



**Re-Define Press Release – S&P's warning to Euro zone Sovereigns
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Please find below **Re-Define's** Comments on S&P's action suggesting possible downgrade of Euro zone sovereigns. All comments are attributable to **Sony Kapoor**, Managing Director of Re-Define an Economic Think Tank.

"Time and again Euro zone leaders have had the opportunity to stem the crisis and every time they have failed. Time is now running out."

"Unlike what EU leaders may want to think, S&P's actions have not caused the worsening of the Euro crisis but are merely a symptom of it."

"It's hard to fault S&P on its analysis and explanations. It is merely recognizing how badly things have been allowed to deteriorate in the Euro crisis."

"S&P's actions are logical given the self-inflicted step deterioration in the economic prospects of the Euro zone."

"It has always been foolish to think that any Euro area country would come out of this crisis unscathed."

"S&P actions have upped the ante for what was already going to be a very high stakes summit even more."

"Perhaps this warning will concentrate minds in the healthier economies of the Euro area." "Everyone may now have a much bigger interest in getting a successful deal."

"It is far from obvious that the 'stability union' envisaged in the Franco-German discussions addresses the main structural and governance failings of the Euro zone."

"Given the absence of a credible plan to restore growth, the number of years it would take to ratify a new treaty and the clear reluctance of the ECB to provide more sovereign support, S&P is right to recognize the clear and present danger lurking in the Euro area."

"At this juncture far too many things have nuisance value and only a very few measures can help restore confidence. In short, the likelihood of mis-steps in the quest to save the Euro remains very high."

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