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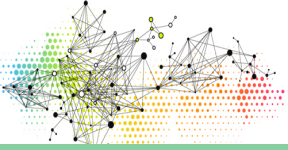
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Public sector debt – what is it?

Public Sector Debt Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users:

Gross debt is defined by: “all liabilities that are debt instruments. A debt instrument is defined as a financial claim that **requires payment(s) of interest and/or principal** by the debtor to the creditor at a date, or dates, in the future”

Special drawing rights (SDRs) +

Currency and deposits +

Debt securities +

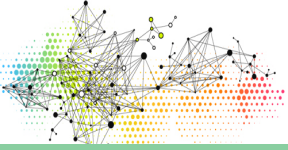
Loans +

Insurance, pension, & standardized guarantee schemes (IPSGS)+

Other accounts payable.

≠ Financial derivatives

≠ Shares and Equity



Public sector debt – is it comparable?

Levels of government / public sector

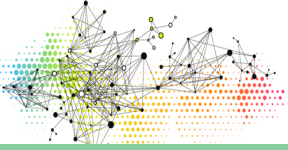
- Budgetary central government
- Other government units
- Nonfinancial public sector
- Financial public sector

Coverage of instruments

- Debt securities + Loans
- + SDRs + Currency and deposits
- + Other accounts payable
- + IPSGS.

Consolidation

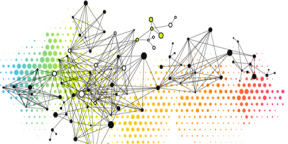
Nominal value vs market value



Cascading approach for presenting debt data

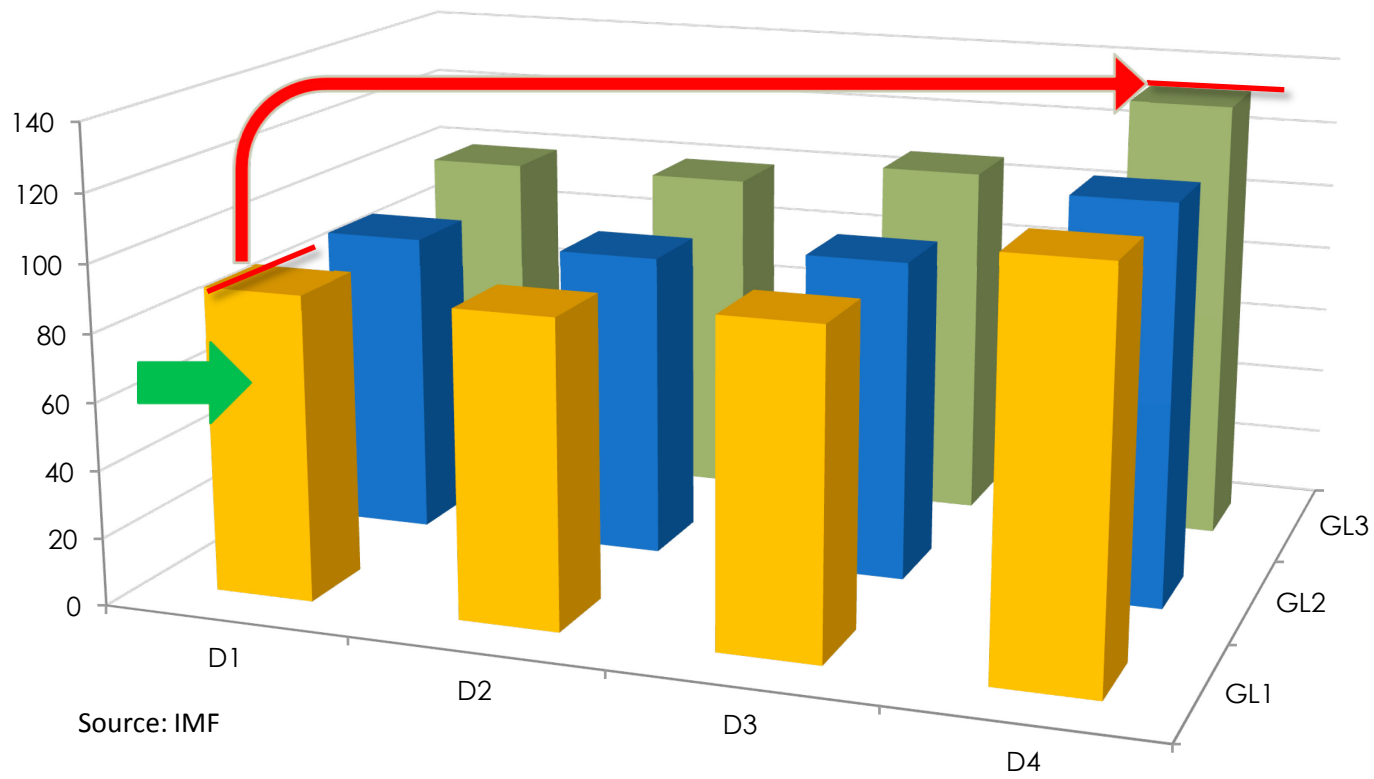
Levels of Government	GL1	GL2	GL3	GL4	GL5
Budgetary central government					
Extra budgetary units					
Social security funds					
State government					
Local government					
Nonfinancial public sector corps.					
Financial public sector corps.					

Debt Instrument	GFSY code	D1	D2	D3	D4
Debt Securities	6303				
Loans	6304				
SDRs	6301				
Currency and Deposits	6302				
Other Accounts Payable	6308				
IPSGS	6306				



Cascading approach - Iceland

Composition of gross government debt for Iceland, as a percentage of GDP, 2012.

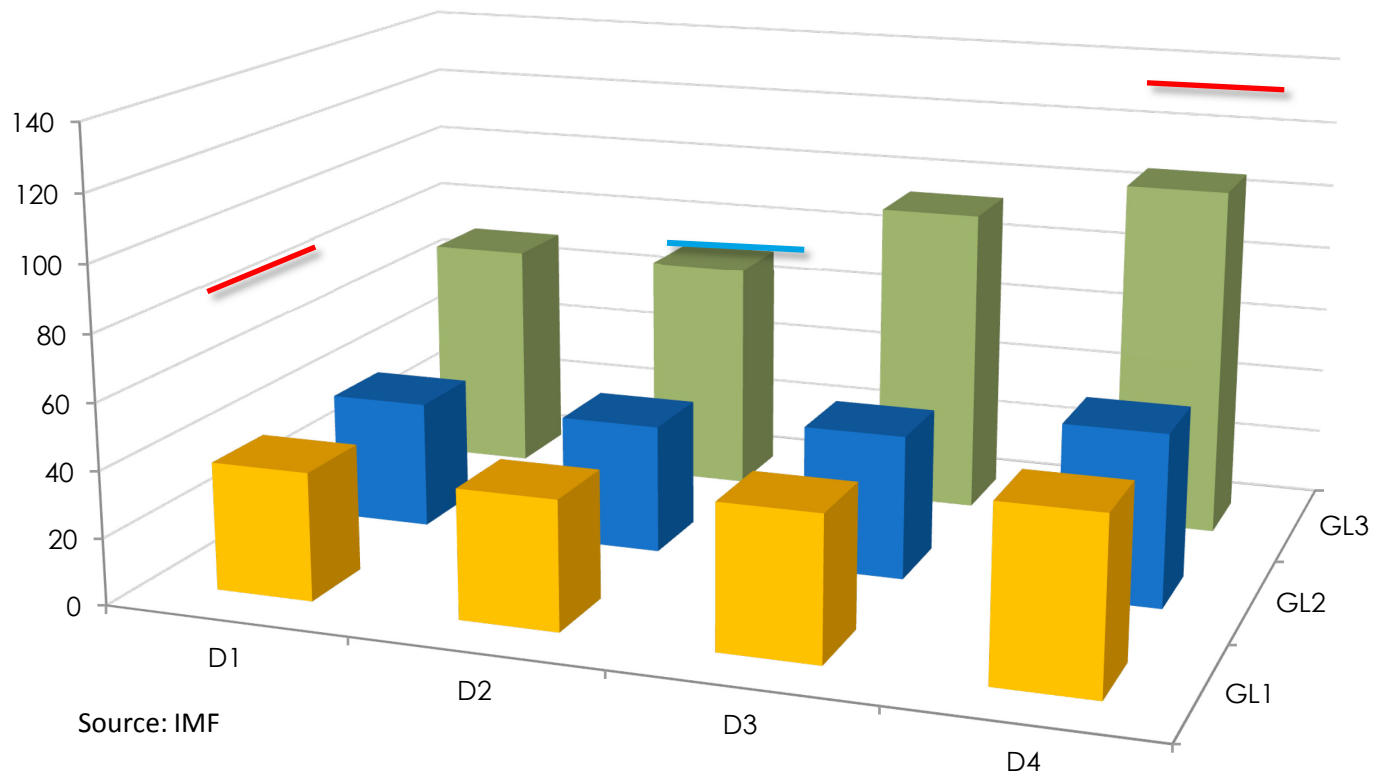


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Cascading approach - Canada

Composition of gross government debt for Canada, as a percentage of GDP, 2012.

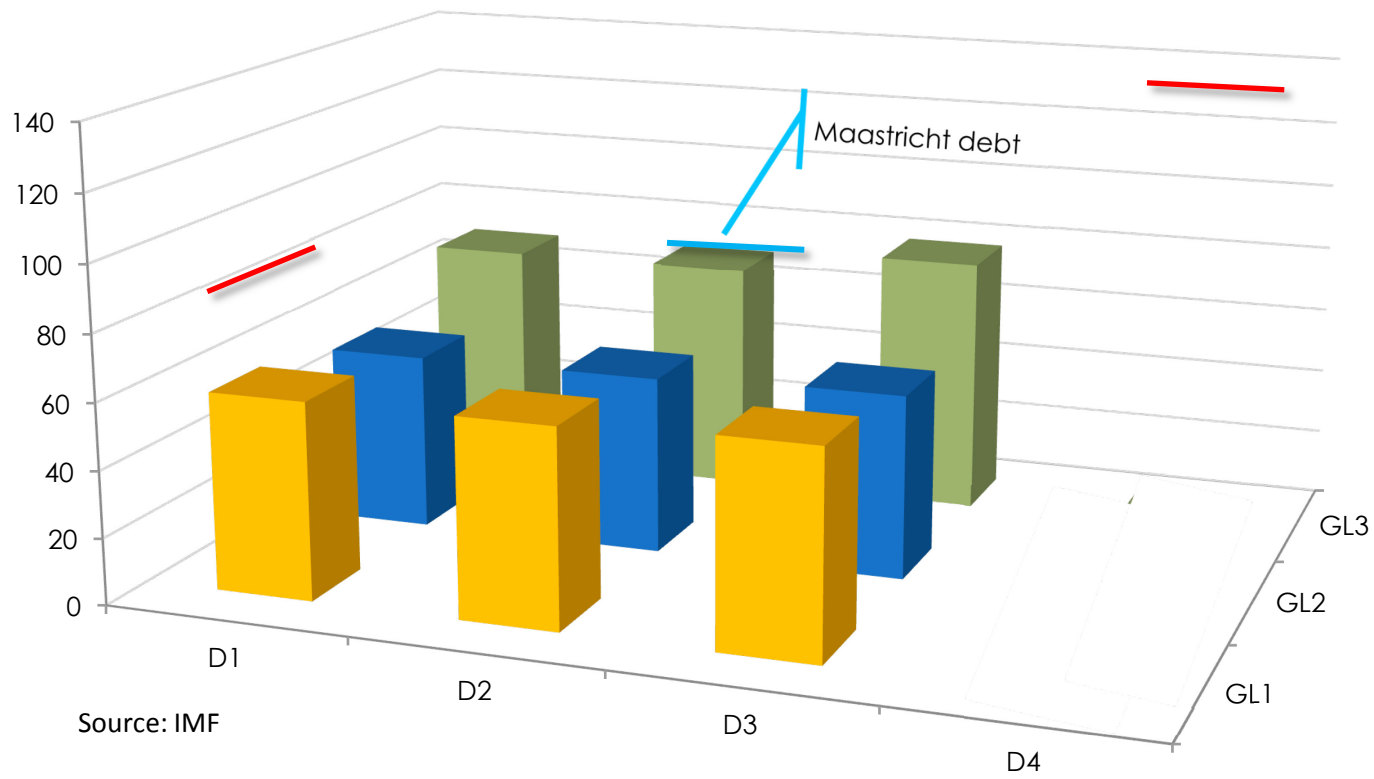


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Consolidation - Spain

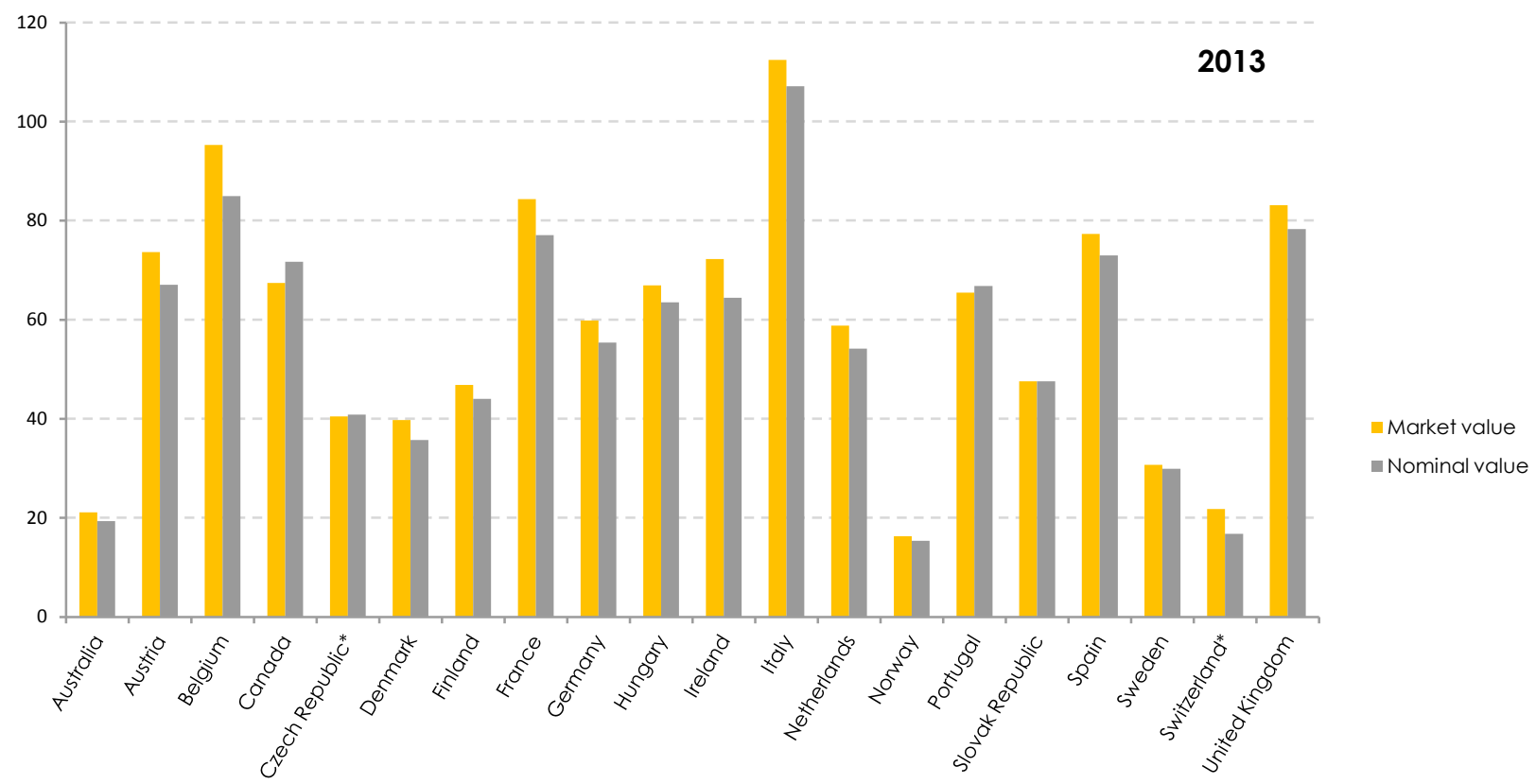
Composition of gross government debt for Spain, as a percentage of GDP, 2012.



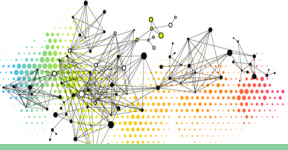
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Nominal value vs market value



Source: OECD



Points for discussion

Do GFSAC members agree with the proposed cascading approach to present public sector debt statistics in a more internationally comparable manner?

What could be done to promote this approach in countries?