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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM AS AT 26 MARCH 2010

Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 26 March 2010 the decrease of EUR 1 million in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the sale of gold coins by one Eurosystem central bank.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 0.2 billion to EUR 161.3 billion on account of customer and portfolio transactions.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of **securities other than those held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.2) rose by EUR 1.6 billion to EUR 299.4 billion. **Banknotes in circulation** (liability item 1) increased by EUR 3.6 billion to EUR 791.3 billion. **Liabilities to general government** (liability item 5.1) rose by EUR 6.7 billion to EUR 120.2 billion.

Items related to monetary policy operations

The Eurosystem's net lending to credit institutions (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) decreased by EUR 16.8 billion to EUR 511.5 billion. On Wednesday, 24 March 2010, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 79 billion matured and a new one of EUR 81 billion was settled.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was virtually nil (compared with EUR 0.1 billion in the previous week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 213.9 billion (compared with EUR 195.1 billion in the preceding week).

The holdings by the Eurosystem of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) increased by EUR 1.1 billion to EUR 43.5 billion in the week ending 26 March 2010.

Current accounts of euro area credit institutions

As a result of all transactions, the **current account** position of credit institutions with the Eurosystem (liability item 2.1) decreased by EUR 23.2 billion to EUR 199.9 billion.

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Assets (EUR millions)	Balance	Difference compared with last week due to transactions	Liabilities (EUR millions)	Balance	Difference compared with last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	266,919	-1	1 Banknotes in circulation	791,340	3,615
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	198,591	566	2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	413,837	-4,381
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	64,350	115	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	199,900	-23,180
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	134,241	451	2.2 Deposit facility	213,935	18,798
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	28,461	86	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	15,658	-468	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	15,658	-468	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	3	1
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	774	185
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	725,409	1,982	4 Debt certificates issued	0	0
5.1 Main refinancing operations	81,062	2,030	5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro	128,247	6,644
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	644,314	1	5.1 General government	120,213	6,722
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	5.2 Other liabilities	8,034	-78
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	37,626	-234
5.5 Marginal lending facility	1	-52	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	1,632	81
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	33	4	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	12,910	351
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	27,156	1,726	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	12,910	351
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	342,936	2,678	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes	43,548	1,106	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	51,249	0
7.2 Other securities	299,388	1,572			

			10 Other liabilities	160,636	-2,468
8 General government debt denominated in euro	36,147	10	11 Revaluation accounts	220,213	0
9 Other assets	253,620	-1,396	12 Capital and reserves	76,433	1,390
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