

## Assessment of budget documents for 2024 and 2025 – Correction

On 4 October 2023, the Fiscal Council received part of the information necessary for the preparation of the assessments of the budget documents as provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding from the Ministry of Finance. This included information on the financial impact of the measures to mitigate the impact of the epidemic on the general government balance. An error occurred in the conversion of the data received as a share of GDP into nominal values. This changes the amount of the COVID measures and consequently of all intervention measures in the period 2021–2023 (Table 1), which are excluded by the Fiscal Council when calculating compliance with the various fiscal rules.

**Following the correction, the conclusion of the assessment in terms of substance remains unchanged, or rather, the deviations from the fiscal rules in force in 2024 are even slightly higher than in the original assessment (Table 2).**

Table 1: Correction of the amount of general government expenditure to mitigate the impact of the epidemic and the total extent of the intervention measures

In % of GDP	COVID-related expenditure		Intervention measures – total	
	Originally	Corrected	Originally	Corrected
2020	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
2021	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.5
2022	1.0	1.2	2.1	2.3
2023	0.3	0.5	2.3	2.4
2024	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.2

Source: MoF; FC calculations.

Table 2: Correction of the quantitative assessment of fiscal compliance

		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Structural balance (% GDP)	Originally	-0.8	-1.3	-1.9	-2.5	-2.8
	Corrected	-0.8	-0.9	-1.7	-2.4	-2.8
Structural effort (% GDP)	Originally	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-0.3
	Corrected	-0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4
Expenditure ceilings (EUR million)	Originally					31,528
	Corrected					31,459
Growth in net primary government expenditure (%)	Originally	3.4	9.2	10.2	10.0	7.3
	Corrected	3.4	8.1	10.8	10.2	7.5
Fiscal policy stance (% GDP)	Originally	-0.4	-2.1	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3
	Corrected	-0.4	-1.6	-0.7	-0.8	-0.4

Source: SORS, MoF, IMAD; FC calculations.