

Table 13. Economic independence of central banks

Countries	Monetary financing of budget deficit					Monetary instruments		Index of economic independence
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Australia	*	*	*	*	*	*		6
Austria			*	*	*	*	**	6
Belgium		*		*	*	*	**	6
Canada	*	*	*	*		*	**	7
Denmark		*			*	*	**	5
France				*	*	*	**	5
Germany	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7
Greece				*	*	*		2
Ireland		*	*	*		*		4
Italy				*				1
Japan	*		*		*	*	*	5
Netherlands			*	*	*	*		4
New Zealand			*	*		*		3
Portugal				*		*		2
Spain			*	*			*	3
Switzerland		*	*	*	*	*	**	7
UK	*	*	*	*		*		5
US	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	7

Sources: See Appendix C.

Notes: (1) Direct credit facility: not automatic; (2) Direct credit facility: market interest rate; (3) Direct credit facility: temporary; (4) Direct credit facility: limited amount; (5) Central bank does not participate in primary market for public debt; (6) Discount rate set by central bank; (7) Banking supervision *not* entrusted to the central bank (**) or not entrusted to the central bank alone (*); (8) Overall index of economic independence (being the sum of the asterisks in columns 1-7). See Appendix C for more detailed information.