

## Notification of general government deficit and debt according to the excessive deficit procedure

Years 2013-2016

In this release, Istat provides government deficit and debt data based on figures reported in the first 2017 notification by Italy to the EC<sup>1</sup> for the years 2013-2016, for the application of the excessive deficit procedure (EDP). This notification is based on the ESA 2010 system of national accounts. No reservations have been expressed by Eurostat on the data reported by Italy, that are the same already disseminated on the 4th of April:

(<http://www.istat.it/it/archivio/198651> "Conto trimestrale delle Amministrazioni pubbliche, reddito e risparmio delle famiglie e profitti delle società").

Istat also provides information on the underlying government sector accounts, as well as on the contribution of deficit/surplus and other relevant factors to the variation in the debt level (stock-flow adjustment).

According to the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the EC Treaty, government deficit (surplus) means the net borrowing (net lending) of the whole general government sector (central government, state government, local government and social security funds). It is calculated according to national accounts concepts (European System of Accounts, ESA 2010). Government debt is the consolidated gross debt of the whole general government sector outstanding at the end of the year (at nominal value). For further references see the "[Manual on government deficit and debt – Implementation of ESA 2010](#)", 2016 edition.

The government deficit to GDP ratio decreased from 2.7% in 2015 to 2.4% in 2016. The primary surplus as a percentage of GDP is equal to 1.5% in 2016, unchanged compared to 2015.

The government debt to GDP ratio was 132.6% at the end of 2016, up by 0.5 percentage points with respect to the end of 2015. Data concerning the general government debt are compiled by and released by the Bank of Italy<sup>2</sup>.

**TABLE 1. MAIN AGGREGATES OF GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS**

Years 2013-2016(a), data in millions of euro and in percentage of GDP

	2013 (b)	2014 (b)	2015 (c)	2016 (c)
Net borrowing (-)	-46.916	-48.999	-44.197	-40.809
<i>as a percentage of GDP</i>	-2,9	-3,0	-2,7	-2,4
General government consolidated gross debt (d)	2.070.180	2.137.240	2.172.850	2.217.909
<i>as a percentage of GDP</i>	129,0	131,8	132,1	132,6
Interest expenditure	77.605	74.377	68.066	66.272
<i>as a percentage of GDP</i>	4,8	4,6	4,1	4,0
Net borrowing net of interest	30.689	25.378	23.869	25.463
<i>as a percentage of GDP</i>	1,9	1,6	1,5	1,5
<b>GDP</b>	<b>1.604.599</b>	<b>1.621.827</b>	<b>1.645.439</b>	<b>1.672.438</b>

(a) Possible differences in the sums are due to rounding off.

(b) Final data.

(c) Half-finalized data.

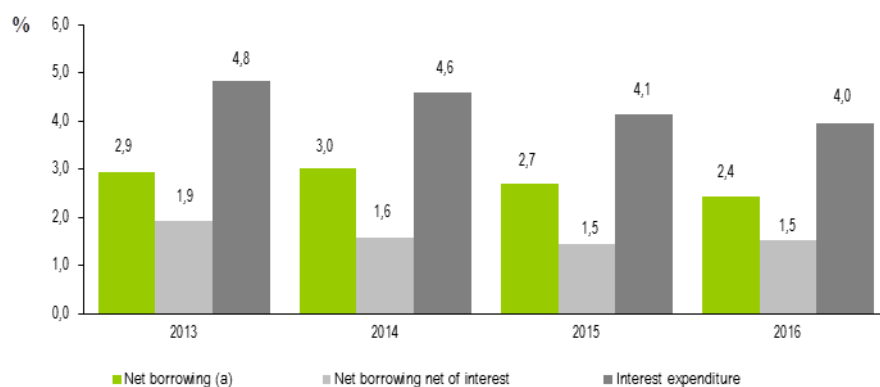
(d) Final data for the years 2013-2016.

<sup>1</sup> Notification Tables concerning all EU Countries can be found on the Eurostat web page <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/government-finance-statistics/excessive-deficit-procedure/edp-notification-tables>

<sup>2</sup> See "The Public Finances: Borrowing Requirement and Debt - February 2017"; 14 April 2017.

**FIGURE 1. NET BORROWING, NET BORROWING NET OF INTEREST AND INTEREST EXPENDITURE ON GDP**

Years 2013-2016,  
percentage values



(a) Please note that here the sign convention of the net borrowing is positive.

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