

REPOSITORY OF EDUCATION EXPENDITURE REPORTS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What type of information sources were used?

For the preparation of the repository, official national sources were used, be it the Ministry of Economy and/or Finance, the Budget Office, the Parliament or the National Statistics Office. In case no national information was available and only for some countries belonging to the European Commission, the 'draft budgetary plans', which are submitted by the countries themselves to the European Commission, were used.

Which documents were surveyed?

Official documents from national agencies that provide budget figures for the central and/or consolidated government, or that report budget execution figures, were collected. Within the repository, budget documents can be found in the 'Budget' column, while those on actual expenditure can be found in the 'Actual' column.

When the expenditure is provisional, how does it catalog within the repository?

Those reports that refer to provisional expenditures were placed according to the nature of the document. If they are provisional budget numbers then the document will be located in the 'Budget' column, while if they are provisional numbers on executed expenditure in the 'Actual' column.

What data can be found in the documents?

There are essentially two types of data that can be found within the reports: those that mention what the education spending is (ideally as a government function, but usually at a ministerial level) and what the total government spending is. These data are then used to calculate SDG indicator 1.a.2 (Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education)).

When there is more than one link for a given country and year, what does it mean?

The interest is to know both education spending and total government spending. In some cases, the figures are found in different documents, which is why there may be more than one link for the same country and year. In other cases, this is due to the compilation of sources published separately by different levels of government.