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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 18 October 2002

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 18 October 2002 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) was EUR 240.7 billion, which was approximately the same as in the preceding week.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities of euro area residents denominated in euro (asset item 7) remained virtually unchanged at EUR 32.3 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item I) decreased by EUR 0.8 billion to EUR 330.8 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) remained virtually unchanged at EUR 39.1 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 3.9 billion to EUR 184.1 billion. On Wednesday, 16 October 2002, a main refinancing operation of EUR 80 billion matured and a new one of EUR 76 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, which was approximately the same 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 3.5 billion to EUR 128.8 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 18 October 2002 (EUR millions)

ssets	Balance as at	Difference compared	Liabilities	Balance as at	Difference compared
	18 October 2002	to last week due to		18 October 2002	to last week due to
		transactions			transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	131,211	0	1 Banknotes in circulation	330,793	-847
			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	32,527	-94	2.1 Current accounts		
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,			(covering the minimum reserve system)	128,833	
external loans and other external assets	213,910		2.2 Deposit facility	38	
	246,437	-798	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	•
			2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	-
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	19,628	273	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	11	
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro				128,882	-3,437
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	4,239	-8	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	173	-201
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0			
	4,239	-8	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	141,999	-4,001	5.1 General government	39,090	-15
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	44,998		5.2 Other liabilities	4.711	-74
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0.1,000		OLE OTHER HADMINGS	43.801	-89
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0			.0,001	-
5.5 Marginal lending facility	10		6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	8,328	-140
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	117			-,	
	187,124		7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	1,449	149
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	441	-178	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
			8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	17,324	-646
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	32,256	3	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
8 General government debt denominated in euro	67,209	0		17,324	-646
•	·		Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	6,567	0
9 Other assets	85,768	223	10 Other liabilities	63,456	816
			11 Revaluation accounts	106,307	0
			12 Capital and reserves	64,295	3
otal assets	774,314	-4,392	Total liabilities	774,314	-4,392

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