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Launching ‘Stimulating Recovery’ pamphlet, Pentony says rating downgrade shows current strategy is failing

Launching [Stimulating Recovery](#), a collection of papers presented at a recent TASC seminar, the independent think-tank’s Head of Policy, Sinéad Pentony, said today that the decision by Standard & Poor’s to lower Ireland’s credit rating reflected the need to adopt a different strategy in relation to the economy as a whole, as well as the banking sector.

“CSO figures show that, since the onset of the recession, GDP has shrunk by €30 billion, or 15 per cent. Ireland’s debt to GDP ratio will continue to increase as long as the government persists in its deflationary macroeconomic policies. Stabilising the public finances requires a return to growth, and that is why TASC continues to argue for a demand-led strategy designed to maximise job creation and set us on the path to sustainable economic progress.

“The statement by Standard & Poor’s warns that Ireland’s rating could be lowered again in the event of a more sluggish recovery – and we are headed for precisely such a sluggish, jobless recovery if the Government continues on its current contractionary path”, Ms. Pentony concluded.

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Note for editors:

[Stimulating Recovery](#) collates papers presented to a TASC seminar in June by London-based economic consultant Michael Burke, Professor Ray Kinsella (UCD) and Sinéad Pentony (TASC). The pamphlet is available for download at www.tascnet.ie