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PRESS RELEASE

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2011

The annual growth rate of M3 decreased to 2.0% in April 2011, from 2.3% in March 2011.¹ The three-month average of the annual growth rates of M3 over the period February 2011 - April 2011 stood at 2.1%, compared with 2.0% in the period January 2011 - March 2011.

12-month percentage changes; adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects	FEBRUARY 2011	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011	FEBRUARY 2011 - APRIL 2011 AVERAGE
M3	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.1
M1	2.9	3.0	1.7	2.5
Loans to private sector	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5

Regarding the main components of M3, the annual growth rate of M1 decreased to 1.7% in April 2011, from 3.0% in March. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits increased to 3.3% in April, from 2.3% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments stood at -0.7% in April, compared with -0.6% in March.

Turning to the main counterparts of M3 on the asset side of the consolidated balance sheet of the MFI sector, the annual growth rate of total credit granted to euro area residents stood at 3.2% in April 2011, compared with 3.3% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit extended to general government decreased to 7.4% in April, from 8.0% in March, while the annual growth rate of credit extended to the private sector stood at 2.2% in April, unchanged from the previous month. Among the components of the latter, the annual growth rate of loans to the private sector stood at 2.6% in April, compared with 2.5% in the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation² the annual growth rate of loans to the private sector stood at 2.9%, compared with 2.8% in the previous month). The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations increased to 1.0% in April, from 0.8% in March. The annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 3.4% in April, unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate of lending for house purchase stood at 4.4% in April, unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate of consumer credit stood at -0.6% in April, compared with -0.7% in March,

¹ These growth rates refer to aggregates adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects.

² Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation. The annual growth rate of loans adjusted for sales and securitisation is available at: <http://sdw.ecb.int/search.do?type=serieskey&q=BSI.M.U2.Y.U.A26.A.I.U2.22^0.Z01.A>

while the annual growth rate of other lending to households decreased to 1.8% in April, from 2.0% in the previous month. Finally, the annual growth rate of loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries (except insurance corporations and pension funds) increased to 5.8% in April, from 5.6% in the previous month.

Over the 12 months up to April 2011, the net external asset position of the euro area MFI sector increased by EUR 79 billion, compared with an increase of EUR 84 billion over the 12 months up to March. The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector stood at 4.0% in April, unchanged from the previous month.

Notes

- *In addition to the monthly monetary developments for the reference month, this press release incorporates minor revisions to the data for previous months.*
- *The latest data on monetary aggregates and counterparts contained in the statistical annex to this press release can be downloaded from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse (<http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/browse.do?node=bbn1863>). These data, as well as monthly and other shorter-term growth rates for selected items, longer time series for principal monetary aggregates (with a start date of January 1970) and methodological notes on the concepts underlying the monetary statistics and the related seasonal adjustment procedures, are also available on the ECB's website (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>).*
- *Data reflect the changing composition of the euro area, i.e. they cover the EU Member States that had adopted the euro at the time to which the statistics relate. Data on outstanding amounts include Greece as of January 2001, Slovenia as of January 2007, Cyprus and Malta as of January 2008, Slovakia as of January 2009 and Estonia as of January 2011.*
- *The publication of the statistics on monetary developments in May 2011, June 2011 and July 2011 is scheduled to take place at 10 am on 30 June 2011, 27 July 2011 and 26 August 2011 respectively.*

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TABLE 1

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2011

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	MARCH 2011			APRIL 2011			AVERAGE FEB-11 APR-11
	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate	Annual growth rate
COMPONENTS OF M3 ^{c)}							
(1) M3 (= items 1.3, 1.6 and 1.11)	9594	30	2.3	9586	0	2.0	2.1
(1.1) Currency in circulation	803	-2	3.7	803	0	4.3	4.3
(1.2) Overnight deposits	3911	23	2.8	3892	-13	1.1	2.1
(1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2)	4713	22	3.0	4694	-13	1.7	2.5
(1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years	1822	4	-0.2	1829	10	2.2	0.2
(1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months	1922	3	4.8	1923	-1	4.4	4.8
(1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5)	3745	6	2.3	3752	10	3.3	2.5
(1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6)	8458	28	2.7	8446	-4	2.4	2.5
(1.8) Repurchase agreements	414	-16	21.9	419	5	20.0	24.5
(1.9) Money market fund shares/units	568	0	-13.1	564	-5	-13.0	-13.7
(1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years	154	17	-0.2	158	3	1.6	-1.5
(1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10)	1136	2	-0.6	1140	3	-0.7	-0.5
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
(2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)}	287	-29	10.9	311	24	22.9	17.8
(3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4)	7447	13	4.0	7476	41	4.0	4.0
(3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years	2469	6	3.9	2480	8	3.6	3.7
(3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months	120	0	-9.4	120	0	-8.9	-9.2
(3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years	2815	5	2.7	2819	20	3.0	2.9
(3.4) Capital and reserves	2043	2	6.8	2058	13	6.8	6.9
MFI assets:							
(4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2)	16512	-50	3.3	16508	5	3.2	3.4
(4.1) Credit to general government	3090	-30	8.0	3073	-14	7.4	8.7
of which Loans	1218	-3	14.0	1195	-25	12.5	14.8
of which Securities other than shares	1873	-27	4.6	1879	11	4.7	5.5
(4.2) Credit to other euro area residents	13422	-20	2.2	13435	19	2.2	2.2
of which Loans ^{e)}	11129	3	2.5	11145	28	2.6	2.5
<i>memo item: loans adjusted for sales & securitisation</i> ^{f)}	ND	-16	2.8	ND	32	2.9	2.9
of which Securities other than shares	1508	-27	-0.7	1499	-11	-1.3	-0.7
of which Shares and other equities	786	5	3.3	791	2	4.5	3.3
(5) <i>Net external assets</i>	788	135	ND	778	-13	ND	ND
(6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5)	29	-71	ND	87	72	ND	ND

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) Calculated from the 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 monetary financial institutions (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.

TABLE 2

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2011

DATA UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	MARCH 2011			APRIL 2011			AVERAGE FEB-11 APR-11
	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate	Annual growth rate
COMPONENTS OF M3 ^{c)}							
(1) M3 (= items 1.3, 1.6 and 1.11)	9571	31	2.3	9638	74	2.2	2.2
(1.1) Currency in circulation	798	2	3.9	805	7	4.3	4.3
(1.2) Overnight deposits	3887	14	2.9	3914	33	1.7	2.3
(1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2)	4685	16	3.0	4719	40	2.1	2.6
(1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years	1818	8	-0.4	1820	6	2.0	0.0
(1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months	1937	3	4.9	1942	3	4.5	4.9
(1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5)	3755	11	2.3	3762	9	3.3	2.4
(1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6)	8440	27	2.7	8482	50	2.6	2.5
(1.8) Repurchase agreements	409	-11	21.9	428	19	20.1	24.7
(1.9) Money market fund shares/units	568	-2	-13.1	570	2	-13.0	-13.7
(1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years	154	17	-0.2	158	3	1.6	-1.5
(1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10)	1131	4	-0.7	1156	25	-0.7	-0.5
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
(2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)}	297	-29	11.0	305	8	22.8	17.7
(3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4)	7451	25	3.9	7468	29	4.0	4.0
(3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years	2472	10	3.9	2485	11	3.6	3.7
(3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months	121	0	-9.4	120	-1	-8.9	-9.2
(3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years	2818	15	2.7	2820	18	3.1	2.9
(3.4) Capital and reserves	2040	1	6.7	2043	1	6.7	6.9
MFI assets:							
(4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2)	16485	-27	3.2	16553	77	3.2	3.4
(4.1) Credit to general government	3087	-22	7.9	3085	1	7.4	8.7
of which Loans	1206	-11	13.9	1195	-12	12.5	14.7
of which Securities other than shares	1881	-11	4.6	1890	13	4.7	5.5
(4.2) Credit to other euro area residents	13399	-5	2.2	13468	76	2.2	2.2
of which Loans	11117	18	2.5	11142	37	2.6	2.5
<i>memo item: loans adjusted for sales & securitisation</i> ^{e)}	ND	0	2.8	ND	41	2.9	2.9
of which Securities other than shares	1503	-26	-0.8	1503	-2	-1.4	-0.7
of which Shares and other equities	779	3	3.3	824	42	4.4	3.3
(5) <i>Net external assets</i>	777	108	ND	753	-28	ND	ND
(6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5)	56	-54	ND	104	62	ND	ND

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

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

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

TABLE 3

CONTRIBUTIONS OF M3 COMPONENTS TO THE M3 ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: APRIL 2011
DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS
(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change ^{a)})

	FEBRUARY 2011	MARCH 2011	APRIL 2011
(1) M1	1.4	1.4	0.8
(1.1) <i>of which</i> : Currency	0.4	0.3	0.3
(1.2) <i>of which</i> : Overnight deposits	1.0	1.1	0.5
(2) M2 - M1 (= other short-term deposits)	0.7	0.9	1.3
(3) M3 - M2 (= short-term marketable instruments)	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
(4) M3 (= items 1, 2 and 3)	2.1	2.3	2.0

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 4

BREAKDOWN OF LOANS BY COUNTERPART, TYPE AND ORIGINAL MATURITY: APRIL 2011
DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS
(EUR billions and annual percentage changes ^{a)})

	MARCH 2011			APRIL 2011		
	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	Annual growth rate
BREAKDOWN OF LOANS ^{c)}						
(1) Loans to non-financial corporations	4706	4	0.8	4700	1	1.0
(1.1) up to 1 year	1147	-1	-0.4	1147	3	0.9
(1.2) over 1 year and up to 5 years	883	-2	-1.8	878	-6	-2.4
(1.3) over 5 years	2676	7	2.2	2675	4	2.2
(2) Loans to households ^{d)}	5228	32	3.4	5239	12	3.4
(2.1) Consumer credit	637	0	-0.7	638	0	-0.6
(2.2) Lending for house purchase	3762	34	4.4	3776	11	4.4
(2.3) Other lending	829	-1	2.0	826	1	1.8
(3) Loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds	1107	-29	5.6	1120	16	5.8
(4) Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	88	-5	5.7	86	-2	1.0

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

b) Calculated from the 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.