

# Bond vigilantes target eurozone debt

Financial markets are targeting Spanish and Portuguese government bonds over concerns they will follow Greece and Ireland in seeking EU/IMF bailouts. Italy is also in the sights of the so-called “bond vigilantes”

**10-year bond yields** (annual interest rates %)

**May 8:** Eurozone heads of state agree €110 billion bailout to keep Greece from defaulting on its debts

**Nov 28:** European Union approves €85 billion package for Ireland. Bailout fails to stop financial markets from raising bond interest rates

Greece 11.87%

Ireland 9.00%

Portugal 6.12%

Spain 5.09%

Italy 4.46%

Belgium 3.84%

Germany 2.85%

**Yield on Germany's 10-year Bund is Europe's benchmark of government debt security**

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