

## Introduction

The tables and charts in this document show annual government finance statistics (GFS) for the euro area, the European Union, and individual EU Member States. They are based on the data transmitted at least twice a year to the European Central Bank (ECB) by the national central banks (NCBs) in the framework of the ECB GFS Guideline (ECB/2018/13).

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. In addition to general government sector, the GFS also include the effect of the transactions with the EU budget.

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, the European Union and the individual EU Member States.

For more information on the methodology used please see the GFS Guide (see the [link](#)). If you have any questions relate to GFS, please contact us on [gfs-ecb@ecb.europa.eu](mailto:gfs-ecb@ecb.europa.eu).