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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM as at 10 September 2004

I. Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 10 September 2004 the net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) decreased by EUR 0.2 billion to EUR 171.5 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) remained virtually unchanged at EUR 67.9 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) increased by EUR 1 billion to EUR 465.3 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 1.2 billion to EUR 57.1 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 1.4 billion to EUR 326.5 billion. On Wednesday, 8 September 2004, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 254 billion matured and a new one of EUR 252.5 billion was settled.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was EUR 0.1 billion (compared with virtually nil in the preceding week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was virtually nil (compared with EUR 0.1 billion 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 0.2 billion to EUR 137.4 billion.

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Assets	Balance as at 10 September 2004	Difference compared to last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 10 September 2004	Difference compared to last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	127,382	0	1 Banknotes in circulation	465,282	1,011
			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	27,442	-142	2.1 Current accounts		
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments,			(covering the minimum reserve system)	137,378	-218
external loans and other external assets	140,102	-1,064	2.2 Deposit facility	20	-73
	167,544	-1,206	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
			2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	17,603	-309	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	0	0
				137,398	-291
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro					
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	7,868	140	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	125	0
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0			
	7,868	140	4 Debt certificates issued	1,054	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	252,501	-1,498	5.1 General government	57,074	-1,215
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	74.999		5.2 Other liabilities	5,799	
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0		62,873	-1,219
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0		02,010	1,210
5.5 Marginal lending facility	51		6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	9,087	-223
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	31	45		3,007	-225
	327,554	•	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	322	69
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	1,510	-30	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency		
	,		8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	7,443	-1,409
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	67,863	-41	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
				7,443	-1,409
8 General government debt denominated in euro	42,089	3	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	5,896	0
9 Other assets	115,197	899	10 Other liabilities	55,152	69
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			11 Revaluation accounts	70,205	0
			12 Capital and reserves	59,773	0
otal assets	874,610	-1,993	Total liabilities	874,610	-1,993

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

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