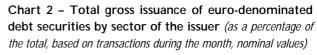
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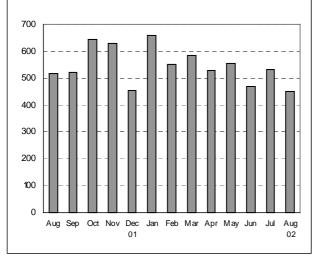
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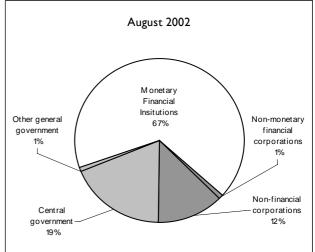
EURO AREA SECURITIES ISSUES STATISTICS: AUGUST 2002

In August 2002, euro area residents issued debt securities in the amount of EUR 451.6 billion (see Table I and Chart I). As redemptions totalled EUR 444.1 billion, net issuance amounted to EUR 7.5 billion, compared to EUR 29.6 billion one month earlier. Euro-denominated debt securities accounted for 94% of the total gross issuance by euro area residents. The largest proportion, accounting for 67% of the euro-denominated debt securities, was issued by Monetary Financial Institutions (see Table 2 and Chart 2). The remaining issuance activity was shared between general government, accounting for 20%, and non-monetary financial corporations and non-financial corporations, together accounting for 13%.

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







Source: ECB Securities Issues Statistics.

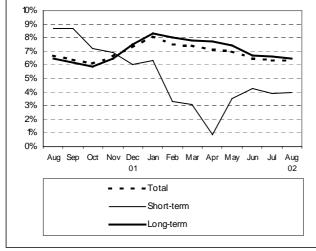
The sector classification is based on the ESA 95 (sector codes in brackets): Monetary Financial Institutions, which include central banks (S.121) and other monetary financial institutions (S.122); non-monetary financial corporations, which comprise other financial intermediaries (S.123), financial auxiliaries (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).

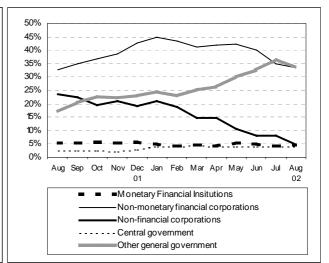
The annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of debt securities issued by euro area residents was 6.3% in August 2002, unchanged from the previous month (see Table I and Chart 3). The annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of short-term debt securities issued by euro area residents increased slightly to 4.0% in August 2002, from 3.9% in July. For long-term debt securities, the annual growth rate was to 6.5% in August 2002, which compares with 6.6% in July.

As regards the sectoral breakdown of the issuance of euro-denominated debt securities (see Table 2 and Chart 4), the annual growth rate of the amount outstanding of euro-denominated debt securities issued by the general government sector increased slightly to 5.2% in August 2002, from 5.1% in July. While the annual growth rate for the central government increased to 4.2% in August 2002, from 4.0% in July, the annual growth rate for the other government sub-sectors declined to 34.0% in August 2002, from 36.6% in July. In the Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs) sector, the annual growth rate increased to 4.6% in August 2002, from 4.4% in July. In the non-MFI corporate sector, the annual growth rate of the amount outstanding declined to 16.9% in August 2002, from 19.6 % in the previous month. Within this sector, the annual growth rate of the euro-denominated outstanding amount issued by non-monetary financial corporations declined to 33.5% in August 2002, from 35.0% in July. For non-financial corporations this growth rate declined to 4.7% in August 2002, from 8.0% in July.

Chart 3 – Debt securities issued by euro area residents by original maturity (annual percentage changes based on nominal end-of-period stocks)

Chart 4 – Euro-denominated debt securities issued by euro area residents by sector of the issuer (annual percentage changes based on nominal end-of-period stocks)





Source: ECB Securities Issues Statistics.

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.

Table 1
Securities issued by euro area residents¹⁾
(EUR billions)

	Q3-2001			Q4-2001			Q1-2002			Q2-2002			Jul.2002				Aug.2002		end-Aug.2001	end-Aug.2002	end-Jul.2002	end-Aug.2002
	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 issu		issues	s tions		issues		tions	issues		tions	issues	j.	tions	issues	outstanding	outstanding	amounts outstanding 4)		
Total	1,581.4	1,487.1	94.3	1,729.4	1,651.3	78.1	1,795.8	1,589.6	206.2	1,551.9	1,389.4	162.6	534.2	504.6	29.6	451.6	444.1	7.5	7,604.5	8,081.0	6.3	6.3
denominated in euro ²⁾	1,464.0	1,380.6	83.3	1,600.8	1,546.9	53.9	1,681.3	1,499.1	182.2	1,440.4	1,299.6	140.8	495.0	474.1	20.9	424.5	412.7	11.8	6,935.2	7,368.6	6.4	6.3
Short-term ³⁾ - of which	1,217.1	1,207.4	9.7	1,318.0	1,363.2	-45.2	1,313.7	1,266.1	47.6	1,139.3	1,127.2	12.1	404.1	392.0	12.2	383.9	377.9	6.0	740.2	769.7	3.9	4.0
denominated in euro ²⁾	1,150.9	1,143.0	7.8	1,247.8	1,291.8	-44.0	1,251.4	1,204.2	47.3	1,069.9	1,061.7	8.2	381.4	371.2	10.2	365.6	356.8	8.8	655.3	688.9	4.8	5.1
Long-term	364.3	279.7	84.6	411.4	288.1	123.3	482.2	323.5	158.6	412.7	262.2	150.5	130.0	112.6	17.4	67.7	66.2	1.5	6,864.3	7,311.2	6.6	6.5
denominated in euro ²⁾	313.1	237.6	75.5	352.9	255.0	97.9	429.9	294.9	135.0	370.5	237.8	132.6	113.6	102.9	10.7	58.9	55.9	3.0	6,279.9	6,679.7	6.5	6.4

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) &}quot;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 calculated from amounts outstanding and are not adjusted for revaluations, reclassifications or other changes which do not arise from transactions.

Table 2
Securities issued by euro area residents¹⁾ denominated in euro²⁾ by issuing sector³⁾

		Q3-2001			Q4-2001		Q1-2002			Q2-2002			Jul.2002				Aug.2002		end-Aug.2001	end-Aug.2002	end-Jul.2002	end-Aug.2002
	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 ou	tstanding ⁴⁾									
Total	1,464.0	1,380.6	83.3	1,600.8	1,546.9	53.9	1,681.3	1,499.1	182.2	1,440.4	1,299.6	140.8	495.0	474.1	20.9	424.5	412.7	11.8	6,935.2	7,368.6	6.4	6.3
MFIs (including Eurosystem)	922.5	906.7	15.8	1,072.1	1,064.0	8.1	1,041.8	979.1	62.7	849.7	814.1	35.5	296.9	295.3	1.6	285.0	284.9	0.2	2,545.7	2,661.7	4.4	4.6
Short-term	803.4	815.6	-12.2	922.4	935.0	-12.7	883.3	869.0	14.4	716.5	715.9	0.6	259.2	252.8	6.4	257.3	256.2	1.1	254.7	266.0	2.6	4.4
Long-term	119.1	91.1	27.9	149.7	128.9	20.8	158.5	110.1	48.4	133.2	98.2	34.9	37.7	42.5	-4.7	27.8	28.7	-0.9	2,291.0	2,395.7	4.6	4.6
Non-MFI corporations of which issued by	269.8	229.9	39.9	303.3	246.9	56.4	251.1	224.3	26.8	255.7	226.0	29.7	85.7	71.7	14.0	57.2	59.5	-2.3	752.2	879.1	19.6	16.9
Non-monetary financial corporations	42.6	18.7	23.8	67.4	19.8	47.6	36.3	19.8	16.5	55.8	24.9	30.9	14.3	6.4	7.9	4.2	5.1	-0.9	318.0	424.5	35.0	33.5
Short-term	6.1	7.2	-1.1	5.6	6.3	-0.7	6.9	6.1	0.9	7.1	7.5	-0.4	1.9	1.5	0.4	1.8	1.6	0.2	4.4	4.4	-17.0	0.6
Long-term	36.5	11.6	24.9	61.8	13.4	48.4	29.4	13.7	15.6	48.7	17.3	31.4	12.5	4.9	7.6	2.4	3.5	-1.2	313.6	420.1	35.8	33.9
Non-financial corporations	227.2	211.2	16.1	235.9	227.2	8.7	214.8	204.5	10.3	199.9	201.1	-1.2	71.4	65.3	6.1	53.0	54.4	-1.3	434.1	454.6	8.0	4.7
Short-term	211.1	202.3	8.8	204.8	215.7	-10.8	197.3	196.0	1.3	177.4	192.6	-15.2	65.6	61.6	4.0	50.8	50.4	0.4	106.8	86.4	-15.1	-19.1
Long-term	16.2	8.9	7.3	31.0	11.5	19.6	17.5	8.5	9.0	22.5	8.5	14.0	5.8	3.8	2.1	2.2	3.9	-1.7	327.4	368.2	15.3	12.5
General government of which issued by	271.7	244.0	27.7	225.4	236.0	-10.6	388.4	295.6	92.7	335.1	259.5	75.6	112.4	107.1	5.3	82.2	68.4	13.9	3,637.3	3,827.9	5.1	5.2
Central government	255.5	238.7	16.8	210.4	229.5	-19.1	373.2	286.7	86.4	315.0	251.7	63.3	100.8	104.7	-3.9	79.1	66.0	13.0	3,515.5	3,664.6	4.0	4.2
Short-term	124.5	113.9	10.7	110.7	130.9	-20.2	158.3	126.6	31.6	163.3	139.8	23.5	52.6	53.4	-0.8	53.9	46.7	7.2	285.9	328.8	14.6	15.0
Long-term	131.0	124.8	6.2	99.7	98.6	1.1	214.9	160.1	54.8	151.7	111.9	39.8	48.2	51.2	-3.0	25.2	19.3	5.9	3,229.6	3,335.8	3.1	3.3
Other general government	16.2	5.4	10.9	15.0	6.5	8.5	15.2	8.9	6.3	20.0	7.8	12.3	11.6	2.4	9.2	3.2	2.3	0.8	121.8	163.3	36.6	34.0
Short-term	5.8	4.1	1.7	4.3	3.8	0.4	5.7	6.5	-0.9	5.6	5.9	-0.3	2.2	1.8	0.3	1.8	1.9	-0.1	3.6	3.3	-7.0	-7.1
Long-term	10.4	1.2	9.2	10.7	2.6	8.1	9.6	2.4	7.1	14.4	1.9	12.5	9.4	0.5	8.9	1.3	0.5	0.9	118.3	160.0	37.9	35.3

Source: ECB securities issues statistics

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