



PRESS RELEASE

Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: January 2011¹

Budapest, 28 February 2011 - *In January 2011, the total contract values of new forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans to the household sector fell significantly. Foreign currency-denominated mortgage loans as a proportion of total new lending fell to 3% as a result of recent legislative changes.² There were significant declines in the total contract values of new euro and forint-denominated loans to non-financial corporations of up to and over the equivalent of EUR 1 million in the month.*

In January 2011, the average APRC on new forint housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans to the household sector rose.

The average APRC on forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to and over the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose. The average APRC on euro loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to and over the equivalent of EUR 1 million continued to rise.

The total values of new forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose loans to the household sector fell significantly relative to the previous month, according to not seasonally adjusted data; however, on a seasonally adjusted basis the fall was less sharp.

The total value of new forint personal loans fell modestly on a not seasonally adjusted basis but rose slightly on a seasonally adjusted basis.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, the total contract value of new forint and euro loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell significantly; however, on a seasonally adjusted basis the total contract value of forint loans rose slightly and that of euro loans dropped a little.

The contract values of new forint and euro loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million both fell significantly, according to not seasonally adjusted data. However, forint and euro loans both declined less sharply on a seasonally adjusted basis.

¹ The values of new loans to households and non-financial corporations do not include restructured loans. Similarly, the effects of government bridging loans are eliminated from the values of new housing loans and general purpose loans to households. In the latter case, data on new lending and the APRC are estimates. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

² Act XC of 2010 entered into force on 14 August 2010. According to the law, registering a mortgage under a foreign currency loan is prohibited. This has been reflected in a decline in foreign currency lending. The amount of new foreign currency lending of greater than zero is explained by the disbursement of loans already registered and by the opportunity to convert foreign currency loans disbursed earlier. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

On the deposit side, the monthly average interest rate on households' forint deposits rose modestly and that on euro deposits fell in January relative to the previous month. Not seasonally adjusted, the value of new forint deposits fell sharply and that of euro deposits by a little less. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the values of new forint and euro deposits both fell slightly relative to the previous month.

The monthly average interest rate on non-financial corporations' forint deposits rose, while that on euro deposits fell. According to not seasonally adjusted data, the value of new forint deposits fell significantly and that of euro deposits by a little less. Seasonally adjusted, the value of new forint deposits fell slightly and that of euro deposits rose significantly in the month under review.

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