

**Inventory of the methods, procedures and sources
used for the compilation of deficit and debt data and
the underlying government sector accounts
according to ESA95**

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Background

Compilation and publishing of the Inventory of the methods, procedures and sources used to compile actual deficit and debt data is foreseen by Council Regulation 479/2009, as amended.

According to Article 8.1: *“The Commission (Eurostat) shall regularly assess the quality both of actual data reported by Member States and of the underlying government sector accounts compiled according to ESA 95.... Quality of actual data means compliance with accounting rules, completeness, reliability, timeliness, and consistency of the statistical data. The assessment will focus on areas specified in the inventories of Member States such as the delimitation of the government sector, the classification of government transactions and liabilities, and the time of recording.”*

In line with the provisions of the Regulation set up in Article 9, *“Member States shall provide the Commission (Eurostat) with a detailed inventory of the methods, procedures and sources used to compile actual deficit and debt data and the underlying government accounts. The inventories shall be prepared in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Commission (Eurostat) after consultation of CMFB. The inventories shall be updated following revisions in the methods, procedures and sources adopted by Member States to compile their statistical data”*.

The content of the Inventory and the related guidelines have been endorsed by the Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments statistics in June 2012 and are followed by all EU Member States.

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Institutional arrangements, sources, procedures and methods used for the calculation of deficit and debt data

A. Institutional arrangements, sources, procedures and methods used for the calculation of deficit and debt data

This chapter provides a summary description on the General Government sector components and specifies institutional responsibilities and basic data sources used for EDP tables and for the compilation of General Government national accounts. Special attention is given to EDP tables: detailed description of components of the working balance and the transition into EDP B.9 (net lending/net borrowing); compilation of Maastricht debt and of stock-flow adjustments; explanation of the link between EDP table 2 and 3, balancing process and statistical discrepancies.

1. General Government

This section describes the coverage of the General Government sector and the sub-sectors for Spain.

The General Government sector is composed by 4 sub-sectors: S.1311, S.1312, S.1313 and S.1314. It includes:

1.1. Central Government subsector (S.1311)

The Central Government comprises institutional units which have general powers throughout the country and which, in Spain, includes:

- The “State” (Central) agent, which comprises:

(1) The Central Government per se (Administración General del Estado, AGE), the organisation and functioning of which is laid down in the Central Government Structure and Functioning Act (*Ley 6/1997*) of 14 April 1997. The AGE is organised functionally into ministerial departments. Royal Decree 1823/2011 governs the current ministerial structure, which is composed of 13 ministerial departments each with its own heading in the Central Government Budget (PGE).

(2) The constitutional bodies with distinct sections in the PGE (Household of His Majesty the King; Parliament; the Court of Auditors; the Constitutional Court; Council of State and General Council of the Judiciary).

(3) Funds without legal personality attached to the State.

- The “Central Government Bodies” Agent, which comprises all bodies reporting to the State, with separate legal personality and with the consideration of government bodies for national accounting purposes. As at December 2012, 279 bodies were included with diverse legal personalities: agencies, self-governing bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations.

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1.2. State Government subsector (S.1312)

State (Regional) government includes the governing bodies of the regional (autonomous) government and the regional administrative and similar agencies. The latter group includes the universities in each region and, also, the corporations classified as regional (autonomous) government. This subsector comprises:

1. The governments of each of the 17 regions, together their legislative and other bodies set out in their Statutes of Autonomy, and which are incorporated into their budgets, including, where applicable, dependent funds without legal personality. The 17 regions are:

- ANDALUCÍA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 2/2007*, of 19 March 2007 (replaces the 1981 statute)
- ARAGÓN. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 5/2007*, of 20 April 2007 (replaces the 1982 statute)
- ASTURIAS. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 7/1981*, of 30 December 1981 (as amended by *Ley 3/1991*, *Ley 1/1994*, *Ley 1/1999* and *Ley 20/2002*)
- BALEARES. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 2/1983*, of 25 February 1983.
- CANARIAS. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 4/1996*, of 30 December 1996 (replaces the 1982 statute).
- CANTABRIA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 8/1981*, of 30 December 1981, amended by *Ley 7/1991*, of 13 March 1991.
- CASTILLA-LA MANCHA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 9/1982*, of 10 August 1982.
- CASTILLA Y LEÓN. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 4/1983*, of 25 February 1983.
- CATALUÑA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 6/2006*, of 19 July 2006 (replaces the 1979 statute).
- EXTREMADURA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 1/1983*, of 28 January 1983.
- GALICIA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 1/1981*, of 6 April.
- LA RIOJA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 3/1982*, of 9 June 1982 (amended by *Ley 3/1994*, *Ley 2/1999* and *Ley 22/2002*)
- MADRID. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 3/1983*, of 25 February 1983.
- MURCIA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 4/1982*, of 9 June 1982.
- COMUNIDAD FORAL DE NAVARRA. Reintegration and Improvement Act approved by *Ley 13/1982*, of 10 August 1982.
- PAÍS VASCO. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 3/1979*, of 18 December 1979.
- COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA. Statute of Autonomy approved by *Ley 5/1982*, of 1 July 1982.

2. The public universities dependent on regions. As at December 2012, 48 public universities dependent on regions were included in sector S.1312.

3. Other bodies dependent on the regions with separate legal personality and which have the consideration of public administrations for national accounting purposes. As at December 2012, 1,203 bodies were included with diverse legal personalities and functions: agencies, self-governing bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations.

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1.3. Local Government subsector (S.1313)

Local Government comprises local (municipal, provincial and island) authorities, associations and groupings of municipalities, autonomous cities (Ceuta and Melilla) and the independent administrative and similar bodies reporting to them. This subsector comprises the following institutional units:

1. Local authorities regulated under the Local Rules Act (*Ley 7/1985*), of 2 April 1985, or recognised by the regions under their Statutes: Municipalities, Provinces, Islands, Metropolitan areas, Groupings of municipalities, Districts and other entities comprising several municipalities and entities whose scope is below municipal level. This sub-sector also includes the Autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla. As at December 2012, there were 9,264 local authorities.
2. The bodies dependent on the aforementioned Local authorities, with separate legal personality and the consideration of government bodies for national accounting purposes. As at December 2012, there were 1,978 bodies with diverse legal personalities and functions: self-governing bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations.

1.4. Social security funds subsector (S.1314)

Social security funds include the institutional units of a legal nature and with diverse territorial scope that undertake functions relating to the provision of social benefits. The units performing social security functions financed through general taxation (essentially healthcare services) are classified together with the units to which they report in the Central Government, State (regional) government and Local Government subsectors, whereas the units performing social security functions financed through social security contributions are classified in the Social security fund subsector. This subsector comprises the following institutional units:

1. Entidades Gestoras y Servicios Comunes de la Seguridad Social (Social Security Management Bodies and Common Services). The former are public bodies with their own legal personality set up for the management and administration of benefits awarded by the Social Security system. The common services are created to ensure administrative coordination and for the performance of auxiliary and complementary management functions. They comprise the following units:

Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social (National Social Security Institute, INSS), the management entity that deals with the management and administration of the financial benefits of the Social Security System.

Instituto Nacional de Gestión Sanitaria (National Public Health Institute, INGESA), the management entity that deals with health benefits in the cities of Ceuta and Melilla and the performance of other activities required for the normal functioning of its services.

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Instituto de Mayores y Servicios Sociales (Institute of Social Services and the Elderly, IMSERSO), the management entity dealing with the Social Services supplementing the benefits of the Social Security system, and which manages issues relating to the elderly and dependent persons.

Instituto Social de la Marina (Social Marine Institute, ISM), the management entity handling the Special System for Seafarers.

Tesorería General de la Seguridad Social (General Treasury of Social Security, TGSS), a common service responsible for managing the funds and financial administration of the Social Security system, applying the financial solidarity and single till principles.

Mutuas de Accidentes de Trabajo y Enfermedades Profesionales de la Seguridad Social (Mutual Funds for Work Accidents and Occupational Illnesses of the Social Security system, MATEPSS). They are entities that collaborate with the Social security system and operate under the guidance and supervision of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security. Their main function is to manage "professional contingencies": work accidents and occupational illnesses. As at December 2012, there were 24 MATEPSS.

3. Servicio Público de Empleo Estatal (State Public Employment Service, SPEE). This is an autonomous Central Government body, currently a division of the Ministry of Employment and Social Security, responsible for the management, development and monitoring of Employment Policy programmes and measures, under the provisions of the Employment Act, of 16 December 2003 (*Ley 56/2003*).

4. Fondo de Garantía Salarial (Wage Guarantee Fund, FOGASA). This is an autonomous administrative body attached to the Ministry of Employment and Social Security and set up under Article 31 of the Labour Relations Act, of 8 April 1976 (*Ley 16/1976*), with the primary purpose of instituting a guarantee for wage claims in the event of employer insolvency.

Further details relating to practical aspects of sector classification for individual units into General Government sector could be found in Chapter B, section 1.

2. Institutional arrangements

This section provides general information on institutional arrangements relating to the production and dissemination of government deficit and debt statistics:

- responsibility of national authorities for compilation of individual EDP tables and underlying government national accounts, as defined by ESA95 Transmission Programme;
- institutional arrangements relating to public accounts which are used by statistical authorities for compilation of government national accounts and EDP tables;
- general overview about bookkeeping system used by public units, internal quality checks and external auditing;

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- communication between individual national authorities involved in EDP;
- publishing of deficit and debt statistics.

Legal basis for the compilation of GFS and EDP data

The responsibilities have been laid down in the different laws related to Spanish statistics:

- Law 12/1989, of 9 May, on the Public Statistical Function
- National Statistics Plan: Royal Decree 1658/2012, of 7 December, establishing the National Statistics Plan 2013-2016
- Annual Statistics Programmes that develop the National Statistics Plan
- Autonomy law of the Banco de España: Law 13/1994, de 1 de junio, de Autonomía del Banco de España
- The article 125 of the General Budgetary Law 47 of 2003 (GBL) states that the Intervención General de la Administración del Estado (Audit Office, IGAE), as the management centre for public accounting, are responsible for preparing the non-financial accounts of the units that form the General Government sector, in agreement with the criteria of institutional demarcation and assigning of transactions established in the European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA).
- Also article 133 of the GBL, points out that with regard to the effects outlined in article 125, the public units will be obliged to provide the necessary collaboration and information for drawing up the economic accounts of the public sector, as well as providing the information related to the accounts of the public units determined by national and community guidelines.
- The first additional provision of the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility Act, of 14 November 2013 (*Ley Orgánica 6/2013*), provides for the creation of a Technical National Accounts Committee (CTCN), regulated as follows:
 - “1. For the valuation and allocation of economic operations carried out by the diverse public sector units and the sectoral delimitation of these units based on the standards of the European System of Accounts, a Technical Committee of National Accounts is set up composed of representatives of the National Statistics Institute, the Banco de España and the Audit Office as the competent bodies for drafting the national accounts of the units forming the sectors of General Government and Financial and Non-financial corporations.
 2. The functioning and organisation of this Committee will be regulated by rules of procedure to be adopted by the bodies listed and published in the BOE (Official State - Central Government- Gazette) for general information purposes.
 3. In the exercise of its duties, this Committee may perform actions aimed directly at verifying and testing the information supplied by the institutional units belonging to the

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State and Local Government sub-sectors, classified according to the standards of the European System of Accounts.

4. This Committee will forward any reports it issues in the exercise of its duties to the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility for information purposes.

5. The institutions forming the Committee must, in all events, maintain full professional independence and functional autonomy in the exercise of their respective responsibilities and the powers conferred on them under European and national legislation."

2.1. Institutional responsibilities for the compilation of General Government deficit and debt data

This section describes institutional responsibilities for compilation of Government Finance Statistics (national accounts for General Government and EDP tables). Further related information is described in section 2.3 Communication.

National accounts data for General Government are transmitted to Eurostat¹ via the following tables (see the related EU legislation)²:

Table 2 – Main aggregates of General Government (annual data)

Table 6 – Financial accounts by sector (annual data)

Table 7 – Balance Sheets for financial assets and liabilities (annual data)

Table 9 – Detailed Tax and Social Contribution Receipts by Type of Tax or Social Contribution and Receiving Sub-sector including the list of taxes and social contributions according to national classification (annual data)

Table 11 – Expenditure of General Government by function (annual data)

Table 25 - Quarterly Non-financial Accounts of General Government

Table 26 – Balance sheets for non-financial assets (annual data)

Table 27 – Quarterly Financial Accounts of General Government

Table 28 – Quarterly Government Debt (Maastricht Debt) for General Government

Data on government deficits and debt levels are reported to Eurostat twice a year (in April and October) in EDP notification tables³.

¹ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/search_database

² http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/legislation

³ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/excessive_deficit/edp_notification_tables

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Table 1. - Institutional responsibilities for the compilation of General Government national accounts and EDP tables

Institutional responsibilities <i>(the appropriate cells are crossed)</i>		NSI	MOF	NCB	Other	
Compilation of national accounts for General Government:						
Non-financial accounts	annual		X			
	quarterly		X			
Financial accounts	annual			X		
	quarterly			X		
Maastricht debt	quarterly			X		
Compilation of EDP Tables:						
EDP table 1	actual data	deficit/surplus		X		
		debt			X	
		other variables	X			
	planned data	deficit/surplus		X		
		debt			X	
		other variables				X ⁴
EDP table 2 (actual data)	2A Central Government			X		
	2B State Government			X		
	2C Local Government			X		
	2D Social security funds			X		
EDP table 3 (actual data)	3A General Government				X	
	3B Central Government				X	
	3C State Government				X	
	3D Local Government				X	
	3E Social security funds				X	
EDP table 4		X		X		

NSI - National statistics institute including units subordinated to the NSI (the latter is to be specified in comments)

MOF – Ministry of Finance/Economy including units subordinated to the MOF (to be specified in comments)

NCB – National Central Bank

Other – other national body, to be specified in comments

⁴ Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, for expected GDP

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The **National Statistics Institute (Instituto Nacional de Estadística –INE-)** is the autonomous body responsible for compiling the National Accounts of the Spanish Economy which includes, inter alia, the non-financial accounts of the General Government.

Regarding the EDP notifications, INE compiles data for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current market prices (B.1 * g) in Table 1 and the Gross National Income (GNI) at current market prices (B.5 * g) in Table 4.

The **Bank of Spain (Banco de España –BdE-)** is the institution responsible for compiling the Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy and the EDP debt of the General Government.

Regarding EDP notifications, BdE compiles the public debt data set out in Table 1 and the contents of tables 3A-B-C-D and E and Table 4, except the aggregate B.5 * g.

The **Audit Office (Intervención General de la Administración del Estado –IGAE-)**, in accordance with that outlined in article 125 of the General Budget Law 47 of 2003 (GBL), is the management centre for public accounting and is responsible for compiling the non-financial accounts of the units that form the General Government (S.13) sector, in agreement with the rules pointed out in the European System of National and Regional Accounts (ESA).

Regarding EDP notifications, IGAE compiles data of public deficit / surplus (B.9-EDP B.9), the data of interest (D.41 and EDP D.41) and investment (P.51) notified in Table 1 and the contents of Tables 2A-B-C and D.

The Technical Committee (CTCN) is ultimately responsible for the data appearing in the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP) questionnaire. INE sends the EDP questionnaire to Eurostat, the MOF sends it to the European Commission and the Banco de España sends it to the European Central Bank.

The delimitation of the General Government sector and sub-sectors and other methodological aspects as the links between financial and non-financial accounts are undertaken by the CTCN.

2.1.1 Existence of an EDP unit/department

There is not a single EDP unit.

2.1.2 Availability of resources for the compilation of GFS data

National Statistics Institute (INE). INE is the responsible for compiling National Accounts of the Spanish Economy (annual, quarterly, national, and regional). The responsibilities attributed to INE in the context of EDP statistics are carried out by the National Accounts Directorate with the support of the Director General of Methodology, Quality and ICT. The Directorate accounts with 35 full time human resources to develop all its tasks.

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Government Auditors (IGAE). The IGAE is the centre in charge of the annual preparation of the non-financial accounts (employment, resources and capacity or borrowing requirements) of General Government (S.13) for EDP purposes. The IGAE also prepares the quarterly non-financial accounts of General Government (S.13) and the monthly accounts of its sub-sectors S.1311, S.1312, S.1314. In addition to the above, the IGAE compiles data on General Government (functional classification of expenditure, breakdown of taxes and social contributions, etc.) required by the ESA data transmission programme and other Community rules. IGAE produces economic accounts of public companies classified in the Non-financial corporations (S.11) and Financial corporations (S.12) sectors. Together with INE and BdE, the IGAE is responsible for the classification of public units into the different sectors of the national accounts.

Article 11 of Royal Decree 256/2012, of 27 January 2012, developing the basic organisational structure of the Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations, provides that, within the IGAE, the Directorate General of Public Sector Financial Accounts and Analysis (SGACESP) is responsible for the exercise of the powers conferred on the IGAE for the preparation of non-financial General Government accounts. In order to prepare this information and the publications that include it, the SGACESP had a staff of 65 people in 2013, all of whom were career officials.

Banco de España. The responsibilities attributed to the Banco de España in the context of EDP statistics are carried out by the Statistics Department, part of Directorate General Economics, Statistics and Research. In the Statistics Department, the Financial Statistics Division and, specifically, the General Government and other general statistics unit is the unit responsible for preparing the financial accounts and the debt of the General Government. In this unit, ten employees are full time dedicated to this task, although there are other parts of the Financial Statistics Division and other Divisions and Departments of the Banco de España providing primary information.

2.2. Institutional arrangements relating to public accounts

Generally, “public accounts” are basic source data for GFS compilation, i.e. EDP tables as well as annual and quarterly accounts for General Government. Public accounts are used by public units and refer to accounting records and relating accounting outputs (e.g. financial statements) based on the accounting framework defined by a national legislation. This section provides a general overview on institutional responsibilities relating to public accounts. Further details on public accounts for individual government subsectors are described under relevant sections on data sources and EDP tables.

2.2.1 Legal / institutional framework

The diversity of legal forms of the public units comprising the General Government sector means that the original sources used in the compilation of the national accounts are different:

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Central Government

Article 121 of the General Budgetary Law (*Ley 47/2003*, GBL) develops the public accounting system (accounting rules and principles) applicable to the diverse bodies making up the Central Government public sector (Article 1 GBL), which can be split into three groups:

- Entities comprising the administrative public sector: budgetary principles and the rules and principles set out in the General Chart of Public Accounts.
- Entities comprising the corporate public sector: accounting principles and standards contained in the Code of Commerce and General Chart of Accounts of Spanish companies.
- Foundations in the central public sector: accounting principles and standards contained in the adapted General Chart of Accounts for non-profit institutions.

The current **General Chart of Public Accounts (GCPA)** was approved by Order EHA/1037/2010 of 13 April 2010. This GCPA is intended to serve as a framework chart of accounts for the whole of General Government.

To set the accounting standards with the General Chart of Accounts for Spanish companies, the version approved by Royal Decree 1514/2007 was used as a model, adapted with the specific attributes of the public sector entities for which it is intended.

This chart of accounts has also been adapted to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) developed by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), through its IPSASB 'International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board' (formerly the Public Sector Committee), in those aspects considered necessary to move forward the process of setting accounting standards.

The Audit Office resolution dated 17 November 2011 approves the adaptation of the GCPA for General Government.

- The **General Chart of Accounts (GCA) of Spanish Companies** was approved by Royal Decree 1514/2007, of 16 November 2007.

- The rules for adapting the **GCA to non-profit institutions** and the model of action plan for non-profit institutions were approved by Royal Decree 1491/2011, of 24 October 2011.

State Government. Autonomous Communities

At state (regional) level, the Autonomous Communities have the powers to develop the structure of their own public sector, determine the applicable public accounting system and adopt their own General Chart of Public Accounts, which must be consistent with the GCPA of the Central public sector as this provides the framework for the different levels of government. These powers are developed through General Public Finance Legislation or the Finance Legislation of the Autonomous Communities.

Some Autonomous Communities have dependent entities which, according to their specific legislation, are subject to the accounting principles and standards contained in the Code of

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Commerce and the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish Companies or the adaptation of the General Chart of Accounts for non-profit institutions.

Local Government

The Texto Refundido de la ley Reguladora de las Haciendas Forales (Recast Local Tax Authorities Act, Royal Decree-law 2/2004, of 5 March 2004) establishes that Local entities and their Autonomous Bodies shall be subject to the public accounting system under the terms provided in the legislation.

It also states that companies in which Local Authorities have a controlling interest will be subject to the system of public accounts, without prejudice to any adaptation of the Code of Commerce or other corporate legislation and the applicable General Chart of Accounts for Spanish companies.

Therefore, the applicable accounting system is the same as set out in the GBL for Central Government, also since the Ministry of Economy and Finance, at the IGAE's proposal, approves the general accounting standards to which the organisation of the accounting of the Local entities and their autonomous bodies must adjust, the General Chart of Accounts for Local entities, and determines the structure and justification for the accounts, statements and other public accounting documents.

Orders EHA/4041/2004, EHA/4042/2004 and EHA/4040/2004 of 23 November 2004 approved the instructions for the normal, simplified and basic model of local accounts, the primary aim of which was to adapt the accounting standards for local authorities to the principles set out in GCPA of 1994, which replaced the Accounting Instructions approved in 1990. The model used by local authorities is determined by two variables: budget and population. These standards are being revised to update them to the GCPA of 2010.

Some Local entities have dependent bodies that, according to their specific legislation, are subject to the accounting principles and standards contained in the Code of Commerce and the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish Companies or the adaptation of the General Chart of Accounts for non-profit entities.

Social Security Funds

Implementation of the GCPA in Social Security will require prior adaptation. Under Article 125.3.b) of the GBL of 26 November 2003 (*Ley 47/2003*), the Social Security Audit Office is responsible for adapting the Chart of Accounts to the entities that form the Social Security system and submitting it for the approval of the Government Auditors.

The Resolution from IGAE dated 1 July 2011 approves the adaptation of the General Chart of Public Accounts to the entities that make up the Social Security system.

2.2.2 Auditing of public accounts

2.2.2.1 General Government units

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Economic activity undertaken by General Government is subject to double control: internal and external. The first is carried out by the Administration that manages the expenditure through the IGAE and the Social Security Audit Office (IGSS) and for Comunidades Autónomas (State Government) and Local Government through specific units for this purpose.

In this context, one of the general principles of the Budgetary Stability and Financial Sustainability Act of 27 April 2012 (*Ley Orgánica 2/2012*) was transparency. Under this Act, the accounts of General Government and other subjects included in the scope of the Act must contain sufficient and appropriate information for verification of their financial position, fulfilment of the aims of budgetary sustainability and financial stability and compliance with the requirements of European legislation on this subject.

In the accounting context, the terms "sufficient" and "appropriate" are related to the quality and reliability of the information, ensuring that it serves the purpose for which it was developed and reasonably expresses the economic developments that it reflects.

The integrity requirement of public accounts is therefore directly related to budgetary stability and financial sustainability. Hence, and with a view to boosting the confidence of citizens and analysts in public accounts, several strategic initiatives have been adopted to ensure that public sector information constitutes a true reflection of the assets and financial position of this government. These strategies include:

- 1) Improving accounting operations by updating the instructions governing accounting procedure and reviewing the verification procedures used by supervisory bodies under the new wording of letter g), paragraph 1, of Article 159 of the GBL (*Law 47/2003*).
- 2) Reinforcing supervisory instruments and enabling access by the competent bodies to tax information relating to commercial transactions between public sector entities and suppliers or service providers, for which purpose a new possibility of collaboration between the internal control bodies and the Spanish Tax Authority is regulated under Article 95 of the General Tax Act (*Law 58/2003*).
- 3) Promoting the use of Electronic Invoicing in relations with General Government and creating Invoice Accounting Records, which will bring about a substantive change in how invoices are processed, which should lead to a more efficient accounting system. A draft law is currently being developed with this in mind.

The verification of accounting information through audits and financial controls guarantees the reliability of this information to its users and allows decisions to be made based on verified, accurate and consistent information.

In General Government, these verification tasks – performed by bodies other than the ones that produced the information – are performed using a range of techniques that vary according to the type of control applicable to the entities in question.

For public bodies not legally subject to accounting audits – primarily government departments and the management entities and common services of the Social security system in the Central Government sector – the entries in the accounting system, made by the accounting offices of

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the delegated auditors, are based on the accounting records and supporting documents furnished by managing bodies.

In this context, and with a view to increase the transparency and integrity of the public accounts, it was considered necessary to implement certain regulatory changes, which have led to modifications to the General Government accounting procedure, and to regulate in legislation the performance of the specific control actions intended to achieve this aim.

As mentioned earlier, these changes have led to improved accounting operations (by updating the instructions governing the procedure) and a review of the verification procedures adopted by supervisory bodies.

Accounting operations were improved by modifying Rule 52 of the Order on State (Central Government) expenditure accounting operations to require managing bodies to report outstanding operations to be applied to the previous year's budget prior to 15 February of each year.

The review of the verification procedures entailed the rewording of letter g) of paragraph 1 of Article 159 of the GBL (*Law 47/2003*), concerning the content of ongoing financial control actions, to extend the scope of actions for this type of control in government departments and the management entities and common services of the Social security system in order to "confirm, through auditing techniques, that data and information of economic significance supplied by management entities to support accounting information reasonably reflect the transactions arising from their activity".

In the framework of the Consejo de Política Fiscal y Financiera (Fiscal and Financial Policy Council, CPFF), an agreement was adopted to ensure that the Autonomous Communities implement similar control mechanisms within their respective scopes.

External control is exercised by the Supreme Court of Auditors and the Regional Courts of Auditors (Autonomous Communities).

Article 136 of the Spanish Constitution states that the Supreme Court of Auditors is the highest authority for inspecting the accounts and the economic management of the Spanish State (Central Government), as well as the public sector, without detriment to the responsibilities undertaken by the Autonomous Communities by the creation of the Regional Courts of Auditors.

The national accounting data take into consideration the internal control reports that are available prior to the compilation of the accounts. With regard to the reports of the Supreme Court of Auditors produced over a longer period of time than that for the finalised accounts of General Government, it should be pointed out that many aspects included in these reports are already incorporated into the national accounts.

Also, current legislation imposes the general obligation of auditing the financial accounts of the public entities and societies, whatever their legal form is and whatever accounting system affects them.

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In the case of corporations, the commercial law excludes the small societies of auditing their accounts. However, when there is no obligation of auditing, in Central Government sub-sector, IGAE audits most of these companies, adding them in its annual audit plans. Besides, IGAE can perform operational audits in public corporations selected on the basis of a risk analysis.

According to the terms imposed by the current legislation to formulate and audit the annual accounts, the audit information is used in the processing of the final General Government accounts. In the processing of estimated and half-finalised accounts, prepared accounts are used, but the audit process is not over yet.

2.2.2.2 *Public units, not part of General Government*

The system of internal and external control applies to all public units, regardless of whether or not they are included in the General Government sector. The above section is therefore applicable to them too. In particular, account auditing is a general obligation for commercial companies that meet the set requirements.

2.3. Communication

2.3.1 Communication between actors involved in EDP

2.3.1.1 *Agreement on co-operation*

The three institutions responsible for preparing EDP notifications – INE, BdE and IGAE – are coordinated by the CTCN, set up under the First Additional Provision of the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility Act (*Ley 6/2013*) of 14 November 2013.

“1. For the valuation and allocation of economic operations carried out by the diverse public sector units and the sectoral delimitation of these units based on the standards of the European System of Accounts, a Technical Committee of National Accounts is set up composed of representatives of the INE, the Banco de España and the IGAE as the competent bodies for drafting the national accounts of the units forming the sectors of General Government and Financial and Non-financial corporations.

2. The functioning and organisation of this Committee will be regulated by rules of procedure to be adopted by the bodies listed and published in the BOE (Official State Gazette) for general information purposes.

3. In the exercise of its duties, this Committee may perform actions aimed directly at verifying and contrasting the information supplied by the institutional units belonging to the State and Local Government sub-sectors, classified according to the standards of the European System of Accounts.

4. This Committee will forward any reports it issues in the exercise of its duties to the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility for information purposes.

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5. The institutions forming the Committee must, in all events, maintain full professional independence and functional autonomy in the exercise of their respective responsibilities and the powers conferred on them under European and national legislation."

The CTCN was officially created in 2013 but the coordination among the three institutions INE, IGAE and BdE has been carried out, unofficially, for the last 20 years, since the approval of the Council Regulation 3605/93 on EDP issues. The main communication of the group with Eurostat is across INE. The three institutions attended all dialogue visits carried out to Spain and the attendance to the main fora regarding Government Finance Statistics is shared among them.

This committee is ultimately responsible of data notified in the context of EDP Regulation.

2.3.1.2 *Access to data sources based on public accounts*

The information needed to prepare non-financial accounts for General Government is accessed in different ways depending on the sub-sector:

Central Government.

The IGAE, in its role as management centre for public accounting, is responsible for managing the accounting system of the State and for centralizing the accounts information from the different entities that constitute the Public sector (article 125 of Law 47/2003). This means that the database of public accounting of the different units included in this sub-sector is located at the same body responsible for the gathering of information, the IGAE, which facilitates access, at any time, to the information necessary for preparing the National Accounts according to the criteria and requirements of the CTCN.

Daily information is available for the State (central) Government, which is used as a basis for preparing the monthly, quarterly and annual accounts in national accounts terms.

For other bodies, public law entities, corporations and public foundations included in sub-sector S.1311, monthly information is received on these through electronic procedures (Order HAP/2161/2013 dated 14 November 2013). This information is used to prepare the monthly accounts of sub-sector S.1311 in national accounts terms.

By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and the operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which improves the quality of the annual data of the EDP.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (March), information on December received before 31 January of the following year is used.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the second EDP notification of each year (September), the accounts drawn up by the units and sent electronically to the IGAE are used.

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State Government.

The Budgetary Stability and Financial Sustainability Act of 27 April 2012 (*Ley Orgánica 2/2012*) authorises the Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations to obtain from the State Government and Local Government the information required for compliance with the provisions of this Act and with European standards. Ministerial Order HAP/2105/2012, dated 1 October 2012, laying down the obligations of the supply of information under the Budgetary Stability and Financial Sustainability Act (*Ley 2/2012*) sets out the content of the information that must be submitted and the periodicity and form of the delivery. Under this regulation:

- The submission of information by the Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations is centralised through the regional/local audit office or equivalent unit exercising those functions, while the Ministry of Finance and General Government is responsible for receiving and compiling this information. The information is submitted electronically with an electronic signature. Specifically, through standardised models developed jointly by the Secretary of State for Budget and Expenditure and the Secretary of State for General Government. These models are completed through bulk loading systems developed through the Virtual Offices for Financial Coordination with the Autonomous Communities and Local Entities.
- The Autonomous Communities are required to submit monthly information within fifteen days of the end of the reference period. However, when the information relates to December, the deadline for submission is extended to 31 January of the following year.

The IGAE uses this monthly information to prepare the monthly accounts of the Autonomous Communities, which are published approximately 60 days after the end of the reference month. By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and specific operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which leads to improved quality in the annual data of the EDP.

Similarly, the information for March, June, September and December is used in compiling the quarterly accounts of the Autonomous Communities, which are integrated into the quarterly accounts of General Government and sent to Eurostat, in compliance with EU Regulations.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (March), the information obtained from the standardised accounting information questionnaires is used, in accordance with the aforementioned ministerial order, before 31 January of the following year. After this deadline for submission of the required information, the Autonomous Communities may send updated information to the IGAE as a result of:

- (1) IGAE requests, if it observes gaps or missing data in the information submitted. These requests are made after analysis of the data initially sent by the Autonomous Communities. Their purpose is to guarantee the reliability of the available data.
- (2) On the initiative of the Autonomous Community when, following the closing of its accounts, it obtains updated information that differs "substantially" from that sent at the end of January.

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This updated information is taken into consideration for preparing the data submitted in EDP notifications. Thus, EDP notifications are made with the information received as close as possible to the date that the data is sent to the Commission and Eurostat as part of the EDP.

Subsequently – but before 30 April of the year after the one to which the information relates – the Autonomous Communities are required to re-send this annual information in its updated form. This updated information is used to prepare the second Excessive Deficit Procedure notification at the end of September.

The information collected is contained in the standardised questionnaire models, the content of which concerns:

- Implementation of the revenue and expenditure budget, indicating the recognised rights and liabilities, together with payments and receipts for the current and closed fiscal years.
- Expenditure by function.
- Transactions with third parties pending application in the budget.
- Diverse additional information allowing the resulting balance of budget revenue and expenditure to be related to lending/borrowing calculated according to the rules of the European System of Accounts.
- Lastly, for units subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish Companies or its respective sectoral adjustments: the balance sheet, profit and loss account and diverse additional information required to calculate Government deficit in national accounts terms.

The above information must be submitted by all units in the State Government sub-sector (S.1312) in the terms of the European System of Accounts. Article 2.1 of Order HAP/2105/2012 refers to these.

For the preparation of the final annual accounts in national accounts terms, the Autonomous Communities must also submit their General Accounts and Annual Accounts. This information relates to units forming part of the State Government sub-sector (S.1312) and any regional public sector units that are not General Government bodies in national accounts terms. This information must be submitted within fifteen days of sending it to the Parliament or Court of Auditors and, in any event, before 20 November of the year following that to which it relates. The Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations may enable the mechanisms required for electronic submission.

Local Government

As with the Autonomous Communities (State Government), Ministerial Order HAP/2105/2012 sets out the obligations of Local Corporations as regards the provision of information. Specifically, before the last day of the month following the end of each quarter, Local Corporations must submit standardised information whose content is comparable to that of the Autonomous Communities. This includes:

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- Settlement of the revenue and expenditure budget, indicating the recognised rights and liabilities, together with payments and receipts for the current and closed fiscal years.
- Due, clearly defined and payable liabilities with third parties not charged to the budget.
- Implementation reports, for the same period, on revenue and expenditure, for entities subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish companies or its sectoral adaptations.
- Any supporting information to help calculate the deficit of Local Corporations in national accounts terms.

This quarterly information is used to compile the quarterly accounts of the Local Corporations, which are integrated into the quarterly accounts of General Government and sent to Eurostat, in compliance with EU Regulations on quarterly accounts, within three months of the end of the reference quarter.

The annual information sent by Local Corporations before 31 January is used to complete the Excessive Deficit Procedure notification submitted before the end of March.

This information is subsequently updated by the Local Corporations before 31 March of the year following the settlements and is used as the basis for preparing the data of the EDP notification for September.

The obligation to forward this information extends to units within the Local Government sub-sector in ESA-95 terms. Specifically, this refers to the local authorities included within the subjective scope of 2.1., Order HAP/2105/2012.

Lastly, before 31 October of the year after the fiscal year following that of the settlements, the Local Corporations must forward their General Accounts and the approved Annual Accounts of the entities within the scope of this Order. In other words, the Annual Accounts and General Accounts of all local units covered under articles 2.1 and 2.2 of the Order should be forwarded, regardless of whether they are included in the Local Government sub-sector of the national accounts.

Social Security Funds

The management functions of public accounting in the scope of the entities comprising the Social Security System will be exercised by the Government Auditors through the General Comptroller of Social Security (Article 125.3 LGP). This allows for centralisation of the accounting information of units within the Social Security Funds sub-sector (S.1314) and ensures that monthly information is available on the transactions in this sub-sector.

For the Social Security Funds sub-sector, the IGAE has access to the Sistema de Información Contable de la Seguridad Social (SICOSS), which includes all accounting aspects of the management entities and common services of Social Security Funds.

By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and the operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which improves the quality of the annual data of the EDP.

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To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (March), information on December received before 31 January of the following year is used.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the second EDP notification of each year (September), the updated information drawn up by the units forming this sub-sector (S.1314) is used.

2.3.2 Publication of deficit and debt statistics

2.3.2.1 *Publication of EDP data*

The EDP notifications are published on the IGAE website after their formal validation by Eurostat. All EDP Questionnaire tables are published (Tables 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E and 4). Additional questionnaires and clarifications on the contents of the EDP tables are not published.

In Chapters 11 to 14 of the Boletín Estadístico and the economic indicators 6.1 to 6.3 and 8.8 published on its website, the Banco de España disseminates information about the debt of General Government, i.e. of the institutional units classified in the General Government sector and, separately, information on the debt of the units reporting to General Government (public producers) which are not classified as General Government. The public debt and an advanced calendar are published quarterly in a bilingual Spanish/English edition on the Banco de España website under the items Release calendar, Statistics Bulletin, Chapters 11 (General Government), 12 (Central Government and Social Security funds), 13 [Regional (autonomous) governments] and 14 (Local Governments) with a time-lag of 12-13 weeks (close to one quarter) and the item Economic indicators 6.1 to 6.3 and 8.8. The periodicity of these indicators is monthly; they are published with a time-lag of 1 month and refer only to the State.

The Banco de España statistics provide General Government indebtedness both in absolute figures and in relative terms with respect to GDP. National GDP is used in respect of the total debt of the sector and its subsectors, and regional GDP is used to obtain the ratio corresponding to each regional (autonomous) government. In both cases the source of GDP is the INE's publications of Spanish National Accounts and Spanish Regional Accounts. However, since the regional GDP data are updated with a lag in respect of the national GDP data, for the years in which data on regional GDP were not available, the procedure used to calculate each regional (autonomous) government's debt/GDP ratio comprises distributing national GDP according to Spanish National Accounts according to the structure of regional GDP for the last available year. Although, this procedure may generate distortions in regional aggregates since not all regional (autonomous) governments grow at the same rate, it is not considered that this limitation will significantly alter the ratios in respect of the GDP of each regional (autonomous) government.

2.3.2.2 *Publication of underlying government ESA95 accounts*

Non-financial accounts:

Institutional arrangements, sources, procedures and methods used for the calculation of deficit and debt data

In general, IGAE publishes the main non-financial transactions of General Government and the net lending/borrowing balance B.9 by 31 March and 30 September each year, consistent with the data included in the EDP notifications forwarded to Eurostat.

Should corrections be made during Eurostat's validation of the data, the corrected data are published.

The following link contains data from the non-financial accounts of General Government published by the IGAE:

<http://www.igae.pap.minhap.gob.es/sitios/igae/es-ES/InformesCuentas/Contabilidad/Paginas/contabilidadnacional.aspx>

INE publishes non-financial accounts of General Government in the context of institutional sectors accounts, both quarterly and annual with the delays pointed out in the EU Regulations. The links are:

<http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&path=%2Ft35%2Fp016&file=inebase&L=0> for quarterly accounts and

http://www.ine.es/daco/daco42/cne08/dacocne_b08.htm for annual accounts.

Financial accounts:

The Banco de España publishes in its website the quarterly Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy including the financial accounts of the General Government. This publication includes a breakdown by sector and subsectors, instruments according to ESA95, stocks, transactions, other changes in volume and revaluations. This publication includes a note describing methodological issues:

<http://www.bde.es/webbde/en/estadis/ccff/resumenmet.pdf>

3. EDP tables and data sources

This section reports on availability and use of basic data sources for the compilation of national accounts and EDP tables, by General Government subsectors and main units/groups of units. It also aims at describing adjustments to basic data source in order to compile ESA95 based deficit/surplus; EDP tables compilation techniques, balancing practices; link between EDP table 2 and 3.

3.1. EDP table 1

EDP table 1 provides the core, summary information for the reporting period, as requested by the related EU legislation⁵: net borrowing(-)/net lending(+)(EDP B.9) for General Government sector and its subsectors, outstanding amount of Maastricht debt by instruments, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) for GG sector and data on interest expenditure (ESA95 D.41 and EDP D.41)⁶.

This section focuses on Maastricht debt only. A detailed description of EDP B.9 calculation and data sources for individual subsectors is covered under section 3.2.

3.1.1 Compilation of Maastricht debt

3.1.1.1 Specification of debt instruments

The detail of debt instruments used to compile EDP debt distinguishes:

- Currency and deposits (coin issuance by State, -Central Government-)
- Securities other than shares by original maturity (in euro and currencies other than euro):
 - Short-term
 - Medium and long-term
- Loans and credits granted by resident credit institutions by original maturity (in euro and currencies other than the euro):
 - Short-term (12 months or less)
 - Medium and long-term (more than 12 months)
- Loans granted by non-residents, rest of the world (in euro and currencies other than the euro)

The valuation rules used are as follows: the short, medium and long-term securities other than shares are recorded at their nominal value; credits only include the part drawn down. In both cases, where the currency in which the securities other than shares are issued or in which the credit is arranged is not the euro, they are converted into euro applying to the currency in which the securities other than shares were originally issued or in which the credit was arranged, the exchange rate of that currency at the end of the period to which the outstanding balance refers.

3.1.1.2 Data sources used for the compilation of Maastricht debt

The scheme below shows the breakdown of instruments and data sources used:

⁵ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/government_finance_statistics/documents/council_reg_479-2009

⁶ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:344:0001:0004:EN:PDF>

Instruments (liabilities)		Statistical source
Currency and deposits: coin issuance		Banco de España.
Securities other than shares: marketable debt securities	Short-term securities issued in euro	Banco de España. Information compiled by the Banco de España through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Secretariat of the Treasury and Financial Policy - Official Gazettes of the State and Regional (autonomous) Governments - National Securities Market Commission. - IBERCLEAR and stock exchanges For issues in currencies other than the euro information from the balance of payments and data from specialist agencies, such as Reuters, are used
	Long-term securities issued in euro	
	Securities issued in currencies other than the euro	
Loans granted by resident financial institutions		Information compiled through the Banco de España's Central Credit Register, obtained from lending credit institutions reporting credit exposures of more than €6,000. For the State and General Secretariat of the Treasury and Financial Policy.
Loans granted by the rest of the world		Statistics on credits and loans granted by non-residents based on communications, which for statistical purposes, must be sent to the Banco de España's Statistics Department by the borrowers or resident credit institutions on behalf of the borrowers, when the collections and payments are made through these institutions over the life of the loan. For the State and General Secretariat of the Treasury and Financial Policy.

Regarding the sources of information for Central Government and Social security funds, the statistics on public debt are from direct sources. The data are monthly and are available with a time-lag of one month. For State (Regional) and Local Government the information is quarterly, available with a time-lag of 45 days and the sources are indirect (mainly: Book entry system for the public debt; Banco de España's databank for stock markets; statements of the credit institutions, Central Credit Register of the Banco de España and statements of the Balance of payments and International investment position). Nevertheless, for the State (Regional) government and the six main municipalities (Local Governments), there is a quarterly process of checking with each of them in order to eliminate any discrepancy there might be with the internal records of these Governments. The process finishes around 75 days after the end of the quarter to which the figures refer and at this time that information is published.

3.1.1.3 *Amendments to basic data sources*

There are not amendments to basic data sources other than those dedicated to correct errors discovered. The data sources used provide data valued at nominal (face) values and, therefore, it is not needed any correction to compile EDP debt.

Counterpart information is used to compile and check EDP debt and the financial accounts to elaborate the deficit-debt adjustment.

The information about other changes in volume due to the reclassification of units and instruments is introduced directly at the time of the reclassification.

3.1.1.4 *Consolidation of Maastricht debt*

In the consolidated debt, the positions between the various sub-sectors have been eliminated (inter-flows and positions). This affects to:

- The outstanding amounts of securities other than shares issued by State (possible confusion) and hold by Social Security Funds.
- The loans granted by State (possible confusion) to Social Security Funds.
- The loans granted by the Fund for the Financing of Payments to Suppliers (FFPP), classified as Central Government, to Regional (Autonomous) State Governments and Local Government that has entailed a reduction in the other accounts payable by both these tiers of government.
- The loans granted by the Regional Liquidity Fund (FLA), classified as Central Government, to Regional (Autonomous) State Governments mainly used to refinance debt redemptions.

The information used to compile the positions between sub-sectors is provided by the units involved in managing the funds and there are not amendments to basic data. This information is cross checked.

3.2. Central Government sub-sector, EDP table 2A and 3B

Information provided in this section refers to data sources available for the Central Government (S.1311), indicates what sources are used for compilation of non-financial and financial accounts and EDP tables for S.1311, and explains the adjustments made in order to comply with ESA95.

2.2.1 Data sources for main Central Government unit: “The State”

This section describes data sources available and used for compilation of national accounts and EDP tables for the main Central Government unit:

- Basic data sources
- Complementary data sources used for the purpose of special ESA95 adjustments (e.g. accrual adjustments, recording of specific government transactions, etc.).

The Working Balance "WB" on the table 2A, defined as the "Balance of non-budget financial operations of the "State" refers to the State (Central Government) agent and includes:

(1) The General State (Central) Administration per se, whose organisation and functioning are governed by the Central Government Structure and Functioning Act (*Ley 6/1997*) of 14 April 1997, and which is organised functionally into ministerial departments, each of which occupies a section in the Central Government Budget (PGE). Royal Decree 1823/2011 regulates the current ministerial structure, which consists of 13 ministerial departments.

(2) The constitutional bodies with distinct sections in the PGE (Household of His Majesty the King; Parliament [Cortes Generales]; the Audit Office [Tribunal de Cuentas]; the Constitutional Court; Council of State and General Council of the Judiciary).

The operations of funds without legal personality dependent on the State (Central Government) are not included in the "WB"; instead they are recorded in the adjustment lines of the “Non-financial transactions not included in the working balance” heading.

Table 2 – Availability and use of basic source data for the main Central Government unit

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			
A	M	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	X	X	X
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
				(5) Profit and loss accounts			
A	M	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets		X	X
C	M	T+30	T+11	(7) Cash flow statement			X
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			
<i>C /Nominal value</i>				<i>a. Financial reporting from Treasury including stocks and flows for financial instruments</i>			
<i>C /Nominal value</i>				<i>b. Money and banking statistics</i>			
<i>C /Nominal value</i>				<i>c. Securities issues statistics</i>			

Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - accrual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

As manager of the public accounts, the IGAE has direct access to the State Accounting Information System. Daily information is thus available on State (Central Government) operations. Nonetheless, only monthly data is processed in the national accounts.

All the information available at the time is used in the preparation of the data submitted in the notifications of April and October.

The budgetary balance resulting from the budget out-turn, which is provisional in the first two reports in March and September, and final in the notification in September of the following year, is the main source of information, to which complementary information not included in that settlement is added:

- information included in the public accounting of the State (Central Government) : accrued interest and operations registered in account 413
 - transactions undertaken on behalf of Central Government by ICO and CESCE
 - information relative to the operations of the funds without juridical personality
 - Information on military equipment deliveries, transactions through public-private partnership (PPP's) and others are also used
- (...)

3.2.1.1 *Details of the basic data sources*

Data sources used for compilation of national accounts

The “WB”, defined as the “Balance of non-financial budget transactions of the "State”, is the starting point for calculating the Central Government balance B.9. As explained above, the Central Government budget includes transactions made by General Government per se and by the Constitutional Bodies with separate sections in the budgets.

The IGAE, as manager of the public accounts has access to the most detailed level of the State Accounting Information System and to data on implementation of the Central Government budget. The following are used in the preparation of the State's national accounts:

- **Detailed information on the economic classification of revenues and expenditures.** Resolution dated 19 January 2009 of the Directorate-General for Budget, setting the codes that define the economic classification, which comprise the operations contained in items 1-9 of the revenue budget and 1-9 of the expenditure budget:

Revenue budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Direct taxes and social contributions
- Chapter 2. Indirect taxes
- Chapter 3. Public tariffs, charges and other income
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 5. Equity income
- Chapter 6. Disposal of real investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Revenue budget: financial transactions

- Chapter 8 "Financial Assets"
- Chapter 9 "Financial Liabilities"

Expenditure budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Personnel costs
- Chapter 2. Current expenditure on current goods and services
- Chapter 3. Financial expenses

Chapter 4. Current transfers
Chapter 6. Real capital expenditure
Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Expenditure budget: financial transactions
Chapter 8 "Financial Assets"
Chapter 9 "Financial Liabilities"

Thus the "WB", defined as the "Balance of non-financial budget operations of the "State" does not include the financial operations contained in Item 8 "Financial Assets" and Item 9 "Financial Liabilities" of the budget.

The economic classification of the budget allows:

- (1) Prepare the various headings of revenue and expenditure for each category of the European System of Accounts.
 - (2) Identify the different categories of financial assets. The financial assets recorded in the budget are analysed and, where appropriate, reclassified as non-financial expenses in the national accounts, in the relevant adjustment lines of the EDP questionnaire.
 - (3) Identify transactions with specific treatment in the national accounts.
- **Detailed information on the economic classification of revenues and expenditures.** This information is used to prepare the Classification of Expenditure by Function.
 - **Information on the beneficiaries of subsidies, grants, transfers and other payments made from the budget.** In particular, detailed information is available on flows with the other units included in the General Government sector. This information is used for proper consolidation of operations between General Government sub-sectors.

Working balance (WB)

As mentioned in section 3.2.3.1, the "WB" is the starting point for calculating the Central Government balance B.9.

3.2.1.2 Statistical surveys used as a basic data source

Statistical surveys are not used as a basic source data for nonfinancial accounts of the State (Central Government).

For the Spanish State (Central Government) the making of estimates is unnecessary, as although the data for the first notification are still not finalised and could change, all the information necessary for the completion of the EDP questionnaire is available. This particular circumstance is favoured by the fact that the IGAE, the institution that completes the non-financial part of the EDP questionnaire, is also the managing centre of public accounting in this sector.

3.2.1.3 Supplementary data sources and analytical information

Indeed we can count upon supplementary information from units that carry out certain transactions in which the State (Central Government) is involved. This information is generally

available as part of the information submitted by other sub-sectors, especially the Comunidades Autónomas (State Government) for transfers between both levels of government, or is directly requested from specific units that could be included outside the General Government sector. This is the case for capital contributions made by the State to corporations, included in National Accounts in the sector of Non-Financial Corporations, to which we can request detailed information about these contributions in order to classify them as financial or non-financial transactions.

In the compiling process of the debt and financial transactions, information of financial institutions is used to check data.

3.2.1.3.1 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of non-financial accounts

The preparation of the State (Central Government) non-financial accounts in accordance with the methodology of ESA-95 require complementary information to that recorded in budget out-turn. This is the case, for instance, of those transactions by the Treasury that, although at the time of being carried out imply items of expenditure and revenue, are temporarily recorded in the non-budgetary accounts, pending their incorporation into the budget at the end of the financial year. In accordance with the methodological criteria established in ESA-95 this expenditure and revenue transactions are recorded in the National Accounts of the financial year in which they take place, and not in the financial year when they are allocated to the budget.

We can also point out that the information supplied from the Treasury current account at the Banco de España, through which the expenditure and revenue of the Spanish State (Central Government) is channelled, as well as certain special accounts in which some specific transactions are recorded, such as the payments for the exchange rate insurances of the motorways among others.

3.2.1.3.2 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of financial accounts

For the preparation of the State (Central Government) financial accounts and debt, in practice, there are two sources of information for every instrument, and for certain instruments there is also a third source. This means that a ranking of sources must be established when compiling the data.

The criterion used gives, in principle, priority to primary (direct) information sources. In the financial assets side the instruments for which complementary information has been used are Money and banking statistics for Currency and deposits, securities issues statistics and budgetary information for Securities other than shares and the Central Balance Sheet Data Office for stocks and budgetary information for transactions for the item Shares and other equity. In the liabilities side, information from Banco de España tested with budgetary information has been used for the item Currency and deposits.

3.2.1.4 *Extra-budgetary accounts (EBA)*

These are mainly the funds without legal personality regulated under Article 2.2 of the GBL. Given that they lack legal status, these funds are not considered institutional units in the national accounts and their operations are considered to be made directly by Central Government.

Non-financial flows recorded in EBA

The operations of funds without legal personality (whether revenue or expenditure) are not included in the "WB" and are entered instead in specific adjustment lines in Table 2A (see 3.2.3.5). However, the legislation establishing these funds sets out reporting and accountability obligations as provided in the General Budget Act. Article 168 of the General Budget Act also states that the IGAE shall perform the annual audit of the accounts submitted by these funds. Thus, complete information is available on the operations performed by these funds.

In general, the potential economic flows between the State (Central Government) and these funds are through operations classed as financial in the budget. As a result, these flows are not included in the "WB". In all events, these flows are known and consolidated, since the funds are considered to be an integral part of the State for the purposes of national accounts.

The funds without legal personality dependent on the State at December 2012 are:

1. The **Fondo para Internacionalización de la Empresa (Enterprise Internationalisation Fund, FIEM)**. The Internationalisation Aid Reform Act (*Ley 11/2010*), of 28 June 2010, created the FIEM for the purpose of promoting export operations of Spanish companies and Spanish direct investment abroad.
2. The **Fondo para la Promoción del Desarrollo (Development Promotion Fund, FONPRODE)**. This fund was created by the Development Promotion Fund Act (*Ley 36/2010*), which supersedes the earlier Fondo de Ayuda al Desarrollo (Development Aid Fund, FAD) from 1 January 2011 as an instrument specifically intended to promote development and eradicate poverty. It obtains its resources from the appropriations set out annually in the Central Government General Budget Act for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

Since 2011, the **Fondo para la Concesión de Microcréditos (Microcredit Fund, FCM)** has also been integrated in the FONPRODE, which was set up help eradicate poverty in developing countries.

3. The **Fondo para Inversiones en el Exterior (Foreign Investments Fund, FIEX)** is a government fund for making temporary and minority investments in the investment funds of Spanish companies abroad.
4. The **Fondo para Operaciones de Inversión en el Exterior de la Pequeña y Mediana Empresa (Fund for Foreign Investment Operations of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, FONPYME)** is a State venture-capital fund for small and medium enterprises. The beneficiaries are companies in developing countries partly owned by Spanish SMEs.
5. The **Fondo Financiero para la Modernización de las Infraestructuras Turísticas (Fund for the Modernisation of Tourism Infrastructure, FOMIT)** provides financial support to plans for the renewal and comprehensive modernisation of mature tourist destinations by granting low-interest loans.
6. The **Fondo para la Adquisición de Activos Financieros (Fund for the Acquisition of Financial Assets, FAAF)** is created to support the supply of credit to the production activity of businesses and individuals. It is managed and operated by the Ministry of Economy and

Finance. This Fund purchases high quality assets from credit institutions under market conditions, prioritising those backed by new loans to ensure that the funding reaches businesses and citizens. It was cancelled in 2012.

7. The **Fondo de Garantía de Pago de Alimentos (Child Maintenance Payment Guarantee Fund, FGA)** is a fund without legal personality managed by the Ministry of Economy and Finance. It will be provisioned with the contributions set out in the annual Central Government Budget. Its purpose is to guarantee the payment of recognised and outstanding child maintenance established in a court-approved agreement or judgement relating to separation, divorce, declaration of marriage annulment, parentage or child maintenance proceedings.
8. The **Fondo de Apoyo para la Diversificación del Sector Pesquero y Acuícola (Support Fund for Diversification of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector, FADISPA)** provides financial support to business initiatives to diversify fishing and aquaculture activities aimed at increasing competitiveness. Appropriations to this fund will be charged to the budget of the Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs.
9. The **Fondo de Cooperación para el Agua y Saneamiento (Cooperation Fund for Water and Sanitation, FL AGUA)** contributes to the exercise of the human right to water with the aim of halving the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 2015.
10. The **Fondo de Ayuda al Comercio Interior (Internal Trade Support Fund, FACI)** offers financial support to actions geared towards the modernisation and improved effectiveness and efficiency of internal trade. It was created by the Thirtieth Additional Provision of the 2009 Central Government Budget Act (*Ley 2/2008*).
11. The **Fondo de Compensación Interportuario (Interport Compensation Fund)** was designed as an instrument for redistributing resources from the State port system. It will be administered by the State Ports and its appropriations will be allocated annually in the individual operating budget of this public body. Its purpose is to ensure the overall profitability of public ports.
12. The **Fondo de Apoyo para la Promoción y Desarrollo de Infraestructuras y Servicios del Sistema de Autonomía y Atención a la Dependencia (Support Fund for the Promotion and Development of Infrastructure and Services of the Dependency Autonomy and Care System, F. SAAD)**. This fund, charged to the budget of the Ministry of Health and Social Policy, seeks to provide financial support to business initiatives that promote and develop infrastructure projects and/or services of the Dependency Autonomy and Care System. The fund's managing body is SEPI Desarrollo Empresarial, S.A. (SEPIDES).
13. **Fondo de Apoyo a la República Helénica (The Hellenic Republic Support Fund)**. This is a fund without legal personality established in the 2003 General Budget Act (*Ley 47/2003*) under the Ministry of Economy and Finance, through the Secretary of State for Economy. It is intended as an instrument for managing the loan granted by Spain to Greece under the commitments made by the Heads of State and Government of the Euro area on 25 March 2010.

14. The **Fondo para la Amortización del Déficit Eléctrico (Electricity Deficit Amortisation Fund, FADE)**. The FADE was created by Royal Decree-Law 6/2009 of 30 April, adopting certain measures in the energy sector and approving the social discount rate. The assets of FADE consist of sums due for collection generated and assigned by the original holders of the sums (the utility companies). The fund's liabilities consist of the financial instruments issued to finance the purchase of said assets.
15. The **Fondo de Liquidez Autonómico (Liquidity Fund for Autonomous Communities, FLA)**. The FLA was created under Royal Decree-Law 21/2012 as a tool to reinforce the liquidity of the Autonomous Communities. The FLA grants loans to the Autonomous Communities for the payment of maturing debt and provider financing. The FLA obtains its resources from Central Government, which borrows for this purpose.
16. The **Fondo de Carbono para una economía sostenible (Carbon Fund for a Sustainable Economy, FES-CO2)**. The Sustainable Economy Act (*Ley 2/2011*) created a fund for the purchase of carbon credits under the Secretary of State for Climate Change in order to generate low-carbon economic activity and contribute to meeting Spain's greenhouse gas reduction targets.

The main non-financial transactions made by these funds are interest earnings and expenditure under the headings of intermediate consumption, interest payments, current international cooperation and capital transfers payable.

Financial flows recorded in EBA

Financial operations are made through these funds that are not included in the "WB", namely loans (development loans, loans to other sub-sectors of General Government, etc.) and some asset contributions. In the case of the FADE, sums due for collection purchased from the electric utilities are recorded as financial assets (AF.7).

In the preparation of the national accounts, these operations are recorded as financial or non-financial applying the same criteria used in operations performed directly by Central Government (see section 7.3 of this Inventory).

These funds do not generally incur liabilities on their own account other than possible accounts payable (PF.7), since they obtain funds from Central Government to finance their activity. The FADE is an exception to this as it makes bond issues (PF.3) that are included in government debt for the purposes of the Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP).

The IGAE and the BdE carry out the coordinated processing of the financial transactions performed by these funds for their inclusion in the financial statements and Table 3A-B of the EDP Questionnaire.

3.2.2 Data sources for other Central Government units

In addition to the "State" per se, the Central Government sub-sector includes the "Central Government Bodies" Agent, comprised of all bodies dependent on the State, with separate legal personality and considered General Government for national accounting purposes. As at

December 2012 there were 278 organisations with different legal forms: agencies, autonomous bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations. The updated list of these bodies is attached in Annex 1.

They include:

- Entities that constitute the administrative public sector: budgetary principles, and rules and principles established in General Plan of Public Accounting. Line (3) in the Table 3 below.
- Entities that constitute the public corporations sector: accounting principles and rules established in the Business Code and the General Plan of Accounting for Spanish Companies. Lines (5) and (6) in the Table 3 below.
- Foundations of the Public State sector: accounting principles and rules collected within the adaptation of the General Plan of Accounting for Spanish Companies to non-profit making entities. Lines (5) and (6) Table 3 in the Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Availability and use of basic source data for other Central Government units:

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of	
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data			
1	2	3	4	5	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>			
				Budget Reporting		
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure		
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure		
A	M	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	X	X
				(4) Balance sheets		
				Financial Statements		
A	M	T+30	T+11	(5) Profit and loss accounts	X	X
A	M	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets	X	X
				(7) Cash flow statement		
				Other Reporting		
				(8) Statistical surveys		
				(9) Other:		

See notes to table 2, on the used abbreviations.

The recording criterion is the accrual basis, as established in the General Plan of Accounting for Spanish Companies and in the General Plan of Public Accounting.

The accounting rules for the information provided by Financial Institutions depends on the administrative record of the Banco de España but, normally, is that of the accrual basis for transactions and nominal/market values for stocks.

For organisations, public law entities, corporations and public foundations included in sub-sector S.1311, monthly information is received on these through electronic procedures (Order HAP/2161/2013 dated 14 November 2013). This information is used to prepare the monthly accounts of sub-sector S.1311 in national accounts terms.

By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and the operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which improves the quality of the annual data of the EDP.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (March), information on December received before 31 January of the following year is used.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the second EDP notification of each year (September), the accounts drawn up by the units and sent electronically to the IGAE are used.

The final accounts of these units are included in the General Account of the State (Central Government), submitted before 31 October of the year following that to which it relates. This final information is used in the preparation of the final accounts reported in the EDP notification in September of the following year.

All the information available at the time is used in the preparation of the data submitted in the notifications of April and October. As we have pointed out in replying to previous questions, these units, which adjust their accounts to the General Plan of Accounting for Spanish Companies, have a period of six months to render the accounts of the previous financial year. Therefore, previously to the EDP April notification, they produce a preliminary report of their annual accounts that includes the differential of the balance sheets, the profit and loss account and additional information about relationships with the General Government sector. These data are updated afterwards for compiling the information to be sent in October.

3.2.2.1 *Details of the basic data sources*

Generally, the information available is the same as for the State (Central Government) Agent. (See 3.2.1.1.).

The information submitted by these units consists of the balance sheet, profit and loss account and specific questionnaires with the necessary breakdowns to prepare the national accounts. The information submitted is used to:

- Prepare the various headings of revenue and expenditure for each category of the European System of Accounts.
- Identify the different categories of financial assets. The financial assets recorded on the balance sheet are analysed and, where appropriate, reclassified as non-financial expenditure in the national accounts, in the relevant adjustment line of the EDP questionnaire.

- Identify transactions subject to special treatment in the national accounts.
- Identify the beneficiaries of subsidies, grants, transfers and other payments made from the budget, particularly flows with other General Government authorities for consolidation purposes.

3.2.2.2 *Statistical surveys used as a basic data source*

See answer to point 3.2.1.2

3.2.2.3 *Supplementary data sources and analytical information*

For compiling non-financial accounts, the main information is obtained from the annual accounts of these units, but is completed by data of the transactions undertaken by these units with other agents, basically the General Government sector.

The debt of these units is compiled using information provided by Financial Institutions to the Banco de España in the framework of its duties and obligations. This information is also used to check the financial transactions.

3.2.2.3.1 *Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of non-financial accounts*

For the preparation of the non-financial accounts of these units, the report of activities during the financial year is used as well as the annual accounts (balance sheets and profit and loss account). Also, the auditor's report for the corporation is requested.

3.2.2.3.1 *Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of financial accounts*

For the preparation of the financial accounts, the additional information used in the financial assets side has been money and banking statistics for currency and deposits, securities issue statistics for Securities other than shares and the Central Balance Sheet Data Office for Shares and other equity. In the liabilities side, the Central Credit Register has been used for loans granted by resident sectors and the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position for the loans granted by the Rest of the World.

3.2.3 EDP table 2A

This section provides detailed information on individual lines reported in EDP T2A.

3.2.3.1 *Working balance - use for the compilation of national accounts*

The "Working Balance" in Table 2A of the EDP questionnaire is defined as the "Balance of non-financial budget operations of the 'State'" (Central Government) and is the starting point for calculating the balance B.9. See 3.2.1.1.

3.2.3.2 *Legal basis of the working balance*

There is no specific regulation on the non-financial budget balance (WB). It is obtained from the difference between the non-financial revenue of the budget (Chapters 1-7) "recognised rights" and non-financial expenditure (Chapters 1-7) "recognised liabilities":

- “Recognised liabilities”. Under Rule 23 of the Order of the Ministry of Economy and Finance dated 1 February 1996 approving the accounting operation instruction to follow in the implementation of State (Central Government) expenditure, recognition of the liability is the administrative act by which the competent authority formally accepts, under the Central Government budget, a debt to a third party as a consequence of performance by the latter of a service to which it had committed, according to the "service rendered" principle or, in the case of non-reciprocal liabilities, as a consequence of entitlement to such sums due by the third party under the legislation or an administrative act conferring it under current legislation.
- “Recognised rights”. The recognition of the right is the act by which a credit is declared and settled in favour of General Government.

They are several publications recording the non-financial expenditures and the non-financial receipts of the State budget, in order to compile (by difference) the working balance (EDP Table 2A).

The initial budget (initial credits for covering expenditure and expected revenue) is approved by Parliament.

Budget implementation is subject to internal control by the IGAE. With regard to operations still to be charged to the budget, letter g) of paragraph 1 of Article 159 of the GBL (*Ley 47/2003*), concerning the content of ongoing actions of financial control, extends the scope of actions for this type of control in government departments and the management entities and common services of the Social Security System in order to "confirm, through auditing techniques, that data and information of economic significance supplied by management entities to support accounting information reasonably reflect the transactions arising from their activity". (see 2.2.2.)

The result of the budget implementation, recorded in the General State (Central Government) Account, is subject to external control by the Court of Auditors.

In this regard, in accordance with the statutory time limits, the General State Account is submitted to the Court of Auditors before 31 October of the year following that to which it relates. The Court of Auditors has six months in which to review and verify the General Account.

Therefore, any gaps observed by the Court of Auditors in the general account of the year "N" can only be taken into account in the preparation of the final accounts, which are reported in the EDP notification for the year "N+2".

3.2.3.3 Coverage of units in the working balance

3.2.3.3.1 Units to be classified outside the subsector, but reported in the WB

There are no units included in the "WB" that must be excluded from the General Government sector (S.13).

There are no units included in the "WB" belonging to another sub-sector of General Government (S.13).

3.2.3.3.1 Units to be classified inside the subsector, but not reported in the WB

The "Central Government Bodies" Agent comprises all bodies dependent on the State (Central Government), with separate legal personality and considered General Government for national accounting purposes. As at December 2012 there were 278 organisations with different legal forms: agencies, autonomous bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations.

Each of these units is treated individually. Therefore, the complete headings are available for each in European System of Accounts terms, including the deficit or surplus in each.

The net lending/net borrowing balance (B.9) of all these units is included in Table 2A of the EDP questionnaire under the heading "Net borrowing (-) or net lending (+) of other Central Government bodies". Among these units, we can distinguish between:

- (1) Units that are subject to a limited budget, and that according to the legislation in force have to formulate their annual accounts in accordance with public accounting principles. These annual accounts include the current outturn of the budget, and separate detailed budgets for expenditure and for the revenue of the entity, as well as the final budget balance. A series of adjustments are made to this figure based upon the application of the ruling principles of National Accounts in order to obtain the net lending (+) / net borrowing (-) of these units
- (2) Units that are subject to the application of the accounting principles and rules detailed within the Business Code and the General Plan of Accounting for Spanish companies, or the accounting principles and rules detailed in the adaptation of the General Plan of Accounting for non-profit making entities. The sources used for calculating the net lending (+) / net borrowing (-) of these units, included in the section "adjustments", are the annual accounts that according to the legislation in force have to be completed.

The "Revenue" heading includes revenue (recognised non-financial assets) recorded in the budget.

The "Expenditure" heading includes expenses (recognised non-financial liabilities) recorded in the budget.

The "Adjustments" heading includes (1) balance B.9 of the units subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish companies and (2) all other adjustments to reconcile the budget balance (revenue –expenditure) of the units subject to budgets with balance B.9. These adjustments include any necessary to reconcile transfers received with the data of the paying authority.

3.2.3.3.1 Accounting basis of the working balance

In general, the criterion for recording non-financial transactions is that of the accrual basis. According to this principle, expressed in the General Plan of Public Accounting, the temporal allocation of the transactions should be made according to the real flow of goods and services implied, and not when the monetary or financial flow occurs. Therefore, it is understood that the expenditure and revenue transactions take place when the rights and obligations that they originate arise.

The budget obligations resulting from acquisitions, works, services, benefits or expenses shall be charged to the general budget of the year in which they are made and charged to the respective credits; rights are charged to the budget of the year in which they recognize or settled.

However, the assignment of the rights and obligations to the corresponding budget will require that, previously, the administrative procedures be completed for acknowledging the right or obligation derived from the economic fact.

This last paragraph implies that, in some cases in budgetary accounting, the recording criteria applied do not fully coincide with the principle of the accrual basis:

- This is true for interest payments that are incorporated into the budget at the time of their maturity, which is when the administrative procedures are completed for acknowledging the right or obligation, although according to the General Plan of Public Accounting the amount accrued is recorded at the end of the financial year. The difference between the interest charged to the budget (based on a cash basis) and accrued interest (recognized in public accounting) leads to adjustments recorded in the line "Difference between interest paid (+) and accrued (EDP D.41) (-)" of Table 2A EDP questionnaire (see 3.2.3.4.1)
- In addition, public accounting standards provide that, at least at the close of the period, although they were not concluded the administrative procedures for acknowledging the budgetary right or obligation, the income and expenses accrued until that date should also be recognized in the economic outturn account or in the statement of changes in equity. In the case of expenses, the account 413 "Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget" includes, for each year, the amount of accrued expenses but not charged to the budget. The change in the balance of this account is used to determine the adjustment line "Others non-financial operation not considered in the budget of the year" of Table 2A - EDP questionnaire (see 3.2.3.5)

3.2.3.4.1 Accrual adjustment relating to interest D.41, as reported in EDP T2

Interest payments are incorporated into the budget at the time of their maturity, which is when the administrative procedures are completed for acknowledging the right or obligation, although according to the General Plan of Public Accounting the amount accrued is recorded at the end of the financial year.

The difference between the interest charged to the budget (based on a cash basis) and accrued interest (recognized in public accounting) leads to adjustments recorded in the line "Difference between interest paid (+) and accrued (EDP D.41) (-)" of Table 2A EDP questionnaire.

3.2.3.4.2 Accrual adjustments reported under other accounts receivable/payable F.7 in EDP T2

Other accounts receivable (+): Adjustment line "Temporal adjustment in taxes". In general, the time of accrual of taxes and the time of budgetary registration and cash deposit are coincident, due to the system of withholding and payment on account.

However, in the case of big companies, withholding tax on labour and capital accrued in December (last quarter in the case of SMEs) are collected and imputed to the budget in January of the following year. As well, VAT incomes of big companies related to transactions that had

taken place in December of each year (last quarter in the case of SMEs) are collected and imputed to the budget in January-February of the following year.

To impute these revenues to the economic year an adjustment is done, consisting in:

- Removing from the revenues the effective collection of January-February corresponding to the taxes accrued the previous year
- Adding to the revenues the effective collection of January-February corresponding to the taxes accrued the reference year

Therefore, this adjustment can be positive or negative for each year.

Besides, this adjustment implies the generation, at the end of every year, of a financial asset in the item “Other accounts receivable/payable” (AF.7) for the amount of taxes that are accrued in the reference year but collected in January-February of the following year. This financial asset is cancelled the year after the accrual at the latest.

Other accounts payable (-): Adjustment line “Tax reimbursements”. This item reflects the correction of tax reimbursements due to the difference between the submission of claims and the payments of tax refunds.

3.2.3.3.1 Other accrual adjustments in EDP T2

There are not any other accrual adjustments reported in EDP T2

3.2.3.5 *Completeness of non-financial flows covered in the working balance*

The following headings are included:

- The item **FAD Operations** captures transactions undertaken by the “Instituto de Crédito Oficial” chargeable to FAD (Fondo de Ayuda al Desarrollo - Development Aid Fund) are, in National Accounts, considered to be transactions directly undertaken by the Spanish State.

From 2011, the FAD is divided into two new funds: the Fondo para la Internacionalización de la Empresa (FIEM) and the Fondo para la Promoción del Desarrollo (FONPRODE). As a result, the "FAD Operations" line from 2011 onwards contains the sum of the two funds.

- The item **Fondo de Inversión Local** includes the transactions of the “Fondo Estatal de Inversión Local (FEIL)”, created by the Royal Decree-Law 9/2008, and the “Fondo Estatal para el Empleo y la Sostenibilidad Local (FEESL)”, created by the Royal Decree-Law 13/2009.

These funds are not legal entities and are intended for financing local investment and current expenditure.

In the 2008 budget, the total appropriations of the FEIL were recognised as expenditure. In the national accounts, however, this expenditure is recorded when the investments are made in fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. For the FEESL, the initial appropriation was recorded

as an expense in the 2009 budget, whereas the national accounts record the expenditure when the investments and current expenditure are executed in fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Both funds were wound up in 2013.

This adjustment is made based on the difference between the expenditure charged to the budget and the expenditure for national accounts.

- **Others funds which are not institutional units:** This item includes the operations carried out by the funds related in pages 36 to 38, which are not independent legal entities apart from the State:

- **“Other non-financial transactions not considered in the Budget of the year”.** Includes:

Account 413 “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget”: It details the obligations derived from expenditure actually made, or from goods and services received, which have not yet been inserted in the budget, but that ultimately have to be.

When it is necessary, this item also includes any other operations not reflected in the WB, or in any other adjustment items.

3.2.3.6 *Financial transactions included in the working balance*

In general the working balance doesn't included financial transactions, however, there is one specific case of financial transactions included in the working balance to take into account: revenues from the distribution of business profits or accumulated reserves are recorded in the working balance. For EDP purposes only revenues coming from the distribution of ordinary results are considered dividends. Therefore, those dividends distributed charged to extraordinary income or accumulated reserves, must be removed from the WB.

This is the case of the distribution of "capital gains" by the Banco de España. This distribution is recorded in the budget as non-financial revenue, which affects the "WB", and as a financial transaction in the national accounts.

The “Capital gains of the Central Bank” heading of Table 2A of the EDP questionnaire records the amounts recognised in the Central Government budget from capital gains distributed by the Banco de España, which are deleted and treated as financial transactions. In recent years, however, the Banco de España has not distributed "superdividends".

Sometimes, revenues from the sale of financial assets are recorded in the working balance. Therefore, these revenues are included with negative sign in the EDP T2A to avoid their impact on net lending (+) net borrowing (-) of the Central Government

In public accounting, capital injections from the State (Central Government) into public corporations are considered as financial transactions and are not included in the WB. However, those capital injections into public corporations included in the General Government sector or for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments are considered in National Accounts as non-financial transactions. These transactions are included in the section “capital injections into public corporations” of EDP Table 2A (see 3.2.3.7)

3.2.3.7 *Other adjustments reported in EDP T2*

The item **capital injections into public corporations and others** is the adjustment made for capital injections of the Spanish State (1) to corporations included in the General Government sector; as well as (2) to other types of companies in the sector of non-financial corporations, for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments. In public accounting, both transactions are handled as financial transactions, whilst in National Accounts they are handled as non-financial transactions.

The item **cancellation of taxes and others** corresponds to adjustments made for taxes and social contributions that are unlikely to be collected, in accordance with section B.6.1.1.

The original source of the data is “public accounting”, which records taxes and social contributions when the corresponding fiscal documents are presented containing the actual liquidation time on which the origin of the tax debt is based.

Accordingly Article 2 of Regulation 2516/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the impact on General Government net lending/borrowing of taxes and social contributions recorded in the system on an accrual basis shall be equivalent over a reasonable amount of time to the corresponding amounts actually received. As established in Article 3 (a), if assessments and declarations are used, the amounts shall be adjusted by a coefficient reflecting assessed and declared amounts never collected. As an alternative treatment, a capital transfer to the relevant sectors could be recorded equal to the same adjustment. For Spain, the accounting treatment of taxes and social contributions is the last of these two possibilities.

The model to estimate the coefficients has been developed by the Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE) (see section B.6.1.1)

The item **export insurance guaranteed by the State (Central Government)** captures the impact of the political risk of the export insurance is covered by CESCE (Compañía Española de Seguros de Crédito a la Exportación), on behalf of the State. Thus, the operations made by CESCE on behalf of the State are, in National Accounts, considered to be transactions directly undertaken by the Spanish State (Central Government).

The item **re-routed items relating to SEPI** captures capital injections made by SEPI (Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales) to its companies for covering losses (financial stabilising) or for outsourcing labour engagements are recorded in national accounts as non-financial expenditure, affecting the government deficit in the case they are financed by privatisations proceeds.

The item **military equipment expenditure** includes the time-adjustment made for the difference between the budget recording and the deliveries of military equipment.

The item **expenditure for producing coins** reflects the payments that the Spanish State (Central Government) makes to the Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (The Spanish Mint) to cover the cost of production of the coinage.

The item **advances to Comunidades Autónomas and Corporaciones Locales** are interim payments that the Spanish State makes to the State Government and Local Government, and which are not included in the budget of expenditure of the Spanish State (until the final amount of financing that corresponds to the different Comunidades Autónomas and Corporaciones

Locales in each financial year is known). In relation to National Accounts the net variation of the balances that are not inserted in the budget are detailed.

The item **others adjustments** consist of following adjustments:

- Project contracts with a single gross payment: Law 13/1996, regarding Fiscal, Administrative and Social Order Measures considers project contracts with a single gross payment, in which the total price of the contract will be paid by the government when the work is finished (by a single payment or in instalments, obliging the contractor to finance the construction and make all the necessary payments in advance, until the work is completed and delivered). In ESA 95, this type of contract is not treated differently, thus the general rule outlined in paragraph 3.59 is applicable. According to this paragraph, unfinished constructions that are being carried out under a previously signed sales contract are treated as gross capital formation in each financial year while the project is in progress, relating to that part of the work completed in each of the years.
- Deviation from CPI - Pensioners: Recommendation 11 of the Pact of Toledo indicates that the maintenance of the purchasing power of pensions should be guaranteed by law, by automatically updating their value in relation to the evolution of the consumer price index (CPI). In National Accounts the costs of revising the pensions paid directly by the State are imputed to the accounting year when they were accrued. Consequently; if there is any discrepancy between the amounts recorded in the budget of the State as costs related to the revisions, and the amounts actually accrued, the corresponding adjustments are made. However, it should be noted that in the last years these adjustments are irrelevant.
- Private Public Partnerships (PPPs): This adjustment includes as a negative amount (higher expenditure) the investment carried out by private units under contracts with the State (Central Government) that, following the criteria of the ESA95 Manual on Public Deficit and Debt, it has to be recorded as public investment, due to a insufficient transmission of the risks to the private partner. Moreover, it includes as positive amounts (lesser expenditure) the amounts included in the working balance as non-financial expenditure related to the redemption of the imputed loan (counterpart of the investment carried out).
- Other minor adjustments. Some exceptional or negligible transactions are included.

3.2.3.8 *Net lending/net borrowing of Central Government*

As mentioned in section 3.2.3.1, the "WB" is the starting point for calculating the Central Government balance B.9.

3.2.4 **EDP table 3B**

3.2.4.1 *Transactions in financial assets and liabilities*

EDP tables 3B is derived directly from the quarterly Financial Accounts of the Central Government sector compiled and published on the Internet by the Banco de España in the framework of the Quarterly Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy (FASE). Additional information about issuances above/below par, differences between interest (EDP D.41) accrued and paid and redemptions of debt above/below par is included in these tables and the same information is used in Financial Accounts in market value calculations. Furthermore, the effect of interest payments from swap agreements is considered.

In the FASE, the financial transactions for the items loans and shares and other equity are not split into those granted or acquisitions and repayments or sales and, for this reason, in EDP tables 3 this information is provided on the basis of budgetary information and estimates.

Table 4. Data used for compilation of transactions and of stocks of financial assets and liabilities

	Assets						Liabilities					
Source Data	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7
Calculation of transactions												
Transaction data (integrated in public accounts)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Other transaction data	X	X			X		X	X	X			
Stock data												
Calculation of stocks												
Transaction data			X			X				X		X
Stock data	X	X		X			X	X	X			

Direct information is the sole source data for Central Government. The sources used are not different for the annual and quarterly financial accounts (actually, the BdE only compiles quarterly financial accounts) and, summarizing, these sources, their frequency and timeliness are:

a. *Financial assets:*

F2. Currency and deposits: Budgetary information, Money and banking statistics and Banco de España, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

F3. Securities other than shares: Budgetary information and Securities market statistics, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

F4. Loans: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly with one month of delay.

F5. Shares and other equity: Budgetary information for transactions and Central Balance Sheet Data Office of the Statistics Department for stocks. The frequency is annual for stocks with four months of delay and for transactions the frequency is monthly with one month of delay.

F7. Other accounts receivable: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly with one month of delay.

b. *Liabilities:*

F2. Currency and deposits: Information from Banco de España tested with budgetary information, the frequency is monthly and the delay one month.

F3. Securities other than shares: Securities market statistics (for the nominal values this information is tested with budgetary information). The frequency is monthly and the delay one month.

F4. Loans: Budgetary information, Central Credit Register (resident lenders) and Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (non-resident lenders). These statistics are compiled on a monthly basis with a delay of one month.

F7. Other accounts payable: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly.

In relation to the valuation of financial instruments, ESA 95 methodology establishes that the valuation of financial balance sheets or stocks of financial assets and liabilities shall be at

market price. The items most affected by this type of valuation are shares and other equity and, to a lesser extent, securities other than shares.

The practical application of this rule poses difficulties in the case of those instruments where said valuation cannot be calculated directly. Indeed, market price can only be accurately recorded in the case of securities quoted on IBERCLEAR (these are the bulk of securities other than shares in circulation) or on other organized markets, those with reasonable liquidity, and quoted shares. Estimates have been made for the remaining securities. The valuation methods used for the main instruments affected by this rule are discussed below. Evidently, these valuations are identical for a financial instrument insofar as it is a financial asset and insofar as it is a liability; nonetheless, since the availability of sufficiently detailed information differs for securities issues and portfolios, the estimation procedure followed in each case shall be separately discussed.

a. Securities other than shares:

All those securities with a high degree of liquidity (the case of State -Central Government- issues), have been valued at market prices. Financial transactions have been obtained as the difference between issuance and redemptions at their respective issue and redemption prices. Accrued interest has been added in the case of issues at a discount and interest accrued less interest paid in the case of other issues.

b. Shares and other equity

The ESA 95 lays down the following valuation principles for shares and other equity: a) general principle: valuation at current prices, which may be approximated by calculating the current, or discounted, value of future profits (ESA 95, 7.27); b) quoted shares are valued at observed market prices; c) unquoted shares are valued with reference to the valuation of quoted shares, taking into account the difference between these types of shares (basically their liquidity) and considering the sector and reserves accumulated; d) other equity is either valued at the value of own funds or at nominal value.

These valuation criteria have been applied in the following way: a) quoted shares have been valued at the market prices observed on stock markets (market capitalization); b) in the case of unquoted shares, the valuation of quoted shares in the same sector has been used as a reference, provided that the corporations whose shares are quoted are representative of such sector. When they are representative (e.g. in the case of banks), the market value of unquoted shares has been estimated by applying the capitalization/own funds ratio of quoted shares to the own funds of unquoted shares. When they are not representative the discount rate implicit in the valuation of quoted shares has been used as a reference to estimate the market value of unquoted shares and c) other equity has been valued at the value of own funds or book value.

In relation to the procedures followed, the value of unquoted shares issued by non-financial corporations has not been obtained by applying the ESA 95- recommended ratio (capitalization/own funds ratio of quoted corporations of a similar size and activity) owing to the narrowness of the Spanish stock market, which prevents the valid application of this ratio to unquoted corporations. Discounted value of future income is used for valuation of unquoted equity. Following on from this, the value of unquoted shares in circulation issued by public limited companies classified in the sector non-financial corporations has been estimated taking the discounted current value of the flow of expected ordinary profits. The discount factor

applied includes, implicitly, expected long-term interest rates, a risk premium (encompassing the risks associated with the possibility of these corporations going bankrupt, with the lack of liquidity of the shares involved and with other factors) and the expected nominal growth rate of profits. Anomalous cases are stripped out of these calculations. In practice, the discount rate used, inferred from the behavior of the valuation of the quoted corporations, is equivalent to applying a market capitalization/expected profits ratio instead of market capitalization/own funds. This is warranted because in cases where the market is narrow, it is preferable to use a variable more closely correlated to the value of the corporation (such is the case of the ratio that takes expected profits rather than own funds into account).

There are some special cases. This group includes a) the shares of unquoted corporations - of whatsoever type- which incur systematic losses, whose value is recorded at the value of their paid up capital, and b) other equity issued by any institutional grouping whose own funds are negative, which is recorded at its paid-up capital.

The data on transactions for the period (issues) are calculated on the basis of the information on contributions of funds from budgetary information. The data on other changes in balance sheet accounts (revaluation or other changes in volume) for all shares and other equity have been obtained by taking the difference between the change in positions (balance sheet), transactions and revaluations.

3.2.4.2 *Other stock-flow adjustments*

Consistency between stocks and flows is achieved for the General Government sector financial accounts.

For each of the financial instruments the following accounting identity must hold:

$$S1 = S0 + OF1 + R1 + OV1,$$

where $S0$ and $S1$ are the outstanding stocks at the beginning and end of the period, $OF1$, financial transactions of the period, $R1$ the revaluations and $OV1$, the changes recorded in stocks owing to other changes in volume (e.g. change in institutional units from one sector to another or unilateral loan write-offs).

The amounts in the Financial Accounts are, for most of the transactions, calculated directly from the basic supporting information, e.g. securities market, and only certain financial assets and liabilities transactions are obtained from the differences in financial assets and from the differences in liabilities over two consecutive quarters. These differences are adjusted for changes in stocks that do not correspond to actual transactions, namely capital gains and losses, changes in the exchange rate, write-offs etc., this information being drawn fundamentally from the budget execution of the units involved and the markets where assets and liabilities are exchanged.

In compiling the Financial Accounts, two types of revaluations of financial assets/liabilities have been identified. On one hand, there are revaluations arising from the change in market price of financial assets/liabilities quoted on the market, i.e. those corresponding to categories 3. Securities other than shares, 511. Quoted shares, or, where applicable, estimated on the basis of the conditions prevailing on the markets (512. unquoted shares). On the other, there are those revaluations as a result of the change in the euro exchange rate, which affect financial

assets/liabilities denominated in currencies other than the euro. These revaluations are introduced in the accounting identity described as R1.

As regards other changes in volume flows (OV1 in the accounting identity), the ESA 95 indicates two types of other flows potentially affecting the financial categories. These are: a) other volume changes in financial assets and liabilities (K.10), which correspond, for example, to allocations and cancellations, among others and b) other flows due to changes in classification and structure (K.12), which are reflected in the financial categories owing, for instance, to reclassifications of institutional units from one sub-sector to another (in that case it would affect the entire balance sheet of the units affected) or reclassifications of certain financial instruments (e.g. shares of a company that are accepted for listing on the organized markets and which, therefore, come to be considered as quoted shares instead of unquoted shares).

In relation to the implementation on the accrual accounting principle on the recording of interest, the recording of interest in financial transactions accounts on an accrual basis affects financial transactions accounts since it means that the interest accrued have been incorporated into the financial transaction up to the time of payment. Regarding the financial balance sheets, the outstanding stock of securities has been recorded at market prices, with accrued interest being precisely one of the market price components.

The incorporation of interest accrued into the financial account could, in principle, be done in the category other accounts receivable/payable, or in the very instrument generating the interest. However, in the case of securities categories, the ESA 95 stipulates the second of these options. This has effectively been done, while for interest on deposits and loans both possibilities have been left open by the ESA 95, and the first option has been chosen. Therefore, in the case of securities, the interest accrued is treated as if it were re-invested in the same instrument from which it stands, with a disinvestment from the related instrument coming about at the time of payment of the accrued interest.

The debtor principle has been followed in the compilation of the Spanish financial accounts for the following reasons: a) it is considered the best interpretation of the references made in the ESA 95 to the interest accrual criterion; b) it is the alternative Eurostat has opted for in its “ESA 95 Manual on Government Deficit and Debt” (January 2000); and c) it is consistent with the recording of interest in the General Government deficit in the Excessive Deficit Procedure notifications.

3.2.4.3 *Balancing of non-financial and financial accounts, transactions in F.7*

Allocation of discrepancy B.9 vs B.9f

Establishing consistency between or reconciling the “net lending (+) or borrowing (-)” and “net financial transactions” of the General Government is difficult. This is because the calculations are made by different institutions, and they have been compiled, in most cases, on the basis of different underlying information and, often, at different points in time. To overcome these difficulties, the teams entrusted with this work at the INE, IGAE and at the Banco de España have coordinated their compilation processes as far as possible. This allows financial-accounts compilers to be familiar with the characteristics of the non-financial accounts and vice versa. On this basis, it has been decided to adopt as balancing item of the annual financial accounts that obtained for the annual capital accounts. The process of compiling the financial accounts

gives rise to initial estimates for the balancing item that does not coincide with this of the capital accounts. Thereafter, statistical adjustments are introduced in the transactions recorded among the net liabilities incurred by General Government, specifically in the category other accounts payable, except trade credits and advances (F.79), which equate the balancing item of the financial account with that of the capital account. Naturally, the introduction of these statistical adjustments is contingent upon an analysis of their amount. The amounts of the aforementioned discrepancies and statistical adjustments (whatever their sign) are analysed. Should these amounts be large and/or have very different profiles over time, this may be indicating the need to revise the estimates on which they are founded and, if they offset each other over successive periods, that may be indicating that it would be reasonable to consider them as lagged proceeds or payments (F.79).

Changes to intermediate data

Counterpart data is not used in the compilation process of the non-financial accounts. In the financial accounts elaboration, information provided by financial institutions is used without impact in B.9f and also to check primary data.

Complementary elements on stocks/

Statistical discrepancies do not impact stocks on financial assets and liabilities.

Accruals

See answer to question on allocation of statistical discrepancies (3.2.4.3)

Ex-post monitoring

See answer to question on allocation of statistical discrepancies (3.2.4.3)

3.3. State government sub-sector, EDP table 2B and 3C

3.3.1 Data sources for State Government unit

The State Government main unit includes:

The General Government of each of the 17 Autonomous Communities, together their legislative and other bodies set out in their Statutes of Autonomy, and which are incorporated into their budgets, including, where applicable, dependent funds without legal personality.

The General Administrations of the Autonomous Communities, are organized in Consejerías (Regional Ministries) following a similar structure to the Ministerial Departments of the State (Central Government)

Table 5 – Availability and use of basic source data for the State Government unit

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			
A	M	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	X	X	X
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
				(5) Profit and loss accounts			
A	A	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets		X	X
				(7) Cash flow statement			
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			

Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - anual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

The Autonomous Communities are required to submit monthly information within fifteen days of the end of the reference period. However, when the information relates to December, the deadline for submission is extended to 31 January of the following year.

The IGAE uses this monthly information to prepare the monthly accounts of the Autonomous Communities, which are published approximately 60 days after the end of the reference month.

By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and the operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which improves the quality of the annual data of the EDP.

Similarly, the information for March, June, September and December is used in compiling the quarterly accounts of the Autonomous Communities, which are integrated into the quarterly

accounts of General Government and sent to Eurostat, in compliance with EU Regulations on quarterly accounts, within three months of the end of the reference quarter.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (March), the information obtained from the standardised accounting information questionnaires is used, in accordance with the aforementioned ministerial order, before 31 January of the following year. After this deadline for submission of the required information, the Autonomous Communities may send updated information to the IGAE as a result of:

- (1) IGAE requests, if it observes gaps or missing data in the information submitted. These requests are made after analysis of the data initially sent by the Autonomous Communities. Their purpose is to guarantee the reliability of the available data.
- (2) On the initiative of the Autonomous Community when, following the closing of its accounts, it obtains updated information that differs "substantially" from that sent at the end of January.

This updated information is taken into consideration for preparing the data submitted in EDP notifications. Thus, EDP notifications are made with the information received as close as possible to the date that the data is sent to the Commission and Eurostat as part of the EDP.

Subsequently – but before 30 April of the year after the one to which the information relates – the Autonomous Communities are required to re-send this annual information in its updated form. This updated information is used to prepare the second Excessive Deficit Procedure notification at the end of September.

The information collected is contained in the standardised questionnaire models, the content of which concerns:

- Implementation of the budget of revenue and expenditure, indicating the recognised rights and liabilities, together with payments and receipts for the current and closed fiscal years.
- Classification of expenditure by function.
- Operations with third parties pending application in the budget.
- Diverse additional information allowing the resulting balance of budget revenue and expenditure to be related to lending/borrowing calculated according to the rules of the European System of Accounts.
- Lastly, for units subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish Companies or its respective sectoral adjustments, the balance sheet, profit and loss account and diverse additional information required to calculate Government deficit in national accounts terms.

The above information must be submitted by all units in the State Government sub-sector (S.1312) in the terms of the European System of Accounts. Article 2.1 of Order HAP/2105/2012 refers to these.

For the preparation of the final annual accounts in national accounts terms, the Autonomous Communities must also submit their General Accounts and Annual Accounts. This information relates to units forming part of the State Government sub-sector (S.1312) and any regional public sector units that are not General Government bodies in national accounts terms. This information must be submitted within fifteen days of sending it to the Parliament or Court of Auditors and, in any event, before 20 November of the year following that to which it relates. The Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations may enable the mechanisms required for electronic submission.

In the compiling process of the debt and the deficit-debt adjustment, the sources of information used are those described in the table and a testing process has been established in order to compare the information compiled through these indirect sources with the information available in the internal records of the governments. This testing process is carried out on a quarterly basis and involves rectifications in data provided by original data sources.

3.3.1.1 *Further specifications/comments to the table*

3.3.1.2 *Details of the basic data sources*

Data sources used for compilation of national accounts

Working balance

For the non-financial State Government subsector transactions, direct sources derived from accounting documents are used.

For the compilation of the first notification and half-finalised accounts, a questionnaire of normalized accounting information for each Autonomous Community is available, which has been approved by the Fiscal and Financial Policy Council, the coordinating body between the Spanish State (Central Government) and the Autonomous Communities. In this questionnaire, the following are included: data of the budgetary liquidation of the units subject to the principles of public accounting; profit and loss accounts and differential balance sheets of the particular units that follow the principles and rules of private sector accounting and that are other non-market producers; and additional information, such as, for example, details of investments made with a single gross payment, interest accrued or items awaiting budget allocation, among others. The information is not consolidated.

So, the standardized accounting information questionnaire is detailed below:

1. Summary of the settlement of the General Administration of the Autonomous Communities. This is referred to the main unit.
2. Summary of the settlement of the Universities of the Autonomous Communities.
3. Summary of the settlement of the bodies and public entities of the Autonomous Communities, which are considered to be non-market producers.
4. Summary of the profit and loss account and of the balance sheet of the trading companies of the Autonomous Communities, which are considered to be non-market producers and apply the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies, as well as the foundations controlled and financed by the Autonomous Communities.
5. Summary of the settlement of the bodies that manage health and social services at the regional level.
6. Several charts with the necessary information to comply with the methodological requirements established by ESA and the EDP regulation, as for example, interest accrued, guarantees implemented and reimbursed, operations made by public corporations on behalf of the Autonomous Communities, the accounts off-budget records awaiting insertion into the budget, etcetera.

The above mentioned questionnaire was approved at the meeting of the said Council on the 10th of April 2003, the conclusions of which were published by order of the Ministry of Finance of 31st of July 2003. In March 2009, an updated questionnaire was approved for adapting it to

the new Accounting Plan of the Spanish companies and for including some improvements in the information requested. At the end of 2012 a new update of the questionnaire has been made in order to improve the content of the information sent by the Autonomous Communities.

The finalised accounts take as a base the General Account of each of the seventeen Autonomous Communities completed with information of the various flows in the subsector included in other accounting records, and with additional details requested for this purpose. In this sense, it should be pointed out that each Autonomous Community, through its Leyes Generales de Hacienda Pública or Financial Laws, develops the structure of its public sector, establishes the applicable public accounting and budgetary regime, and approves its own General Plan of Public Accounting, which has to be coherent with the General Plan of National Accounting of the public sector of the Spanish State (Central Government), as this is the framework for the different levels of government. Therefore, there are differences in the budgetary classification by programmes in the seventeen Autonomous Communities, and in the economic classification at the level of concept and sub-concept, but they coincide at the budgetary chapter, and in a lesser extent, at the level of article.

Working balance

The WB is the starting point for the calculation of the balance B9 of units belonging to the Autonomous Communities subsector that are subject to the Public General Accounting Plan. It includes the WB of the General Administrations of the Autonomous Communities, the Autonomous Bodies and Universities fundamentally.

The WB is defined as the result of the subtraction of non-financial income and expenditure budget.

3.3.1.3 Statistical surveys used as a basic data source

Statistical surveys are not used as a basic data source for the compilation of non-financial accounts at the State Government subsector.

For State Government subsector the IGAE is empowered to request the necessary accounting information for the preparation of the national accounts according to the articles 125 and 133 of the General Budget Law 47/2003, the Financial Sustainability and Budgetary Stability Organic Law 2/2012 of 27th of April, and the HAP/2105/2012 order of 1st of October, on the obligations of provision of information.

3.3.1.4 Supplementary data sources and analytical information

Indeed we can count upon supplementary information from units that carry out certain transactions in which the State Government is involved. This information is generally available as part of the information submitted by other sub-sectors, especially the Central Government for transfers between both levels of government, or is directly requested from specific units that could be included outside the General Government sector. This is the case of capital contributions made by the State Government to corporations, included in National Accounts in the sector of Non-Financial Corporations, to which we can request detailed information about these contributions in order to classify them as financial or non-financial transactions. In the compiling process of the debt and financial transactions, information of financial institutions is used to check data

3.3.1.4.1 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of non-financial accounts

In addition to the sources previously described, it should be added that it is necessary to use complementary information from other agents. For example, information about transfers given and received from the other units included in the General Government sector. Also, of the taxes assigned by the Spanish State (Central Government) so that they are recorded by both agents in accordance with that outlined in Article 25 of Law 22/2009, of 18th of December, about the determination of tax returns granted, and Articles 12 to 24 of this same Law in relation to the arrangement of the system for payments on account and final liquidation. Other sources are also used such as contracts and administrative data records

3.3.1.4.2 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of financial accounts

For the preparation of the financial accounts, the additional information used in the financial assets side has been money and banking statistics for currency and deposits, securities issue statistics for Securities other than shares and the Central Balance Sheet Data Office for Shares and other equity. In the liabilities side, the Central Credit Register has been used for loans granted by resident sectors and the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position for the loans granted by the Rest of the World.

3.3.2 Data sources for other State Government units

In addition to the State Government unit, the Autonomous Communities subsector includes other entities belonging to the Autonomous Communities. These entities have their own legal personality and are included in the Autonomous Communities (Regional) subsector. They may have different legal forms: agencies, autonomous bodies, universities, consortia, other public bodies, corporations and foundations. In December 2012 there are 1.234 entities.

They can be distinguished:

- Entities that constitute the administrative public sector included in the Autonomous Communities (Regional) subsector (S.1312): accounting principles and rules are established according to the Public General Accounting Plan. They are included: autonomous bodies and universities
- Entities that constitute the public corporations sector included in the Autonomous Communities subsector (Regional) (S.1312): accounting principles and rules are established according to the Business Code and the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies.
- Foundations of the Public State sector included in the Autonomous Communities subsector (S.1312): accounting principles and rules collected within the adaptation of the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies to non-profit making entities.

Table 6 – Availability and use of basic source data for other State Government unit

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			
A	M	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	X	X	X
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
A	M	T+30	T+11	(5) Profit and loss accounts	X	X	X
A	M	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets	X	X	X
				(7) Cash flow statement			
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			

Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - accrual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

3.3.2.1 Details of the basic data sources

(See 3.3.1.2)

3.3.2.2 Statistical surveys used as a basic data source

(See 3.3.1.3)

3.3.2.3 Supplementary data sources and analytical information

(See 3.3.1.4)

3.3.2.4 *Extra-budgetary accounts*

Funds without legal personality in the Autonomous Communities: they are not separate legal units, they are integrated into the General Administrations of the Autonomous Communities. They are designed to provide loans to companies. The operations of these funds are not included in the WB of the General Administration of the Autonomous Communities. The results are included in the section "Other adjustments" of EDP table 2. They have the same treatment as the funds without legal personality in the State.

3.3.3 **EDP table 2B**

3.3.3.1 *Working balance - use for the compilation of national accounts*

The WB is the starting point for the calculation of the balance B9 of units belonging to the Autonomous Communities subsector that are subject to the Public General Accounting Plan. It includes the WB of the General Administrations of the Autonomous Communities, the Autonomous Bodies and Universities fundamentally.

The WB is defined as the result of the difference between the non-financial incomes and the non-financial expenses of the budget. In general, non-financial operations of the Autonomous Communities are classified into the following budget chapters:

Revenue Budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Direct taxes and social contributions
- Chapter 2. Indirect taxes
- Chapter 3. Fees, public prices and other income
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 5. Property income
- Chapter 6. Disposal of investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Expenditure Budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Compensation of employees
- Chapter 2. Current expenditure on goods and services
- Chapter 3. Financial expenditure
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 6. Real investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Therefore, the WB does not include financial transactions collected in Chapters 8 Financial assets and Chapter 9 Financial Liabilities of the Budget.

The WB is not consolidated. The heading "adjustments due to the Differences at the moment of recording in the sources of data" reflects, among others, the necessary adjustments to the consolidation of operations between the units included in the WB (see 3.3.3.7).

3.3.3.2 *Legal basis of the working balance*

Autonomous Communities have jurisdiction for developing the structure of their public sector, determining the budgetary system and public accounting that are applicable, and approving their own Public General Accounting Plan that must be compatible with the General Plan of Accounting for the State Public sector, as this forms a framework for the different levels of government. This jurisdiction has been developed through the General Treasury Laws (*Leyes Generales de Hacienda Pública*) and the Financial Laws of the different Autonomous Communities.

In relation to budgetary classifications, the classifications for programmes are not identical but in the economic classification there is homogeneity at the levels of budgetary chapter but not at more detailed levels (budgetary sections and subsections).

The non-financial budget balance (WB) is obtained from the difference between the recognised rights and liabilities of the non-financial budget.

The recognition of a liability is the administrative act by which the competent authority formally accepts, under the budget, a debt to a third party as a consequence of performance by the latter of a service to which it had committed, according to the "service rendered" principle or, in the case of non-reciprocal liabilities, as a consequence of entitlement to such sums due by the third party under the legislation or an administrative act conferring it under current legislation.

The recognition of the asset is the act by which a credit is declared and settled in favour of General Government.

The budget of the Autonomous Communities is approved by their respective parliaments. The result of the budgetary execution, recorded in the General Account of the Autonomous Community, is subject to the external control of the regional Chambers of Accounts or the Court of Auditors.

The deadlines for drawing up General Accounts and submitting them to the regional Chambers of Accounts or the Court of Auditors for review and approval are regulated in the finance legislation of the Autonomous Communities.

3.3.3.3 *Coverage of units in the working balance*

3.3.3.3.1 Units to be classified outside the subsector, but reported in the WB

There are not units classified outside the subsector but reported in the WB.

3.3.3.3.2 Units to be classified inside the subsector, but not reported in the WB

Units that are subject to a limited budget, and that according to the legislation in force have to formulate their annual accounts in accordance with public accounting principles are included in the WB. They are always included in the Autonomous Communities (Regional) subsector. The WB reveals the subtraction of non-financial income and expenditure budget. Those units are Autonomous Bodies and Universities in most cases.

Units subject to the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies or to the adaptation of the General Accounting Plan for non-profit making entities, which are included in the Autonomous Communities (Regional) subsector are not considered in the WB. The net lending (+) / net

borrowing (-) of these units is included in the section “net borrowing (-) or net lending (+) of other State Government bodies” of the EDP table 2B.

3.3.3.4 *Accounting basis of the working balance*

Although the Autonomous Communities have jurisdiction for developing their own accounting systems and for approving their own Public General Accounting Plans, these must be compatible with the General Accounting Plan for the State (Central Government) Public sector. The reason is that the General Accounting Plan for the State is the framework for the different levels of government. So, the principles of this Plan are fully applicable in the State Government subsector. One of those principles is the accrual criteria. In general, this criteria is the one for recording non-financial transactions.

According to this principle, expressed in the Public General Accounting Plans, the temporal allocation of the transactions should be made according to the real flow of goods and services implied, and not when the monetary or financial flow occurs. Therefore, it is understood that the expenditure and revenue transactions take place when the rights and obligations that they originate arise.

However, the assignment of the rights and obligations to the corresponding budget will require that, previously, the administrative procedures be completed for acknowledging the right or obligation derived from the economic fact.

This last paragraph implies that, in some cases in budgetary accounting, the recording criteria applied do not fully coincide with the principle of the accrual basis. This is true for interest payments that are incorporated into the budget at the time of their maturity, which is when the administrative procedures are completed for acknowledging the right or obligation, although according to the Public General Accounting Plan the amount accrued is recorded at the end of the financial year.

In addition, public accounting standards provide that, at least at the close of the period, although they were not concluded the administrative procedures for acknowledging the budgetary right or obligation, the income and expenses accrued until that date should also be recognized in the economic outturn account or in the statement of changes in equity. In the case of expenses, the account 409/413 or equivalent “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” includes, for each year, the amount of accrued expenses but not charged to the budget. The change in the balance of this account is used to determine the adjustment line “Non-financial operation not considered in the budget of the year” of Table 2B PDE questionnaire (see 3.3.3.5)

3.3.3.4.1 Accrual adjustments relating to interest D.41, as reported in EP T2

See the previous paragraphs.

3.3.3.4.2 Accrual adjustments reported under other accounts receivable/payable F.7 in EP T2

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.3.3.4.3 Other accrual adjustments in EDP T2

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.3.3.5 *Completeness of non-financial flows covered in the working balance*

Under the adjustment “Others non-financial operations not included in the budget of the year” are included obligations derived from expenditure actually made, or from goods and services received, which have not yet been inserted in the budget, but that ultimately have to be. (Account 409/413 “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or similar). When it is necessary, this item also includes any other expenses not reflected in the WB, or in any other adjustment items.

3.3.3.6 *Financial transactions included in the working balance*

As shown above (see section 3.3.3.1), el working balance is the result of subtracting non-financial income and expenditure. Therefore financial transactions are not included in the working balance.

However, there are two specific cases to take into account:

- Revenues from the distribution of business profits or accumulated reserves are recorded in the working balance. For EDP purposes only revenues coming from the distribution of ordinary results are considered dividends. Therefore, those dividends distributed charged to extraordinary income or accumulated reserves, are included with negative sign in the section “other adjustments” of the EDP T2.
- Sometimes, revenues from the sale of financial assets are recorded in the working balance. Therefore, these revenues are included with negative sign in the section “other adjustments” of the EDP T2 to avoid their impact on the net lending (+) net borrowing (-) of the State Government.

In public accounting, capital injections from the Autonomous Communities into public corporations are considered as financial transactions. However, those capital injections into public corporations included in the General Government sector or for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments are considered in National Accounts as non-financial transactions. These transactions are included in the section “capital injections into public corporations” of EDP Table 2B.

3.3.3.7 *Other adjustments reported in EDP T2*

- The item adjustments due to the differences at the moment of recording in the sources of data reflects the impact of the prioritisation of data sources. The working balance in table 2B is based on data reported by State Governments, including transfers received from other government bodies, for the amounts and at the time these State Governments perceive their revenue accrue. However, government units paying those transfers (Central Government mainly) might have a different perception of the amounts and of the time of recording. Differences observed are considered, in Spain, to mainly originate from differences in time of recording and not from other issues (e.g. misclassification of transaction or of counterpart sector).

- The item cancellation of taxes and others corresponds to adjustments made for taxes managed and collected by the Autonomous Communities that are unlikely to be collected. The adjustment is the difference between the rights recognized in the budget and the amount collected in the exercise (see Section 6.1.1).
- The item capital injections into a public corporations is the adjustment made for capital injections of the Autonomous Communities to corporations included in the General Government sector; as well as to other types of companies in the sector of non-financial corporations, for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments. In public accounting, both transactions are handled as financial transactions, whilst in National Accounts they are handled as non-financial transactions.
- Re-routed operations made by public corporations: Deal with transactions made by public companies on behalf of the Autonomous Communities that have to be recorded as transactions of the own Autonomous Community in each accounting year.
- The item others adjustments consists of following adjustments:
 - Project contracts with a single gross payment: Law 13/1996, regarding Fiscal, Administrative and Social Order Measures considers project contracts with a single gross payment, in which the total price of the contract will be paid by the government when the work is finished (by a single payment or in instalments, obliging the contractor to finance the construction and make all the necessary payments in advance, until the work is completed and delivered). In ESA, this type of contract is not treated differently, thus the general rule is applicable. According to this rule, unfinished constructions that are being carried out under a previously signed sales contract are treated as gross capital formation in each financial year, while the project is in progress, relating to that part of the work completed in each of the years.
 - Adjustments for transfers from the Community structural funds: It records the adjustments due to inconsistencies between the data from the receipts in the budget of the Autonomous Communities and the amount resulting from the application of the co-finance percentage of the EU to the certified expenditure, in the accounting year (according to the EUROSTAT Decision 22/2005, of 15th of February).
 - Implementation of guarantees: When a guarantee granted by a Autonomous Community to a public company is called due to the failure on the part of the guaranteed entity to pay its obligations, a record is made in the National Accounts for this amount; as a transfer of capital made by the Autonomous Community that guaranteed the transaction, independently of the budgetary section in which the transaction was entered into the accounts.
 - Taxes Granted (Impuestos cedidos): This adjustment aims at reconciling the possible differences between the amounts recorded as revenues by Autonomous Communities in their budgets and the amount actually transferred by the State (Central Government), which is in charge of collecting these taxes. This is in line with Article 18 of Law 21/2001, of 27th of December, about the determination of tax returns granted, and in Articles 8 to 15 of this same Law in relation to the arrangement of the system for payments on account and final liquidation.
 - Private Public Partnerships (PPPs): This adjustment includes as a negative amount (higher expenditure) the investment carried out by private units under contracts with Autonomous Communities that, following the criteria of the Manual of ESA of Public Deficit and Public Debt, it has to be recorded as public investment, due to a insufficient transmission of the risks to the private partner. Moreover, it includes as positive amounts

(lesser expenditure) the amounts included in the working balance as non-financial expenditure related to the redemption of the imputed loan (counterpart of the investment carried out). The contracts with the Autonomous Communities treated as PPPs are identified in accordance with the paragraph 7.1 of this Guide.

- Financial Leasing: This kind of contract implies the recording as Gross Fixed Capital Formation the cash price of the leased good to the Autonomous Community at the time of the sign. The difference between this price and the redemption recorded in the budget implies a higher non-financial expenditure in the year when the contract is signed. In the following years, the amounts included in the budget will be reduced by the redemptions of the imputed loan (counterpart of the initial investment). The interests will be recorded as expenditure in the accrued year.
- Purchases with deferred payment. Acquisitions of goods with deferred price are recorded at its price in cash when the delivery is produced irrespective of the time in which the payment is agreed. The difference between this price and the amount recorded in the budget implies a higher non-financial expenditure in the year when the contract is signed. In the following years, the amounts included in the budget will be reduced by the redemptions of the imputed loan (counterpart of the initial investment). The interests will be recorded as expenditure in the accrued year. This treatment is similar to that described previously on the financial leasing transactions.
- Funds which are not institutional units. This item includes the operations carried out by funds which are not independent legal entities apart from the General Administration of the Autonomous Community. They are designed to provide loans to companies. The operations of these funds are not included in the WB of the General Administration of the Autonomous Communities. The results are included in the section “Other adjustments” of EDP table 2.
- It is also included adjustments of the liquidation of the Autonomous Communities financing system not recorded in previous sections.
- Other minor adjustments. Some exceptional or negligible transactions are included.

3.3.3.8 *Net lending/net borrowing of State Government*

The working balance is the starting point for calculating the net lending/net borrowing of the State Government. Then, the adjustments mentioned before are made to calculate the B.9. Those adjustments have to be made to apply the criteria of the ESA.

3.3.4 **EDP table 3C**

3.3.4.1 *Transactions in financial assets and liabilities*

EDP tables 3C is derived directly from the quarterly Financial Accounts of the Central Government sector compiled and published on the Internet by the Banco de España in the framework of the Quarterly Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy (FASE). Additional information about issuances above/below par, differences between interest (EDP D.41) accrued and paid and redemptions of debt above/below par is included in these tables and the same information is used in Financial Accounts in market value calculations. Furthermore, the effect of interest payments from swap agreements is considered.

In the FASE, the financial transactions for the items loans and shares and other equity are not split into those granted or acquisitions and repayments or sales and, for this reason, in EDP tables 3 this information is provided on the basis of budgetary information and estimates.

Table 7. Data used for compilation of transactions and of stocks of financial assets and liabilities

Source Data	Assets						Liabilities					
	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7
Calculation of transactions												
Transaction data (integrated in public accounts)		X	X	X		X		X	X			X
Other transaction data	X	X		X				X	X			
Stock data												
Calculation of stocks												
Transaction data			X			X						X
Stock data	X	X		X				X	X			

The sources used are not different for the annual and quarterly financial accounts (actually, the BdE only compiles quarterly financial accounts) and, summarizing, these sources, their frequency and timeliness are:

c. Financial assets:

F2. Currency and deposits: Money and banking statistics and Banco de España, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F3. Securities other than shares: Budgetary information and Securities market statistics, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F4. Loans: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F5. Shares and other equity: Budgetary information for transactions and Central Balance Sheet Data Office of the Statistics Department for stocks. The frequency is annual for stocks with four months of delay and for transactions the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F7. Other accounts receivable: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

d. Liabilities:

F3. Securities other than shares: Securities market statistics (for the nominal values this information is tested with budgetary information). The frequency is monthly and the delay one month.

F4. Loans: Central Credit Register (resident lenders) and Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (non-resident lenders). This information is checked with the internal records of the public accounts. These statistics are compiled on a quarterly basis with a delay of 75 days.

F7. Other accounts payable: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly.

3.3.4.2 Other stock-flow adjustments

See answer to point 3.2.4.2.

3.4. Local government sub-sector, EDP table 2C and 3D

3.4.1 Data sources for Local Government main unit:

The main unit in the Local Government sub-sector includes:

- Local authorities regulated by the Local Government Regulation Act (*Ley 7/1985*), of 2 April 1985, or recognised by the Autonomous Communities in their statutes: Municipalities, Provinces, Islands, Metropolitan Areas, Groupings of Municipalities, Districts and other entities comprising several municipalities and entities whose scope is below municipal level. This sub-sector also includes the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla. As at December 2012, there were 9,264 local authorities.

The Local Government sub-sector also includes:

- Bodies dependent on the aforementioned Local Authorities, with separate legal personality and the consideration of government bodies for national accounting purposes. As at December 2012, there were 1,978 bodies with diverse legal personalities and functions: self-governing bodies, consortia, other public organisations, corporations and foundations.

Table 8 – Availability and use of basic source data for main Local Government units

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			
A	Q	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	x	x	x
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
				(5) Profit and loss accounts			
A	Q	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets		x	x
				(7) Cash flow statement			
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			

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Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - accrual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

3.4.1.1 *Details of the basic data sources*

Ministerial Order HAP/2105/2012 also sets out the obligations of Local Corporations as regards the provision of information. Specifically, before the last day of the month following the end of each quarter, Local Corporations must submit standardised information whose content is comparable to that of the Autonomous Communities. This includes:

- Settlement of the revenue and expenditure budget, indicating the recognised rights and liabilities, together with payments and receipts for the current and closed fiscal years.
- Due, clearly defined and payable liabilities with third parties not charged to the budget
- Implementation reports, for the same period, on revenue and expenditure, for entities subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish companies or its sectoral adaptations
- Any supporting information to help calculate the deficit of Local Corporations in national accounts terms.

This quarterly information is used to compile the quarterly accounts of the Local Corporations, which are integrated into the quarterly accounts of General Government and sent to Eurostat, in compliance with EU Regulations on quarterly accounts, within three months of the end of the reference quarter.

The annual information sent by Local Corporations before 31 January is used to complete the Excessive Deficit Procedure notification submitted before the end of March.

This information is subsequently updated by the Local Corporations before 31 March of the year following the settlements and is used as the basis for preparing the data of the EDP notification for September.

The obligation to forward this information extends to units within the Local Government sub-sector in ESA-95 terms. Specifically, this refers to the local authorities included within the subjective scope of 2.1., Order HAP/2105/2012.

Lastly, before 31 October of the year after the fiscal year following that of the settlements, the Local Corporations must forward their General Accounts and the approved Annual Accounts of the entities within the scope of this Order. In other words, the Annual Accounts and General Accounts of all local units covered under articles 2.1 and 2.2 of the Order should be forwarded, regardless of whether they are included in the Local Government sub-sector of the national accounts.

3.4.1.2 *Statistical surveys used as a basic data source*

Statistical surveys are not used as a basic data source for the compilation of non-financial accounts at the Local Government subsector.

3.4.1.3 *Supplementary data sources and analytical information*

Indeed we can count upon supplementary information from units that carry out certain transactions in which the Local Government is involved. This information is generally available as part of the information submitted by other sub-sectors, especially the Central and the State Government, for transfers between these levels of government and Local Government, or is directly requested from specific units that could be included outside the General Government sector. This is the case of capital contributions made by the Local Government to units, included in National Accounts in the sector of Non-Financial Corporations, to which we can request detailed information about these contributions in order to classify them as financial or non-financial transactions. In the compiling process of the debt and financial transactions, information of financial institutions is used to check data.

3.4.1.3.1 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of non-financial accounts

The administrative records «Summary Report about the revenue from taxes granted and agreed» in the field of taxable resources is used for the compilation. In this report for the Local Government sub-sector information is included for the agreed taxes corresponding to the Diputaciones Forales (Forales County Councils) of the Basque country.

3.4.1.3.2 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of financial accounts

3.4.2 **Data sources for other Local Government units**

In addition to the Local Government main units, this subsector includes other entities belonging to the Local Government. These entities have their own legal personality and are included in the Local Government subsector. They may have different legal forms: agencies, autonomous bodies, consortiums, other public bodies, corporations and foundations. They can be distinguished:

- Entities that constitute the administrative public sector included in the Local Government subsector (S.1313): accounting principles and rules are established according to the Public General Accounting Plan. They are included: autonomous bodies and some consortia.
- Entities that constitute the public corporations sector included in the Local Government subsector (S.1313): accounting principles and rules are established according to the Business Code and the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies.
- Foundations of the Public State sector included in the Local Government subsector (S.1313): accounting principles and rules collected within the adaptation of the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies to non-profit making entities.

Table 9 – Availability and use of basic source data for other Local Government unit

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			
A	Q	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	x	x	x
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
A	Q	T+30	T+11	(5) Profit and loss accounts	x	X	X
A	Q	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets	X	x	x
				(7) Cash flow statement			
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			

Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - accrual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

3.4.2.1 Details of the basic data sources

See 3.4.1.1.

3.4.2.2 Statistical surveys used as a basic data source

See 3.4.1.2.

3.4.2.3 Supplementary data sources and analytical information

See 3.4.1.3

3.4.3 EDP table 2C

3.4.3.1 Working balance - use for the compilation of national accounts

The WB is the starting point for the calculation of the balance B9 of units belonging to the Local Government subsector that are subject to the Public General Accounting Plan. It includes the WB of the General Administrations of the Local Governments, the autonomous bodies and some consortiums fundamentally.

The WB is defined as the result of the difference between the non-financial incomes and the non-financial expenses of the budget. The non-financial operations of the Local Governments are classified into the following budget chapters:

Revenue budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Direct taxes and social contributions
- Chapter 2. Indirect taxes
- Chapter 3. Fees, public prices and other income
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 5. Property income
- Chapter 6. Disposal of investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Expenditure Budget: non-financial transactions

- Chapter 1. Compensation of employees
- Chapter 2. Current expenditure on goods and services
- Chapter 3. Financial expenditure
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 6. Real investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Therefore, the WB does not include financial transactions collected in Chapters 8 Financial assets and Chapter 9 Financial Liabilities of the Budget.

The WB is not consolidated. The heading "adjustments due to the Differences at the moment of recording in the sources of data" reflects, among others, the necessary adjustments to the consolidation of operations between the units included in the WB (see 3.4.3.7).

3.4.3.2 *Legal basis of the working balance*

The budgetary structure of Local Entities is similar to that of the State. The revised text of the Regulatory Law for Local Treasuries (Legislative Royal Decree 2/2004, of the 5th of March) establishes the accounting system applicable to Local Entities. This accounting system is identical to that established in the General Budget Law for Central Government, as it is also the Treasury that, as proposed by the Government Auditors (Intervención General de la Administración del Estado [IGAE]), approves the general accounting rules to which the accounting organization of the Local Entities, their independent bodies and the General Plan of Accounting for Local Entities have to adjust. It also determines the structure and justification of the accounts, statements and other documents relating to public accounting. Moreover, it provides simplified accounting procedures for local entities, the budgets of which are below 300.000 euros, and for those which surpass this figure but have less than 5,000 inhabitants as establishes three Ministerial Orders from the Treasury dating from the 23rd of November 2004 regulate the current accounting system, they entered into force on January 2006.

The WB is obtained from the difference between the non-financial revenue of the budget in the "recognised rights" phase and non-financial expenditure in the "recognised liabilities" phase:

- "Recognised liabilities". The recognition of a liability is the administrative act by which the competent authority formally accepts, under the budget, a debt to a third party as a consequence of performance by the latter of a service to which it had committed, according to the "service rendered" principle or, in the case of non-reciprocal liabilities, as a

consequence of entitlement to such sums due by the third party under the legislation or an administrative act conferring it under current legislation.

- “Recognised rights”. The recognition of the asset is the act by which a credit is declared and settled in favour of General Government.

The Local Government budget is approved by the Plenary of the Local Government before the December 31 last year. It sends a copy of the budget to the Ministry of Finance and the corresponding regional (autonomous) governments.

The result of budget execution, reflected in the General Account of the Local Government is subjected to external control. External control is exercised by the Tribunal de Cuentas and the Cámaras de Cuentas de las Comunidades Autónomas. Local authorities send the General Account to them, as much as, before the October 15 of the following year.

3.4.3.3 *Coverage of units in the working balance*

3.4.3.3.1 Units to be classified outside the subsector, but reported in the WB

There are not units classified outside the subsector but reported in the WB.

3.4.3.3.2 Units to be classified inside the subsector, but not reported in the WB

Units that are subject to a limited budget, and that according to the legislation in force have to formulate their annual accounts in accordance with public accounting principles are included in the WB. They are always included in the Local Government subsector. The WB reveals the subtraction of non-financial income and expenditure budget. Those units are Autonomous Bodies and some consortiums.

Units subject to the General Accounting Plan for Spanish Companies or to the adaptation of the General Accounting Plan for non-profit making entities, which are included in the Local Government subsector are not considered in the WB. The net lending (+) / net borrowing (-) of these units is included in the section “net borrowing (-) or net lending (+) of other State Government bodies” of the EDP table 2C.

3.4.3.4 *Accounting basis of the working balance*

In general, the criterion for recording non-financial transactions is that of the accrual basis. According to this principle, expressed in the General Plan of Public Accounting, the temporal allocation of the transactions should be made according to the real flow of goods and services implied, and not when the monetary or financial flow occurs. Therefore, it is understood that the expenditure and revenue transactions take place when the rights and obligations that they originate arise.

The budget obligations resulting from acquisitions, works, services, benefits or expenses shall be charged to the general budget of the year in which they are made and charged to the respective credits; rights are charged to the budget of the year in which they recognize or settled.

However, the assignment of the rights and obligations to the corresponding budget will require that, previously, the administrative procedures be completed for acknowledging the right or obligation derived from the economic fact.

This last paragraph implies that, in some cases in budgetary accounting, the recording criteria applied do not fully coincide with the principle of the accrual basis:

- This is true for interest payments that are incorporated into the budget at the time of their maturity, which is when the administrative procedures are completed for acknowledging the right or obligation, although according to the General Plan of Public Accounting the amount accrued is recorded at the end of the financial year. The difference between the interest charged to the budget (based on a cash basis) and accrued interest (recognized in public accounting) leads to adjustments recorded in the line "Difference between interest paid (+) and accrued (EDP D.41) (-)" of Table 2C PDE questionnaire.
- In addition, public accounting standards provide that, at least at the close of the period, although they were not concluded the administrative procedures for acknowledging the budgetary right or obligation, the income and expenses accrued until that date should also be recognized in the economic outturn account or in the statement of changes in equity. In the case of expenses, the account 413 "Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget" includes, for each year, the amount of accrued expenses but not charged to the budget. The change in the balance of this account is used to determine the adjustment line "Others non-financial operation not considered in the budget of the year" of Table 2C PDE questionnaire (see 3.4.3.5).

3.4.3.4.1 Accrual adjustments relating to interest D.41, as reported in EDP T2C

See the previous paragraphs.

3.4.3.4.2 Accrual adjustments reported under other accounts receivable/payable F.7 in EDP T2C

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.4.3.4.3 Other accrual adjustments in EDP T2C

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.4.3.5 *Completeness of non-financial flows covered in the working balance*

Under the adjustment "Others non-financial operations not included in the budget of the year" are included obligations derived from expenditure actually made, or from goods and services received, which have not yet been inserted in the budget, but that ultimately have to be. (Account 413 "Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget" or similar). When it is necessary, this item also includes any other expenses not reflected in the WB, or in any other adjustment items.

3.4.3.6 *Financial transactions included in the working balance*

In general the working balance doesn't included financial transactions, however, there are two specific cases of financial transactions included in the working balance to take into account:

1. Revenues from the distribution of business profits or accumulated reserves are recorded in the working balance. For EDP purposes only revenues coming from the distribution of ordinary results are considered dividends. Therefore, those dividends distributed charged to extraordinary income or accumulated reserves, are included with negative sign in the section "other adjustments" of the EDP T2C.
2. Sometimes, revenues from the sale of financial assets are recorded in the working balance. Therefore, these revenues are included with negative sign in the section "other adjustments" of the EDP T2C to avoid their impact on the Net lending (+) net borrowing (-) of the State Government. (¿Se refiere al Gobierno Central?)

In public accounting, capital injections from the Local Governments into public corporations are considered as financial transactions. However, those capital injections into public corporations included in the General Government sector or for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments are considered in National Accounts as non-financial transactions. These transactions are included in the section "capital injections into public corporations" of EDP Table 2C.

3.4.3.7 *Other adjustments reported in EDP T2C*

The item "**adjustments due to the differences at the moment of recording**" in the sources of data reflect the impact of the prioritization of data sources. The working balance in table 2C is based on data reported by Local Governments, including transfers received from other government bodies for the amounts and at the time these Local Governments perceive their revenue accrue. However, government units paying those transfers (Central Government mainly) might have a different perception of the amounts and of the time of recording. Differences observed are considered, in Spain, to mainly originate from differences in time of recording and not from other issues (e.g. misclassification of transaction or of counterpart sector).

The item "**cancellation of taxes**" corresponds to adjustments made for taxes managed and collected by the Local Governments that are unlikely to be collected. The adjustment is the difference between the rights recognized in the budget and the amount collected in the exercise (see Section 6.1.1).

The item "**capital injections into a public corporations**" is the adjustment made for capital injections of the Local Governments to corporations included in the General Government sector; as well as to other types of companies in the sector of non-financial corporations, for compensating losses or for financing unprofitable investments. In public accounting, both transactions are handled as financial transactions, whilst in National Accounts they are handled as non-financial transactions.

The item "**others adjustments**" includes:

- Re-routed operations made by public corporations: Deal with transactions made by public companies on behalf of the Local Governments that have to be recorded as transactions of the own Local Government in each accounting year.

- **Implementation of guarantees:** When a guarantee granted by a Local Government to a public company is called due to the failure on the part of the guaranteed entity to pay its obligations, a record is made in the National Accounts for this amount; as a transfer of capital made by the Local Government that guaranteed the transaction, independently of the budgetary section in which the transaction was entered into the accounts.
- **Taxes Granted (Impuestos cedidos):** This adjustment aims at reconciling the possible differences between the amounts recorded as revenues by Local Governments in their budgets and the amount actually transferred by the State (Central Government), which is in charge of collecting these taxes. The fifth additional provision of the Law 36/2006, of 29th November includes the possibility of the State (Central Government) to grant cash advances of the final settlements of the taxes granted and of the share in the taxes of the State (Central Government).
- **Private Public Partnerships (PPPs):** This adjustment includes as a negative amount (higher expenditure) the investment carried out by private units under contracts with Local Governments that, following the criteria of the Manual of ESA95 of Public Deficit and Public Debt, it have to be recorded as public investment, due to a insufficient transmission of the risks to the private partner. Moreover, it includes as positive amounts (lesser expenditure) the amounts included in the working balance as non-financial expenditure related to the redemption of the imputed loan (counterpart of the investment carried out).
- **Financial Leasing:** This kind of contract implies the recording as Gross Fixed Capital Formation the cash price of the leased good to the Local Governments at the time of the sign. The difference between this price and the redemption recorded in the budget implies a higher non-financial expenditure in the year when the contract is signed. In the following years, the amounts included in the budget will be reduced by the redemptions of the imputed loan (counterpart of the initial investment). The interests will be recorded as expenditure in the accrued year.
- **Purchases with deferred payment.** Acquisitions of goods with deferred price are recorded at its price in cash when the delivery is produced irrespective of the time in which the payment is agreed. The difference between this price and the amount recorded in the budget implies a higher non-financial expenditure in the year when the contract is signed. In the following years, the amounts included in the budget will be reduced by the redemptions of the imputed loan (counterpart of the initial investment). The interests will be recorded as expenditure in the accrued year. This treatment is similar to that described previously on the financial leasing transactions.
- It is also included adjustments of the liquidation of the Local Governments financing system not recorded in previous sections.
- Other minor adjustments. Some exceptional or negligible transactions are included.

3.4.3.8 *Net lending/net borrowing of Local Government*

The working balance is the starting point for calculating the net lending/net borrowing of the State Government. Then, the adjustments mentioned before are made to calculate the B.9. Those adjustments have to be made to apply the criteria of the ESA.

3.4.4 **EDP table 3D**

3.4.4.1 *Transactions in financial assets and liabilities*

EDP tables 3D is derived directly from the quarterly Financial Accounts of the Local Government sector compiled and published on the Internet by the Banco de España in the framework of the Quarterly Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy (FASE). Additional information about issuances above/below par, differences between interest (EDP D.41) accrued and paid and redemptions of debt above/below par is included in these tables and the same information is used in Financial Accounts in market value calculations. Furthermore, the effect of interest payments from swap agreements is considered.

In the FASE, the financial transactions for the items loans and shares and other equity are not split into those granted or acquisitions and repayments or sales and, for this reason, in EDP tables 3 this information is provided on the basis of budgetary information and estimates.

Table 10. Data used for compilation of transactions and of stocks of financial assets and liabilities

Source Data	Assets						Liabilities					
	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7
Calculation of transactions												
Transaction data (integrated in public accounts)		X	X	X		X		X	X			X
Other transaction data	X	X		X				X	X			
Stock data												
Calculation of stocks												
Transaction data			X			X						X
Stock data	X	X		X				X	X			

The sources used are not different for the annual and quarterly financial accounts (actually, the BdE only compiles quarterly financial accounts) and, summarizing, these sources, their frequency and timeliness are:

e. *Financial assets:*

F2. Currency and deposits: Money and banking statistics and Banco de España, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F3. Securities other than shares: Budgetary information and Securities market statistics, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F4. Loans: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F5. Shares and other equity: Budgetary information for transactions and Central Balance Sheet Data Office of the Statistics Department for stocks. The frequency is annual for stocks with four months of delay and for transactions the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

F7. Other accounts receivable: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly and the delay is 75 days.

f. *Liabilities:*

F3. Securities other than shares: Securities market statistics (for the nominal values this information is tested with budgetary information). The frequency is monthly and the delay one month.

F4. Loans: Central Credit Register (resident lenders) and Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (non-resident lenders). This information is checked with the internal records of the public accounts. These statistics are compiled on a quarterly basis with a delay of 75 days.

F7. Other accounts payable: Budgetary information, the frequency is quarterly.

3.4.4.2 Other stock-flow adjustments

See answer to point 3.2.4.2.

3.5. Social security sub-sector, EDP table 2D and 3E

3.5.1 Data sources for Social Security Funds main unit:

The Social security funds sub-sector (S.1314) is composed of the following institutional units:

(1) The Entidades Gestoras y Servicios Comunes de la Seguridad Social (Social Security Management Bodies and Common Services):

- Instituto Nacional de la Seguridad Social (National Social Security Institute, INSS);
- Instituto Nacional de Gestión Sanitaria (National Public Health Institute, INGESA);
- Instituto de Mayores y Servicios Sociales (Institute of Social Services and the Elderly, IMSERSO);
- Instituto Social de la Marina (Social Marine Institute, ISM);
- Tesorería General de la Seguridad Social (General Treasury of Social Security);

(2) The Mutuas de Accidentes de Trabajo y Enfermedades Profesionales de la Seguridad Social (Mutual Funds for Work Accidents and Occupational Illnesses of the Social Security system, MATEPSS).

(3) The Servicio Público de Empleo Estatal (State Public Employment Service, SPEE).

(4) The Fondo de Garantía Salarial (Wage Guarantee Fund, FOGASA).

The "WB" in EDP Table 2D records the balance of the non-financial operations of the budget of these units.

Table 11 – Availability and use of basic source data for social security funds

Available source data				Source Data Accounting	Source data used for compilation of		
Accounting basis (C/A/M)	Periodicity (M/Q/A/O)	Time of availability of annual results for T-1			WB	B.9 (NFA)	B.9f (FA)
		First results	Final data				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<i>T + days</i>	<i>T+months</i>		<i>cross appropriate cells</i>		
				Budget Reporting			
				(1) Current revenue and expenditure			
				(2) Current and capital revenue and expenditure			

EDP tables and data sources - Social security sub-sector, EDP table 2D and 3E

A	M	T+30	T+11	(3) Current and capital revenue and expenditure and financial transactions	X	X	X
				(4) Balance sheets			
				Financial Statements			
				(5) Profit and loss accounts			
A	A	T+30	T+11	(6) Balance sheets		X	X
				(7) Cash flow statement			
				Other Reporting			
				(8) Statistical surveys			
				(9) Other:			

Accounting basis (column 1): C- cash, A- accrual, M-mixed

Periodicity (column 2); M - monthly, Q - quarterly, A - accrual, O - other, to be specified.

Time of availability (column 4): availability of annual results for T-1 = number of months and days after the reporting period.

Column 6, 7 and 8 – those cells are crossed which refer to data sources used for compilation of the WB, B.9 (non-financial accounts) and B.9f (financial accounts), respectively.

Empty cells in column 1, 2, 3 and 4 mean that the data source does not exist.

3.5.1.1 Details of the basic data sources

The management functions of public accounting in the scope of the entities comprising the Social Security System will be exercised by IGAE through the General Audit Office of Social Security (Article 125.3 LGP). This allows for centralisation of the accounting information of units within the Social security funds sub-sector (S.1314) and ensures that monthly information is available on the transactions in this sub-sector.

By preparing monthly national accounts, it is possible to continuously monitor both the basic information and the specific operations with specific treatment in the national accounts, which improves the quality of the annual data of the EDP.

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To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the first EDP notification of each year (April), information on December received before 31 January of the following year is used.

To prepare the data on General Government to be sent in the second EDP notification of each year (October), the updated information drawn up by the units forming this sub-sector (S.1314) is used.

Data from the Social Security General Account are used for the final accounts.

All the information available at the time is used in the preparation of the data submitted in the notifications of April and October.

3.5.1.2 Statistical surveys used as a basic data source

Statistical surveys are not used as a basic data source for the compilation of non-financial accounts at the Social Security subsector.

3.5.1.3 *Supplementary data sources and analytical information*

3.5.1.3.1 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of non-financial accounts

In addition to the sources previously described, it should be added that, for the first notification and half-finalised accounts as well as for the finalised accounts, it is necessary to use complementary information from other agents, such as, for example, from the transfers given and received from the other units included in the General Government sector or from funds received by the Servicio Público de Empleo Estatal of the European Social Fund (ESF).

This information is generally available as part of the information submitted by other sub-sectors, especially the Central Government for transfers between both levels of government, or is directly requested from specific units that could be included outside the General Government sector.

3.5.1.3.2 Supplementary data sources used for the compilation of financial accounts

No supplementary data sources are used to compile financial accounts for social security funds

3.5.2 **Data sources for other Social Security units**

They are no other Social Security units.

3.5.3 **EDP table 2D**

3.5.3.1 *Working balance - use for national accounts compilation*

The WB is the starting point for the calculation of the balance B9 of units belonging to the Social Security sub-sector. It includes all units included in this sub-sector.

The WB is defined as the result of the difference between the non-financial incomes and the non-financial expenses of the budget. The non-financial operations of the Social Security are classified into the following budget chapters:

Revenue budget: non-financial operations

- Chapter 1. Social contributions
- Chapter 3. Fees, and other income
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 5. Property income
- Chapter 6. Disposal of investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Expenditure Budget: non-financial operations

- Chapter 1. Compensation of employees
- Chapter 2. Current expenditure on goods and services
- Chapter 3. Financial expenditure
- Chapter 4. Current transfers
- Chapter 6. Real investments
- Chapter 7. Capital transfers

Therefore, the WB does not include financial transactions collected in Chapters 8 Financial assets and Chapter 9 Financial Liabilities of the Budget.

The WB is not consolidated. The heading "adjustments due to the Differences at the moment of recording in the sources of data" reflects, among others, the necessary adjustments to the consolidation of operations between the units included in the WB (see 3.5.3.7).

3.5.3.2 *Legal basis of the working balance*

There is no specific regulation on the non-financial budget balance (WB) of the Social Security funds sub-sector. It is obtained from the difference between the non-financial revenue of the budget in the "recognised rights" phase and non-financial expenditure in the "recognised liabilities" phase:

- "Recognised liabilities". The recognition of a liability is the administrative act by which the competent authority formally accepts, under the budget, a debt to a third party as a consequence of performance by the latter of a service to which it had committed, according to the "service rendered" principle or, in the case of non-reciprocal liabilities, as a consequence of entitlement to such sums due by the third party under the legislation or an administrative act conferring it under current legislation.
- "Recognised rights". The recognition of the asset is the act by which a credit is declared and settled in favour of General Government.

The initial budget of the units comprising the Social security funds sub-sector (initial appropriations to cover expenditure and forecasted revenue) is approved by Parliament.

The result of the budget implementation, recorded in the General Social Security Account, is subject to external control by the Court of Auditors.

In this regard, in accordance with the statutory time limits, the General Social Security Account is submitted to the Court of Auditors before 31 October of the year following that to which it relates. The Court of Auditors has six months in which to review and verify the General Account.

Therefore, any gaps observed by the Court of Auditors in the general account of the year "N" can only be taken into account in the preparation of the final accounts, which are reported in the EDP notification for the year "N+2".

3.5.3.3 *Coverage of units in the working balance*

3.5.3.3.1 Units to be classified outside the subsector, but reported in the WB

There are not units classified outside the subsector but reported in the WB

3.5.3.3.2 Units to be classified inside the subsector, but not reported in the WB

There are not units to be classified inside the subsector, but not reported in the WB

3.5.3.4 *Accounting basis of the working balance*

The General Plan of Public Accounting establishes the accrual basis as one of the accounting principles. According to this principle, the temporal allocation of the transactions should be made according to the real flow of goods and services implied, and not when the monetary or financial flow occurs. Therefore, it is understood that the expenditure and revenue transactions take place when the rights and obligations that they originate arise.

The budget obligations resulting from acquisitions, works, services, benefits or expenses shall be charged to the general budget of the year in which they are made and charged to the respective credits; rights are charged to the budget of the year in which they recognize or settled.

However, the assignment of the rights and liabilities to the corresponding budget will require that, previously, the administrative procedures be completed for acknowledging the right or obligation derived from the economic fact.

This last paragraph implies that, in some cases in budgetary accounting, the recording criteria applied do not fully coincide with the principle of the accrual basis:

- This is true for interest payments that are incorporated into the budget at the time of their maturity, which is when the administrative procedures are completed for acknowledging the right or obligation, although according to the General Plan of Public Accounting the amount accrued is recorded at the end of the financial year. However, in the case of this subsector, as there are hardly any interest payable, this adjustment is negligible.

- In addition, public accounting standards provide that, at least at the close of the period, although they were not concluded the administrative procedures for acknowledging the budgetary right or obligation, the income and expenses accrued until that date should also be recognized in the economic outturn account or in the statement of changes in equity. In the case of expenses, the account 413 “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” includes, for each year, the amount of accrued expenses but not charged to the budget. The change in the balance of this account is used to determine the adjustment line “Others non-financial operation not considered in the budget of the year” of Table 2D -EDP questionnaire (see 3.5.3.5)

3.5.3.4.1 Accrual adjustments relating to interest D.41, as reported in EP T2D

In the case of this subsector, as there are hardly any interest payable, this adjustment is negligible. See the previous paragraphs.

3.5.3.4.2 Accrual adjustments reported under other accounts receivable/payable F.7 in EDP T2D

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.5.3.4.3 Other accrual adjustments in EDP T2D

There are not other accrual adjustments.

3.5.3.5 *Completeness of non-financial flows covered in the working balance*

Under the adjustment “Other non-financial transactions not included in the budget of the year” are included obligations derived from expenditure actually made, or from goods and services received, which have not yet been inserted in the budget, but that ultimately have to be. (Account 413 “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or similar). When it is necessary, this item also includes any other operations not reflected in the WB, or in any other adjustment items.

3.5.3.6 *Financial transactions included in the working balance*

In general, the working balance of Social Security sub-sector doesn't included financial transactions.

3.5.3.7 *Other adjustments reported in EDP T2D*

The item “**cancellation of social contributions and others**” corresponds to adjustments made for social contributions that are unlikely to be collected. See section 6.1.2.

The item “**cancellation of revenues**” includes the amounts of "bajas por insolvencias".

The item “**adjustments due to the differences at the moment of recording in the sources of data**” reflect the impact of the prioritisation of data sources. The working balance in table 2D is based on data reported by Social Security Funds, including transfers received from other government bodies for the amounts and at the time these Social Security units perceive their revenue accrue. However, government units paying those transfers (Central Government mainly) might have a different perception of the amounts and of the time of recording. Differences observed are considered, in Spain, to mainly originate from differences in time of recording and not from other issues (e.g. misclassification of transaction or of counterpart sector).

This item includes also the adjustment for the discrepancies between the data for this section that appears in the income budget of the Social Security System and the information sent by the Administrative Units of the different structural funds. Only some amounts of little significance have to be adjusted.

The item “**adjustment in social benefits / contributions**” includes:

- The differences between the accrual and the recognition in the Budget of the social benefits granted by the Servicio Público de Empleo Estatal to the unemployed people. These differences are explained because in the budget (WB) the expense produced in December is registered in January of the following year. For that reason the real expense in the year is

calculated subtracting the social benefits of the current January and adding the social benefits registered in budget of January of the following year.

- The lag between the moment social benefits related to “pensiones contributivas”, “prestaciones de protección familiar” and “prestaciones de incapacidad laboral temporal” are accrued and the moment they are recorded in the Budget of the Entidades Gestoras y Servicios Comunes de la Seguridad Social and Mutuas. Another adjustment has to be made in order to amend the one month delay in the time of recording these expenses in the settlement of the expenditure Budget of the Social Security.
- The lag between the time that social contributions are accrued and the time they are recorded in the budget of the Social Security sub-sector. Social contributions are accrued at the end of every month. However, they are recorded in the Budget the following month. Therefore, an adjustment is made in order to amend the one month delay in the time of recording social contribution amounts as revenue in the settlement of the income Budget of the Social Security.

The item **“adjustment in unemployment benefits”**.

The item **“cash operations and others adjustments”** includes:

- Interest at the Banco de España: This adjustment corrects for the different criteria of budgetary accounting and of National Accounts for the entering into the accounts of the interest accrued up to the 31st of December 1994 on the loans granted to the Social Security Funds by the Banco de España in force on the 31st of December 1993. In accordance with Law 41/1994 of Spanish State General Budget for 1995, this interest is entered into the budget in 10 annuities from December 1995 to December 2004, whilst in National Accounts it is registered at the time of its accrual.
- Deviation from CPI – Pensioners: Recommendation 11 of the Pact of Toledo indicates that the maintenance of the purchasing power of pensions should be guaranteed by law, by automatically updating their value in relation to the evolution of the consumer price index (CPI). In National Accounts the costs of revising the pensions paid directly by the Social Security Funds are imputed to the accounting year when they were accrued. Consequently; if there is any discrepancy between the amounts recorded in the budgets of the Social Security units as costs related to the revisions, and the amounts actually accrued, the corresponding adjustments are made. However, it should be noted that in the last years these adjustments are irrelevant.
- Other minor adjustments. Some exceptional or negligible transactions are included.

3.5.3.8 *Net lending/net borrowing of social security funds*

The working balance is the starting point for calculating the net lending/net borrowing. Then, the adjustments mentioned before are made to calculate the B.9. Those adjustments have to be made to apply the criteria of the ESA.

3.5.4 EDP table 3E

3.5.4.1 Transactions in financial assets and liabilities

EDP tables 3D is derived directly from the quarterly Financial Accounts of the Social security funds sub-sector compiled and published on the Internet by the Banco de España in the framework of the Quarterly Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy (FASE). Additional information about issuances above/below par, differences between interest (EDP D.41) accrued and paid and redemptions of debt above/below par is included in these tables and the same information is used in Financial Accounts in market value calculations. Furthermore, the effect of interest payments from swap agreements is considered.

In the FASE, the financial transactions for the items loans and shares and other equity are not split into those granted or acquisitions and repayments or sales and, for this reason, in EDP tables 3 this information is provided on the basis of budgetary information and estimates.

Table x. Data used for compilation of transactions and of stocks of financial assets and liabilities

	Assets						Liabilities					
Source Data	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7	F.2	F.3	F.4	F.5	F.6	F.7
Calculation of transactions												
Transaction data (integrated in public accounts)		X	X			X			X			X
Other transaction data	X	X							X			
Stock data												
Calculation of stocks												
Transaction data			X			X						X
Stock data	X	X							X			

The sources used are not different for the annual and quarterly financial accounts (actually, the BdE only compiles quarterly financial accounts) and, summarizing, these sources, their frequency and timeliness are:

a. *Financial assets:*

F2. Currency and deposits: Money and banking statistics and Banco de España, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

F3. Securities other than shares: Budgetary information and Securities market statistics, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

F4. Loans: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

F7. Other accounts receivable: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly and the delay is one month.

b. *Liabilities:*

F4. Loans: Budgetary Information, Central Credit Register (resident lenders) and Balance of Payments and International Investment Position (non-resident lenders). This information is checked with the internal records of the public accounts. These statistics are compiled on a monthly and the delay is one month.

F7. Other accounts payable: Budgetary information, the frequency is monthly.

3.5.4.2 *Other stock-flow adjustments*

See answer to point 3.2.4.2.

3.6. Link between EDP T2 and related EDP T3

The monitoring of the link between the individual adjustments in EDP T2 and the related transactions reported in EDP T3 is important for the assessment of GFS data quality.

It is not expected that the adjustments from EDP T2 would be clearly identified in EDT3.

- First, this is due to different coverage of units, because the adjustments in EDP T2 should refer only to the main entity reported in the WB, while transactions in EDP T3 reflect the whole subsector.
- Second, due to the accounting basis and coverage of transactions reported in the WB. For the former, if the WB is on accrual basis, theoretically there is no need for adjustments in other accounts receivable/payable F.7 in EDP T2, but it should be ensured that the accrual recordings in non-financial accounts are linked to transactions in F.7 reported in EDP T3 and in FA. For the latter (coverage of transactions), the WB balance as reported in EDP T2 typically does not cover all financial flows, since some are booked in the so called extra-budgetary accounts of the main entity.
- Third, adjustments/transactions reported in EDP T2A are non-consolidated, since they refer to the main entity only, as recorded in the working balance (e.g. loans, other accounts receivable/payable, etc.), while financial transactions recorded in EDP T3 refer to the whole subsector and are consolidated.

As far as specific imputations are concerned, such as debt cancellation, debt assumption etc., which are reported in EDP T2, these should be reflected also in financial accounts and EDP T3 under the related financial instrument.

Therefore, in order to ensure consistency between non-financial and financial accounts and quality of GFS data, statisticians are to be able to explain and to quantify a link between flows reported in EDP T2 and EDP T3.

3.6.1 Coverage of units

The same register of units is used for non-financial and financial accounts compilations, and for EDP table 2 and, therefore, the coverage of units reported in EDP table 2 and 3 is identical.

3.6.2 Financial transactions

There are not financial transactions which are excluded from the WB as reported in EDP T2.

3.6.3 Adjustments for accrued interest D.41

Table 2A of EDP questionnaire explains reconciliation between the deficit included in the working balance (budget deficit) and EDP deficit. The line “Difference between interests paid and accrued” includes differences between interest payments at the moment of the payment included in the budget deficit and accrued interests recorded in the deficit of the EDP (EDP D.41).

Table 3B questionnaire explains EDP reconciliation between annual variations of EDP debt and deficits. This implies that, as regards interest expenses, relevant flows are those which allow us to explain the annual changes in nominal values and, therefore, the relevant adjustment is the difference between the accrued interest and the paid interest along all the life of the instruments independently of its recording in the budget. The statistical source used to compile this item is the Securities Database of the Banco de España. The amount has been calculated on a security-by-security basis and includes mainly two components: differences between interests accrued and paid in securities issued with coupon and accrued interests of treasury bills issued at discount.

3.6.4 Other accounts receivable/payable F.7

There are not differences in the figures reported in EDP T2 and T3 in accrual adjustments under other accounts receivable and other accounts payable. The accrual adjustments reflected in non-financial accounts are identical to those reported in financial accounts in F.7.

3.6.5 Other adjustments/imputations

There adjustments and imputations included in EDP T2 during the compilation process are also reported in EDP T3.

3.7. General comments on data sources

3.8. EDP table 4

Table 4 – The statements on the provision of additional data contained in the Council minutes of 23/11/1993 request the submission of trade credits and advances, amounts outstanding in the government debt from the financing of public undertakings, differences between the face value and the present value of government debt and GNI at market prices.

3.8.1 Trade credits and advances

The information included in this item is obtained in the compilation process of the Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy. The main statistical sources used are the budget outturns of the different General Government bodies. The stocks on trade credits are calculated adding transactions on expenses not paid recorded in the budget chapters “Compras de Bienes y Servicios” and “Inversiones”.

3.8.2 Amount outstanding in the government debt from the financing of public undertakings

The public corporations involved in debt undertakings are Red Nacional de Ferrocarriles Españoles (RENFE) and Administrador de Infraestructuras Ferroviarias (ADIF). The information on stocks is obtained from the Spanish Treasury (Secretaría General del Tesoro y Política Financiera).

4. Revision policy used for annual GFS

This section relates to the revision policy concerning annual non-financial and financial government accounts. It describes the country policy for revisions with and without impact on the deficit (non-financial accounts for General Government) and debt (financial accounts for General Government).

4.1. Existence of a revision policy in your country

Yes, it exists a revision policy regarding EDP data. Recently, it has been changed and therefore, paragraphs 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 reflects the most recent revision policy as regards EDP.

Both ordinary revisions and non-ordinary revisions are made to EDP data. The paragraph 4.1 deal with ordinary revisions and paragraph 4.2 deal with non-ordinary revisions.

4.1.1 Relating to deficit and non-financial accounts

Ordinary revisions are mainly due to revisions in data provided by the government units or to decisions taken by the Technical Committee on National Accounts. They are regular and are performed in each EDP Notification.

For a year n , the first estimate of non-financial accounts of General Government is made for the April $n+1$ EDP Notification (advance data). These accounts of the year n are regularly revised for the October $n+1$ EDP Notification (half-finalised 1 data).

In April $n+2$ EDP Notification, non-financial accounts of the year n are regularly revised until new information is available (half-finalised 2 data).

Finally, in October $n+2$ EDP Notification, non-financial accounts of the year n are regularly revised for the last time. At that time, data of accounts of the year n are definitive (finalised).

4.1.2 Relating to debt and financial accounts

There is a revision policy established which, while ensuring that the modifications that occur and that generally affect the most recent quarters to a greater extent are incorporated, gives the published series a degree of stability. Thus, when the accounts for each quarter are updated, at most the accounts of the eight preceding quarters and their corresponding years are revised. In addition to the quarterly updates and revisions, in June of each year, before the annual print edition is published, the quarterly update made in April is revised (also with application of the policy of extending the revision to the eight preceding quarters and their corresponding years).

4.2. Reasons for other than ordinary revisions

Non-ordinary revisions are due to changes or clarifications of the methodology, usually involving several years and carried out in the framework of Eurostat or the CMFB or by decisions of the Court of Auditors. They are non regular and are performed according with the calendar agreed by Eurostat and Member States.

Finally, major revisions involving all financial and non-financial national accounts aggregates (benchmark revisions) are also considered as non-ordinary revisions and are due either changes

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in the standards (ESA) or major statistics changes in the Statistical System of the country. They are punctual in the time and are performed every five – ten years.

4.3. Timetable for finalising and revising the accounts

The character of the data included in each notification for non-financial operations is determined by the existing time periods for the rendering of the accounts, according to the established rule applicable in each case.

	April (n)	October (n)
Year n-1	first estimate (advance)	half-finalised-1
Year n-2	half-finalised-2	finalised

For each notification, the basic information available and processed at that time is used. There are differences in the breakdowns and level of detail of available information among sub-sectors, which will be the focus of analysis in the second part of this guide.

The Financial Accounts of the Spanish Economy are disseminated in two editions, one in printed form and the other in electronic form, available at www.bde.es. The print edition, which comes out in June along with the Bank's Annual Report, contains a methodological summary and a wide selection of tables. The electronic edition is updated quarterly with a lag of approximately 110 calendar days (usually on the 20th of the fourth month after the latest quarter included in the Accounts), is preceded by a brief note describing the changes introduced and contains all the available tables. The specific dates of the updates of the Accounts appear in a release calendar for the publication, which, along with other Banco de España statistics, is available at www.bde.es.

B. Methodological issues

5. Sector delimitation – practical aspects

5.1. Sector classification of units

General Government is defined by ESA95 §2.68 as "...all institutional units which are other non-market producers whose output is intended for individual and collective consumption and mainly financed by compulsory payments made by units belonging to other sectors and/or all institutional units principally engaged in the redistribution of national income and wealth".

It is necessary to determine:

- a. if it is an institutional unit (ESA95 2.12 describes the rules according to which an entity can be considered as an institutional unit)
- b. if it is a public institutional unit (MGDD 1.2.3 – control by the government "ability to determine the general policy or programme of an institutional unit by appointing appropriate directors or managers, if necessary")
- c. if it is a non-market public institutional unit - reference to "Market-non-market distinction"

The General Government sector (S.13) only includes institutional units considered as non-market producers under ESA95. Therefore, public units that do not fulfil the market test and those whose main purpose is to redistribute national wealth and revenue are classed under the General Government sector.

The competent institutions for classifying public units are the Technical Committee of National Accounts, composed by IGAE, INE and the Banco de España (BdE). These are coordinated as indicated in section 5.1.3.

The institutional sector in which public units are classified depends on whether they meet the 50% rule (market test). The steps to this analysis are:

1. A first analysis have to be made in order to decide if the unit is an institutional unit, in the sense of the criteria pointed out in ESA95 and MGDD. The autonomy of decision and the accounts (if they exists) of the unit are analysed
2. Secondly, it is determined whether or not the entity is public, based on ESA95 criteria, i.e. if General Government has effective control over the unit. This is done by analysing the control of the authorities as expressed through majority share ownership, the powers to appoint board members, the ability to adopt agreements, etc. Where private units exercise effective control, the units are considered private and not included in the public accounts.
3. Finally, if the unit is controlled by General Government (at any level), the next step is to analyse the market test through the production sales/costs ratio. All public units are analysed to check whether they meet the 50% rule. We can distinguish between:

(A) New businesses or those that change activity: the information for the classification of these businesses includes their creation decrees and articles, which detail the activity they are

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to engage in, together with the financial planning of revenues and expenditures for the medium and long term.

(B) Existing companies: their information consists of the financial statements for the financial years recently ended. Data from the past four years are generally considered. This information is obtained from the annual accounts of the unit provided by the government authority that controls it.

In both cases, this information is supplemented by direct requests for the additional information required to classify the authorities according to ESA95 rules. In particular, when a new unit is analysed, specific information is required in order to verify the market test.

4. When sales, as defined in ESA95, exceed more than 50% of production costs, the unit is classified in the Non-financial corporations sector (S.11, ESA95). The production costs considered are the sum of intermediate consumption, compensation of employees, fixed capital consumption and others affecting production.

5. Conversely, if sales by the public unit do not exceed fifty per cent of its production costs, it is included in the General Government sector (S.13). Within this sector, depending on the level of government controlling the unit, it may be included in sub-sector S.1311 (Central Government), S.1312 (State Government), S.1313 (Local Government) or S.1314 (Social security funds).

6. Public units whose main purpose is to act as a financial institution, they are included in the Financial Corporations sector (S.12, ESA95)

7. When the main purpose of a public unit is the redistribution of national income and wealth, the entity is included directly in sector S.13, since the market test is not necessary. Likewise, when a public unit acts as an instrument of the authority that controls it, carrying out actions in the name and on behalf of the latter or providing ancillary services, it is classified under sector S.13.

In Spain, besides Central Government, there are 17 Autonomous Communities and more than 9,000 territorial local authorities with powers to create new dependent entities, in accordance with the requirements set out in local and regional legislation.

In the case of the Central Government, new units are identified primarily by analysis of the annual Budget Act, which tends to be the legislative instrument used for the creation of new State (Central Government) public bodies. In addition, the IGAE manages an Inventory of State (Central Government) Public Sector Entities (INVESPE), which contains entities dependent on the Central Government or in which the latter holds shares, and provides another source for identifying new or changed State (Central Government) units.

With regard to the Autonomous Communities and local sector, the IGAE periodically requests (at least once a year) information from the various Autonomous Communities and main Local Authorities on the creation of new public units and the information required to classify existing units.

In recent years, diverse legislation has strengthened the powers of the Ministry of Finance regarding the census of entities dependent on Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations. Ministerial Order HAP/2105/2012 on the development of the reporting

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requirements provided for in the Budgetary Stability and Financial Sustainability Act of 27 April 2012 (Ley Orgánica 2/2012) regulates the operation of inventories of Local Public Sector Authorities and Entities Dependent on Autonomous Communities. These inventories include all entities dependent on these Authorities or in which they hold shares.

One of the reasons for drawing up these inventories is to have the information required to classify regional and local authorities according to ESA95 rules. The information contained in these inventories includes creation date, purpose, ownership, legal status and the law establishing the unit.

The Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations are required to provide information for compiling the inventory and to report, within one month, any information on the establishment, dissolution or institutional, statutory or financial modification of individual entities.

Thus, public entities dependent on Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations are currently identified using information contained in the inventories of regional public sector entities and local public sector entities that must, under current regulations, be kept up to date at all times.

This information is supplemented by direct requests to the Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations for the additional information required to classify the authorities according to ESA95 rules. A yearly analysis of the Budget Acts of the Autonomous Communities is also conducted to identify the creation of any new public units dependent on the same.

Lastly, any public entity on which information is obtained through any other means is also analysed.

5.1.1 Criteria used for sector classification of new units

See previous section

5.1.2 Updating of the register

The classification of public units is periodically revised. A number of scenarios are possible, namely:

1. General revision of all public units when methodological changes are introduced or new statistical benchmarks are formulated. In benchmark revisions, the classification of all public units is revised. If changes have been made to the results of a public unit with the consideration of market producer (S.11), such that the 50% criterion is no longer met, its classification is changed to sector S.13.
2. Revision of the classification of specific public units in diverse circumstances:
 1. Change in activity. When a public unit changes its activity, an analysis is conducted to determine the impact of this on its classification. In this case, specific information is requested to check future compliance with the market test.
 2. Mergers and takeovers. When mergers or takeovers affecting public entities occur, the resulting unit is analysed to check whether it meets the 50% rule.

3. Failure to adhere to planning. For new units, an analysis is conducted to determine why the targets in the forecasts used for its initial classification were not met, which can result in the reclassification of the unit.
4. Units are also reclassified when the 50% ratio is not met, without the need to wait for a change in basis.

5.1.3 Consistency between different data sources concerning classification of units

As mentioned earlier, public units are classified by a Technical Committee of National Accounts, composed of representatives of IGAE, INE and Banco de España. Generally, IGAE submits a proposal for the classification of units for its analysis. The Banco de España has a special role in the classification of entities engaged in financial activities.

To ensure that there are no differences in the classification of the public units, the three institutions work very closely. For this purpose, the records of public units, including their classification for the European System of Accounts, are periodically shared by the Banco de España, INE and IGAE in order to reconcile the records of the institutions.

5.2. Existence and classification of specific units

1. Non-profit institutions (NPI)

Non-profit institutions (NPIs) are analysed when the government authorities are represented on the board (their governing body, patronato). Under ESA, NPIs whose boards are controlled by government representatives and whose main source of funding comes from these authorities are classified into the General Government sector (S.13). Depending on the number of representatives on the board of each level of Government, these units are classified as S.1311 (Central Government), S.1312 (State Government) or S.1313 (Local Government). NPIs classified as S.13 are mainly foundations and consortia (composed of units of several General Government authorities of the same level or of different levels). In the General Government list, these NPIs are included at the level of government on which they depend.

2. Quasi-corporations.

There are no quasi-corporations in the General Government sector.

3. Infrastructure companies

Public infrastructure companies are classified within or outside the General Government sector, tending towards the criteria outlined above. We can distinguish between:

- Companies that make public investments in the name and on behalf of government authorities, with no responsibility for infrastructure management and financed by the Government. These units are included in sector S13.
- Companies that make investments for their own account and manage this infrastructure, obtaining revenues from it. In these cases, the market test is run to determine their classification.

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4. Universities, schools, Public TV and radio, Public hospitals.

Public units such as broadcasting companies, schools, universities and hospitals are fully integrated within the General Government sector (S.13) because they are primarily funded by public transfers from the government to which they belong, so they do not fulfil the market test.

5. SPV

Fondo de Amortización del Déficit Eléctrico, FADE. The FADE was set up under Royal Decree-Law 6/2009 of 30 April 2009 adopting certain measures in the energy sector and is classified under the General Government sector, in the Central Government sub-sector. This legislation provides that settlement-related electricity system deficits give rise to financial claims consisting of the right to receive a portion billings from the consumers of subsequent years until those claims are satisfied in full. To finance these deficits, the related financial claims can be assigned to a FVC, these claims will be paid by electricity companies to FADE during the next 15 years. The liabilities of the FVC consist of the financial instruments issued via a competitive procedure which is also regulated by Royal Decree.

6. Specific public units involved in financial activities

The main public units/groups of units involved in financial activities are:

Instituto de Crédito Oficial (Official Credit Institute): public credit institution classified in the Financial Corporations sector, in other monetary financial institutions sub-sector.

Institutes of finance of the Autonomous Communities: Series of agencies set up to manage the funding policy of the Autonomous Communities, classified in the General Government sector, State Government sub-sector, except for the Catalan Institute of Finance which, given its specific features, is classified in the Financial Corporations sector, in other financial intermediaries sub-sector.

Fund for the Orderly Restructuring of the Banking Sector (FROB): created by Royal Decree-Law 9/2009, of 26 June 2009, with the purpose of managing the restructuring of credit institutions and helping to strengthen their equity, classified under the General Government sector in the Central Government sub-sector.

Deposit Guarantee Fund: unit whose main purpose is to guarantee deposits in credit institutions classified under the General Government sector, Central Government sub-sector.

Fund for the Acquisition of Financial Assets (FAFA): entity created "to boost financing by financial institutions to individuals and firms" and classified under the General Government sector, in the Central Government sub-sector. This unit was cancelled in 2012.

7. Other specific units

Some units (funds without legal personality), are not considered institutional units and are included in the relevant General Government sub-sector. These funds are included in the list supplied by public units.

6. Time of recording

This section describes the time of recording for taxes and social contributions, EU flows, military expenditure, interest and other transactions (subsidies, current and capital transfers and financial transactions).

The time of recording is defined in ESA95 §1.57. It is the accrual basis, meaning when economic value is created, transformed or extinguished, or when claims and obligations arise, are transformed or are cancelled.

6.1. Taxes and social contributions

Council Regulation 2516/2000 amended the Regulation on European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA) 95 as concerns taxes and social contributions and clarified the rules concerning both the time of recording and the amounts to be recorded.

6.1.1 Taxes

This section describes the methods of recording of taxes on an accrual basis. The time of recording is defined in ESA95 §4.26 and §4.82 as the time "...when the activities, transactions or other events occur which create the liabilities to pay taxes".

For Spain, the source of information consists of fiscal assessments and declarations (based on accrual), therefore, the amounts are adjusted for the sum assessed and declared but that will never be collected. Hence, the entitlements recognized for each financial year, which have not been collected in that same financial year, will be divided into two parts, those that it is estimated can be collected in the future (A) and those unlikely to be collected (B).

The model (developed by INE) will determine these two parts for each one of the taxes and social contributions, and the system will reflect this by capital transfers for the value of B from General Government to the relevant balancing sector.

After each financial year t , sums of taxes and social contributions from closed financial years ($t-1$, $t-2$, ...) will still be in process of collection. The goodness of the model can be judged by comparing the estimate of A, and the sum actually collected in cash receipts in each one of the following financial years.

The adjustment for unlikely collection has only been applied to taxes on production and imports and current taxes on income and wealth..., which are payable to Central Government (S.1311), and to social contributions payable to the sub-sector Social security funds (S.1314).

For the sub-sector State Government (S.1312), most of this sector's tax revenue comes from taxes collected by the State, which collects certain taxes, and transfers a proportion of this tax revenue to the State Governments. For these taxes, the adjustment for unlikely collection is assigned to the State (Central Government) (included in S.1311).

For taxes directly collected by the State Governments, the tax returns (based on accrual) are adjusted to the cash receipts, so that there are no entitlements still to be collected. The difference

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between the tax return based on accrual and the cash receipts is recorded as a capital transfer (D.995) in the sector S.1312.

This adjustment has not been applied to the Local Government sub-sector. In this case, the total amount of tax revenue will be reduced in a direct way, from the estimated figure, by the amount of tax that is unlikely to be collected. This treatment is due to the sources of information for Local Government. Indeed, the accounts of this sub-sector are estimated on the basis of a surveyed sample, with exhaustive information from the selected town councils, which makes it possible to estimate in a more accurate way the total of corrected taxes of the amounts that are unlikely to be collected.

The model for estimating the adjustment for unlikely collection is carried out in two stages. The first stage is common to social contributions and each category of taxation, while the second one is only applied to taxes since the impact on social contributions is not statistically significant.

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The aim of the first stage is to estimate the adjustment for unlikely collection, which depends on the information content of the history of collection for each tax or social contribution. This history of collection is going to condition the way in which the entitlements due for payment in each financial year are estimated to be collected in the future. Clearly, regulatory changes or improvements in the management of collection are going to influence the history of collection, modifying its short-term characteristics. For this reason the use of long-term averages has been avoided to give more emphasis to the recent history of collection.

Therefore, in each financial year t , the entitlements still to be paid are known, $DP(t)$, and the amounts that are subsequently going to be paid in the following years, $t+1$, $t+2$, ..., $t+r$, have to be estimated. $t+r$ is a time limit at which it is assumed that no more revenue will be collected or that such amounts would be marginal.

The model is going to assume that recent history is the best estimator for the proportions of total entitlements due that are going to be collected. Hence, for example in $t+1$, $R(t+1,t)$, the proportion of the entitlements due in financial year t that will be collected a year later has to be related to what occurred in similar conditions in the past years. It has been estimated that the best results are achieved for taxes when an average is taken of the experience of the three previous years (while for social contributions the best results are based on what happened only in the previous year for $t+1$).

Thus:

$R(t+1,t) = \text{average} [R(t,t-1), R(t-1,t-2), R(t-2,t-3)]$ for taxes

And for the other financial years:

$R(t+2,t) = \text{average} [R(t,t-2), R(t-1,t-3), R(t-2,t-4)]$

...

$R(t+r,t) = \text{average} [R(t,t-r), R(t-1,t-r-1), R(t-2,t-r-2)]$

Both for taxes and social contributions.

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The associated amounts ($X(t+1,t)$, $X(t+2,t)$, ..., $X(t+r,t)$) will be obtained by multiplying the proportions by the total of entitlements still to be collected from financial year t :

$$X(t+1,t) = R(t+1,t) * DP(t)$$

$$X(t+2,t) = R(t+2,t) * DP(t)$$

...

$$X(t+r,t) = R(t+r,t) * DP(t)$$

Due to the current length of the historical time series, $r=14$ has been chosen, that is, the calculations have only been implemented until year $t+14$. It has been considered, on the basis of existing information that the amounts collected after $t+14$ are residual (on average this residual is around 0.6%, being a different quantity for each tax and for social contributions). That is, it will be considered as:

$$X(\text{final},t) \approx 0.006 * DP(t)$$

Finally, the adjustment for unlikely collection that the model will assign to the financial year t will be:

$$ARI(t) = DP(t) - [X(t+1,t) + X(t+2,t) + \dots + X(t+r,t) + X(\text{final},t)]$$

SECOND STAGE

The thinking behind the second stage is to incorporate the negative effect of the recessionary economic cycle into the adjustment for unlikely collection. It has been assumed that, in an economically stable period, the weight of the entitlements still to be collected as a proportion of the accrued total taxes and social contributions is also going to be stable, and that this proportion would increase should the economy enter into a negative cycle. To try estimate this impact of the economic cycle on the weight of the entitlements still to be collected in the accrued total taxes and social contributions it was decided to use Gross National Income (GNI) as a regressor.

If regression pathways are constructed between the weight of entitlements due and Gross National Income, the resulting coefficients for this regression are statistically significant for taxes, but not significant for social contributions. Therefore, this second stage is only applied for taxes resulting in a bigger adjustment for unlikely collection for the years of economic recession.

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6.1.2 Social contributions

The time of recording of social contributions is defined in ESA95 §4.96 as "... the time when the work that gives rise to the liability to pay the contribution is carried out..." for employers and employees social contributions, and as "... when the liabilities to pay are created" for self-employed and non-employed persons.

Concerning social contributions, their management and collection is undertaken by the General Treasury of Social Security (Tesorería General de la Seguridad Social), a department within The Ministry of Employment and Social Security (Ministerio de Empleo y Seguridad Social).

The model described in the tax case is also valid for social contributions, with the exception that has been estimated that the best results are achieved for taxes when an average is taken of the experience of the three previous years while for social contributions the best results are based on what happened only in the previous year for t+1.

Thus:

$R(t+1,t) = R(t,t-1)$ for social contributions

Furthermore, the second stage does not apply in the case of social contributions given that the resulting coefficients for the regression are not significant for social contributions.

6.2. EU flows

The issue of recording EU flows is important for national accounts, especially government accounts, because – due to the institutional arrangements – in general all amounts transit via government accounts. In order to avoid potential effects on the level of government deficits, countries have to eliminate these flows from public accounts. Eurostat, after the consultation with Member States, released a decision in February 2005. Chapter II. 6 of the ESA Manual on government deficit and debt details the rules concerning the recording of these flows.

6.2.1 General questions

The Directorate-General for EU Funds of the Ministry of Finance and Public Administrations is responsible for managing funds from the European Union. This department monitors the expenditure settlements submitted by the units that perform the expenditure and sends them, where necessary, to the Commission for reimbursement. The Directorate-General also manages the distribution of EU funds to their beneficiaries. The procedure for this is to centralise the income received from the European Union in the account held by Central Government in the Treasury, from which it is distributed to the intermediaries or, where applicable, directly to the beneficiaries.

The Directorate-General for EU Funds has information available on each fund and sub-sector. The Autonomous Communities also submit information on the work settlements obtained for works carried out each year that are eligible for EU co financing; they likewise provide information on the income they expect to receive from the European Union for such settlements and the income actually received in each period from the State (Central Government) Treasury. This information is contrasted with that obtained from the Directorate

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General for Community Funds. The Social Security funds sub-sector follows the same procedure.

For national accounting purposes, the information on EU funds is available by sub-sectors on a monthly or quarterly basis, as appropriate.

Given that these units are part of the Central Government sub-sector and Social security funds sub-sector, each unit sends information on EU funds on a monthly basis. The same applies to the units that make up the State Government sub-sector. For the Local Government sub sector, the information is received on a quarterly basis. This information is matched with that obtained from the Directorate-General for Community Funds.

When a public authority makes an expenditure funded by the European Union, it submits the supporting settlements to the Directorate-General for EU Funds. The Directorate General then reviews the submitted settlements and checks that they are eligible. The settlements relate to expenses incurred during the fiscal year. Only if the expenditure meets the eligibility requirements will it be sent to the Commission for reimbursement.

In all events, information is available on the end beneficiary and each of the funds it receives. It is therefore possible to identify which EU funds correspond to each beneficiary for national accounts purposes.

The income received from EU funds is included in the working balance of each beneficiary.

The figures entered in the working balance of General Government are compared with those supplied by the Directorate-General for EU Funds. In the event of discrepancies, the sums are adjusted according to the criteria established by Decision 22/2005. In other words, income received from the European Union is recorded when the expenditure is incurred regardless of the figures entered in the working balance. However, given the available information, for the Central Government and Local Corporations sub-sectors, the amounts actually deposited by the European Union each year are considered income for national accounting purposes.

If the settlements submitted to the EU are higher than the reimbursements made by the Commission, the excess is recorded as a minor transfer received from the European Union.

In the framework of multi-annual programmes, the Commission makes advance payments at the start of the programmes. These advances have recorded as financial assets with no impact on government deficit. Only when the expenditure is certified, the advance is cancelled and the income from the European Union recorded.

The adjustments resulting from differences between the funds recorded on the working balance and those recorded under Decision 22/2005 are included in the "other adjustments" section of tables B and C of the EDP.

6.2.2 Cash and Schengen facility

The time of recording of payments received by the beneficiary Member States through Schengen and Transitional Facilities would be accounted according to the Eurostat decision on EU flows, while the time of recording of Cash-flow Facility is when the transfers are to be made by the Commission. In practice, in this particular case, the amounts

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would be recorded as revenue in the years in which they were received by the beneficiary countries.

6.2.3 Jeremie/Jessica

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank Group and other International Financial Institutions on financial engineering in cohesion policy, the European Commission drew up new initiatives for improving access to finance of European corporations. These initiatives require the involvement of EU governments (as in the case for other cohesion and structural policy instruments). EU Member States implement the JEREMIE and JESSICA initiatives by establishing a Holding Fund funded through their Structural Fund receipts from the European Commission and national contributions. The Holding Fund (HF) can be managed either by the EIF or by other financial institutions, according to the EU Structural Funds legislation applicable. In this context, the "Managing Authorities" can award management either directly to the EIF or any national institution which benefits from public procurement exemption under national law through a grant agreement, or indirectly by way of tender to a financial institution through a service contract. Holding Funds can be set up either as "*ring-fenced blocks of finance*" or as bank accounts managed by the Holding Fund manager on behalf of and in the name of the Managing Authority, or as an independent legal entity (Special Purpose Vehicle – SPV).

Spain has Jeremie/Jessica initiatives within the State Government sub-sector (S.1312). The funds set up under the above initiatives are classified in the State Government sub-sector, attached to the General Administration thereof, since they generally do not have a separate legal personality and are controlled by the latter.

The Jeremie/Jessica funds are financed from contributions received from the governments of the Autonomous Communities and European funding. The funds received from the EU are recorded as revenue.

The main purpose of these funds is to finance diverse business development initiatives. These loans are generally recorded as financial assets in the national accounts (see 7.2.1).

6.2.4 Market Regulatory Agencies

Market regulatory agencies are bodies whose intervention activities are mostly characterised by buying and selling products, often on behalf of the EU, with an aim to stabilize prices and to maintain purchasing prices to farmers at a sufficiently high level: they offer buying agricultural products from domestic producers at a predetermined price (often higher than "market" prices) and reselling them usually at a lower price later on and occasionally arranging for giving them away free of charge. These agencies can be involved in storing agricultural inventories, or in arranging for storage, as well as in distributing subsidies.

The question is whether the principle of re-arranging EU transactions would also apply to the recording of changes in inventories (P.52) arising from the interventions of agricultural market regulatory agencies in the market. According to the guidance, in those circumstances where a market regulatory agency acting on behalf of the EU is classified inside General Government, the creation of a unit in S.11 is recommended in order to capture the changes in agricultural inventories, and to avoid that such changes in inventories are recorded in national government accounts (as changes in government inventories, with an

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impact on the government deficit/surplus) or in the rest of the world accounts (as exports and imports). The unit to be created to capture these changes in inventories is a quasi-corporation, rather than a notional unit, in order to ensure an equality of treatment with cases where market regulatory agencies are classified outside government. This is also appropriate because any temporary difference in value arising from changes in market value of these inventories not yet covered by subsidies is likely to be small and on average zero.

The Fondo Español de Garantía Agrícola (Spanish Agricultural Guarantee Fund, FEAGA), whose legal form is that of an autonomous body, is included in the General Government sector, Central Government sub-sector.

Its main purpose is to ensure that aid from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is applied rigorously in order to achieve the objectives of this policy and effectively reach beneficiaries who meet the aid requirements, within the deadlines laid down in its regulations, thereby promoting the uniform application of CAP aid across Spain.

Operations carried out on behalf of the EU relating to management of the CAP are not recorded as FEAGA revenue or expenditure in the national accounts.

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6.3. Military expenditure

The ESA95 principle on accrual recording, when applied to military expenditure, is generally the time when the economic ownership of the good occurs, which is usually when delivered.

Chapter II.5 in Part II of the MGDD details the rules concerning the recording of military expenditure.

6.3.1 Types of contracts

Information is fully available from the economic point of view. We know financial details and the time when this equipment is provided but, however, we do not know any technical aspect of the military equipment supplied.

There are two arrangements used in Spain:

- Sales agreed in advance with industrial suppliers, with or without government pre-financing. Spanish military forces use this kind of contract with government pre-financing.
- Purchasing through an international special agency. Spain has purchased, sometimes, military equipment through international special agencies.

The Ministry of Defence provides information on supplies of military equipment. IGAE has access to information on the financial flows associated with these contracts.

6.3.2 Borderline cases

There are no borderline cases.

6.3.3 Recording in national accounts

Sales agreed with industrial suppliers, with government pre-financing:

- Through the Ministry of Industry, the State (Central Government) may grant loans to suppliers of military equipment. These loans are granted prior to the deliveries and reimbursed in cash in the long term. These transactions are recorded as loans (AF.4) in the national accounts and amortised when the deliveries take place.
- Any other payment before the delivery of equipment are recorded as financial advance (AF.71). It is only when equipment is delivered that government expenditure is recorded, with a negative impact on deficit/surplus but is an automatic financing through the reduction in government financial assets. The advance is reimbursed in kind.

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6.4. Interest

This part aims at describing accrual adjustment for interest.

ESA 4.50 reads: "Interest is recorded on an accrual basis: that is, interest is recorded as accruing continuously over time to the creditor on the amount of principal outstanding. The interest accruing in each accounting period must be recorded whether or not it is actually paid or added to the principal outstanding. When it is not actually paid, the increase in the principal must also be recorded in the Financial Account as a further acquisition of that kind of financial asset by the creditor and an equal acquisition of a liability by the debtor. "

MGDD part II, chapter II.4 is dealing with some practical aspects of the recording of interest.

6.4.1 Interest expenditure

Table x Availability and basis of data on interest

Instrument	S.1311		S.1312		S.1313		S.1314	
	State	OCGB	Main unit	OSGB	Main unit	OLGB	Main unit	OSSB
Deposits (AF.2)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Securities other than shares (AF.3)	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	M
Loans (AF.4)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	M
Other accounts receivable (AF.7)	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M

Cash/accrual, M (not applicable) or L (not available)

Due interest together with premiums and discounts are recorded in the budget of all General Government sub-sectors on a cash basis. The "WB" therefore includes the effect of "premiums and discounts".

Accrued interest is valued instrument by instrument, by the Directorate-General of the Treasury and Financial Policy for all instruments.

The difference between the interest charged to the budget (based on a cash basis) and accrued interest (recognized in public accounting) leads to adjustments recorded in the line "Difference between interest paid (+) and accrued (EDP D.41) (-)" of Table 2A EDP questionnaire.

6.4.2 Interest Revenue

The interest received by the government authorities is recorded on an accruals basis, except when only budget information is available, in which case the interest recorded in the budget is entered. We can distinguish between:

Interest received by the Social Security Reserve Fund. This is obtained primarily from public debt securities. It is recorded on an accruals basis and, when it is derived from State (Central Government) public debt securities, it is consolidated with these costs (see below).

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Interest received by entities subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish Companies and the adapted General Chart of Accounts for non-profit organisations: interest is recorded on an accruals basis.

6.4.3 Consolidation

The following types of interest obtained from transactions between General Government *sub-sectors* are consolidated:

1. Interest received by the Social security funds (S.1314) of Central Government (S.1311). The surplus liquidity of the Social security funds is materialised in the "Reserve Fund". This fund has invested its resources primarily in Spanish public debt. Therefore, part of the interest paid by Central Government (S.1311) for Public Debt is entered in Social security funds (S.1314). The sum of the interest to be consolidated is recorded in the Social Security accounts as interest received from the State (Central Government).

2. Interest received by Central Government (S.1311) from the State Government (S.1312) and Local Government (S.1313). The State has granted loans to Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations through various procedures (mainly the Provider Payments Financing Fund – FFPP – and the Regional Liquidity Fund – FLA). These loans accrue interest in favour of the Central Government and against the Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations. The sum of the interest to be consolidated is recorded in the accounts submitted by the FFPP and FLA.

This interest is recorded as revenue or expenditure for each sub-sector and affects its B.9 balance. In the General Government sector (S.13), these amounts are consolidated and do not appear either as revenue or expenditure. Therefore, the B.9 balance of sector S.13 is equal to the sum of the B.9 balances of each sub-sector, but the interest paid and received by sector S.13 is less than the sum of the interest paid or received by the various sub-sectors.

6.4.4 Recording of discounts and premiums on government securities

As indicated, due interest, premiums and discounts are recorded in the budget on a cash basis. The "WB" therefore includes the effect of "premiums and discounts". The difference between the interest recorded in the budget (including the effect of "premiums and discount") and accrued interest is recorded in the adjustment line "Difference between interest paid (+) and accrued (EDP D.41)(-)" in Table 2A.

Premiums and discounts are spread over the life of an instrument and the repayment of discount is identifiable from the repayment of debt.

6.5. Time of recording of other transactions

As noted above along this Inventory, both in the general public accounting plan and the general accounting plan of the Spanish companies, the basic approach is to record transactions on an accrual basis (paragraphs 2.2, 3.2.0.3, 3.3.3. 3.4.3 and 3.5.3). Therefore, most of the transactions made by the General Government are already recorded on an accrual basis, as the accounting rules on this principle generally are similar with the criteria of the European System of Accounts.

However, in those specific cases where there are differences between the criteria of public or private accounting and the European System of Accounts, as to the application of the accrual basis, appropriate adjustments are made, which have been discussed to throughout this Inventory. There are specific sections for the recording of taxes and social contributions (6.1 and also 3.2.3.4.2 and 3.5.3.7); funds received from the European Union (6.2 and also 3.3.3.4.1, 3.4.3.4.1 and 3.5.3.4.1); military expenditure (6.3 and 3.2.3.7); interest (6.4 and 3.2.3.4.1, 3.3.3.4.1, 3.4.3.4.1 and 3.5.3.4.1) and dividends (7.5). For other headings:

- Subsidies payable, current and capital transfers payable. It is recorded as an expense, the amount recognized in the budget in the 409-413 account “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or equivalent account, and in the financial statements of the units subject to the General Accounting Plan of the Spanish Company.
- Gross capital formation. It is recorded as an expense, the amount recognized in the budget, in the 409-413 account “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or equivalent, and in the financial statements of the units subject to the General Accounting Plan of the Spanish Company. However, regarding construction contracts in the form of full payment of the price, acquisitions through capital leases or acquisitions with deferred payment, adjustments pointed out in paragraphs 3.2.3.7, 3.3.3.7 and 3.4.3.7 will apply. In the case of public-private partnerships, the treatment pointed out in section 7.6 is followed, carrying out, where appropriate, adjustments indicated in paragraphs 3.2.3.7, 3.3.3.7 and 3.4.3.7.
- Social benefits payable. It is recorded as an expense, the amount recognized in the budget, in the 409-413 account “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or equivalent, and in the financial statements of the units subject to the General Accounting Plan of the Spanish Company. Where necessary, adjustments in paragraph 3.5.3.7 refers to are made.
- Other non-financial transactions. Generally speaking, it is recorded as an expense, the amount recognized in the budget, in the 409-413 account “Creditors from transactions awaiting insertion into the budget” or equivalent, and in the financial statements of the units subject to the General Accounting Plan of the Spanish Company.
- Financial transactions. In principle, all transactions included in financial accounts are recorded when the agreement between parties involved takes place. That means transactions are recorded even when payments are delayed. Differences between the amounts recorded in every instrument and the related payments are included in “other accounts receivable/payable (F.7)”. In practice, there are two sources of information for every instrument, namely the two parties thereto, and for certain instruments there is

also a third source, namely administrative records of the transactions (i.e. the Central Credit Register for government loans). This means that a ranking of sources must be established when compiling the accounts. The criterion used gives, in principle, priority to primary (direct) information sources (not to those derived or inferred indirectly), normally indicating the counterpart sectors of such transactions.

7. Specific government transactions

Methodological rules applicable for recording of specific government transactions are set up in the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt (implementation of ESA95), 2010 edition⁷.

7.1. Guarantees, debt assumptions

Generally, government guarantees are recorded off-balance sheet in government accounts (contingent liability), and neither government debt nor deficit is impacted. However, when a guarantee is activated (called), the payment made by government on behalf of the debtor is normally recorded as government expenditure. In case of repeated guarantee calls, the whole outstanding amount of the guaranteed debt should be assumed by government. The latter leads to a one-off increase of government debt as well as of deficit. The accounting rules are explained in the Chapter VII.4 on Government guarantees of the ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt. This chapter describes also specific cases and related treatment in national accounts.

7.1.1 Guarantees on borrowing

7.1.1.1 *New guarantees provided*

Recording in public accounts

The legal system of guarantees granted by Central Government (S.1311) is set out in Chapter V of Title IV of the GBL. The granting of guarantees must be authorised in legislation or by the Council of Ministers and must not in any event exceed the limit set each year in the GBL. Liabilities arising from lending operations in or outside Spain by public or private legal or natural persons may be guaranteed.

Guarantees granted by Central Government are recorded in the public accounts and included in the General State (Central Government) Account. The website of the Directorate-General of the Treasury also contains information on State (Central Government) guarantees.

Recording in national accounts

In general, guarantees granted by government authorities are treated as contingent liabilities and therefore have no effect on the financial or non-financial accounts.

⁷ http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-09-017

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Nonetheless, where there is evidence that the Government will take responsibility for payment of the guaranteed debt, a debt assumption must be recorded whose offsetting entry will be a capital transfer with effects on Government deficit.

7.1.1.2 *Treatment of guarantees called*

Recording in public accounts

The call of guarantees is recorded as an expense in Chapter 3 of the State (Central Government) "financial expenses" budget. No budget assets are recorded.

Recording in national accounts

In national accounts, a call of a guarantee is recorded as a use under "Capital transfers payable (D.99U)" for the full amount of the enforced guarantee (cash payment). Financial assets are not recorded as a result of the execution of guarantees. Depending on the terms of the guarantees, we can distinguish between:

- Cases in which the creditor may demand enforcement of the guarantee for the full guaranteed amount (full call) due to debtor default. The total amount enforced is recorded as an expense. Central Government does not assume any debt and there is no debt "under call" but the outstanding amount of the debt has not yet been assumed.
- Cases in which the creditor may demand enforcement of the guarantee only for the amount of each maturity (partial calls), due to debtor default. Each partial enforcement is recorded as a "capital transfer" for the enforced amount. These cases are monitored to identify the possibility of three successive enforcements. If there are three enforcements, a "D.99U capital transfer" will be recorded for the amount of the unmatured secured debt.

7.1.1.3 *Treatment of repayments related to guarantees called*

Recording in public accounts

Guarantee recoveries are recorded as revenue in Chapter 3 of the Central Government budget under "Public tariffs, charges and other income".

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If a guarantee enforced previously is recovered, it is recorded as "Capital transfer received (D.99R)"

7.1.1.4 *Treatment of write-offs by government in public accounts of government assets that arose from calls, if any*

Financial assets are not recorded in the national accounts as a result of the enforcement of guarantees.

7.1.1.5 *Data sources*

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As explained above, guarantees granted by Central Government are recorded in the public accounts and included in the General State Account. The website of the Directorate-General of the Treasury also contains information on State guarantees. Itemised information is available on operations guaranteed by Central Government.

At local and regional level, information on guarantees is received in the relevant questionnaires of standardised information.

7.1.2 Guarantees on assets

The guarantees on assets are as follows:

1. Credit insurance for exports. The coverage of the political and extraordinary risks of export credit insurance is borne by Central Government, while the Insurance Compensation Consortium is charged with the management of funds and Compañía Española de Seguros de Crédito a la Exportación S.A. (CESCE S.A.) manages this insurance. Both units have the consideration of public financial corporations (S.12) in the Spanish national accounts. CESCE includes information on operations performed on behalf of the State (Central Government) in its annual accounts.

In the national accounts, the operations carried out by CESCE on behalf of the State (Central Government) relating to export credit insurance are considered to be made directly by the latter. Therefore, receipts on premiums, recoveries of claims paid in previous years and interest are recorded in the State (Central Government) accounts as non-financial revenue, while the claim paid each year and the amounts received by CESCE for the management of this insurance are recorded as non-financial expenditure. Therefore, the annual difference between revenue and expenditure associated with this insurance has effects on Government deficit. This treatment is in accordance with the Decision adopted by Eurostat and published in News Release No. 33/97, dated 30 April 1997.

Each month, CESCE provides information on the transactions made on behalf of the State (Central Government) required to prepare the national accounts.

2. Deposits. The Deposit Guarantee Fund for Credit Institutions (FGD) was created by Royal Decree-Law 16/2011 of 14 October 2011. It has its own legal personality and full capacity for the development of its purposes under private law, and is headquartered in Madrid. The Deposit Guarantee Fund (FGD) is included in sector S.1311.

The aim of this Fund is to guarantee deposits in cash and securities or other financial instruments held at credit institutions, up to a limit of EUR 100,000 for cash deposits or, for deposits denominated in other currencies, the equivalent of this sum after applying the applicable exchange rate, and of EUR 100,000 for investors who have deposited securities or other financial instruments with a credit institution. These two guarantees offered by the Fund are distinct and mutually compatible.

The FGD prepares and files annual accounts, which are published on its website.

The main operations of the FGD are treated in the national accounts as follows:

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Other taxes on production (D.29R): the ordinary contribution received from credit entities included in the Profit and Loss Account.

Capital taxes (D.91R): the management committee of FGD will be able to impose extra contributions among credit entities integrated in FGD.

Capital transfers (D.99U): for the amount of enforced guarantees granted by the FGD.

Each month, the FGD provides the information required to compile the national accounts of sub-sector S.1311.

7.2. Claims, debt cancellations and debt write-offs

Providing loan capital is generally a financial transaction not impacting the net borrowing/net lending (B.9). Government, as a lender, is expecting that the debtor will be in a position to repay the loans, according to a schedule agreed at inception. However, if the loan is non-recoverable, the recording of government expenditure might be considered. The related accounting rules are set up in ESA95 and further clarified in the Chapter III.2 on Capital injections and Chapter VII.2 on Debt assumption and cancellation of the ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt.

7.2.1 New lending

The main financing lines granted by Central Government and its beneficiaries are:

1. Loans granted by FROB (S.1312) to Credit Institutions (S.12)
2. Loans granted by CDTI and ENISA (S.1312) to private corporations (S.11)
3. Loans granted to Greek government
4. Loans to the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)
5. Loans granted by FONPRODE, FIEM and others funds (classified into S.1311) to foreign countries and others
6. Loans granted to CCAA and CCLL through the Fondo de Financiación de Pago a Proveedores (S.1312)
7. Loans granted to CCAA and CCLL through the Fondo de Liquidez Autonómico (S.1311)
8. Loans to suppliers of military equipment
9. Loans granted by various ministries for various purposes: loans for R&D; loans for industrial development and competitiveness; restructuring and reindustrialización loans; loans for the promotion of tourism and commerce, education and other loans.

These loans are generally granted at a rate of interest. However, there are also specific lines with reduced interest rates.

The information available on loans granted by Central Government depends on the Chart of Accounts applicable to the unit granting the loan:

- For loans granted through the Central Government budget, information is available on the loans granted in each fiscal year, their beneficiaries and repayments.

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- For loans granted by units subject to the General Chart of Accounts of Spanish companies, in principle only net flows calculated by balance sheet differences are available. However, when reports are available, information broken down by loans granted and repayments can be obtained.

Loans granted by Central Government to other government authorities (Autonomous Communities, Public Universities and Local Authorities) and loans granted by and among these units are treated as financial assets. Repayments are also treated as financial operations. These operations are consolidated when the aggregate accounts sector S.13 are drawn up.

Loans – and their repayments – granted to public or private units not included in the General Government sector are recorded as financial operations, with the exception of loans with a low probability of repayment, which are recorded as capital transfers payable. In the latter case, any repayment will be recorded as capital transfers received.

The criteria for the treatment of loans granted by the Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations are the same as for Central Government. In these scenarios, the information is received in the standardised accounting information questionnaires or is specifically requested on a case-by-case basis.

7.2.2 Debt cancellations

Debt cancellations are recorded as capital transfers. A cancellation may be express or implied (if the Government waives or fails to exercise its rights). However, repayments of loans charged to the budget are considered public law revenues and are restricted in nature. These loans can therefore only be cancelled in the circumstances and manner prescribed by law.

7.2.3 Repayments of claims

Repayments of loans granted previously are recorded as financial operations.

Repayments of loans previously reclassified as capital transfers are recorded as capital transfer received.

7.2.4 Debt write-offs

Loan write-offs are recorded as changes in volume in the national accounts and have no effects on Government deficit.

7.2.5 Sale of claims

There have been no bad loans, well-performing loans or claims in recent years.

If an asset (financial or non-financial) is sold, this must be recorded in the budget and/or accounts of the unit that made the sale.

7.3. Capital injections in public corporations

Government capital injections are transactions which occur when governments provide assets (in cash or in kind) to public corporations (or assume liabilities), in their capacity of owner / shareholder, with an aim to capitalize or recapitalize them. The accounting rules are set out in ESA95 and clarified in the Chapter III.2 on Capital injections of the ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt. This chapter devotes considerable space to set the operational rules for the recording of capital injections in national accounts either as transactions in equity (financial transaction = financing = “below-the-line”), or as capital transfers (non-financial transaction = expenditure = “above-the-line”).

It is recalled that the MGDD also indicates that payments by government to public units, structured in the legal form of a loan or a bond, might be considered in specific circumstances as capital injections, to be classified as either a capital transfer D.9 or as an acquisition of equity F.5.

(1) Identification of capital injections in cash. Capital injections in cash are recorded in the budget of the government authority that granted them. Therefore, the identification of these capital injections for public units is carried out by analysing the budget operations (transfers, capital contributions and loans) and their recipients. There are two types of transactions:

1. Transactions recorded in the budget as "transfers". These are also recorded as “transfers” in the national accounts
2. Transactions recorded in the budget as “financial operations”. ESA Manual criteria are applied, so they are recorded in the national accounts as financial operations or reclassified as non-financial operations on a case-by-case basis.

(2) Identification of capital injections in kind. Capital injections in kind are not recorded in the budget. They are therefore generally identified by analysing the accounts of the beneficiary institutions. Assumptions of debt by government must be authorised by the legislation, which is used to obtain knowledge of these assumptions.

Moreover, with regard to Central Government (S.1311), Article 66 of Tax, Administrative and Social Measures Act (Ley 62/2003), of 30 December 2003, regulates the issuance of a mandatory report on the effects on the national accounts of capital injections under the Central Government budget. The procedure for issuance of this report involves identifying, prior to drafting, the capital contributions and characteristics of the operation, in order to determine its treatment in the national accounts.

(3) The capital contributions made by General Government are analysed according to the requirements of the ESA95 Manual relating to Government Deficit and Debt. They are therefore reclassified as non-financial expenditure:

1. Contributions to units included in the General Government sector (S.13)
2. Equity contributions by Foundations
3. Contributions to units included in the Non-financial corporations sector (S.11) to clean up losses or fund unprofitable investments.

Only contributions to profitable companies or certain international financial institutions are treated as financial operations.

Practical application of these criteria requires the reclassification of most capital contributions made by Spanish General Government as non-financial expenditure.

The analysis is performed by IGAE prior to the preparation of the General Government accounts for inclusion in the relevant EDP notifications. All contributions are analysed. For Central Government (S.1311) and under Article 66 of the Tax, Administrative and Social Measures Act (Ley 62/2003), an analysis of capital contributions is also conducted prior to preparation.

For existing companies, the information used in this analysis includes the latest available annual accounts of the unit and any other relevant information available or requested to this effect. For contributions to new units, a financial study indicating the expected return of the contribution is requested from the responsible authority.

Besides the accounts of General Government (S.13), IGAE also prepares the accounts of public companies in the non-financial corporations sector (S.11). Information (annual accounts) is available to prepare these accounts and is also used both to identify the contributions received from public authorities and to determine their treatment in the national accounts.

The above applies to all levels of the General Government sector (S.13): Central Government (S.1311), State Government (S.1312) and Local Government (S.1313). At present, there are no quasi-companies dependent on General Government.

7.4. Dividends

It is recalled, that the ESA95 Manual on Government Deficit and Debt chapter III.5 indicates that large and exceptional payments out of reserves which significantly reduce the own funds of the corporation should be treated as superdividends, i.e. transaction in shares and other equity (a capital withdrawal).

Total distributions could therefore comprise one part recorded as property income, D.42, and another recorded as transactions in equity, F.5. The former data is reported to Eurostat in ESA95 table 2, but the latter is included within transactions in equity in financial accounts. Within the latter, for the benefit of analysis, one should also distinguish between amounts received from the National Central Bank, and amounts received from other public corporations.

The basic source of information for the identification of "dividends received" are the amounts recorded in the revenue budget of the various levels of General Government (Central, State and Local).

Around 95% (data from 2011) of the total dividends received by Spanish General Government are obtained from just two public companies: Banco de España and Loterías y Apuestas del Estado (LAE). The other dividend revenue is obtained by adding up small amounts received from profitable public enterprises.

After identifying the dividends, they are checked to ensure that they were obtained from the ordinary profit of the unit distributing them. With particular regard to the Banco de España, dividends are checked to ensure that they do not include capital gains from the extraordinary

sale of assets, routine intervention in foreign exchange markets, or operations to revalue monetary gold and reserves. For other companies, the corporate report is used to verify that the distributed dividends are charged to ordinary profit, and not to extraordinary profit or accumulated reserves.

Interim dividends. Both the Banco de España and Loterías y Apuestas del Estado pay interim dividends on the profit from the fiscal year.

- In the case of Loterías y Apuestas del Estado, a non-financial corporation, the distribution of interim dividends meets the requirements of the trade legislation applicable to all public and private limited companies.
- The annual profits of the Banco de España are paid into the Central Government budget in three instalments, which are set out in Royal Decree 2059/2008 of 12 December 2008 on the rules for payment to the Treasury of profits from the Banco de España:
 1. The first instalment is paid in December and consists of a down payment of 70% of the profit generated up to September of that year.
 2. The second instalment is paid in March of the following year and amounts to 90% of the profit generated in the previous year less the first down payment made in December.
 3. The final settlement for the fiscal year is paid in August and amounts to the 10% remaining profit.

These interim dividends are recorded as revenue in the year in which they are received.

7.5. Privatization

The proceeds collected by government when disposing of shares in public corporations are often called privatization proceeds. The counterpart entity (i.e. the acquirer of shares) is the private sector. Privatization can be indirect when the proceeds are forwarded to government after the sale of a subsidiary. The MGDD chapter V.2 indicates that such indirect privatization proceeds are not government revenue.

Chapter V.3.1 of the ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt mentions that in some EU Member States, holding companies have been set-up by the government to restructure the public sector with the aim of making the enterprises more competitive and profitable and, in the long run, disengaging the government. Often their main activity is to organise the privatisation efficiently and transfer the proceeds of the sale of shares to other public corporations (owned by the holding company or not), through grants, loans or capital injections.

The main issue is: what is the relevant sector classification of this sort of unit managing privatisation and possibly making grants to other enterprises? Should this activity been considered as taking place on behalf of the government?

The Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales (SEPI) is the public holding company grouping most of the industrial holdings of Central Government (S.1311) and has managed most of the privatisation process.

SEPI is the parent of a public holding company that must be classified for national accounting purposes taking into account Chapter I.7 of the ESA95 Manual on Government Deficit and Debt.

Considering its rules and business (effective management of a series of subsidiaries), SEPI is a public holding that must be classified by applying the market/non-market criterion to the whole group.

Overall, the group easily meets the 50% rule, so the parent company SEPI is included in the Non-financial corporations sector (S.11).

The revenues from privatisations by SEPI are not recorded in the Central Government budget, so they do not affect the "WB".

However, following Eurostat criteria, the aid granted by SEPI to its companies based on non-market criteria is re-allocated as Central Government spending, which affects the government deficit. These amounts are recorded in the "Re-routed items relating to SEPI" adjustment of Table 2A of the EDP questionnaire. They are also recorded as a reduction in AF.5 for the Central Government due to the declining value of its holding in SEPI.

7.6. Public Private Partnerships

The term "Public-Private Partnerships" (PPPs) is widely used for many different types of long-term contracts between government and corporations for the provision of public infrastructure. In these partnerships, government agrees to buy services from a non-government unit over a long period of time, resulting from the use of specific "dedicated assets", such that the non-government unit builds a specifically designed asset to supply the service. ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt Chapter VI.5 deals with this issue.

The key statistical issue is the classification of the assets involved in the PPP contract – either as government assets (thereby immediately influencing government deficit and debt) or as the partner's assets (spreading the impact on government deficit over the duration of the contract). This is an issue similar to the one of distinguishing between operating leases and finance leases, which is explained in annex II of ESA95 (see also chapter VI.4).

As a result of the methodological approach followed, in national accounts the assets involved in a PPP can be considered as non-government assets only if there is strong evidence that the partner is bearing most of the risk attached to the asset of the specific partnership. In this context, it was agreed among European statistical experts that, for the interpretation of risk assessment, guidance should focus on three main categories of risk: "construction risk" (covering events like late delivery, respect of specifications and additional costs), "availability risk" (covering volume and quality of output) and "demand risk" (covering variability of demand).

PPP assets are classified in the partner's balance sheet if both of the following conditions are met: the partner bears the construction risks and the partner bears at least one of either availability or demand risk, as designed in the contract.

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If the conditions are not met, or *if government assumes the risks through another mechanism*, (e.g. guarantees, government financing) then the assets are to be recorded in the government's balance sheet. The treatment is in this case similar to the treatment of a financial lease in national accounts requiring the recording of government capital expenditure and borrowing. In borderline cases it is appropriate to consider other criteria, notably what happens to the asset at the end of the PPP contract.

In Spain there are PPPs as defined by the Eurostat Decision of 11 February 2004. There is no specific legal term in for these contracts. They may commonly be termed “*fórmulas de colaboración público privadas*” (‘public-private co-operation formulas’), “*peajes en sombra*” (‘shadow tolls’), “*contratos de concesión de obra pública*” (‘public works concession contracts’) and so forth. But these terms may also apply to contracts that do not meet the requirements to be classed as PPPs.

The legal framework of contracts concluded by government bodies is the Law 30/2007, of 30th October, de Contratos del Sector Público (hereinafter, “LCSP”). LCSP applies directly to Central Government and Local Governments and most of its terms have basic status, and hence bind the Autonomous Communities (State Government) in their implementing regulations.

Therefore, in Spain, contracts concluded by government bodies must comply with LCSP, including contracts classified as PPPs. However, not all contracts under LCSP are PPPs as defined by the Eurostat Decision of 11 February 2004. We must examine the specific terms of each contract to determine whether or not it is a PPP.

As pointed out above, whether or not a contract concluded by a government body is a PPP as defined by the Eurostat Decision can be determined only by examining the contract terms.

No agency, organization, or association deals specifically with PPPs in Spain.

There are PPPs at all three levels of General Government: Central, State and Local.

To determine which contracts concluded by government bodies are “Public Private Partnerships” (hereinafter, “PPPs”) as defined in the Eurostat Decision of 11 February 2004, we need to know the specific clauses and economic and financial terms of each contract. Therefore, to identify the contracts concluded by Spanish government bodies that may be deemed PPPs, the Technical Committee on National Accounts sent to the various cost management centres a definition of PPPs in accordance with the Eurostat Decision, and asked them for specific information about present and intended contracts meeting the requirements to be regarded as PPPs.

However, if the Technical Committee came to know by other means (normally by the media) of the existence of public expenditure projects that could be PPPs, the Committee would accordingly ask the relevant government body for appropriate project information for assessment.

The Technical Committee of National Accounts studies PPP contracts with particular emphasis on the distribution of the relevant risks.

The government sometimes grants guarantees or financing to the private partner. These aspects are taken into account in the assessment of the distribution of the relevant risks.

7.7. Financial derivatives

This part describes the use of financial derivatives and the recording of derivative related flows in EDP tables and national accounts.

Regulation 2558/2001 added a new annex to ESA95 which specified that: *"For the purpose of the Member States' reports to the Commission under the excessive deficit procedure..., "Government deficit" is the balancing item "net borrowing/net lending" of General Government, including streams of interest payments resulting from swaps arrangements and forward rate agreements. This balancing item is codified as EDPB9. For this purpose, interest includes the abovementioned flows and is codified as EDPD41 of streams of interest payments.*"

Eurostat guidance note on Financial Derivatives was published on 13 March 2008.

7.7.1 Types of derivatives used

The only type of derivative used is currency swaps. These transactions are recorded as financial transactions in national accounts in the item F3 securities other than shares and affecting to interest expenditure and deficit in EDP reporting. In relation to EDP debt, this variable includes the effect of currency swaps transactions. This treatment follows strictly the current methodology of EDP statistics.

There are not any occurrences of lump sum payments on swap cancellations, swaptions and/or options on interest, off-market interest rate swaps (IRS), FOREX swaps ,off-market currency swaps or swaps with embedded options.

7.7.2 Data sources

The information is obtained from Spanish Treasury, State Governments and Banco de España Securities data base.

7.7.3 Recording

See answer to question 7.7.1

7.8. Payments for the use of roads

The main issue is whether payments for road, both in the case of tolls and vignettes, should be considered as sale of services or as a tax, when the infrastructures are owned by public units. The issue is important also because the classification of payments made for the usage of roads, either as sales or taxes, influences the assessment of the 50% criterion, which is fundamental for the purpose of assessing whether a given institutional unit (in some cases, a government-controlled entity receiving the payment of the toll or vignette) is a market or a non-market producer.

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Payments for the use of roads will generally be classified as a sale of a service in the case of tolls. They will also be classified as a sale of a service in the case of vignettes whenever users have sufficient choice both in terms of selecting specific roads and of choosing a determined length of time for the vignette.

At present, there is no "toll" system for the use of Government roads.

7.9. Emission permits

There are two main trading systems, where European Union Member States can participate:

The Kyoto Protocol is a 1997 international treaty which came into force in 2005. In the treaty, most developed nations agreed to legally binding targets for their emissions of the six major greenhouse gases.[33] Emission quotas (known as "Assigned amounts", AAUs) were agreed by each participating 'Annex 1' country,

The European Union Emission Trading Scheme (or EU ETS) is the largest multi-national, greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme in the world. It is one of the EU's central policy instruments to meet their cap set in the Kyoto Protocol. The so-called EU emission Allowance (EUA) is traded.

Up to 2012, Spanish government allocated "carbon permits" on a no-charge basis. It has not therefore posted any transactions in the General Government accounts for their assignment.

From 2013, the Spanish government will begin to sell carbon permits. These transactions will be recorded according to the criteria in Chapter VI.6 of the ESA Manual (2013 edition).

The Spanish government has also purchased "carbon permits" under various bilateral and multilateral initiatives. These purchases have been recorded as Central Government expenditure and have effects on Government deficit.

7.10. Sale and leaseback operations

Government sells an asset and immediately leases it back from the purchaser. The issue is whether the sale is to be considered as a "true sale" (transaction in GFCF improving B.9) or the transaction is to be treated differently and an asset should remain on government's balance sheet.

MGDD part VI, chapter VI.3 is dealing with sale and lease back operations

In recent years there have been two operations:

In 2010, a sale of some buildings in S.1312 Sub-sector, amounting to 72 million euros, treated as a sale of gross capital formation.

In 2012, a sale of two buildings in S.1312 Sub-sector, amounting to 17 million euros, also treated as a sale of gross capital formation.

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In these operations, after the buildings were sold, they have been leased to the Government. Both contracts, sale and leaseback, have been analyzed by the Technical Committee and it has been considered that it is a "real" sale, and the subsequent lease meets the characteristics of an "operating lease".

The established procedures for the provision of information require public sector units (Central Government, Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations) to report on any "sale and leaseback" operations that they have carried out or plan to carry out.

7.11. Securitisation

Securitisation is when a government unit transfers the ownership rights over financial or nonfinancial assets, or the right to receive specific future cash flows, to a special-purpose vehicle (SPV) which in exchange pays the government unit by way of financing itself by issuing, on its own account, asset backed bonds.

The classification of the proceeds received by government as disposal of an asset may lead to an impact on the government deficit, when the asset is a nonfinancial asset or if it is determined that a revenue should accrue. All securitisation of fiscal claims should be treated as borrowing, as well as all securitisation with a deferred purchase price clause and all securitisation with a clause in the contract referring to the possibility of substitution of assets. Also if the government compensates the SPV ex-post, although this was not required according to the contract, the operation should be reclassified as government borrowing.

MGDD part V, chapter V.5 and the Eurostat decision of 25 June 2007, "Securitisation operations undertaken by General Government" are dealing with securitisation operations.

There have been no "Securitisation" operations in recent years. The established procedures for the provision of information require public sector units (Central Government, Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations) to report on any "securitisation" operations that they have carried out or plan to carry out.

7.12. UMTS licenses

The sale of UMTS licenses is to be recorded as the sale of a non-financial asset (the license) at the time the license is allocated. Thus, sale proceeds have a positive effect on B.9 in the year when the license is allocated. The actual payment of cash payment does not influence the recording of this transaction.

In some special cases, the sale of UMTS could be seen as a rent for the use of a non-financial asset, recorded over the life time of the license. In this case, the impact on government B.9 is spread over the duration of the license.

MGDD part V, chapter V.2 and Eurostat decision of 14 July 2000 on the allocation of mobile phone licences (UMTS) are dealing with the sale of UMTS licenses.

The treatment of sales of UMTS licences and similar operations has followed the criteria of the Eurostat Decision published in News Release No. 81/2000, dated 14 July 2000, and Chapter VI.2 of the ESA Manual.

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In 2000, the initial sale of UMTS licences took place. The revenue obtained from the granting of licences was treated as the sale of a "non-financial non-produced intangible asset" (electromagnetic spectrum) and recorded under "K.2 Acquisition less disposal of non-produced non-financial assets". The transaction amount was recorded as a single entry in the year that the licences were granted (2000), without considering their terms of payment.

In 2011, a new sale of licences for the use of "public radioelectric domain" took place. As above, the revenue obtained from these licences was treated as the sale of a "non-financial non-produced intangible asset" and recorded under "K.2 Acquisition less disposal of non-produced non-financial assets". The transaction amount was recorded as a single entry in the year that the licences were sold (2011), although payment was partially postponed until 2012.

7.13. Transactions with the Central Bank

The management of asset portfolios and interventions in foreign exchange markets for monetary policy purposes, may generate capital gains for central banks which are liable to be distributed to General Government. The amounts involved may sometimes be very large. Capital gains are not income in national accounts and therefore payments to government financed out of capital gains cannot be recorded as property income but have to be recorded as financial transactions.

It also proposes to apply the rules on capital injections when government makes a payment to the Central Bank. Such payments by government may be made to cover losses made by the Central Bank. Capital losses may occur due to foreign exchange holding losses. Operational losses may occur due to the fact that interest and other operational income do not cover operational costs made by the central bank. Capital losses can not be recorded as equity injection, therefore capital gains and losses are somehow not treated symmetrically. This asymmetrical treatment is nevertheless justified for the purpose of appropriately measuring government deficit.

Distribution of profits by the Banco de España. As explained in section 7.4, the distribution of benefits from the Banco de España is recorded as dividends received (D.42R) by Central Government. The dividends are checked first to ensure that they do not include capital gains from the extraordinary sale of assets, routine intervention in foreign exchange markets, or operations to revalue monetary gold and reserves.

7.14. Lump sum pension payments

The related accounting rules are described in the Chapter III.6 on payments to government from transfer of pension obligations, in the ESA95 Manual on government deficit and debt.

No "lump sum pension payments" have been made for General Government.

7.15. Pension schemes

See the previous version of consolidated EDP inventory, section 7.3

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Definition of pensions

Pension schemes can be found in Spain which cover the following items – disability pensions, early retirement benefits due to reduced capacity to work, old age pensions, anticipated old age pensions, partial pensions and survivors' pensions. Unemployment benefits are not included as pensions, but as social benefits.

Classification of pension schemes

The schemes in Spain may be found in the following table (key to columns below):

	Scheme name	Coverage	Scheme
1	Social security funds	1 to 6	A, E
2	Autonomous pension funds	1 to 6	B *
3	Non- autonomous pension funds	1 to 6	C
4	Non-profit insurance institutions	1 to 6	B

(*) In addition to Autonomous pension funds, in Spain there are pension schemes supported by insurance companies, which are regulated by means of collective insurance contracts. This information is considered net equity of households in life insurance reserves and is not separately available

Key for "Coverage":

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| 1) disability pensions | (disability) |
| 2) early retirement benefits due to reduced capacity to work | (disability) |
| 3) old age pensions | (old age) |
| 4) anticipated old age pensions | (old age) |
| 5) partial pensions | (old age) |
| 6) survivors' pensions | (survivors) |
| 7) early retirement benefits for labour market reasons | (unemployment) |

Key for "Scheme":

- A. social security schemes;
- B. private funded schemes administered by insurance companies or autonomous pension funds;
- C. private funded schemes operated by employers, which maintain special reserves (segregated from other reserves)
- D. private unfunded schemes operated by employers (without special reserves).
- E. social assistance;
- F. other insurance.

Classification of social insurance pension schemes

Special institutional units manage the pensions of civil servants and personnel in the army and the justice sector.

Schemes encouraged by non-profit institutions are included in private funded schemes administered by insurance companies or autonomous pension funds, although they are not significant.

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Definition of social security schemes

There are no social security schemes in which participation is voluntary.

There are no social insurance pension schemes or government social insurance schemes which are not classified as "social security schemes"

Classification of institutional units supporting pension schemes; borderline cases

The following table shows pension funds (categories as in the key under section 7.3.2) classified by sub-sector in the national accounts:

		Categories of pension schemes					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
Institutional sectors/ sub-sectors	S.11	XX	XX	YES	XX	XX	XX
	S.121	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
	S.122	XX	XX	YES	XX	XX	XX
	S.123	XX	XX	NO	XX	XX	XX
	S.124	XX	XX	NO	XX	XX	XX
	S.125	XX	YES	NO	XX	XX	YES
	S.1311	NO	XX	XX	XX	YES	XX
	S.1312	NO	XX	XX	XX	YES	XX
	S.1313	NO	XX	XX	XX	YES	XX
	S.1314	YES	XX	XX	XX	YES	XX
	S.14	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
	S.15	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
S.2							