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EDP (GFS) data are based on legislative acts – Protocol on EDP annexed to EU Treaty
Specific EDP legislation – Council Regulation 479/2009
ESA2010 – our methodological framework is a legal act
ESA2010 transmission programme
ESA2010 Manual of Government Deficit and debt
Eurostat decisions, guidance notes, bilateral advice
"Six-pack"
Eurostat - new powers over the years

Council Regulation No 679/2010 of 26 July 2010 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure – methodological visits

Council Regulation No 1173/2011 on the effective enforcement of budgetary surveillance in the euro area – fines for deliberate misreporting or serious negligence
Eurostat - communication to our users

*Biannual EDP notifications – reservation or amendments to the data*
*Biannual report on the EDP notification to the EFC*
*Annual report on the quality of the EDP data to the European Parliament and Council*
*Reporting from EDP visits*
*Interpretation of our methodological framework*
Eurostat - special communication challenges

Greece

Financial crisis (EFSF, ESM) 2010-2011
Misreporting of data – on-going investigation
ESA2010 implementation – GDP/deficit and debt
Data on contingent liabilities
EFSI – Juncker investment plan
Training for non-statisticians (Cabinet etc.)