

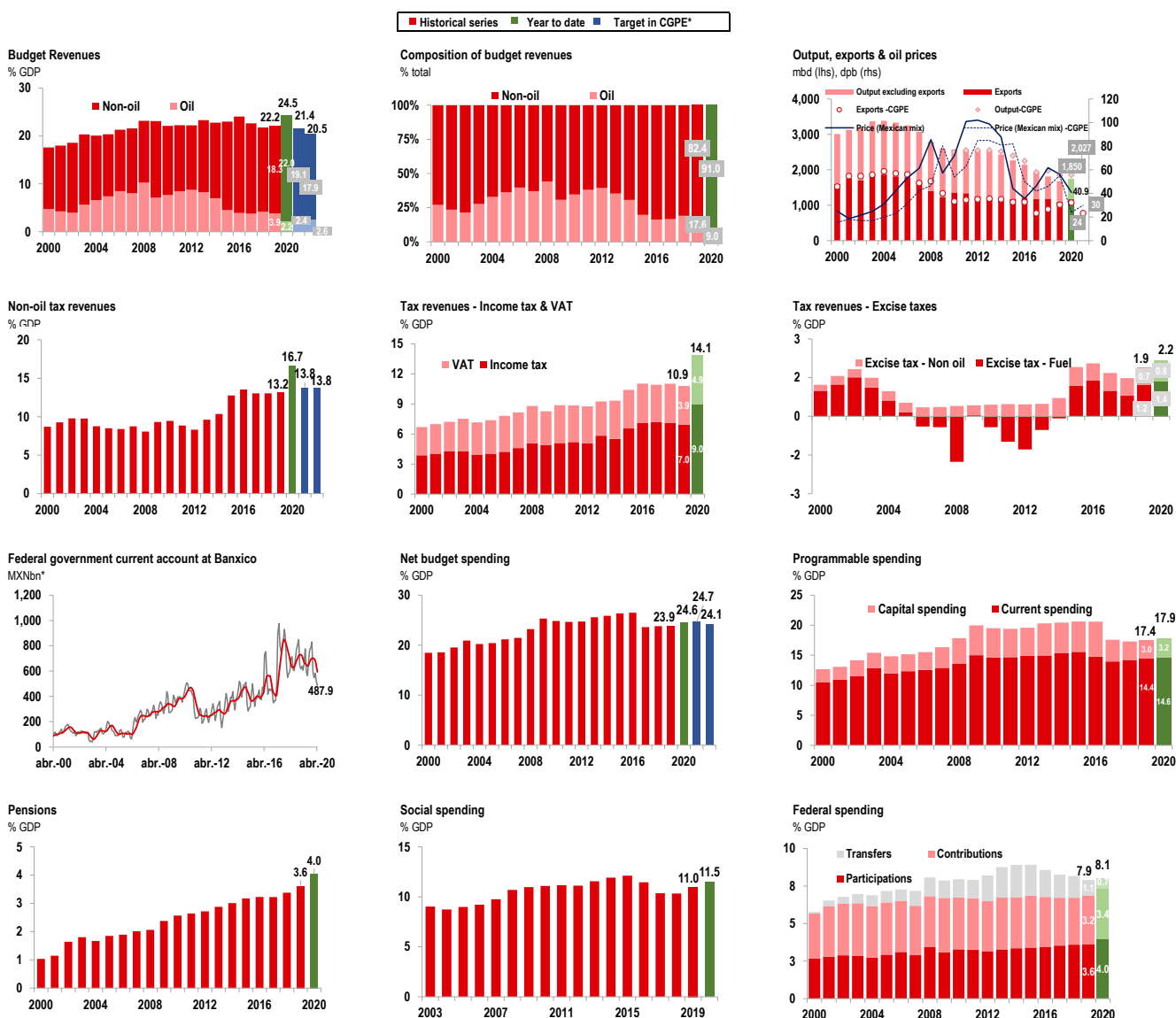
# Fiscal Stability Monitor

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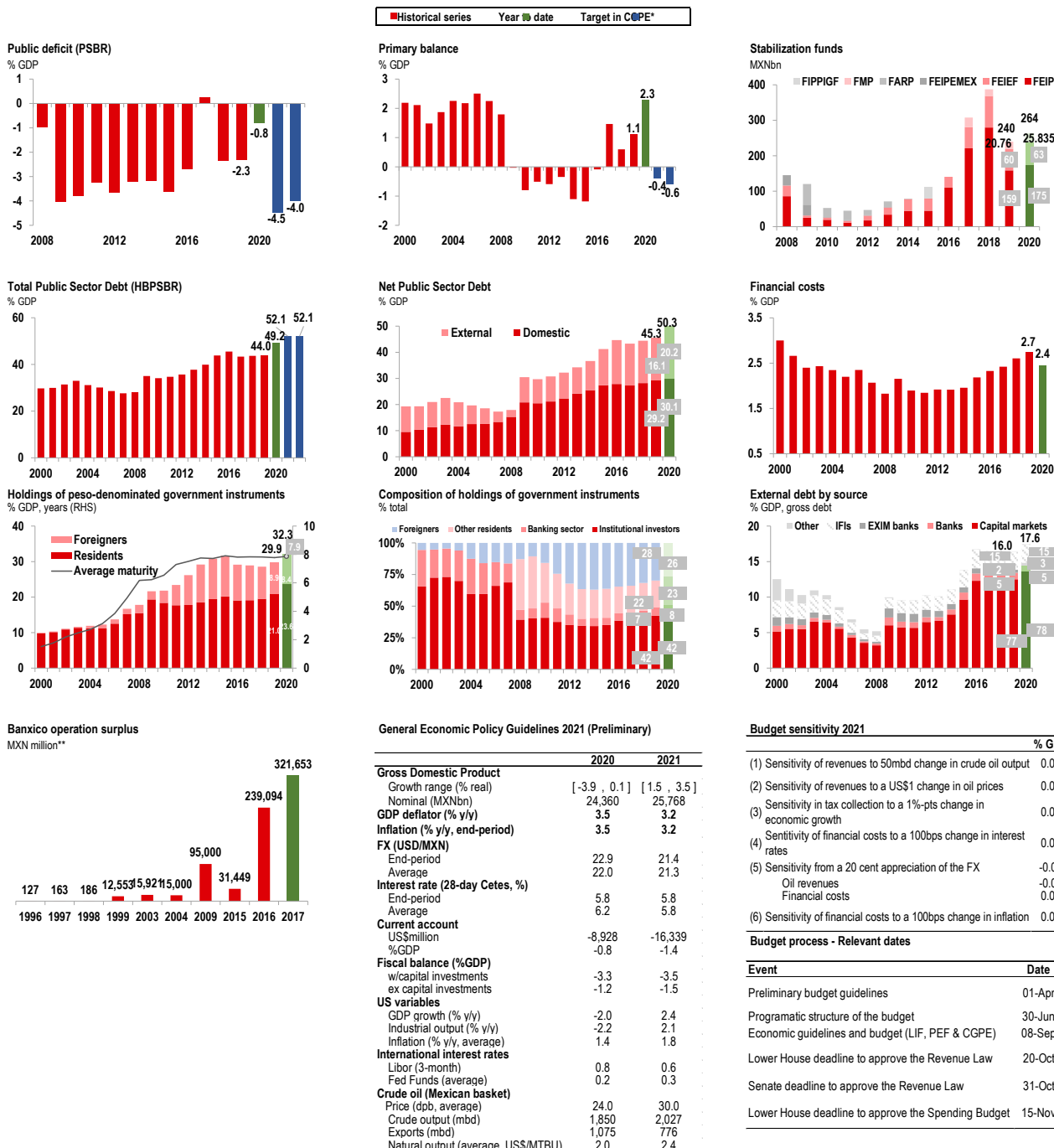
- Fiscal sustainability is one of the main fundamentals for macroeconomic stability of a country. This has been the case of the Mexican economy for at least the last 20 years
- The Mexican government is required by law to maintain a balanced budget. In this context, the definition of public sector balance excludes investment of the government in Pemex and CFE, mainly, which is, in turn, accounted for in the *Public Sector Borrowing Requirements*
- In addition, stabilization funds were created in order to apply countercyclical fiscal policy when needed
- In terms of revenues, it is worth noting that the federal government has gradually reduced its dependence on oil revenues
- Stability in the levels of income tax and VAT collection, as a percentage of the GDP, denotes its procyclical nature
- Programmable spending has been reduced. However, this has been done at the expense of capital spending
- Dynamics of spending on pensions represent an increasing percentage of GDP, while federalized spending remains relatively constant



Source: Banorte with data from MoF and INEGI. Data according to availability. \*Estimates for 2020 and 2021: General Economic Policy Guidelines 2020 and 2021 preliminary document

## Public sector debt

- Public sector debt has increased in recent years as a result of threefold:
  - Recognized contingent liabilities, particularly derived from Pidiregas (2008);
  - Depreciation of the Mexican peso in the wake of the 2008 crisis; and
  - Realized pension liabilities derived from public pension system reform (2007) and the energy reform of 2013
- Meanwhile, financial costs have remained relatively stable between 2% and 3% of GDP
- It is worth noting that the composition between internal and external debt has evolved over the years, since the development of the government securities market, so that internal debt now represents 65% of total public sector debt
- In this context, the holding of government securities in the hands of foreigners has increased significantly over the years



## Making sense of fiscal numbers...

### Budget Revenues

- Public sector revenues (22.2% of GDP in 2019), could be classified in oil revenues (3.9%) and non-oil (18.3%).
- In turn, each of these items can be subdivided into revenues from the federal government (16.5% of GDP) and those of other public companies (5.7%), in the case of oil revenues, from Pemex (2.2%).
- Federal Government non-oil revenues (14.7% of GDP), include tax collection (13.2%) which comprises, among others, income taxes (ISR: 7%); as well as value added taxes (VAT: 3.9%); along with, excise taxes (IEPS: 1.9%).
- Excise taxes are divided in those charged for the sales and imports of alcoholic beverages, beer, sodas, and other beverages as well as of tobacco (non-oil IEPS: 0.7% of GDP), and those charged for the sales and imports of fuel (1.2%).
- Fuel excise tax is a fix tax applied to sales and imports of gasoline and fuels. The Federal Government can apply stimulus (i.e. the government decides the percentage of the fix tax that is collected), which could vary weekly, aiming to maintain consumers' purchase parity amid energy prices volatility.

### Net budgetary Expenditures

- On the spending side, net budgetary expenditures 23.9% of GDP -gross spending minus amortization, debt from previous fiscal exercises (ADEFAS) and other amounts of approved spending not exercised-, could be classified as programmable (17.5%) -spending directed to government operations-, and non-programmable (6.4%), used for the fulfillment of obligations and other spending determined by Law, such as public debt, transfers to states and municipalities, among others, which implies that it is not aimed to finance Federal Government current operations.
- A particular item within programmable spending is the amount destined to pensions (3.6% of GDP in 2019), which has been trending upward for some years now.
- Public spending could also be classified according to the purpose it serves. Within this dimension, social spending (11%), is destined to finance the government's social development goals (health, education, etc.).
- Federalized spending (7.9% of GDP) are the resources transferred by the Federal Government to states and municipalities through: participations (3.6%), contributions (3.2%), and other transfers (1.1%).

### Public sector balance

- The difference between budgetary revenues (22.2% of GDP) and net budgetary spending (23.9% of GDP) is known as the traditional public balance (-1.7% of GDP).
- Primary balance represents 1.1% of GDP and it is defined as budget revenues (22.2%) minus net budget spending (23.9%), excluding financial costs (2.7%).
- When financial requirements from Pidiregas (contingent liabilities from certain infrastructure projects), IPAB (*Instituto para la Protección del Ahorro Bancario*), other debt programs, development banks, etc, are added, we obtain a wider definition of the balance of the public sector known as *Public Sector Borrowing Requirements* (PSBR: -2.3%).

### Net public sector debt

- Net public sector debt are the public sector commitments (45.3% of GDP in 2019), net of financial assets, such as stabilization funds.
- According to the currency in which the instruments are denominated, debt is classified as domestic (29.2% of GDP), when the debt is denominated in local currency and paid to residents; or external (16.1% of GDP) in the case of debt denominated in a currency different to the Mexican peso to non-residents.
- The most comprehensive measure of public sector debt is the *Historical Balance of Public Sector Government Requirements* (HBPSBR): 44% of GDP in 2019, which includes public sector net debt, along with net financial requirements from IPAB, Pidiregas, other government debt programs, etc.

### Stabilization Funds

FEIP - Budgetary revenues stabilization fund (*Fondo de Estabilización de Ingresos Presupuestales*)

FEIEF - Federal States Governments' revenues stabilization fund (*Fondo de Estabilización de Ingresos de Entidades Federativas*)

FMP - Mexican Crude Oil Fund (*Fondo Mexicano del Petróleo*)

FEIPEMEX - Pemex revenues stabilization funds (*Fondo de Estabilización de Ingresos de Pemex*)

FARP - Pension restructuring support fund (*Fondo de Apoyo para la Reestructura de Pensiones*)

FIPPIGF - Federal Government programs and infrastructure projects stabilization fund (*Fondo de Inversiones para Programas y Proyectos de Infraestructura del Gobierno Federal*)

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