

Policy Study

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Abstract

The main message of this study is that the current Greek tragedy will not be re-enacted in the Czech Republic anytime soon. But it could be, if the incoming government continues to be in the doldrums and does not start reforming public finances. Therefore we propose "an intelligent reform of public finances". It is designed to be effective and at the same time as painless as possible, thus politically acceptable. The main condition for achieving this is that the government begins with the reform immediately. Every day passing without the reform makes even more drastic and therefore less bearable measures necessary to be implemented in the future. It is also important to keep in mind that the reform must not be limited to increases of certain taxes or haphazard cuts in expenditures. Public finance system needs to be reformed systematically in order to balance public budgets in the long run.

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