

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001115/26
to the Commission
Markus Buchheit (ESN)
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Subject: Transparency over the assets of EU Member States

1. Does the Commission intend to publish the gross and net assets of the total national economy (held by companies, households and the state) of each Member State for the year 2023, broken down by asset type (tangible, financial and intangible)?
2. To what extent are the methodologies used by national central banks — in particular the sectoral and total economy balance sheets of the Deutsche Bundesbank — already integrated into Eurostat's national accounting and financial account statistics?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure the full comparability of such asset statistics between Member States?

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**Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis on behalf of the European Commission
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Eurostat publishes data on total annual financial assets and liabilities of the total economy ⁽¹⁾, as well as on non-financial assets by detailed asset type ⁽²⁾, for all Member States, starting from 1995. The data are also available by institutional sector.

Annual financial accounts data are transmitted to Eurostat by all Member States, including data for Germany compiled by the Deutsche Bundesbank following the European System of National and Regional Accounts ⁽³⁾ (ESA 2010), and are used to compile Euro Area and EU aggregates by institutional sector.

National accounts and annual financial accounts data transmitted to Eurostat by EU countries follow ESA 2010, the EU's internationally compatible accounting framework.

Eurostat issues manuals and methodological guidance to support harmonised implementation by all Member States and applies a robust quality assurance framework to the transmitted data.

Since 2018, and every five years thereafter, Eurostat reports to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of ESA 2010, assessing the data quality, the effectiveness of the regulation and its monitoring process, as well as progress on contingent liabilities and data availability (the latest report was released in 2023 ⁽⁴⁾).

⁽¹⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/bookmark/8333a515-e77d-4728-9b4e-b256cc7ad86b?lang=en&createdAt=2026-03-27T09:23:52Z>.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/bookmark/f0a4b7d5-abb5-4582-80bc-6b00aa0a8ae7?lang=en&createdAt=2026-03-27T14:07:45Z>.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 549/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the European Union (OJ L 174, 26.6.2013, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/549/oj>).

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2023%3A308%3AFIN>.