

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

II quarter 2018

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 2018 total expenditures for General government decreased by 1.2% while total revenues grew by 2.2 compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The trend in expenditure results by an increase in current expenditure (+2.2%) and a fall in capital expenditures (-30.0%). The growth of total revenues results from an increase in current revenues (+2.3%) and a decrease in total capital revenues (-17.2%).

The General government deficit (net borrowing) to GDP ratio was -0.5% in the second quarter of 2018, compared with the -2.1% in the second quarter of 2017. The tax burden ratio stood at 40.8% of GDP, 0.6 percentage points lower than the same quarter of the previous year

TABLE 1. MAIN INDICATORS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT. Unadjusted data

	II 2018	II 2017	II 2018 minus II 2017	I-II 2018 minus I-II 2017
	Percentage values		Changes in percentage points	
Total revenue/GDP	45.9	46.2	-0.3	-0.2
Total expenditure/GDP	46.4	48.3	-1.9	-1.3
Total expenditure net interests/GDP	42.4	43.9	-1.5	-0.9
Net lending (+) or Net borrowing (-)/GDP	-0.5	-2.1	+1.6	+1.1
Current balance/GDP	2.9	2.8	+0.1	+0.2
Primary balance/GDP	3.5	2.3	+1.2	+0.7
Tax burden (a)	40.8	41.4	-0.6	-0.4

(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.

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

	II 2018	II 2017	Percentage changes	
			II 2018 II 2017	I-II 2018 I-II 2017
EXPENDITURES				
Compensation of employees	41,316	37,979	+8.8	+4.7
Intermediate consumption	23,767	23,410	+1.5	+1.8
Social benefits other than social transfers in kind	81,106	79,335	+2.2	+2.1
Other current expenditures	26,308	26,665	-1.3	+0.5
Current expenditures net interests	172,497	167,389	+3.1	+2.4
Interests	17,762	18,764	-5.3	-7.2
Total current expenditures	190,259	186,153	+2.2	+1.5
Gross fixed capital formation	8,938	7,980	+12.0	+4.4
Other capital expenditures	6,414	13,961	-54.1	-47.5
Total capital expenditures	15,352	21,940	-30.0	-22.8
Total expenditure	205,611	208,093	-1.2	-0.5
REVENUES				
Current taxes on income, wealth, etc.	62,682	63,018	-0.5	+1.0
Taxes on production and imports	61,831	60,942	+1.5	+1.1
Social contributions receivable	55,908	54,090	+3.4	+2.5
Other current revenues	22,498	20,338	+10.6	+7.1
Total current revenues	202,919	198,388	+2.3	+2.1
Capital taxes	289	417	-30.7	-43.7
Other capital revenues	297	291	+2.0	-12.2
Total capital revenues	586	708	-17.2	-30.9
Total revenue	203,505	199,096	+2.2	+1.9
BALANCING ITEMS				
Current balance	12,660	12,235		
Net lending (+) or Net borrowing (-)	-2,106	-8,998		
Primary balance	15,656	9,766		

Consumer households

In the second quarter of 2018 gross disposable income of Consumer households increased by 1.3% with respect to the previous quarter and final consumption expenditure by 0.1%. Compared with the second quarter of 2017 gross disposable income of Consumer households raised by 2.9% and final consumption expenditure by 1.7%. Gross disposable income of Consumer households measured in real terms increased by 1.2% compared with the previous quarter, and by 2.0% compared with the second quarter of 2017.

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

	II 2018	II 2018 on I 2018	II 2018 on II 2017	I-II 2018 on I-II 2017
Gross disposable income	286,909	+1.3	+2.9	+2.3
Real gross disposable income (a)	261,477	+1.2	+2.0	+1.4
Final consumption expenditure	263,620	+0.1	+1.7	+1.7
Gross fixed capital formation	16,963	+0.9	+4.5	+4.2
	Percentage values	Changes in percentage points		
Gross saving rate (b)	8.6	+1.1	+1.1	+0.6
Gross investment rate (c)	5.9	0.0	+0.1	+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 8.6%, compared with 7.5% in the previous quarter and in the second quarter of 2017.

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 2018, unchanged with respect to the previous quarter (5.9%) and 0.1 percentage points higher compared to the same quarter of 2017 (5.8%).

Non-financial corporations

The gross profit share of Non-financial corporations (defined as gross operating surplus divided by gross value added) was 42.2% in the second quarter of 2018 compared to 42.3% in the previous quarter and 42.9% in the second quarter of 2017.

Gross investment rate of Non-financial corporations (defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added) was 21.9% in the second quarter of 2018, compared with 21.4% in the previous quarter and with 21.0% in the second quarter of 2017.

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

	II 2018	II 2018 on I 2018	II 2018 on II 2017	I-II 2018 on I-II 2017
	Millions of euro	Percentage changes		
Gross value added at basic prices	202,460	+0.1	+1.8	+2.3
Gross operating surplus	85,434	-0.2	+0.2	+0.9
Gross fixed capital formation	44,434	+2.6	+6.5	+6.9
	Percentage values	Changes in percentage points		
Gross profit share (a)	42.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5
Gross investment rate (b)	21.9	+0.5	+0.9	+1.0

(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](#)

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