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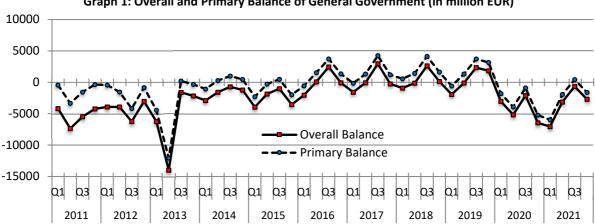
# **Quarterly Non-Financial Accounts of General Government** 4th Quarter 2021 (Provisional data)

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) with the present press release announces the quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government for the fourth quarter of 2021 (Table 1 & Table 2) as well as data on General Government debt at the end of that period (Table 3). These data have been produced on the basis of the Regulation ESA 2010 (549/2013) for the System of National Accounts, which became obligatory as of 01.09.2014.

Since the first quarter of 2009, the quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government have been compiled by ELSTAT based mainly on direct data sources. The data are compiled in full consistency with the European System of Accounts - ESA2010. It should be noted that the methods used to compile data on a quarterly basis are consistent with the methods used to compile the annual data.

The quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government provide information on the aggregates constituting General Government revenue (taxes, social contributions, capital transfers, etc) and expenditure (compensation of employees, intermediate consumption, social benefits, interest payments, etc).

The Government Finance Data for all quarters of 2020 and 2021 for Greece are provisional and reflect the impact on Government Finance Statistics of the COVID-19 pandemic mainly from mid-March 2020 onwards, when restriction measures were put into place. The data are expected to be revised when primary revenue and expenditure government finance data will become available related to the government measures in this context. It is noted that for the compilation of the provisional estimates, the same sources as well as the same estimation methods have been used as in the previous quarters. Moreover, ad-hoc adjustments to the time-adjusted cash method for accrual were made as a consequence of the obligation for tax and social contributions payments being deferred. Regarding the different types of expenditure measures, different pieces of legislation were ratified after the end of 2020Q1 and the cash payments corresponding to these expenditure measures are being made in the period that follows 2020Q1.



Graph 1: Overall and Primary Balance of General Government (in million EUR)

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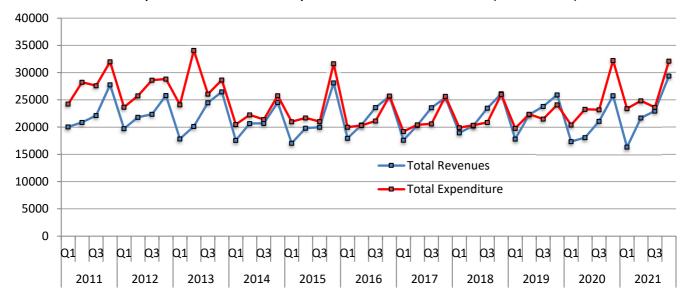
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TABLE 1: Quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government 2019 Q1 – 2021 Q4 (million EUR)

| 2019 Q1 – 2021 Q4 (IIIIIIIOII EOK)                |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|   |        | 2019   |        |        | 2020   |        |        |        | 202:   |        |        |        |
| ITEMS   | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     | Q1     | Q2     | Q3     | Q4     |
| Total Revenue                                     | 17,823 | 22,274 | 23,816 | 25,913 | 17,337 | 18,086 | 21,078 | 25,782 | 16,340 | 21,702 | 22,954 | 29,393 |
| Taxes on production and imports                   | 6,650  | 7,246  | 8,809  | 8,955  | 5,958  | 5,268  | 7,174  | 8,775  | 5,605  | 6,715  | 8,168  | 9,930  |
| Taxes on income and property                      | 2,748  | 5,039  | 5,455  | 4,571  | 3,018  | 4,537  | 2,773  | 4,860  | 2,743  | 4,712  | 4,044  | 5,353  |
| Social contributions                              | 6,690  | 6,494  | 6,532  | 6,938  | 6,473  | 5,493  | 6,817  | 6,655  | 6,066  | 6,229  | 6,944  | 8,031  |
| Other   | 1,554  | 3,147  | 2,476  | 3,449  | 1,819  | 1,850  | 2,926  | 3,339  | 1,494  | 2,853  | 2,041  | 3,695  |
| Capital transfers                                 | 181    | 348    | 544    | 2,000  | 69     | 938    | 1,388  | 2,153  | 432    | 1,193  | 1,757  | 2,384  |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total Expenditure                                 | 19,775 | 22,376 | 21,485 | 24,086 | 20,383 | 23,265 | 23,193 | 32,228 | 23,405 | 24,844 | 23,619 | 32,110 |
| Primary expenditure                               | 18,403 | 20,955 | 20,100 | 22,761 | 19,137 | 22,007 | 21,968 | 31,007 | 22,316 | 23,651 | 22,520 | 30,991 |
| Compensation of employees                         | 5,277  | 5,617  | 5,480  | 5,528  | 5,399  | 5,571  | 5,556  | 5,749  | 5,426  | 5,606  | 5,594  | 5,896  |
| Social benefits                                   | 9,349  | 10,514 | 9,530  | 10,154 | 9,597  | 9,624  | 9,644  | 10,606 | 9,880  | 10,034 | 10,108 | 10,957 |
| Goods and Services                                | 1,407  | 2,303  | 1,909  | 3,104  | 1,475  | 1,963  | 2,195  | 3,418  | 1,636  | 2,477  | 2,397  | 3,719  |
| Subsidies   | 356    | 434    | 537    | 508    | 358    | 2,052  | 1,554  | 1,834  | 1,676  | 2,162  | 1,348  | 3,315  |
| Other current transfers                           | 969    | 534    | 619    | 763    | 850    | 805    | 703    | 849    | 894    | 613    | 708    | 1,416  |
| Capital transfers                                 | 1,045  | 1,553  | 2,025  | 2,704  | 1,458  | 1,992  | 2,316  | 8,551  | 2,804  | 2,759  | 2,365  | 5,688  |
| Interest  | 1,372  | 1,421  | 1,385  | 1,325  | 1,246  | 1,258  | 1,225  | 1,221  | 1,089  | 1,193  | 1,099  | 1,119  |
| Primary Balance (excluding interest) <sup>1</sup> | -580   | 1,319  | 3,716  | 3,152  | -1,800 | -3,921 | -890   | -5,225 | -5,976 | -1,949 | 434    | -1,598 |
| Overall Balance                                   | -1,952 | -102   | 2,331  | 1,827  | -3,046 | -5,179 | -2,115 | -6,446 | -7,065 | -3,142 | -665   | -2,717 |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Memorandum Item:                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | _      |        |        |        |
| Support to financial institutions <sup>2</sup>    | -20    | -19    | -4     | 157    | -8     | -26    | -1     | 9      | 31     | 16     | -126   | -134   |

Graph 2: Total Revenues and Expenditure of General Government (in million EUR)



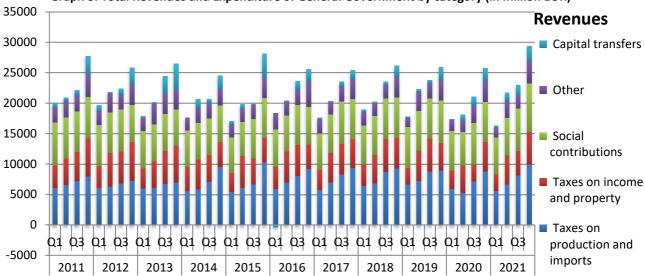
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> General Government primary balance is defined here as ESA 2010 General Government balance minus interest expenditure of General Government entities to other sectors. It differs from the definition of primary balance used under the Economic Adjustment Program for Greece.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sign is negative when expenditures of the support exceed revenues. When the impact of the support to financial institutions is positive for the General Government balance, this is due to the fees accruing on the inter-bank lending guarantees and the bond loan scheme, and the revenues from bank preference shares being greater than the expenditures accrued.

TABLE 2: Quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government 2019 Q1–2021 Q4 - Percentage contribution

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|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                    |      | 2019 |      |      |         | 2020  |      |      |      | 2021 |      |      |
| ITEMS                              | Q1   | Q2   | Q3   | Q4   | Q1      | Q2    | Q3   | Q4   | Q1   | Q2   | Q3   | Q4   |
| As percentage of Total Revenues    |      |      |      |      |         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Taxes on production and imports    | 37.3 | 32.5 | 37.0 | 34.6 | 34.4    | 29.1  | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.3 | 30.9 | 35.6 | 33.8 |
| Taxes on income and property       | 15.4 | 22.6 | 22.9 | 17.6 | 17.4    | 25.1  | 13.2 | 18.9 | 16.8 | 21.7 | 17.6 | 18.2 |
| Social contributions               | 37.5 | 29.2 | 27.4 | 26.8 | 37.3    | 30.4  | 32.3 | 25.8 | 37.1 | 28.7 | 30.3 | 27.3 |
| Other                              | 8.7  | 14.1 | 10.4 | 13.3 | 10.5    | 10.2  | 13.9 | 13.0 | 9.1  | 13.1 | 8.9  | 12.6 |
| Capital transfers                  | 1.0  | 1.6  | 2.3  | 7.7  | 0.4     | 5.2   | 6.6  | 8.4  | 2.6  | 5.5  | 7.7  | 8.1  |
|                                    |      |      |      |      |         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| As percentage of Total Expenditure |      |      |      |      |         |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Primary expenditure                | 93.1 | 93.6 | 93.6 | 94.5 | 93.9    | 94.6  | 94.7 | 96.2 | 95.3 | 95.2 | 95.3 | 96.5 |
| Compensation of employees          | 26.7 | 25.1 | 25.5 | 23.0 | 26.5    | 23.9  | 24.0 | 17.8 | 23.2 | 22.6 | 23.7 | 18.4 |
| Social benefits                    | 47.3 | 47.0 | 44.4 | 42.2 | 47.1    | 41.4  | 41.6 | 32.9 | 42.2 | 40.4 | 42.8 | 34.1 |
| Goods and Services                 | 7.1  | 10.3 | 8.9  | 12.9 | 7.2     | 8.4   | 9.5  | 10.6 | 7.0  | 10.0 | 10.1 | 11.6 |
| Subsidies                          | 1.8  | 1.9  | 2.5  | 2.1  | 1.8     | 8.8   | 6.7  | 5.7  | 7.2  | 8.7  | 5.7  | 10.3 |
| Other current transfers            | 4.9  | 2.4  | 2.9  | 3.2  | 4.2     | 3.5   | 3.0  | 2.6  | 3.8  | 2.5  | 3.0  | 4.4  |
| Capital transfers                  | 5.3  | 6.9  | 9.4  | 11.2 | 7.2     | 8.6   | 10.0 | 26.5 | 12.0 | 11.1 | 10.0 | 17.7 |
| Interest                           | 6.9  | 6.4  | 6.4  | 5.5  | 6.1     | 5.4   | 5.3  | 3.8  | 4.7  | 4.8  | 4.7  | 3.5  |

Graph 3: Total Revenues and Expenditure of General Government by category (in million EUR)



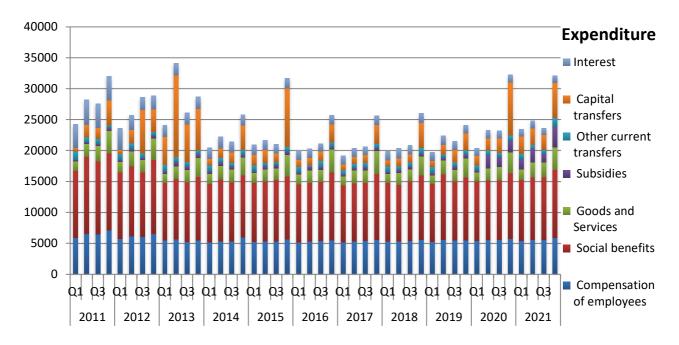
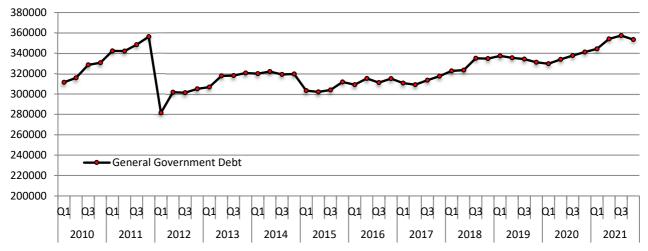


Table 3 below presents the evolution of the consolidated General Government Debt. The analysis of Debt in the categories currency and deposits, securities other than shares and loans, short-term and long-term, is according to the European System of Accounts (ESA2010). It should be noted that the information on debt is presented as the stock of debt at the end of each reference period.

TABLE 3: Quarterly General Government Debt 2019 Q1 – 2021 Q4 (million EUR)

|  |         | 2019    |         |         |         | 2021    |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | Q1      | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | Q1      | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | Q1      | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      |
| Nominal value of debt<br>outstanding at end of quarter | 337,410 | 335,515 | 334,277 | 331,092 | 329,648 | 333,876 | 337,711 | 341,133 | 344,248 | 354,092 | 357,347 | 353,389 |
| Currency and deposits                                  | 6,278   | 6,287   | 6,485   | 6,583   | 6,354   | 6,473   | 6,355   | 6,581   | 6,656   | 6,691   | 6,741   | 6,688   |
| Debt Securities  | 61,493  | 60,860  | 60,118  | 57,854  | 57,792  | 62,908  | 66,698  | 67,187  | 74,814  | 80,252  | 82,748  | 80,936  |
| Short-term (<1 year)                                   | 11,591  | 13,024  | 13,542  | 11,752  | 9,156   | 10,819  | 12,117  | 11,122  | 11,452  | 11,472  | 11,532  | 10,811  |
| Long-term (>1 year)                                    | 49,902  | 47,836  | 46,576  | 46,102  | 48,636  | 52,089  | 54,581  | 56,065  | 63,362  | 68,780  | 71,216  | 70,125  |
| Loans  | 269,639 | 268,368 | 267,674 | 266,655 | 265,502 | 264,495 | 264,658 | 267,365 | 262,778 | 267,149 | 267,858 | 265,765 |
| Short-term   | 810     | 697     | 629     | 2,267   | 1,097   | 797     | 1,234   | 2,250   | 934     | 3,771   | 3,590   | 2,049   |
| Long-term  | 268,829 | 267,671 | 267,045 | 264,388 | 264,405 | 263,698 | 263,424 | 265,115 | 261,844 | 263,378 | 264,268 | 263,716 |

**Graph 4: General Government Debt - quarterly (in million EUR)** 



#### References

Detailed table is available on the website of ELSTAT: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SEL05/-">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SEL05/-</a>

#### Note:

## Measure of the primary balance under the Economic Adjustment Program for Greece

A measure of the primary balance as defined under the Economic Adjustment Program for Greece is not calculated by ELSTAT and is not shown in this statistical Press Release. The calculation of the primary balance as per the Economic Adjustment Program calls for a statistical treatment of certain expenditure and revenue items (such as revenue from privatisation of assets, transactions relating to bank recapitalisation, and revenues from transfers related to the income of euro-area national central banks from their investment portfolio holdings of Greek Government securities) that deviates from the typical ESA2010-compliant practice followed in the compilation of the quarterly fiscal figures that are presented in this statistical Press Release.