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PRESS RELEASE

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2007

The annual rate of growth of M3 decreased to 10.4% in April 2007, from 10.9% in March 2007.¹ The three-month average of the annual growth rates of M3 over the period February 2007 - April 2007 rose to 10.4%, from 10.2% in the period January 2007 - March 2007.

12-month percentage changes; adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects	FEBRUARY 2007	MARCH 2007	APRIL 2007	FEBRUARY 2007 - APRIL 2007 AVERAGE
M3	9.9	10.9	10.4	10.4
MI	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.6
Loans to private sector	10.3	10.5	10.3	10.4

Regarding the main components of M3, the annual rate of growth of MI decreased to 6.2% in April 2007, from 7.0% in March. The annual rate of growth of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits declined to 12.4% in April, from 12.7% in the previous month. The annual rate of growth of marketable instruments decreased to 19.4% in April, from 19.9% 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 decreased to 7.5% in April 2007, from 7.7% in March. The annual rate of change of credit extended to general government was -5.6% in April, after -4.9% in March, while the annual growth of credit extended to the private sector was 10.7% in April, unchanged from the previous month. Among the components of the latter, the annual rate of growth of loans to the private sector decreased to 10.3% in April, from 10.5% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations declined to 12.2% in April, from 12.4% in March.² The annual growth rate of loans to households decreased to 7.6% in April, from 7.9% in the previous month. The annual rate of growth of lending for house purchase declined to 8.6% in April, from 8.9% in March. The annual rate of growth of consumer credit decreased to 6.9% in April, from 7.1% in March, while the annual growth rate of other lending to households decreased to 3.8% in April, from 4.0% in the

¹ These rates of growth refer to aggregates adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects; this applies throughout this press release unless specified otherwise.

² The rates of growth referring to the breakdown of loans to the private sector by counterpart and type are unadjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects.

previous month. Finally, the annual rate of growth of loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries (except insurance corporations and pension funds) increased to 16.3% in April, from 16.0% in the previous month.

Over the 12 months up to April 2007, the net external asset position of the euro area MFI sector rose by EUR 315 billion, compared with a rise of EUR 336 billion over the 12 months up to March. The annual rate of growth of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector stood at 8.7% in April, after 8.6% in March.

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 publication of the statistics on monetary developments in May, June, July and August 2007 is scheduled to take place at 10 am on 28 June, 26 July, 28 August and 27 September 2007 respectively.*
- *Data refer to 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 referring to periods up to and including December 2000 therefore cover the initial 11 euro area Member States, Greece is included as of January 2001 and Slovenia as of January 2007.*
- *The latest monetary data as contained in Tables 2.1 to 2.8 of the ECB's Monthly Bulletin can be found on the ECB's website (<http://www.ecb.int/>) in the "Statistics" section under "Money, banking and financial markets" and then "Monetary statistics". The same section contains also longer time series for principal monetary aggregates (start date: January 1970) and methodological notes on the monetary statistics concepts and seasonal adjustment procedures.*

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TABLE 1

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2007

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	MARCH 2007			APRIL 2007			AVERAGE FEB-07 APR-07
	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)	8000	141	10.9	8033	38	10.4	10.4
(1.1) Currency in circulation	592	4	10.5	597	5	10.5	10.4
(1.2) Overnight deposits	3155	34	6.3	3139	-15	5.4	5.9
(1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2)	3747	38	7.0	3736	-9	6.2	6.6
(1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years	1528	60	32.2	1573	48	31.2	30.9
(1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months	1537	-1	-1.7	1533	-4	-2.0	-1.7
(1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5)	3065	59	12.7	3107	44	12.4	12.2
(1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6)	6811	97	9.5	6843	35	8.9	9.1
(1.8) Repurchase agreements	280	15	19.3	272	-9	13.5	16.0
(1.9) Money market fund shares/units	670	15	12.2	676	8	13.1	11.6
(1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years	239	14	50.3	243	4	52.4	51.3
(1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10)	1189	44	19.9	1191	3	19.4	18.8
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
(2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)}	182	2	-5.4	180	-2	-5.5	-5.6
(3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4)	5580	53	8.6	5610	39	8.7	8.5
(3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years	1683	14	8.1	1693	11	7.9	8.1
(3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months	108	1	20.6	109	1	20.4	20.6
(3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years	2461	23	11.0	2468	17	10.9	10.9
(3.4) Capital and reserves	1328	15	4.1	1340	9	4.8	4.1
MFI assets:							
(4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2)	13270	109	7.7	13364	102	7.5	7.7
(4.1) Credit to general government	2301	-19	-4.9	2276	-23	-5.6	-4.9
of which Loans	819	-4	-1.4	819	0	-1.5	-1.2
of which Securities other than shares	1482	-14	-6.8	1458	-23	-7.8	-6.8
(4.2) Credit to other euro area residents	10969	128	10.7	11088	125	10.7	10.7
of which Loans	9443	104	10.5	9515	79	10.3	10.4
of which Securities other than shares	687	32	22.1	704	16	23.2	21.3
of which Shares and other equities	839	-9	5.3	869	29	5.5	6.7
(5) <i>Net external assets</i>	767	101	ND	734	-28	ND	ND
(6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5)	-276	-14	ND	-276	1	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.

TABLE 2

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2007

DATA UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	MARCH 2007			APRIL 2007			AVERAGE FEB-07 APR-07
	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)	8001	167	11.1	8065	70	10.3	10.4
(1.1) Currency in circulation	588	10	10.5	595	6	10.0	10.2
(1.2) Overnight deposits	3147	53	6.8	3154	8	5.4	6.0
(1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2)	3735	62	7.4	3749	15	6.1	6.6
(1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years	1534	65	32.1	1572	41	31.0	31.0
(1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months	1545	-2	-1.7	1538	-7	-2.0	-1.7
(1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5)	3079	63	12.7	3110	34	12.3	12.2
(1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6)	6814	125	9.7	6859	48	8.8	9.1
(1.8) Repurchase agreements	282	13	20.0	282	0	13.3	16.1
(1.9) Money market fund shares/units	666	14	12.1	682	17	13.1	11.6
(1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years	239	14	50.3	243	4	52.4	51.3
(1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10)	1187	41	20.0	1207	21	19.2	18.8
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
(2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)}	184	-6	-5.5	174	-10	-5.4	-5.6
(3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4)	5591	66	8.6	5613	30	8.7	8.6
(3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years	1690	18	8.1	1701	12	7.9	8.1
(3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months	109	1	20.6	109	0	20.5	20.6
(3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years	2461	29	11.0	2468	18	10.9	10.9
(3.4) Capital and reserves	1331	18	4.2	1334	0	4.8	4.1
MFI assets:							
(4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2)	13287	137	7.7	13433	154	7.5	7.7
(4.1) Credit to general government	2308	-8	-4.9	2290	-17	-5.6	-4.9
of which Loans	821	-1	-1.4	821	0	-1.5	-1.2
of which Securities other than shares	1487	-7	-6.7	1468	-17	-7.8	-6.8
(4.2) Credit to other euro area residents	10978	145	10.8	11144	171	10.7	10.7
of which Loans	9440	106	10.5	9525	92	10.3	10.4
of which Securities other than shares	689	30	22.2	709	20	23.2	21.3
of which Shares and other equities	850	10	5.4	910	59	5.7	6.8
(5) <i>Net external assets</i>	750	92	ND	710	-35	ND	ND
(6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5)	-261	-2	ND	-292	-29	ND	ND

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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.

TABLE 3

CONTRIBUTIONS OF M3 COMPONENTS TO THE M3 ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: APRIL 2007
DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS
 (contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change ^{a)})

	FEBRUARY 2007	MARCH 2007	APRIL 2007
(1) M1	3.2	3.4	3.0
(1.1) <i>of which</i> : Currency	0.8	0.8	0.8
(1.2) <i>of which</i> : Overnight deposits	2.4	2.6	2.2
(2) M2 - M1 (= other short-term deposits)	4.4	4.8	4.7
(3) M3 - M2 (= short-term marketable instruments)	2.4	2.8	2.7
(4) M3 (= items 1, 2 and 3)	9.9	10.9	10.4

a) Discrepancies can be due to rounding.

TABLE 4

BREAKDOWN OF LOANS BY COUNTERPART, TYPE AND ORIGINAL MATURITY: APRIL 2007
DATA UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS
 (EUR billions and annual percentage changes ^{a)})

	MARCH 2007				APRIL 2007			
	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	write-offs / write-downs	Annual growth rate	End of month level	Monthly flow ^{b)}	write-offs / write-downs	Annual growth rate
BREAKDOWN OF LOANS ^{c)}								
(1) Loans to non-financial corporations	3956	40	-1	12.4	3997	44	0	12.2
(1.1) up to 1 year	1171	11	0	9.3	1187	18	0	8.8
(1.2) over 1 year and up to 5 years	739	13	0	18.8	749	11	0	18.9
(1.3) over 5 years	2047	16	-1	12.1	2061	15	0	11.9
(2) Loans to households ^{d)}	4611	31	-1	7.9	4628	19	-1	7.6
(2.1) Consumer credit	590	5	0	7.1	594	4	0	6.9
(2.2) Lending for house purchase	3272	19	0	8.9	3286	15	0	8.6
(2.3) Other lending ^{d)}	749	7	0	4.0	748	-1	0	3.8
(3) Loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds	775	33	0	16.0	795	22	0	16.3
(4) Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	99	2	0	20.5	106	7	0	20.2

a) Discrepancies can be 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 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.