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Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 1 May 2026

In the week ending 1 May 2026 the decrease of EUR 99 million in **gold** and **gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the sale of **gold** by one Eurosystem central bank.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 0.6 billion to EUR 340.7 billion.

The net balance of open market operations and standing facilities (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) rose by EUR 89.7 billion to -EUR 2,199.1 billion. This was primarily due to the change in the level of the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2).

Base money (liability items 1, 2.1 and 2.2) decreased by EUR 54.6 billion to EUR 4,046.1 billion.

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

Table 1

| Monetary policy securities portfolios | Reported value as at 1 May 2026 | Weekly change – purchases ^[1] | Weekly change – redemptions |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Securities Markets Programme | EUR 0.0 billion | - | - |
| Covered bond purchase programme 3 | EUR 196.2 billion | - | -EUR 0.5 billion |
| Asset-backed securities purchase programme | EUR 2.3 billion | -EUR 0.0 billion | -EUR 0.0 billion |
| Public sector purchase programme | EUR 1,745.6 billion | - | -EUR 16.0 billion |
| Corporate sector purchase programme | EUR 232.0 billion | - | -EUR 0.7 billion |
| Pandemic emergency purchase programme | EUR 1,346.1 billion | - | -EUR 7.4 billion |

[1] With the discontinuation of the reinvestments under the asset purchase programme, this column may sometimes show negative amounts. These are expected to be infrequent and would result from sales of securities conducted, for instance, for risk management purposes.

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(in EUR millions)

| Assets | Balance as at 1 May 2026 | Difference compared with last week due to transactions | Liabilities | Balance as at 1 May 2026 | Difference compared with last week due to transactions |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 Gold and gold receivables | 1.392.555 | -99 | 1 Banknotes in circulation | 1.620.206 | 4.762 |
| 2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency | 514.229 | -853 | 2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro | 2.425.854 | -59.373 |
| 2.1 Receivables from the IMF | 229.432 | 71 | 2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system) | 194.348 | 24.312 |
| 2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets | 284.797 | -925 | 2.2 Deposit facility | 2.231.506 | -83.685 |
| 3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency | 20.872 | 954 | 2.3 Fixed-term deposits | 0 | 0 |
| 4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro | 35.919 | -155 | 2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations | 0 | 0 |
| 4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans | 35.919 | -155 | 2.5 Deposits related to margin calls | 0 | 0 |
| 4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II | 0 | 0 | 3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro | 9.761 | -462 |
| 5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro | 32.381 | 6.049 | 4 Debt certificates issued | 0 | 0 |
| 5.1 Main refinancing operations | 19.676 | 5.189 | 5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro | 215.590 | 20.392 |
| 5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations | 12.696 | 922 | 5.1 General government | 110.722 | 13.769 |
| 5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations | 0 | 0 | 5.2 Other liabilities | 104.867 | 6.623 |
| 5.4 Structural reverse operations | 0 | 0 | 6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro | 151.489 | 17.511 |
| 5.5 Marginal lending facility | 9 | -62 | 7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency | 16.656 | -488 |
| 5.6 Credits related to margin calls | 0 | 0 | 8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency | 2.850 | 2 |
| 6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro | 23.211 | 4.282 | 8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities | 2.850 | 2 |
| 7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro | 3.856.865 | -25.335 | 8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II | 0 | 0 |
| 7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes | 3.522.230 | -24.709 | 9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF | 174.877 | 0 |
| 7.2 Other securities | 334.635 | -626 | 10 Other liabilities | 198.889 | -1.991 |
| 8 General government debt denominated in euro | 19.701 | 0 | 11 Revaluation accounts | 1.358.781 | 0 |
| 9 Other assets | 300.268 | -4.492 | 12 Capital and reserves | 21.048 | -3 |
| Total assets | 6.196.001 | -19.650 | Total liabilities | 6.196.001 | -19.650 |

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