Government interventions in the wake of the financial crisis - the European response

The past month has seen cabinet approval of a "bad bank" plan in Germany, the Asset Backed Guarantee Scheme become effective in the United Kingdom and further banks bailed out in Belgium.

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