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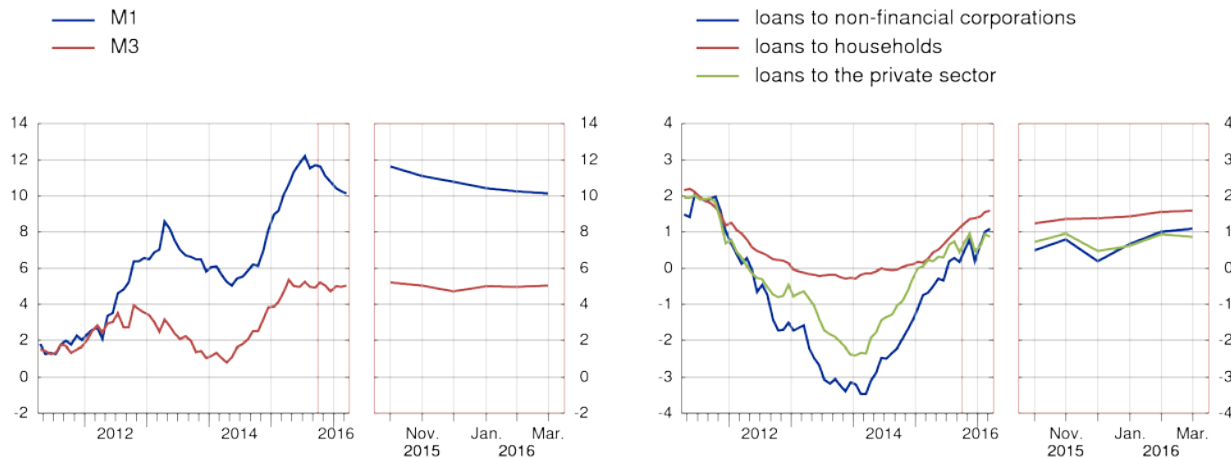
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Monetary developments in the euro area: March 2016

- The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 5.0% in March 2016, after 4.9% in February 2016 (revised from 5.0%).
- The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate M1, which includes currency in circulation and overnight deposits, stood at 10.1% in March, after 10.2% in February.
- The annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 1.6% in March, unchanged from the previous period.
- The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations stood at 1.1% in March, after 1.0% in February.

Monetary aggregates and loans to the private sector

(annual growth rates, loans adjusted for sales and securitisation)



Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 5.0% in March 2016, after 4.9% in February, averaging 5.0% 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) stood at 10.1% in March, compared with 10.2% in February. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) stood at -2.5% in March, compared with -2.6% in February. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) was less negative at -1.0% in March, from -1.9% in February.

Within M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households increased to 4.3% in March, from 4.0% in February, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to

7.4% in March, from 6.4% in February. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-monetary financial corporations (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) decreased to 4.0% in March, from 6.8% in February.

Credit to euro area residents

The annual growth rate of total credit to euro area residents stood at 3.1% in March 2016, compared with 3.2% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit to general government stood at 10.1% in March, unchanged from the previous month, while the annual growth rate of credit to the private sector stood at 1.1% in March, compared with 1.2% in February.

Among the components of credit to the private sector, the annual growth rate of loans (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation) stood at 0.9% in March, unchanged from the previous month. In particular, the annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 1.6% in March, compared with 1.5% in February, and the annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations stood at 1.1% in March, compared with 1.0% in February.

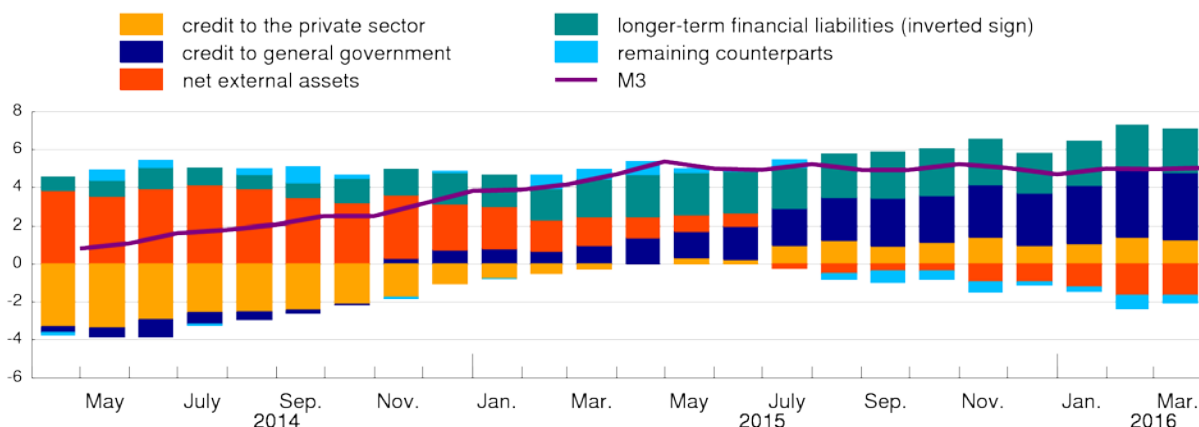
Longer-term financial liabilities

The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector stood at -3.3% in March 2016, compared with -3.4% in February.

M3 and its counterparts

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 stood at 5.0% in March 2016. The contributions of M3 counterparts on the MFI balance sheet were as follows. Longer-term financial liabilities contributed 2.3 percentage points, net external assets contributed -1.7 percentage points, credit to general government contributed 3.5 percentage points, and credit to the private sector contributed 1.3 percentage points; the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed -0.4 percentage point.

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



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.
- Further tables, statistical data and methodological notes, as well as the release calendar, are available on the ECB's website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>.
- A set of tables showing euro area monetary developments and MFI balance sheets for the euro area and euro area countries, together with a user-friendly facility for downloading data, is available from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse at <http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/reports.do?node=1000003503>.

1 Monetary developments in the euro area: March 2016

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{a)})

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
COMPONENTS OF M3							
1. M3	10998	73	53	48	5.0	4.9	5.0
1.1. M2	10357	62	38	59	5.4	5.4	5.4
1.1.1. M1	6767	63	48	61	10.4	10.2	10.1
Currency in circulation	1052	10	2	5	6.1	5.7	5.9
Overnight deposits	5715	53	46	57	11.3	11.1	11.0
1.1.2. Other short-term deposits (M2 - M1)	3590	-1	-10	-3	-2.7	-2.6	-2.5
Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	1427	3	-18	-1	-7.4	-7.4	-6.7
Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	2163	-4	8	-2	0.7	0.9	0.6
1.2. Marketable instruments (M3 - M2)	641	11	15	-10	-1.6	-1.9	-1.0
Repurchase agreements	89	9	7	-3	-29.2	-27.9	-28.7
Money market fund shares	463	-2	0	-9	9.3	8.2	7.5
Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to two years	90	4	8	2	-15.9	-12.3	-2.5
COUNTERPARTS OF M3							
MFI liabilities:							
2. Holdings against central government ^{b)}	319	28	-11	24	3.4	10.1	11.5
3. Longer-term financial liabilities vis-a-vis other euro area residents	7028	-34	-16	-14	-3.3	-3.4	-3.3
3.1. Deposits with an agreed maturity of over two years	2182	-9	12	-1	-4.4	-3.5	-3.3
3.2. Deposits redeemable at notice of over three months	77	-1	-1	-1	-15.3	-15.4	-15.2
3.3. Debt securities issued with a maturity of over two years	2174	-22	-31	3	-8.8	-9.4	-8.4
3.4. Capital and reserves	2595	-1	4	-14	3.4	3.0	1.9
MFI assets:							
4. Credit to euro area residents	16758	88	81	23	2.6	3.2	3.1
4.1. Credit to general government	4049	61	36	27	8.7	10.1	10.1
Loans	1115	5	0	-3	-2.4	-2.4	-3.0
Debt securities	2921	56	36	29	13.8	15.9	16.1
Equity ^{c)}	13	0	0	0	12.0	11.7	11.3
4.2. Credit to other euro area residents ^{d)}	12709	26	45	-3	0.9	1.2	1.1
Loans ^{e)}	10645	36	43	5	0.8	1.2	1.0
Loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{f)}	11028	33	41	1	0.6	0.9	0.9
Debt securities	1312	7	4	3	2.4	2.9	3.3
Equity and non-money market fund investment fund shares	752	-17	-2	-11	-0.4	-1.4	-2.4
5. Net external assets	1277	-27	-64	19	-	-	-
6. Other counterparts of M3 (residual)	309	6	8	17	-	-	-
of which:							
6.1. Repos with central counterparties (liabilities)(+) ^{c)}	247	9	32	1	5.7	8.2	4.6
6.2. Reverse repos to central counterparties (assets)(-) ^{c)}	152	7	1	10	7.0	-1.8	-4.8

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) Euro area non-MFIs excluding general government are also referred to in the press release as the private sector.

e) For further breakdowns see Table 4.

f) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

2 Breakdown of deposits in M3 by holding sector and type: March 2016

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{a)})

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS IN M3							
Total deposits	9394	61	42	51	4.9	4.9	4.9
1. Deposits placed by households ^{b)}	5832	14	30	38	3.7	4.0	4.3
1.1. Overnight deposits	3140	16	25	38	10.5	10.5	10.7
1.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	694	1	-1	1	-11.3	-10.1	-8.7
1.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	1995	-4	7	-1	0.2	0.4	0.1
1.4. Repurchase agreements	3	1	-1	0	-12.4	-25.5	-29.2
2. Deposits placed by non-financial corporations ^{c)}	1988	39	10	17	6.4	6.4	7.4
2.1. Overnight deposits	1536	40	9	10	10.8	10.4	10.9
2.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	326	-2	1	7	-8.9	-7.4	-3.8
2.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	116	-1	0	0	4.3	4.6	3.8
2.4. Repurchase agreements	10	2	0	1	-17.6	-28.8	-30.1
3. Deposits placed by non-monetary financial corporations excluding insurance corporations and pension funds ^{c), d)}	981	-7	-4	7	9.0	6.8	4.0
3.1. Overnight deposits	657	-19	4	9	14.8	14.0	10.7
3.2. Deposits with an agreed maturity of up to two years	242	5	-14	3	6.1	0.2	-2.1
3.3. Deposits redeemable at notice of up to three months	22	1	-1	-1	28.6	24.7	16.2
3.4. Repurchase agreements ^{d)}	60	6	7	-4	-27.7	-25.8	-28.2
4. Deposits placed by insurance corporations and pension funds	219	-1	8	-13	-3.2	1.7	-3.8
5. Deposits placed by other general government	375	15	-3	1	9.8	7.8	9.9

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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) In accordance with the ESA 2010, in December 2014 holding companies of non-financial groups were reclassified from the non-financial corporations sector to the financial corporations sector. These entities are included in MFI balance sheet statistics with financial corporations other than MFIs and insurance corporations and pension funds (ICPFs).

d) Excludes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

3 Contributions of M3 components to the M3 annual growth rate: March 2016

(contributions in terms of the M3 annual percentage change; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{a)})

	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
1. M1	6.1	6.0	6.0
1.1. Currency in circulation	0.6	0.5	0.6
1.2. Overnight deposits	5.5	5.4	5.4
2. M2 - M1 (other short-term deposits)	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9
3. M3 - M2 (marketable instruments)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
M3 (items 1, 2 and 3)	5.0	4.9	5.0

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4 Breakdown of loans as counterpart to M3 by borrowing sector, type and original maturity: March 2016

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; data adjusted for seasonal effects ^{a)})

	End-of-month level	Monthly flow			Annual growth rate		
	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016
BREAKDOWN OF LOANS AS COUNTERPART TO M3							
1. Loans to households ^{b)}	5338	7	18	11	1.9	2.2	2.2
<i>Loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{c)}</i>	5657	6	8	9	1.4	1.5	1.6
1.1. Credit for consumption	603	1	5	3	4.0	5.0	5.0
1.2. Lending for house purchase	3973	6	13	7	2.1	2.3	2.3
1.3. Other lending	762	-1	0	1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4
<i>of which: sole proprietors ^{d)}</i>	389	-1	0	0	-1.7	-1.6	-1.7
2. Loans to non-financial corporations ^{e)}	4290	22	16	0	0.5	0.7	0.8
<i>Loans adjusted for sales and securitisation ^{c)}</i>	4351	24	19	1	0.7	1.0	1.1
2.1. up to 1 year	1045	13	2	0	-3.1	-3.0	-2.7
2.2. over 1 year and up to 5 years	768	6	10	-4	4.7	6.1	5.1
2.3. over 5 years	2478	3	4	4	0.8	0.7	1.0
3. Loans to non-monetary financial corporations except insurance corporations and pension funds ^{e), f)}	908	5	9	11	-2.5	-1.5	-1.3
4. Loans to insurance corporations and pension funds	109	2	1	-18	-9.6	-6.9	-19.2

a) Figures may not add up due to rounding.

Monthly flows refer to differences in levels adjusted for write-offs/write-downs, reclassifications, exchange rate variations and any other changes which do not arise from transactions. Data refer to loans granted by monetary financial institutions (MFIs) to non-MFI euro area residents excluding general government.

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

c) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

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f) Excludes reverse repos to central counterparties.