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# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 19 November 2004

### I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 19 November 2004, the decrease of EUR 27 million in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the selling of gold by a Eurosystem central bank (consistent with the Central Bank Gold Agreement of 27 September 2004).

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 0.2 billion to EUR 167.7 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) rose by EUR 0.7 billion to EUR 71 billion. **Banknotes in circulation** (liability item 1) fell by EUR 1.4 billion to EUR 472 billion. **Liabilities to general government** (liability item 5.1) increased by EUR 7.4 billion to EUR 62.9 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) increased by EUR 4.5 billion to EUR 337.4 billion. On Wednesday, 17 November 2004, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 258 billion matured and a new one of EUR 262.5 billion was settled.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was virtually nil (approximately the same as in the previous week), and recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 0.1 billion (also approximately the same as in the previous 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 1.3 billion to EUR 136.9 billion.

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## Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 19 November 2004

(EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 19 November 2004	Difference compared to last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 19 November 2004	Difference compared to last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	130,379	-27	1 Banknotes in circulation	472,002	-1,397
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency			2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro		
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	25,759	-95	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	136,920	-1,327
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	141,963	1,917	2.2 Deposit facility	75	-16
	167,722	1,822	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	17,483	-100	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro			2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	0	0
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	7,682	107		136,995	-1,343
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	125	0
	7,682	107	4 Debt certificates issued	0	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	262,500	4,500	5.1 General government	62,943	7,438
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	75,000	0	5.2 Other liabilities	5,967	-384
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0		68,910	7,054
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	9,383	80
5.5 Marginal lending facility	2	-35	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	253	-49
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	13	-2	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
	337,515	4,463	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	11,406	1,540
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	1,645	-240	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	71,024	737		11,406	1,540
8 General government debt denominated in euro	42,049	0	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	5,807	0
9 Other assets	118,338	-4	10 Other liabilities	58,388	870
			11 Revaluation accounts	70,696	0
			12 Capital and reserves	59,872	3
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>893,837</b>	<b>6,758</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>893,837</b>	<b>6,758</b>

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