

GOVERNMENT DEFICIT/SURPLUS AND DEBT LEVELS BY SUB-SECTORS OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Notification tables for debt and deficit of sector "General Government" (EDP Tables) have been developed in accordance with the methodological principles of the "European System of National and Regional Accounts 2010" (ESA 2010), Manual on Government deficit and debt – implementation of ESA 2010, Council Regulation (EC) № 479/2009 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure (EDP) and Council Regulation (EU) No 679/2010 of 26 July 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure and Commission regulation (EU) No 220/2014 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 as regards references to the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union.

Treatment and reporting of transactions of sector "General Government" is based on the Manual on Government deficit and debt, which corresponds to requirements of the ESA 2010. The Deficit /surplus of the sector "General Government" and the debt are important indicators, which are used for assessing the fiscal position of the Government sector. They form a part of convergent criteria for membership in European Economic and Monetary Union (e.g. Maastricht criteria).

The level of deficit / surplus of the General Government are measured with net borrowing (-) / net lending (+). General government consolidated gross debt is in nominal value and its due in the end of the year. The indicator is presented by financial instruments categories. Data on taxes and social security contributions are calculated using the method of modified cash basis.

The data are based on the report for consolidated fiscal program execution (in accordance with national budgetary classification), as are applied additional calculation according to accepted by member states definition and methodological rules regarding coverage and estimation of transaction for General Government sector, according to developed by EUROSTAT Manual on Government deficit and debt.

The information for deficit / surplus and debt of the General Government sector, is different from this in national methodology mainly that the transactions of the sector are reported on accrual bases and the influence of the amount received from European Union is eliminated.

The sector "General Government" includes three sub-sectors according to ESA 2010 requirements: Central government - S.1311 (includes all units, which annual reports are included in the Central Budget, public universities, the Bulgarian National Television, the Bulgarian National Radio, the Bulgarian News Agency, extra-budgetary accounts, hospitals financed by the central government and other reclassified government-owned units); Local Government - S.1313 (includes all municipalities, municipal hospitals, municipal extra-budgetary accounts and funds and other reclassified municipality-owned units); Social Security Funds - S.1314 (National Social Security Institute and the National Health Insurance Fund).

The main source for compilation of statistical information about level of deficit and debt of the General Government sector accounts are the reports on the implementation of the consolidated fiscal program and trial balances of budgetary units provided by the Ministry of Finance. The reports on implementation of the consolidated fiscal program are prepared in accordance with applicable national budget classification, and trial balances in accordance with the chart of the budget entities. National Revenue Agency provides information on types of taxes by elements of the payments. The information is included from the annual reports of the activities of some government-owned institutional units, which are reclassified to the General Government sector.

The statistical information on deficit / surplus and debt of the General Government sector is provided to EUROSTAT and published in the website of National Statistical Institute (NSI) twice a year (preliminary data in April and final data in October). Respective dates of publication of statistical information are shown in the Calendar presenting the results of the statistical surveys of NSI.