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How does European Integration affect the European Stock Markets?

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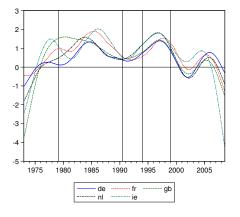
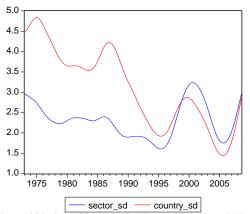




Table 1: Correlations of Stock returns with EU benchmark returns

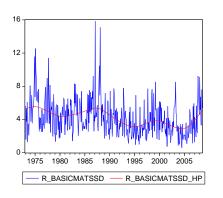
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	Correlation	Cha	ange in correlation	w.r.t. previous per	riod		
GERMANY							
Market	0,535	0,006	0,278*	0,037	0,036		
B. Mater.	0,460	0,042	0,275*	-0,012	-0,066		
Indust.	0,556	-0,131	0,396*	-0,113**	0,156*		
Cons. Gds	0,312	0,088	0,334*	0,087	-0,020		
Hlth Care	0,389	0,095	0,184*	0,088	-0,141**		
Cons. Svs	0,376	0,065	0,210*	-0,146	0,267*		
Finan.	0,294	0,222*	0,240*	-0,008	0,068		
FRANCE							
Market	0,525	0,049	0,272*	0,038	0,046*		
NETHERLANDS							
Market	0,663	0,151*	-0,058	0,049*	-0,034		
IRELAND							
Market	0,398	0,235*	0,084	0,077	-0,163**		
UNITED KINGDOM							
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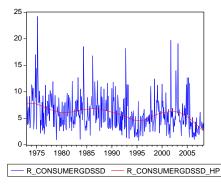
Figure 2: Cross section dispersions, Country-Industry Comparison





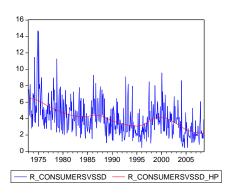
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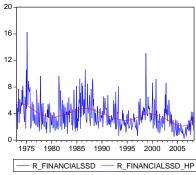






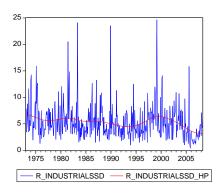
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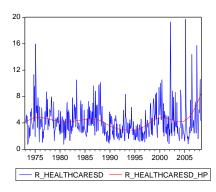






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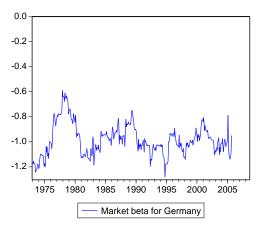
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MARKET						
DE	-0,977*	5,501				
FR	-1,006*	4,039				
NL	-1,047*	6,808	-0.007*			
ΙE	-1,021*	5,359				
UK	-0,952*	6,868				
BASIC MATERIALS						
DE	-0,952*	6,863				
FR	-1,060*	7,384				
NL	-0,975*	5,621	-0.005*			
ΙE	-1,077*	8,092				
UK	-1,102*	9,111				
INDUSTRIALS						
DE	-0,943*	7,258				
FR	-0,962*	6,372				
NL	-0,907*	8,771	-0.004*			
ΙE	-1,086*	8,460				
UK	-0,974*	5,701				
CONSUMER GOODS						
DE	-1,169*	11,686				
FR	-1,181*	12,167				
NL	-0,939*	7,438	-0.007*			
ΙE	-1,176*	11,970				
UK	-1,075*	8,013				



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HEALTH CARE						
DE	-1,021*	5,385				
FR	-0,988*	4,670				
NL	-1,058*	7,310	0.002*			
ΙE	-1,085*	8,444				
UK	-0,946*	7,139				
CONSUMER SERVICES						
DE	-0,919*	8,290				
FR	-0,927*	7,957				
NL	-0,965*	6,225	-0.008*			
ΙE	-0,865*	10,369				
UK	-1,109*	9,382				
FINANCIALS						
DE	-1,013*	4,826				
FR	-1,000*	2,500				
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Figure 3: Moving Window estimates of β_t





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