

First quarter of 2018 compared with fourth quarter of 2017 – Government debt slightly up to 86.8% of GDP in euro area – Down to 81.5% of GDP in EU28

At the end of the first quarter of 2018, the government debt to GDP ratio in the **euro area** (EA19) stood at 86.8%, compared with 86.7% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2017. In the **EU28**, the ratio decreased from 81.6% to 81.5%. Compared with the first quarter of 2017, the government debt to GDP ratio fell in both the **euro area** (from 89.2% to 86.8%) and the **EU28** (from 83.6% to 81.5%).

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