

PM Citu: 2021 budget to be put up for public debate tonight or tomorrow morning

**Prime Minister Florin Citu informs that the state budget draft for 2021 will be put up for public debate on Wednesday night or on Thursday morning.**

"We will put up for debate the budget for 2021. It will be a public debate, I believe, tonight or tomorrow morning. (...) The economic increase is estimated at 4.3pct in 2021 by the National Strategy and Prognosis Commission, with a nominal gross domestic product of 1,116 billion lei, and here we will have to be really careful - 1,116 billion lei is about the same as last year (...) and similar to the value in 2019, which means that we had a nominal GDP that has been constant for the past three years. During this time, our expenditures have grown very much. We estimate the budgetary deficit at 7.14 - 7.15 - 7.16, we will see, we are still calculating this to see exactly what the final value will be. So we need to stop here," Citu said, after the government meeting.