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STATISTICS ON EURO AREA INSURANCE CORPORATIONS AND PENSION FUNDS: SECOND QUARTER 2013

In the second quarter of 2013, the total financial assets of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds decreased to €7,704 billion, from €7,763 billion in the previous quarter. Over the same period, the insurance technical reserves, which are the main liabilities of insurance corporations and pension funds, increased to €6,551 billion, from €6,527 billion, mainly due to positive transactions.

Selected balance sheet items of insurance corporations and pension funds

(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period; transactions during the period)

	Amounts outstanding			Amounts outstanding	Transactions ¹
	2012		2013		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	2013 Q2	
Total financial assets	7,545	7,629	7,763	7,704	n.a.
Insurance technical reserves ²	6,389	6,455	6,527	6,551	27
net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,392	3,427	3,464	3,468	20
net equity of households in pension fund reserves	2,163	2,202	2,216	2,238	8
prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	833	826	847	845	0

¹ Transactions are available only for euro area insurance technical reserves.

² Insurance technical reserves contain the provisions against policyholders or beneficiaries set aside by insurers and pension funds to meet future obligations. This item also includes prepayments of insurance premiums, which are related to non-life insurance and to reinsurance, and reserves for outstanding claims, which are the amounts expected to be paid out in settlement of claims, including disputed claims.

Regarding the breakdown of the assets of the aggregated balance sheet of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds, holdings of **securities other than shares** accounted for 40% of the sector's total financial assets at end-June 2013. The second largest category of

holdings were **investment fund shares**, which contributed 25% to the total financial assets. Finally, **shares and other equity** accounted for 11% of the total financial assets.

Turning to transactions in the main breakdowns of the **insurance technical reserves**, the **net equity of households in life insurance reserves** increased by €20 billion in the second quarter of 2013. The **net equity of households in pension fund reserves** increased by €8 billion in the same quarter, while transactions in **prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims** were negligible in the second quarter of 2013.

Regarding the contributions of the two sub-sectors, **insurance corporations' total financial assets** accounted for €6,006 billion in June 2013, representing 78% of the aggregated balance sheet of the insurance corporations and pension funds sector, while the **pension funds' total financial assets** amounted to €1,698 billion.

Notes

- Further predefined tables, statistical data and methodological notes, as well as the advance release calendar, are available on the ECB's website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/icpf/html/index.en.html>.

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Table 1: Assets and liabilities of euro area insurance corporations and pension funds(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period ¹⁾)

	2012 Q3	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2
Total financial assets	7,545	7,629	7,763	7,704
Currency and deposits	784	787	793	769
<i>of which:</i> Deposits with euro area MFIs	739	743	748	726
<i>of which:</i> Deposits with non-euro area residents	43	42	43	41
Loans	479	478	480	482
To euro area residents	445	444	444	446
MFIs	10	10	11	10
General government	141	140	140	144
Other financial intermediaries	28	32	28	26
Insurance corporations and pension funds	90	86	84	83
Non-financial corporations	48	47	48	49
Households	128	129	132	134
To non-euro area residents	33	33	36	37
Securities other than shares	3,007	3,054	3,091	3,078
Issued by euro area residents	2,515	2,550	2,597	2,588
MFIs	708	693	728	700
General government	1,349	1,387	1,388	1,407
Other financial intermediaries	246	252	255	257
Insurance corporations and pension funds	17	18	18	18
Non-financial corporations	195	200	208	207
Issued by non-euro area residents	492	504	495	490
Shares and other equity	822	819	836	837
Quoted shares	327	341	349	345
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area MFIs	21	21	19	18
Unquoted shares	495	478	487	493
Investment fund shares/units	1,787	1,826	1,901	1,891
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area residents	1,673	1,716	1,787	1,780
Money market fund shares	108	110	114	101
<i>of which:</i> Issued by euro area MFIs	106	107	111	98
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims ²⁾	263	262	265	264
<i>of which:</i> Euro area residents	229	228	231	230
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	295	294	283	281
Non-financial assets	151	153	154	155
Total liabilities	7,375	7,474	7,560	7,599
Loans	293	267	276	276
Securities other than shares	45	49	49	45
Shares and other equity	453	483	494	502
Quoted shares	116	130	134	139
Unquoted shares	337	352	360	363
Insurance technical reserves	6,389	6,455	6,527	6,551
Net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,392	3,427	3,464	3,468
Net equity of households in pension fund reserves	2,163	2,202	2,216	2,238
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims ³⁾	833	826	847	845
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	196	220	214	224
Net worth ⁴⁾	322	308	357	260

Source: ECB.

1) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

2) Includes reinsurance.

3) Prepayments of insurance premiums are related to non-life insurance and to reinsurance. Reserves for outstanding claims are the amounts expected to be paid out in settlement of claims, including disputed claims.

4) The net worth is calculated as the difference between total assets (financial and non-financial) and liabilities, and may also reflect statistical discrepancies.

Table 2: Assets and liabilities of euro area insurance corporations and euro area pension funds

(EUR billions; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period ¹⁾)

	Insurance corporations		Pension funds	
	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q1	2013 Q2
Total financial assets	6,018	6,006	1,746	1,698
Currency and deposits	594	576	199	193
Loans	416	420	64	62
Securities other than shares	2,681	2,665	411	413
Shares and other equity	637	661	199	176
Investment fund shares/units	1,152	1,150	749	740
Money market fund shares	107	94	8	7
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	235	234	30	30
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	196	205	87	76
Non-financial assets	117	118	37	37
Total liabilities	5,873	5,900	1,687	1,699
Loans	253	255	24	21
Securities other than shares	49	45	0	0
Shares and other equity	487	495	8	8
Net equity of households in life insurance reserves	3,464	3,468	0	0
Net equity of households in pension fund reserves	613	617	1,602	1,621
Prepayments of insurance premiums and reserves for outstanding claims	845	843	2	2
Other accounts receivable/payable and financial derivatives	162	177	52	48
Net worth	262	224	96	36

1) For footnotes, see Table 1.

Chart 1: Net equity of households in life insurance reserves: breakdown by type of policy

(percentage of total; end-December 2012)

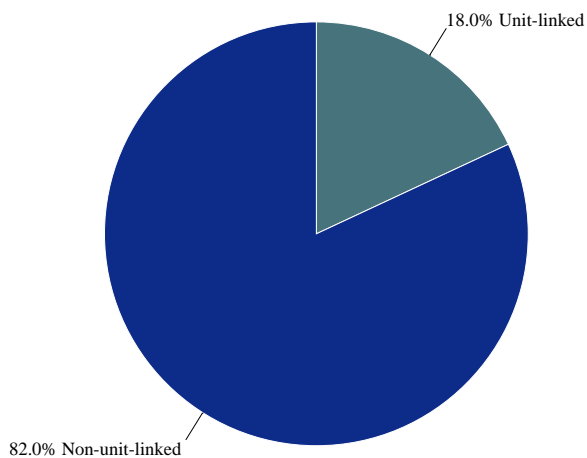
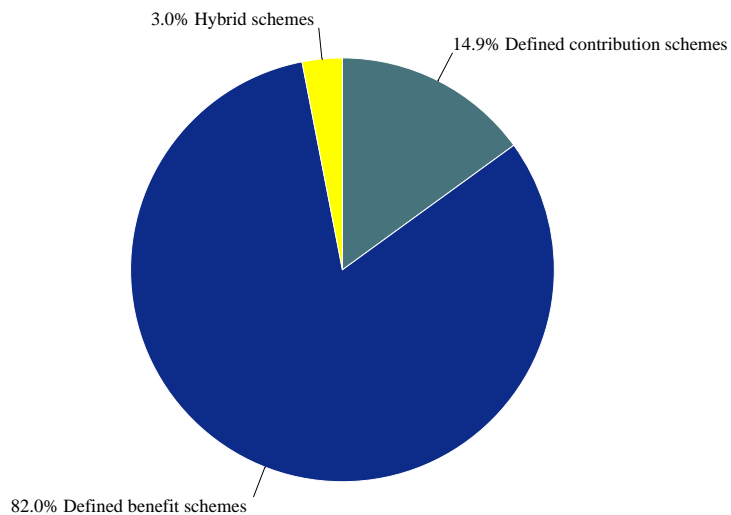


Chart 2: Net equity of households in pension fund reserves: breakdown by type of plan

(percentage of total; end-December 2012)



Source: ECB.