

Italian Ministry of Finance reports total tax revenues up 3.8% in the period January-July 2016.

In the first seven months of 2016, according to the Italian Ministry of Finance total Italian tax revenues amounted to almost 244 billion euro, an increase of 3.8% (+8.9 billion euro) compared to the same period of 2015.

Direct taxes totalled nearly 136 billion euro, an increase of 3.6% (up 4.7 billion euro) compared to the same period of 2015.

IRPEF, personal income tax, revenue totalled just over 102 billion euro (up 3.7% or 3.6 billion euro), mainly due to a positive trend in withholding taxes on private sector employment income (up 6.1% or 2.7 billion euro). Corporate income tax (**IRES**) revenues showed an increase of nearly 1.4 billion euro (up 9.9%) compared to the same period of 2015.

Tax revenues deriving from investment income and capital gains were down by 48.9%, while the substitute tax on pension funds showed a decrease of some Euro 429 million (-38, 8%). Against this there was, compared to the same period last year, growth of 10.6% in the tax on the reserves of life assurance institutions and of 33.5% in the withholding tax due on the distribution of corporate profits..

Indirect tax revenues amounted to some 108 billion euros, an increase of 4 % compared to the same period of 2015. This includes the upward trend in VAT revenues, amounting to a little over 63 billion euro (up 5 billion euro - 7.6%).

It also includes an increase of 11.2% in registration tax paid and a decrease compared to the same period of 2015 of stamp and other duties.

There was a small increase in revenues from energy products overall, but a large increase in excise duties on combustible natural gas which generated revenue up 35.1%.

The **Italian television licence fee** has seen a change in the collection method (added to energy bills by utility companies, and this has shown a positive trend with revenues in the reporting period amounted up 5.1% on last year.

Revenue from betting and gaming showed a 19.3% increase (+1.34 billion euro).

Revenue from tax audit and control was up 2.5%) compared to the same period last year).

Further analysis and explanation is available on the Department of Finance website in the bulletin of tax revenues for the period accompanied by statistical appendices and normative guidance.

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