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AIReF REPORTS ON THE ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL PLANS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FISCAL & FINANCIAL POLICY COUNCIL

- **The Fiscal Authority believes Cantabria is likely to comply with the stability targets for 2014 and 2015**
- **With regard to the other Autonomous Regions submitting EFPs, AIReF has already reported that compliance with the target will be difficult to achieve and is waiting to know the measures that may be approved by the Fiscal Policy Council**

Today the Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility (AIReF) has published its Report on the Economic & Financial Plan of the Autonomous Region of Cantabria. The report states that compliance with the stability targets set for 2014 and 2015 is deemed likely. For all the other autonomous regions with an EFP outstanding, in its Report on the Budgets for 2015 of the Autonomous Regions AIReF has already warned about the difficulty of compliance with the targets with the most up-to-date information available and is waiting to know what new measures may be approved at the meeting of the Fiscal & Financial Council.

AIReF asserts in its Report on Cantabria that “compliance with the stability target set for 2014 is deemed likely” and adds: “tensions observed in the revenue scenario (mainly relating to disposals of property assets) could be corrected by stringent application of on-going cost-cutting measures.”

With regard to 2015, AIReF also asserts that “compliance with the fiscal stability target for 2015 is deemed likely” but qualifies that by saying: “uncertainty is seen with regard to certain revenue forecasts, mainly the Tax on Asset Transactions and Documented Legal Acts and disposals of property assets.”

The publication of the Report on Cantabria’s EFP comes after the Autonomous Region’s non-compliance with the fiscal stability target for 2013, was confirmed in the final report on the year-end figures which was made public in October, given that no non-compliance with the target was visible in



the advance budget settlement data in April. That is the reason why Cantabria did not have to present the EFP last July when its compliance with the target was indicated by the advance data. Now, however, it must do so as the definitive data on the year has been made available.

As a result, Cantabria is added to the list of Autonomous Regions —Aragón, Castilla-La Mancha, Catalonia, Murcia and Valencia— that submitted the relevant EFP last July at the meeting of the Fiscal and Financial Policy Committee (CPFF) where only the plan presented by Aragón was approved. At its meeting to be held this Tuesday, 23rd December, the CPFF will analyse once again the EFPs of the Autonomous Regions including Cantabria.

AIReF cannot take a view on the forecasts for 2015 incorporated into the EFPs beyond what is already stated in the Supplementary report on the main budgetary lines for 2015 of the Autonomous Regions, published on 16th December. Therefore, the conclusions of that report are considered to be AIReF's statement on the 2015 forecasts contained in the draft EFPs sent by the Autonomous Regions insofar as those plans incorporate a fiscal scenario based on the published draft budgets and no measures have been specified that correct this scenario up to the date of publication of this report.

The government has announced measures about which information will be given to the CPFF meeting scheduled for 23rd December. These measures must be incorporated into the EFPs and assessed by AIReF within the framework of the monitoring report that must be published on a quarterly basis by the Ministry of Finance & Public Administrations.

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