

**Publishing data on the gross external debt, composed according to *External debt statistics – guide for compilers and users, IMF 2014***

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (in accordance with *Statistical Data Release Calendar*) with the data for the reference month May 2021, the Bulgarian national bank (BNB) introduces regular publishing of monthly gross external debt data, compiled in accordance with the *External debt statistics – guide for compilers and users, IMF 2014*. From this date on, the BNB shall cease publishing data, compiled according to the previous edition of *External debt statistics – guide for compilers and users, IMF 2003 (the Guide)*. The previous data series will be kept in an archive folder on the BNB's web page.

With the publication of the data on Bulgarian gross external debt according to the latest methodological changes, the BNB synchronizes all areas of External Sector statistics, as the changes in the *Guide* are directly interrelated and consistent with the *Sixth Edition of the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6), 2008*.

In this regard, the BNB shall also publish the following materials:

- ***Transition to the methodology of the latest edition of the gross external debt guide***, presenting the changes.
- ***Methodological notes – gross external debt***.
- **Historical data** for the period 2015 – April 2021, according to the current methodological requirements.

Inquiries regarding the implementation of the new methodology for reporting of the gross external debt are to be forwarded to the BNB Press office: [press\\_office@bnbank.org](mailto:press_office@bnbank.org).

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