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Comments on part 1: rationale and preconditions

Rationale and benefits of Stability Bonds

There are no benefits in the sense of stabilizating the finacial markets but to ease credit-financing of states further on - but that credit-financing was and is the very origin of the crisis.

Preconditions

Only when there would be (not realy realistic) a coherent and strict system of fiscal governance within the member-states (no further credit-financing, working sanctions and so on) such bonds - when ever - could be of no harm.

Comments on part 2: Options for Stability Bonds

Related to comparisons across options

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Such "Stabilization bonds" would leed to more "soft budget constraints" for countries in which the actual problems occure intensivly

Other comments, general comments

Neither "stabilization bonds" nor the monitarization of debts can hide the fact, that the whole monetary union was based on too optimistic asumtions on political behaviour of the "players". The monetary union should have been the cronwing of political unification and not the basis for that. In this devastating "polical play" the monitarization of debts of states will be the only - and also devastating - political option! The euro as a political symbol will be "stabilized" at the expense of housholds and enterprises (increasing inflation)... What was meant as a milestone for the further unification of Europe such has become the explosive charge for the Union.