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Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: August 2008

In August, the average APR on forint loans to households fell, while that on Swiss franc loans rose compared with July. The seasonally adjusted amount of new Swiss franc loans granted to households rose across most categories of loans, in contrast with the amount of new personal loans, which fell. The amount of new lending to non-financial corporations fell in the month under review. On the deposit side, average interest rates on most categories of deposits rose. The seasonally adjusted amount of new forint deposits of households rose compared with July.

In August, average interest rates moved in different directions, depending on market segment and product. Average interest rates on non-financial corporations rose across most categories of loans compared with July. The average interest rate on forint loans over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell by 20 basis points, while that on forint loans up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose by 39 basis points, after falling in the previous month. The most notable development in the household loan market was the fall in the relative interest rate advantage of Swiss franc housing loans over forint housing loans. The APR on Swiss franc loans remained unchanged from July, while that on forint loans fell by 49 basis points.

There was a fall in the seasonally adjusted amount of new loans to non-financial corporations. In contrast, the seasonally adjusted amount of new loans to households rose overall. The narrowing in the gap between interest rates on forint and Swiss franc loans to households was not yet reflected in the amount of new lending in August: Swiss franc housing loans continued to rise slightly, as shown by the seasonally adjusted data. Another notable development was the shift away from forint consumer loans within lending to households, which was reflected in the falling amount of new business.

On the deposit side, there was a general increase in monthly average interest rates. In August, the seasonally adjusted amount of new forint deposits from households and euro deposits from non-financial corporations rose. A notable development in August was the fall in the percentage share of euro deposits within households' total deposits, to which the depreciation of the forint in August and the related exchange rate expectations may have contributed. The seasonally adjusted amount of new forint deposits from non-financial corporations fell, and that of euro deposits rose.

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CHARTS

Chart 1 Monthly average interest rate on household forint deposits and the total amount of new business

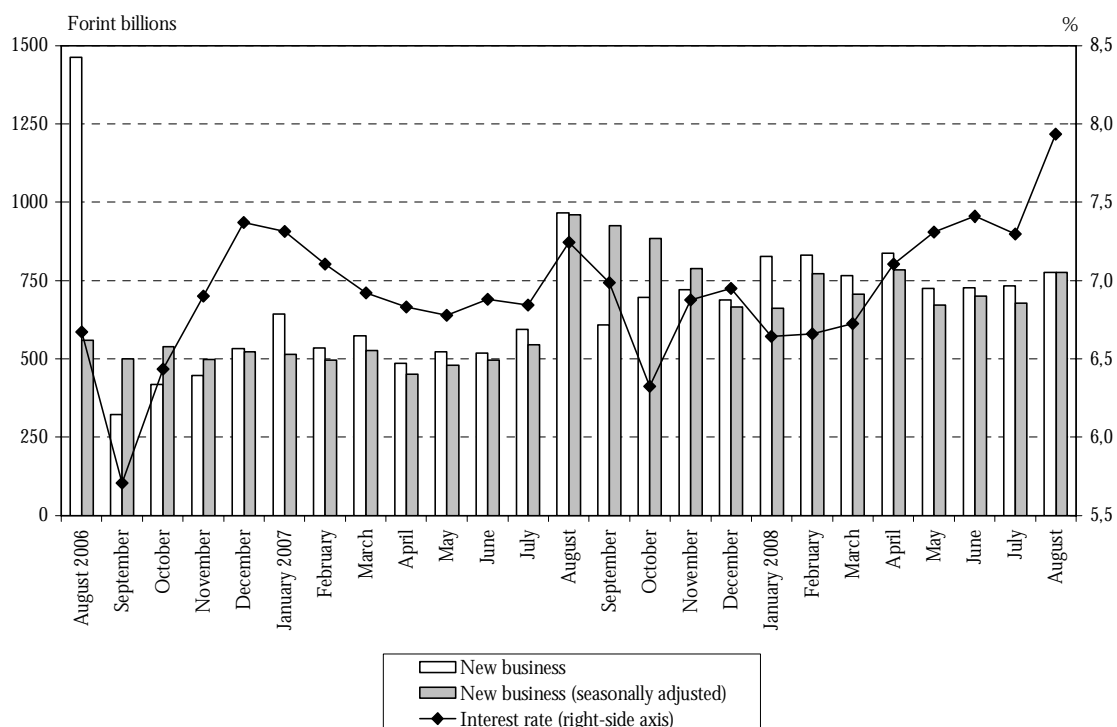


Chart 2 Monthly average interest rate on household euro deposits with an agreed maturity of up to one year and the total amount of new business

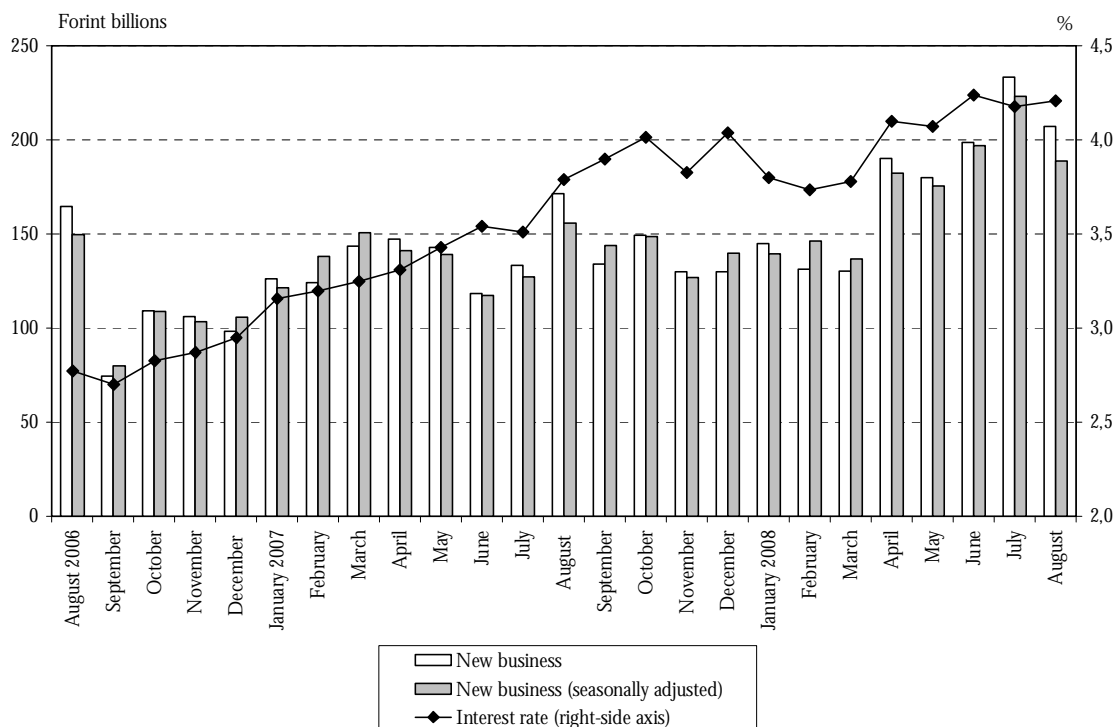


Chart 3 Monthly average rates on non-financial corporations' forint deposits and the total amount of new business

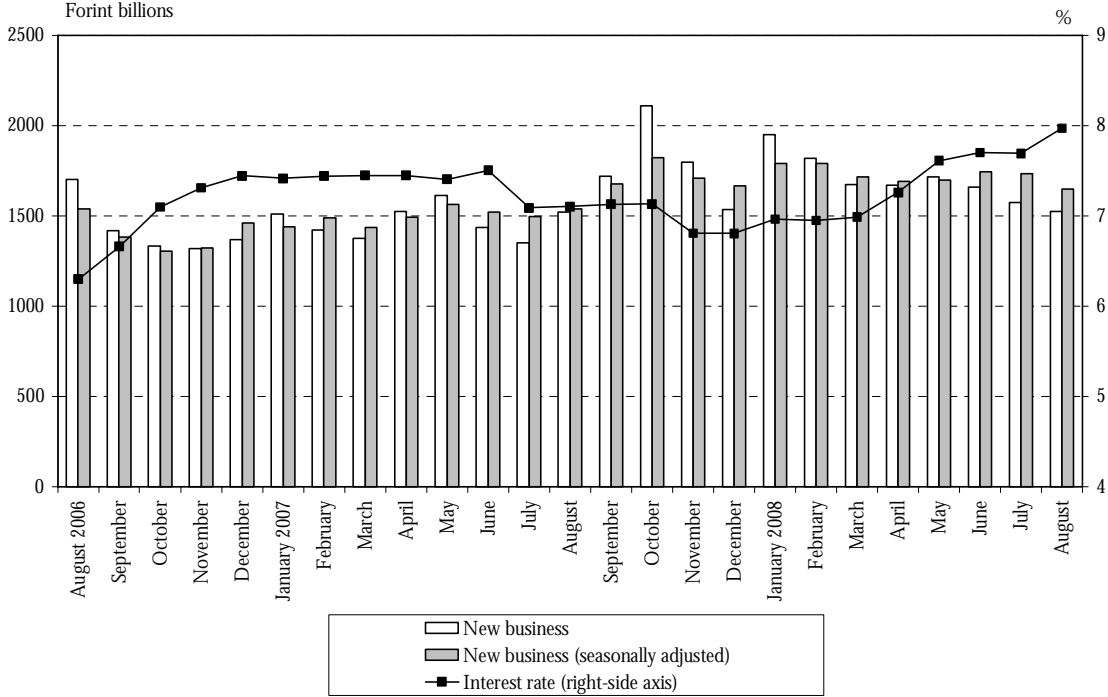


Chart 4 Monthly average interest rates on non-financial corporations' deposits and the total amount of new business

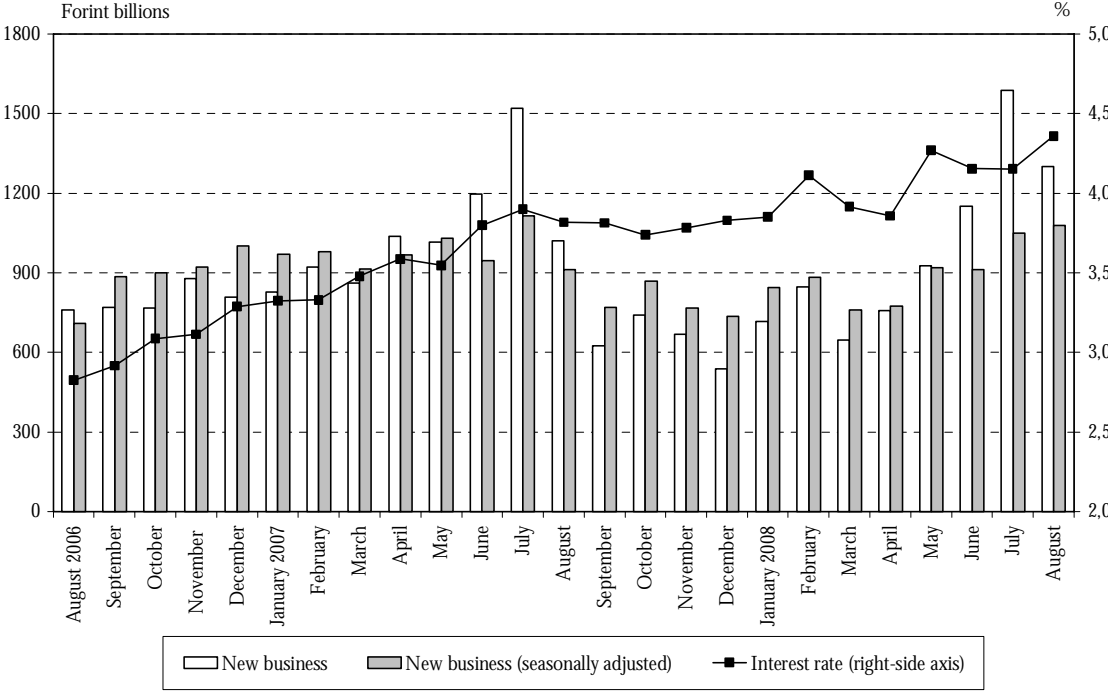


Chart 5 Monthly average APRC on forint housing loans and the total amount of new business

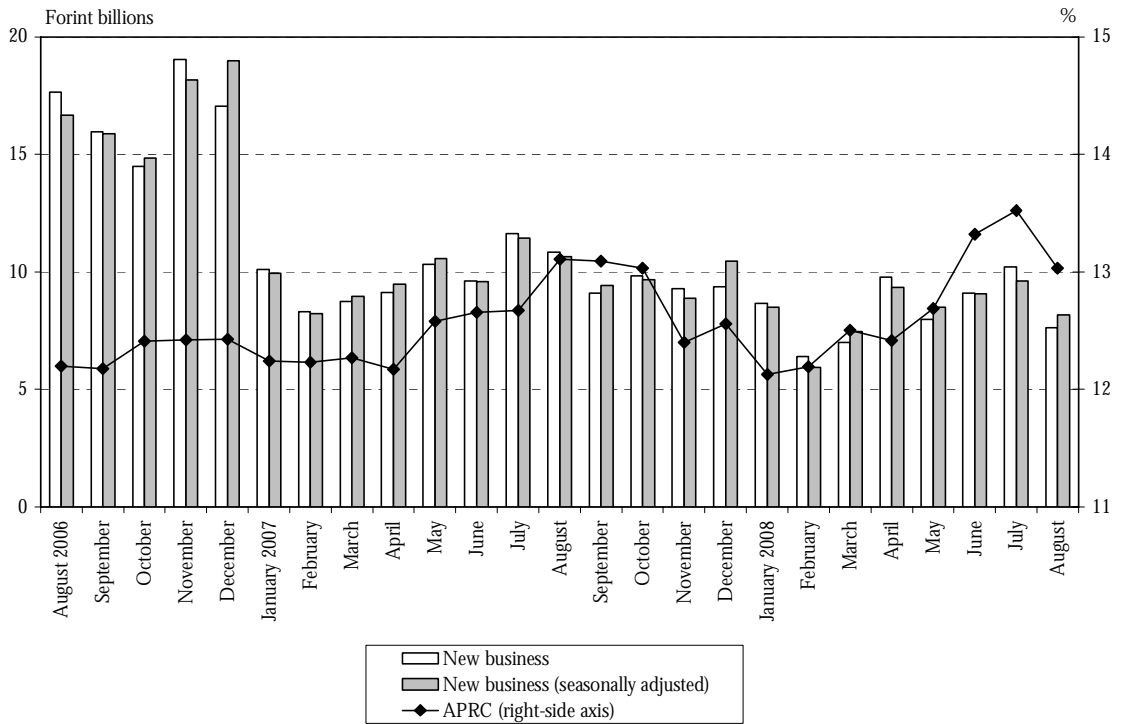
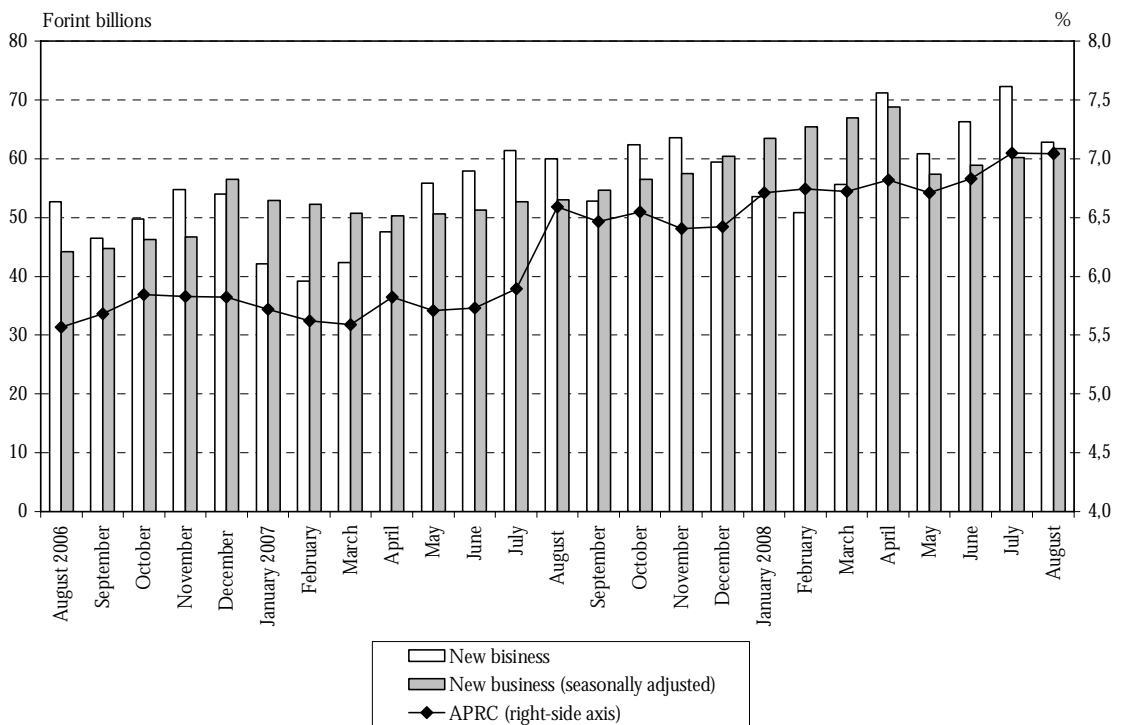


Chart 6 Monthly average APRC on Swiss franc housing loans to households and the total amount of new business¹



¹ Loans with floating interest rates or with up to one year initial rate fixation.

Chart 7 Monthly average APRC on Swiss franc personal loans and the total amount of new business²

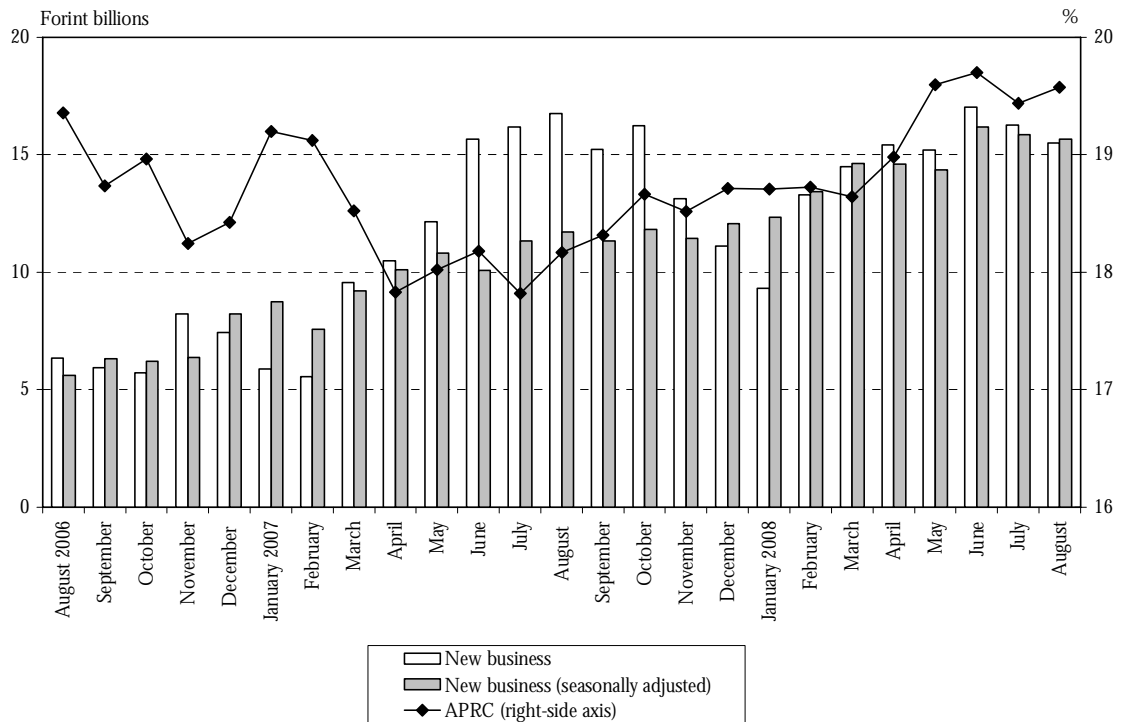
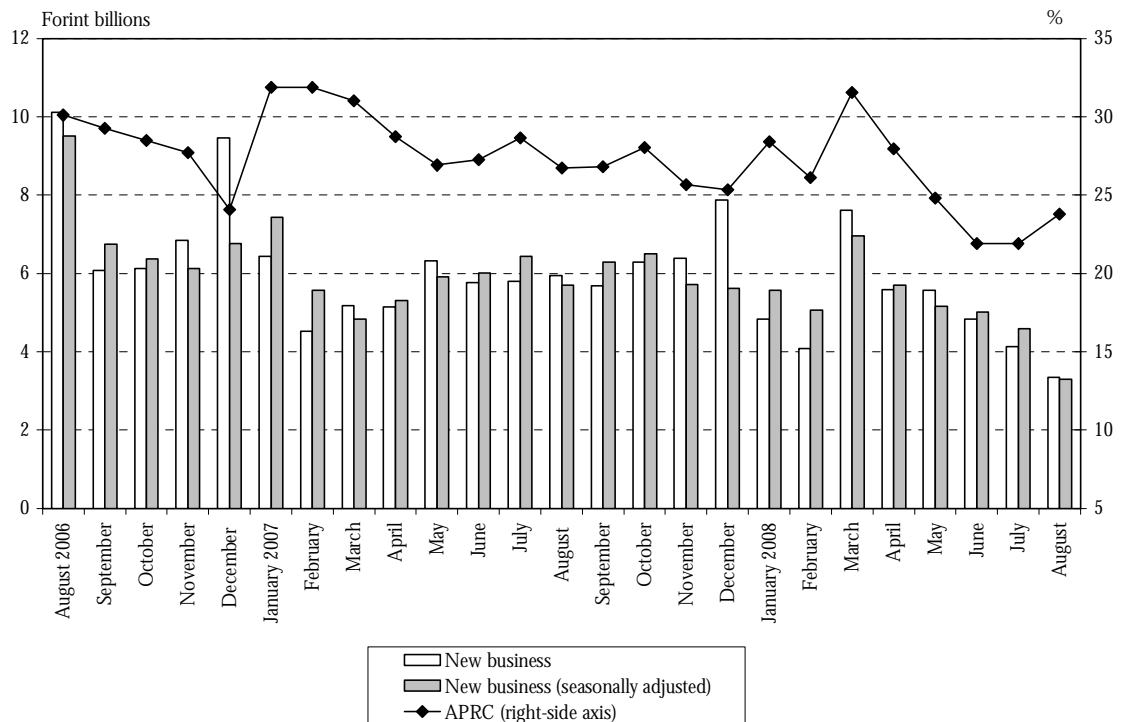


Chart 8 Monthly average APRC on forint consumer loans and the total amount of new business²



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Chart 9 Monthly average interest rate on forint loans to non-financial corporations over the equivalent of EUR 1 million and the total amount of new business ³

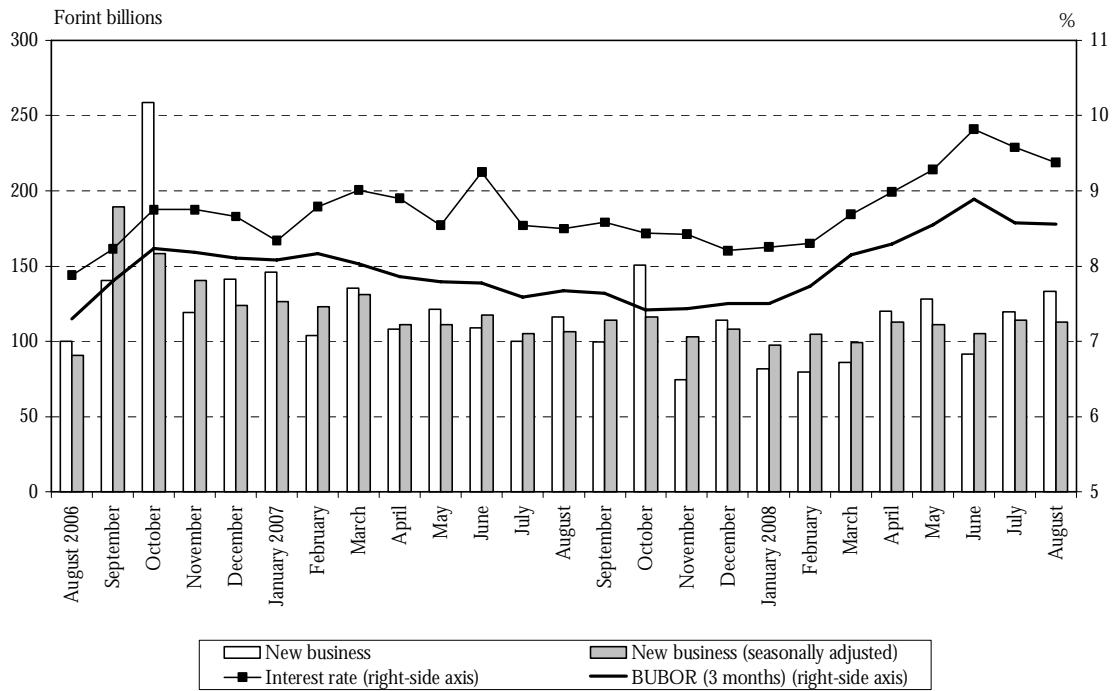
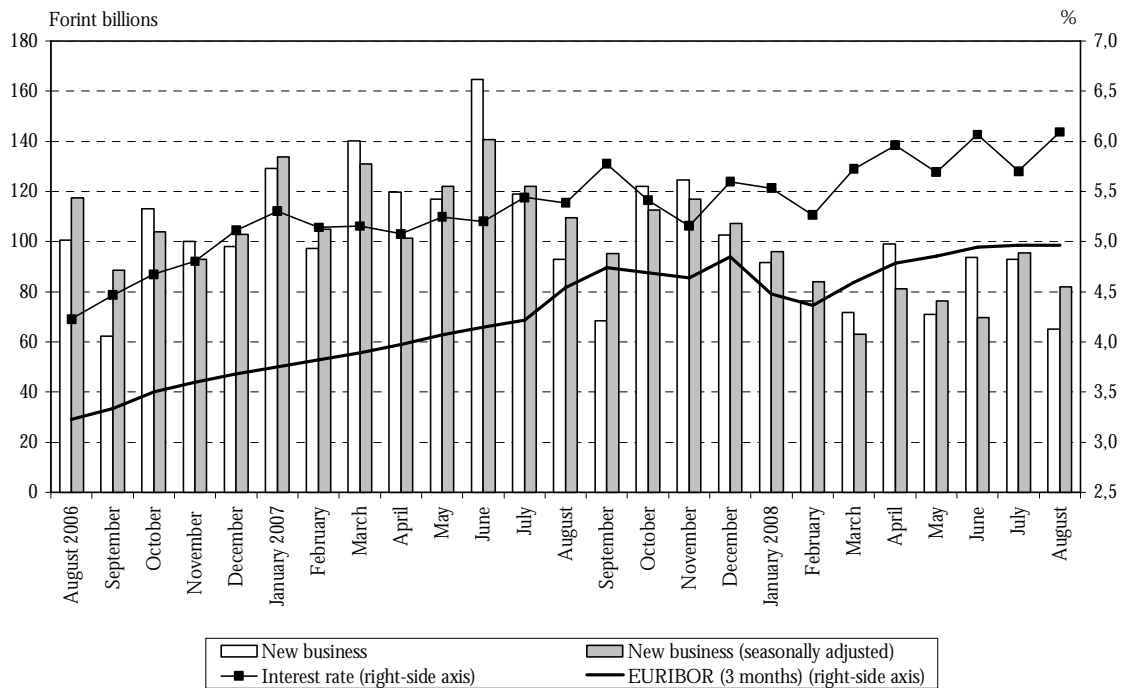


Chart 10 Monthly average interest rate on euro loans to non-financial corporations over the equivalent of EUR 1 million and the total amount of new business³



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