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## PRESS RELEASE

### Fiscal data for the years 2006-2009

The Hellenic Statistical Authority announces the fiscal data for the years 2006-2009. According to Council Regulation (EC) 479/2009, the Hellenic Statistical Authority submitted to Eurostat on 10<sup>th</sup> of November the second yearly Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) notification of 2010.

Table 1 of the notification, below, presents the main results obtained for the period 2006 to 2009.

Table 1: Reporting of government deficit/ surplus and debt levels and provision of associated data

Data are in millions of euros	ESA 95 codes	2006 half finalized	2007 half finalized	2008 half finalized	2009 half finalized
<b>Net borrowing (-)/ net lending (+)</b>	B.9				
General government	S.13	-12109	-14465	-22363	-36150
Central government	S.1311	-12948	-14596	-23244	-35403
Local government	S.1313	-222	-115	-79	-65
Social security funds	S.1314	1061	246	960	-682
<b>General government consolidated gross debt</b>					
<b>Level at nominal value outstanding at the end of year</b>		224204	238581	261396	298032
<i>By category:</i>					
Currency and deposits	AF.2	988	693	728	1477
Securities other than shares, exc. Financial derivatives	AF.33	179543	194337	216139	252721
Short-term	AF.331	943	1625	5496	10820
Long-term	AF.332	178600	192712	210643	241901
Loans	AF.4	43673	43551	44529	43834
Short-term	AF.41	1404	315	55	1245
Long-term	AF.42	42269	43236	44474	42589
<b>General government expenditure on:</b>					
Gross fixed capital formation	P.51	7116	7731	7710	7938
Interest (consolidated) according to EDP	EDP D.41	9188	10061	11614	12478
<i>p.m.: Interest (consolidated) according to ESA95</i>	<i>D.41 (uses)</i>	<i>9778</i>	<i>10737</i>	<i>11878</i>	<i>12420</i>
<b>Gross domestic product at current market prices</b>	B.1*g	211314	227134	236936	235035
Net borrowing (-)/ net lending (+) as % of GDP		-5.7%	-6.4%	-9.4%	-15.4%
General government consolidated gross debt as % of GDP		106.1%	105.0%	110.3%	126.8%

The data for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EDP notification of 2010 have been compiled by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) and are fully in line with ESA 95 rules. In producing the data, ELSTAT has been in close cooperation with Eurostat. The latter carried out a series of EDP methodological visits to Greece during 2010, the latest an extended visit from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

ELSTAT has also been implementing a Joint Statistical Action Plan that was agreed with Eurostat in April 2010 and whose 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar aims at the improvement of the Greek public finance statistics.

It should be noted that for comparability purposes in calculating ratios as a percent of GDP, the GDP data reported in the Greek EDP notification include the impact of the major revisions in the general government data.

#### Changes between the notifications of November 2010 and April 2010

Table 2 provides the differences of the deficit and debt data, as percentages of GDP, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> EDP notifications of 2010.

Table 2: Changes of the data between November 2010 and April 2010				
	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>November 2010</b>				
Deficit as % of GDP	-5.7	-6.4	-9.4	-15.4
Debt as % of GDP	106.1	105.0	110.3	126.8
<b>April 2010</b>				
Deficit as % of GDP	-3.6	-5.1	-7.7	-13.6
Debt as % of GDP	97.8	95.7	99.2	115.1
<b>Change (Nov-Apr)</b>				
Deficit as % of GDP	-2.1	-1.3	-1.7	-1.8
Debt as % of GDP	8.3	9.3	11.1	11.7

The differences between the two notifications are due mainly to the following major revisions:

#### 1. Reclassification of Public Corporations

According to ESA95 rules, a number of large public corporations are non-market producers and therefore have been reclassified into the general government sector (S13). These are:

- Athens – Piraeus Electric Railways S.A.(ISAP)
- Attiko Metro
- Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (KEELPNO)
- Electric bus company (ILPAP)
- Electromechanica Kymi Ltd
- Hellenic Agricultural Insurances (ELGA)
- Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation S.A. (ERT)
- Hellenic Defence Systems S.A. (EAS)
- Hellenic Railway Organisation S.A. (OSE)
- Hellenic Tourism Organisation (EOT)
- Information Society S.A. (KTP)
- Management Organisation Unit of Development Programmes (MOD)
- Payments and Control Agency for Guidance and Guarantee Community Aids (OPEKEPE)
- Railways operating company S.A. (TRAINOSE)
- Special Fund for Implementation of Regulatory and Planning Projects (ETERPS)
- Thermal bus company (ETHEL)
- Tram S.A.

For 2009 this reclassification had an impact on the deficit of 0.74 percentage points of GDP and on the debt of 7.75 percentage points of GDP.

#### 2. Recording of social security funds

For 2009, the impact of the revision of the data of social security funds on the deficit amounted to 0.79 percentage points of GDP and was on account of:

- Correct treatment of the State Budget grants.
- Recalculation of the receipts of interest from government bonds held by social security funds.
- Recording of payables regarding the provision of lump sum payments to retiring civil servants.
- Reclassification of the Social Security Fund of Generations Solidarity (AKAGE) from the Social Security Funds sub-sector to the Central Government.

### 3. Balance sheet corrections

The settlement of receipts and payments of general government bodies in the appropriate years had an impact on the deficit of 0.16 percentage points of GDP in 2009.

### 4. Payables

After investigation and data collection by ELSTAT, payables were identified related to unpaid obligations of ministries (central government), of social security funds (SSF) and municipalities (local government).

The recording of payables of the central and local government had an impact on the deficit of 0.23 percentage points of GDP in 2009. This does not include the payables of the social security funds as they are included in the SSF data.

### 5. Off-market swaps

Between 2001 and 2007 Greece entered into a series of interest swap agreements which contained off-market elements.

For statistical purposes the market value of the off-market swaps was introduced into government debt. The impact on the deficit was to marginally reduce it each year, as the annual flows of settlements on the swap were divided in statistical terms into elements for interest (which affect the deficit) and repayment of loans (which do not).

For all off-market swaps there were upward impacts on government debt in all years, with an addition at end-2009 of EUR 5.33 billion (2.26 percentage points of GDP), and reductions in the deficit, with a reduction of EUR 58 million (0.02 percentage points of GDP) in 2009.

## **References**

Detailed tables of the EDP notification are available on ELSTAT's website ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) at the following link:  
[http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701\\_SEL03\\_TB\\_AN\\_00\\_2010\\_06\\_P\\_EN.xls](http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0701/Other/A0701_SEL03_TB_AN_00_2010_06_P_EN.xls)

A relevant Eurostat note is on the link:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government\\_finance\\_statistics/documents/Report\\_EDP%20GR%20-%20final.pdf](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/documents/Report_EDP%20GR%20-%20final.pdf)

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