



**SIX YEARS AFTER EU ENLARGEMENT -
AUSTRIA AND ITS EASTERN NEIGHBOURS**

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**LABOUR MARKET
DEVELOPMENTS**

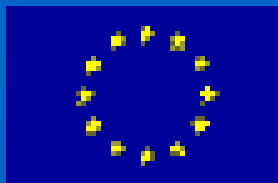
A COUPLE OF COMMENTS



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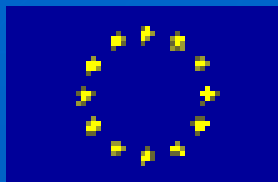
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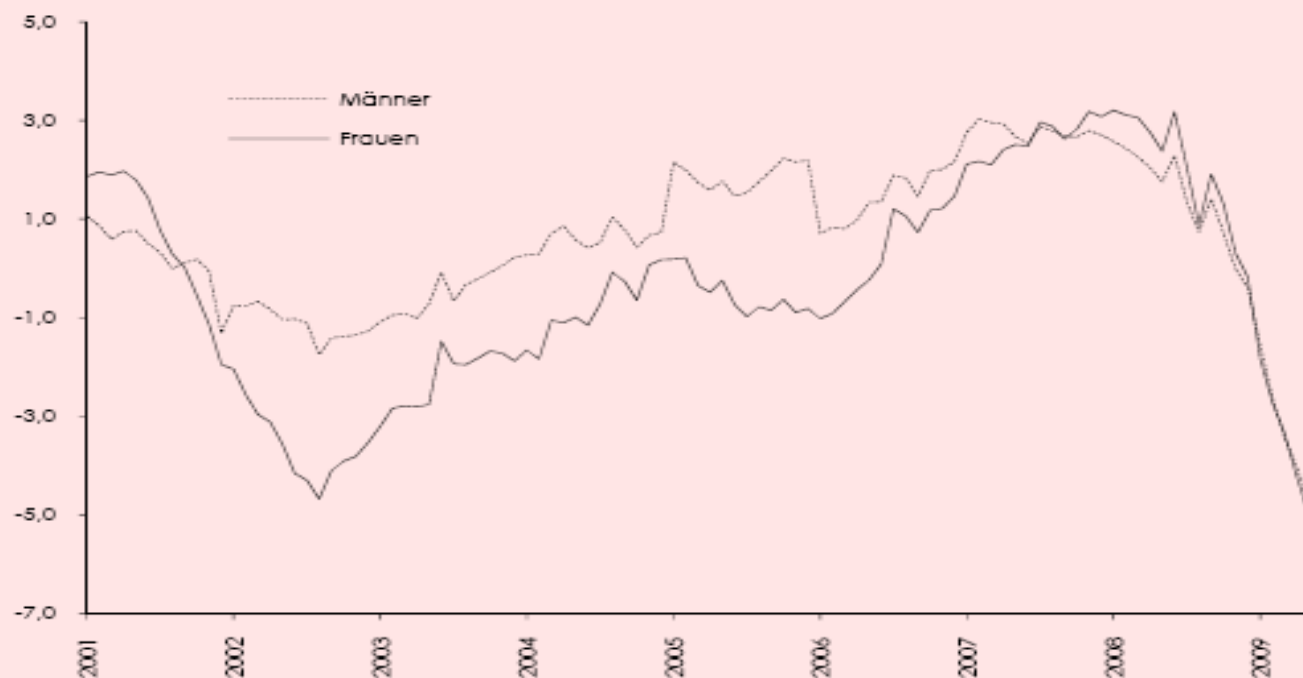
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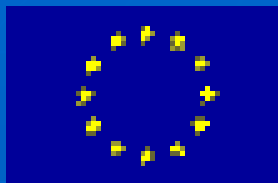
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Abbildung 2: Entwicklung der Beschäftigung in der Sachgütererzeugung
Veränderung gegen das Vorjahr in %



Q: Arbeitsmarktdatenbank (DWH Betriebsmonitoring), Stand 27. November 2009, letzter verfügbarer Monat Juni 2009. ÖNACE 2008, Abschnitt C: "Herstellung von Waren". Werte vor 2008 von ÖNACE 2003 auf ÖNACE 2008 umgeschlüsselt.

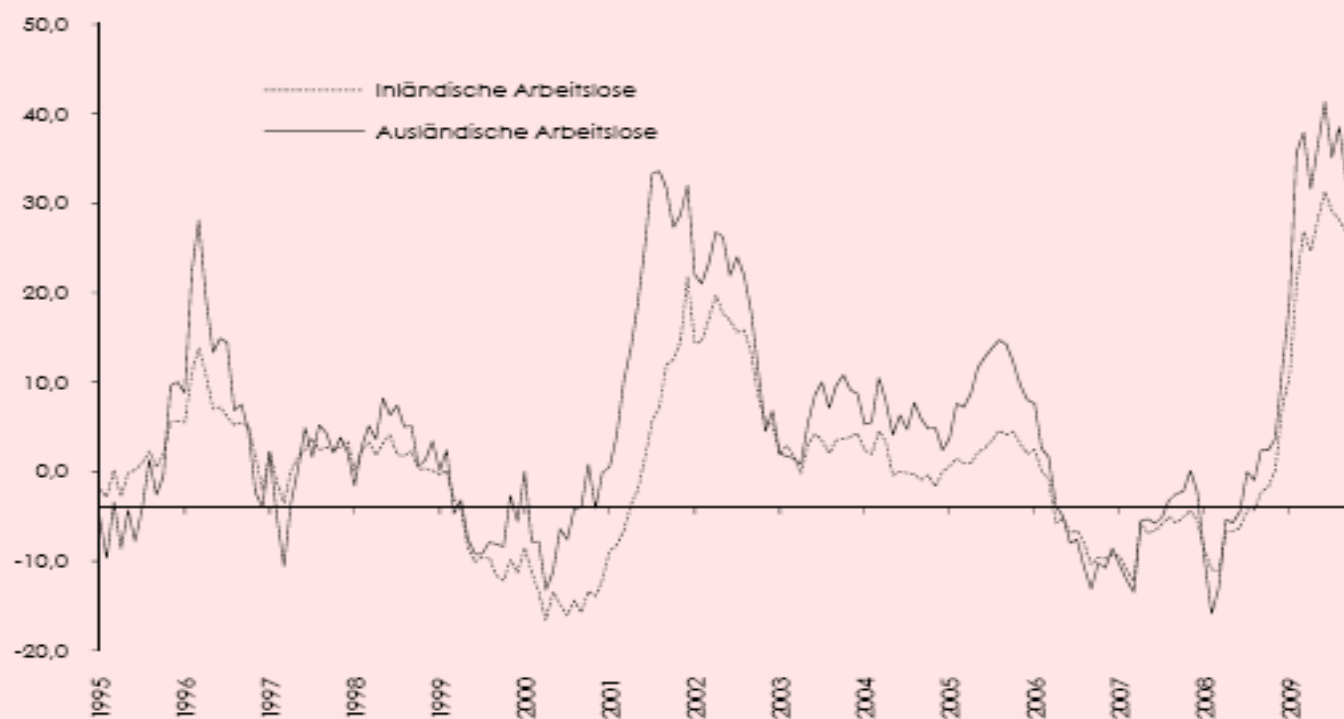


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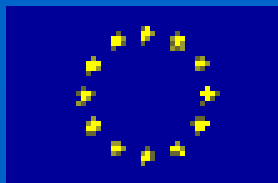


Abbildung 7: Arbeitslose nach Staatsbürgerschaft

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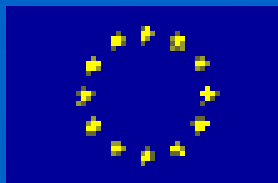
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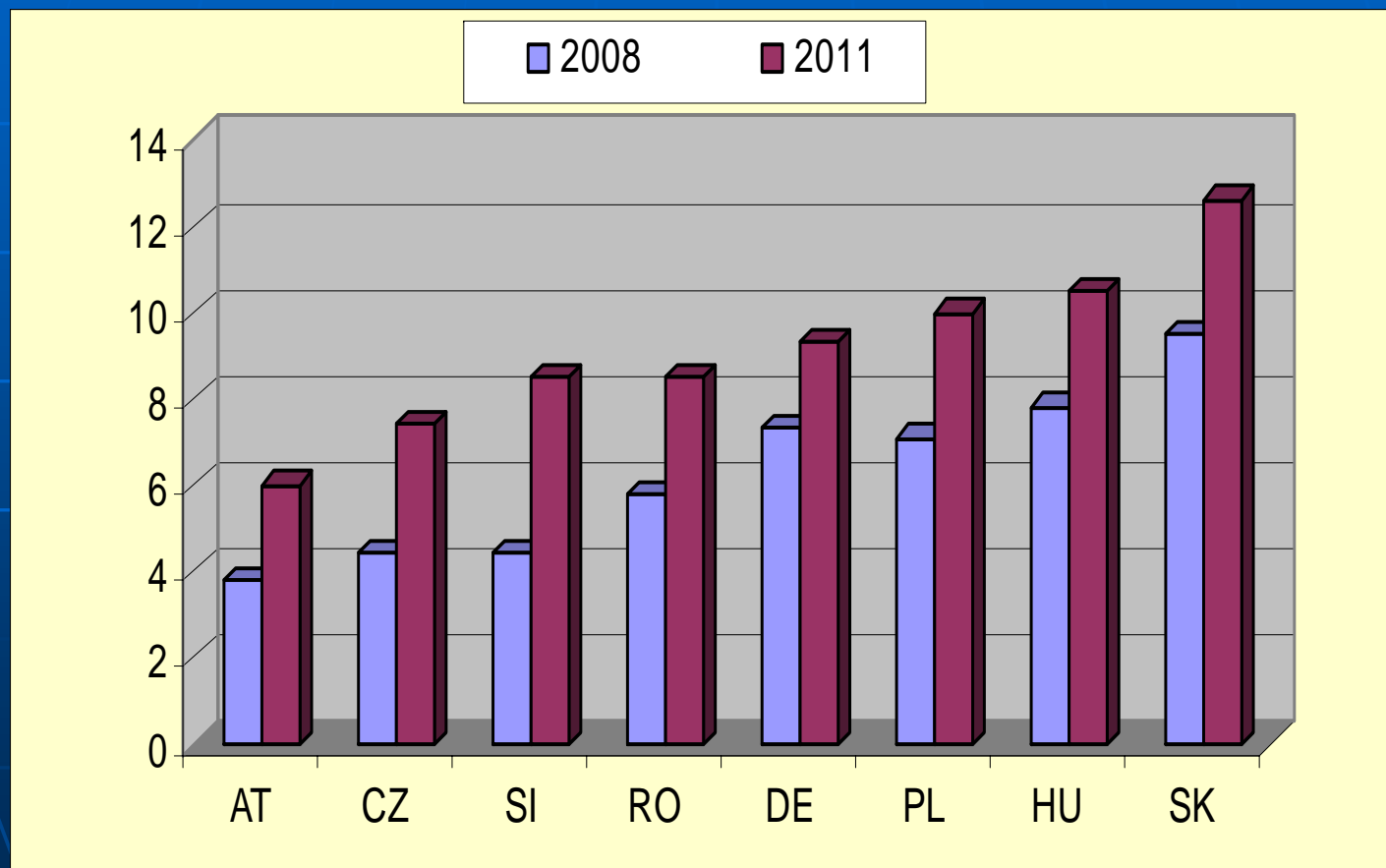
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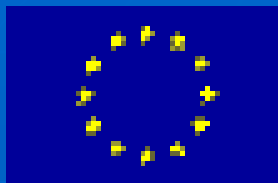
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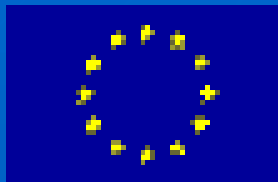
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***Thank you very
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