



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Effects of the transfer of the "Group 2" institutions' assets to Sareb on credit institutions' aggregate balance sheets based on supervisory return**

The Banco de España publishes today [credit institutions' aggregate balance sheets based on supervisory returns](#) as at 28 February 2013. As highlighted in [the press release published on 1 April on bank balance sheets](#), and as was the case with the balance sheet data related to December 2012, there has, for similar reasons, been a reduction in the stock of loans which, in the main, does not correspond to any reduction in the flow of credit to Spanish households and firms, and only reflects the accounting effect of transactions relating to the transfer of the "Group 2" institutions' assets to Sareb.

In addition, these balance sheets drawn from supervisory returns show the stock of doubtful loans in February 2013. The transfer of the "Group 2" institutions' assets to Sareb, including doubtful loans relating to the real estate sector, has led, as in December 2012, to a decline in the total outstanding balance of doubtful loans on the credit institutions' aggregate balance sheet in February. This balance, which amounted to €171 billion in January 2013 in the case of loans to other resident sectors, fell to €162 billion in February.

As a result of these developments, the ratio of doubtful loans to total loans fell by 0.4 pp in February to 10.4 %.

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