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Marieke Blom: Why European pessimism is overdone

For many, the default image of Europe is a continent in decline, overwhelmed by crises and under continued political strain. Needless to say, genuine challenges are present – but the narrative appears to have grown systematically more negative than the underlying reality, as we explore in our [new weekly series](#)

ING's Marieke Blom on why the case for European optimism may be stronger than the narrative suggests – and how [our new weekly series](#) seeks to offer a glass-half-full perspective on Europe's economic reality



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