

First quarter of 2018 compared with fourth quarter of 2017 – Government debt slightly up to 86.8% of GDP in euro area – Down to 81.5% of GDP in EU28

At the end of the first quarter of 2018, the government debt to GDP ratio in the **euro area** (EA19) stood at 86.8%, compared with 86.7% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2017. In the **EU28**, the ratio decreased from 81.6% to 81.5%. Compared with the first quarter of 2017, the government debt to GDP ratio fell in both the **euro area** (from 89.2% to 86.8%) and the **EU28** (from 83.6% to 81.5%).

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First quarter of 2018 – Seasonally adjusted government deficit decreased to 0.1% of GDP in the euro area – Down to 0.5% of GDP in the EU28

In the first quarter of 2018, the seasonally adjusted general government deficit to GDP ratio stood at 0.1% in the **euro area** (EA19), a decrease compared with 0.6% in the fourth quarter of 2017. In the **EU28**, the deficit to GDP ratio stood at 0.5%, a decrease compared with 0.6% in the previous quarter.

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[Press point by Michel Barnier in advance of his meeting with Dominic Raab, UK Secretary of State for Exiting the EU](#)

I am very happy to welcome the Secretary of State to the Commission – Dominic, it is a pleasure to meet you!

We have a lot of work to do, with our teams.

There are thirteen weeks left before the October European Council.

During this time, we have two things to do:

- We must finalise the Withdrawal Agreement. We are not yet there.
- We must prepare a political declaration on our future relationship.

On the Withdrawal Agreement, it is a matter of urgency to agree on a legally operative backstop for Ireland and Northern Ireland: we need an all-weather insurance policy.

On the future relationship, the EU proposed in March an unprecedented partnership.

- Not only on trade, where we want an ambitious Free Trade Agreement that respects the integrity of the single market;
- But also on internal and external security, where a close partnership between us is more important than ever, given the geo-political context.

Our challenge will be to find common ground between the fundamental principles that define the EU and the UK positions.

That’s all for now.

More is to come. Stay tuned.

I will see you again tomorrow after the General Affairs Council.