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The CESEE countries that joined the EA experienced the fastest growth in trade openness and in the global export market share...







Source: WTO, Bank of Slovenia calculations.

...they are also the most integrated in the GVC, while the downstream participation gained share between 2001 and 2015 in all CESEE and EA countries



Source: UNCTAD-EORA dataset, Bank of Slovenia calculations.

The structure of goods exports by technological intensity improved substantially in CESEE countries, but still lags a bit behind the EA 12





Change of Goods Exports' Shares, 2001-2018

Source: Eurostat, Bank of Slovenia calculations.

The bulk of the GDP growth in CESEE countries is coming from productivity, although its contribution has decreased after the GFC





Average GDP Growth, 2001-2018

Source: Eurostat, Bank of Slovenia calculations.

Real ULC decreased most in the non-EA NMS, where productivity growth surpassed wage growth by more than 15 p.p.



in % 100 ULC, Real 90 • Compensation per Employee, Real 80 - Productivity, Real 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 **CESEE Non-EA CESEE EA EA 12**

Cumulative Growth of Real Unit Labour Costs, 2001–2018*

Source: Eurostat, Bank of Slovenia calculations.

Note: *Data for 2018 available for the first three quarters.



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