

PRESS RELEASE

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2009

The annual rate of growth of M3 stood at 4.9% in April 2009, after 5.0% in March 2009.¹ The three-month average of the annual growth rates of M3 over the period February 2009 - April 2009 decreased to 5.2%, from 5.6% in the period January 2009 - March 2009.

| 12-month percentage changes; adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects | FEBRUARY 2009 | MARCH 2009 | APRIL 2009 | FEBRUARY 2009 - APRIL 2009 AVERAGE |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| M3 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| MI | 6.3 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 6.9 |
| Loans to private sector | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 3.3 |

Regarding the main components of M3, the annual rate of growth of MI increased to 8.4% in April 2009, from 5.9% in March. The annual rate of growth of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits decreased to 3.4% in April, from 6.3% in the previous month. The annual rate of change of marketable instruments increased to -0.9% in April, from -1.1% 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 4.4% in April 2009, from 5.2% in March. The annual rate of growth of credit extended to general government increased to 8.0% in April, from 7.7% in March, while the annual growth of credit extended to the private sector declined to 3.7% in April, from 4.7% in March. Among the components of the latter, the annual rate of growth of loans to the private sector decreased to 2.4% in April, from 3.2% in the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation² the annual growth rate of loans to the private sector decreased to 4.1%, from 5.0% in the previous month). The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations decreased to 5.2% in April, from 6.3% in March. The annual growth rate of loans to households decreased to 0.1% in April, from 0.4% in the previous month. The annual rate of change of lending for house purchase declined to -0.2% in April, from 0.1% in March. The annual rate of change of consumer credit decreased to -0.4% in April, from 0.9% in March, while the annual growth rate of other lending to households increased to 1.8% in April, from 1.3% in the previous month. Finally, the annual rate of growth of loans to non-

¹ These rates of growth refer to aggregates adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects.

² Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

monetary financial intermediaries (except insurance corporations and pension funds) decreased to 0.6% in April, from 3.5% in the previous month.

Over the 12 months up to April 2009, the net external asset position of the euro area MFI sector declined by EUR 41 billion, compared with a decline of EUR 153 billion over the 12 months up to March. The annual rate of growth of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector stood at 4.3% in April, after 4.4% 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 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.europa.eu>) 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. Monthly and other shorter-term growth rates for selected items are available at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>*
- *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 include Greece as of January 2001, Slovenia as of January 2007, Cyprus and Malta as of January 2008 and Slovakia as of January 2009.*
- *The publication of the statistics on monetary developments in May, June and July 2009 is scheduled to take place at 10 am on 30 June, 27 July and 27 August 2009 respectively.*

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TABLE 1

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2009

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

| | MARCH 2009 | | | APRIL 2009 | | | AVERAGE FEB-09 APR-09 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 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) | 9396 | -34 | 5.0 | 9478 | 81 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| (1.1) Currency in circulation | 727 | 6 | 13.8 | 730 | 2 | 13.2 | 13.6 |
| (1.2) Overnight deposits | 3396 | -16 | 4.4 | 3470 | 90 | 7.4 | 5.5 |
| (1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2) | 4123 | -11 | 5.9 | 4200 | 93 | 8.4 | 6.9 |
| (1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years | 2318 | -31 | 6.2 | 2293 | -44 | 0.3 | 5.3 |
| (1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months | 1642 | 18 | 6.6 | 1667 | 26 | 8.0 | 6.7 |
| (1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5) | 3961 | -13 | 6.3 | 3960 | -18 | 3.4 | 5.8 |
| (1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6) | 8084 | -23 | 6.1 | 8160 | 75 | 5.9 | 6.3 |
| (1.8) Repurchase agreements | 337 | 10 | 8.5 | 338 | 1 | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| (1.9) Money market fund shares/units | 780 | 3 | 4.2 | 771 | -8 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| (1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years | 194 | -24 | -27.3 | 209 | 14 | -19.4 | -22.3 |
| (1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10) | 1312 | -11 | -1.1 | 1318 | 7 | -0.9 | -1.0 |
| COUNTERPARTS OF M3 | | | | | | | |
| MFI liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| (2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)} | 343 | 17 | 73.0 | 342 | -1 | 68.4 | 73.1 |
| (3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4) | 6460 | 7 | 4.4 | 6482 | 20 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| (3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years | 2076 | 17 | 5.0 | 2090 | 13 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| (3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months | 124 | 1 | 3.7 | 126 | 1 | 5.1 | 3.4 |
| (3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years | 2600 | -13 | 0.6 | 2596 | -9 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| (3.4) Capital and reserves | 1660 | 1 | 10.3 | 1671 | 14 | 10.4 | 10.5 |
| MFI assets: | | | | | | | |
| (4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2) | 15733 | 9 | 5.2 | 15733 | -3 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| (4.1) Credit to general government | 2689 | 31 | 7.7 | 2714 | 25 | 8.0 | 7.4 |
| of which Loans | 989 | -13 | 1.4 | 996 | 7 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| of which Securities other than shares | 1700 | 44 | 11.7 | 1718 | 18 | 12.3 | 11.0 |
| (4.2) Credit to other euro area residents | 13044 | -22 | 4.7 | 13019 | -28 | 3.7 | 4.7 |
| of which Loans ^{e)} | 10814 | -27 | 3.2 | 10797 | -18 | 2.4 | 3.3 |
| <i>memo item: loans adjusted for sales & securitisation</i> ^{f)} | ND | -15 | 5.0 | ND | -2 | 4.1 | 5.1 |
| of which Securities other than shares | 1457 | 22 | 29.4 | 1469 | 14 | 27.2 | 29.0 |
| of which Shares and other equities | 774 | -17 | -5.9 | 753 | -24 | -9.0 | -6.7 |
| (5) <i>Net external assets</i> | 388 | 2 | ND | 453 | 65 | ND | ND |
| (6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5) | 78 | -21 | ND | 116 | 38 | 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.

e) For further breakdowns see Table 4.

f) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

TABLE 2

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: APRIL 2009

DATA UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

| | MARCH 2009 | | | APRIL 2009 | | | AVERAGE FEB-09 APR-09 |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 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) | 9410 | -4 | 5.0 | 9500 | 90 | 4.9 | 5.3 |
| (1.1) Currency in circulation | 720 | 4 | 13.5 | 729 | 9 | 13.5 | 13.6 |
| (1.2) Overnight deposits | 3416 | 25 | 4.4 | 3474 | 74 | 7.5 | 5.7 |
| (1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2) | 4136 | 29 | 5.9 | 4203 | 83 | 8.5 | 7.0 |
| (1.4) Deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years | 2304 | -45 | 6.0 | 2290 | -32 | 0.1 | 5.1 |
| (1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice up to 3 months | 1655 | 21 | 6.6 | 1676 | 22 | 8.1 | 6.8 |
| (1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5) | 3959 | -24 | 6.2 | 3966 | -10 | 3.3 | 5.7 |
| (1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6) | 8094 | 5 | 6.1 | 8169 | 73 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| (1.8) Repurchase agreements | 340 | 11 | 8.6 | 340 | 0 | 3.6 | 5.7 |
| (1.9) Money market fund shares/units | 781 | 4 | 4.2 | 782 | 3 | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| (1.10) Debt securities issued with maturity up to 2 years | 194 | -24 | -27.3 | 209 | 14 | -19.4 | -22.3 |
| (1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10) | 1315 | -9 | -1.1 | 1331 | 17 | -0.9 | -1.0 |
| COUNTERPARTS OF M3 | | | | | | | |
| MFI liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| (2) <i>Holdings against central government ^{d)}</i> | 352 | 13 | 73.6 | 339 | -13 | 69.3 | 73.4 |
| (3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities against other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4) | 6465 | 23 | 4.4 | 6481 | 13 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| (3.1) Deposits with agreed maturity over 2 years | 2075 | 22 | 5.0 | 2090 | 15 | 5.5 | 4.9 |
| (3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice over 3 months | 126 | 0 | 3.7 | 126 | 0 | 5.1 | 3.4 |
| (3.3) Debt securities issued with maturity over 2 years | 2599 | -4 | 0.6 | 2595 | -8 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| (3.4) Capital and reserves | 1666 | 5 | 10.3 | 1669 | 7 | 10.5 | 10.6 |
| MFI assets: | | | | | | | |
| (4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2) | 15743 | 64 | 5.2 | 15819 | 73 | 4.4 | 5.2 |
| (4.1) Credit to general government | 2700 | 40 | 7.7 | 2733 | 33 | 7.9 | 7.5 |
| of which Loans | 989 | -10 | 1.4 | 1000 | 12 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| of which Securities other than shares | 1712 | 50 | 11.7 | 1733 | 21 | 12.2 | 11.0 |
| (4.2) Credit to other euro area residents | 13043 | 24 | 4.7 | 13086 | 40 | 3.6 | 4.7 |
| of which Loans | 10816 | 3 | 3.2 | 10812 | -5 | 2.4 | 3.3 |
| <i>memo item: loans adjusted for sales & securitisation ^{e)}</i> | ND | 15 | 5.0 | ND | 11 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| of which Securities other than shares | 1453 | 26 | 29.3 | 1475 | 23 | 27.2 | 28.9 |
| of which Shares and other equities | 774 | -4 | -6.0 | 799 | 22 | -9.0 | -6.8 |
| (5) <i>Net external assets</i> | 388 | -16 | ND | 424 | 35 | ND | ND |
| (6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5) | 95 | -16 | ND | 77 | -18 | ND | ND |

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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.

e) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

TABLE 3

CONTRIBUTIONS OF M3 COMPONENTS TO THE M3 ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: APRIL 2009

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change ^{a)})

| | FEBRUARY 2009 | MARCH 2009 | APRIL 2009 |
|--|---------------|------------|------------|
| (1) M1 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.6 |
| (1.1) <i>of which</i> : Currency | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| (1.2) <i>of which</i> : Overnight deposits | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.7 |
| (2) M2 - M1 (= other short-term deposits) | 3.2 | 2.6 | 1.4 |
| (3) M3 - M2 (= short-term marketable instruments) | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| (4) M3 (= items 1, 2 and 3) | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 4

BREAKDOWN OF LOANS BY COUNTERPART, TYPE AND ORIGINAL MATURITY: APRIL 2009

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

| | MARCH 2009 | | | APRIL 2009 | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| | End of month level | Monthly flow ^{b)} | Annual growth rate | End of month level | Monthly flow ^{b)} | Annual growth rate |
| BREAKDOWN OF LOANS ^{c)} | | | | | | |
| (1) Loans to non-financial corporations | 4850 | -15 | 6.3 | 4843 | -5 | 5.2 |
| (1.1) up to 1 year | 1350 | -19 | 0.1 | 1334 | -16 | -1.4 |
| (1.2) over 1 year and up to 5 years | 974 | -4 | 10.4 | 979 | 6 | 9.9 |
| (1.3) over 5 years | 2526 | 8 | 8.3 | 2529 | 5 | 7.2 |
| (2) Loans to households ^{d)} | 4890 | -5 | 0.4 | 4891 | -1 | 0.1 |
| (2.1) Consumer credit | 641 | 1 | 0.9 | 636 | -6 | -0.4 |
| (2.2) Lending for house purchase | 3482 | -7 | 0.1 | 3484 | 1 | -0.2 |
| (2.3) Other lending | 767 | 1 | 1.3 | 771 | 3 | 1.8 |
| (3) Loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds | 970 | -11 | 3.5 | 962 | -10 | 0.6 |
| (4) Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds | 103 | 4 | -5.5 | 101 | -2 | -2.2 |

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

b) Calculated from the 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.