

PRESS RELEASE

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: FEBRUARY 2013

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 decreased to 3.1% in February 2013, from 3.5% in January 2013.¹ The three-month average of the annual growth rates of M3 in the period from December 2012 to February 2013 decreased to 3.3%, from 3.6% in the period from November 2012 to January 2013.

Twelve-month percentage changes; (adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects)	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012 - FEBRUARY 2013 (AVERAGE)
M3	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.3
M1	6.5	6.6	7.0	6.7
Loans to the private sector	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
Loans to the private sector, adjusted for sales and securitisation	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3

M3 components

Regarding the main components of M3, the annual growth rate of M1 increased to 7.0% in February 2013, from 6.6% in January. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) decreased to 0.8% in February, from 1.7% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) was more negative at -9.1% in February, from -6.1% in January. Among the deposits included in M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households stood at 4.4% in February, compared with 4.3% in the previous month, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to 5.7% in February, from 5.5% in the previous month. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-monetary financial intermediaries (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) decreased to 1.4% in February, from 3.0% in the previous month.

Counterparts to M3: credit and loans

¹ The annual growth rates presented in this press release refer to aggregates adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects.

Turning to the main counterparts of M3 on the asset side of the consolidated balance sheet of Monetary Financial Institutions (MFIs), the annual growth rate of total credit granted to euro area residents decreased to -0.2% in February 2013, from 0.0% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit extended to general government decreased to 3.6% in February, from 4.5% in January, while the annual growth rate of credit extended to the private sector stood at -1.2% in February, compared with -1.1% in the previous month. Among the components of credit to the private sector, the annual growth rate of loans stood at -0.9% in February, unchanged from the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation², the rate stood at -0.4%, compared with -0.5% in the previous month). The annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 0.5% in February, unchanged from the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation, the rate stood at 0.4%, unchanged from the previous month). The annual growth rate of lending for house purchase, the most important component of household loans, stood at 1.4% in February, unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations stood at -2.6% in February, compared with -2.5% in the previous month (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation, the rate stood at -1.4% in February, compared with -1.5% in the previous month). Finally, the annual growth rate of loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) was less negative at -0.5% in February, from -1.4% in the previous month.

Other counterparts

Over the 12 months up to February 2013, the net external asset position of the euro area MFI sector increased by €151 billion, compared with an increase of €175 billion over the 12 months up to January. The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector was less negative at -1.5% in February, from -1.7% in January.

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/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>.
- A set of tables showing MFI balance sheets for the euro area, euro area countries and non-euro area EU countries together with a user-friendly facility for downloading data is available in the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse at <http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/reports.do?node=1000003152>.
- February 2013 and December 2012 figures are partly affected by the orderly restructuring of the Spanish banking sector. This has involved, in particular, the transfer of loans to the asset management company for assets arising from bank restructuring (SAREB) and a corresponding increase of securities other than shares held by MFIs (issued by SAREB). While most of the effect on monthly loan flows and growth rates is adjusted for in the series "loans adjusted for sales and securitisation", other factors linked to the orderly restructuring of the Spanish banking sector led to further reductions of loans to non-financial corporations that had a sizeable downward impact even on loan flows corrected for sales and securitisation in December 2012.

² Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFIs' statistical balance sheets due to their sale or securitisation.

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TABLE 1

MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EURO AREA: FEBRUARY 2013

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	END-OF-MONTH LEVEL	MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)}			ANNUAL GROWTH RATE		
	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013
COMPONENTS OF M3 ^{c)}							
(1) M3 (= items 1.3, 1.6 and 1.11)	9808	-6	37	15	3.5	3.5	3.1
(1.1) Currency in circulation	863	-1	-2	2	2.3	1.5	1.4
(1.2) Overnight deposits	4310	6	23	45	7.4	7.7	8.2
(1.3) M1 (items 1.1 and 1.2)	5173	5	21	47	6.5	6.6	7.0
(1.4) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	1791	-1	4	-18	-2.2	-3.0	-4.8
(1.5) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2097	9	9	8	5.9	6.2	6.1
(1.6) Other short term deposits (items 1.4 and 1.5)	3888	8	13	-10	2.0	1.7	0.8
(1.7) M2 (items 1.3 and 1.6)	9061	13	34	38	4.5	4.4	4.3
(1.8) Repurchase agreements	125	2	7	-7	-11.4	-8.2	-10.2
(1.9) Money market fund shares/units	468	-12	-2	5	-4.4	-4.0	-2.6
(1.10) Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years	154	-9	-2	-20	-10.1	-9.6	-23.3
(1.11) Marketable instruments (items 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10)	746	-19	3	-22	-6.9	-6.1	-9.1
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
(2) <i>Holdings against central government</i> ^{d)}	278	2	-13	-10	-1.5	-9.6	-13.8
(3) <i>Longer-term financial liabilities vis-à-vis other euro area residents</i> (= items 3.1 to 3.4)	7533	4	-5	5	-1.5	-1.7	-1.5
(3.1) Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years	2386	-18	-4	-3	-6.2	-6.5	-6.7
(3.2) Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months	102	-2	-2	-2	-10.0	-11.2	-11.8
(3.3) Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years	2661	-6	-14	-9	-3.7	-3.8	-3.7
(3.4) Capital and reserves	2384	30	15	19	7.2	6.9	7.5
MFI assets:							
(4) <i>Credit to euro area residents</i> (= items 4.1 and 4.2)	16415	27	-16	-5	0.5	0.0	-0.2
(4.1) Credit to general government	3402	-22	-3	2	5.8	4.5	3.6
Loans	1141	-14	-2	-26	-0.4	0.1	-1.8
Securities other than shares	2261	-8	-1	28	9.4	7.0	6.6
(4.2) Credit to other euro area residents	13013	49	-13	-7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.2
Loans ^{e)}	10825	-25	-6	-3	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9
<i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation</i> ^{f)}	ND	2	-10	6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4
Securities other than shares	1409	62	-11	-7	-4.7	-6.5	-6.8
Shares and other equities	780	12	5	3	5.3	6.1	5.7
(5) <i>Net external assets</i>	1009	20	39	-9	ND	ND	ND
(6) <i>Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</i> (= M3 + items 2, 3 - items 4, 5)	195	-47	-4	24	ND	ND	ND
<i>of which:</i>							
(6.1) Repos with central counterparties (liabilities) (+) ^{g)}	288	-36	0	31	4.2	0.3	6.4
(6.2) Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets) (-) ^{g)}	236	-21	28	12	24.7	24.2	27.9

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) 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 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.

g) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

TABLE 2

BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3 BY HOLDING SECTOR AND TYPE: FEBRUARY 2013

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	END-OF-MONTH LEVEL	MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)}			ANNUAL GROWTH RATE		
	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013
BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3							
Total deposits (=items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)	8323	15	43	29	4.4	4.5	4.3
(1) Deposits placed by households ^{c)}	5351	16	23	28	4.4	4.3	4.4
(1.1) Overnight deposits	2399	9	11	32	4.3	4.8	6.2
(1.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	974	-1	5	-8	3.7	2.2	0.1
(1.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	1970	9	7	6	5.4	5.4	5.3
(1.4) Repurchase agreements	9	-1	0	-2	-54.2	-52.6	-57.5
(2) Deposits placed by non-financial corporations	1650	7	16	12	4.7	5.5	5.7
(2.1) Overnight deposits	1137	2	12	8	10.3	11.3	11.1
(2.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	407	4	-1	2	-8.5	-9.2	-8.8
(2.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	91	0	0	2	13.2	15.4	17.6
(2.4) Repurchase agreements	15	0	5	0	-25.9	1.0	8.8
(3) Deposits placed by non-monetary financial intermediaries excluding insurance corporations and pension funds ^{d)}	806	18	4	-12	2.1	3.0	1.4
(3.1) Overnight deposits	474	-5	3	3	14.7	14.8	13.4
(3.2) Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	236	19	-1	-8	-15.4	-13.6	-15.5
(3.3) Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	15	1	0	0	-13.5	-4.4	-2.7
(3.4) Repurchase agreements ^{d)}	82	3	2	-7	3.4	1.6	-2.9
(4) Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds	213	0	2	2	7.8	7.0	1.7
(5) Deposits placed by other general government	302	-25	-3	-1	9.0	5.0	4.1

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) Monthly difference in levels adjusted for reclassifications, exchange rate variations, other revaluations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

c) Includes deposits by non-profit institutions serving households.

d) Excludes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

TABLE 3

CONTRIBUTIONS OF M3 COMPONENTS TO THE M3 ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: FEBRUARY 2013

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013
(1) M1	3.3	3.3	3.6
(1.1) <i>of which</i> : Currency	0.2	0.1	0.1
(1.2) <i>of which</i> : Overnight deposits	3.1	3.2	3.4
(2) M2 - M1 (= other short-term deposits)	0.8	0.7	0.3
(3) M3 - M2 (= short-term marketable instruments)	-0.6	-0.5	-0.8
(4) M3 (= items 1, 2 and 3)	3.5	3.5	3.1

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 4

BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3 BY BORROWING SECTOR, TYPE AND ORIGINAL MATURITY: FEBRUARY 2013

DATA ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL EFFECTS

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

	END-OF-MONTH LEVEL	MONTHLY FLOW ^{b)}			ANNUAL GROWTH RATE		
	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013	DECEMBER 2012	JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013
BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3 ^{c)}							
(1) Loans to households ^{d)}	5249	0	6	2	0.5	0.5	0.5
<i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{e)}</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>
(1.1) Credit for consumption	597	0	-1	-3	-2.9	-3.1	-3.3
(1.2) Lending for house purchase	3839	3	8	6	1.3	1.4	1.4
(1.3) Other lending	814	-4	-1	-1	-0.7	-1.1	-1.1
<i>of which: sole proprietors ^{f)}</i>	<i>417</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-1.5</i>	<i>-1.7</i>	<i>-1.8</i>
(2) Loans to non-financial corporations	4513	-47	-8	-9	-2.3	-2.5	-2.6
<i>loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{e)}</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>-16</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>-1.5</i>	<i>-1.4</i>
(2.1) up to 1 year	1133	0	-4	8	0.1	-0.5	0.4
(2.2) over 1 year and up to 5 years	784	-11	-3	-4	-5.3	-4.9	-5.2
(3.3) over 5 years	2595	-35	-1	-12	-2.3	-2.5	-3.0
(3) Loans to non-monetary financial intermediaries except insurance corporations and pension funds ^{g)}	971	21	-8	4	1.0	-1.4	-0.5
(4) Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	92	1	4	0	-2.2	7.3	9.4

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

b) 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.

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

f) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

g) Excludes reverse repos to central counterparties.