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CYPRUS: PRIOR GUIDANCE TABLES

This document contains three tables. Table 1 provides the net nominal expenditure growth and the corresponding change in the structural primary balance ratio in case of a 4-year adjustment period. It also indicates the impact, if any, of the benchmark and safeguards described in Art. 7, 8 and 6(d) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263 on top of the requirements based on the Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA)-based criteria described in Art. 6(a) and (b) of the same Regulation (¹). Table 2 provides the same information in case of a 7-year adjustment period. Finally, Table 3 summarises the main initial conditions and underlying assumptions.

Table 1: Reference trajectory for a plan without extension, Cyprus

For a plan without extension (4 years)	Average				
Cyprus	2025-2028	2025	2026	2027	2028
Net expenditure growth (%)	4.9	5.9	5.0	4.5	4.3
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Annual change in the structural primary balance (pp. of GDP)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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DSA-based criteria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Impact of the benchmark and safeguards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: The colour code for the annual change in SPB is as follows:

- Black normal: requirements complying with the DSA-based criteria;
- Red bold: the deficit benchmark as measured in terms of change in the structural primary balance is binding;
- Yellow background: the deficit benchmark as measured in terms of change in the structural balance is binding;
- Black bold: the debt sustainability safeguard is binding;
- Blue italics: the deficit resilience safeguard is binding.

Table 2: Reference trajectory for a plan with extension, Cyprus

For a plan with extension (7 years) Cyprus	Average 2025-2028	Average 2025-2031	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Net expenditure growth (%)	4.9	4.5	5.9	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Annual change in the structural primary balance (pp. of GDP) of which	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DSA-based criteria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Impact of the benchmark and safeguards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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⁽¹⁾ By construction, the reference trajectory is in line with the no-backloading principle as described in Art. 6(c) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1263.

Table 3: Main budgetary, macroeconomic and financial variables, Cyprus

Inflation (change in the GDP deflator, %)

Nominal implicit interest rate (%)

Budgetary variables: initial conditions	2023	2024		
Government budget balance (% of GDP)	3.1	2.9		
Government debt (% of GDP)	77.3	70.6		
Net expenditure growth (%)	11.9	7.0		
Structural primary balance (% of GDP)	3.2	3.5		
Main assumptions for a plan without extension (4 years)	Assumption	Period		
Change in the cost of ageing (pp. of GDP)	1.5	2028-2038		
Stock-flow adjustment (% of GDP)	0.1	2025-2038 average		
Real GDP growth (%)	1.7	2025-2038 average		
Inflation (change in the GDP deflator, %)	2.5	2025-2038 average		
Nominal implicit interest rate (%)	2.6	2025-2038 average		
Main assumptions for a plan with extension (7 years)	Assumption	Period		
Change in the cost of ageing (pp. of GDP)	1.1	2031-2041		
Stock-flow adjustment (% of GDP)	0.1	2025-2041 average		
Real GDP growth (%)	1.8	2025-2041 average		

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2025-2041 average

2025-2041 average