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# ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EUROPE SINCE 1945

This volume re-examines the topic of economic growth in Europe after the Second World War. The contributors approach the subject armed not only with new theoretical ideas, but also with the experience of the 1980s on which to draw. The analysis is based on both applied economics and economic history. Thus, while the volume is greatly informed by insights from growth theory, emphasis is given to the presentation of chronological and institutional detail. The case study approach and the adoption of a longer-run perspective than is normal for economists, allow new insights to be obtained.

Individual chapters cover Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the UK. Further chapters explore general European institutional arrangements and historical circumstances. The result is a genuinely comparative picture of postwar growth, with insights that do not emerge from standard cross-section regressions based on the post-1960 period.