

# Европейските фондове и уроците от тяхното управление в България и Румъния

## EU Funds and the Path to Good Governance in Bulgaria and Romania: Lessons Learnt



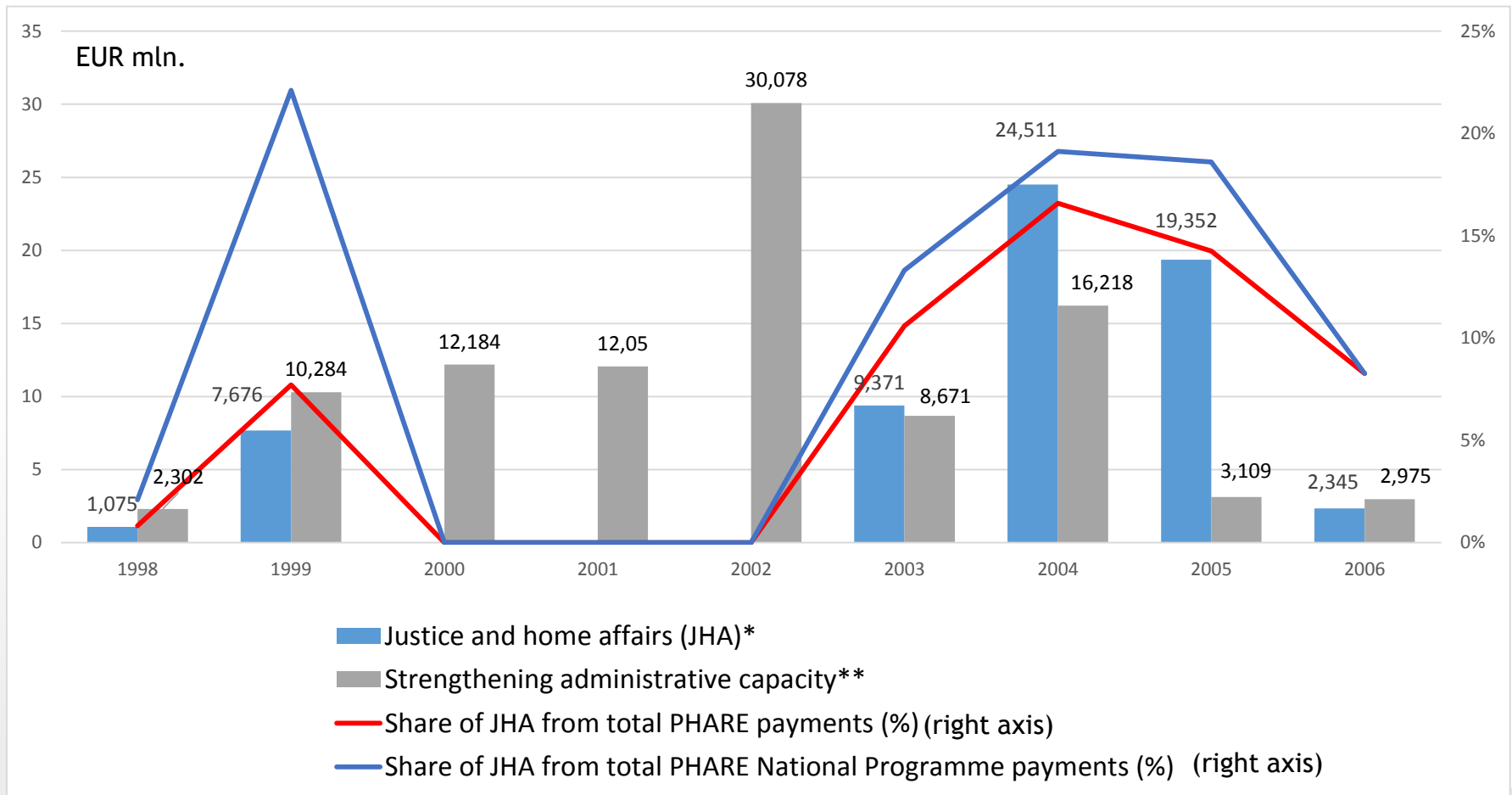
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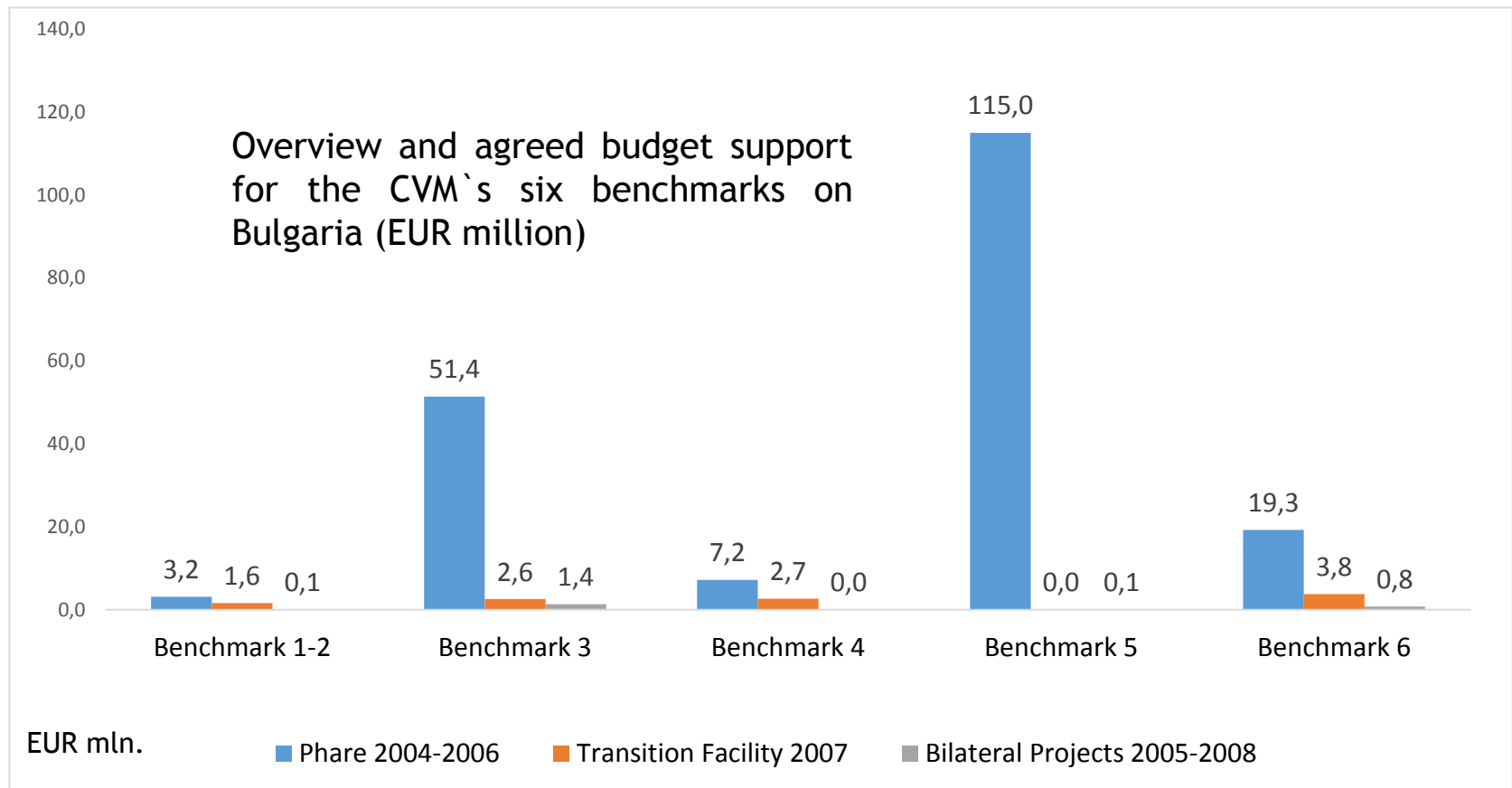
## Improving governance in Bulgaria: Evaluating the Impact of EU Conditionality through Policy and Financial Assistance

- Evolution of EU financial support for anticorruption and good governance actions
- From pre-accession assistance to the European structural and investment funds
- The positive and negative lessons learnt
- The way forward

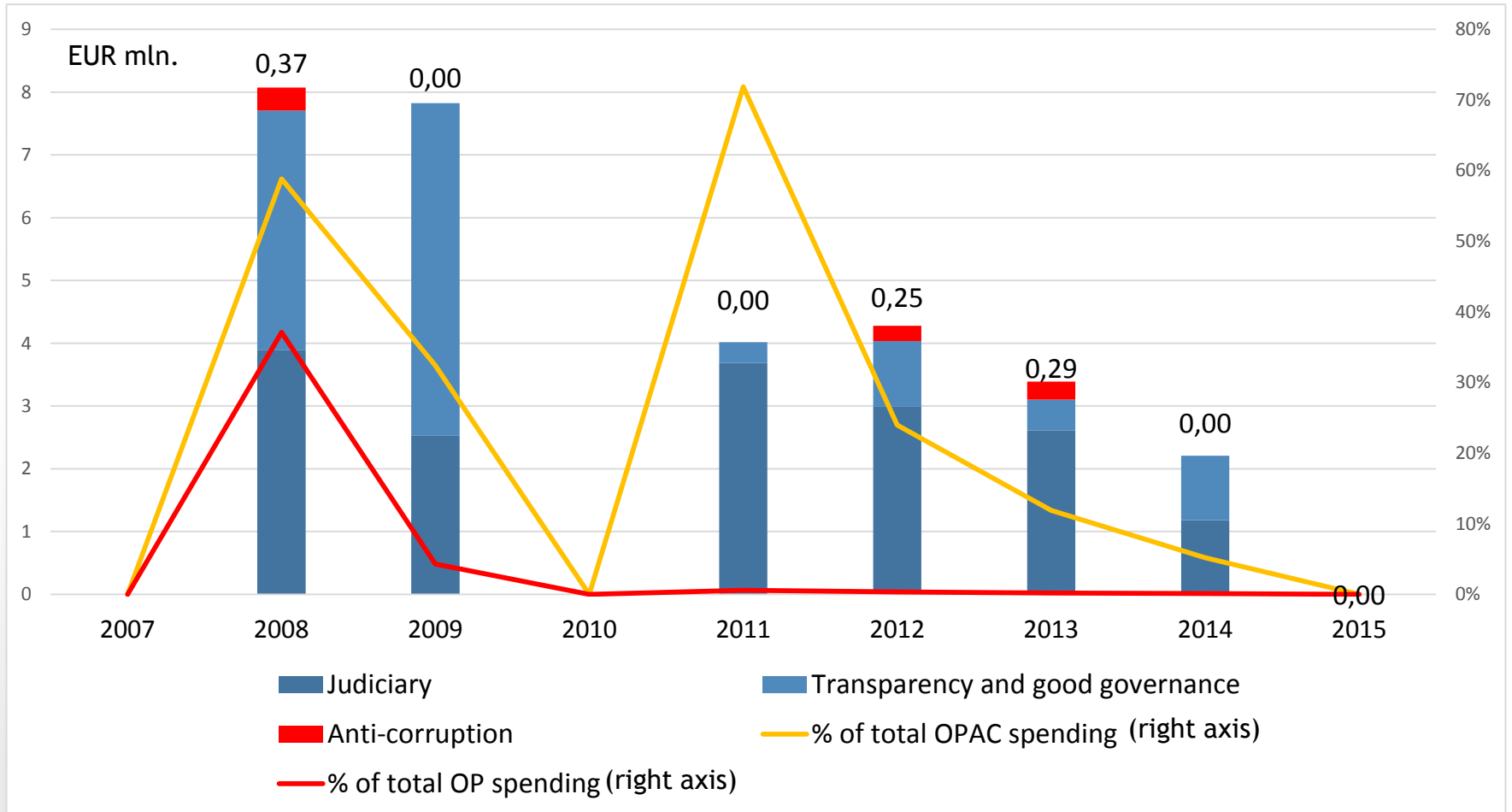
## Support for Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) during the accession period (allocated EU contribution in EUR mln.)



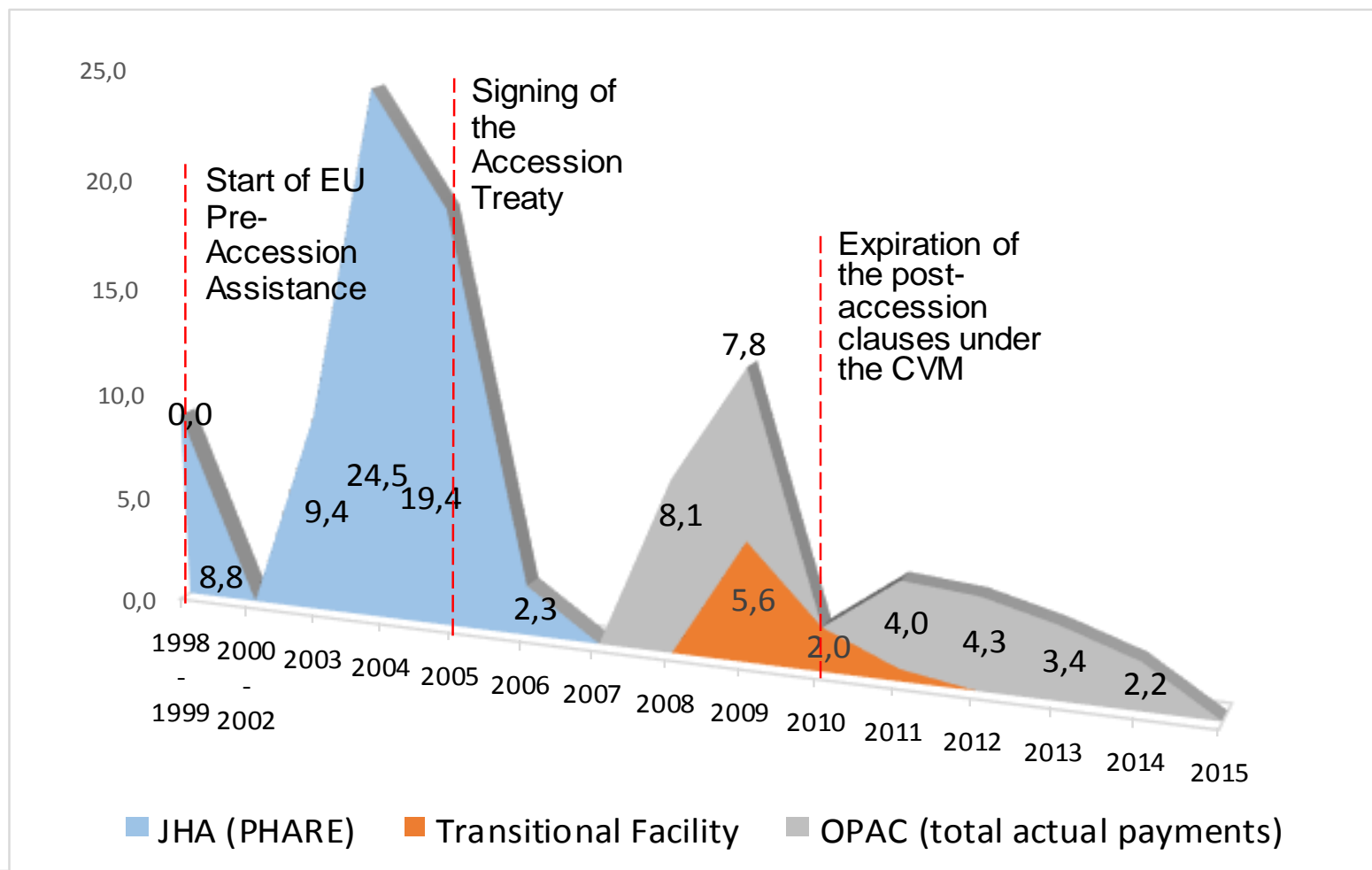
## Direct support for AC and CVM benchmarks was limited during transition



## Support in total actual payments for anticorruption-related actions during the 2007-2013 programming period (EUR mil.)



## Dynamics of the overall provided support for anticorruption-related actions (actual EC payments, EUR mln.)



## The positive

- Increased efficiency, transparency and data accessibility.
- Public procurement with EU funds is, on average, four times less likely to be corrupt than contracts, exclusively financed by the national budget.
- Effectiveness, impact and purposefulness of the EU-funded projects however remain problematic.

## The negative

- Lack of formal link between AC progress under the CVM and provision of financial support.
- Despite negative CVM reports, funds allocated to AC projects have dropped off since 2010.
- Lack of genuine political will and commitment to undertake reforms.
- Track record includes very few final convictions in cases involving substantial corruption.
- EU`s decreasing leverage to apply external pressure.



## The way forward

- Civil society as pressure tool.
- EU in need to strengthen its internal and external mechanisms for policy-making in the good governance domain.
- Conditionalities should be tied to financial support and based on a common system of monitoring and evaluation of progress.

**Thank you!**