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EURO AREA SECURITIES ISSUES STATISTICS: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1999

In October and November 1999 the gross issuance of debt securities by euro area residents was EUR 311.3 billion and EUR 293.6 billion respectively. Redemptions in October and November 1999 amounted to EUR 262.3 and EUR 265.9 billion respectively. Therefore, net issuance was EUR 49.0 billion and EUR 27.8 billion respectively, which compares with an average figure of EUR 46.5 billion for previous months in 1999. The amount outstanding of debt securities issued by euro area residents was EUR 6,455.9 billion at end-November (see Table 1).

Long-term debt securities represented 84% and 14% of the total net issuance by euro area residents in October and November 1999 respectively. This compares with an average share of long-term debt securities issues in the total issuance observed during the first nine months of 1999 of 91%.

In October 1999 the share of issues denominated in euro was 92% of total net issuance by euro area residents. In November net issuance by euro area residents in currencies other than the euro was negative, implying that the net issuance by euro area residents of debt instruments denominated in euro was larger than the total net issuance by euro area residents. This compares with an average share of euro-denominated debt securities issues in total net issuance by euro area residents during the first nine months of 1999 of 90%.

Securities issuance broken down by issuing sector

The ECB today for the first time releases data on amounts outstanding and the gross issuance of euro-denominated securities broken down by issuing sector. The statistics refer to securities other than shares issued by euro area residents.

The new ECB statistics distinguish between six types of issuing sector in accordance with European standards as set out in the European System of Accounts 1995 (ESA 95):

- *Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs) (including the Eurosystem)* comprise those institutions whose liabilities may be of a monetary nature: they include, in particular, credit institutions and other

financial institutions, mainly money market funds. The MFI sector also includes the Eurosystem, i.e. if the Eurosystem were to issue debt securities, these would be recorded under this item. *Banks (including central banks)* comprise institutions similar in type to MFIs, but which are resident outside the euro area.

- *Non-monetary financial corporations* cover other financial intermediaries, financial auxiliaries, insurance corporations and pension funds. Holding corporations, financial vehicle corporations and security dealers on own account are included in this sector.
- *Non-financial corporations* are entities producing goods and non-financial services.
- *Central government* refers to administrative departments of the state and other central agencies, the competence of which extends across the whole economic territory of the reporting country.
- *Other general government* covers state and local governments as well as social security funds.
- *International organisations* comprise supranational and international organisations such as the European Investment Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

With regard to debt securities issued by euro area residents, the sectoral breakdown statistics for amounts outstanding of euro-denominated debt securities show that the central government sector had the largest presence in the euro area capital markets, with a total amount outstanding of EUR 3,262.9 billion at end-November 1999, or 54% of the total amount outstanding (see Table 2). This compares with a share in the total amounts outstanding at end-December 1998 of 56%. MFIs had the second largest amount outstanding of euro-denominated debt securities at end-November 1999, EUR 2,208.5 billion or 37% of the total amounts outstanding. The corresponding share at end-December 1998 was 36%, which corresponded to an amount outstanding of EUR 1,989.3 billion.

The non-financial corporation and non-monetary financial corporation sectors account for relatively small parts of the euro area capital market, with shares in the total amounts outstanding of 5% and 3% respectively at end-November 1999 (4% and 2% respectively at end-December 1998).

With regard to the maturity breakdown of the amounts outstanding of euro-denominated debt securities issued by the various issuing sectors, all sectors reveal predominantly long-term issuance, less marked for non-financial corporations resident in the euro area than for other sectors.

More details on the latest securities issues data, as contained in Table 3.5 and Table 3.6 of the “Euro area statistics” section of the ECB Monthly Bulletin, are made available on the “Latest monetary and financial statistics” page in the “Euro area statistics – download” section on the ECB's Web site (<http://www.ecb.int>).

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Table1**Securities issued by euro area residents¹⁾ in 1999***(EUR billions)*

	Q1			Q2			Q3			Oct.			Nov.			Jan.-Nov.			end-Nov.
	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Issues	Redemp- tions	Net issues	Outstanding amounts
Total	981.8	826.6	155.2	927.5	797.1	130.4	930.0	797.5	132.6	311.3	262.3	49.0	293.6	265.9	27.8	3,444.2	2,949.4	495.0	6,455.9
- of which denominated in euro ²⁾	931.9	794.4	137.6	873.6	757.2	116.5	853.3	731.6	121.7	296.9	251.7	45.2	277.9	246.0	31.9	3,233.6	2,780.9	452.9	6,028.1
Short-term ³⁾	564.3	552.7	11.6	563.3	557.5	5.8	573.4	551.3	22.2	195.1	187.3	7.8	196.4	172.6	23.8	2,092.5	2,021.4	71.2	599.5
- of which denominated in euro ²⁾	548.4	540.9	7.4	545.9	543.8	2.1	553.1	535.0	18.0	189.0	180.3	8.7	189.0	166.0	23.0	2,025.4	1,966.0	59.2	578.7
Long-term	417.5	274.0	143.6	364.2	239.6	124.5	356.6	246.1	110.4	116.2	75.0	41.2	97.2	93.3	3.9	1,351.7	928.0	423.6	5,856.4
- of which denominated in euro ²⁾	383.6	253.4	130.1	327.8	213.3	114.4	300.2	196.5	103.7	107.9	71.3	36.6	88.9	80.0	8.9	1,208.4	814.5	393.7	5,449.3

Source: ECB.

1) Data coverage for euro area residents is estimated at around 95% of total issuance.

2) Including items expressed in the national denominations of the euro.

3) "Short-term" means securities with an original maturity of one year or less (in accordance with the ESA 95, in exceptional cases two years or less). Securities with a longer original maturity, or with optional maturity dates, the latest of which is more one year away, or with indefinite maturity dates, are classified as long-term.

Table 2

Securities issued by euro area residents¹⁾ denominated in euro²⁾ by issuing sector³⁾

(EUR billions)

	Gross issues in 1999												Outstanding amounts as at			
	Q1		Q2		Q3		Oct.		Nov.		Jan.-Nov.		end-Dec. 1998		end-Nov. 1999	
	issues	as a % of total	issues	as a % of total	issues	as a % of total	issues	as a % of total	issues	as a % of total	issues	as a % of total	amounts	as a % of total	amounts	as a % of total
Total	931.9	(100)	873.6	(100)	853.3	(100)	296.9	(100)	277.9	(100)	3,233.6	(100)	5,589.9	(100)	6,028.1	(100)
- of which issued by																
Non-financial corporations	129.5	(13.9)	125.1	(14.3)	129.9	(15.2)	47.7	(16.1)	41.0	(14.8)	473.1	(14.6)	235.0	(4.2)	282.6	(4.7)
Short-term	105.5	(11.3)	109.8	(12.6)	116.3	(13.6)	41.4	(13.9)	38.7	(13.9)	411.6	(12.7)	46.5	(0.8)	72.7	(1.2)
Long-term	24.0	(2.6)	15.3	(1.8)	13.6	(1.6)	6.3	(2.1)	2.3	(0.8)	61.5	(1.9)	188.5	(3.4)	209.9	(3.5)
MFIs (including Eurosystem)	452.6	(48.6)	430.4	(49.3)	412.8	(48.4)	154.4	(52.0)	159.3	(57.3)	1,609.5	(49.8)	1,989.3	(35.6)	2,208.5	(36.6)
Short-term	294.3	(31.6)	294.4	(33.7)	297.7	(34.9)	104.0	(35.0)	114.1	(41.1)	1,104.5	(34.2)	155.5	(2.8)	230.0	(3.8)
Long-term	158.3	(17.0)	136.0	(15.6)	115.1	(13.5)	50.4	(17.0)	45.2	(16.3)	505.0	(15.6)	1,833.8	(32.8)	1,978.5	(32.8)
Non-monetary financial corporations	15.7	(1.7)	37.1	(4.2)	22.7	(2.7)	5.5	(1.9)	6.0	(2.2)	87.0	(2.7)	131.0	(2.3)	183.5	(3.0)
Short-term	4.2	(0.5)	4.9	(0.6)	5.1	(0.6)	1.6	(0.5)	1.2	(0.4)	17.0	(0.5)	8.6	(0.2)	6.4	(0.1)
Long-term	11.5	(1.2)	32.2	(3.7)	17.6	(2.1)	3.9	(1.3)	4.8	(1.7)	70.0	(2.2)	122.4	(2.2)	177.1	(2.9)
Central government	325.8	(35.0)	271.4	(31.1)	282.0	(33.0)	86.9	(29.3)	68.1	(24.5)	1,034.2	(32.0)	3,127.2	(55.9)	3,262.9	(54.1)
Short-term	140.7	(15.1)	132.8	(15.2)	130.7	(15.3)	40.7	(13.7)	33.1	(11.9)	478.0	(14.8)	309.0	(5.5)	266.0	(4.4)
Long-term	185.1	(19.9)	138.6	(15.9)	151.3	(17.7)	46.2	(15.6)	35.0	(12.6)	556.2	(17.2)	2,818.2	(50.4)	2,996.9	(49.7)
Other general government	8.3	(0.9)	9.8	(1.1)	6.0	(0.7)	2.5	(0.8)	3.6	(1.3)	30.1	(0.9)	107.5	(1.9)	113.9	(1.9)
Short-term	3.5	(0.4)	4.1	(0.5)	3.4	(0.4)	1.5	(0.5)	2.0	(0.7)	14.4	(0.4)	3.6	(0.1)	3.7	(0.1)
Long-term	4.8	(0.5)	5.7	(0.7)	2.6	(0.3)	1.0	(0.3)	1.6	(0.6)	15.7	(0.5)	103.9	(1.9)	110.2	(1.8)

Source: ECB.

1) Data coverage for euro area residents is estimated at around 95% of total issuance.

2) Including items expressed in the national denominations of the euro.

3) Corresponding ESA 95 sector codes: MFIs (including Eurosystem) comprises the ECB and the national central banks of Member States in the euro area (S121) and other monetary financial institutions (S122); non-monetary financial corporations comprises other financial intermediaries (S123), financial auxiliaries (S124) and insurance corporations and pension funds (S125); non-financial corporations (S11); central government (S1311); other general government comprises state government (S1312), local government (S1313) and social security funds (S1314).