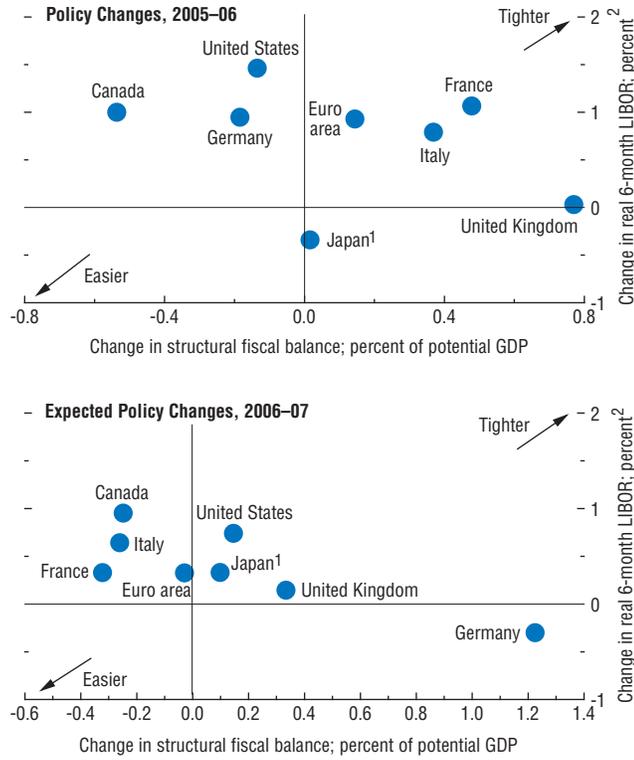


### Figure 1.9. Fiscal and Monetary Policies in the Major Advanced Economies

Real short-term interest rates are generally expected to rise in 2006–07, but—outside Germany and the United Kingdom—underlying fiscal positions show little improvement.



Source: IMF staff estimates.  
<sup>1</sup>For Japan, excludes social security.  
<sup>2</sup>Three-month rate for euro area countries.