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Fiscal Federalism in the European Union and Its Countries

A Confrontation between Theories and Facts

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