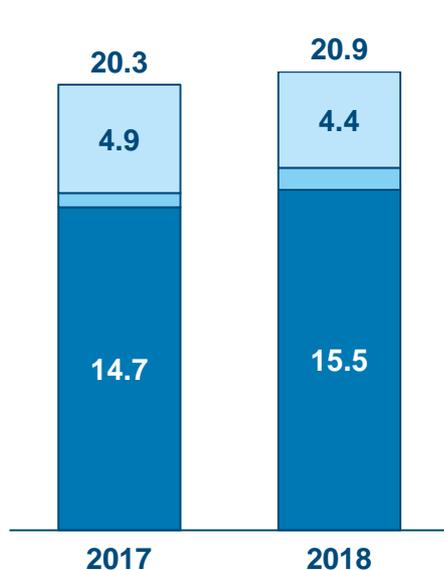


- Since the IPO (and including the dividend for 2018) a total of EUR 11.35 has been paid out per share
- Total dividend payment for 2018 amounts to about EUR 601.7m

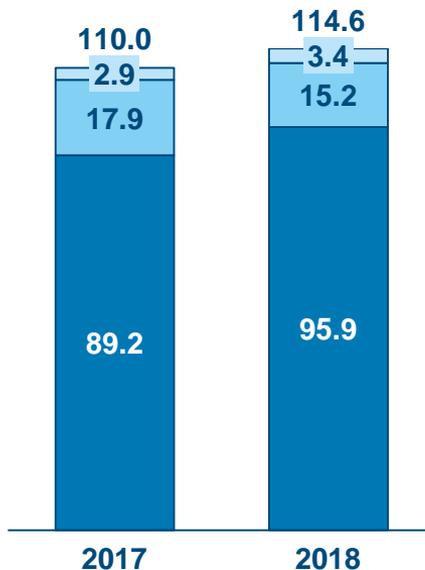
Business performance: regulatory capital position –

Continued strong capital position in 2018: CET1 ratio at 13.5%

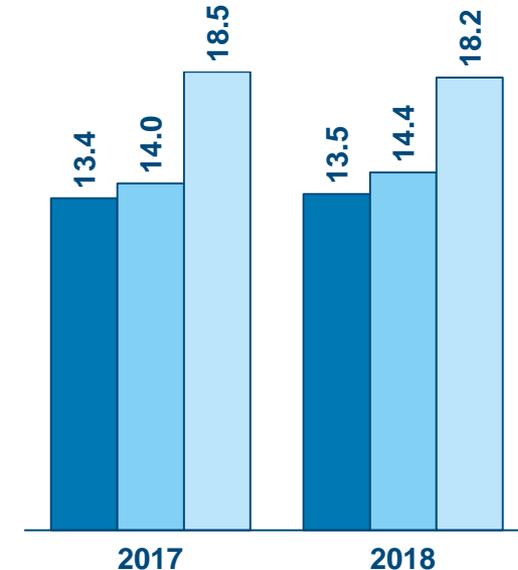
Regulatory capital (EUR bn)



Risk-weighted assets (EUR bn)



Capital ratios (in %)



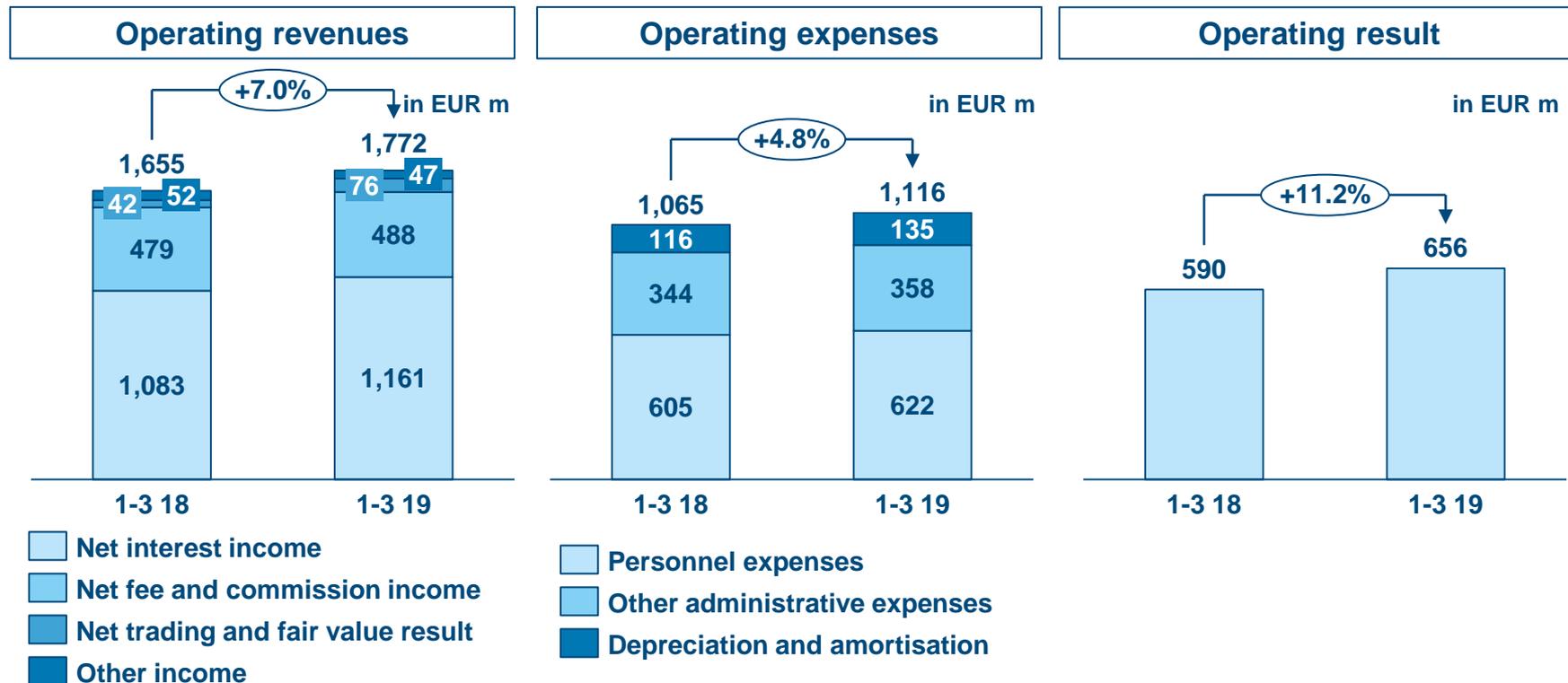
■ CET1 ■ AT1 ■ Tier 2

■ Credit RWA ■ Market risk
■ Op risk

■ CET1 ■ Tier 1 ■ Total capital

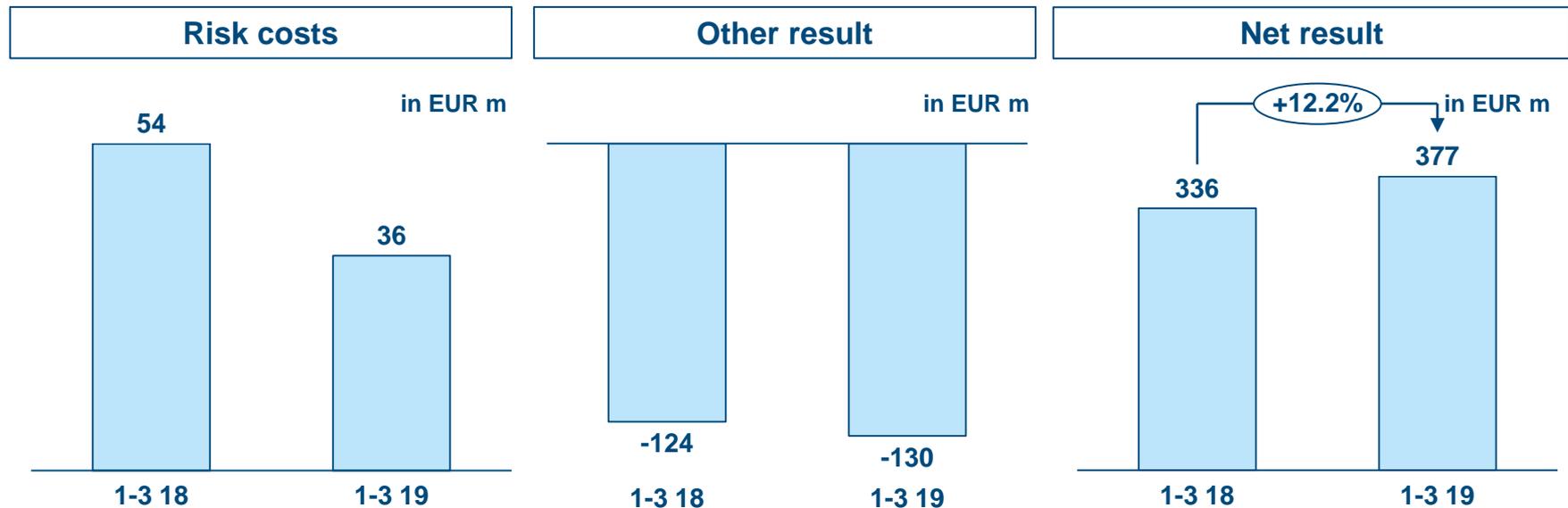
Q1 19 performance summary –

Operating result rises substantially as NII and fees grow



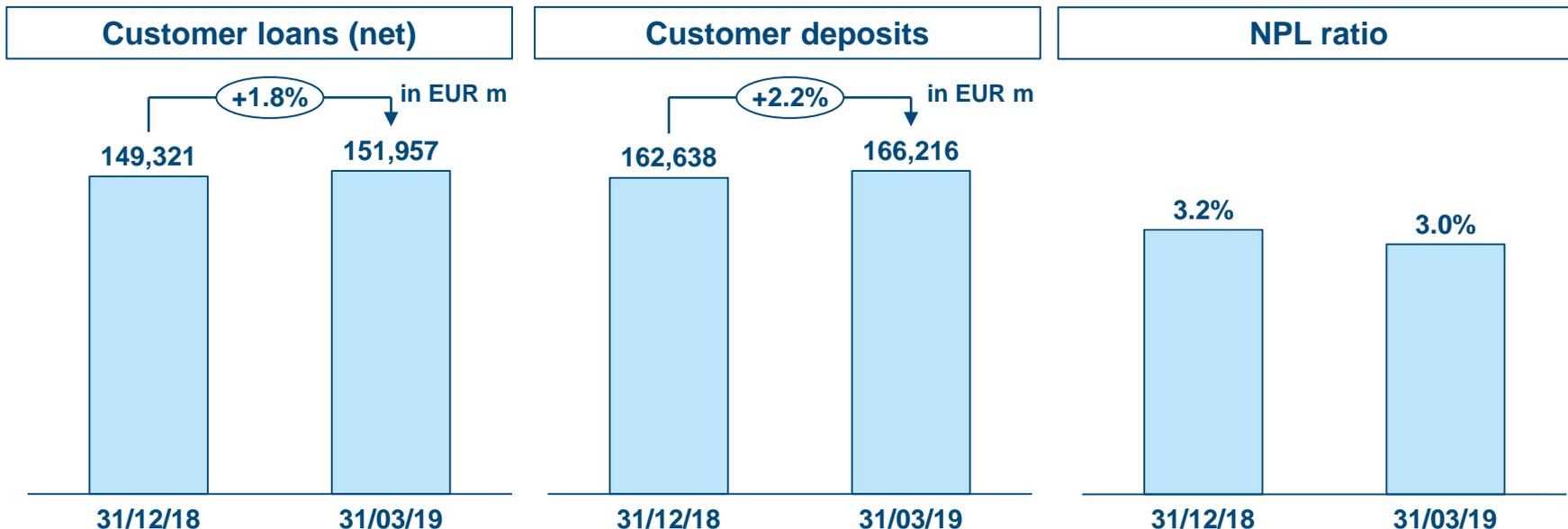
Q1 19 performance summary –

Operating performance drives improvement in net result in Q1 19



- Net releases
- Other result remains stable, slight increase in contributions into resolution funds
- Return on tangible equity of 12.5%

Q1 19 performance summary – Volume growth & excellent asset quality



- Customer loan growth mainly driven by the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria
- Continued inflow of customer deposits despite low interest rate environment
- Asset quality improves further

Conclusion – Outlook 2019

Macro outlook 2019

- Real GDP growth of approx. 3% expected in 2019 in CEE and about 2% in Austria
- Real GDP growth to be driven by solid domestic demand, as real wage growth and low unemployment support economic activity in CEE
- Solid public finances across CEE

Business outlook 2019

- ROTE for 2019 targeted at >11% (based on average tangible equity)
- Revenue growth > cost growth based on mid-single digit loan growth
- Risk costs to rise, but to remain at historically low levels (10-20 bps)
- Other operating result negatively impacted by Romanian banking tax (max EUR 20m)
- Tax rate expected below 20%

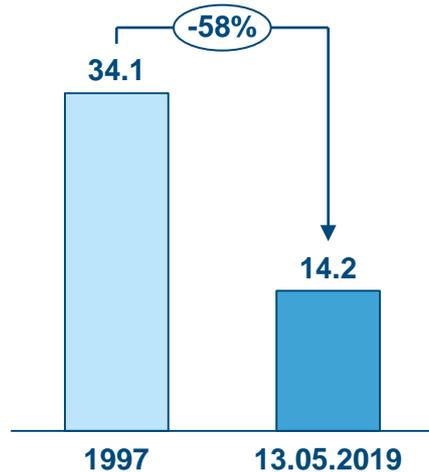
Risk factors for guidance

- Impact from other than expected interest rate development
- Political or regulatory measures against banks
- Geopolitical risks and global economic risks

Focus capital markets (1) – CEE strategy paid off for investors in the long run

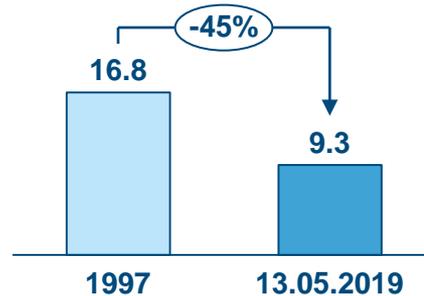
Deutsche Bank

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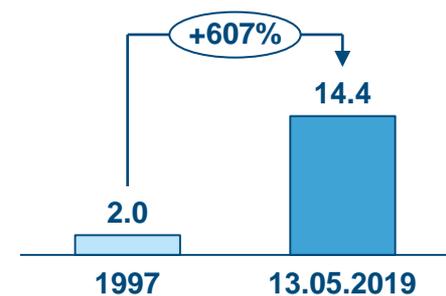
Commerzbank

in EUR bn



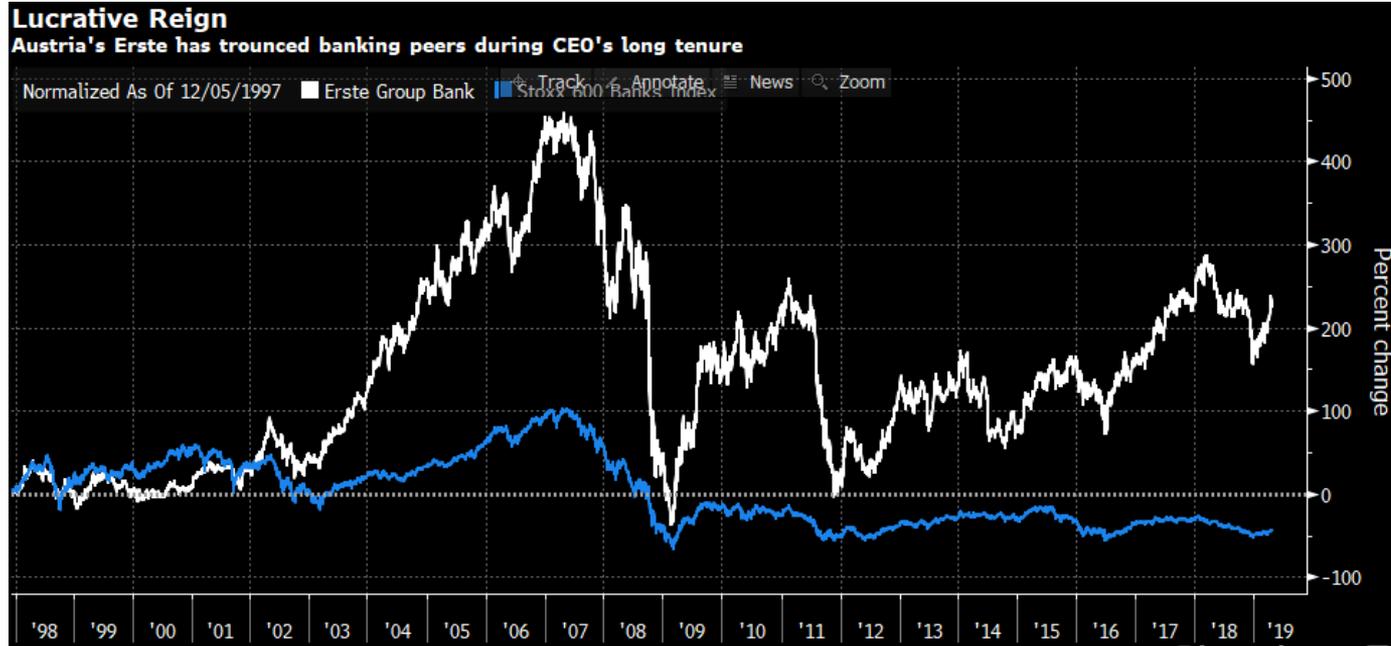
Erste Group

in EUR bn



- Market capitalisation including all capital increases between 1997 and 2019
- Erste Group has become one of the leading banks in CEE
- As of 13 May 2017, Erste Group's market capitalisation exceeds Deutsche Bank

Focus capital markets (2) – CEE strategy paid off for investors in the long run



- 400% outperformance against EuroStoxx Bank Index since IPO
- Anyone who invested in Erste Group at the IPO in 1997 and did not participate in capital increases quadrupled, including dividends (gross), the investment

Thank you for your attention!

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Friedrich Rödler

Chairman of the supervisory board

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