



Council of Ministers

Extensions to borrowing transactions granted to the autonomous regions of Andalusia and the Balearic Islands

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24 April 2012. The Council of Ministers has agreed to extend the authorisation given to the Autonomous Regions of Andalusia and the Balearic Islands to engage in debt transactions until 30 June 2012, with additional authorisation for the Balearic Islands to issue public debt and engage in long-term borrowing.

Extension of authorisation on borrowing for Andalusia and the Balearic Islands

The Council of Ministers' resolution of 23 September 2011 authorised the Autonomous Region of Andalusia to engage in borrowing operations up to a total of €1,579.70 million. Following this, the Council

of Ministers' resolution of 27 January 2012 extended the authorisation for the €1,579.70 million pending formalisation to 31 March 2012.

The Autonomous Region asked for authorisation until 30 June 2012 to conclude the authorised borrowing because, due to current financial market conditions, it has not yet been able to conclude formalities on the total amount of the extended transactions. In consideration of the request submitted by the Autonomous Region of Andalusia, under today's resolution the aforementioned authorisation to conclude agreements on the remaining €1,138.53 million has been extended to 30 June 2012.

The Council of Ministers' resolutions of 22 July and 23 September 2011 authorised the Autonomous Region of the Balearic Islands to borrow a total of €387.90 million. Under the Council of Ministers' resolution of 13 January 2012, these authorisations were extended to 31 March 2012. Following this, and also due to the situation in the financial markets, the region requested a further extension until 30 June 2012 to formalise a loan of €248.39 million, which was today granted.

Debt transactions of the Autonomous Region of the Balearic Islands

The Council of Ministers has authorised the Autonomous Region of the Balearic Islands to take out long-term loans and issue public debt for a total of €48.42 million. The aim of these transactions is to meet the funding requirements for the 2010 deficit target, part of the third tranche of the 0.45% of regional GDP established by Resolution 14/2010 of the Financial and Fiscal Policy Council meeting of 15 June.