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PRESS RELEASE

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: SEPTEMBER 2012

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 2.7% in September 2012, compared with 2.8% in August 2012.¹ The three-month average of the annual growth rates of M3 in the period from July 2012 to September 2012 stood at 3.0%, compared with 3.1% in the period from June 2012 to August 2012.

| Twelve-month percentage changes; (adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects) | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 - SEPTEMBER 2012 (AVERAGE) |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| M3* | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| M1 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Loans to the private sector* | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -0.6 |
| Loans to the private sector, adjusted for sales and securitisation* | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.2 |

* See the notes for more information.

M3 components

Regarding the main components of M3, the annual growth rate of M1 decreased to 5.0% in September 2012, from 5.2% in August. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) stood at 0.6% in September, compared with 0.7% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) was more negative at -1.4% in September, from -0.3% in August. Among the deposits included in M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households stood at 2.7% in September, compared with 2.8% in the previous month, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to 1.6% in September, from 1.2% in the previous month. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-monetary financial intermediaries (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) was less negative at -2.7% in September, from -3.0% in the previous month.

¹ The annual growth rates presented in this press release refer to aggregates adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects.

Counterparts to M3: credit and loans

Turning to the main counterparts of M3 on the asset side of the consolidated balance sheet of Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs), the annual growth rate of total credit granted to euro area residents stood at 0.5% in September 2012, unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit extended to general government increased to 8.3% in September, from 8.1% in August, while the annual growth rate of credit extended to the private sector stood at -1.3% in September, compared with -1.2% in the previous month. Among the components of credit to the private sector, the annual growth rate of loans was more negative at -0.8% in September, from -0.6% in the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation², the rate was more negative at -0.4%, from -0.2% in the previous month). The annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 0.1% in September, compared with 0.2% in August (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation, the rate stood at 0.9%, unchanged from the previous month). The annual growth rate of lending for house purchase, the most important component of household loans, stood at 0.7% in September, compared with 0.8% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations was more negative at -1.4% in September, from -0.7% in the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation, the rate was more negative at -1.2% in September, from -0.5% in the previous month). Finally, the annual growth rate of loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) was less negative at -2.0% in September, from -3.5% in the previous month.

Other counterparts

Over the 12 months up to September 2012, the net external asset position of the euro area MFI sector decreased by €68 billion, compared with a decrease of €44 billion over the 12 months up to August. The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector was more negative at -1.8% in September, from -1.5% in August.

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/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>.
- For data as from the reference period June 2010, and henceforth, repo operations conducted through central counterparties (CCPs) are excluded from the M3 component "repurchase agreements", and reverse repo operations conducted through CCPs are excluded from the M3 counterpart position "loans to the private sector". These items are instead now included in the residual category "other counterparts of M3" and are presented on a gross basis as sub-components of this category. A statistical reclassification adjustment has been calculated at June 2010 to correct the relevant data on transactions and growth rates. For further details, see Box 3 in the September 2012 issue of the ECB's Monthly Bulletin (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/mobu/mb201209en.pdf>).

² Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFIs' statistical balance sheets due to their sale or securitisation.

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TABLE 1

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: SEPTEMBER 2012

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes ^{a)})

| | END-OF-MONTH LEVEL | MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)} | | | ANNUAL GROWTH RATE | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 |
| COMPONENTS OF M3 ^{c)} | | | | | | | |
| (1) M3 (= items 1.3, 1.6 and 1.11) | 9685 | 65 | 24 | -30 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| (1.1) Currency in circulation | 867 | 5 | 2 | -1 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 4.3 |
| (1.2) Overnight deposits | 4158 | 56 | 83 | -16 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| (1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2) | 5025 | 62 | 85 | -17 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.0 |
| (1.4) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years | 1803 | -17 | -54 | -1 | 0.2 | -2.5 | -2.9 |
| (1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months | 2041 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| (1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5) | 3844 | -5 | -45 | 11 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| (1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6) | 8869 | 57 | 40 | -6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| (1.8) Repurchase agreements | 120 | 12 | 0 | -12 | -15.2 | -21.9 | -23.5 |
| (1.9) Money market fund shares/units | 482 | -6 | -5 | -8 | 4.5 | 1.1 | -1.0 |
| (1.10) Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years | 213 | 2 | -11 | -4 | 19.8 | 16.5 | 17.6 |
| (1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10) | 816 | 8 | -16 | -24 | 4.3 | -0.3 | -1.4 |
| COUNTERPARTS OF M3 | | | | | | | |
| MFI liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| (2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)} | 310 | 1 | -12 | 26 | -4.0 | 5.3 | 15.8 |
| (3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities vis-à-vis other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4) | 7654 | -29 | 10 | -4 | -1.3 | -1.5 | -1.8 |
| (3.1) Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years | 2424 | -47 | 8 | -5 | -3.7 | -3.7 | -4.6 |
| (3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months | 109 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -6.9 | -7.8 | -8.5 |
| (3.3) Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years | 2716 | 2 | 2 | -5 | -5.0 | -5.0 | -5.2 |
| (3.4) Capital and reserves | 2405 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.3 |
| MFI assets: | | | | | | | |
| (4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2) | 16483 | -36 | -7 | 16 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| (4.1) Credit to general government | 3384 | 8 | -1 | 32 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 8.3 |
| Loans | 1180 | 2 | -7 | 0 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Securities other than shares | 2203 | 6 | 6 | 32 | 14.5 | 12.0 | 12.2 |
| (4.2) Credit to other euro area residents | 13099 | -45 | -7 | -17 | -1.0 | -1.2 | -1.3 |
| Loans ^{e)} | 10945 | 4 | 2 | -17 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| <i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation</i> ^{f)} | ND | 10 | 4 | -16 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Securities other than shares | 1394 | -57 | -8 | -14 | -4.5 | -5.4 | -6.1 |
| Shares and other equities | 760 | 8 | -1 | 15 | -2.2 | -1.2 | 2.1 |
| (5) <i>Net external assets</i> | 973 | 24 | 11 | -11 | ND | ND | ND |
| (6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5) | 194 | 49 | 18 | -12 | ND | ND | ND |
| of which: | | | | | | | |
| (6.1) Repos with central counterparties (liabilities) (+) ^{g)} | 298 | 0 | -12 | 15 | 10.5 | -5.0 | -7.5 |
| (6.2) Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets) (-) ^{g)} | 222 | 33 | -10 | 22 | 30.3 | 12.8 | 23.0 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding. The information in this table is based on consolidated balance sheet statistics reported by monetary financial institutions (MFIs). These include the Eurosystem, credit institutions and money market funds located in the euro area.

b) Monthly difference in levels adjusted for reclassifications, exchange rate variations, other revaluations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

c) Liabilities of MFIs and specific units of the central government (post offices, treasury) vis-à-vis non-MFI euro area residents excluding central government.

d) Includes holdings of the central government of deposits with the MFI sector and of securities issued by the MFI sector.

e) For further breakdowns see Table 4.

f) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

g) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

TABLE 2

BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3 BY HOLDING SECTOR AND TYPE: SEPTEMBER 2012

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes ^{a)})

| | END-OF-MONTH LEVEL | MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)} | | | ANNUAL GROWTH RATE | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 |
| BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3 | | | | | | | |
| Total deposits (=items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) | 8123 | 63 | 38 | -17 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| (1) Deposits placed by households ^{c)} | 5241 | 16 | 31 | 14 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| (1.1) Overnight deposits | 2326 | 10 | 30 | 1 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| (1.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years | 974 | -5 | -5 | 4 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| (1.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months | 1928 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| (1.4) Repurchase agreements | 13 | -1 | -1 | 0 | -59.7 | -62.4 | -61.2 |
| (2) Deposits placed by non-financial corporations | 1591 | 7 | 23 | -1 | -0.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| (2.1) Overnight deposits | 1093 | 17 | 30 | 0 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 8.9 |
| (2.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years | 402 | -10 | -7 | -4 | -10.7 | -11.6 | -13.6 |
| (2.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months | 84 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 4.0 |
| (2.4) Repurchase agreements | 12 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -32.6 | -36.2 | -30.4 |
| (3) Deposits placed by non-monetary financial intermediaries excluding insurance corporations and pension funds ^{d)} | 769 | 21 | -6 | -24 | 1.8 | -3.0 | -2.7 |
| (3.1) Overnight deposits | 449 | 17 | 28 | -14 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 14.1 |
| (3.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years | 226 | -5 | -36 | 1 | -17.1 | -26.8 | -24.3 |
| (3.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months | 13 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 6.1 |
| (3.4) Repurchase agreements ^{d)} | 81 | 11 | 2 | -12 | 9.1 | -5.5 | -6.7 |
| (4) Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds | 205 | 7 | 1 | -1 | 9.9 | 5.2 | 2.9 |
| (5) Deposits placed by other general government | 317 | 12 | -11 | -5 | 22.3 | 16.9 | 15.4 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding. The information in this table is based on consolidated balance sheet statistics reported by monetary financial institutions (MFIs). These include the Eurosystem, credit institutions and money market funds located in the euro area.

b) Monthly difference in levels adjusted for reclassifications, exchange rate variations, other revaluations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

c) Includes deposits by non-profit institutions serving households.

d) Excludes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

TABLE 3

CONTRIBUTIONS OF M3 COMPONENTS TO THE M3 ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: SEPTEMBER 2012

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change ^{a)})

| | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 |
|--|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| (1) M1 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| (1.1) <i>of which</i> : Currency | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| (1.2) <i>of which</i> : Overnight deposits | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| (2) M2 - M1 (= other short-term deposits) | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| (3) M3 - M2 (= short-term marketable instruments) | 0.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| (4) M3 (= items 1, 2 and 3) | 3.6 | 2.8 | 2.7 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 4

BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3 BY BORROWING SECTOR, TYPE AND ORIGINAL MATURITY: SEPTEMBER 2012

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes ^{a)})

| | END-OF-MONTH LEVEL | MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)} | | | ANNUAL GROWTH RATE | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 | JULY 2012 | AUGUST 2012 | SEPTEMBER 2012 |
| BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3 ^{c)} | | | | | | | |
| (1) Loans to households ^{d)} | 5240 | -8 | 4 | -1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| <i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{e)}</i> | <i>ND</i> | <i>-2</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1.0</i> | <i>0.9</i> | <i>0.9</i> |
| (1.1) Credit for consumption | 603 | -4 | -2 | -3 | -2.1 | -2.5 | -2.9 |
| (1.2) Lending for house purchase | 3812 | -5 | 6 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| (1.3) Other lending | 824 | 0 | 1 | -1 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.7 |
| <i>of which: sole proprietors ^{f)}</i> | <i>415</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>-1</i> | <i>-1</i> | <i>1.0</i> | <i>0.8</i> | <i>0.7</i> |
| (2) Loans to non-financial corporations | 4656 | 8 | -7 | -21 | -0.4 | -0.7 | -1.4 |
| <i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{e)}</i> | <i>ND</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>-6</i> | <i>-20</i> | <i>-0.2</i> | <i>-0.5</i> | <i>-1.2</i> |
| (2.1) up to 1 year | 1142 | 16 | -4 | -15 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| (2.2) over 1 year and up to 5 years | 828 | -3 | -5 | -6 | -2.8 | -3.3 | -4.1 |
| (3.3) over 5 years | 2687 | -5 | 2 | 0 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| (3) Loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds ^{g)} | 963 | 5 | 2 | 4 | -2.9 | -3.5 | -2.0 |
| (4) Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds | 87 | -1 | 3 | 1 | -8.6 | -11.3 | -9.0 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

b) Monthly difference in levels adjusted for write-offs/write-downs, reclassifications, exchange rate variations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

c) Loans granted by monetary financial institutions (MFIs) to non-MFI euro area residents excluding general government.

d) Includes loans to non-profit institutions serving households.

e) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

f) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

g) Excludes reverse repos to central counterparties.