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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: February 2014<sup>1</sup>

In February 2014, the average APRC on forint household loans and general purpose mortgage loans to the household sector fell. According to seasonally adjusted data, new business volumes of forint housing loans and personal loans fell slightly. Average interest rates on forint loans of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million to non-financial corporations and on the sector's forint deposits fell in the month.

In February 2014, the average APRC on new forint housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans fell slightly. The increase in the APRC on personal loans also reflected a composition effect. Seasonally adjusted new business volumes of forint housing loans and personal loans fell slightly and that of general purpose mortgage loans increased relative to the previous month.<sup>2</sup>

The monthly average interest rate on household sector forint deposits was unchanged and that on euro deposits fell. Seasonally adjusted new business volume of forint deposits increased slightly and that of euro deposits fell relative to January.

Table1									
Households	Average interest rates on new business <sup>2</sup> (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)			New business volumes (HUF billions: seasonally adjusted data)		
		Month-on							
		month							
	Feb 2014	change	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013
Forint housing loans	7,92	-0,20	10,49	11,6	11,9	7,7	14,3	14,4	9,5
Forint general purpose mortgage loans <sup>1</sup>	9,72	-0,48	13,89	2,0	1,7	2,0	2,6	2,1	2,6
Forint personal loans	25,08	0,58	28,37	8,3	7,2	7,5	7,9	8,5	7,3
Forint deposits	2,22	0,00	5,04	703,6	732,4	930,5	711,0	701,8	940,2
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1									
year	1,22	-0,11	2,16	97,6	111,4	160,1	105,2	112,6	172,6

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation

2) The table contains the average APRC for loans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Act XC of 2010, which prohibits banks from registering a mortgage under a foreign currency loan, entered into force on 14 August 2010. This has been reflected in a decline in foreign currency lending. The greater-than-zero amount of new foreign currency lending is explained by the opportunity to redenominate foreign currency loans disbursed earlier or transfer of debt. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

The average interest rate on forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell and that on forint loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose due to a composition effect. The average interest rate on euro loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to EUR 1 million rose and that on euro loans of over EUR 1 million declined significantly.

Seasonally adjusted new business volume of forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million increased and that of loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell after growing significantly in the previous month. Seasonally adjusted new business volume of euro loans to non-financial corporations of up to and over EUR 1 million declined.

Average interest rates on non-financial corporations' forint deposits fell and those on euro deposits rose. Seasonally adjusted new business volumes of both forint and euro deposits fell in the month.

Table2									
Non-financial corporations	Average interest rates on new business (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)			New business volumes (HUF billions: seasonally adjusted data)		
	Feb 2014	Month-on month change	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013
Forint loans up to 1 million EUR <sup>1,2</sup>	5,43		8,27	25,9	24.6*	43,2	39,1		I
Euro loans up to 1 million EUR <sup>1</sup>	4,11		3,61			43,2	8,5	8,9	
Forint loans over 1 million EUR <sup>1,2</sup>	4,84	0,27	6,94	46,1	113,3	98,1	61,1	110,8	112,9
Euro loans over 1 million EUR <sup>1</sup>	2,21	-0,58	2,91	20,6	22,5	35,7	36,0	38,1	61,5
Forint deposits	2,11	-0,11	4,92	1574,4	1786,3	1587,5	1604,2	1836,2	1617,5
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1									
year	0,56	0,11	0,86	295,1	505,9	347,2	355,2	459,4	413,2

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation.

2) Typically does not contain loans offered in the frame of Funding for Growth Scheme, because these loans usually have

one year initial rate fixation.

\* Due to corrections made by reporting agents data has changed significantly for 2014 January.

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The seasonally adjusted data, published simultaneously with this press release in the <u>chart pack</u> and in the <u>time</u> <u>series</u> for household and non-financial sector interest rates, are subject to more uncertainty than usual, due to fluctuations caused by the financial crisis.

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