



## Mission statements

The Mission Statement(s) of Directorate D reflect the importance attached to Government finance statistics.

### Directorate D, Government finance statistics (GFS)

Directorate D's mission is to provide the European Union with high-quality statistical information in the area of government finance statistics in order to monitor, implement and develop Union economic policies and, in particular, the statistical implications of the Stability and Growth Pact.

Directorate D also contributes to the development of international statistical standards in GFS, new metrics and methodologies, statistical capacity building and bilateral cooperation with external stakeholders in the areas of our responsibility.

The particular objectives of the Directorate are:

- To continue to be the strict and independent guardian of the rules of ESA applied to GFS, and to ensure the proper implementation of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP).
- To contribute to the Investment Plan for Europe by providing early clarification of the statistical rules applicable for various types of public investment and related instruments in line with applicable rules and particularly the transparency requirements
- To continue methodological developments in public finance leading to more harmonised public finance statistics.

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### Unit D.1, Excessive deficit procedure, methodology and GFS

Ensure three functions:

1. Coordination of all methodology tasks for the GFS Directorate and
2. Provision of high-quality statistical service in the area of Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics of Member States, in order to monitor, implement and develop Community economic policies and in particular the statistical implications of the Stability and Growth Pact

3. Develop and coordinate the GFS methodology tasks for the Directorate and disseminate high-quality GFS data

The unit also contributes to the development of international statistical standards in GFS, new metrics and methodologies, statistical capacity building and bilateral cooperation with external stakeholders in the areas of our responsibility.

This includes:

1.

- Anticipating and resolving methodology issues in EDP
- Coordination of methodology within the Directorate in order to ensure that methodological solutions are applied consistently in the geographical unit
- Organising and ensuring training in EDP methodology and national accounts, internally and externally
- Coordination of methodology with other Directorates and other accounting systems
- Organising task forces and working groups on EDP issues

2.

- Maintaining ongoing direct contacts with Member States and selected Candidate Countries, to ensure a preventative approach for the quality of statistics used for the Excessive Deficit Procedure
- Verifying the quality of bi-annual EDP notifications sent by Member States, preparing the bi-annual EDP Press Release, and examining the EDP notifications of selected Candidate Countries
- Providing timely methodological advice on ESA 2010 issues to Member States and selected Candidate Countries at their request, in co-operation with Unit D2 and D3
- Undertaking missions to Member States - EDP Dialogue/Ad-hoc/Methodological visit

3.

- Identifying in a proactive way methodological issues in GFS and providing guidance to the ESS members in coordination with the relevant internal and external stakeholders; monitoring the implementation of the agreed GFS methodologies to ensure consistent application throughout the GFS production chain;
- Producing and disseminating high quality annual statistics on detailed revenue and expenditure of general government, detailed taxes and social contributions receipts of general government, and general government expenditure by function (Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG), main aggregates, taxes and tax indicators, annual structure of government debt, in accordance with applicable regulations and methodology;
- Producing and disseminating high quality quarterly financial and non-financial accounts for the general government, and quarterly government debt accompanied by collections on inter-governmental lending and a compilation of lending in the context of the EFSF, in accordance with applicable regulations and methodology.

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## **Unit D.2 and D.3, Excessive deficit procedure (EDP)**

Provide a high-quality statistical service in the area of Excessive Deficit Procedure statistics of Member States, in order to monitor, implement and develop Community economic policies and in particular the statistical implications of the Stability and Growth Pact

The units also contribute to the development of international statistical standards in GFS, new metrics and methodologies, statistical capacity building and bilateral cooperation with external stakeholders in the areas of our responsibility.

This includes:

- Maintaining ongoing direct contacts with Member States and selected Candidate Countries, to ensure a preventative approach for the quality of statistics used for the Excessive Deficit Procedure.
- Verifying the quality of bi-annual EDP notifications sent by Member States, preparing the bi-annual EDP Press Release, and examining the EDP notifications of selected Candidate Countries.
- Providing timely methodological advice on ESA 2010 issues to Member States and selected Candidate Countries at their request, in co-operation with Unit D1.
- Undertaking missions to Member States, EDP Dialogue/Ad-hoc/Methodological visits.

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