



## Balance and debt of general government sector (first EDP notification in 2016)

The deficit of the general government sector was HUF 679.7 billion in 2015, 2.0% of GDP according to the preliminary data of national accounts. According to data compiled in compliance with the methodological requirements of the system of national accounts (ESA 2010) the revenues of the general government sector amounted to HUF 16,417.5 billion and its expenditures to HUF 17,097.2 billion. Revenues increased by 7.3% and expenditures were up by 6.6% compared to 2014. The deficit was HUF 54.2 billion higher compared to what was published in the first release of 1 April. The reason for the deterioration of the balance is the modification of the preliminary accounting of growth tax credit payments.

The debt of the general government sector – based on data of the National Bank of Hungary – was HUF 25,394 billion, 75.3% of GDP at the end of 2015.

HCSO reported the data to Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the EU, in compliance with the regulation on the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), according to the methodological requirements of the European System of Accounts (ESA 2010).

Eurostat expressed a reservation concerning the EDP notification of Hungary, since Eximbank was not reclassified from the financial corporations sector to the general government sector. The Hungarian statistical authorities have a different opinion on the classification of Eximbank, and their arguments were sent to Eurostat. The position of the two sides did not converge, which led Eurostat to express a reservation. As the Hungarian statistical authorities are still interested in clarifying the issue, they will initiate a consultation at the appropriate fora in the near future about the interpretation of the classification of captive financial institutions<sup>1</sup> consistent with the ESA 2010 regulation.

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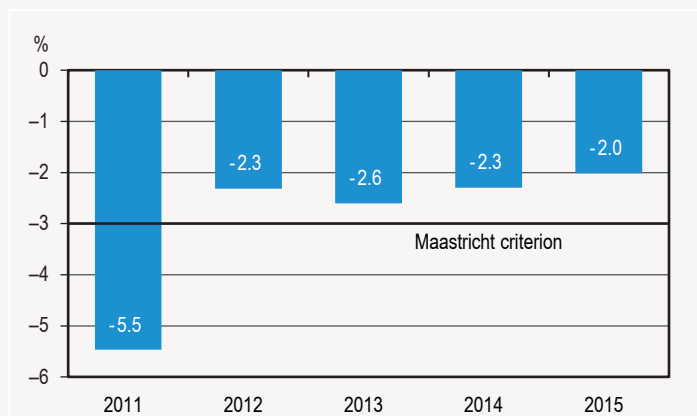
- [Annex 1: List of general government units](#)

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Figure 1

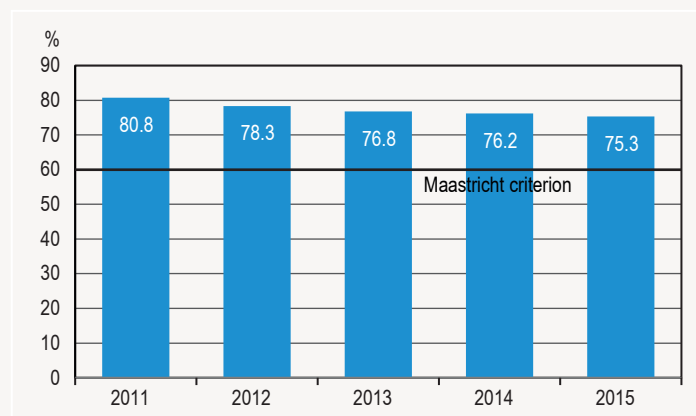
Balance of general government sector as a percentage of GDP



<sup>1</sup> Methodological notes on captive financial institutions are available in ESA 2010 (2.21–2.23).

Figure 2

Debt of general government sector as a percentage of GDP



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