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European Public Finances Through the Great Recession: France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain & the UK compared

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European Public Finances and the Great Recession

- Comparison of the evolution of the public finances of six EU countries through the Great Recession
 - France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom
- Each paper assesses
 - the evolution of GDP, employment and unemployment rates, and the public finances in the run-up to, and through, the financial crisis
 - the scale, timing and nature of the fiscal response
 - the impact of the reforms on the incomes of different households and on spending on different public services
- Published today in a special edition of *Fiscal Studies*
- Introduction provides a brief comparison and discussion of some of the key stories and common themes