

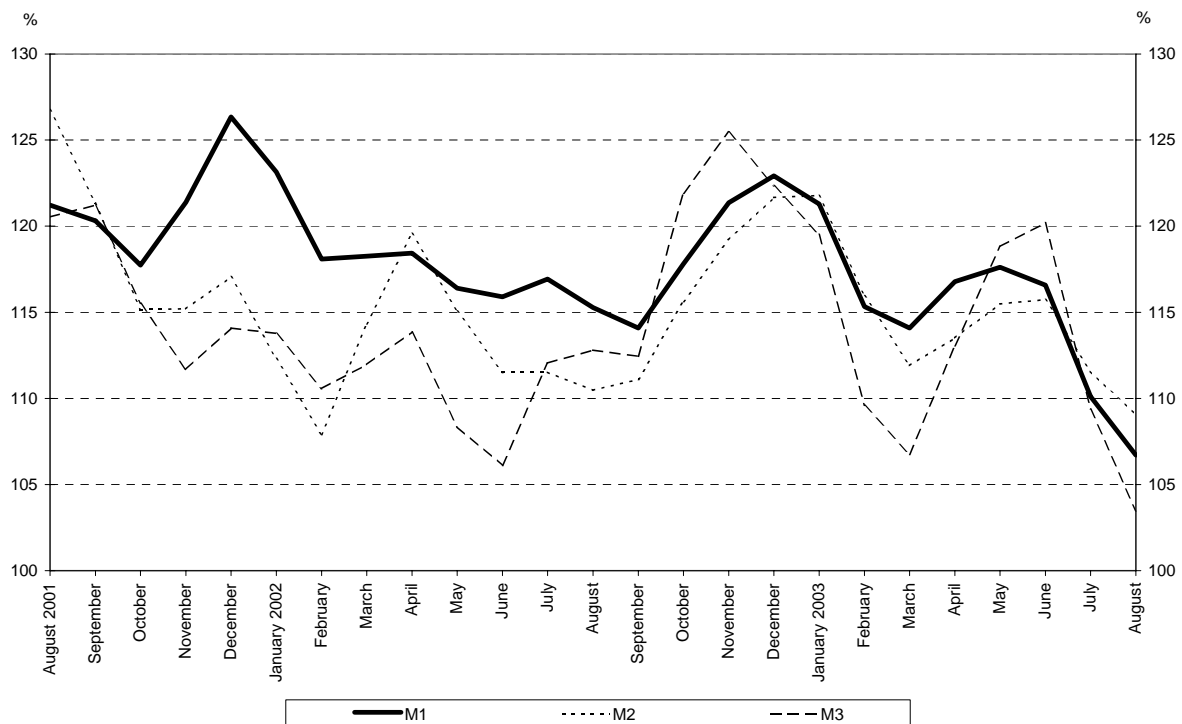
PRESS RELEASE

Consolidated balance sheet of MFIs: August 2003

In August 2003, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation, calculated from daily data, changed the most significantly, increasing by Ft 23.4 billion to Ft 1,418.6 billion. The monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' current account deposits increased by Ft 8.8 billion relative to July. The monthly average of overnight deposits fell by Ft 18.1 billion to Ft 8.9 billion. The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base (M0) was 112.2% in August, the growth rate of the aggregate slowing by 0.4 percentage points relative to the preceding month.

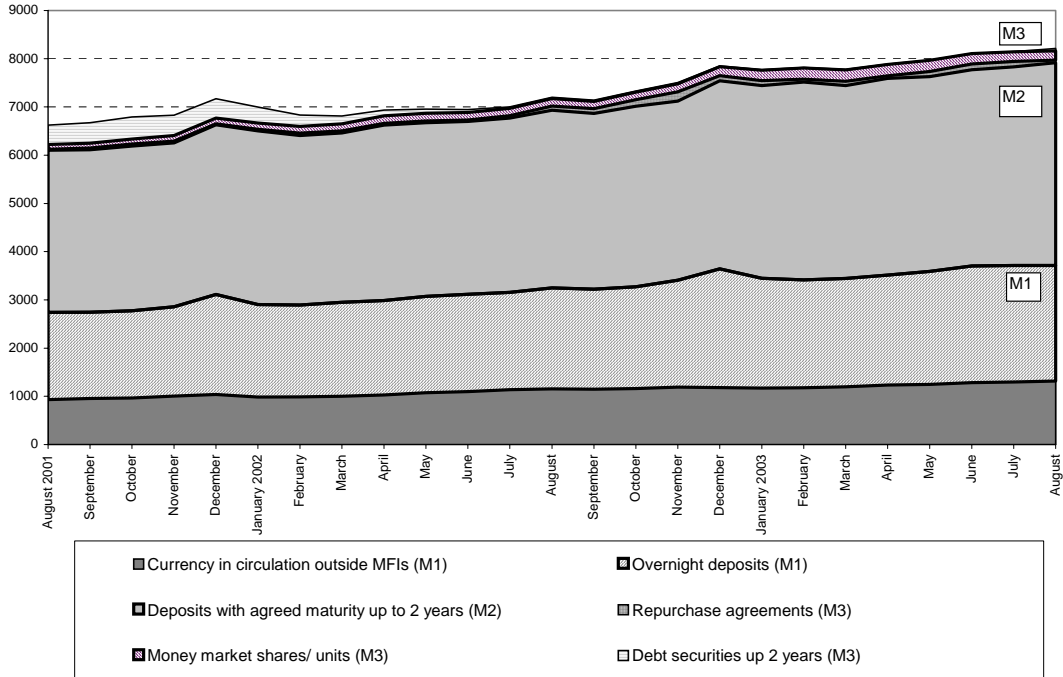
The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary aggregate M1 was 106.7% in August. The growth rate of the aggregate was 3.4 percentage points slower than in July. Growth in the monetary aggregate M2 slowed by 2.5 percentage points relative to July, the index increasing by 9.0% year on year. The growth rate of the monetary aggregate M3, calculated from the trend data, saw the largest change – it slowed by 5.9 percentage points in the month under review, the aggregate being 3.5% higher relative to a year earlier.

Annualised month-on-month growth in the monetary aggregates



Developments in the monetary aggregates

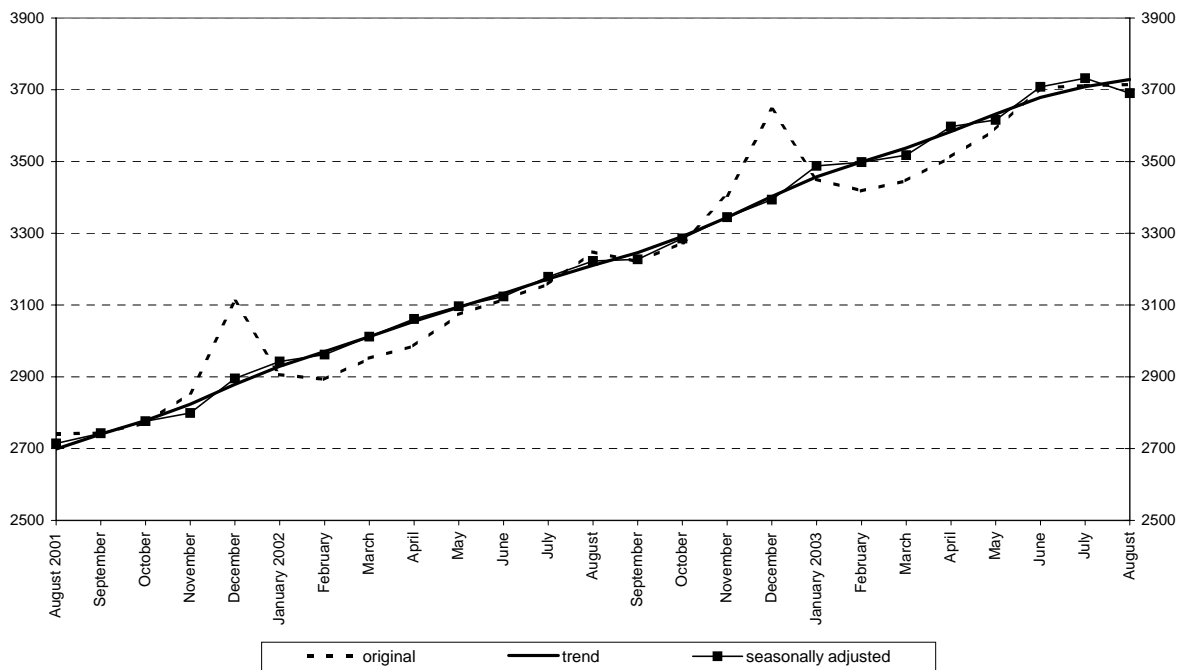
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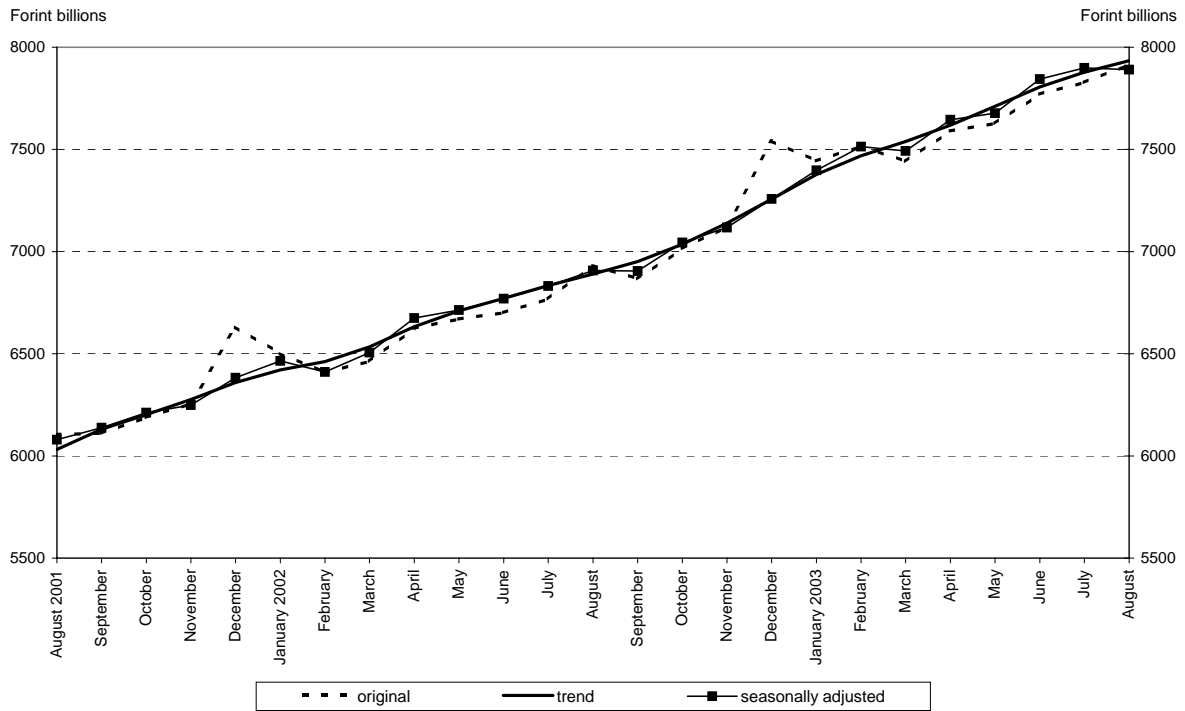
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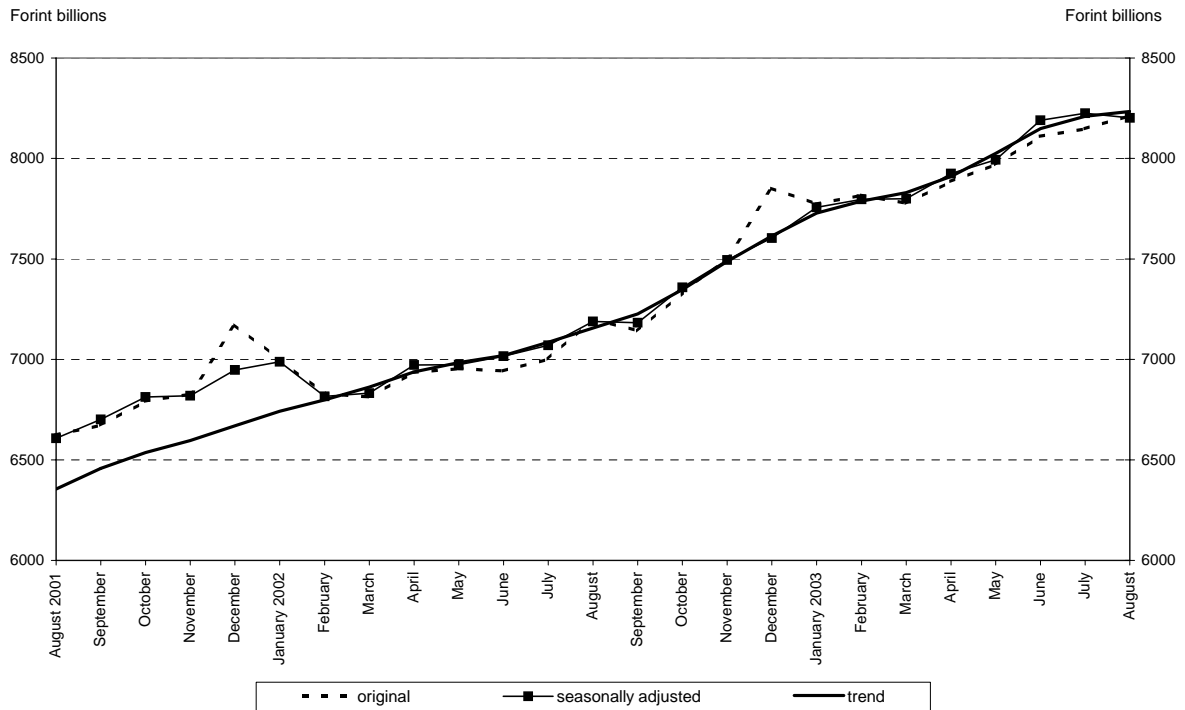
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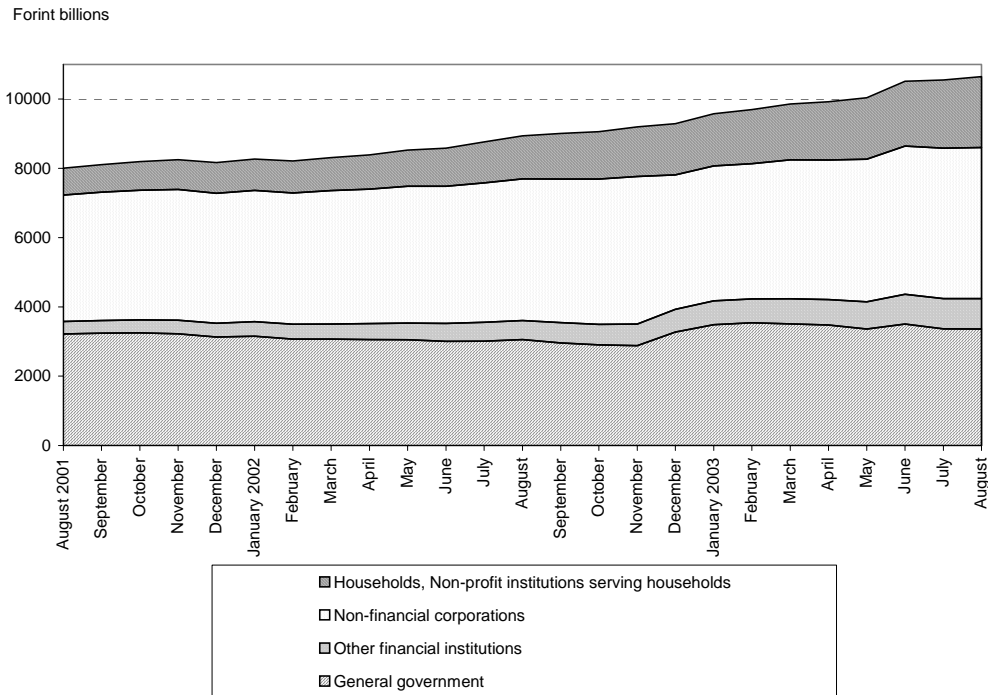


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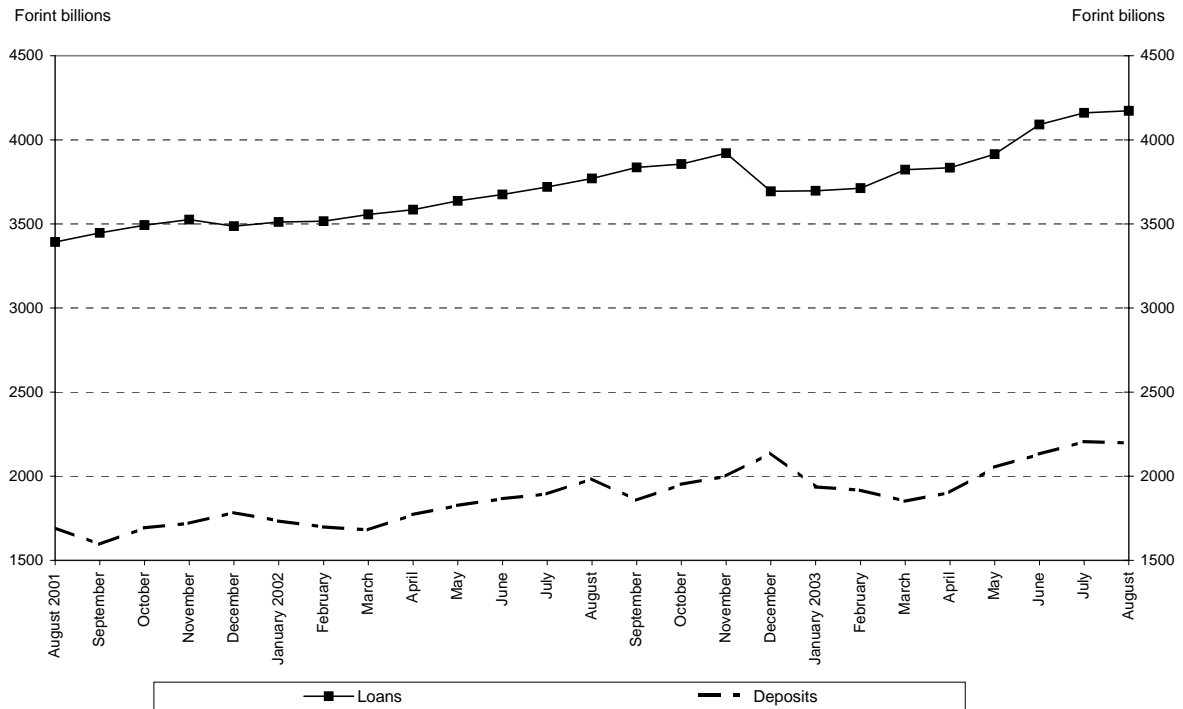
^a The trend data do not include outliers.

Outstanding domestic loans



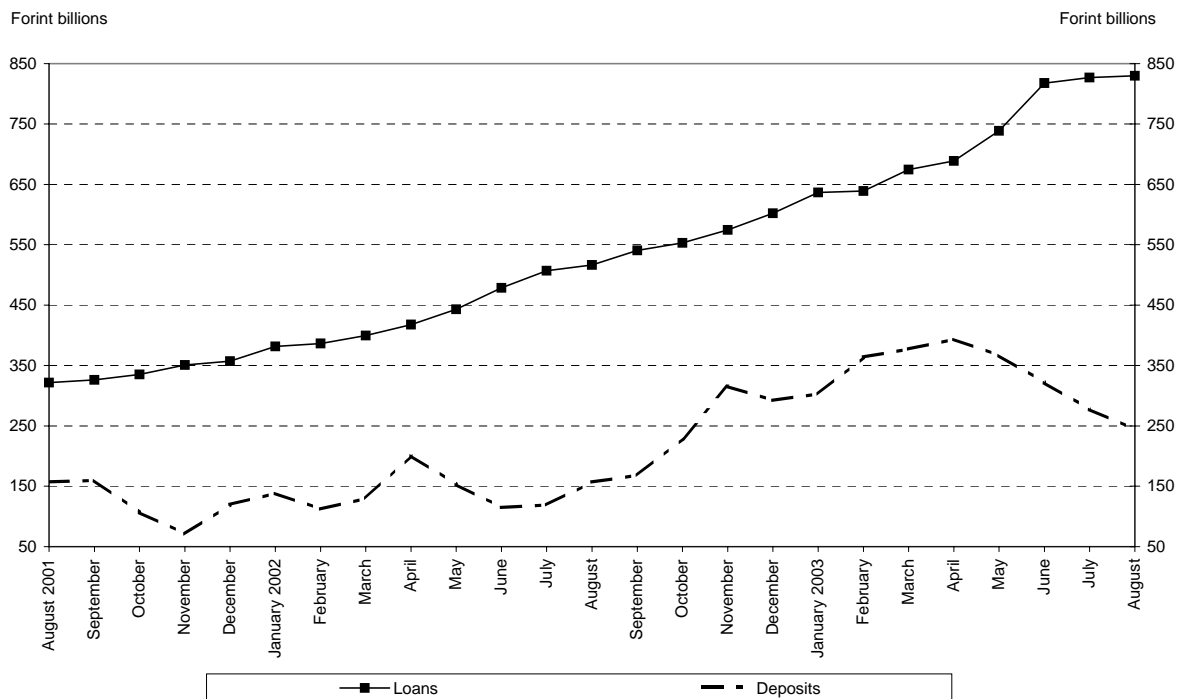
Outstanding borrowings of non-financial corporations increased by Ft 11 billion in the month. Here, short-term loans fell by Ft 17 billion and long-term loans rose by Ft 28 billion. Non-financial corporations' deposits were Ft 7.4 billion lower than in July – overnight and current account deposits fell by Ft 35 billion, accompanied by a 26.4 billion increase in time deposits.

Non-financial corporations' loans and deposits



Deposits of other financial corporations increased by Ft 2.9 billion. The sector's deposits with monetary financial institutions fell by Ft 30.9 billion in one month – deposits of insurers and pension funds were Ft 2.7 billion higher, and those of other financial intermediaries and financial auxiliaries Ft 33.6 billion lower. The stock of funds raised through repurchase agreements dropped by Ft 3.1 billion relative to the preceding month.

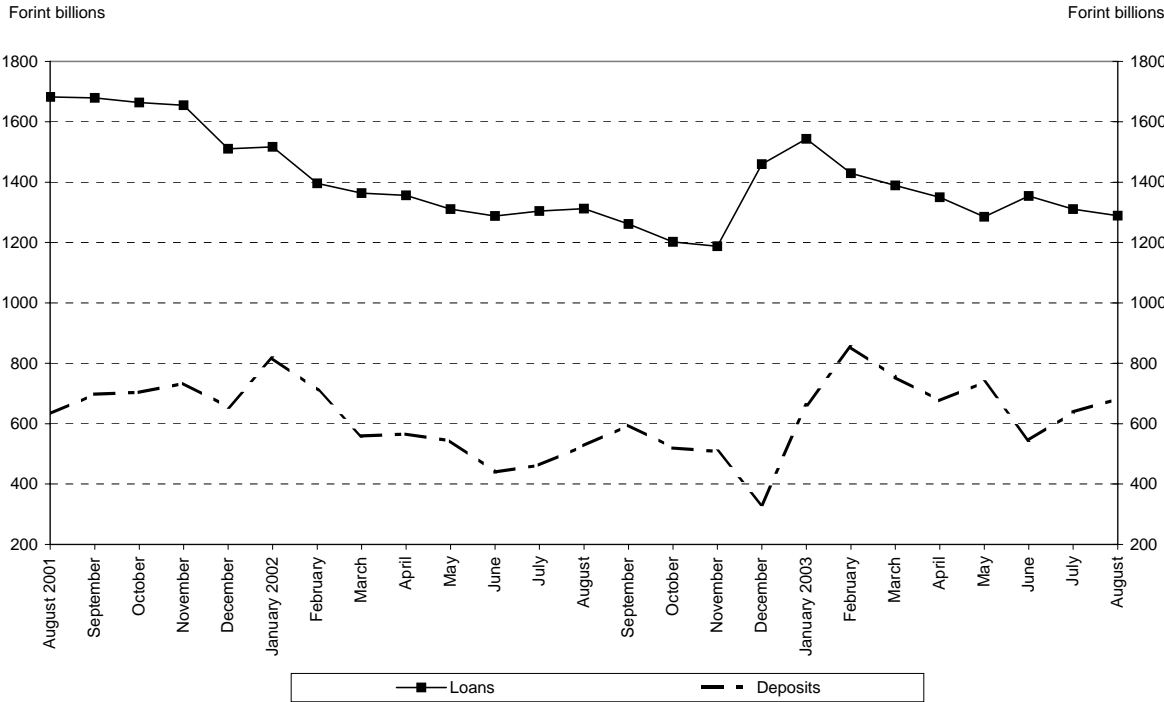
Loans and deposits of other financial corporations



Loans granted by monetary financial institutions to general government fell by Ft 22 billion in August. Here, loans granted to the local government and central government sub-sectors were Ft 0.2 billion and Ft 21.8 billion lower respectively.

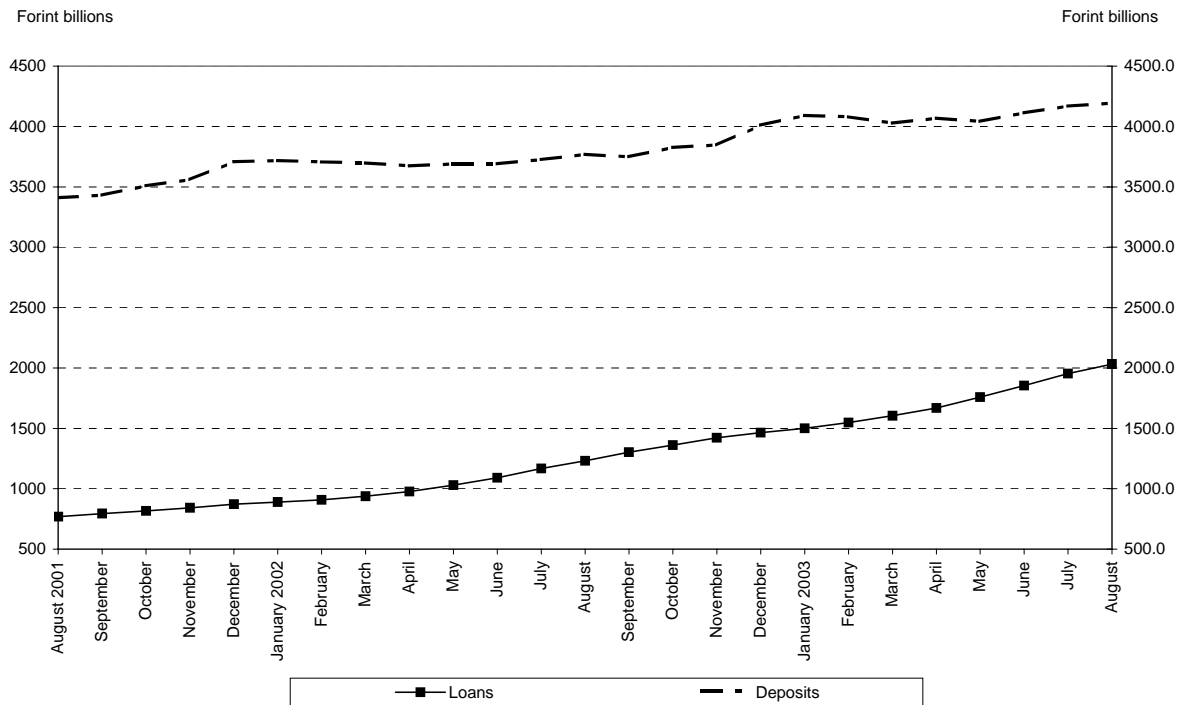
Deposits of general government increased by Ft 43.1 billion in one month. Here, deposits of the central government and local government sub-sectors deposits were Ft 28 billion and Ft 15.1 billion higher respectively than in July.

Loans and deposits of general government



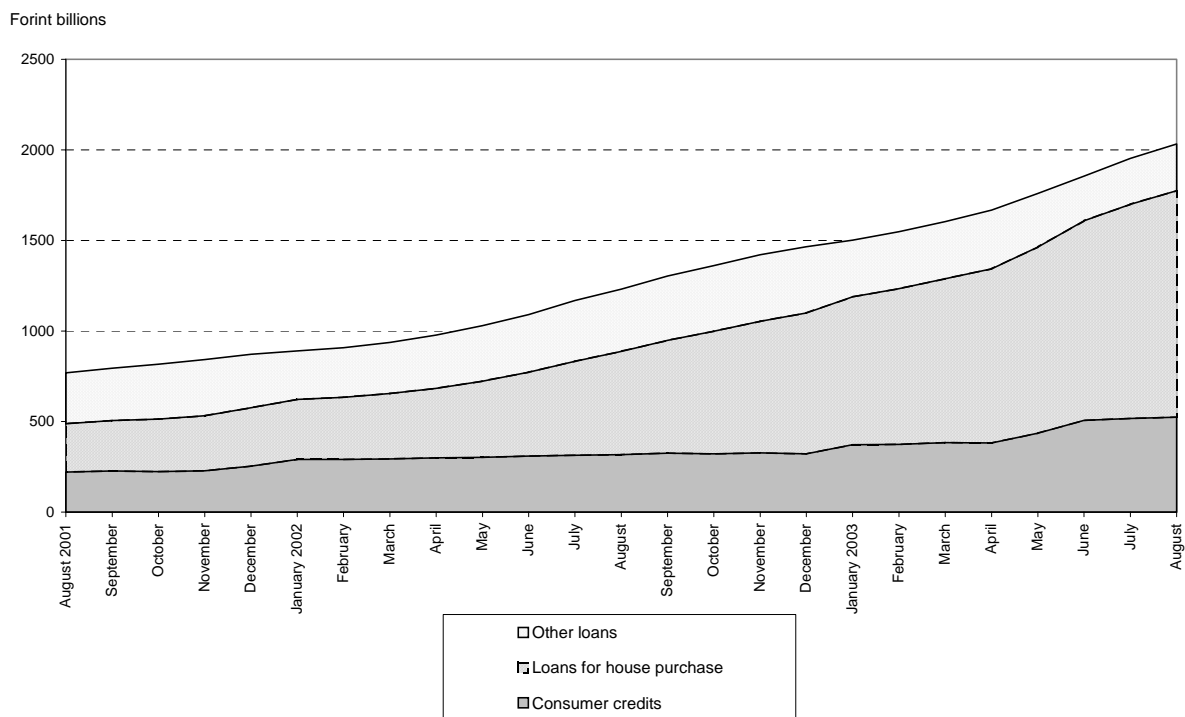
The outstanding total of loans granted to households increased by Ft 79.1 billion in August. The sector's deposits with other monetary financial institutions were Ft 24.2 billion higher relative to July.

Loans and deposits of households



Within loans to households, outstanding housing loans, consumer credit and other loans, respectively, rose by Ft 67 billion, Ft 7.8 billion and Ft 4.3 billion. This meant that housing loans continued to increase as a proportion of the outstanding total of loans to the sector – they accounted for more than 61% in the month under review.

Loans to households

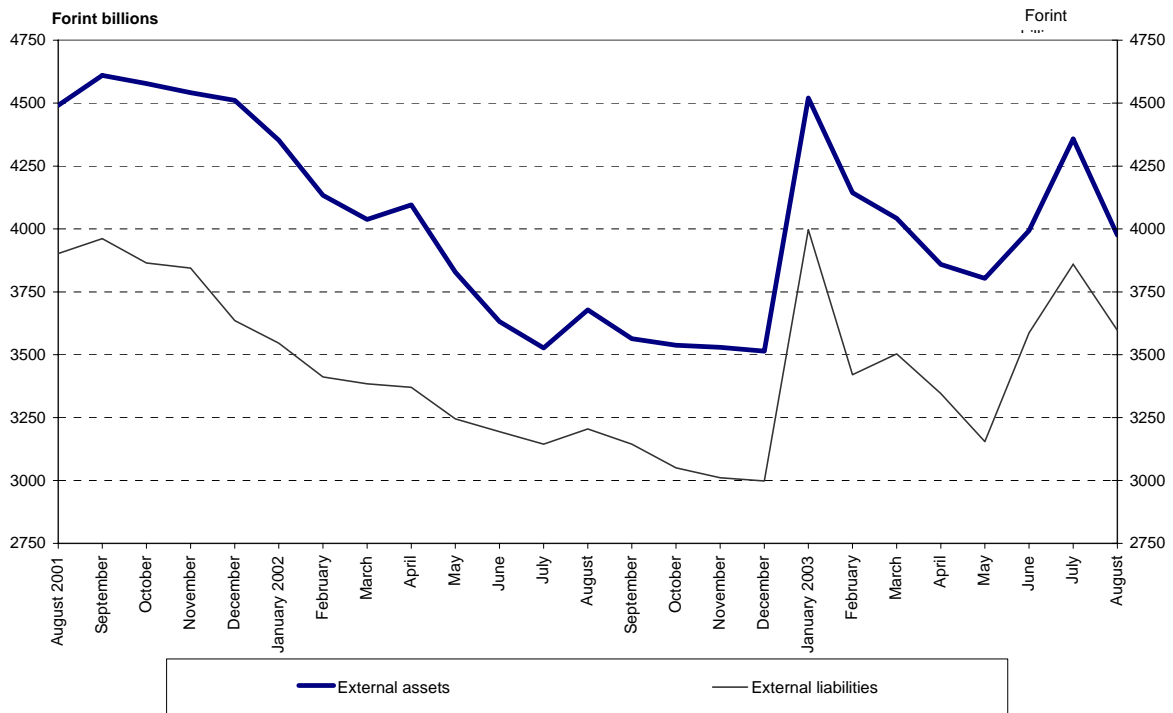


Assets and liabilities of monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents fell by Ft 381.9 billion and Ft 261.8 billion respectively in August. Consequently, the sector's net position vis-à-vis non-residents worsened by Ft 120.1 billion in one month.

Net assets of the central bank vis-à-vis non-residents fell by Ft 91 billion – assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents were Ft 112 billion and Ft 21 billion lower respectively relative to July.

Net assets of other monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents fell by Ft 29.1 billion in August, reflecting a drop of Ft 269.9 billion in assets and one of Ft 240.8 billion in liabilities.

Assets and liabilities vis-à-vis non-residents



The data underlying this press release can be found on the MNB's website at http://www.mnb.hu/dokumentumok/0708_monstatpubl_en.xls.xls.