


Existing independent fiscal institutions in the EU Member States in 2011

Questions marked with an asterisk * require an answer to be given.

0 Developments in 2011

0.1 Please choose from: *

- The fiscal institution remained UNCHANGED in 2011
- The fiscal institution was REFORMED in 2011
- The fiscal institution was ABOLISHED in 2011

 0.2 Please indicate the date the reform entered into force: *

[Date]

 0.3 Please indicate the main reasons for the reform of the fiscal institution: * (maximum 1000 characters)



0.4 Please describe in general the changes affecting the fiscal institution: * (maximum 1000 characters)



0.5 Please indicate which, if any, of the following tasks were affected by the reform of the fiscal institution: (multiple replies possible)

*

- Provision of analysis on fiscal policy developments without normative judgement
- Provision of independent macroeconomic and/or budgetary forecasts
- Issuing normative statements on fiscal policy and/or recommendations in the area of fiscal policy
- None of the above



Additional information: (maximum 1000 characters)



0.6 Please indicate which, if any, of the following areas were affected by the reform of the fiscal institution: (multiple replies possible)

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- The governing/high-level board of the fiscal institution
- Status of the fiscal institution
- Output and visibility of the fiscal institution
- None of the above



Additional information: (maximum 1000 characters)



0.7 Please indicate the main reasons for abolishing the fiscal institution: * (maximum 1000 characters)



0.8 Please indicate the date the fiscal institution was closed:

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[Date]

4 Fiscal institutions providing independent analysis on fiscal policy developments

4.1 Please indicate the analytical activities undertaken by the fiscal institution:

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- NO CHANGE
- technical analysis of the budget, without the provision of judgement
- monitoring of the implementation of budget plans
- quantification of short-term and long-term budgetary effects of envisaged policy measures and reforms
- other



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

4.3.1. Do the analyses provided by the fiscal institution cover the whole general government? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

4.3.2 Apart from the general government sector, please specify which sub-sectors of general government are covered by the fiscal institution's analyses:



(In case the whole general government is covered by the analyses, please also indicate what sub-sectors benefit from dedicated analyses from the fiscal institution).

- NO CHANGE
- Central government
- Regional/State governments
- Local governments
- Social security
- None of the above

Additional information:


(maximum 500 characters)

5 Fiscal institutions providing forecasts and/or long-term projections of

macroeconomic and/or budgetary variables

5.0 Please indicate which types of forecasts were affected by the reform of the fiscal institution: *

- macroeconomic variables
- government expenditures based on policy measures announced in specific documents (e.g. budget law or specific economic policy decisions)
- government revenues
- government balance
- government debt
- other

 macroeconomic variables, please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

 government expenditures, please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)



government revenues, please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)



government balance, please specify: *

(maximum 200 characters)



government debt, please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)



other, please specify: *

(maximum 200 characters)


Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.2 Does the fiscal institution provide long-term projection?


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- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

 5.2.1 What sorts of projections are provided?

*

- projections on macroeconomic variables
- projections on budgetary variables
- other

 macroeconomic variables, please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)



budgetary variables, please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)



other, please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)



5.3 Please specify the time horizon of the long-term projections: *

- 5 to 10 years
- 10 to 20 years
- more than 20 years
- other



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.4.1. Do the forecasts provided by the fiscal institution cover the whole general government? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

5.4.2 Apart from the general government sector, please specify which sub-sectors of general government are covered by the fiscal institution's analyses:



(In case the whole general government is covered by the analyses, please also indicate what sub-sectors benefit from dedicated analyses from the fiscal institution).

- NO CHANGE
- Central government
- Regional/State governments
- Local governments
- Social security
- None of the above

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.5 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of macroeconomic variables for the preparation of the state budget: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- other



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.6 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government expenditure based on announced policy measures (see question 5.0) for the preparation of the state budget: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- other

 Please, specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.7 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government revenue for the preparation of the state budget: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- other



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.8 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of the government balance for the preparation of the state budget: *

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification |
| <input type="radio"/> there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts | <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, but has to take or automatically takes the forecasts of the fiscal institution as a base. |
| <input type="radio"/> there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used | <input type="radio"/> other |
| <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly | |



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.9 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of macroeconomic variables for the preparation of the Stability Programme or Convergence Programme (SCP) respectively: *

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification |
| <input type="radio"/> there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts | <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, but has to take or automatically takes the forecasts of the fiscal institution as a base. |
| <input type="radio"/> there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used | <input type="radio"/> other |
| <input type="radio"/> the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly | |



Please,specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.10 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government expenditure based on announced policy measures (see question 5.1) for the preparation of the SCP: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but has to take or automatically takes the forecasts of the fiscal institution as a base.
- other



Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.11 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government revenue for the preparation of the SCP: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but has to take or automatically takes the forecasts of the fiscal institution as a base.
- other



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.12 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of the government balance for the preparation of the SCP: *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but has to take or automatically takes the forecasts of the fiscal institution as a base.
- other



Please, specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.13 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of macroeconomic variables for medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP (if any): *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- there is no medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP
- other



Please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.14 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government expenditure based on announced policy measures (see question 5.1) for medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP (if any):*

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- there is no medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP
- other



Please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.15 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of government revenue for medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP (if any): *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- is no medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP
- other



Please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

5.16 Please indicate the role of the forecasts of the government balance for the preparation of medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP (if any): *

- NO CHANGE
- there is a legal or constitutional obligation to use the forecasts
- there is a political agreement within the executive or between executive and legislative powers that the forecasts are generally used
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, but deviations from the projections of the fiscal institution have to be justified publicly
- the government is free to use its own forecasts, without any obligation to provide justification
- there is no medium-term budgetary planning apart from the preparation of the SCP
- other



Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6 Fiscal institutions doing normative statements and issuing recommendations

6.1 Please indicate which activities in the area of normative statements and issuing recommendations were affected by the reform of the fiscal institution: *

- normative assessment of the draft government budget
- recommendations on changes of fiscal policy measures specified in the draft government budget
- normative assessment/monitoring in the implementation stage of the budget
- recommendations on changes of fiscal policy measures in the implementation stage of the budget
- normative assessment of economic programmes of political parties ahead of elections
- other
- None of the above



Please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6.3.1. Do the normative statements and recommendations issued by the fiscal institution cover the whole general government? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

6.3.2 Apart from the general government level, which sub-sectors of general government are covered by the fiscal institution's normative statements and recommendations?



(In case the whole general government is covered by the analyses, please also indicate what sub-sectors benefit from dedicated analyses from the fiscal institution).

- NO CHANGE
- Central government
- Regional/State governments
- Local governments
- Social security
- None

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6.4 Please specify the way in which the government interacts with the fiscal institution in the planning stage of the budgetary process:

*

- NO CHANGE
- the government is obliged by law to consult the fiscal institution
- the government generally consults the fiscal institution, though not obliged by law
- the government does not publicly consult the fiscal institution
- other



Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6.5 Please specify the way in which the parliament interacts with the fiscal institution in the planning stage of the budgetary process:


*

- NO CHANGE
- the fiscal institution has to be auditioned by the parliament (legal obligation)
- the fiscal institution is generally auditioned by the parliament, though there is no such legal obligation
- there is no formal consultation of the fiscal institution by the parliament
- other

 Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)


Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

 6.6 Please specify if the fiscal institution provides normative assessment of the draft government budget in terms of the following:


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- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the macroeconomic forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the budgetary forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework | |

 Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

 Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)



6.7 How does the government react to the normative assessment of the draft government budget provided by the fiscal institution? *

- NO CHANGE
- it is obliged by law to provide a statement on the assessment
- though not obliged by law, it typically provides a public statement on the assessment
- it reacts informally by a technical meeting with representatives of the fiscal institution
- it generally does not react
- other



Please specify:


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(maximum 200 characters)




Additional information:


(maximum 500 characters)

 6.8 Does the fiscal institution issue recommendations to change fiscal policy measures specified in the draft government budget in order to enhance its quality in terms of the following: *


- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the macroeconomic forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the budgetary forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework | |

 Please specify:


*
(maximum 200 characters)

 Additional information:


(maximum 500 characters)

 6.9 How does the government react to the recommendations from the fiscal institution to change fiscal policy measures specified in the draft government budget? *

- NO CHANGE
- it generally follows the recommendations
- it follows some recommendations
- it follows few recommendations, if any
- other

 Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

 Additional information:
(maximum 500 characters)

 6.10 Is there a legal obligation for the government to explain if it decides not to follow the recommendations of the fiscal institution to change fiscal policy measures specified in the draft government budget?

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- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)



6.12 Please specify if the fiscal institution provides normative assessment/monitoring at the implementation stage of the budget in terms of the following:

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> implementation of the budget law in general, including alert in case of substantial deviations from plans | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | <input type="checkbox"/> other |



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)



6.13 How does the government react to the normative assessment/monitoring provided by the fiscal institution at the implementation stage of the budget? *

- NO CHANGE
- it is obliged by law to provide a statement on the assessment
- though not obliged by law, it typically provides a public statement on the assessment
- it reacts informally by a technical meeting with representatives of the fiscal institution
- it generally does not react
- other




Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)




Additional information:


(maximum 500 characters)

 6.14 Does the fiscal institution issue recommendations to change fiscal policy measures at the implementation stage of the budget in order to enhance its quality in terms of the following: *

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with the budget law in case of deviations | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | |

 Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

 6.15 How does the government react to the recommendations of the fiscal institution to change fiscal policy measures at the implementation stage of the budget? *

- NO CHANGE
- it generally follows the recommendations
- it follows some recommendations
- only few recommendations are followed
- it generally does not react
- other



Please specify:



(maximum 200 characters)



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)



6.16 Is there a legal obligation for the government to justify if it decides not to follow the recommendations of the fiscal institution to change fiscal policy measures in the implementation stage of the budget? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No




Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6.18 Please specify if the fiscal institution provides normative assessment of the conduct of fiscal policy in a medium-term perspective in terms of the following: *

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stringency of implementation of budget plans without major deviations or supplementary budgets | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the macroeconomic forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the budgetary forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP | <input type="checkbox"/> none of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework | |

 Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

6.19 Does the fiscal institution issue recommendations on changes of fiscal policy in a more medium-term perspective in order to enhance its quality in terms of the following: *

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the budgetary targets established in the SCP framework |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stringency of implementation of budget plans without major deviations or supplementary budgets | <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the rules and budgetary targets established by the medium-term budgetary framework (if such a framework other than the SCP exists) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> consistency with sustainable government finances | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the macroeconomic forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> adequacy in the prevailing cyclical conditions / appropriateness in terms of stabilisation | <input type="checkbox"/> validity of the budgetary forecasts used for budget preparation (unless the government uses forecasts of the fiscal institution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with national fiscal rules in force | <input type="checkbox"/> quality of government finances, e.g. in terms of composition of revenue and expenditure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> compliance with the requirements of the SGP | <input type="checkbox"/> none of the above |

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7 The governing/high-level board of the fiscal institution

7.1 Please specify the size of the governing/high-level board of the fiscal institution *

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> 7 | <input type="radio"/> 14 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 8 | <input type="radio"/> 15 |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 9 | <input type="radio"/> 16 |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 10 | <input type="radio"/> 17 |
| <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 11 | <input type="radio"/> 18 |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> 12 | <input type="radio"/> 19 |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 | <input type="radio"/> 13 | <input type="radio"/> 20 or more |


Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.2 Please specify the composition of the governing/high-level members of the fiscal institution:

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- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> members of the Monetary Policy Committee of the central bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> academics | <input type="checkbox"/> members of the State Audit Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> policy experts | <input type="checkbox"/> representatives from trade unions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> representatives from employers organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> civil servants | <input type="checkbox"/> other |

 Please specify:

*

(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.3 Governing/high-level members of the fiscal institution are nominated by *

- NO CHANGE
- the government
- another body



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.4 Governing/high-level members of the fiscal institution are appointed by *

- NO CHANGE
- the government
- the parliament
- another body



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.5 Please specify the number of years of the terms of office of the members of governing/high-level board of the fiscal institution: *

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> 6 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 7 |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 8 |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 9 |
| <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> other |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 | |



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.6 Do the terms of office of the governing/high-level board members of the fiscal institution by default start and end simultaneously? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.7 Are the governing/high-level members of the fiscal institution permitted to hold political posts during their terms of office?

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- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.8 Are there other constraints? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No



Please specify:

*

(maximum 200 characters)


Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

7.9 Please specify how the governing/high level board members of the fiscal institution adopt decisions and/or release opinions:

*

- NO CHANGE
- in consensus
- in consensus, while diverging opinions are publicly expressed
- by qualified majority
- by (simple) majority
- other

 Please specify:

*

(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8 Status of the fiscal institution

8.1 Please indicate the legal text establishing the existence of the fiscal institution: *

- NO CHANGE
- the constitution
- organic law
- ordinary law
- government decree
- other



Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8.3 Is the mandate of the fiscal institution explicitly defined in any official document (constitution, law or text endorsed by the parliament or government)? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No



Please specify:

*

(maximum 500 characters)



8.4 Please provide a precise reference to the respective official document: *

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8.5 Please specify the status of the fiscal institution:

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- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> enjoys functional autonomy within the government or the parliament |
| <input type="radio"/> it is formally attached to the parliament | <input type="radio"/> it is not formally attached to government or parliament |
| <input type="radio"/> it is formally attached to the government (ministry of finance or economics or the prime minister's office) | <input type="radio"/> other |
| <input type="radio"/> takes instructions from the government or the parliament | |



Please specify: * (maximum 500 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8.6 Has the fiscal institution access to other sources of financing than the direct funding by the national government? *

- NO CHANGE
- Yes
- No



8.6.1 Please specify the share of these sources as per cent of the total budget of the fiscal institution *

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="radio"/> 31 to 40 | <input type="radio"/> 71 to 80 |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 to 10 | <input type="radio"/> 41 to 50 | <input type="radio"/> 81 to 90 |
| <input type="radio"/> 11 to 20 | <input type="radio"/> 51 to 60 | <input type="radio"/> 91 to 100 |
| <input type="radio"/> 21 to 30 | <input type="radio"/> 61 to 70 | |

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8.7 Apart from the governing board, has the approximate size of staff of the fiscal institution in terms of full-time jobs changed compared to previous year?

(Please adjust for part-time staff or for staff of an institution with a broader mandate, where only work devoted to the tasks of the fiscal institution should be considered)

*

Yes

No



Please specify numbers in terms of:

economic researchers

*



administrative staff: *



external contributors (on average): *



other, please specify:

*

(maximum 200 characters)



Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

8.8 To what extent has the fiscal institution access to non-public information?

*

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO CHANGE | <input type="checkbox"/> it has access to non-public microeconomic datasets for in-depth analysis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it has full access to inside information in public administration, and administrations have to respond to its requests | <input type="checkbox"/> it has access to other non-public data or information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it has a privileged but limited access to information in public administration | <input type="checkbox"/> it has no privileged access to inside information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it has access to unpublished budgetary planning documents | <input type="checkbox"/> other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> it has access to detailed budgetary information from the Treasury and the budgetary authorities | |



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information: (maximum 500 characters)

9 Output and visibility of the fiscal institution

9.1 Please list the regular publication series maintained of the fiscal institution (e.g. quarterly bulletins, annual expert opinions, working papers on background studies, etc.):

(please leave blank if unchanged)

(maximum 1000 characters)

Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

9.3 Do members of the governing/high level board of the fiscal institution publish in professional journals?

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- NO CHANGE
- yes, regularly
- yes, occasionally
- no

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

9.5 Please describe the typical media coverage and public reaction to the activities of the fiscal institution:

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- NO CHANGE
- only in specialized press
- modest media and public interest
- high media activity, but not likely to invoke public debate
- high media activity and public debate on activities, likely to induce government to react publicly
- other



Please specify:

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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:

(maximum 500 characters)

9.6 Does the activity of the fiscal institution in your view contribute to enhancing fiscal discipline? *

- NO CHANGE
- no, it has a little impact on fiscal discipline
- yes, it contributes somewhat to fiscal discipline
- yes, it makes an important contribution to fiscal discipline
- other



Please specify:


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(maximum 200 characters)

Additional information: (maximum 500 characters)

9.7 Does the activity of the fiscal institution in your view contribute to enhancing the quality of public finance? *

- NO CHANGE
- no, it has little impact on the quality of public finance
- yes, it contributes somewhat to the quality of public finance
- yes, it makes an important contribution to the quality of public finance
- other

 Please specify: * (maximum 200 characters)

Additional information:
(maximum 500 characters)

Contact information and further remarks

Contact details of the respondents: Names, firstnames, positions, departments, institutions, addresses, emails, phone numbers

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Remarks concerning the questionnaire:

(maximum 2000 characters)