

Key features of 2018 Draft Budgetary Plans

This document compares key features of the 2018 Draft Budgetary Plans (DBP) with the autumn 2017 forecasts by the European Commission (EC) and key features included in the 2017 Stability Programmes (SP) with the spring 2017 forecasts by the EC. While **blue** cells indicate that the Member State is more optimistic than the EC forecast, **grey** cells indicate that the Member State is less optimistic than the EC forecast. An overview comparing these figures with the required fiscal efforts and the medium-term budgetary objectives in structural terms (MTO) as included in the latest Council decisions/recommendations is provided in a separate EGOV table.

Euro Area Member States under the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP)																									
		GDP growth (% change)						Debt (% of GDP)						Deficit/Surplus (% of GDP)						Structural deficit/surplus (% GDP) (y-o-y difference in percentage points, which is a proxy for the fiscal effort ⁵)					
		Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017		
		DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ
ES	2016	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.2	3.2	0.0	99.0	99.0	0.0	99.4	99.4	0.0	-4.5	-4.5	0.0	-4.5	-4.5	0.0	-2.5 (-)	-3.3 (0.8)	0.8	-2.5 (-)	-3.5 (1.0)	1.0
	2017	3.1	3.1	0.0	2.7	2.8	-0.1	98.1	98.4	-0.3	98.8	99.2	-0.4	-3.1	-3.1	0.0	-3.1	-3.2	0.1	-2.4 (0.1)	-3.1 (0.2)	0.5	-2.0 (0.5)	-3.4 (0.1)	1.4
	2018	2.3	2.5	-0.2	2.5	2.4	0.1	96.8	96.9	-0.1	97.6	98.5	-0.9	-2.3	-2.4	0.1	-2.2	-2.6	0.4	-2.3 (0.1)	-3.1 (0.0)	0.8	-2.0 (0.0)	-3.4 (0.0)	1.4
FR	2016	1.1	1.2	-0.1	1.2	1.2	0.0	96.3	96.5	-0.2	96.0	96.0	0.0	-3.4	-3.4	0.0	-3.4	-3.4	0.0	-2.5 (-)	-2.6 (0.1)	0.1	-1.5 (0.4)	-2.5 (0.2)	1.0
	2017	1.7	1.6	0.1	1.5	1.4	0.1	96.8	96.9	-0.1	96.0	96.4	-0.4	-2.9	-2.9	0.0	-2.8	-3.0	0.2	-2.2 (0.3)	-2.4 (0.2)	0.2	-1.0 (0.5)	-2.3 (0.2)	1.3
	2018	1.7	1.7	0.0	1.5	1.7	-0.2	96.8	96.9	-0.1	95.9	96.7	-0.8	-2.6	-2.9	0.3	-2.3	-3.2	0.9	-2.1 (0.1)	-2.7 (-0.3)	0.6	-0.5 (0.5)	-2.8 (-0.5)	2.3

¹ The 2018 DBP are published on the [EC website](#). EL does not need to submit a DBP, since it is subject to a programme.

² The figures in these columns are published in the [statistical annex](#) (tables 1, 36, 41 and 42) of the EC [autumn 2017 forecasts](#).

³ The SP of spring 2017 are published in a section of the EC website dealing with the [European Semester 2017](#).

⁴ The figures in these columns are published in the [statistical annex](#) (tables 1, 36, 41 and 42) of the EC [spring forecasts](#).

⁵ The pp change in the structural balance may only regarded as a proxy for the fiscal effort taken by the Member State concerned. The [EC Opinions on the DBP](#) include assessments of fiscal effort/effective action based on a [methodology](#) agreed by Council and EC.



Euro Area Member States under the preventive arm of the SGP																									
		GDP growth (% change)						Debt (% of GDP)						Deficit/ Surplus (% of GDP)						Structural deficit/surplus (% GDP) (y-o-y difference in percentage points, which is a proxy for the fiscal effort ²)					
		Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017			Autumn 2017			Spring 2017		
		DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ	DBP ¹	EC ²	Δ	SP ³	EC ⁴	Δ
BE	2016	1.2	1.5	-0.3	1.2	1.2	0.0	-	105.7	-	105.9	105.9	0.0	-	-2.5	-	-2.6	-2.6	0.0	-	-2.1 (0.1)	-	-2.0 (0.3)	-2.2 (0.1)	0.2
	2017	1.7	1.7	0.0	1.4	1.5	-0.1	104.1	103.8	0.3	105.2	105.6	-0.4	-1.5	-1.5	0.0	-1.6	-1.9	0.3	-1.1 (-)	-1.5 (0.6)	0.4	-1.0 (1.0)	-1.6 (0.6)	0.6
	2018	1.7	1.8	-0.1	1.5	1.7	-0.2	102.7	102.5	0.2	103.4	105.1	-1.7	-1.1	-1.4	0.3	-0.7	-2.0	1.3	-0.8 (0.3)	-1.5 (0.0)	0.7	-0.4 (0.6)	-2.0 (-0.4)	1.6
DE	2016	1.9	1.9	0.0	1.9	1.9	0.0	-	68.1	-	68.3	68.3	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.8 (-)	0.9 (0.1)	-0.1	0.8 (-)	0.8 (0.0)	0.0
	2017	2.0	2.2	-0.2	1.4	1.6	-0.2	65.25	64.8	0.45	66.25	65.8	0.45	0.75	0.9	-0.15	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.75 (-0.05)	0.9 (0.0)	-0.15	0.5 (-0.3)	0.6 (-0.2)	-0.1
	2018	1.9	2.1	-0.2	1.6	1.9	-0.3	63.25	61.2	2.05	64.0	63.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	-0.5	0.25	0.3	-0.05	0.25 (-0.5)	0.9 (0.0)	-0.65	0.25 (-0.25)	0.3 (-0.3)	-0.05
EE	2016	2.1	2.1	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0	-	9.4	-	9.5	9.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2 (-)	-0.4 (-0.3)	0.6	0.7 (-)	0.2 (0.3)	0.5
	2017	4.3	4.4	-0.1	2.4	2.3	0.1	9.0	9.2	-0.2	9.4	9.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.2 (0.0)	-1.1 (-0.7)	1.3	0.2 (-0.5)	-0.3 (-0.5)	0.5
	2018	3.3	3.2	0.1	3.1	2.8	0.3	8.6	9.1	-0.5	9.9	9.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3 (-2.3)	-1.4 (-0.3)	1.1	-0.5 (-0.7)	-0.7 (-0.4)	0.2
IE	2016	5.1	5.1	0.0	5.2	5.2	0.0	-	72.8	-	75.4	75.4	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-1.7	-1.9	0.2	-1.4 (-)	-1.7 (0.3)	0.3
	2017	4.3	4.8	-0.5	4.3	4.0	0.3	70.1	69.9	0.2	72.9	73.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.1	-1.1 (0.6)	-1.3 (0.6)	0.2	-1.2 (0.2)	-1.1 (0.6)	-0.1
	2018	3.5	3.9	-0.4	3.7	3.6	0.1	69.0	69.1	-0.1	71.2	72.7	-1.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.5 (0.6)	-0.5 (0.8)	0.0	-0.5 (0.7)	-0.3 (0.8)	-0.2
IT	2016	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0	-	132.0	-	132.6	132.6	0.0	-2.5	-2.5	0.0	-2.4	-2.4	0.0	-	-1.7	-	-1.2 (-0.7)	-1.7 (0.3)	0.5
	2017	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.1	0.9	0.2	131.6	132.1	-0.5	132.5	133.1	-0.6	-2.1	-2.1	0.0	-2.1	-2.2	0.1	-1.3 (-)	-2.1 (-0.4)	0.8	-1.5 (-0.3)	-2.0 (-0.3)	0.5
	2018	1.5	1.3	0.2	1.0	1.1	-0.1	130.0	130.8	-0.8	131.0	132.5	-1.5	-1.6	-1.8	0.2	-1.2	-2.3	0.9	-1.0 (0.3)	-2.0 (0.1)	1.0	-0.7 (0.8)	-2.2 (-0.2)	1.5

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CY	2016	2.8	3.0	-0.2	2.8	2.8	0.0	-	107.1	-	107.8	107.8	0.0	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	-	1.1 (-0.5)	-	1.1 (-0.1)	0.9 (-0.5)	0.2
	2017	3.6	3.5	0.1	2.9	2.5	0.4	99.0	103.0	-4.0	104.0	103.4	0.6	1.0	1.1	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7 (-)	0.4 (-0.7)	0.3	0.0 (-1.1)	-0.2 (-1.1)	0.2
	2018	3.0	2.9	0.1	2.9	2.3	0.6	92.4	98.3	-5.9	99.7	99.8	-0.1	1.3	1.4	-0.1	0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.5 (-0.2)	0.0 (-0.4)	0.5	-0.4 (-0.4)	-0.4 (-0.2)	0.0
LV	2016	2.0	2.1	-0.1	2.0	2.0	0.0	-	40.6	-	40.1	40.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-0.6 (-1.0)	-	0.2 (-)	-0.8 (-0.9)	1.0
	2017	3.7	4.2	-0.5	3.2	3.2	0.0	38.7	39.1	-0.4	39.2	38.5	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.0	-0.9 (-)	-1.8 (-1.2)	0.9	-0.7 (-0.9)	-1.4 (-0.6)	0.7
	2018	3.4	3.5	-0.1	3.4	3.5	-0.1	37.3	35.6	1.7	38.2	36.0	2.2	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	-1.6	-1.8	0.2	-1.2 (-0.3)	-1.8 (0.0)	0.6	-1.7 (1.0)	-2.4 (-1.0)	0.7
LT	2016	2.3	2.3	0.0	2.3	2.3	0.0	-	40.1	-	40.2	40.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	-	-0.2 (-0.4)	-	-0.1 (-)	-0.2 (-0.6)	0.1
	2017	3.6	3.8	-0.2	2.7	2.9	-0.2	41.5	41.5	0.0	42.4	42.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.7 (-)	-0.9 (-0.7)	0.2	-0.7 (-0.6)	-0.9 (-0.7)	0.2
	2018	2.9	2.9	0.0	2.6	3.1	-0.5	37.6	37.9	-0.3	38.4	38.9	-0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.1 (0.6)	-0.9 (0.0)	0.8	-0.3 (0.4)	-1.1 (-0.2)	0.8
LU	2016	3.1	3.1	0.0	4.2	4.2	0.0	-	20.8	-	20.0	20.0	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0	-	2.0 (0.3)	-	2.1 (-)	2.0 (-0.2)	0.1
	2017	2.0-3.4	3.4	-1.4- 0.0	4.4	4.3	0.1	23.5	23.7	-0.2	22.2	22.0	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.6 (-)	0.6 (-1.4)	0.0	0.4 (-1.7)	0.4 (-1.6)	0.0
	2018	3.0-4.4	3.5	-0.5- 1.1	5.2	4.4	0.8	22.7	23.0	-0.3	22.4	22.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1 (-0.5)	0.3 (-0.3)	-0.2	-0.1 (-0.5)	0.1 (-0.3)	-0.2
MT	2016	5.5	5.5	0.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	-	57.6	-	58.3	58.3	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	-	0.8 (-1.3)	-	0.2 (2.8)	0.4 (3.0)	-0.2
	2017	5.9	5.6	0.3	4.3	4.6	-0.3	54.9	54.9	0.0	55.9	55.8	0.1	0.8	0.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.6 (-)	0.6 (-0.2)	0.0	0.2 (0.0)	0.4 (0.0)	-0.2
	2018	5.6	4.9	0.7	3.7	4.4	-0.7	50.8	51.6	-0.8	52.5	52.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.8	-0.3	0.0 (-0.6)	0.1 (-0.5)	-0.1	0.5 (0.3)	0.7 (0.3)	-0.2
NL	2016	2.2	2.2	0.0	2.2	2.2	0.0	-	61.8	-	62.3	62.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	-	0.9 (1.8)	-	0.5 (-)	0.7 (1.7)	-0.2

	2017	3.3	3.2	0.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	57.5	57.7	0.0	58.5	59.8	-1.3	0.6	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0 (-)	0.3	-0.3	0.1 (-0.4)	0.2 (-0.5)	-0.1
	2018	2.5	2.7	-0.2	1.8	1.8	0.0	54.4	54.9	-0.5	55.5	57.2	-1.7	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.0	-0.2 (-0.2)	-0.2 (-0.5)	0.0	0.3 (0.2)	0.4 (0.2)	-0.1
AT	2016	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	83.6	83.6	0.0	84.6	84.6	0.0	2.1	-1.6	3.7	-1.6	-1.6	0.0	-0.9	-1.0 (-0.7)	0.1	-1.0 (-)	-1.0 (0.7)	0.0
	2017	2.8	2.6	0.2	2.0	1.7	0.3	78.3	78.6	-0.3	80.8	82.8	-2.0	2.7	-1.0	3.7	-1.0	-1.3	0.3	-0.7 (0.2)	-0.9 (0.1)	0.2	-0.9 (0.1)	-1.1 (-0.1)	0.2
	2018	2.8	2.4	0.4	1.8	1.7	0.1	75.2	76.2	-1.0	78.5	81.2	-2.7	2.9	-0.9	3.8	-0.8	-1.0	0.2	-1.1 (-0.4)	-1.0 (-0.1)	-0.1	-0.8 (0.1)	-0.9 (0.2)	0.1
PT	2016	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.0	-	130.1	-	130.4	130.4	0.0	-2.0	-2.0	0.0	-2.0	-2.0	0.0	-	-2.0 (-0.3)	-	-1.9	-2.0 (0.3)	0.1
	2017	2.6	2.6	0.0	1.8	1.8	0.0	126.2	126.4	-0.2	127.9	128.5	-0.6	-1.4	-1.4	0.0	-1.5	-1.8	0.3	-1.8 (-)	-1.8 (0.2)	0.0	-1.7 (0.2)	-2.2 (0.2)	0.5
	2018	2.2	2.1	0.1	1.9	1.6	0.3	123.5	124.1	-0.6	124.2	126.5	-2.3	-1.0	-1.4	0.4	-1.0	-1.9	0.9	-1.3 (0.5)	-1.8 (0.0)	0.5	-1.1 (0.6)	-2.4 (-0.2)	1.3
SI	2016	3.1	3.1	0.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	-	78.5	-	79.7	79.7	0.0	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	-1.8	-1.8	0.0	-	-1.5 (0.1)	-	-	-1.7 (0.3)	0.6
	2017	4.4	4.7	-0.3	3.6	3.3	0.3	75.2	76.4	-1.2	77.0	77.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.0	-0.8	-1.4	0.6	-0.75	-1.6 (-0.1)	0.85	-0.6 (-)	-1.8 (-0.1)	1.2
	2018	3.9	4.0	-0.1	3.2	3.1	0.1	71.7	74.1	-2.4	74.3	75.5	-1.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	-0.2	-1.2	1.0	-0.2 (0.55)	-1.6 (0.0)	1.4	-0.3 (0.3)	-2.3 (-0.5)	2.0
SK	2016	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	0.0	-	51.8	-	51.9	51.9	0.0	-2.7	-2.2	-0.5	-1.7	-1.7	0.0	-2.1 (-)	-2.0 (0.3)	-0.1	-	-1.5 (0.8)	0.1
	2017	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.0	0.3	51.1	50.6	0.5	51.8	51.5	0.3	-2.0	-1.6	-0.4	-1.2	-1.3	0.1	-1.7 (0.3)	-1.6 (0.4)	-0.1	-1.0 (-)	-1.4 (0.1)	0.4
	2018	4.2	3.8	0.4	4.0	3.6	0.4	49.9	49.9	0.0	49.9	49.8	0.1	-1.3	-1.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	0.1	-1.1 (0.6)	-1.2 (0.4)	0.1	-0.4 (0.6)	-0.9 (0.5)	0.5
FI	2016	1.9	1.9	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.0	-	63.1	-	63.6	63.6	0.0	-1.8	-1.7	-0.1	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	-	-0.4 (0.3)	-	-	-0.9 (0.2)	0.0
	2017	2.9	3.3	-0.4	1.2	1.3	-0.1	62.5	62.7	-0.2	64.7	65.5	-0.8	-1.2	-1.4	0.2	-2.3	-2.2	-0.1	-0.8	-1.0 (-0.6)	0.2	-1.7 (-)	-1.3 (0.4)	-0.4
	2018	2.1	2.7	-0.6	1.8	1.7	0.1	61.9	62.1	-0.2	64.5	66.2	-1.7	-1.4	-1.2	-0.2	-1.6	-1.8	0.2	-1.3 (-0.5)	-1.4 (-0.4)	0.1	-1.1 (0.6)	-1.4 (-0.1)	0.3

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