

Provision of deficit and debt data for 2018 – first notification – Euro area government deficit at 0.5% and EU28 at 0.6% of GDP – Government debt at 85.1% and 80.0% respectively

In 2018, the government deficit and debt of both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28** decreased in relative terms compared with 2017. In the **euro area** the government deficit to GDP ratio fell from 1.0% in 2017 to 0.5% in 2018, and in the **EU28** from 1.0% to 0.6%. In the **euro area** the government debt to GDP ratio declined from 87.1% at the end of 2017 to 85.1% at the end of 2018, and in the **EU28** from 81.7% to 80.0%.

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