



Overview of 2011 budget implementation

## The combined public administrations' deficit was 8.51% of GDP in 2011

- These figures exceed the fiscal consolidation target of 6% by 2.51 percentage points.
- Spain's Central Government ended last year with a deficit of 5.1% of GDP, three tenths of a point above its target, while the Social Security agency's deficit was 0.09% of GDP, half a point higher than initially forecast.
- The autonomous regions ended the year with a variation of 1.6 points, with a deficit of 2.94% of GDP.

**27 February 2012.** The public sector as a whole ended 2011 with a deficit of €91.344 billion, equivalent to 8.51% of GDP, according to preliminary budget implementation figures released today by the Minister of Finance and Public Administrations, Cristóbal Montoro, which the government will shortly be sending to the European Union. In 2010, public administrations

as a whole ended the year with a deficit of €98.166 billion, equivalent to 9.33% of GDP.

The figures show that the imbalance in the public accounts was 2.51 percentage points higher than the 2011 fiscal consolidation target of 6% of GDP that the Spanish Government had promised the European Commission. All public authorities ended the year in the red in terms of national accounts.

Central government incurred a deficit of €54.739 billion, equivalent to 5.1% of GDP. At the end of 2010, its deficit was €60.091 billion,



equivalent to 5.72% of GDP. The 2011 deviation against the initial target was 0.3 points.

The Social Security meanwhile finished 2011 with a national accounts deficit of €995 million, or 0.09% of GDP. Its target was to end the year with a surplus of 0.4% of GDP. In 2010, the Social Security deficit was €2.069 billion, or 0.2% of GDP.

### **AUTONOMOUS REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

The autonomous regions finished the year with an overall deficit of €31.541 billion, representing 2.94% of GDP. This was a 1.6% deviation from the initial target. The autonomous regions' deficit was also 2.94% of GDP in 2010.

The autonomous regions with the largest deficits last year were, in descending order, Castilla-La Mancha (7.30% of GDP); Extremadura (4.59%) and Murcia (4.33%).

Those with the lowest fiscal imbalance were Madrid (1.13%); Galicia (1.61%) and the Canary Islands (1.78%).

Local authorities ended last year with a deficit of €4.069 billion, equivalent to 0.38% of GDP. In 2010 the deficit was €5.05 billion, or 0.48% of GDP. The 2011 deviation from the fiscal consolidation target was 0.08 points.