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Monetary developments in the euro area: December 2019

- Annual growth rate of broad [monetary aggregate M3](#) decreased to 5.0% in December 2019 from 5.6% in November
- Annual growth rate of narrower [monetary aggregate M1](#), comprising currency in circulation and overnight deposits, decreased to 8.0% in December from 8.3% in November
- Annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to households](#) increased to 3.7% in December from 3.5% in November
- Annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to non-financial corporations](#) decreased to 3.2% in December from 3.4% in November

Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 decreased to 5.0% in December 2019 from 5.6% in November, averaging 5.4% in the three months up to December. The [components of M3](#) showed the following developments. The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate M1, which comprises currency in circulation and overnight deposits, decreased to 8.0% in December from 8.3% in November. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) stood at 0.2% in December, compared with 0.3% in November. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) was -7.2% in December, compared with -1.1% in November.

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Chart 1 Monetary aggregates

(annual growth rates)



[Data for monetary aggregates](#)

Looking at the [components' contributions to the annual growth rate of M3](#), the narrower aggregate M1 contributed 5.3 percentage points (down from 5.6 percentage points in November), short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) contributed 0.0 percentage point (down from 0.1 percentage point) and marketable instruments (M3-M2) contributed -0.4 percentage point (down from -0.1 percentage point).

From the perspective of the holding sectors of [deposits in M3](#), the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households decreased to 5.9% in December from 6.3% in November, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations decreased to 6.2% in December from 7.0% in November. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-monetary financial corporations (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) increased to 3.1% in December from 1.2% in November.

Counterparts of the broad monetary aggregate M3

As a reflection of changes in the items on the monetary financial institution (MFI) consolidated balance sheet other than M3 ([counterparts of M3](#)), the annual growth rate of M3 in December 2019 can be broken down as follows: credit to the private sector contributed 3.7 percentage points (up from 3.5

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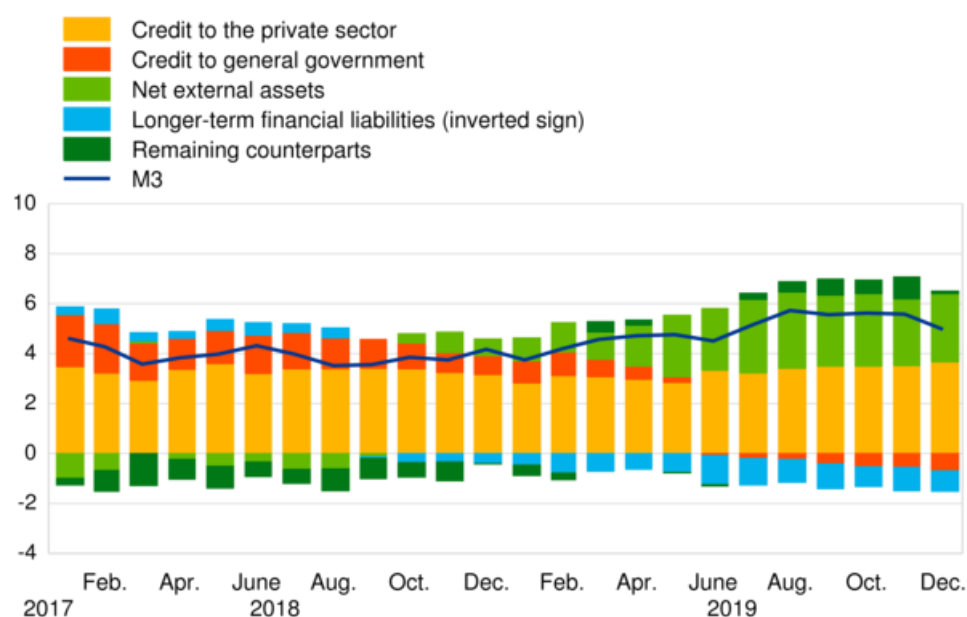
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percentage points in November), net external assets contributed 2.7 percentage points (as in the previous month), credit to general government contributed -0.7 percentage point (down from -0.5 percentage point), longer-term financial liabilities contributed -0.8 percentage point (up from -1.0 percentage point), and the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed 0.1 percentage point (down from 0.9 percentage point).

Chart 2

Contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3

(percentage points)



[Data for contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3](#)

Credit to euro area residents

As regards the dynamics of credit, the annual growth rate of total [credit to euro area residents](#) stood at 2.0% in December 2019, unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate of [credit to general government](#) was -1.8% in December, compared with -1.4% in November, while the annual growth rate of [credit to the private sector](#) increased to 3.4% in December from 3.2% in November.

The annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to the private sector](#) (i.e. adjusted for loan sales, securitisation and notional cash pooling) stood at 3.7% in December, compared with 3.6% in November. Among the borrowing sectors, the annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to households](#) increased to 3.7% in December from 3.5% in November, while the annual growth rate of [adjusted loans to non-financial](#)

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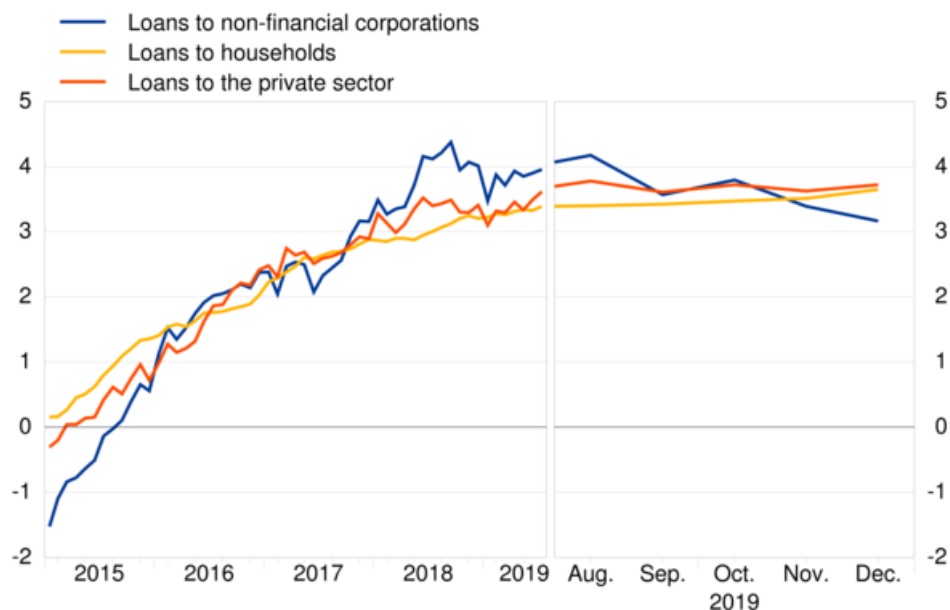
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[corporations](#) decreased to 3.2% in December from 3.4% in November.

Chart 3

Adjusted loans to the private sector

(annual growth rates)



[Data for adjusted loans to the private sector](#)

Annex

[Table: Annex to the press release on monetary developments in the euro area](#)

Notes:

- Data in this press release are adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects, unless stated otherwise.
- "Private sector" refers to euro area non-MFIs excluding general government.
- Hyperlinks in the main body of the press release and in annex tables lead to data that may change with subsequent releases as a result of revisions. Figures shown in annex tables are a snapshot of the data as at the time of the current release.

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