

Technical note

The following is a brief overview of the main changes; the innovations to statistics that will be introduced by the Bank of Italy in 2017 are presented in the ‘*Summary table*’

Starting with the data for the fourth quarter of 2016, the content of the publication *Structure and operations of banks and other financial intermediaries (Statistical Bulletin)* will be reorganized. Throughout 2017 the *Statistical Bulletin* will gradually be divided into three new monothematic publications. The first new publication, ***Banks and financial institutions: branch network*** will be issued on 31 March 2017: it will refer to end-2016 data, include tables with structural data for the banking and financial system and be published yearly.

The other tables from the *Statistical Bulletin* will be combined into two new thematic publications, ***Banks and financial institutions: financing and bank funding by sector and by territory*** and ***Banks and financial institutions: conditions and credit risk by sector and by territory*** which will continue to be published every quarter and will include, respectively, banking and financial statistics and statistics on borrower characteristics, the terms and conditions applied and their credit risk profiles, both of which by sector and by territory. This additional innovation will be introduced at a later date with the publications scheduled for September 2017, starting with the data for the second quarter of 2017. During the transition phase the *Statistical Bulletin* to be published in March and June 2017 will therefore include the only tables that have not yet been transferred to the new thematic publications. Before each new issue, the details of any changes will be published in the ‘Statistical Database Calendar and news’ section and on the Bank of Italy website page on the *Statistical Bulletin* in PDF format.

The content of most of the other publications will be renewed in order to maintain continuity with current publications. The monthly publications – ***Banking and money: national series, Financial market, Balance of payments and international investment position and The public finances, borrowing requirement and debt*** – will be flanked by the quarterly publications – ***Financial accounts, Survey on inflation and growth expectations and the Italian housing market survey*** – and the twice-yearly ones – ***Payment system, Public finance statistics in the European Union and Local Government Debt***. The yearly publications – ***Survey on industrial and service firms*** and ***Business outlook survey on industrial and service firms*** – and the biennial document on ***Household income and wealth*** will be innovated. The Statistics series will include two new annual publications that examine the results of the surveys on international tourism and on international merchandise transport. Lastly, the series will publish ‘Methods and sources’ which will combine documentation manuals and methodological work on statistics.