Het beleid, het profiel en de loopbaan van de ministers die Financiën bestuurden tijdens de periode september 1944 tot 2011

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This study is a survey concerned with the twenty Belgian Ministers of Finance since the liberation in September 1944 till the end of 2011.

After a introduction it opens with Camille Gutt, who was Finance Minister in the postwar Pierlot government, and closes with Didier Reynders. Attention is paid to the policies the ministers involved adopted, to their importance and profile (social and educational background, including their occupation), as well as their political and professional careers and th functions they carried out after their term of office. The most problematic events and issues they had to face during their term of office are particularly highlighted. The survey ends with a summary of the major facts and some concluding remarks, among others the profile of these former ministers, duration and stability of their term of office, the impact of the most influential collaborators, the turning points and evolution of Belgian finance during the 1944-2011 period.

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