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Study of revenue and expenditure of public authorities
in the EEC countries

The EEC Commission has published a study entitled "Revenue and expenditure of public authorities in the EEC countries".

The study, prepared by a panel of experts from the member countries, gives on a comparative basis the essential facts and figures relating to the budgets of the various national administrative authorities, highlighting similarities and disparities between the public finance structures of the six Member States.

The first part surveys public revenues and expenditures classified according to economic function (consumption, transfer payments, investment, etc.). The second part compares expenditure broken down according to purpose (defence, agriculture, education, etc.). The study covers not only central governments but also local authorities and national insurance bodies, which are, for the purposes of this study, treated as government departments.

This work provides closer insight into the role of public finance in the six countries, which is essential for the further co-ordination of economic and financial policies within the Community.

The booklet is No. 2 in the "Economics and Finance" series of the collection of studies published by the Commission. It is available in the four official Community languages.

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