

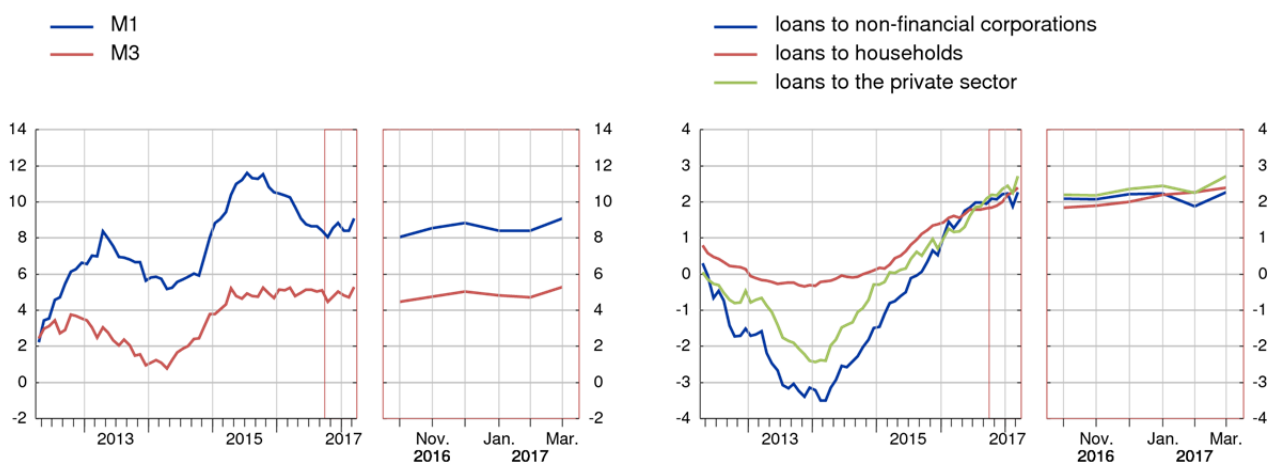
# PRESS RELEASE

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## Monetary developments in the euro area: March 2017

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- The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate M1, which includes currency in circulation and overnight deposits, increased to 9.1% in March, from 8.4% in February.
- The annual growth rate of adjusted loans to households stood at 2.4% in March, compared with 2.3% in February.
- The annual growth rate of adjusted loans to non-financial corporations increased to 2.3% in March, from 1.9% in February.

### Monetary aggregates and adjusted loans to the private sector (annual growth rates)



### Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 increased to 5.3% in March 2017, from 4.7% in February, averaging 4.9% in the three months up to March. The components of M3 showed the following developments. The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate, including currency in circulation and overnight deposits (M1), increased to 9.1% in March, from 8.4% in February. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) was more negative at -2.5% in March, from -2.1% in February. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) increased to 8.5% in March, from 3.7% in February.

Within M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households stood at 5.3% in March, compared with

5.4% in February, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to 8.2% in March, from 7.6% in February. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-monetary financial corporations (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) increased to 1.6% in March, from -2.2% in February.

**Credit to euro area residents**

The annual growth rate of total credit to euro area residents increased to 4.8% in March 2017, from 4.3% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit to general government stood at 9.8% in March, compared with 9.7% in February, while the annual growth rate of credit to the private sector increased to 3.2% in March, from 2.6% in February.

The annual growth rate of adjusted loans to the private sector (i.e. adjusted for loan sales, securitisation and notional cash pooling) increased to 2.7% in March, from 2.3% in February. In particular, the annual growth rate of adjusted loans to households stood at 2.4% in March, compared with 2.3% in February, and the annual growth rate of adjusted loans to non-financial corporations increased to 2.3% in March, from 1.9% in February.

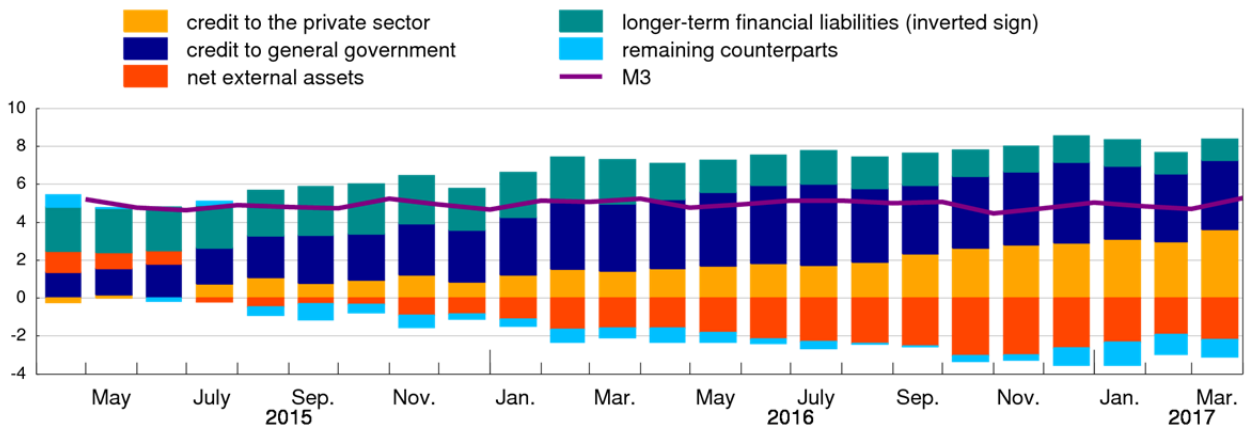
**Longer-term financial liabilities**

The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector stood at -1.7% in March 2017, unchanged from the previous month.

**M3 and its counterparts**

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 increased to 5.3% in March 2017. The contributions of M3 counterparts on the MFI balance sheet were as follows: longer-term financial liabilities contributed 1.1 percentage points, net external assets contributed -2.2 percentage points, credit to general government contributed 3.6 percentage points, and credit to the private sector contributed 3.6 percentage points; the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed -0.9 percentage point.

**Contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3**  
(percentage points)



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	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
<b>COMPONENTS OF M3</b>							
<b>1. M3</b>	<b>11581</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>
1.1. M2	10876	65	49	81	4.7	4.8	5.1
1.1.1. M1	7390	50	54	97	8.4	8.4	9.1
Currency in circulation	1089	9	4	2	3.6	3.9	3.7
Overnight deposits	6301	42	50	95	9.3	9.2	10.1
1.1.2. Other short-term deposits (M2 - M1)	3486	14	-5	-16	-2.2	-2.1	-2.5
Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	1307	12	-5	-18	-6.7	-6.2	-7.4
Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2180	2	0	2	0.8	0.7	0.8
1.2. Marketable instruments (M3 - M2)	705	0	-14	32	7.0	3.7	8.5
Repurchase agreements	74	5	-8	7	-7.3	-24.3	-14.2
Money market fund shares	529	-6	-6	22	8.4	8.1	13.5
Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years	103	1	1	4	12.4	7.9	4.4
<b>COUNTERPARTS OF M3</b>							
<b>MFI liabilities:</b>							
<b>2. Holdings against central government <sup>b)</sup></b>	<b>304</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
<b>3. Longer-term financial liabilities vis-a-vis other euro area residents</b>	<b>6879</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
3.1. Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years	2034	-10	-11	7	-3.5	-4.4	-4.0
3.2. Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months	69	-1	0	0	-11.3	-10.5	-10.1
3.3. Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years	2099	-5	-8	-26	-4.8	-4.0	-5.2
3.4. Capital and reserves	2677	-10	31	8	1.6	2.6	3.3
<b>MFI assets:</b>							
<b>4. Credit to euro area residents</b>	<b>17415</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>
4.1. Credit to general government	4434	16	5	39	10.5	9.7	9.8
Loans	1070	5	-13	-3	-2.9	-3.9	-4.2
Debt securities	3350	10	18	43	15.8	15.0	15.2
Equity <sup>c)</sup>	14	1	0	0	4.7	5.3	6.7
4.2. Credit to the private sector <sup>d)</sup>	12981	56	24	73	2.7	2.6	3.2
Loans <sup>e)</sup>	10759	31	20	49	2.2	2.0	2.4
Adjusted loans <sup>f)</sup>	11055	24	12	56	2.4	2.3	2.7
Debt securities	1430	20	0	25	7.1	6.8	8.6
Equity and non-money market fund investment fund shares	792	6	4	-1	2.6	3.6	4.4
<b>5. Net external assets</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>6. Other counterparts of M3 (residual)</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
of which:							
6.1. Repos with central counterparties (liabilities) <sup>c)</sup>	182	-28	-5	11	-12.2	-25.7	-21.2
6.2. Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets) <sup>c)</sup>	112	-15	-2	7	-23.8	-25.7	-25.3

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.

Monthly flows refer to differences in levels adjusted for reclassifications, exchange rate variations, other revaluations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions. M3 comprises liabilities of MFIs and specific units of central government (post offices, treasury) vis-à-vis non-MFI euro area residents excluding central government.

b) Includes holdings of the central government of deposits with the MFI sector and of securities issued by the MFI sector.

c) The series is not adjusted for seasonal effects.

d) Private sector refers to euro area non-MFIs excluding general government.

e) For further breakdowns see Table 4.

f) Adjusted for loan sales and securitisation (resulting in derecognition from the MFI statistical balance sheet) as well as for positions arising from notional cash pooling services provided by MFIs.

## 2 Breakdown of deposits in M3 by holding sector and type: March 2017

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects <sup>a)</sup>)

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
<b>BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3</b>							
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>9861</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>1. Deposits placed by households <sup>b)</sup></b>	<b>6138</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>
1.1. Overnight deposits	3502	40	30	32	11.4	11.5	11.4
1.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	620	-7	-9	-7	-7.7	-8.9	-10.0
1.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2014	6	2	2	0.9	0.9	1.0
1.4. Repurchase agreements	3	1	0	0	-19.6	-4.4	2.9
<b>2. Deposits placed by non-financial corporations</b>	<b>2171</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>
2.1. Overnight deposits	1744	43	18	28	10.5	10.9	11.8
2.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	304	6	2	3	-5.5	-4.6	-4.8
2.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	117	-1	0	0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3
2.4. Repurchase agreements	6	-2	0	0	-26.8	-26.6	-32.5
<b>3. Deposits placed by non-monetary financial corporations excluding insurance corporations and pension funds <sup>c)</sup></b>	<b>973</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>
3.1. Overnight deposits	676	-42	-8	40	1.3	-1.0	5.6
3.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	225	5	8	-11	-5.9	1.2	-5.8
3.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	20	-1	0	0	-6.9	-5.6	-3.5
3.4. Repurchase agreements <sup>c)</sup>	51	2	-6	7	-6.7	-26.8	-11.2
<b>4. Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>-15.3</b>	<b>-12.8</b>
<b>5. Deposits placed by other general government</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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Monthly flows refer to differences in levels adjusted for reclassifications, exchange rate variations, other revaluations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions.

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

c) Excludes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

### 3 Contributions of M3 components to the M3 annual growth rate: March 2017

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change; data adjusted for seasonal effects <sup>a)</sup>)

	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
<b>1. M1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>
1.1. Currency in circulation	0.3	0.4	0.4
1.2. Overnight deposits	4.8	4.8	5.2
<b>2. M2 - M1 (other short-term deposits)</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>3. M3 - M2 (marketable instruments)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>M3 (items 1, 2 and 3)</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>

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### 4 Breakdown of private sector loans by borrowing sector, type and original maturity: March 2017

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects <sup>a)</sup>)

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017
<b>BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3</b>							
<b>1. Loans to households <sup>b)</sup></b>	<b>5461</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<i>Adjusted loans <sup>c)</sup></i>	<b>5771</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>
1.1. Credit for consumption	629	5	2	6	4.6	4.2	4.7
1.2. Lending for house purchase	4086	8	19	15	2.7	2.8	3.0
1.3. Other lending	746	2	0	-1	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2
<i>of which: sole proprietors</i>	384	0	1	0	-1.7	-1.3	-1.2
<b>2. Loans to non-financial corporations</b>	<b>4332</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<i>Adjusted loans <sup>c)</sup></i>	<b>4334</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>
2.1. up to 1 year	999	16	-3	-10	-1.9	-2.3	-3.2
2.2. over 1 year and up to 5 years	805	2	-1	9	5.3	3.8	5.2
2.3. over 5 years	2528	1	8	6	2.1	2.3	2.6
<b>3. Loans to non-monetary financial corporations except insurance corporations and pension funds <sup>d)</sup></b>	<b>852</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<i>Adjusted loans <sup>c)</sup></i>	<b>847</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>4. Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<i>Adjusted loans <sup>c)</sup></i>	<b>103</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>

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b) Includes loans to non-profit institutions serving households.

c) Adjusted for loan sales and securitisation (resulting in derecognition from the MFI statistical balance sheet) as well as for positions arising from notional cash pooling services provided by MFIs.

d) Excludes reverse repos to central counterparties.