

# Who is afraid of the Italian monster?

Political instability in Italy and its consequences

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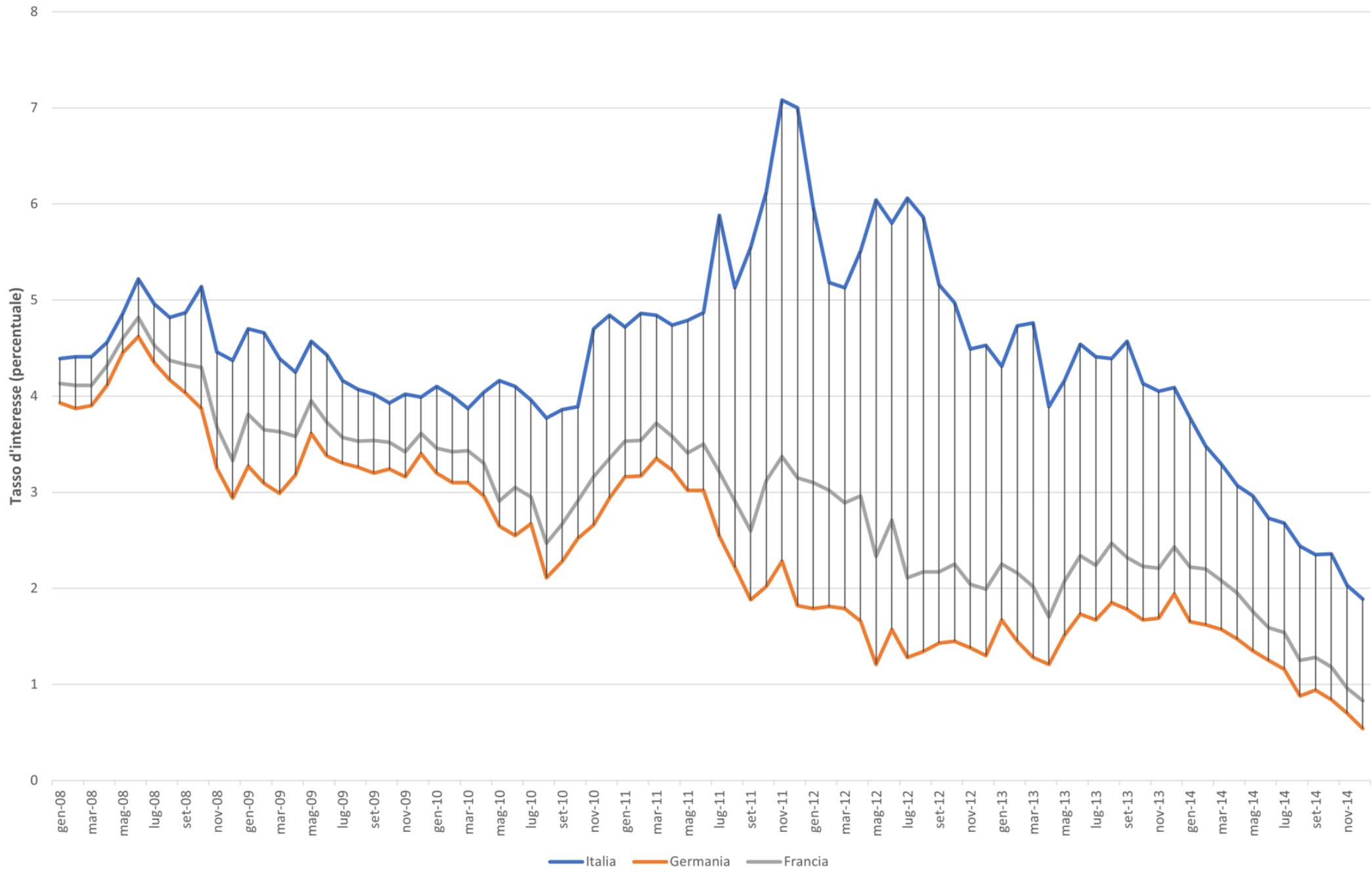
# The land of government instability

- Number of executives since 1946: **68**
  - Number of executive since 1994: **17**
- Average executive duration: **414 days**
  - Average executive duration since 1994: **611 days**
- Longest cabinet in Italian history: Berlusconi II (2001-2005, 1412 days)
- Shortest cabinet: Fanfani I (22 days, January-February 1954)

# Should we fear government instability?

- **8,2%** of Italian history has been spent on government formation processes
- When a cabinet dissolves, so does the whole administrative machine below (**top leadership within each department**)
- There might be **conflicts** between the old administration and the new one
- Difficulty to **implement effective policies**
- Consequences also for the **international standing** of the country (especially in situations of crisis)

Tasso d'interesse sui bond a 10 anni (2008 - 2014) / Interest rate for 10Y bond (2008 - 2014)



# Government instability = Debt crisis

