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PRESS RELEASE

Consolidated balance sheet of MFIs: March 2005

In March 2005, the monetary base rose by HUF 36.7 billion to HUF 1,945.9 billion. The monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' current account deposits fell by HUF 5.7 billion to HUF 470.3 billion, while that of overnight deposits increased by HUF 13.7 billion to HUF 15.7 billion. The monthly average stock of currency in circulation increased by HUF 28.7 billion to HUF 1,459.9 billion in March. The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base (M0), calculated from trend data, was 122.7% during the month under review.

The annualised month-on-month growth index of the narrow monetary aggregate M1, calculated from trend data fell by 2.7 percentage points from 126.9% to 124.2%. The annualised month-on-month growth index of M2 edged up by 2.3 percentage points from 115.7% to 118%. The annualised month-on-month growth index of M3 also rose by 5.6 percentage points from 119.5% to 125.1%.

Chart 1 Annualised month-on-month growth indices of the monetary aggregates

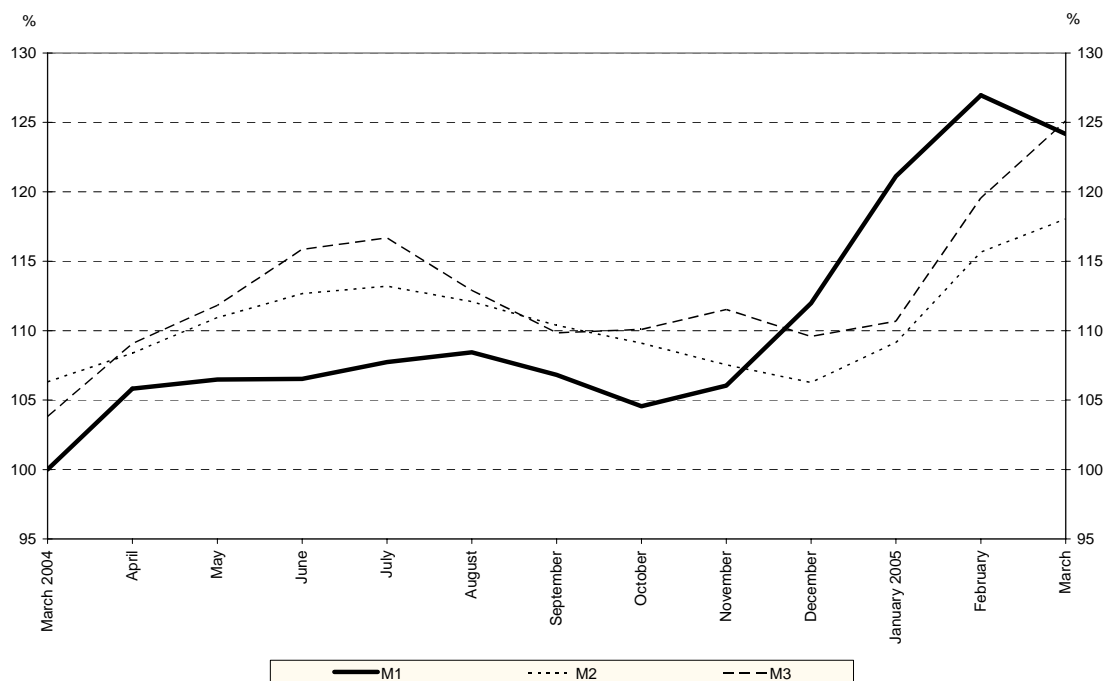


Chart 2 Developments in the monetary aggregates

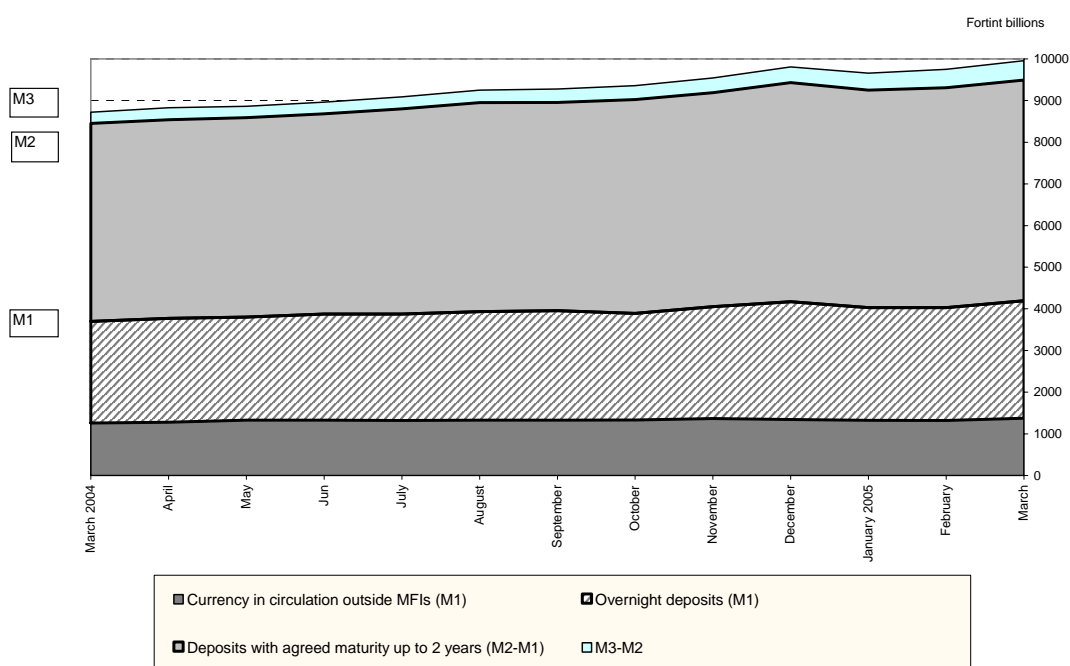
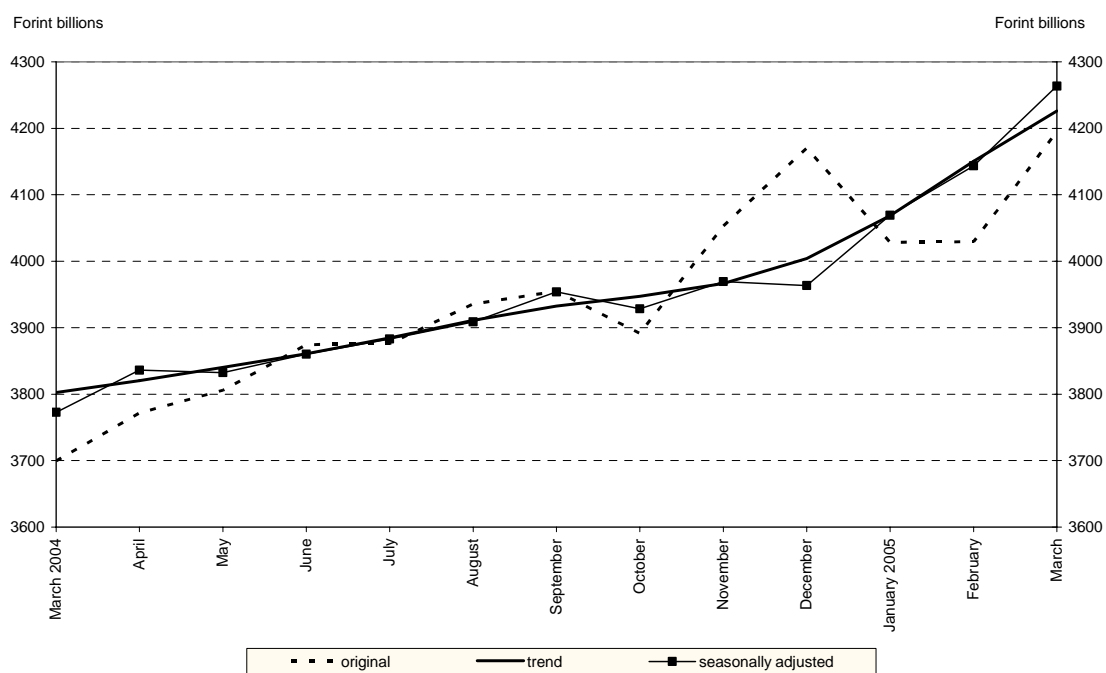
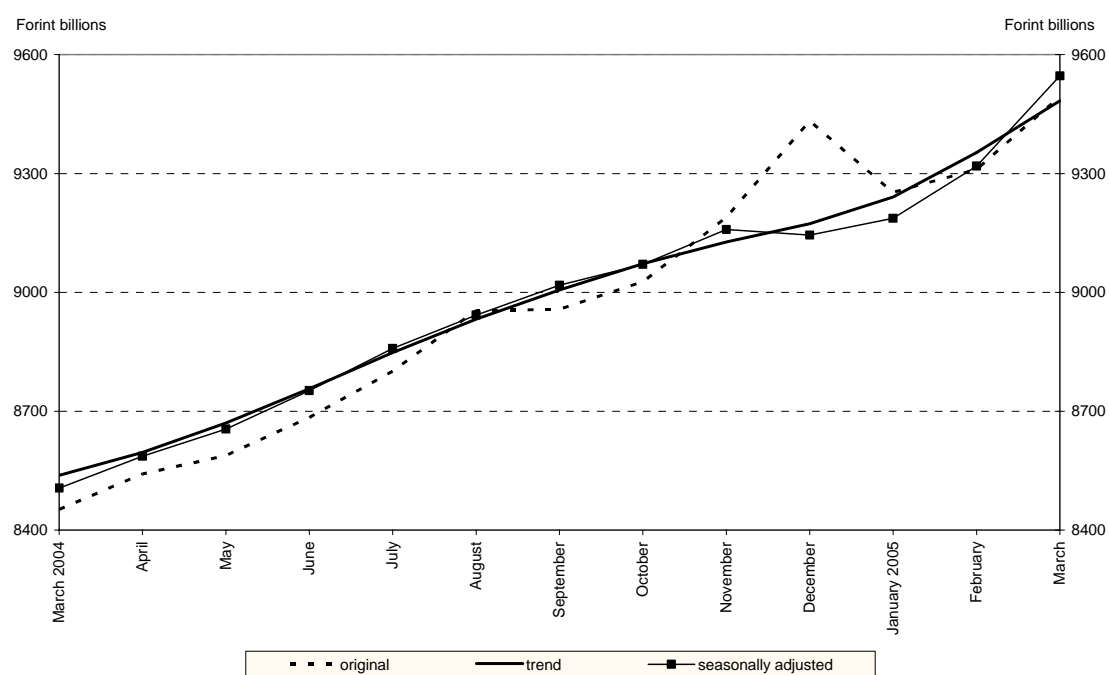


Chart 3 M1



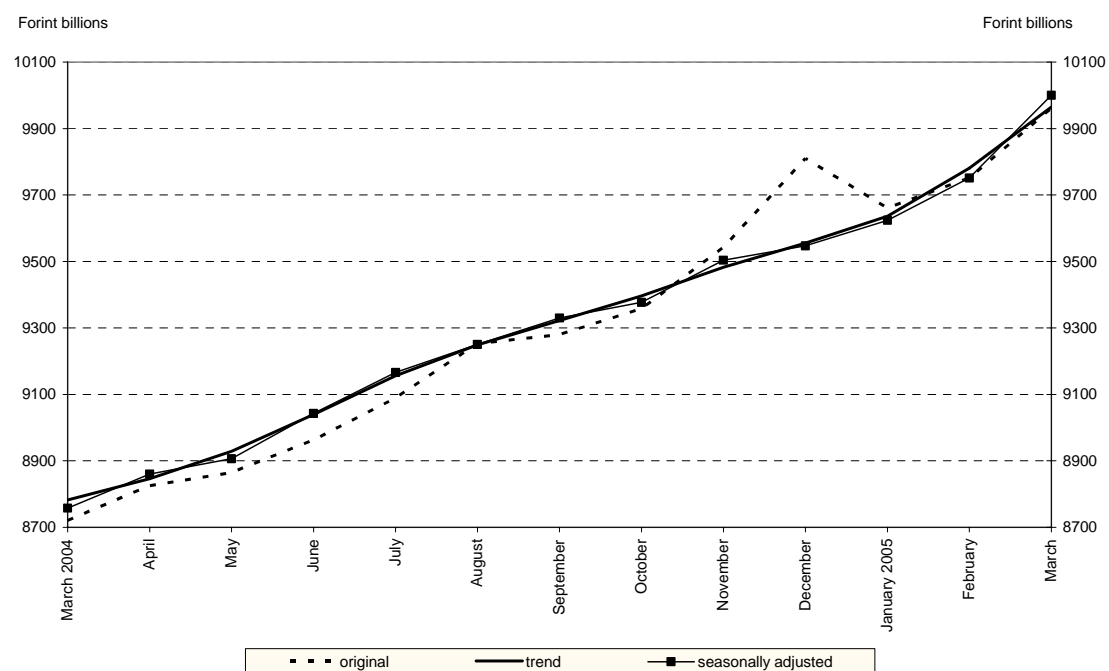
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Chart 4 M2



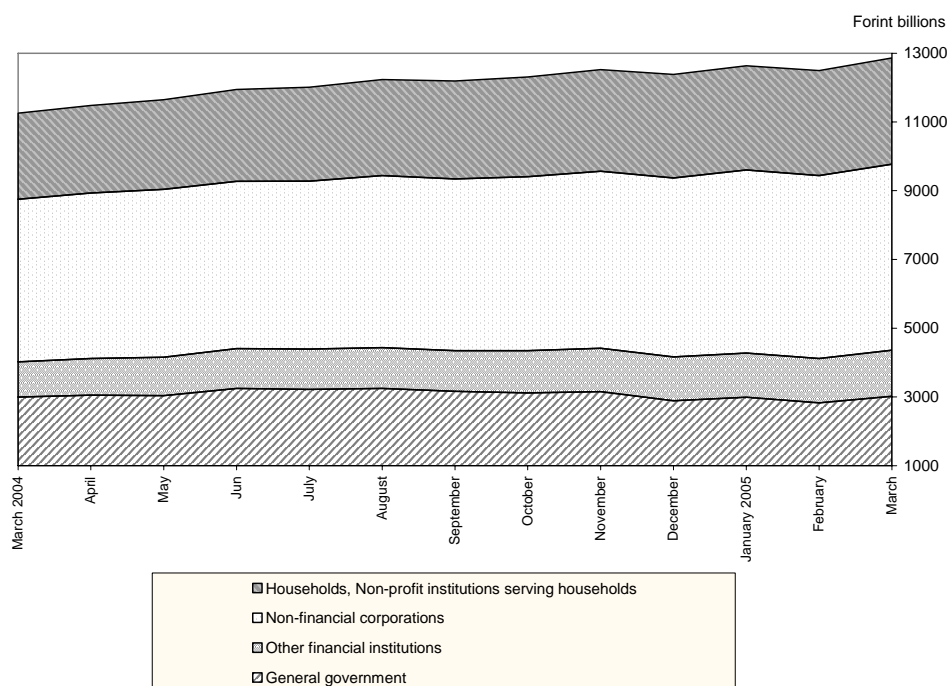
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Chart 5 M3



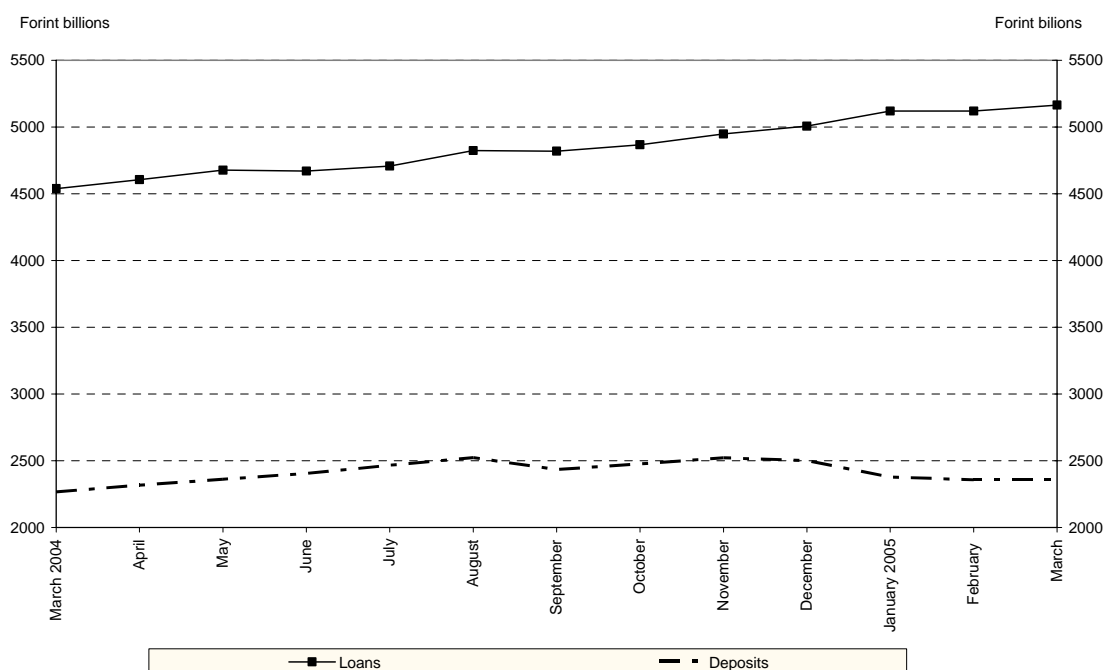
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Chart 6 Outstanding domestic loans



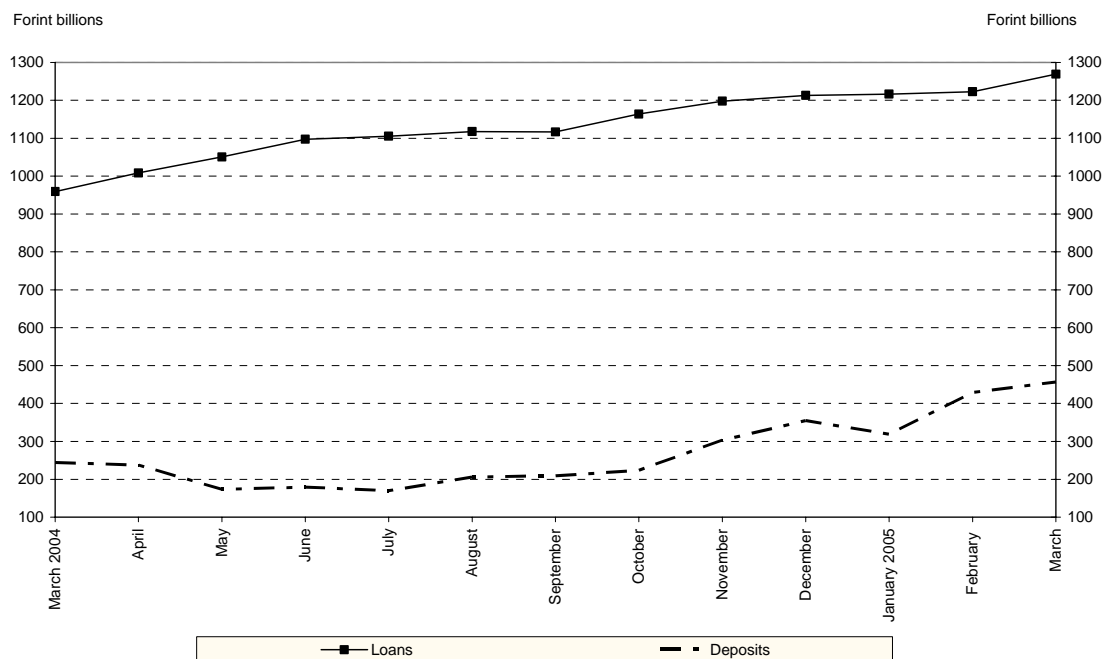
In March the total stock of loans granted by monetary financial institutions to non-financial corporations rose by HUF 43.9 billion. Outstanding short-term loans grew by HUF 24.5 billion and long-term loans also increased by HUF 19.4 billion. Loans with maturity up to 5 years fell by HUF 47.9 billion, while those with maturity over 5 years grew by HUF 67.3 billion. The stock of the sector's deposits with MFIs remained unchanged. Overnight and current account deposits rose by HUF 7.6 billion, while deposits with agreed maturity up to one year fell by HUF 1.9 billion, deposits with agreed maturity over one year edged down by HUF 1.6 billion and outstanding repos also decreased by HUF 4.1 billion.

Chart 7 Non-financial corporations' loans and deposits



In March the stock of deposits of other financial corporations with monetary financial institutions was up by HUF 27.8 billion and outstanding loans to the sector also rose by HUF 46.6 billion. Overnight and current account deposits were lower by HUF 5.9 billion, time deposits were up by HUF 37.6 billion, and outstanding repos were down by HUF 3.9 billion. Loans with maturity up to one year rose by HUF 22.3 billion, those with maturity up to five years were up by HUF 17.6 billion, and those with maturity over five years also grew by HUF 6.7 billion.

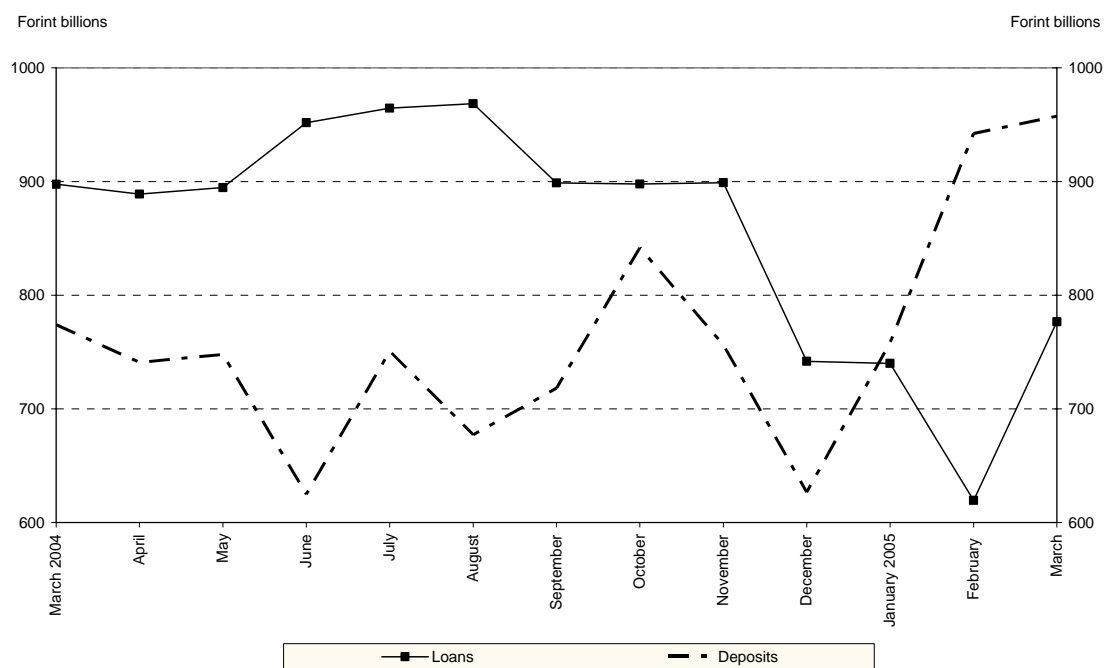
Chart 8 Loans and deposits of other financial corporations



In March 2005, deposits of the general government sector with MFIs rose by HUF 15.2 billion. This reflected a fall of HUF 30.4 billion in deposits of the central government and a rise of HUF 45.6 billion in those of the local government sub-sector.

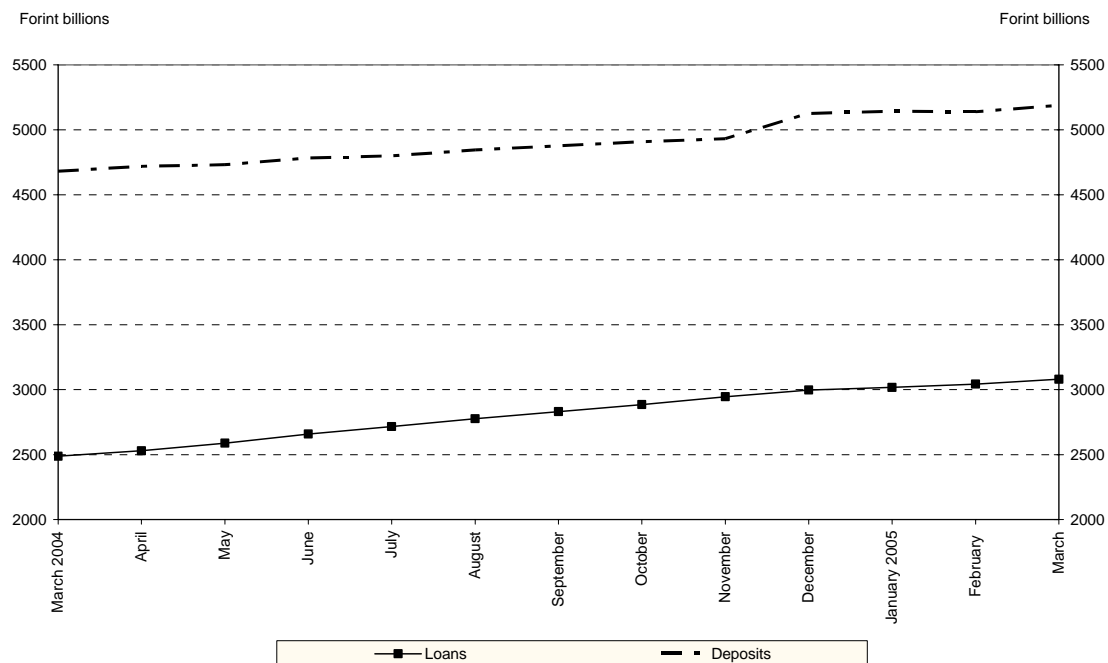
The stock of loans granted by monetary financial institutions to general government increased by HUF 157.3 billion.

Chart 9 Loans and deposits of general government



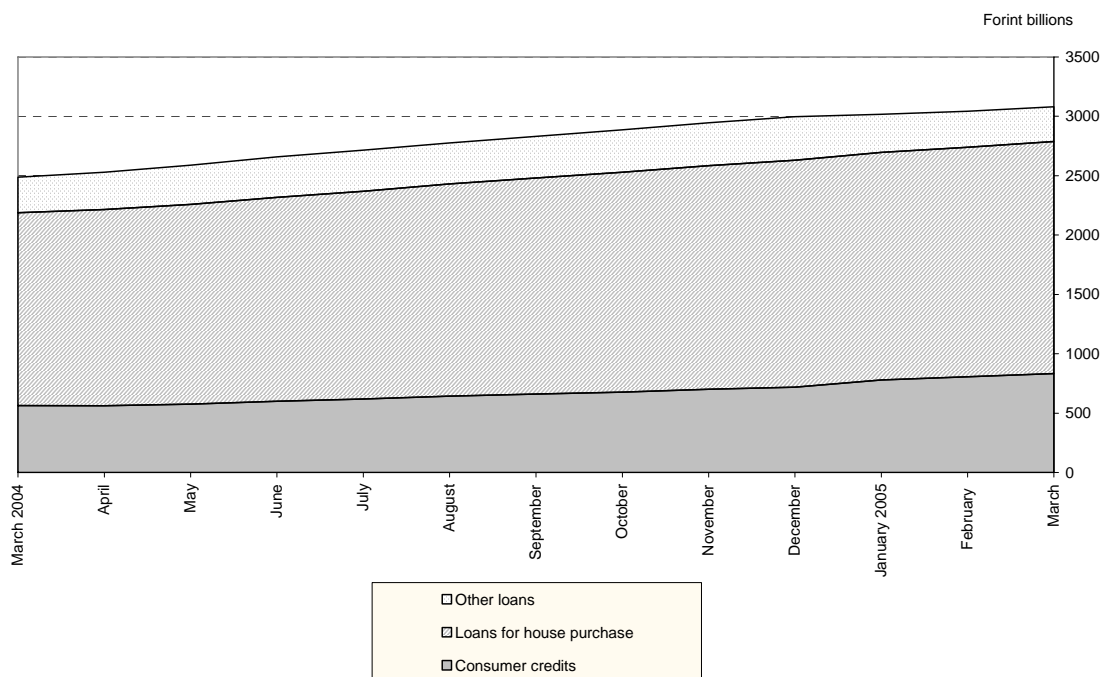
Households' deposits with MFIs rose by HUF 48.4 billion during the month under review. The outstanding total of loans granted by monetary financial institutions to the sector also rose by HUF 37.5 billion.

Chart 10 Loans and deposits of households



Within loans outstanding to households, housing loans remained unchanged at 63.5% as a percentage of the total, their stock rising by HUF 22.7 billion. Consumer credit edged up from 26.5% to 27.1% as a proportion of the total, its amount outstanding increasing by HUF 26.2 billion. Other loans fell by HUF 11.4 billion.

Chart 11 Loans to households

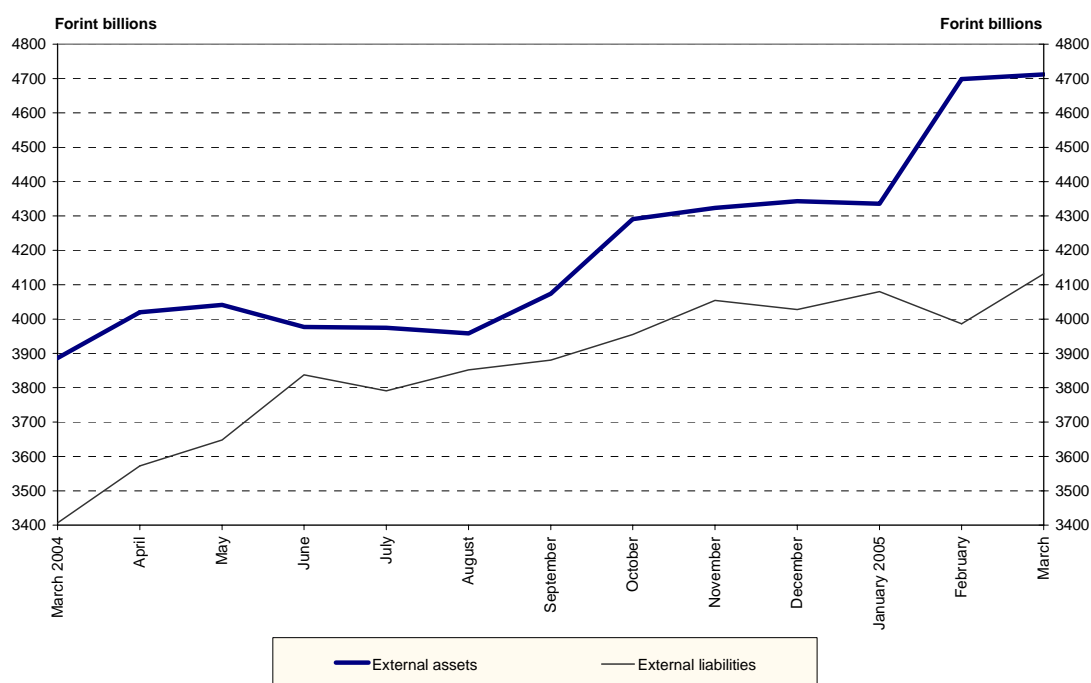


Net assets of monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents went down by HUF 132.3 billion: assets rose by HUF 13.2 billion and liabilities also rose by HUF 145.5 billion.

Assets of the central bank vis-à-vis non-residents rose by HUF 90.9 billion, while its liabilities to non-residents fell by HUF 49.8 billion. On balance, net foreign assets rose by HUF 140.7 billion.

Net assets of other monetary financial institutions vis-à-vis non-residents fell by HUF 273 billion, reflecting a fall of HUF 77.7 billion in assets and a rise of HUF 195.3 billion in liabilities.

Chart 12 External assets and liabilities



The data underlying this press release are available on the MNB's website at http://english.mnb.hu/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=mnbfile&resourcename=0708_monstatpubl_e_nxls.

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