
Fixing the Euro Crisis

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Euro has been a major 21st century financial innovation leading to it becoming a significant reserve currency alternative to the US Dollar. But the recent global financial crisis has revealed fundamental weaknesses in its management which have led to wide differences in unemployment within Europe, especially among the youth. In the past, currency devaluations could reduce unemployment. To strengthen the Euro, many have recommended that the European Union pursue greater monetary and fiscal union. But, frequently, these discussions are vague. Fixing the Euro will require detailed banking and taxation reforms that move from national levels to European Union management.

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