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RESULTS OF THE APRIL 2010 BANK LENDING SURVEY FOR THE EURO AREA

The European Central Bank (ECB) is today publishing its report on the results of the April 2010 bank lending survey for the euro area. The bank lending survey was developed by the Eurosystem in order to enhance the understanding of bank lending behaviour in the euro area.

The survey is conducted four times a year, usually at the beginning of each quarter. The latest survey round once again included a number of ad hoc questions that were aimed at gauging the extent to which the financial market tensions experienced since the second half of 2007 have affected banks' credit standards for loans and credit lines to enterprises and loans to households in the euro area. The April 2010 bank lending survey was conducted between 15 March and 1 April 2010.

The report is available on the ECB's website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu> in the "Statistics" section under "Monetary and financial statistics"/"Surveys"/"Bank lending survey".

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