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In the first quarter of 2016, the General Government recorded a deficit of €53.6 million.

Quarterly Accounts for General Government: Q1/2016

Quarterly non-financial accounts (t/t-4)

During the period January-March 2016, total revenue stood at €849.8 million, an increase of €85.4 million when compared to the first quarter of 2015. This increase in revenue was mainly triggered by higher receipts from Current taxes on income and wealth (€41.9 million) and Taxes on production and imports (€31.7 million). Moreover, Market output and Net social contributions receivable registered increases of €26.3 million and €12.2 million respectively. On the other hand, proceeds from Capital transfers receivable recorded a decline of €25.7 million (Table 2).

Total expenditure in the first quarter amounted to €903.4 million, a decrease of €30.4 million from the first quarter of 2015. The main decreases were recorded in Capital transfers payable (€39.4 million), Gross capital formation (€31.4 million) and Current transfers payable (€15.9 million). Conversely, increases were recorded in Social benefits and social transfers in kind (€20.4 million), Intermediate consumption (€19.8 million), Compensation of employees (€16.4 million) and Subsidies payable (€2.4 million) (Table 3).

In order to achieve compliance with the provisions of ESA 2010, adjustments to the Consolidated Fund data were made. In the first quarter of this year, these adjustments triggered a decline of €69.7 million to the deficit of the Consolidated Fund (Table 4).

Quarterly financial accounts (t/t-1)

During the first quarter, in relation to financial transactions in assets, Currency and deposits were registered at €249.5 million. Moreover, Other accounts receivable stood at €92.6 million, down from €99.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. Additionally, Long-term loans fell to -€12.0 million, while Equity and investment fund shares decreased to -€0.5 million (Table 7).

With regard to financial transactions in liabilities, Other accounts payable recorded the largest amount of transactions at €166.5 million. Concurrently, Short-term debt securities and Long-term debt securities witnessed positive transaction amounts of €145.7 million and €133.6 million respectively. Conversely, Long-term loans were registered at -€57.4 million whereas Short-term loans stood at €2.2 million. Furthermore, Currency and deposits were registered at -€0.2 million (Table 8).

Quarterly Debt (t/t-4)

Total General Government debt outstanding at the end of March increased by €201.2 million over 2015. General Government debt amounted to €5,847.6 million, of which €5,843.3 million related to Central Government. The increase in Central Government debt was underpinned by higher Short-term debt securities of €159.5 million. Additionally, Long-term debt securities and Short-term loans increased by €93.4 million and €0.3 million respectively. Conversely, Long-term loans decreased by €60.2 million. The euro coins issued in the name of the Treasury, which are considered as a currency liability pertaining to the Central Government, amounted to €68.4 million, a rise of €8.0 million over the euro coin stock recorded at the end of March 2015. In addition, the Local Government debt stood at €4.3 million (Table 9).

The Government guaranteed debt amounted to €1,404.6 million at the end of March 2016, an increase of €158.9 million when compared to March 2015 ■

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Chart 1. General Government deficit (-) / surplus (+)

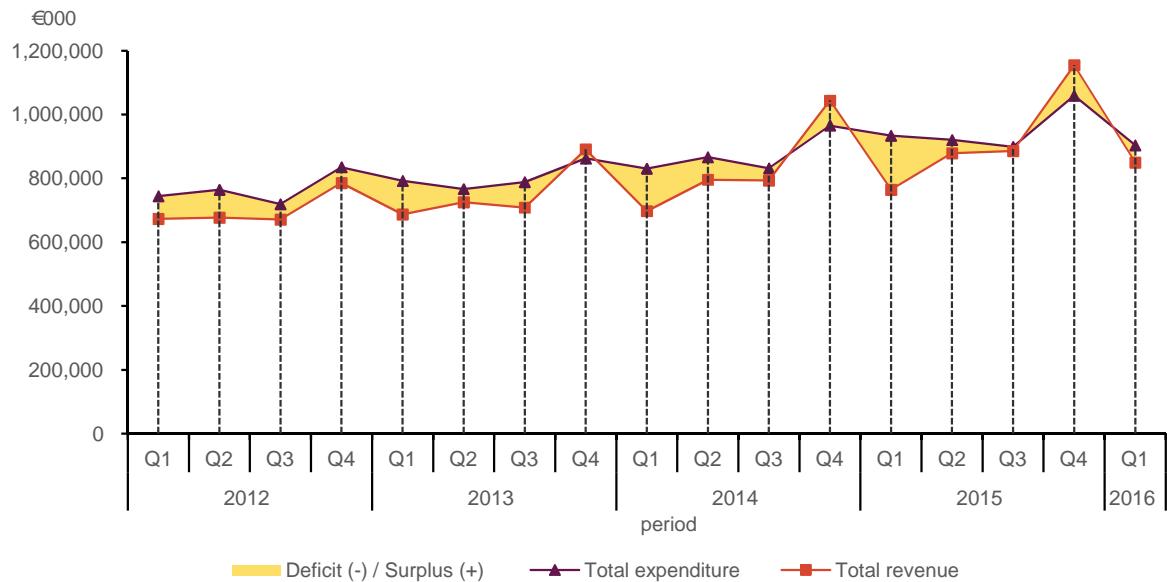


Table 1. Revenue and Expenditure of the General Government Sector by period

Period		Total revenue	Change (t/t-4)	Total expenditure	Change (t/t-4)	Deficit (-) / Surplus (+)
		€'000	%	€'000	%	€'000
2012	Q1	672,950	3.5	744,148	7.2	-71,198
	Q2	677,262	11.0	764,503	10.1	-87,242
	Q3	671,121	6.1	719,323	7.1	-48,202
	Q4	785,377	4.6	834,875	9.8	-49,498
	Total	2,806,710	6.2	3,062,850	8.6	-256,140
2013	Q1	687,130	2.1	792,206	6.5	-105,076
	Q2	724,855	7.0	766,596	0.3	-41,741
	Q3	708,498	5.6	788,349	9.6	-79,851
	Q4	891,085	13.5	862,354	3.3	28,732
	Total	3,011,568	7.3	3,209,504	4.8	-197,936
2014	Q1	697,441	1.5	830,666	4.9	-133,225
	Q2	795,788	9.8	866,425	13.0	-70,637
	Q3	793,496	12.0	831,510	5.5	-38,014
	Q4	1,043,613	17.1	965,177	11.9	78,436
	Total	3,330,337	10.6	3,493,778	8.9	-163,441
2015	Q1	764,421	9.6	933,854	12.4	-169,433
	Q2	878,614	10.4	920,224	6.2	-41,610
	Q3	885,361	11.6	898,634	8.1	-13,272
	Q4	1,154,695	10.6	1,059,379	9.8	95,316
	Total	3,683,092	10.6	3,812,091	9.1	-128,999
2016	Q1	849,793	11.2	903,440	-3.3	-53,647

Table 2. Components of General Government Sector's revenue by period

Period	Market output	Taxes on production and imports	Property income receivable	Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.	Net social contributions receivable	Current transfers receivable	Capital transfers receivable	Total revenue	
ESA 2010 Code	P.1	D.2	D.4	D.5	D.61	D.7	D.9		
					€'000				
2012	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Total	40,962 41,675 33,240 40,778 156,655	228,155 210,092 249,465 250,407 938,120	37,579 24,253 10,469 19,756 92,057	217,787 241,128 215,866 260,121 934,902	120,492 118,955 118,883 146,020 504,349	6,687 9,421 7,591 9,508 33,208	21,288 31,738 35,608 58,786 147,420	672,950 677,262 671,121 785,377 2,806,710
2013	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Total	44,405 37,823 41,835 55,353 179,417	205,441 226,685 277,375 271,609 981,110	35,716 18,209 18,125 27,462 99,511	246,574 278,174 203,543 314,980 1,043,271	122,294 125,804 121,075 155,662 524,835	7,216 6,364 8,274 8,345 30,199	25,484 31,795 38,271 57,675 153,225	687,130 724,855 708,498 891,085 3,011,568
2014	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Total	36,076 41,727 42,615 58,959 179,377	241,554 252,160 295,155 308,893 1,097,762	36,735 15,816 14,710 25,750 93,012	207,582 303,640 242,082 402,126 1,155,430	131,797 136,634 132,255 159,618 560,305	7,026 8,058 21,160 27,790 39,033	36,671 37,752 45,519 85,476 205,418	697,441 795,788 793,496 1,043,613 3,330,337
2015	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Total	39,708 46,875 72,493 73,694 232,770	270,463 265,901 305,216 347,527 1,189,108	37,167 20,057 15,658 26,955 99,836	225,128 342,249 284,803 385,396 1,237,575	140,663 139,574 144,098 171,972 596,307	9,134 6,988 10,736 48 26,905	42,158 56,971 52,358 149,104 300,591	764,421 878,614 885,361 1,154,695 3,683,092
2016	Q1	65,972	302,204	36,808	267,026	152,874	8,420	16,488	849,793

Table 3. Components of General Government Sector's expenditure by period

Period	Compensation of employees	Intermediate consumption	Property income payable	Gross capital formation*	Social benefits and social transfers in kind	Subsidies payable	Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.	Current transfers payable	Capital transfers payable	Total expenditure
ESA 2010 Code	D.1	P.2	D.4	P.5	D.6	D.3	D.5	D.7	D.9	
2012	Q1	224,132	120,789	55,289	43,766	217,707	15,943	-26	36,334	30,214
	Q2	231,575	111,745	53,521	64,146	245,725	20,863	-27	24,975	11,981
	Q3	229,827	115,600	54,839	51,862	201,341	21,534	-15	32,019	12,315
	Q4	236,858	135,059	52,018	77,547	260,099	18,542	510	41,716	12,526
	Total	922,392	483,192	215,667	237,322	924,873	76,882	442	135,043	67,037
2013	Q1	238,667	115,302	56,664	43,763	229,511	17,561	61	40,791	49,886
	Q2	241,842	107,128	53,856	48,724	253,801	16,830	53	38,639	5,723
	Q3	249,638	111,522	58,374	58,167	240,053	22,399	267	33,723	14,204
	Q4	245,909	137,798	51,623	71,284	240,805	23,481	234	65,707	25,514
	Total	976,056	471,751	220,518	221,938	964,169	80,271	615	178,860	95,327
2014	Q1	255,713	112,197	56,279	62,110	247,699	26,714	0	49,302	20,651
	Q2	260,734	136,387	58,459	65,831	258,063	26,645	0	36,413	23,892
	Q3	263,545	118,778	58,367	66,692	236,735	24,172	0	49,306	13,914
	Q4	268,596	157,468	59,151	98,858	261,595	27,462	931	57,648	33,468
	Total	1,048,588	524,831	232,257	293,492	1,004,092	104,993	931	192,670	91,925
2015	Q1	274,568	118,715	56,084	94,542	249,241	28,028	78	59,454	53,145
	Q2	280,113	143,779	57,316	92,238	263,279	26,614	110	48,242	8,533
	Q3	280,560	124,374	57,832	87,310	256,496	29,283	164	45,019	17,595
	Q4	281,171	209,587	58,625	121,307	264,202	26,638	54	47,495	50,300
	Total	1,116,412	596,455	229,857	395,396	1,033,218	110,563	407	200,209	129,573
2016	Q1	290,936	138,559	53,338	63,122	269,653	30,427	85	43,583	13,739
										903,440

* For the purpose of this comparative table acquisitions less disposals of non-produced assets is included within the Gross Capital Formation category

Table 4. Transition between Consolidated Fund and General Government sector by period

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2013				2014				2015				2016	
					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Consolidated Fund Surplus / Deficit	-342,276	-223,135	-121,306	-232,835	-127,441	-73,714	-30,217	8,236	-210,593	-39,632	-18,725	147,644	-82,339	-72,636	-3,659	-74,202	-123,323	1
Adjustments to the Consolidated Fund:																		
Loan Repayment	0	0	0	-2,013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2,013	0	0	0	0	0
Equities, acquisitions (+)	686	0	0	0	2,118	0	0	-2,118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equities, sales (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other financial transactions	0	-983	0	-1,000	0	0	0	-983	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,000	0	3
Difference between interest paid (+) and interest accrued (-)	-2,275	1,459	-3,640	881	-6,245	5,058	-5,150	7,797	-3,184	-1,799	1,981	-638	-515	1,834	-1,250	811	3,958	4
Other accounts receivable (+) and payable (-)	55,499	38,774	-62,527	107,906	-677	28,379	3,848	7,225	48,901	-51,550	62,792	-122,670	-70,697	7,893	49,264	121,445	18,153	5
Time-adjusted cash transactions	40,179	41,943	13,478	-3,779	60,947	11,776	-52,336	21,556	9,478	42,885	-68,340	29,455	33,391	30,619	-79,862	12,074	55,120	6
Treasury Clearance Fund flows in non-financial transactions	18,319	976	35,971	55,502	30,858	5,241	287	-35,411	35,459	4,420	-2,555	-1,322	9,600	14,418	31,383	101	22,234	
Sinking Fund interests' received	2,085	2,335	1,981	3,738	169	497	183	1,486	441	607	357	577	2	1,631	328	1,777	541	
Interest received not included in consolidated fund	112	-2,775	5	0	7	6	8	-2,796	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Interest receivable	-2,563	156	621	1,035	469	-592	1,487	-1,208	543	-473	430	122	1,112	-672	1,192	-597	224	
Adjustment Stock premium proceeds	-249	-1,579	-4,998	-8,796	482	-2,034	872	-898	167	-2,428	-348	-2,389	279	-3,917	763	-5,921	-2,096	7
Quarterly adjustments	0	0	0	0	-22,142	-15,088	7,359	29,872	-10,791	-19,446	-19,414	49,661	-18,875	-19,290	-11,420	49,584	-21,389	8
EFSF re-routing	781	514	411	258	106	174	110	123	80	125	127	79	73	64	58	63	49	9
E-equity injection	0	0	-5,843	0	-43,012	-40,024	0	0	-14,980	0	0	0	-43,012	0	0	0	-11,984	10
Debt assumption	0	0	0	-1,189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,189	0	0	0	0	
Other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Extra Budgetary Units deficit (-) / surplus (+)	-4,440	-13,442	-4,672	-6,797	-3,163	-904	-5,764	-3,611	10,994	-3,450	3,351	-15,567	4,737	-1,392	-2,244	-7,898	4,853	12
Local Government deficit (-) / surplus (+)	-1,998	-2,155	2,058	1,103	-539	-539	-539	-539	258	103	2,361	-663	13	-162	2,174	-922	13	13
General Government deficit (-) / surplus (+)	-256,140	-197,936	-163,441	-128,999	-105,076	-41,741	-79,851	28,732	-133,225	-70,637	-38,014	78,436	-169,433	-41,610	-13,272	95,316	-53,647	

1. Consolidated Fund Surplus/Deficit as published on a monthly basis by the NSO however, the latter includes the equity injection to the national air carrier.

2. Acquisition of shares in international agencies.

3. Superdividend test - Dividends paid out of accumulated reserves.

4. Difference between the interest paid and accrued of the Treasury Bills, Malta Government Stocks and Foreign Loans. Includes interest receivable.

5. Accruals adjustment for all the Budgetary Central Government. Includes amongst which: Treasury Department accrual templates, adjustment for EU Funds neutrality, emission trading permits and Ex-Church Property Agreement adjustment.

6. In line with Council Regulation 25/6/2000, the method of recording of taxes and social contributions is the time-adjusted method.

7. The difference between the issue value and the par value, i.e. the premium, of the Malta Government Stocks is apportioned throughout the lifetime of the security.

8. Quarterly timing adjustments necessary to fulfil compliance with the ESA2010 methodology and the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt.

9. Re-routed operations of the European Financial Stability Facility.

10. Equity injection to Air Malta plc. The debt-to-equity conversion in January 2016 failed the capital injection test.

11. Debt assumption in relation to the liquidation of Sea Malta Co Ltd.

12. The aggregated net borrowing (-) / net lending (+) of the extra budgetary units forming part of the Central Government Sector.

13. The aggregated net borrowing (-) / net lending (+) of the 68 local councils, 5 Regional Committees and Local Councils Association.

For further information on the ESA 2010 adjustments refer to Malta's EDP Inventory at: http://nso.gov.mt/en/nsu/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_A2/Public_Finance/Pages/Government-Debt-and-Deficit-under-the-Maastricht-Treaty.aspx

Table 5. Financial Accounts for General Government by period - Financial stocks in assets

		Position at end of period		Currency and deposits		Short-term debt securities		Long-term debt securities		Short-term loans		Long-term loans		Equity and investment fund shares		Financial derivatives		Other accounts receivable	
		AF.2		AF.31		AF.32		AF.41		AF.42		AF.42		AF.5		AF.7		AF.8	
ESA 2010 Code																			
2012	Q1	654,881		0		0		59,780		120,891		869,788		0		0		680,461	
	Q2	725,546		0		0		60,633		164,279		909,852		0		0		692,818	
	Q3	607,388		0		0		61,028		166,808		851,232		0		0		695,195	
	Q4	431,279		0		0		3,854		252,918		1,113,520		0		0		706,227	
2013	Q1	536,999		0		0		6,808		261,645		1,127,986		0		0		760,131	
	Q2	598,572		0		0		6,566		282,596		1,141,625		0		0		798,018	
	Q3	641,463		0		0		6,399		286,458		1,162,337		0		0		785,465	
	Q4	408,777		0		0		771		292,178		1,186,175		0		0		823,154	
2014	Q1	403,080		0		0		6,146		287,105		1,175,817		0		0		866,079	
	Q2	927,862		0		0		6,072		293,933		1,180,271		0		0		862,105	
	Q3	584,817		0		0		7,387		296,343		1,206,568		0		0		860,253	
	Q4	486,265		0		0		1,112		303,239		1,074,578		0		0		830,642	
2015	Q1	566,653		0		0		1,078		252,580		1,138,060		0		0		806,247	
	Q2	618,479		0		0		1,222		253,373		1,121,681		0		0		882,931	
	Q3	680,458		0		0		1,536		253,648		1,143,819		0		0		821,609	
	Q4	463,794		0		0		1,230		252,999		1,155,406		0		0		921,413	
2016	Q1	711,214		0		0		1,230		241,048		1,181,568		0		0		1,014,019	

Table 6. Financial Accounts for General Government by period - Financial stocks in liabilities

Position at end of period		Currency and deposits	Short-term debt securities	Long-term debt securities	Short-term loans	Long-term loans	Equity and investment fund shares	Financial derivatives	Other accounts payable
ESI 2010 Code	AF.2	AF.31	AF.32	AF.41	AF.42	AF.5	AF.7	AF.8	
€'000									
2012	Q1	45,195	215,911	4,569,290	57,714	249,761	15	0	668,870
	Q2	47,042	254,521	4,675,345	59,578	283,511	15	0	723,625
	Q3	48,852	318,651	4,557,845	60,217	286,198	15	0	769,760
	Q4	50,446	153,718	4,733,601	80,248	266,872	15	0	753,525
2013	Q1	50,828	288,099	4,952,204	78,944	273,601	15	0	722,756
	Q2	52,313	335,532	5,032,214	81,038	285,832	15	0	767,524
	Q3	54,275	422,151	5,061,451	78,194	288,955	15	0	766,950
	Q4	55,279	247,809	5,043,857	22,403	355,618	15	0	727,803
2014	Q1	55,049	366,797	5,243,651	24,254	353,986	15	0	634,227
	Q2	57,107	406,860	5,593,469	32,140	350,718	15	0	978,211
	Q3	59,475	308,450	5,715,817	33,766	355,293	15	0	783,631
	Q4	60,397	140,424	5,749,108	31,696	362,850	15	0	812,958
2015	Q1	60,321	208,129	6,248,589	33,875	349,180	15	0	756,431
	Q2	62,874	230,544	5,979,122	30,736	340,973	15	0	911,445
	Q3	65,402	252,594	6,062,715	28,920	343,490	15	0	916,665
	Q4	68,510	222,057	6,043,481	32,071	346,065	15	0	748,288
2016	Q1	68,353	367,655	6,298,594	34,255	288,704	15	0	912,676

Table 7. Financial Accounts for General Government by period - Financial transactions in assets*

Period	Currency and deposits	Short-term debt securities	Long-term debt securities	Short-term loans	Long-term loans	Equity and investment fund shares	Financial derivatives	Other accounts receivable
ESA 2010 Code	F.2	F.31	F.32	F.41	F.42	F.5	F.7	F.8
2012	Q1	627	0	0	3,674	40,437	5,861	0
	Q2	64,416	0	0	853	43,389	11,234	0
	Q3	-118,332	0	0	394	2,529	42	12,357
	Q4	-173,979	0	0	-57,173	86,109	22,675	2,377
	Total	-227,268	0	0	-52,252	172,464	39,812	11,032
2013	Q1	106,863	0	0	2,953	8,727	8,186	0
	Q2	63,690	0	0	-242	20,951	11,892	37,887
	Q3	42,909	0	0	-167	3,862	341	-12,553
	Q4	-232,669	0	0	-5,628	5,721	6,007	37,689
	Total	-19,207	0	0	-3,083	39,261	26,427	0
2014	Q1	-5,780	0	0	5,375	-5,073	1,261	0
	Q2	524,145	0	0	-74	6,828	10,855	-3,974
	Q3	-345,073	0	0	1,315	2,410	1,899	-1,860
	Q4	-98,711	0	0	-6,275	6,896	1,068	-29,616
	Total	74,581	0	0	341	11,061	15,082	0
2015	Q1	77,993	0	0	-34	-52,673	-5,406	0
	Q2	51,583	0	0	144	793	-3,158	76,684
	Q3	61,991	0	0	313	275	3,095	0
	Q4	-218,327	0	0	-306	-649	-2,590	-61,322
	Total	-26,760	0	0	119	-52,253	-8,060	99,804
2016	Q1	249,518	0	0	0	-11,951	-523	0

* Changes between opening and closing stock in assets may not be equal to the transactions due to revaluations and other changes in volume

Table 8. Financial Accounts for General Government by period - Financial transactions in liabilities*

Period	Currency and deposits	Short-term debt securities	Long-term debt securities	Short-term loans	Long-term loans	Equity and investment fund shares	Financial derivatives	Other accounts payable
€000								
ESA 2010 Code	F.2	F.31	F.32	F.41	F.42	F.5	F.7	F.8
2012								
Q1	-641	-41,292	232,685	5,017	40,422	15	0	21,329
Q2	1,847	37,997	93,484	1,865	33,686	0	0	48,557
Q3	1,810	63,378	-180,501	639	2,687	0	0	45,945
Q4	1,594	-165,749	136,118	20,031	-19,202	0	0	-14,123
Total	4,610	-105,666	281,786	27,551	57,594	15	0	101,708
2013								
Q1	382	133,714	165,741	-1,303	6,715	0	0	-29,607
Q2	1,485	46,711	57,685	2,094	12,257	0	0	46,863
Q3	1,962	86,025	24,978	-2,844	3,140	0	0	-670
Q4	1,004	-174,843	-5,584	-55,791	66,680	0	0	-38,616
Total	4,833	91,607	242,820	-57,845	88,792	0	0	-22,030
2014								
Q1	-230	118,537	139,955	1,851	-1,646	0	0	-93,666
Q2	2,058	39,428	218,949	7,887	-3,276	0	0	343,428
Q3	2,368	-98,713	-40,725	1,626	4,545	0	0	-196,575
Q4	922	-168,179	-50,052	-2,071	7,549	0	0	29,177
Total	5,118	-108,928	268,127	9,293	7,173	0	0	82,365
2015								
Q1	-76	67,678	169,626	2,179	-13,700	0	0	-58,882
Q2	2,553	22,410	3,292	-3,139	-8,197	0	0	154,757
Q3	2,528	22,058	-5,271	-1,816	2,530	0	0	4,434
Q4	3,108	-30,484	-37,288	3,151	2,570	0	0	-170,033
Total	8,113	81,662	130,359	376	-16,797	0	0	-69,724
2016	Q1	-157	145,699	133,555	2,183	-57,361	0	166,490

* Changes between opening and closing stock in liabilities may not be equal to the transactions due to revaluations and other changes in volume

Table 9. General Government debt by period

Position at end of period	Currency and deposits	Central Government Debt						Total Central Government Debt	Total Local Government Debt	Total General Government Debt	of which: EFSF Re-routed Debt*	Government Guaranteed Debt					
		Debt securities			Loans												
		Short-term	Long-term	Total	Short-term	Long-term	Total										
ESI 2010 Code	AF.2	AF.31	AF.32	AF.3	AF.41	AF.42	AF.4	€000	€000	€000	€000	AF.42					
2012	Q1	45,195	216,357	4,272,848	4,489,205	56,750	244,228	300,978	4,835,378	3,971	4,839,348	55,908					
	Q2	47,042	255,054	4,365,974	4,621,028	58,552	279,112	337,665	5,005,735	4,016	5,009,752	99,391					
	Q3	48,852	319,378	4,188,218	4,507,596	59,128	281,561	340,690	4,897,138	4,062	4,901,200	101,913					
	Q4	50,446	154,133	4,322,778	4,476,911	79,096	261,900	340,996	4,868,353	4,108	4,872,461	135,951					
2013	Q1	50,828	288,599	4,483,150	4,771,749	77,853	268,419	346,272	5,168,849	4,134	5,172,983	141,383					
	Q2	52,313	335,899	4,543,103	4,879,002	80,008	281,481	361,488	5,292,803	4,160	5,296,964	162,788					
	Q3	54,275	422,650	4,564,675	4,987,325	77,224	284,484	361,707	5,403,307	4,186	5,407,494	166,190					
	Q4	55,279	248,117	4,565,563	4,813,680	21,493	350,537	372,030	5,240,989	4,213	5,245,202	172,476					
2014	Q1	55,049	367,200	4,702,688	5,069,888	23,257	349,001	372,258	5,497,195	4,210	5,501,404	172,509					
	Q2	57,107	407,167	4,916,896	5,324,063	31,057	346,499	377,556	5,758,727	4,206	5,762,933	179,849					
	Q3	59,475	308,567	4,876,389	5,184,956	32,596	351,253	383,849	5,628,280	4,203	5,632,484	181,794					
	Q4	60,397	140,440	4,828,016	4,968,456	30,438	358,368	388,806	5,417,659	4,200	5,421,860	181,794					
2015	Q1	60,321	208,140	4,996,290	5,204,430	32,611	344,807	377,417	5,642,168	4,223	5,646,391	171,189					
	Q2	62,874	230,550	4,998,408	5,228,958	29,465	337,028	366,493	5,658,325	4,246	5,662,571	171,189					
	Q3	65,402	252,600	4,995,416	5,248,016	27,642	339,740	367,382	5,680,800	4,269	5,685,069	171,189					
	Q4	68,510	222,050	4,953,923	5,175,973	30,786	341,756	372,542	5,617,025	4,292	5,621,318	171,189					
2016	Q1	68,353	367,650	5,089,659	5,457,309	32,960	284,643	317,603	5,843,265	4,324	5,847,590	171,189					

* Refer to methodological note 7

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). This system of accounts is mandatory for all EU Member States.
2. General Government Sector (S.13 sector according to the ESA2010 definitions) is made up of the Central Government Sector (S.1311) and the Local Government Sector (S.1313). The Central Government Sector includes the Budgetary Central Government, made up of Government ministries and departments and the Extra Budgetary Units (EBUs).
3. ESA 2010 states as a general rule that all financial assets and liabilities are to be valued using current market prices on the date to which the balance sheet relates. Changes between opening and closing stocks may also include other economic flows which are not due to financial transactions. The other economic flows are broken down into revaluations in financial assets and liabilities, and other changes in the volume of financial assets and liabilities.
4. The deficit calculated from the non-financial accounts (B.9) should be consistent with the deficit measured from the financial accounts (B.9f) however, differences arise due to different sources and estimations.
5. Quarterly government debt (Table 9) may not be consistent with the reported government liabilities in the Quarterly Financial Accounts for General Government (QFAGG) (Table 6). They differ because of the different valuation rules: government liabilities are reported at market value, whereas government debt is reported at nominal value excluding accrued interest. In Table 9, General Government debt is in line with Maastricht debt provisions, at the end of the period indicated. All aggregates are consolidated between the different sub-sectors of General Government. The government guarantees reported in Table 9 are on debt instruments. Government guarantees include guarantees granted by the EBUs but exclude government guarantees provided to EBUs.
6. The figures for taxes on production and imports are treated differently between the compilation of the Gross Domestic Product and the General Government Sector accounts. In the latter an adjustment is made for the payment of the EU own resources on import duties.
7. The European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) was established on 7 June 2010 for the purpose of providing stability support to Euro Area Member States (EAMS). The EFSF finances such support by issuing or entering into bonds, notes, commercial paper, or other financing arrangements. The operations are backed by guarantees of the EAMS on the basis of an agreed 'adjusted contribution key'. On 27 January 2011, Eurostat decided that the debt issued by the EFSF for each support operation must be rerouted to the public accounts of the EAMS providing guarantees, proportionately to their contribution key. Therefore the recording of such flows will impact the gross government debt (as defined in the Maastricht Treaty) but not the net debt. In addition, all revenue/expenditure streams (interest, margins and service fees) will be recorded in the general government accounts, resulting in a positive impact on the deficit/surplus of the EAMS.
8. All data in this release should be considered as provisional and therefore subject to revision. Figures may not add up due to rounding.
9. t/t-4 refers to the change over the corresponding quarter in the previous year.
t/t-1 refers to the change over the previous quarter.
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