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Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 27 March 2020

In the week ending 27 March 2020 the decrease of EUR 111 million in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected mainly the sale of gold by one Eurosystem central bank for the purpose of issuing commemorative gold coins.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 15.7 billion to EUR 418.9 billion mainly due to US dollar liquidity-providing operations.

As a result of the Eurosystem's open market operations and standing facilities, net lending to credit institutions (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) rose by EUR 87.9 billion to EUR 613.6 billion.

Base money (liability items 1, 2.1 and 2.2) increased by EUR 116.5 billion to EUR 3,334.6 billion.

The table below provides the detailed breakdown of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) into the different portfolios. All portfolios are accounted for at amortised cost.

Monetary policy securities portfolios	Reported value as at 27 March 2020	Weekly change – purchases	Weekly change – redemptions
Covered bond purchase programme 1	EUR 1.1 billion	-	-
Securities Markets Programme	EUR 41.0 billion	1	-
Covered bond purchase programme 2	EUR 2.9 billion	-	-
Covered bond purchase programme 3	EUR 274.8 billion	+EUR 1.7 billion	-
Asset-backed securities purchase programme	EUR 31.1 billion	+EUR 1.0 billion	-EUR 0.3 billion
Public sector purchase programme	EUR 2,168.6 billion	+EUR 20.2 billion	-EUR 0.2 billion
Corporate sector purchase programme	EUR 201.5 billion	+EUR 2.4 billion	-EUR 1.1 billion
Pandemic emergency purchase programme	EUR 0.0 billion	-	-

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The content and format of the weekly financial statement are set out in Annexes IV to VI of Guideline (EU) 2016/2249 of the European Central Bank of 3 November 2016 on the legal framework for accounting and financial reporting in the European System of Central Banks (ECB/2016/34).

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Assets	Balance as at 27 March 2020	Difference compared with last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	470,598	-111
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	349,933	600
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	80,008	21
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	269,925	579
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	139,326	14,951
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	13,935	56
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	13,935	56
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	826,075	99,955
5.1 Main refinancing operations	1,055	-415
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	825,017	100,371
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0
5.5 Marginal lending facility	3	-1
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	0	0
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	32,290	-5,337
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	2,925,697	26,065
7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes	2,721,018	23,625
7.2 Other securities	204,679	2,439
8 General government debt denominated in euro	23,330	0
9 Other assets	281,503	-757
Total assets	5,062,687	135,421

Liabilities	Balance as at 27 March 2020	Difference compared with last week due to transactions
1 Banknotes in circulation 2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in	1,313,101	8,327
euro	2,021,477	108,123
2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	1,809,023	96,095
2.2 Deposit facility	212,454	12,029
2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	0	-1
3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	8,034	-248
4 Debt certificates issued	0	0
5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro	480,798	18,007
5.1 General government	349,502	20,098
5.2 Other liabilities	131,296	-2,090
6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	316,063	7,233
7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	7,215	41
8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	5,762	-204
8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	5,762	-204
8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	57,371	0
10 Other liabilities	277,443	-6,769
11 Revaluation accounts	466,635	o
12 Capital and reserves	108,790	911
Total liabilities	5,062,687	135,421

Totals / sub-totals may not add up, due to rounding.

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