

# Introduction

The tables and charts in this document show quarterly government finance statistics (GFS) for the euro area, the European Union and individual EU Member States. They are based on the data transmitted by Eurostat and are defined by reference to the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010)<sup>1</sup>.

The present document provides the underlying components of government deficit and debt so that trends over time and the sustainability of government finances can be observed and analysed. It aims at facilitating the comparison and analysis of public finance statistics, both at an aggregate level, such as the general government debt and deficit indicators, and at the level of their components.

The first part of the document provides GFS key indicator tables that allow for easy comparisons between Member States of the main GFS variables. The second part of the document shows detailed tables and charts for the euro area and the individual EU Member States.

For more information on the methodology used please see the Eurostat's website (see the [link](#)). If you have any questions related to GFS, please send them to [gfs-ecb@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:gfs-ecb@ecb.europa.eu).

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union. OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1.