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## PRESS RELEASE

### EURO AREA MFI INTEREST RATE STATISTICS: August 2010

In August 2010 most of the average MFI interest rates on new deposits decreased, while the MFI interest rates on loans showed uneven developments. Average MFI interest rates on outstanding amounts of deposits and loans remained basically unchanged.

**MFI interest rates on new business:** in August 2010 the weighted average rate on deposits from households with an agreed maturity of up to one year decreased by 11 basis points to 2.20% while the corresponding deposit rate for non-financial corporations decreased by 6 basis points to 0.98%. The weighted average rate on deposits from households redeemable at up to three months' notice increased by 10 basis points to 1.49%.

The interest rate on housing loans to households at a floating rate or with an initial rate fixation period of up to one year increased by 15 basis points to 2.81% in August 2010. The corresponding rate on loans with an initial rate fixation period of more than five years and up to ten years remained basically unchanged at 3.95%. The weighted average rate on loans to households for consumption purposes, with an initial rate fixation period of over one and up to five years, remained basically unchanged at 6.25% in August 2010.

In the case of loans to non-financial corporations at a floating rate or with an initial rate fixation period of up to one year, the weighted average rate in August 2010 increased by 8 basis points to 3.38% for loans up to EUR 1 million and remained basically unchanged, at 2.29%, for loans over EUR 1 million during the same period. The weighted average rate on loans to non-financial corporations over EUR 1 million with an initial rate fixation period of more than five years increased by 46 basis points to 3.65% in August 2010.

**MFI interest rates on outstanding amounts:** in August 2010 the weighted average interest rate on outstanding amounts of deposits from households with an agreed maturity of up to two years remained basically unchanged at 2.17%. The corresponding rate on deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years remained unchanged at 2.72% in August 2010. The weighted average interest rate on outstanding amounts of deposits from non-financial corporations with an agreed maturity of up to two years remained basically unchanged at 1.56% in the same month.

In August 2010 the weighted average interest rate on outstanding amounts of loans to households for house purchase with over five years' maturity remained basically unchanged at 3.81% and the weighted average interest rate on outstanding amounts of loans to non-financial corporations with over five years' maturity remained basically unchanged at 3.34%.

**Weighting method:** the interest rates on new business are weighted by the size of the individual agreements. This is done both by the reporting agents and when computing the national and euro area averages. In addition to changes in the actual interest rates, changes in the euro area average interest rates on new business therefore reflect changes in the weights of the new business per country for the instrument categories concerned.

#### Notes

- *In addition to the monthly euro area MFI interest rate statistics for August 2010, this press release incorporates minor revisions to the data for previous periods.*
- *Euro area-wide reporting under Regulation ECB/2008/32 of 19 December 2008 and under Regulation ECB/2009/7 of 31 March 2009 (amending Regulation ECB/2001/18), together with other changes to the statistical reporting framework and practices in several euro area countries, started in July 2010, with respect to the June 2010 reference period. Regulation ECB/2008/32 concerns the balance sheet of the monetary and financial institutions sector, whereas Regulation ECB/2009/7 (amending Regulation ECB/2001/18) concerns statistics on interest rates applied by monetary financial institutions to deposits and loans vis-a-vis households and non-financial corporations. These aforementioned changes may imply updates to preliminary data in subsequent press releases.*
- *"New business" refers to any new agreement between the customer and the MFI, while "outstanding amounts" refers to the stock of all deposits and all loans at a specific moment in time. Three instrument categories – overnight deposits, bank overdrafts and deposits redeemable at notice – form a separate group for which interest rates on new business and on outstanding amounts coincide.*
- *In this press release 'up to' means 'up to and including'.*

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- *The period of initial rate fixation is any predetermined period of time at the start of a contract during which the interest rate cannot be changed.*
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the statistics 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 data relate. The statistics 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 corresponding business volumes for each of the MFI interest rate categories are shown in Tables 2 and 4 of the annex.*
- *More detailed information on MFI interest rate statistics, including the release calendar, is available under "MFI interest rate statistics" in the "Statistics" section of the ECB's website (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu>). The latest data on MFI interest rate statistics can be downloaded from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse (<http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/browse.do?node=2018783>).*

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