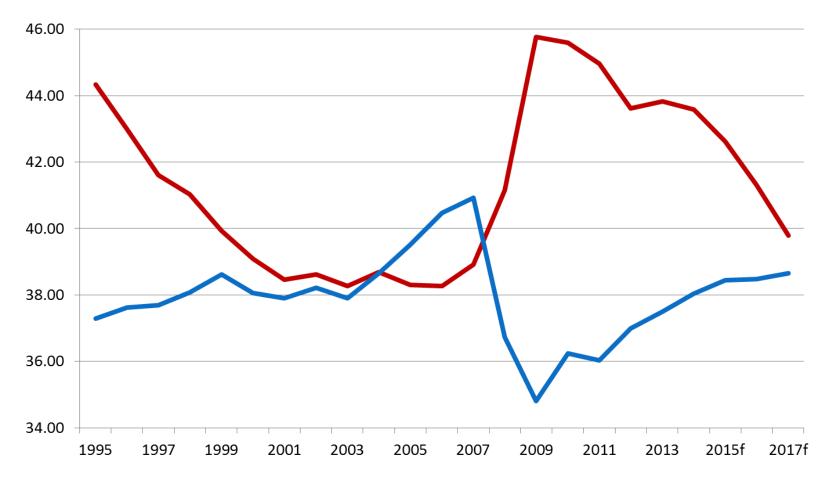


# **Tax Reform**

GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA

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**Development of public revenues and expenditure in Spain (1995-2017)** 



<sup>\*</sup> ESA 2010.

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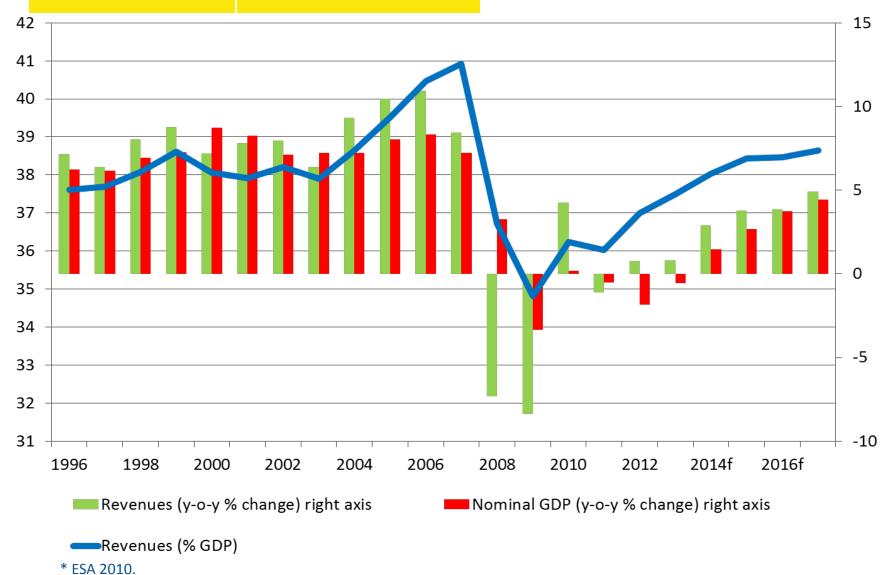
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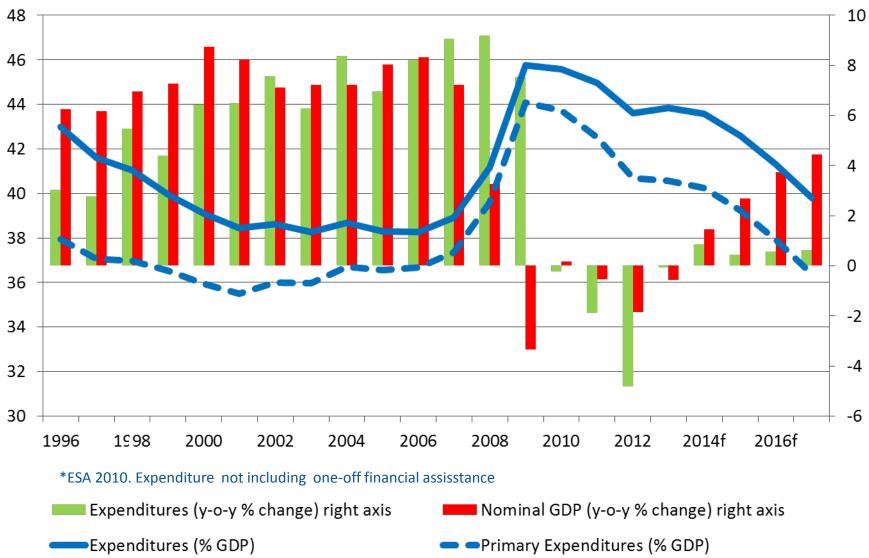
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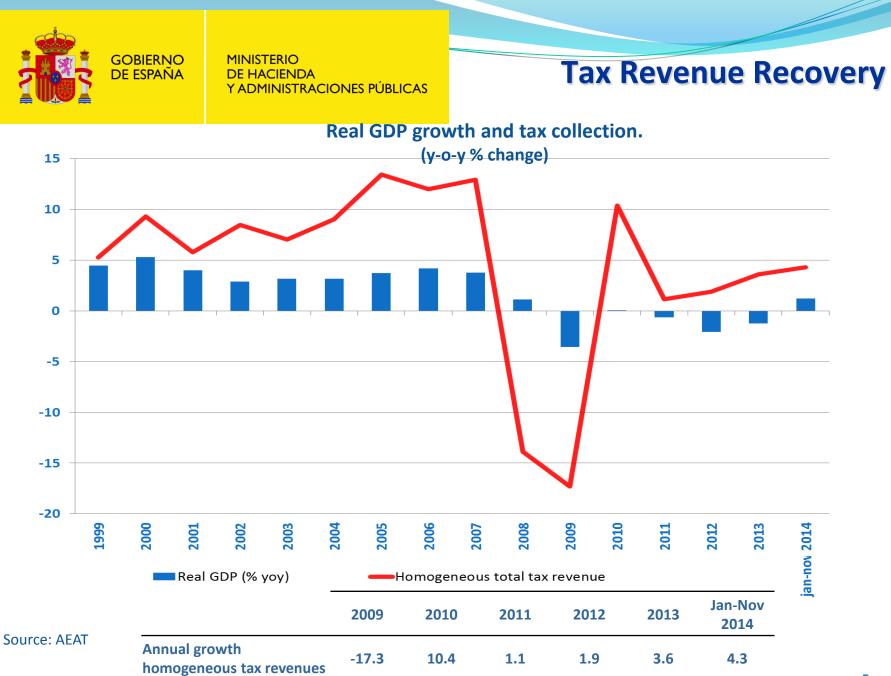
### **National Accounts**





## EXPENDITURE National Accounts









- To boost job creation. To reduce taxation on income from employment and to strengthen competitiveness.
- To revitalise the economic growth. Modernisation of the tax system to promote savings and investment.
- Towards a more equitable tax system. Highest reduction for low and middle incomes, social benefits for families with children and/or disabled members, and new measures to fight against tax fraud. Stimulus to patronage.







# **PIT: GENERAL REDUCTION**

- > Average reduction of 12.50% for all taxpayers.
- Average reduction of 23.5% for 72% of taxpayers (those deriving income up to EUR 24,000).

	2015/2014	2016/2014
- TOTAL AVERAGE REDUCTION	-8.06%	-12.5%
- Up to <u>24.000 €</u> per year	-19.03%	-23.47%
- Up to <u>18.000€</u> per year	-26.58%	-31.06%



## PIT: GENERAL TAX RATE

### **General tax rate: simplification to 5 brackets and lower rates**

Tax Base	Tax Rate		
Idx Ddse	2015	2016	
Up to 12,450	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>	
12,450 - 20,200	25%	24%	
20,200 - 34,000/35,200*	31%	30%	
34,000/35,200 - 60,000	39%	37%	
60,000 - Onwards	47%	45%	

\* Up to 34,000 in 2015 and 35,200 in 2016

Reduction of maximum rate from 52% in 2014 to 45% in 2016 (as in 2011) Reduction of minimum rate from 24,75% in 2014 to 19% in 2016 (vs 24% in 2011)



# **PIT: GENERAL TAX RATE**

## General tax rate: greater reduction of the tax gap for low and middle incomes

Total return from	Average rate 2011 on net	Average rate 2016 on net	% difference	% difference
employment	return	return	2016-2014	2016-2011
12,000	2.70%	0.00%	-100.00%	-100.00%
15,000	10.24%	8.16%	-22.82%	-20.31%
20,000	14.00%	12.48%	-13.54%	-10.84%
30,000	18.44%	17.58%	-9.01%	-4.63%
40,000	21.26%	20.73%	-7.73%	-2.47%
50,000	24.52%	24.11%	-7.66%	-1.70%
100,000	33.48%	33.64%	-7.12%	0.47%
150,000	36.88%	37.49%	-6.76%	1.67%





### **Reduced rates while keeping progressivity**

Tax base	Rate			
	2011	2014	2015	2016
Up to 6,000	19%	<b>21%</b>	20%	19%
6,000 – 24,000	<b>21%</b>	25%	22%	21%
24,000-50,000	<b>21%</b>	27%	22%	21%
50,000 - Onwards	<b>21%</b>	27%	<b>24%</b>	23%





# Significant increase up to 32% of the minimum living allowance for families

	PIT'14	PIT'15	Δ	
	Amounts		Absolute	%
Descendants	1º: 1,836	2,400	564	30.72%
	2º: 2,040	2,700	660	32.35%
	3º: 3,672	4,000	328	<b>8.93</b> %
	4º: 4,182	4,500	318	7.60%
Children under 3 years	2,244	2,800	556	24.77%
Ascendants / aged > 65	918	1,150	232	25.27%
> 75	2,040	2,550	510	25%
Disabilities > 33%<65%	2,316	3,000	684	29.53%
<65%+reduced mov	4,632	6,000	1,368	29.53%
> 65%	9,354	12,000	2,646	28.29%





# New social benefits for large families or those with disabled people in charge.

Tax benefits for working mothers remains, and new types of social protection are provided for (negative taxes):

- 1. Families with <u>dependent children with disability</u> degree over 33%,
- 2. Families with <u>dependent ascendants with disability</u> degree over 33%,
- 3. Large families:
- 3 or more children
- 2 children, one of them with a disability degree over 33%,
- 4. <u>Special large families:</u>
- 5 or more children
- 4 children, at least 3 of them born in multiple birth or coming from multiple adoption
- 4 children and annual income not exceeding 75% of IPREM (Public Income Indicator of Multiple Effects) .

#### Amount : EUR 1.200 per year, cumulative for each family situation met.





Concerning the new **negative taxes** (benefits for large families or those with disabled people in charge):

- The thresholds will be individually implemented (for each child, ascendant, family) and not by each circumstance met (descendants, ascendants, family).
- Included the large family category consisting of full orphans.
- Possibility to assign rights between taxpayers by joint request, to ease management by tax authorities.



# PIT: Self-employed

- Withholdings for professional self-employed are reduced from 21% to 15% if total income is lower than EUR 15,000 provided that more than 75% of their income shall derive from business activities.
- For higher incomes the withholding rate is reduced to 19% in 2015 and 18% in 2016.
- The reduced taxation (15%) for new enterprises remains, (established by the Entrepreneurs Law).
- Reduction of the upper threshold to file tax returns under the **Objective Evaluation** system: revenues from EUR 450,000 to 150,000; expenses from 300,000 to 150,000.





# New investment vehicle "Ahorro 5"

- a) New Long Term Saving Plans are created as an alternative to other tax-benefited saving instruments
- b) They may take the form of bank account or insurance
- c) Exemption on capital gains
- d) Minimum 5-year holding.

Pension plans: Single maximum contribution EUR 8,000 per year.





- (From 1st January 2015) Possibility to redeem contributions to **pension plans** after the expiry of a 10-year term. Taxation upon redemption.
- Reduction from 10 to 5 years of the minimum term before setting up the annuity income in Systematic Individual Savings plans.



# TAXATION OF SAVINGS

- Taxpayers over 65 will not be taxed on capital gains from the sale of movable or immovable properties provided that the gain is reinvested in a life annuity.
- Life annuities are subject to PIT within the savings taxable amount. The taxable income is determined as a percentage of the annuity, ranging from 24 to 8, depending of the age of the beneficiary when setting up the annuity income.
- > Maximum limit of contribution: **EUR 240,000**.





- 5 percentage points increase in deductions in PIT for donations, in general terms.
- In order to promote steadiness in these contributions, this percentage is additionally increased in another 5 percentage points: It will be necessary to maintain the contribution for 3 years. Available for legal persons.
- Micro-patronage: for donations up to EUR 150 a 75% deduction rate is established aimed at broadening social participation. Donations exceeding that amount will be eligible for increased deduction rates.









Tax rate reduced (from current 30%):
In 2015 the tax rate will be 28%.
In 2016 the tax rate will be 25%.

> The tax base is broadened to bring the effective rate closer to nominal rate.

Deductions linked to R&D&I remain and step up, and a new capitalization reserve is set up.



# **CIT: SUPPORT FOR SMEs**

# Tax rate reduction:

- ✓ In <u>2015</u> the tax rate will be <u>25%</u> on the first EUR 300,000 and 28% on any exceeding taxable amount (current rate: 30%).
- ✓ In 2016 the rate is to be definitely fixed at 25%.
- > New equalisation reserve for SMEs:
  - If the equalisation reserve is applied, the tax rate is 22,5%.
  - 20 % tax rate if both the capitalisation and equalisation reserves are applied.
- The reduced tax rate (15%) for new entrepreneurs remains.

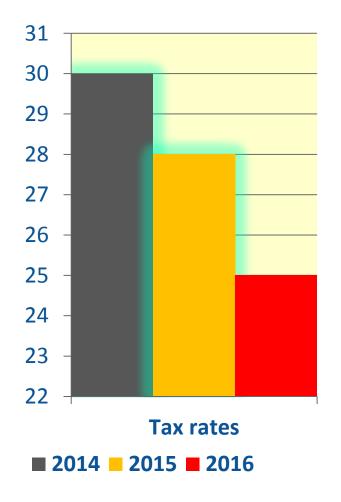


# COMPANIES: TAX RATES REDUCTION

General: from <u>30%</u> to <u>25%</u>, in two years.

SMEs: 25%. If both reserves are applied: 20%.

New entrepreneurs: 15%.







- Capitalization reserve: taxable base reduction associated to equity increases.
- Limit to offset tax losses: 50%/25% depending on revenue in 2015; 60% in 2016 and 70% from 2017 onwards.
- Deductibility of interests on the operational profit of the tax group if:
  - The loan does not exceed 70% of the acquisition value of the participation.
  - Additionaly, a 5% of the total debt needs to be written off along 8 years.
  - After 8 years the loan cannot exceed 30% of the participation.





- Deduction for specially intensive investment in R&D (more than 10% of turnover): the guaranteed return rate is stepped up from 3 to 5 million EUR a year.
- Deduction for technological innovation: videogames and animation included.
- Extension of partial exemption (85%) of the tax on electricity for productive processes demanding intensive use of electricity.



# COMPANIES: Cultural activities

- 20% deduction for cinematographic productions up to one million, 18% onwards, limited to 3 million. Single rate for financial producer and co-producer.
- Tax rebate for foreign cinematographic productions filming in Spain: 15% deduction on expenses incurred within the Spanish territory. Early repayment.
- New deduction for investment in performing arts and musical performances: 20% of direct costs up to EUR 500,000 taxpayer/year. Reinvestment of 50% of the profits in the same activities along 5 years.



<u>COMPANIES: adaptation to</u> <u>international tax treatment</u> <u>and fight against fraud</u>

- Equal tax treatment of resident and non resident participations. Exemption of 100% dividends and capital gains from participations exceeding 5%.
- Non availability of the deduction of tax expenses in the case of international differences in tax characterisation. Returns from financial instruments cannot be deducted when the beneficiary abroad does not pay taxes on them (hybrids).
- Rationality in rules applicable to related transactions. Simplification of documentary obligations. Significant influence shall be deemed to exist with participation over 20%.



# EFFECTS OF THE TAX REFORM

- In 2015, as a consequence of the reduction in PIT withholdings 20 million taxpayers will have more disposable income per month.
- This estimate is compatible with the Stability Program.
- The tax reduction as a whole will raise GDP in 0,55% in 2015-2016.