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In 2013, Social Protection accounted for 33.0 per cent of total General Government expenditure, followed by expenditure on General Public Services, Education and Health.

Expenditure of General Government Sector by Function: 2009-2013

Total General Government expenditure for 2013 was €3,196.3 million, an increase of €133.8 million compared with the previous year. There were increases in Social Protection (€49.4 million) primarily observed on pensions, and in Health (€38.4 million), mainly on hospital services. Additionally, Economic Affairs went up by €28.2 million as a result of a higher equity injection to the national air carrier. Education increased by €23.5 million, mainly in tertiary and secondary education. Partly offsetting these were a fall in General Public Services (€10.5 million) and Housing and Community Amenities (€6.1 million) (Table 1).

With regard to expenditure by function as a percentage of total General Government expenditure, the highest proportion in 2013 was on Social Protection (33.0 per cent), followed by General Public Services (16.4 per cent), Education (13.8 per cent) and Health (13.5 per cent). In contrast, expenditure on Housing and Community Amenities had the lowest contribution to total expenditure followed by Defence, representing 0.8 per cent and 1.6 per cent respectively (Table 2).

In total, General Government expenditure declined marginally to 42.4 per cent of GDP in 2013 from 42.5 per cent in 2012 (Table 3).

A more detailed breakdown of General Government expenditure (by second level function using the COFOG classification) shows that for 2013, the largest expenditure was on old age pensions (€625.5 million), which represented 59.3 per cent of total expenditure on Social Protection, and on hospital services (€280.3 million), making up 64.8 per cent of total expenditure on Health. Moreover, considerable outlay was registered on public debt transactions (€223.3 million) and executive and legislative organs, financial, fiscal and external affairs (€196.6 million) (Table 5) ■

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Table 1. General Government expenditure by function

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COFOG	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General public services	478,323	448,658	492,230	536,090	525,555
Defence	53,901	50,395	55,957	50,641	52,545
Public order and safety	89,543	92,343	94,503	101,969	106,646
Economic affairs	271,120	291,104	301,299	357,138	385,335
Environment protection	96,404	128,341	87,516	100,886	103,789
Housing and community amenities	20,730	21,302	23,595	31,967	25,861
Health	315,031	346,758	370,382	393,907	432,294
Recreation, culture and religion	44,876	51,475	58,394	66,238	67,802
Education	328,914	371,366	392,091	418,958	442,412
Social protection	870,648	906,048	944,207	1,004,694	1,054,084
Total	2,569,490	2,707,790	2,820,175	3,062,488	3,196,324

Table 2. General Government expenditure by function as a % of total expenditure

COFOG	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General public services	18.6	16.6	17.5	17.5	16.4
Defence	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.6
Public order and safety	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3
Economic affairs	10.6	10.8	10.7	11.7	12.1
Environment protection	3.8	4.7	3.1	3.3	3.2
Housing and community amenities	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.8
Health	12.3	12.8	13.1	12.9	13.5
Recreation, culture and religion	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.1
Education	12.8	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.8
Social protection	33.9	33.5	33.5	32.8	33.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 3. General Government expenditure by function as a % of GDP

COFOG	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General public services	7.8	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.0
Defence	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Public order and safety	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Economic affairs	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.1
Environment protection	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.4
Housing and community amenities	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
Health	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.7
Recreation, culture and religion	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9
Education	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9
Social protection	14.2	13.7	13.7	13.9	14.0
Total	41.9	41.0	40.9	42.5	42.4

Source: News Release No. 232/2014 - Gross Domestic Product: Q3/2014.

Table 4. Components of the General Government expenditure by function 2009-2013 ...

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COFOG	Gross capital formation	Acquisitions less disposals of non-financial non-produced assets	Compensation of employees	Subsidies	Property income	Social benefits and social transfers in kind	Intermediate consumption	Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.	Other current transfers	Capital transfers	Total expenditure	Final consumption expenditure
2009												
General public services	30,617	302	91,438	53	212,368	0	76,643	707	64,957	1,239	478,323	123,649
Defence	13,754	0	35,590	0	0	0	4,557	0	0	0	53,901	37,302
Public order and safety	3,765	0	74,078	0	0	0	11,091	0	610	0	89,543	77,304
Economic affairs	11,304	0	131,600	41,519	0	0	73,020	-6,889	4,306	16,260	271,120	202,772
Environment protection	13,351	0	15,143	0	32	0	37,781	1	171	29,925	96,404	59,720
Housing and community amenities	350	0	10,818	160	60	0	9,231	0	0	111	20,730	15,982
Health	19,592	0	188,183	0	0	29,908	76,862	0	78	407	315,031	331,022
Recreation, culture and religion	5,541	0	14,763	7,207	0	0	11,466	0	5,851	48	44,876	20,687
Education	25,353	0	211,262	693	0	25,743	28,733	14	37,231	-115	328,914	247,318
Social protection	9,033	0	65,448	359	44	753,748	33,503	0	2,539	5,974	870,648	98,186
Total	132,661	302	838,322	49,991	212,504	809,400	362,886	-6,167	115,743	53,849	2,569,490	1,213,942
2010												
General public services	10,368	6,769	95,879	111	203,303	0	73,681	412	57,018	1,115	448,658	133,182
Defence	6,285	0	38,415	0	0	0	5,695	0	0	0	50,395	43,079
Public order and safety	3,201	0	77,096	0	0	0	11,499	0	547	0	92,343	83,980
Economic affairs	29,009	0	98,979	48,971	0	0	71,488	259	15,088	27,310	291,104	173,391
Environment protection	15,512	0	16,330	0	33	0	54,952	1	69	41,444	128,341	77,810
Housing and community amenities	444	0	11,734	59	60	0	8,870	0	0	135	21,302	15,797
Health	17,552	0	202,159	0	0	30,624	96,345	0	78	0	346,758	366,402
Recreation, culture and religion	12,624	0	15,794	2,401	0	0	14,081	29	6,525	20	51,475	22,001
Education	42,920	0	230,740	709	0	26,219	23,961	99	44,987	1,730	371,366	262,596
Social protection	2,675	-807	67,984	597	40	788,251	39,818	0	2,696	4,792	906,048	108,349
Total	140,592	5,962	855,112	52,849	203,437	845,094	400,390	800	127,008	76,546	2,707,790	1,286,588

... Table 4. Components of the General Government expenditure by function 2009-2013

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2011												
General public services	19,214	2,059	99,176	2,489	218,064	0	84,993	-17	64,194	2,058	492,230	135,355
Defence	11,674	0	37,984	0	0	0	6,273	0	27	0	55,957	44,872
Public order and safety	3,909	0	78,768	0	0	0	11,254	0	571	0	94,503	86,217
Economic affairs	60,617	0	97,369	41,534	0	0	67,818	285	2,415	31,262	301,299	182,621
Environment protection	10,533	0	15,244	0	33	0	56,415	1	33	5,258	87,516	74,074
Housing and community amenities	527	0	12,383	42	60	0	10,582	0	0	0	23,595	15,816
Health	20,663	0	211,070	0	0	35,010	103,532	0	106	1	370,382	387,042
Recreation, culture and religion	16,382	0	16,075	3,399	0	0	15,104	26	7,147	261	58,394	23,750
Education	44,719	0	242,411	648	0	27,268	26,913	-50	47,710	2,472	392,091	279,658
Social protection	-2,380	-2	71,765	2,908	40	820,470	42,189	0	4,769	4,448	944,207	110,328
Total	185,859	2,057	882,246	51,020	218,197	882,748	425,072	245	126,971	45,760	2,820,175	1,339,732
2012												
General public services	30,863	11,669	105,149	2,281	216,523	0	100,259	-152	66,283	3,216	536,090	155,671
Defence	9,515	0	36,493	0	0	0	4,581	0	52	0	50,641	44,035
Public order and safety	7,164	0	83,897	0	0	0	10,491	0	417	0	101,969	90,103
Economic affairs	69,481	0	93,915	62,853	0	0	76,325	568	652	53,345	357,138	189,206
Environment protection	19,315	0	16,866	0	33	0	61,511	1	16	3,145	100,886	85,037
Housing and community amenities	2,767	0	12,292	44	60	0	16,803	0	0	0	31,967	22,768
Health	26,571	0	223,110	0	0	28,203	116,000	0	23	0	393,907	405,624
Recreation, culture and religion	15,524	21	17,356	5,530	0	0	17,281	12	9,861	653	66,238	27,245
Education	42,388	0	258,794	582	0	30,581	30,773	14	52,503	3,324	418,958	298,776
Social protection	2,912	-350	75,396	5,592	273	870,914	41,773	0	4,852	3,332	1,004,694	125,542
Total	226,498	11,340	923,269	76,882	216,888	929,697	475,798	442	134,659	67,014	3,062,488	1,444,007

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2013												
General public services	21,667	6,306	102,754	397	220,302	0	85,059	67	86,971	2,032	525,555	124,709
Defence	8,237	0	37,637	0	0	0	6,641	0	30	0	52,545	47,376
Public order and safety	7,446	0	87,650	0	0	0	11,063	0	487	0	106,646	97,301
Economic affairs	46,954	0	104,078	67,932	0	0	66,608	389	21,583	77,791	385,335	196,386
Environment protection	19,660	0	16,557	0	146	0	58,165	0	18	9,244	103,789	83,244
Housing and community amenities	684	0	12,683	352	67	0	12,005	0	70	0	25,861	15,955
Health	35,099	0	239,071	0	0	32,091	125,911	0	123	0	432,294	434,729
Recreation, culture and religion	20,731	0	18,837	2,309	0	0	17,438	27	8,178	283	67,802	29,152
Education	43,608	0	276,569	552	0	30,376	33,074	0	57,093	1,141	442,412	321,384
Social protection	1,669	0	82,012	8,729	1,187	906,702	47,031	0	2,324	4,429	1,054,084	137,350
Total	205,754	6,306	977,848	80,271	221,701	969,168	462,996	483	176,875	94,921	3,196,324	1,487,586

Chart 1. General Government expenditure by function: 2009-2013

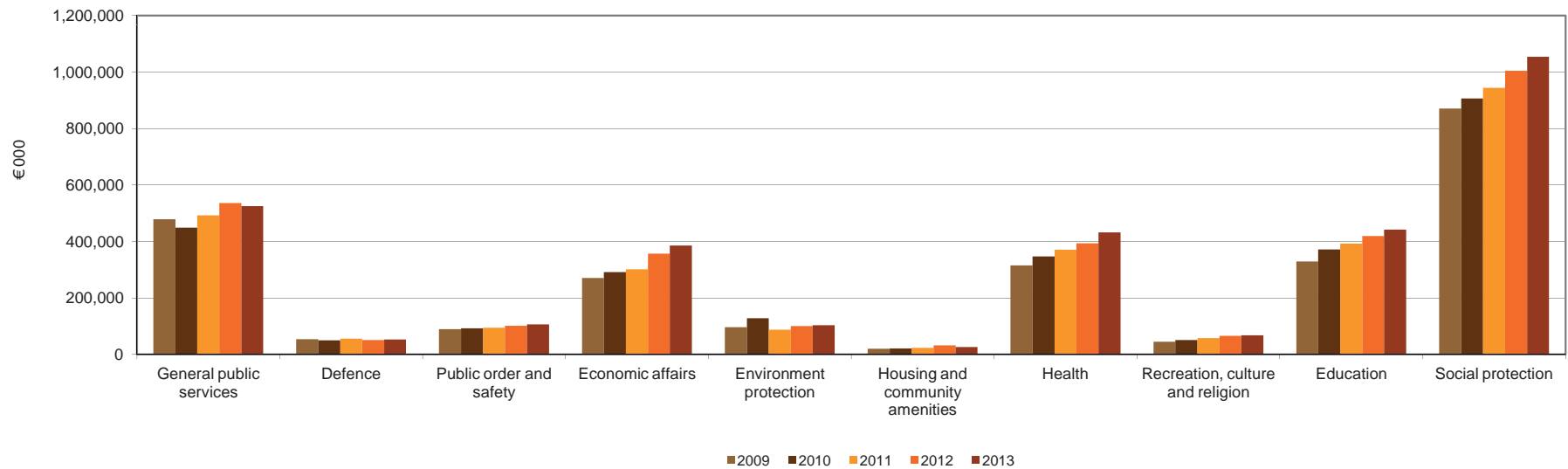


Table 5. General Government expenditure by second level function 2009-2013 ...

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1. General public services	478,323	448,658	492,230	536,090	525,555
Executive and legislative organs, financial, fiscal and external affairs	168,579	142,954	177,267	191,193	196,589
Foreign economic aid	391	329	371	425	435
General services	96,998	93,370	82,998	112,599	90,198
Basic Research	0	0	0	0	0
R&D General public services	0	0	887	565	747
General public services n.e.c.	9,018	5,822	9,084	11,140	14,262
Public debt transactions	203,337	206,183	221,622	220,169	223,324
Transfers of a general character between levels of government	0	0	0	0	0
2. Defence	53,901	50,395	55,957	50,641	52,545
Military defence	53,886	50,395	55,957	50,641	52,545
Civil defence	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign military aid	0	0	0	0	0
R&D Defence	14	0	0	0	0
Defence n.e.c.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Public order and safety	89,543	92,343	94,503	101,969	106,646
Police services	54,598	56,400	56,307	62,415	61,930
Fire-protection services	5,038	4,864	5,086	5,127	5,007
Law courts	20,652	20,922	22,954	23,414	28,023
Prisons	9,239	9,779	9,854	10,745	11,228
R&D Public order and safety	17	376	231	178	459
Public order and safety n.e.c.	0	0	69	90	0
4. Economic affairs	271,120	291,104	301,299	357,138	385,335
General economic, commercial and labour affairs	50,139	71,575	52,239	68,932	126,734
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	49,172	46,925	43,774	43,898	38,652
Fuel and energy	5,262	13,891	8,786	26,114	33,449
Mining, manufacturing and construction	41,242	42,276	51,112	58,161	52,599
Transport	78,368	60,391	78,918	94,429	68,918
Communication	4,681	6,351	7,247	7,370	7,277
Other industries	39,993	47,010	56,626	54,783	55,033
R&D Economic affairs	2,264	2,664	2,576	3,451	2,674
Economic affairs n.e.c.	0	20	22	0	0
5. Environment protection	96,404	128,341	87,516	100,886	103,789
Waste management	37,208	48,752	44,795	51,669	52,072
Waste water management	42,830	57,560	18,594	27,385	31,527
Pollution abatement	233	310	-1	11	-5
Protection of biodiversity and landscape	14,140	17,785	17,515	16,880	18,111
R&D Environmental protection	24	38	97	182	176
Environmental protection n.e.c.	1,969	3,894	6,516	4,759	1,908
6. Housing and community amenities	20,730	21,302	23,595	31,967	25,861
Housing development	5,632	5,452	5,368	5,622	6,633
Community development	9,124	9,962	13,003	14,808	13,436
Water supply	0	0	0	0	70
Street lighting	5,382	5,470	4,815	11,316	5,500
R&D Housing and community amenities	379	206	206	0	0
Housing and community amenities n.e.c.	212	213	203	222	222
7. Health	315,031	346,758	370,382	393,907	432,294
Medical products, appliances and equipment	48,580	38,679	42,530	37,337	46,176
Outpatient services	52,472	57,106	63,257	68,794	75,886
Hospital services	188,888	223,616	229,248	262,790	280,277
Public health services	8,581	10,464	9,833	9,970	2,867
R&D Health	0	9	1,138	0	0
Health n.e.c.	16,509	16,883	24,375	15,016	27,087
8. Recreation, culture and religion	44,876	51,475	58,394	66,238	67,802
Recreational and sporting services	6,629	8,920	10,878	12,121	10,212
Cultural services	31,357	36,157	39,994	46,152	50,695
Broadcasting and publishing services	3,081	2,992	2,935	2,949	2,679
Religious and other community services	989	823	1,133	1,552	699
R&D Recreation, culture and religion	185	98	148	2	2
Recreation, culture and religion n.e.c.	2,636	2,485	3,305	3,462	3,515

... Table 5. General Government expenditure by second level function 2009-2013

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
9. Education	328,914	371,366	392,091	418,958	442,412
Pre-primary and primary education	78,584	84,178	96,425	104,613	106,731
Secondary education	141,905	152,092	144,908	152,162	161,083
Post-secondary non-tertiary education	1,085	4,444	6,604	6,503	7,556
Tertiary education	49,865	62,095	73,187	72,641	84,145
Education not definable by level	357	670	955	1,476	-313
Subsidiary services to education	5,472	4,845	5,553	7,932	7,880
R&D Education	19,061	24,926	26,253	36,346	35,434
Education n.e.c.	32,585	38,115	38,205	37,286	39,896
10. Social protection	870,648	906,048	944,207	1,004,694	1,054,084
Sickness and disability	102,021	101,801	101,865	105,278	110,579
Old age	489,312	520,459	553,299	593,085	625,469
Survivors	107,690	113,651	116,717	128,709	129,278
Family and children	74,055	76,426	81,407	75,084	79,734
Unemployment	31,291	31,851	32,369	36,725	43,730
Housing	9,225	9,908	12,006	5,400	6,907
Social exclusion n.e.c.	23,474	23,755	23,766	27,558	24,147
R&D Social protection	31	248	203	39	39
Social protection n.e.c.	33,549	27,948	22,575	32,815	34,201
Total General Government expenditure by function	2,569,490	2,707,790	2,820,175	3,062,488	3,196,324

Methodological Notes

1. All data in this News Release are in line with the European System of Accounts (ESA) 2010 Manual (ISBN 978-92-79-31242-7) and the COFOG classifications as published in the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2001 (ISBN 1-58906-061-X). These methodologies are mandatory for all EU Member States.
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