

The French national accounts according to the ESA 2010 : Main results and how they were received

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Like all other European countries, France released in 2014 national accounts consistent with ESA 2010 and SNA 2008. The implementation of ESA 2010, especially the treatment of R&D expenditure as investment, had a significant impact on national accounts aggregates. But simultaneously new data sources have also been used by national accounts (especially as regards the measure of exports and imports of services) and several methods have been improved, for example the split between prices and volumes. The presentation will analyze the main revisions of national accounts and how these new estimates were received by the media and public opinion.