

Provision of deficit and debt data for 2016 – first notification – Euro area and EU28 government deficit at 1.5% and 1.7% of GDP respectively – Government debt at 89.2% and 83.5%

In 2016, the government deficit and debt of both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28** decreased in relative terms compared with 2015. In the **euro area** the government deficit to GDP ratio fell from 2.1% in 2015 to 1.5% in 2016, and in the **EU28** from 2.4% to 1.7%. In the **euro area** the government debt to GDP ratio declined from 90.3% at the end of 2015 to 89.2% at the end of 2016, and in the **EU28** from 84.9% to 83.5%.

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