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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM AS AT 6 MAY 2011

Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 6 May 2011 **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) remained unchanged.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 0.4 billion to EUR 175.1 billion on account of customer and portfolio transactions.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable securities other than those held for monetary policy purposes (asset item 7.2) decreased by EUR 0.6 billion to EUR 334.9 billion. Banknotes in circulation (liability item 1) increased by EUR 0.3 billion to EUR 834.7 billion. Liabilities to general government (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 38.3 billion to EUR 46.1 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 8 billion to EUR 327.5 billion. On Wednesday, 4 May 2011, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 117.9 billion matured and a new one of EUR 127.5 billion was settled. On the same day, **fixed-term deposits** in an amount of EUR 71.4 billion matured and new deposits were collected in an amount of EUR 62.2 billion, with a maturity of one week.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was virtually nil (approximately the same as in the previous week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 54.2 billion (compared with EUR 27.3 billion in the preceding week).

The holdings by the Eurosystem of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) decreased by EUR 7 million, remaining, however, virtually unchanged at EUR 136.5 billion. This decrease was due to securities purchased under the covered bond purchase programme reaching maturity. Therefore, in the week ending

6 May 2011 the value of accumulated purchases under the Securities Markets Programme and that of the portfolio held under the covered bond purchase programme totalled EUR 76.1 billion and EUR 60.4 billion respectively. Both portfolios are accounted for on a held-to-maturity basis.

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) increased by EUR 27.4 billion to EUR 215 billion.

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Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem - 10/05/2011

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	350,668	3 0	1 Banknotes in circulation	834,699	268
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	218,089	·	related to monetary policy operations	331,536	45,030
Receivables from the IMF Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other	74,122 143,967		Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	215,028	
external assets			2.2 Deposit facility 2.3 Fixed-term deposits	54,244 62,177	
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	23,442	2 176	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	0 86	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	21,142	2 –1,229	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	4,900	-150
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	21,142	2 -1,229	4 Debt certificates issued	0) 0
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	O	0	5 Liabilities to other euro area residents	53,692	
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	443,962	9,703	denominated in euro5.1 General government5.2 Other liabilities	46,142 7,550	
5.1 Main refinancing operations5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	127,538 316,310	0	denominated in euro	40,248	910
5.4 Structural reverse operations5.5 Marginal lending facility5.6 Credits related to margin calls	0 7 107	7 5	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	1,905	979
6 Other claims on euro area credit	52,172	2 2,589	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	11,935	
institutions denominated in euro 7 Securities of euro area residents	471,419) –639	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	11,935 0	
denominated in euro 7.1 Securities held for monetary policy	136,513	3 -7	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights	52,612	. 0
purposes 7.2 Other securities	334,907	7 -632	allocated by the IMF		

Totals/sub-totals may not add up, due to rounding	l				
Total assets	1,901,850	7,749			
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			Total liabilities	1,901,850	7,749
9 Other assets	286,408	-4,125	12 Capital and reserves	81,187	2
in euro	·		11 Revaluation accounts	305,890	0
8 General government debt denominated	34,548	0	10 Other liabilities	183,247	983