

Provision of deficit and debt data for 2017 – first notification – Euro area and EU28 government deficit at 0.9% and 1.0% of GDP respectively – Government debt at 86.7% and 81.6%

In 2017, the government deficit and debt of both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28** decreased in relative terms compared with 2016. In the **euro area** the government deficit to GDP ratio fell from 1.5% in 2016 to 0.9% in 2017, and in the **EU28** from 1.6% to 1.0%. In the **euro area** the government debt to GDP ratio declined from 89.0% at the end of 2016 to 86.7% at the end of 2017, and in the **EU28** from 83.3% to 81.6%.

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