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Figure 2.6 Number of workers (actual or applied for) on short-time work and similar schemes. End of April/beginning of May 2020. (In % of all workers and in millions)

Net employment loss in the EU28 over the past year: -4.8 million people

(number of employed aged 15-64 in 2020_Q2 compared to 2019_Q2, not including Malta)

Source: Müller and Schulten (2020a) on the basis of data from national employment agencies and ministries.
Note: Data for Luxembourg includes cross-border commuters.
The impact of the Pandemic on Public Finances

Figure 1.21 General government gross debt (% of GDP)

Source: AMECO database, UDGS series.