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STATISTICS ON EURO AREA INSURANCE CORPORATIONS AND PENSION FUNDS: SECOND QUARTER 2011

At the end of June 2011, the total financial assets of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds were €37 billion higher than in March 2011. Over the same period, the insurance technical reserves, which are the main liabilities of insurance corporations and pension funds, increased to €5,988 billion, from €5,957 billion, mainly due to positive transactions.

Selected balance sheet items of insurance corporations and pension funds

(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period; transactions during the period)

	Amounts outstanding			Amounts outstanding	Transactions ¹
	2010		2011		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	2011 Q2	
Total financial assets	6,910	6,826	6,894	6,931	n.a.
Insurance technical reserves ²	5,824	5,888	5,957	5,988	33
net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,338	3,380	3,413	3,439	27
net equity of households in pension fund reserves	1,630	1,651	1,665	1,671	7
prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	857	856	880	878	-2

¹ Transactions are available only for euro area insurance technical reserves.

² Insurance technical reserves contain the provisions against policyholders or beneficiaries set aside by insurers and pension funds to meet future obligations. This item also includes prepayments of insurance premiums, which are related to non-life insurance and to reinsurance, and reserves for outstanding claims, which are the amounts expected to be paid out in settlement of claims, including disputed claims.

Regarding the breakdown of the assets side of the aggregated balance sheet of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds, holdings of **securities other than shares** accounted for 39% of the sector's total financial assets at end-June 2011. The second largest category of holdings were **investment funds shares**, which contributed 23% to the total financial assets. Finally, **shares and other equity** accounted for 12% of the total financial assets.

Turning to transactions in the main breakdowns of the **insurance technical reserves**, the **net equity of households in life insurance reserves** increased by €27 billion in the second quarter of 2011. The **net equity of households in pension funds reserves** increased by €7 billion in the same quarter,

while **prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims** decreased by €2 billion.

Regarding the contributions of the two sub-sectors, **insurance corporations' total financial assets** accounted for €5,549 billion in June 2011, representing 80% of the aggregated balance sheet of the insurance corporations and pension funds sector. **Pension funds' total financial assets** amounted to €1,382 billion, representing a share of 20% in the total sector's assets.

Notes

- *Further predefined tables, statistical data and methodological notes, as well as the advance release calendar, are available on the ECB's website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/icpf/>.*

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Table 1: Assets and liabilities of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period ¹⁾)

	2010 Q3	2010 Q4	2011 Q1	2011 Q2
Total financial assets	6,910	6,826	6,894	6,931
Currency and deposits	783	774	775	778
<i>of which:</i> Deposits with euro area MFIs	748	738	735	738
<i>of which:</i> Deposits with non-euro area residents	34	34	38	39
Loans	498	501	500	505
To euro area residents	465	471	469	476
MFIs	25	18	17	19
General government	132	133	135	137
Other financial intermediaries	37	48	45	45
Insurance corporations and pension funds	92	93	95	97
Non-financial corporations	47	48	46	46
Households	132	131	132	133
To non-euro area residents	33	30	30	29
Securities other than shares	2,699	2,642	2,676	2,688
Issued by euro area residents	2,272	2,219	2,260	2,264
MFIs	593	594	617	637
General government	1,242	1,215	1,209	1,228
Other financial intermediaries	264	236	262	223
Insurance corporations and pension funds	20	18	19	16
Non-financial corporations	152	155	154	160
Issued by non-euro area residents	427	423	416	425
Shares and other equity	808	823	827	834
Quoted shares	360	368	371	369
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area MFIs	35	29	33	33
Unquoted shares	448	455	456	465
Investment fund shares/units	1,560	1,579	1,602	1,608
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area residents	1,456	1,469	1,492	1,499
Money market fund shares	75	65	63	67
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area MFIs	67	56	54	57
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims ²⁾	272	269	278	275
<i>of which:</i> Euro area residents	235	234	242	240
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	215	172	173	176
Non-financial assets	150	152	154	154
Total liabilities	6,765	6,803	6,907	6,935
Loans received	315	284	304	304
Securities other than shares	40	42	40	43
Shares and other equity	432	439	456	449
Quoted shares	116	120	126	120
Unquoted shares	315	319	329	329
Insurance technical reserves	5,824	5,888	5,957	5,988
Net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,338	3,380	3,413	3,439
Net equity of households in pension fund reserves	1,630	1,651	1,665	1,671
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims ³⁾	857	856	880	878
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	155	150	150	151
Net worth ⁴⁾	295	175	141	151

1) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

2) Includes reinsurance.

3) Prepayments of insurance premiums are related to non-life insurance and to reinsurance. Reserves for outstanding claims are the amounts expected to be paid out in settlement of claims, including disputed claims.

4) The net worth is calculated as the difference between total assets (financial and non-financial) and liabilities.

Table 2: Assets and liabilities of euro area insurance corporations and euro area pension funds

(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period ¹⁾)

	Insurance corporations		Pension funds	
	2011 Q1	2011 Q2	2011 Q1	2011 Q2
Total financial assets	5,521	5,549	1,373	1,382
Currency and deposits	582	582	193	196
Loans	432	437	67	68
Securities other than shares	2,381	2,393	296	295
Shares and other equity	682	687	145	147
Investment fund shares/units	1,003	1,003	599	605
Money market fund shares	59	61	5	6
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	246	244	31	31
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	135	142	38	34
Non-financial assets	116	116	38	39
Total liabilities	5,530	5,551	1,378	1,384
Loans received	280	282	24	22
Securities other than shares	40	43	0	0
Shares and other equity	449	443	6	6
Net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,413	3,439	0	0
Net equity of households in pension fund reserves	340	341	1,324	1,329
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	878	876	2	2
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	129	126	21	25
Net worth	107	114	34	37

1) For footnotes, see Table 1.

Chart 1: Net equity of households in life insurance reserves: breakdown by type of policy

(percentage of total; end-December 2010)

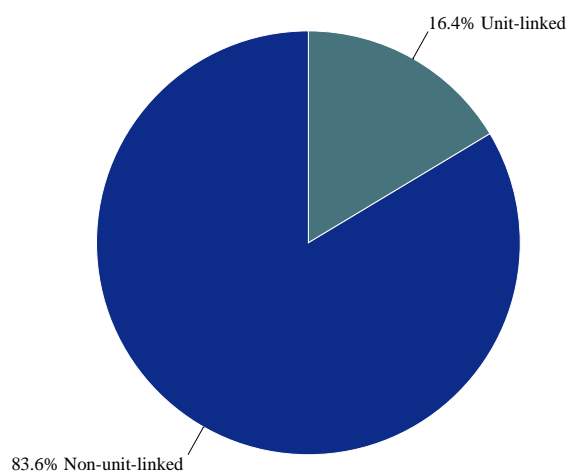


Chart 2: Net equity of households in pension fund reserves: breakdown by type of plan

(percentage of total; end-December 2010)

