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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM

as at 13 September 2002

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 13 September 2002 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) decreased by EUR 0.1 billion to EUR 235.2 billion on account of customer and portfolio transactions.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities of euro area residents denominated in euro (asset item 7) decreased by EUR 0.1 billion to EUR 31.5 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) fell by EUR 0.2 billion to EUR 325.7 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 1.6 billion to EUR 45.4 billion.

II. Items related to monetary policy operations

The Eurosystem's net lending to credit institutions (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) decreased by EUR 5 billion to EUR 183.1 billion. On Wednesday, 11 September 2002, a main refinancing operation of EUR 65 billion matured, while a new one of EUR 60 billion was settled.

Recourse to both the marginal lending facility (asset item 5.5) and the deposit facility (liability item 2.2) was virtually nil, as in the preceding week.

III. Current accounts of euro area credit institutions

As a result of all transactions, the **current account** position of credit institutions with the Eurosystem (liability item 2.1) decreased by EUR 3 billion to EUR 126.8 billion.

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Assets	Balance as at	Difference compared	Liabilities	Balance as at	Difference compared
	13 September 2002	to last week due to		13 September 2002	to last week due to
		transactions			transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	128,322	0	1 Banknotes in circulation	325,663	-151
			2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations		
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency			denominated in euro		
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	32,422	-62	2.1 Current accounts		
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,			(covering the minimum reserve system)	126,799	-,
external loans and other external assets	208,991	1,807	2.2 Deposit facility	10	-
	241,413	1,745	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	•
			2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	•
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	18,246	-291	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	3	-
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro				126,812	-3,044
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	4.574	-227	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	135	-125
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	1,074	0	O Girlor madmines to cure area creat institutions denominated in early	100	720
•	4,574	-227	4 Debt certificates issued	2,939	0
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations			_		
denominated in euro			5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro		
5.1 Main refinancing operations	136,002	-4,999	5.1 General government	45,425	
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	50,000	0	5.2 Other liabilities	4,708	
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0		50,133	-1,596
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0		<u> </u>		
5.5 Marginal lending facility	12		6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	8,588	-83
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	37	3			
	186,051	-4,989	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	1,309	27
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	164	-80	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
			8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	16,613	1,521
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	31,480	-58	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	
				16,613	1,521
8 General government debt denominated in euro	67,198	0	O Country of a social descript sinks allocated by the IMF	0.504	
9 Other assets	84,690	466	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	6,521	0
	04,030	400	10 Other liabilities	60,031	15
			11 Revaluation accounts	99,114	0
			12 Capital and reserves	64,281	2
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Total assets	762.139	-3.434	Total liabilities	762,139	-3,434

Totals/sub-totals may not add up, due to rounding.