



**Table:** General government primary balance, deficit (-) / surplus (+) (% GDP, 1991 - 2017)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2017 <sup>1</sup>
Germany	-0.7	1.0	2.9	2.5	-0.6	-1.7	1.5	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.4	1.9	1.8
Greece	:	-1.5	-2.2	-5.4	-10.1	-5.4	-3.0	-3.7	-8.4	0.4	-0.2	0.5	1.8
Ireland	2.3	3.8	1.3	-5.7	-11.8	-29.3	-9.1	-4.0	-1.4	0.1	1.1	1.5	1.5
Spain	2.9	3.8	3.6	-2.9	-9.3	-7.5	-7.0	-7.5	-3.5	-2.5	-1.6	-0.6	0.1
Italy	0.3	0.9	3.2	2.2	-0.9	0.0	1.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.3
Cyprus	1.0	1.9	6.0	3.5	-3.1	-2.7	-3.5	-2.9	-1.8	-6.0	2.1	2.6	2.6
Portugal	-3.6	-1.6	-0.1	-0.7	-6.8	-8.2	-3.1	-0.8	0.0	-2.3	2.0	1.6	1.8
Euro area – 19	:	1.3	2.2	0.8	-3.5	-3.4	-1.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.8
EU - 28	:	1.0	1.7	0.2	-4.1	-3.8	-1.6	-1.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.5

<sup>1</sup>2016 and 2017: forecasts

**Source:** European Commission, (2015), European Economy, Autumn - Statistical Annex 2015

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