

Quarterly non-financial account of general government, income and savings of households and profits of non-financial corporations

II quarter 2017

Data presented in this press release are derived from Quarterly non-financial accounts by institutional sector (QSA), that include Quarterly non-financial General government account. QSA are estimated at current prices and expressed in millions of euro. Data for Consumer households and Non-financial corporations are presented in seasonally adjusted form. Data for the General government are not seasonally adjusted.

General government account

In the second quarter of 2017 total expenditures and total revenues for General government grew respectively by 1.6% and 1.3% compared with the second quarter of the previous year. The increase of total expenditures results from an increase both in current (+1.3%) and in capital expenditures (+4.8%). The increase in total revenues is due to the growth of current taxes on income and wealth, taxes on production and imports and social contributions.

The General government deficit (net borrowing) to GDP ratio was 0.5% in the second quarter of 2017, compared with the 0.4% in the second quarter of 2016. The tax burden ratio was stable (41.8%) compared with the second quarter 2016¹.

TABLE 1. MAIN INDICATORS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT. Unadjusted data

	II 2017	II 2016	II 2017 minus II 2016	I-II 2017 minus I-II 2016
	Percentage values		Changes in percentage points	
Total revenue/GDP	46.7	46.8	-0.1	0.0
Total expenditure/GDP	47.2	47.2	0.0	-0.2
Total expenditure net interests/GDP	42.9	42.7	0.2	-0.2
Net lending (+) or Net borrowing (-)/GDP	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.2
Current balance/GDP	3.1	2.9	0.2	0.3
Primary balance/GDP	3.8	4.1	-0.3	0.3
Tax burden (a)	41.8	41.8	0.0	0.1

(a) Ratio on GDP of the sum of current taxes on income, wealth, etc., taxes on production and imports, social contributions receivable and capital taxes.

¹ In 2017q2 the operation of winding up of Banca Popolare di Vicenza s.p.a. and Veneto Banca s.p.a. took place. This operation however is not included in the quarterly non-financial accounts for General government, pending Eurostat advice on its recording in National Accounts.

TABLE 2. QUARTERLY NON-FINANCIAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT. Millions of euros at current prices and percentage changes. Unadjusted data

	II 2017	II 2016	II 2017 on II 2016	I-II 2017 on I-II 2016
EXPENDITURES				
Compensation of employees	37,981	37,907	0.2	0.3
Intermediate consumption	22,446	22,238	0.9	0.9
Social benefits other than social transfers in kind	79,750	78,722	1.3	1.3
Other current expenditures	27,240	25,757	5.8	1.1
Current expenditures net interests	167,417	164,624	1.7	1.0
Interests	18,757	19,198	-2.3	2.4
Total current expenditures	186,174	183,822	1.3	1.1
Gross fixed capital formation	8,255	8,631	-4.4	-4.1
Other capital expenditures	7,816	6,699	16.7	11.0
Total capital expenditures	16,071	15,330	4.8	1.7
Total expenditure	202,245	199,152	1.6	1.2
REVENUES				
Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.	63,085	61,960	1.8	1.7
Taxes on production and imports	61,565	60,406	1.9	2.5
Social contributions receivable	53,967	52,753	2.3	1.8
Other current revenues	20,648	20,886	-1.1	0.2
Total current revenues	199,265	196,005	1.7	1.8
Capital taxes	413	1,069	-61.3	-31.7
Other capital revenues	275	328	-16.1	-11.4
Total capital revenues	689	1,397	-50.7	-25.9
Total revenue	199,954	197,402	1.3	1.7
BALANCING ITEMS				
Current balance	13,091	12,183		
Net lending (+) or Net borrowing (-)	-2,292	-1,750		
Primary balance	16,465	17,448		

Consumer households

In the second quarter of 2017 gross disposable income of Consumer households increased by 0.2% with respect to the previous quarter and final consumption expenditure by 0.4%. Compared with the second quarter of 2016 gross disposable income of Consumer households raised by 0.9% and final consumption expenditure by 2.7%. Gross disposable income of Consumer households in real terms remained unchanged compared with the previous quarter, and decreased by 0.3% compared with the second quarter of 2016.

TABLE 3. MAIN INDICATORS FOR CONSUMER HOUSEHOLDS. Seasonally adjusted data

	II 2017	II 2017 on I 2017	II 2017 on II 2016	I-II 2017 on I-II 2016
	Millions of euro	Percentage changes		
Gross disposable income	278,571	0.2	0.9	1.1
Real gross disposable income (a)	256,507	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
Final consumption expenditure	259,152	0.4	2.7	2.6
Gross fixed capital formation	16,560	-0.2	2.4	3.0
	Percentage values	Changes in percentage points		
Gross saving rate (b)	7.5	-0.2	-1.5	
Gross investment rate (c)	5.9	0.0	0.1	

(a) Gross disposable income in real terms, obtained by applying the deflator of final consumption expenditure of households (chained values, reference year 2010); (b) Gross saving divided by gross disposable income adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves; (c) Gross fixed capital formation divided by gross disposable income adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves.

The gross saving rate of Consumer households (defined as gross saving divided by gross disposable income, the latter being adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves) was 7.5%, compared with 7.7% in the previous quarter and 9.0% in the second quarter of 2016.

The gross investment rate of Consumer households (defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross disposable income) was 5.9% in the second quarter of 2017, unchanged with respect to the previous quarter and 0,1 percentage points higher compared with the same quarter of 2016 (5,8%).

Non-financial corporations

The gross profit share of Non-financial corporations (defined as gross operating surplus divided by gross value added) was 41.5% in the second quarter of 2017, compared to 41.6% in the previous quarter and 42.0% in the second quarter of 2016.

Gross investment rate of Non-financial corporations (defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added) was 20.3% in the second quarter of 2017, compared with 20.1% in the previous quarter and with 19.8% in the second quarter of 2016.

TABLE 4. MAIN INDICATORS FOR NON-FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS. Seasonally adjusted data

	II 2017	II 2017 on I 2017	II 2017 on II 2016	I-II 2017 on I-II 2016
	Millions of euro	Percentage changes		
Gross value added at basic prices	195,556	1.2	3.3	2.7
Gross operating surplus	81,238	1.1	2.2	1.3
Gross fixed capital formation	39,705	2.1	5.9	4.6
	Percentage values	Changes in percentage points		
Gross profit share (a)	41.5	-0.1	-0.5	
Gross investment rate (b)	20.3	0.2	0.5	

(a) Gross operating surplus divided by gross value added.

(b) Gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added.

For more details please refer to the Italian version and to the data warehouse I.stat (<http://dati.istat.it/?lang=en>)

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