



THE ITALIAN ECONOMY IN BRIEF

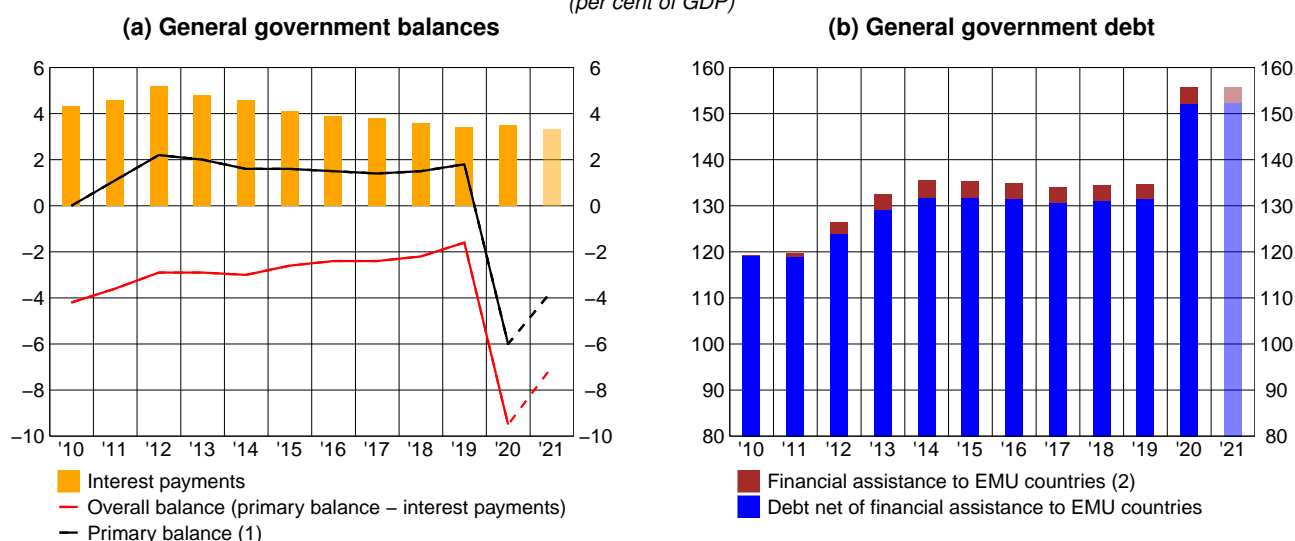
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33 – Main public finance indicators

(per cent of GDP)



Sources: Istat, for the items of the 2010-2020 general government consolidated accounts; Ministry of Economy and Finance, for the 2021 estimates – Update to the Economic and Financial Document (October 2020).

(1) Overall balance net of interest payments. – (2) Loans granted to countries belonging to the EMU, both bilaterally and via the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), and contribution to the European Stability Mechanism's (ESM) paid-in capital.

34 – Main public finance indicators (European comparison)

(per cent of GDP)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Overall balance													
Italy	-4.2	-3.6	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.2	-1.6	-9.5	-7.0	-4.7
France	-6.9	-5.2	-5.0	-4.1	-3.9	-3.6	-3.6	-3.0	-2.3	-3.0	-10.5	-8.3	-6.1
Germany	-4.4	-0.9	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.5	-6.0	-4.0	-2.5
Spain	-9.5	-9.7	-10.7	-7.0	-5.9	-5.2	-4.3	-3.0	-2.5	-2.9	-12.2	-9.6	-8.6
Euro area	-6.3	-4.2	-3.7	-3.0	-2.5	-2.0	-1.5	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-8.8	-6.4	-4.7
Primary balance (1)													
Italy	0.0	1.1	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.8	-6.0	-3.7	-1.6
France	-4.4	-2.4	-2.4	-1.8	-1.7	-1.6	-1.8	-1.2	-0.6	-1.6	-9.1	-7.1	-5.1
Germany	-1.9	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.3	-5.3	-3.4	-1.9
Spain	-7.6	-7.3	-7.7	-3.6	-2.5	-2.2	-1.6	-0.5	-0.1	-0.6	-9.9	-7.4	-6.7
Euro area	-3.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.0	-7.2	-5.0	-3.4
Gross public debt													
Italy	119.2	119.7	126.5	132.5	135.4	135.3	134.8	134.1	134.4	134.6	155.6	155.6	153.4
France	85.3	87.8	90.6	93.4	94.9	95.6	98.0	98.3	98.1	98.1	115.9	117.8	119.4
Germany	82.4	79.8	81.1	78.7	75.7	72.2	69.3	65.1	61.8	59.6	71.2	70.1	69.0
Spain	60.5	69.9	86.3	95.8	100.7	99.3	99.2	98.6	97.4	95.5	120.3	122.0	123.9
Euro area	86.0	88.4	92.7	94.9	95.2	93.1	92.2	89.7	87.7	85.9	101.7	102.3	102.6

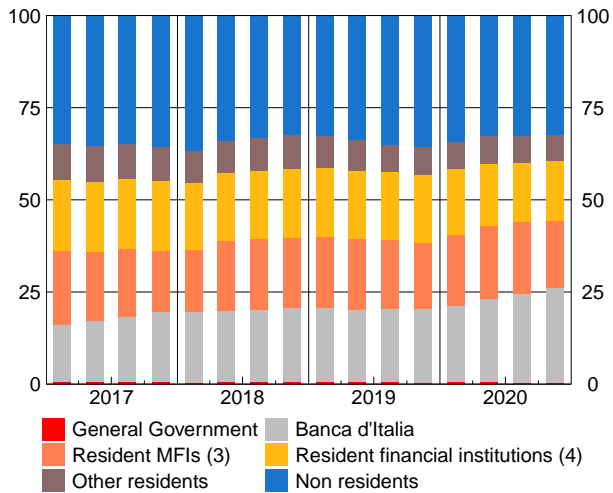
Source: AMECO, European Commission, Autumn 2020 Economic Forecast (updated to 5 November 2020). For Italy: Istat, for the items of the 2010-2020 general government consolidated accounts; Ministry of Economy and Finance, for the 2021-2022 estimates – Update to the Economic and Financial Document (October 2020).

(1) Overall balance net of interest payments.

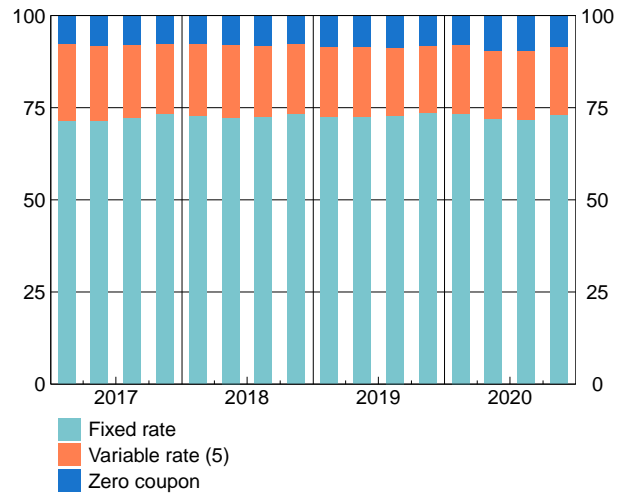
35 – Government securities – stocks

(per cent)

(a) By category of investor (1)



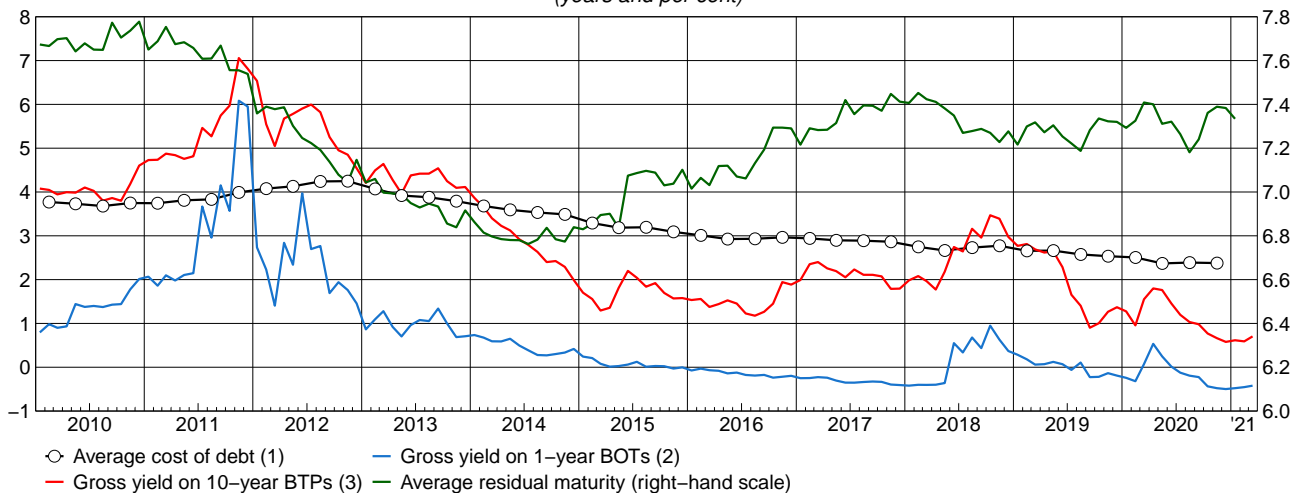
(b) By rate type (2)



(1) Sources: Bank of Italy's Accounts, supervisory reports, External statistics. – (2) Source: the Securities Database. – (3) Excluding Banca d'Italia. – (4) Excluding Monetary financial institutions (MFIs). – (5) Includes BTP€i and BTP Italia.

36 – Average cost and average residual maturity of the public debt

(years and per cent)



Source: Istat, for interest expense.

(1) Ratio between interest expense in the preceding 4 quarters and the stock of the debt at the end of the year-earlier quarter. – (2) The yield at issue is the average, weighted by the issue amounts allotted, of the compound allotment rates at the auctions settled during the month. – (3) Average monthly yield at maturity of the benchmark traded on the online government securities market.

37 – Government benchmark securities: gross yields at maturity (1)

(percentage points, annual and monthly averages)

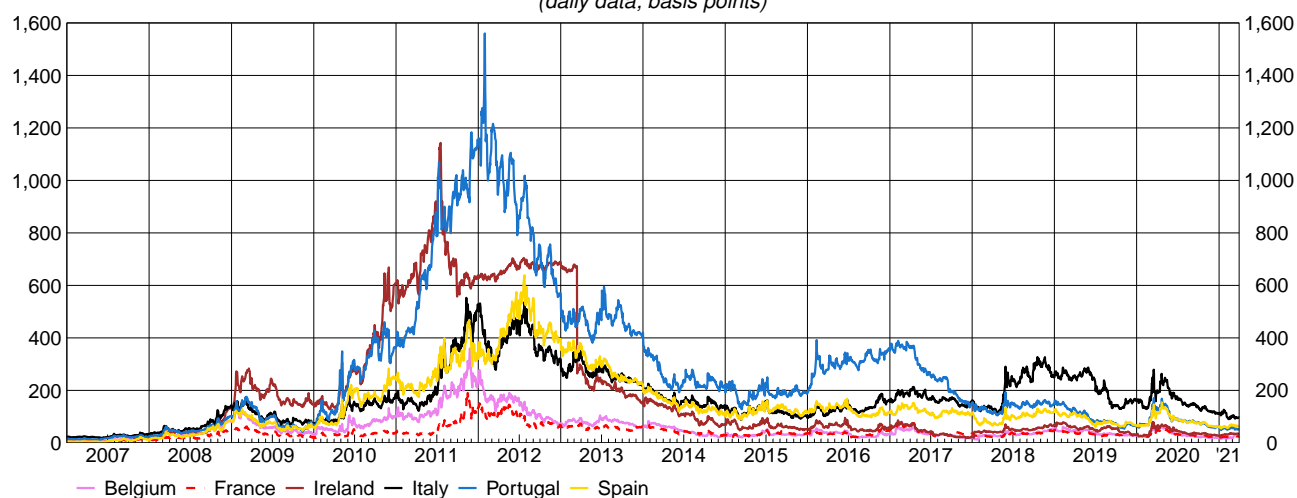
	CTZs	BTPs				CCTs
		3 year	5 year	10 year	30 year	
2015	0.19	0.34	0.77	1.72	2.77	0.71
2016	-0.03	0.08	0.46	1.48	2.56	0.53
2017	-0.08	0.19	0.83	2.11	3.25	0.74
2018	0.56	0.94	1.62	2.61	3.42	1.36
2019	0.27	0.64	1.15	1.95	2.94	1.34
2020	0.08	0.23	0.59	1.17	2.06	0.49
2020 - Mar.	0.51	0.70	0.96	1.55	2.31	0.70
Apr.	0.78	0.95	1.26	1.80	2.56	0.99
May	0.54	0.79	1.27	1.76	2.57	0.92
June	0.26	0.39	0.84	1.46	2.36	0.60
July	0.09	0.25	0.62	1.20	2.09	0.56
Aug.	-0.03	0.09	0.44	1.03	1.93	0.42
Sept.	-0.09	0.03	0.46	0.98	1.89	0.41
Oct.	-0.23	-0.13	0.22	0.77	1.62	0.26
Nov.	-0.33	-0.21	0.09	0.66	1.54	0.14
Dec.	-0.38	-0.28	0.00	0.58	1.46	-0.02
2021 - Jan.	-0.32	-0.22	0.05	0.62	1.50	-0.01
Feb.	-0.34	-0.25	0.01	0.59	1.51	-0.08
Mar.	-0.35	-0.23	0.05	0.70	1.64	-0.08

Source: Based on daily MTS data.

(1) The benchmark security for each category is the last security issued from the time it becomes the most heavily traded.

38 – Yield spreads between euro-area countries and German 10-year government bonds

(daily data; basis points)



Sources: Based on Bloomberg data.

39 – Growth and inflation forecasts*(percentage change on previous period)*

	Italy					
	Growth			Inflation (1)		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Bank of Italy (Jan.) (2)	3.5	3.8	2.3	0.7	0.8	1.1
European Commission (Feb.) (3)	3.4	3.5	n.a.	0.8	0.9	n.a.
IMF (Apr.) (4)	4.2	3.6	1.6	0.8	0.9	1.0
OECD (Mar./Dec.) (5)	4.1	4.0	n.a.	0.4	0.8	n.a.
Consensus Economics (Mar.) (6)	4.2	4.0	n.a.	0.8	0.9	n.a.

	Euro Area					
	Growth			Inflation (1)		
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Eurosystem/ECB (Mar.) (7)	4.0	4.1	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.4
European Commission (Feb.) (3)	3.8	3.8	n.a.	1.4	1.3	n.a.
IMF (Apr.) (4)	4.4	3.8	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.4
OECD (Mar./Dec.) (5)	3.9	3.8	n.a.	0.7	1.0	n.a.
Consensus Economics (Mar.) (6)	4.3	4.2	n.a.	1.5	1.3	n.a.

(1) Measured by the harmonized index of consumer prices. - (2) Economic Bulletin 1/2021, January 2021. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects. - (3) European Economic Forecast. Winter 2021 (Interim), February 2021. - (4) IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2021. - (5) OECD Interim Economic Outlook, March 2021, for growth; OECD Economic Outlook, December 2020, for inflation. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects. - (6) Consensus Forecasts, 11 March 2021. - (7) ECB staff macroeconomic projections for the euro area, March 2021. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects.