



## Preliminary information about general government deficit and debt in relation to GDP in 2015

*The data are preliminary and can be revised. Press release about general government deficit and debt covering the data verified by the European Commission (Eurostat) will be published on 19.04.2016. At the same time the CSO will publish GDP estimates for 2014-2015.*

On 31 March 2016, in accordance with the Council Regulation (EC) No. 479/2009 of 25 May 2009 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing European Community with amendments, the President of the CSO provided the general government deficit and debt data (EDP notification) to the European Commission (Eurostat).

**According to the EDP notification, in 2015 the general government deficit was -2,5% of GDP, while the general government debt amounted to 51,5% of GDP.**

Table 1 General government deficit and debt in % of GDP in years 2012-2015

Specification	2012	2013	2014	2015
General government deficit in % of GDP	-3,7	-4,0	-3,3	-2,5
General government debt in % of GDP	54,0	56,0*	50,5*	51,5

The data have been developed in accordance with the methodology of the European System of National and Regional Accounts in the European Union introduced by the Regulation (EU) No. 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 (ESA2010) and guidelines included in the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt, Implementation of ESA2010 (MGDD, 2015 edition)<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> On the 4th of March 2016 Eurostat published the next edition of the MGDD allowing flexibility concerning time of implementation of the new guidelines (April or October 2016 Notification). The CSO will introduce the principles included in the new manual into the general government statistics in October 2016 EDP notification.

\* Data have been revised in relation to the publication dated 16.10.2015.