

Fourth quarter of 2018 compared with third quarter of 2018 – Government debt down to 85.1% of GDP in euro area – Down to 80.0% of GDP in EU28

At the end of the fourth quarter of 2018, the government debt to GDP ratio in the **euro area** (EA19) stood at 85.1%, compared with 86.4% at the end of the third quarter of 2018. In the **EU28**, the ratio decreased from 81.0% to 80.0%. Compared with the fourth quarter of 2017, the government debt to GDP ratio fell in both the **euro area** (from 87.1% to 85.1%) and the **EU28** (from 81.7% to 80.0%).

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