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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS WORKING GROUP

Subject: **Historical EDP tables**

Dear Members of the Financial Accounts Working Group,

Please find attached the **new** template, SDMX compliant, adjusted for **ESA2010** requirements that allows reporting, **on a voluntary basis to Eurostat**, historical time series of EDP tables (years 1995-2009). As discussed in the FAWG meetings, Eurostat attaches considerable importance to the availability of historical EDP data for users, and to its consistency with data transmitted in ESA tables 2 and 28. Due to the ESA2010 introduction, **all** Member States **are kindly invited to submit their data** as none of the ESA95 data submissions from the past will be re-used/ re-published.

Member States wishing to fill in the tables from their database, using SDMX, are invited to contact their desk officer.

1995-2009 data

The template for the voluntary 1995-2009 reporting has been adjusted based on the ESA2010 requirements and has similar layout as the one used for the updating of historical data in previous notifications.

Although this template allows reporting the full set of EDP tables, Member States might report data only for some of the tables. **Eurostat would be grateful if Member States could complete at least Table 1, and (if time permits) also Table 3A.**

As now, the historical data provided will be released on the web site of Eurostat and also be included in the *Government Finance Statistics* publication, and would contribute to analyses of the Stock Flow Adjustment. In addition, since February 2012, these data are used also for **Imbalance Scoreboard** (General government gross debt (EDP)).

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Please confirm that historical data can be published in the Eurostat database. If not, please explain the reason with an aim to update the metadata for users. In both cases, please put your comment in EDAMIS to the field "Free text comments".

Timetable

We would be grateful to receive the Historical EDP tables by COB Thursday 09 October 2014. The data should be sent via EDAMIS to the EDP domain and EDP_HISTO_S dataset.

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