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EURO AREA SECURITIES ISSUES STATISTICS: April 2003

Debt securities

In April 2003, euro area residents issued debt securities totalling to EUR 633.9 billion (see Table 1 and Chart 1). As redemptions were EUR 579.9 billion, net issues amounted to EUR 54.1 billion. The annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of debt securities issued by euro area residents increased slightly, from 6.9% in March to 7.0% in April 2003 (see Table 1 and Chart 3).

Chart 1 – Total gross issuance of debt securities by euro area residents (EUR billions, transactions during the month, nominal values)

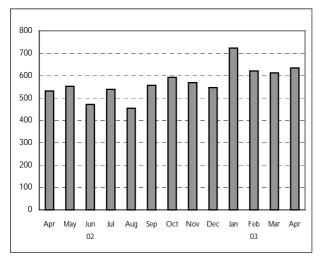
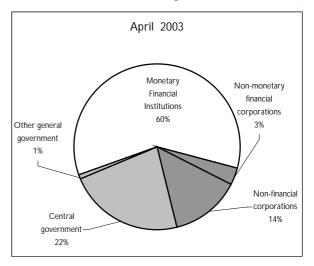


Chart 2 – Total gross issuance of euro-denominated debt securities by sector of the issuer (as a percentage of the total, based on transactions during the month, nominal values)



Source: ECB Securities Issues Statistics.

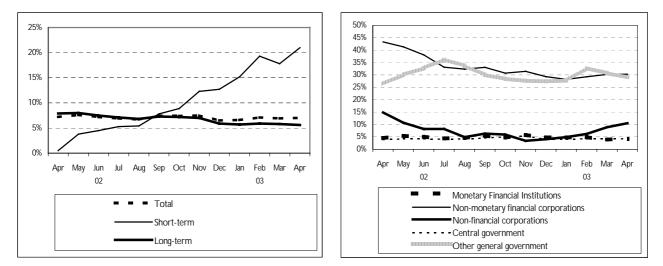
In April, euro-denominated debt securities accounted for 94% of the total gross issuance by euro area residents. 60% of the euro-denominated debt securities was issued by Monetary Financial Institutions (see Table 2 and Chart 2). The remaining gross issuance of euro-denominated debt securities was shared between general government, accounting for 23%, and non-monetary financial corporations and non-financial corporations, together accounting for 17%.¹

¹ The sector classification is based on the ESA 95 (sector codes in brackets): Monetary Financial Institutions, which include central banks (S.121) and other monetary financial institutions (S.122); non-monetary financial corporations, which comprise other financial intermediaries (S.123), financial auxiliaries (S.124) and insurance corporations and pension funds (S.125); non-financial corporations (S.11); general government, which refers to the central government (S.1311) and other general government, the latter comprising state government (S.1312), local government (S.1313) and social security funds (S.1314).

The annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of long-term debt securities issued by euro area residents declined further from 5.8% in March to 5.6% in April 2003. The annual growth rate of shortterm debt securities continued to increase, from 17.8% in March to 21.0% in April.

Chart 3 – Annual growth rates of debt securities Chart 4 – Annual growth rates of euro-denominated issued by euro area residents by original maturity (percentage changes)

debt securities issued by euro area residents by sector of the issuer (percentage changes)



Source: ECB Securities Issues Statistics.

The annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of euro-denominated debt securities issued by the general government sector declined slightly, from 5.3% in March to 5.2% in April 2003. For the central government sector, this growth rate fell from 4.3% in March to 4.2% in April. At the same time, for the other general government sector it declined from 30.7% in March to 29.0% in April (see Table 2 and Chart 4). For the *Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs)* sector, the annual growth rate of outstanding debt securities increased from 3.9% in March to 4.2% in April. The amount of debt securities issued by nonmonetary financial corporations grew at an annual rate of 30.3% in April 2003, compared to 30.2% in the previous month. For non-financial corporations this growth rate increased, from 8.9% in March to 10.5% in April.

Quoted shares

The amount outstanding of *quoted shares* issued by euro area residents (see Table 3) totalled EUR 3,127.4 billion at the end of April 2003, which was 12.7% higher (including valuation changes) than the value at the end of March 2003 and 31.6% lower than at the end of April 2002.

Securities issues statistics and explanations are made available on the "Euro area securities issues statistics" page in the "Statistics" section on the ECB's website (http://www.ecb.int). The data can be downloaded as charts (pdf files) and as csv files and are updated monthly.

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Table 1 Securities issued by euro area residents¹⁾

(EUR billions, nominal values)

	Q2-2002		Q2-2002 Q3-2002			Q4-2002			Q1-2003			Mar.2003			Apr.2003			end-Apr.2002	end-Apr.2003	end-Mar.2003	end-Apr.2003	
	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Amounts	Amounts	Annual percen	tage changes in
		tions	issues		tions	issues		tions	issues		tions	issues		tions	issues		tions	issues	outstanding	outstanding	amounts o	utstanding ⁴⁾
Total - of which	1,553.9	1,392.7	161.1	1,548.3	1,437.1	111.1	1,707.1	1,683.7	23.4	1,955.0	1,703.6	251.3	611.8	541.4	70.4	633.9	579.9	54.1	7,981.9	8,449.8	6.9	7.0
denominated in euro ²⁾	1,439.0	1,300.4	138.7	1,437.2	1,344.3	92.9	1,595.8	1,584.6	11.1	1,830.3	1,614.8	215.5	577.5	515.0	62.5	597.9	546.7	51.3	7,241.8	7,713.1	6.4	6.6
Short-term ³⁾ - of which	1,143.2	1,129.2	14.0	1,205.4	1,171.0	34.4	1,309.9	1,321.0	-11.1	1,452.1	1,356.4	95.7	450.8	440.6	10.3	475.2	456.1	19.1	749.5	889.8	17.8	21.0
denominated in euro ²⁾	1,072.5	1,062.1	10.3	1,140.6	1,109.2	31.4	1,242.0	1,252.0	-10.0	1,383.9	1,294.1	89.8	431.8	423.1	8.8	453.7	431.7	22.0	659.3	805.7	18.3	22.9
Long-term - of which	410.7	263.5	147.2	342.8	266.2	76.7	397.2	362.7	34.5	502.9	347.2	155.7	161.0	100.8	60.1	158.8	123.8	35.0	7,232.4	7,560.0	5.8	5.6
denominated in euro ²⁾	366.6	238.2	128.3	296.6	235.1	61.5	353.7	332.6	21.1	446.4	320.7	125.7	145.7	91.9	53.7	144.2	114.9	29.3	6,582.6	6,907.4	5.1	4.9

Source: ECB securities issues statistics

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.

4) Rates of change are based on financial transactions that occur when an institutional unit acquires or disposes of financial assets and incurs or repays liabilities. The annual growth rates therefore exclude reclassifications, revaluations, exchange rate variations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

Table 2

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

(EUR billions, nominal values)

		Q2-2002		Q3-2002				Q4-2002			Q1-2003		Mar.2003				Apr.2003		end-Apr.2002	end-Apr.2003	end-Mar.2003	end-Apr.2003	
	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Issues	Redemp-	Net	Amounts	Amounts	Annual percent	age changes in										
		tions	issues		tions	issues		tions	issues	outstanding	outstanding	amounts outstanding 4)											
Total	1,439.0	1,300.4	138.7	1,437.2	1,344.3	92.9	1,595.8	1,584.6	11.1	1,830.3	1,614.8	215.5	577.5	515.0	62.5	597.9	546.7	51.3	7,241.8	7,713.1	6.4	6.6	
MFIs (including Eurosystem)	853.4	814.5	39.0	914.6	885.2	29.4	1,046.3	1,059.3	-13.0	1,151.3	1,103.5	47.8	354.1	349.6	4.5	357.9	342.1	15.9	2,639.9	2,746.8	3.9	4.2	
Short-term	718.9	716.0	2.9	796.3	783.6	12.7	913.6	907.9	5.7	984.1	950.4	33.6	300.4	305.3	-4.9	307.6	299.4	8.2	260.4	321.1	21.1	25.3	
Long-term	134.5	98.5	36.1	118.3	101.6	16.6	132.7	151.4	-18.7	167.3	153.1	14.2	53.8	44.3	9.4	50.3	42.6	7.7	2,379.6	2,425.7	2.0	1.9	
Non-MFI corporations of which	250.5	226.5	24.0	220.0	195.2	24.8	251.0	200.0	51.0	253.7	196.7	56.9	90.3	66.6	23.7	101.1	78.8	22.3	851.4	1,020.3	18.6	19.7	
Non-monetary financial corporations	50.0	24.9	25.1	33.9	18.0	15.9	69.4	18.6	50.8	40.2	16.0	24.2	17.0	4.8	12.2	19.4	5.7	13.7	394.9	514.2	30.2	30.3	
Short-term	7.1	7.5	-0.4	5.5	5.2	0.2	6.8	6.5	0.3	6.6	4.6	2.0	2.3	2.0	0.3	1.8	2.1	-0.4	4.5	5.9	50.3	34.1	
Long-term	42.9	17.4	25.5	28.4	12.7	15.7	62.6	12.1	50.6	33.6	11.4	22.2	14.7	2.8	11.9	17.6	3.6	14.1	390.4	508.4	29.9	30.2	
Non-financial corporations	200.5	201.6	-1.1	186.1	177.2	8.9	181.5	181.4	0.1	213.4	180.7	32.7	73.3	61.9	11.4	81.7	73.1	8.6	456.6	506.1	8.9	10.5	
Short-term	177.5	192.9	-15.3	173.3	167.7	5.7	169.3	171.8	-2.5	185.6	172.4	13.2	62.9	60.4	2.5	70.8	70.3	0.5	92.6	98.9	0.9	6.4	
Long-term	23.0	8.7	14.3	12.8	9.6	3.2	12.2	9.6	2.6	27.9	8.3	19.6	10.4	1.5	8.9	10.9	2.8	8.1	363.9	407.2	11.1	11.6	
General government of which	335.1	259.4	75.7	302.6	263.9	38.7	298.5	325.3	-26.8	425.3	314.6	110.7	133.1	98.7	34.3	138.9	125.8	13.1	3,750.5	3,946.0	5.3	5.2	
Central government	315.0	251.7	63.3	283.3	255.6	27.7	279.5	313.8	-34.3	402.3	303.9	98.3	126.7	95.3	31.4	133.3	123.4	9.9	3,605.1	3,758.4	4.3	4.2	
Short-term	163.3	139.8	23.5	159.5	146.3	13.2	145.1	159.1	-14.0	201.0	160.0	41.0	63.7	52.8	10.9	71.6	57.9	13.7	298.8	376.5	21.3	25.9	
Long-term	151.7	111.9	39.8	123.8	109.3	14.5	134.5	154.8	-20.3	201.3	143.9	57.3	63.1	42.5	20.5	61.7	65.5	-3.8	3,306.3	3,381.9	2.8	2.3	
Other general government	20.1	7.7	12.4	19.3	8.3	11.1	18.9	11.4	7.5	23.0	10.6	12.4	6.3	3.4	2.9	5.6	2.3	3.3	145.4	187.5	30.7	29.0	
Short-term	5.6	5.9	-0.3	6.0	6.4	-0.4	7.2	6.7	0.5	6.6	6.6	0.0	2.6	2.6	0.0	1.9	1.9	0.1	3.0	3.3	-2.7	8.9	
Long-term	14.5	1.8	12.6	13.3	1.9	11.5	11.7	4.8	6.9	16.4	4.0	12.4	3.7	0.8	2.9	3.7	0.5	3.2	142.4	184.3	31.5	29.5	

Source: ECB securities issues statistics

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 (S.121) and other monetary financial institutions (S.122); non-monetary financial corporations comprises other financial intermediaries (S.123), financial auxiliaries (S.124) and insurance corporations and pension funds (S.125); non-financial corporations (S.11); central government (S.1311); other general government comprises state government (S.1312), local government (S.1313) and social security funds (S.134).

4) Rates of change are based on financial transactions that occur when an institutional unit acquires or disposes of financial assets and incurs or repays liabilities. The annual growth rates therefore exclude reclassifications, revaluations, exchange rate variations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

Table 3

Amounts outstanding of quoted shares issued by euro area residents by issuing sector¹⁾

(EUR billions, market values, end-of-period stocks)

		Amounts oustanding																Annual percentage changes in amounts outstanding ²⁾		
	Dec.1999	Dec.2000	Q3-2001	Q4-2001	Q1-2002	Apr.2002	May.2002	Jun.2002	Jul.2002	Aug.2002	Sep.2002	Oct.2002	Nov.2002	Dec.2002	Jan.2003	Feb.2003	Mar.2003	Apr.2003	Mar.2003	Apr.2003
Total	5,474.6	5,431.7	4,054.6	4,656.4	4,748.1	4,569.8	4,432.0	4,113.0	3,709.7	3,519.2	2,977.8	3,250.9	3,434.7	3,130.5	2,993.8	2,900.3	2,775.5	3,127.4	-41.5	-31.6
MFIs	635.8	687.0	535.7	617.3	665.3	678.0	666.3	614.8	515.6	521.7	412.6	446.9	487.3	450.7	425.8	425.2	413.0	471.4	-37.9	-30.5
Non-MFI corporations of which	4,838.8	4,744.7	3,518.9	4,039.1	4,082.9	3,891.8	3,765.8	3,498.2	3,194.1	2,997.5	2,565.2	2,804.0	2,947.4	2,679.8	2,568.0	2,475.0	2,362.5	2,656.0	-42.1	-31.8
Non-monetary financial corporations	642.7	675.0	485.3	511.1	536.6	517.5	484.9	463.4	395.4	371.0	276.0	321.2	346.0	283.6	261.1	270.7	236.0	291.6	-56.0	-43.7
Non-financial corporations	4,196.1	4,069.6	3,033.6	3,528.0	3,546.2	3,374.2	3,280.9	3,034.8	2,798.7	2,626.5	2,289.2	2,482.8	2,601.4	2,396.2	2,306.9	2,204.4	2,126.5	2,364.4	-40.0	-29.9

Source: ECB securities issues statistics

1) Corresponding ESA 95 sector codes: MFIs refer to other monetary financial institutions (S.122): non-monetary financial corporations comprises other financial intermediaries (S.123), financial auxiliaries (S.124) and insurance corporations and pension funds (S.125): non-financial corporations (S.11).

2) Rates of change are calculated from amounts outstanding and are not adjusted for revaluations, reclassifications or other changes which do not arise from transactions.