



GFSAC Review

1.33 Clarification on the statistical treatment of negative interest rates

For Endorsement

Global Consultation Responses:

Do you agree with the recommendations and their incorporation into the update of the GFS manual?	Count
Yes	21
No	0
Partially	1
No Comment	5
Total	27

Global Consultation Comments: Respondents supported the proposed recommendation to align with the draft 2025 SNA and draft BPM7. One of these respondents noted that one of the examples may be misleading while another indicated that the use of supplementary “of which” lines will improve analysis. One respondent partially agreed on the basis that their country was not currently experiencing negative interest rates but supported the introduction of the guidance. Some select comments are provided below:

- “...We agree with the proposed treatment. However, note the example in paragraph 6 on bonds issued at premium is not a good example of negative interest flows as the (implicit) negative accruals derived from the premium will typically be more than offset by the positive accruals derived from the coupons.”
- “...The use of supplementary “of which” lines helps track and analyze the effects of negative interest rates over time.”
- “ While my country may not currently face negative interest rates, the guidance prepares the statistical system for potential use of such monetary policy tools.”

Questions for GFSAC:

- Do you endorse the draft Notice of Decision?



GFS Notice of Decision

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GFS Notice of Decision:

The updated GFSM will provide new guidance on the recording of negative interest/income receivable and expense/payable on deposits or other applicable financial instruments, in line with the [draft 2025 SNA](#) and [draft BPM7](#). Specifically:

- Negative interest receivable on applicable financial instruments to be recorded as **negative interest revenue** (GFS code 1411) with a **corresponding reduction in assets** in the relevant underlying financial instrument (if accrued and unpaid).
- Negative interest payable on applicable financial instruments to be recorded as **negative interest expense** (GFS code 24) with a **corresponding reduction in liabilities** in the underlying financial instrument (if accrued and unpaid).
- For analytical purposes and better interpretation of time series, supplementary information in the form of an “of which” line will be encouraged under the **interest revenue** (GFS code 1411) and **interest expense** (GFS code 24), where the negative interest is significant.

Furthermore, the updated GFSM will include clarification on the definition of revenue and expense in the GFS Framework to explain those specific circumstances under which revenue and expense may be negative. It is important to note that the scope of these definitions will not be expanded; rather, the focus will be on providing clearer guidance regarding existing situations.

GFS Related Documents:

GFS Proposed Recommendations Document	GFSM PR 1.33
GFS Discussion Note	Not applicable
GFS Global Consultations	July 2025
Discussions at GFSAC Meeting(s)	To be added

SNA/BPM Related Documents:

Guidance/Issue Note	BPM Clarification note
Global Consultation(s)	Not applicable



STATISTICS

GFSM 2014 update

Discussions at the AEG/BOPCOM ¹ Meeting(s)	BOPCOM: October 2016
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¹ AEG = Advisory Expert Group on National Accounts, BOPCOM = Balance of Payments Committee