



Balance of payments and International Investment Position

2020 Q3

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breakdown (annual)



FDI positions: activity
breakdown (annual)



FDI income: COPC
(annual)

Current account balance (M EUR)

752,0

Net lending (CA+KA) SA/GDP SA

4,3%

Net international investment position/GDP

-45,3%



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In this publication, the 2020. III. quarterly balance of payments and related stock statistics are published first with revisions for Q1 and Q2 2020.

Summary data

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Seasonally adjusted net lending (CA+KA)

In Q3 2020 the components of net lending show the positive effects of recovery following the first wave of Covid-19: the level of exports and imports and the surplus of services increased significantly compared to the huge decline of the previous quarter. Exports amounted to EUR 23.3 billion, imports to EUR 23.1 billion, and a trade deficit to EUR 172.5 million in the third quarter, seasonally adjusted. The surplus of services increased significantly, with travel reaching EUR 239.9 million and non-travel services reaching EUR 707.2 million. The deficit of primary income was EUR 624.9 million and that of secondary income was EUR 97.1 million, seasonally adjusted.

The seasonally adjusted capital account balance is EUR 1012.3 million. The bulk of the capital account comes from capital transfers from the EU.

Net lending (FA)

By resident sectors

In Q3 2020, financial account balance showed an increase of EUR 442.0 million in net assets. General government sector (EUR 1057.0 million), Central Bank (EUR 776.2 million) and other sectors (EUR 292.3 million) have recorded a decrease in net external assets, while other monetary institutions (EUR 2567.5 million) have increased their net external assets.

By instruments

In terms of instruments, net assets decreased in FDI by EUR 230.5 million, with the increase of assets by EUR 1694.5 million and of liabilities by EUR 1925.0 million. In portfolio investment net assets also decreased by EUR 149.2 million with the increase of assets EUR 100.6 million and liabilities of EUR 249.8 million. There was a decrease in net assets in financial derivatives by EUR 399.4 million. In other investment net assets decreased by EUR 1180.3 million with the increase of assets by EUR 643.5 million and of liabilities by EUR 1823.8 million. Reserve assets increased by EUR 2401.3 million in Q3 2020.



FDI flows according to directional principle

Net inflows of direct investments in the third quarter of 2020 decreased by EUR 230.5 million: FDI abroad increased by EUR 69.9 million, while FDI in Hungary increased by EUR 300.4 million. Of which capital in transit and asset portfolio restructuring in the third quarter amounted to EUR 148.3 million in both investment directions.

Within FDI abroad, investments in equity decreased the value of foreign investments by EUR 300.9 million, and reinvested earnings by EUR 232.7 million. Debt instruments showed a net increase in claims of EUR 138.1 million.

In the case of FDI in Hungary, investments in equity increased by EUR 310.1 million, reinvested earnings by EUR 981.6 million, while debt instruments decreased the value of foreigners' investments by EUR 991.4 million.

International investments positions

In Q3 2020, the net international investment position was EUR -62.2 billion: total assets amounted to EUR 143.0 billion and total liabilities to EUR 205.2 billion. Compared to the end of the previous quarter, the level of assets increased by EUR 2.2 billion and that of liabilities decreased by EUR 0.5 billion.

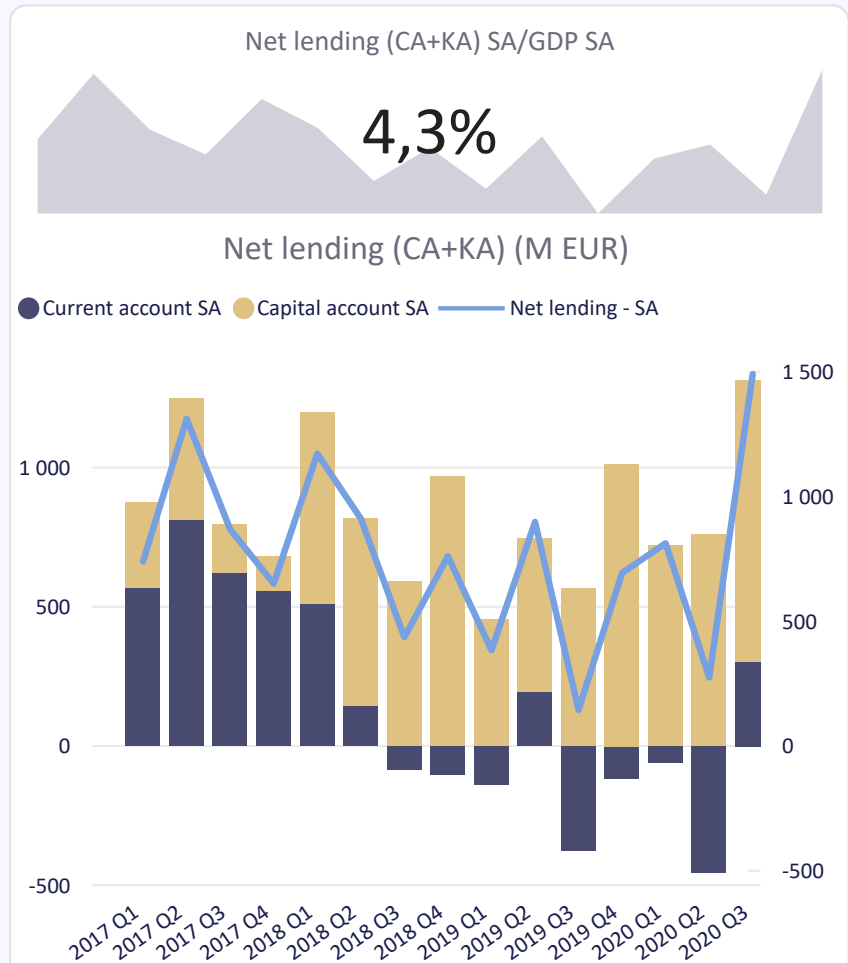
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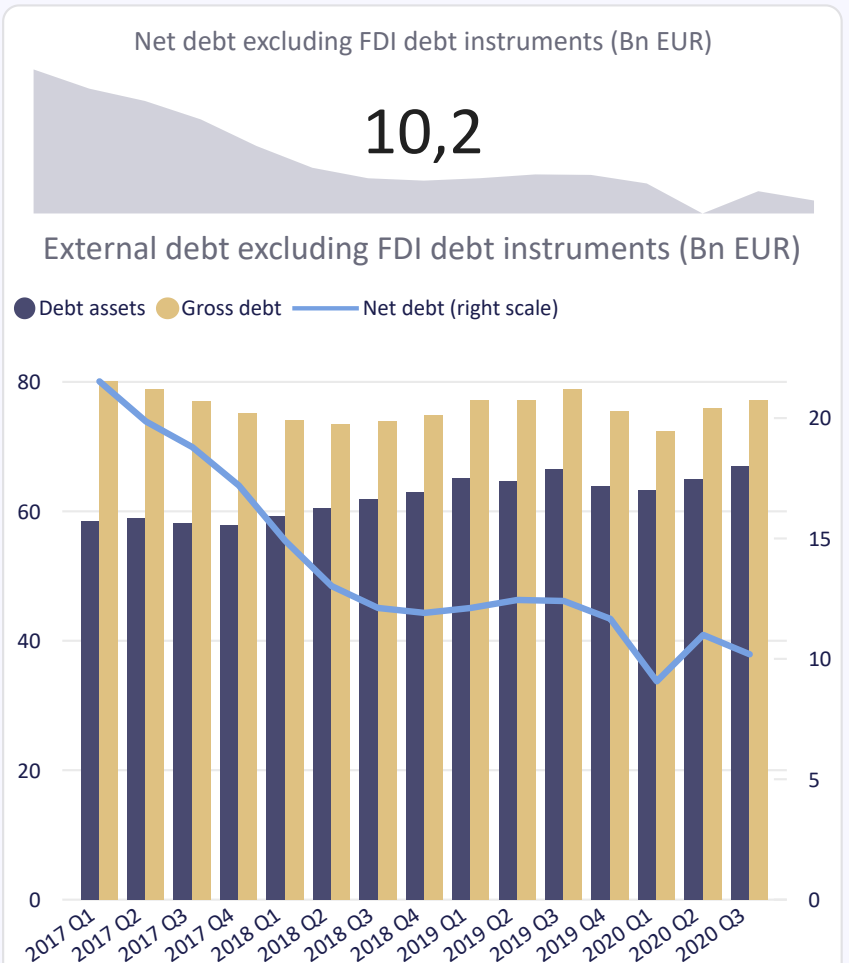




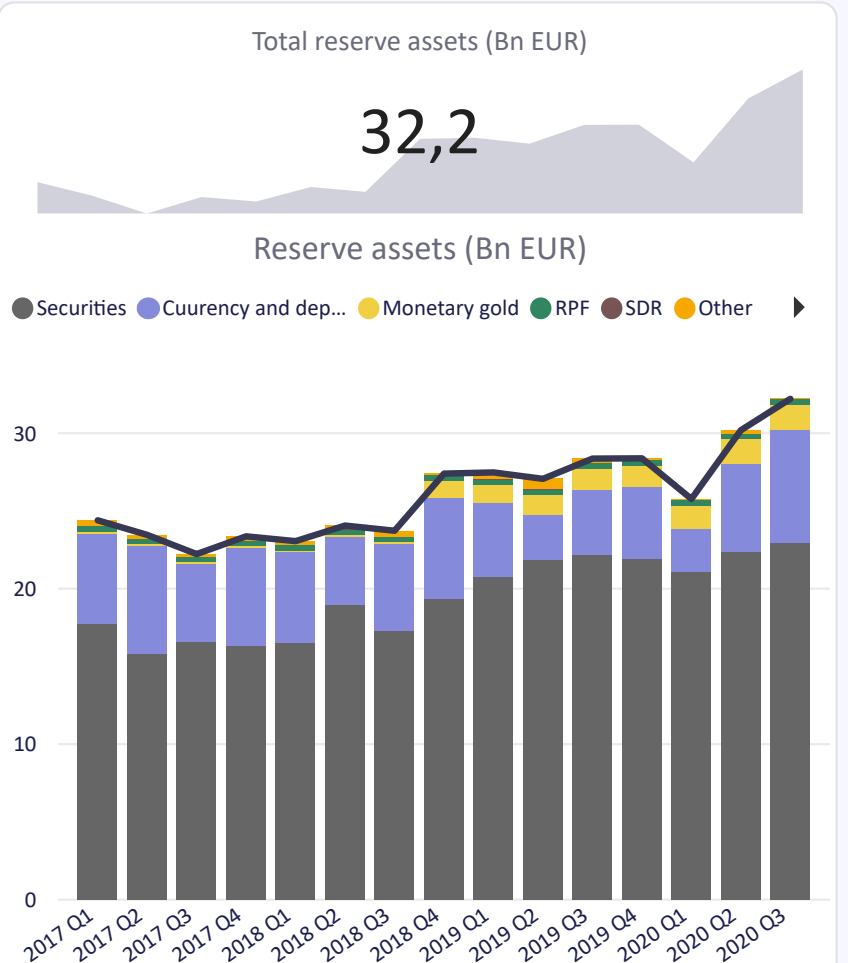
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Main balance of payments aggregates

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-	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2021
1. Current account, net (1.1.+1.2.+1.3.)	312,1	-698,1	752,0
1.1. Goods and Services, net	1 242,5	16,8	1 429,0
1.1.1. Goods, net	-192,4	-788,3	-26,1
1.1.1.A Export	23 346,0	18 160,0	22 679,8
1.1.1.B Import	23 538,4	18 948,4	22 705,9
1.1.2. Services, net	1 434,9	805,2	1 455,2
1.1.2.A Export	5 542,2	4 087,3	5 062,0
1.1.2.B Import	4 107,3	3 282,1	3 606,8
1.2. Primary income, net	-539,3	-479,2	-633,6
1.2.1. Compensation of employees, net	522,9	447,0	426,1
1.2.2. Investment income, net	-1 335,7	-1 255,3	-1 276,4
1.2.2.1. Direct investment income, net	-1 148,2	-1 047,1	-1 089,7
1.2.2.2. Portfolio investment income, net	-198,4	-204,4	-188,9
1.2.2.3. Other investment income, net	-50,3	-60,5	-50,4
1.2.2.4. Reserve assets, net	61,2	56,7	52,6
1.2.3. Other primary income, net	273,6	329,0	216,7
1.2.3.1. of which: EU transfers	273,6	329,0	216,7



Net lending (CA+KA)

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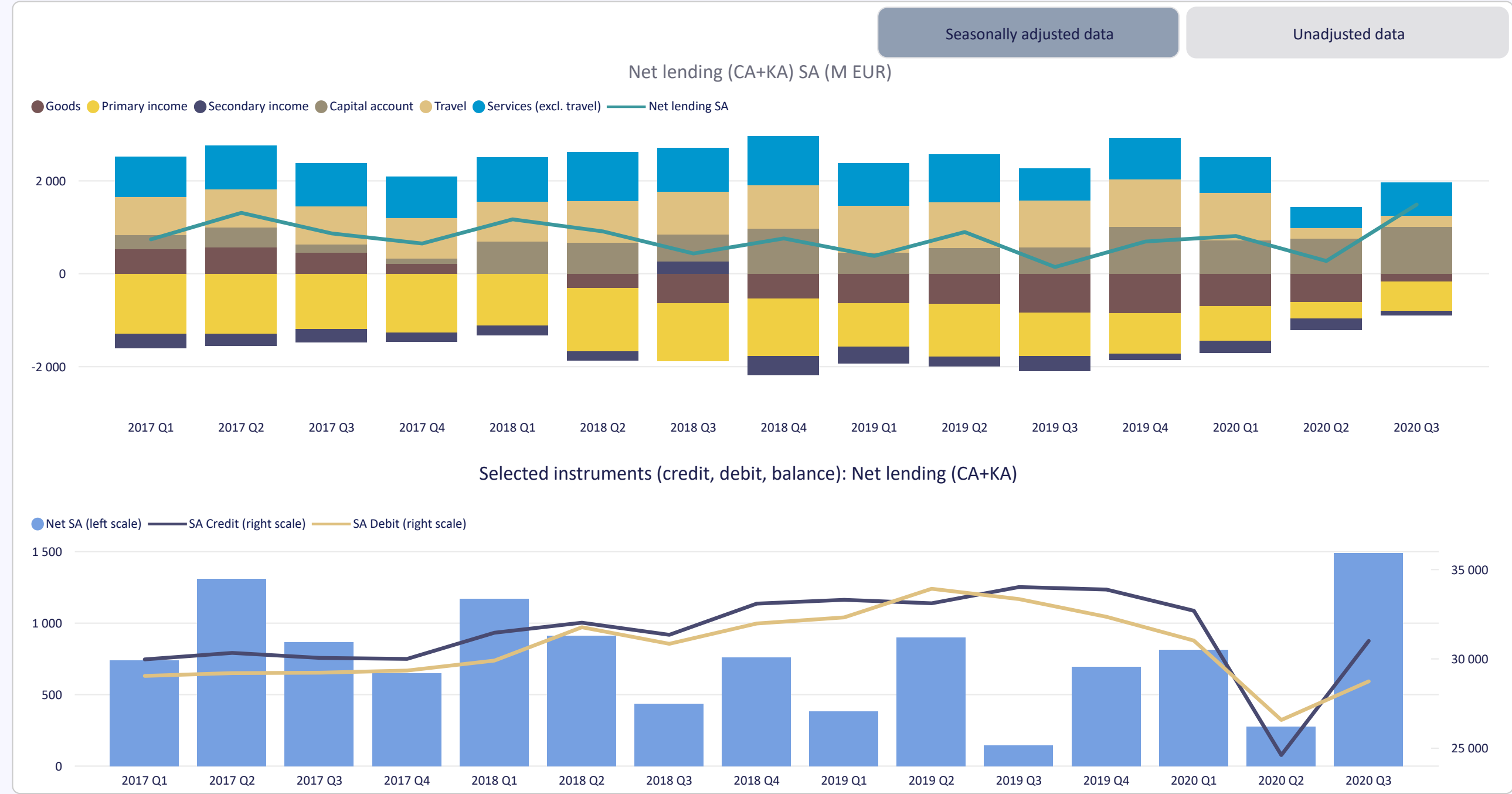
Instruments

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Seasonally adjusted data

Unadjusted data





Net lending (CA+KA)

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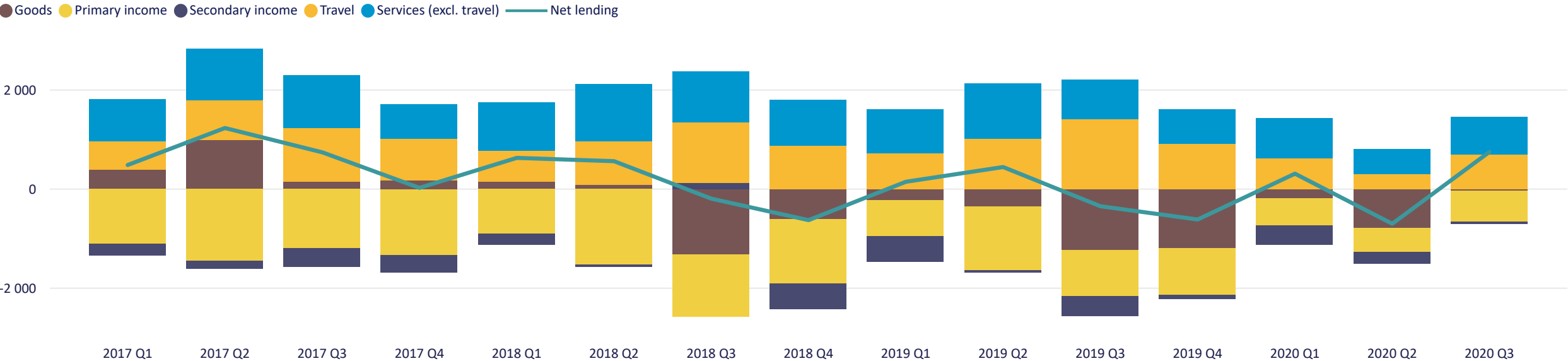
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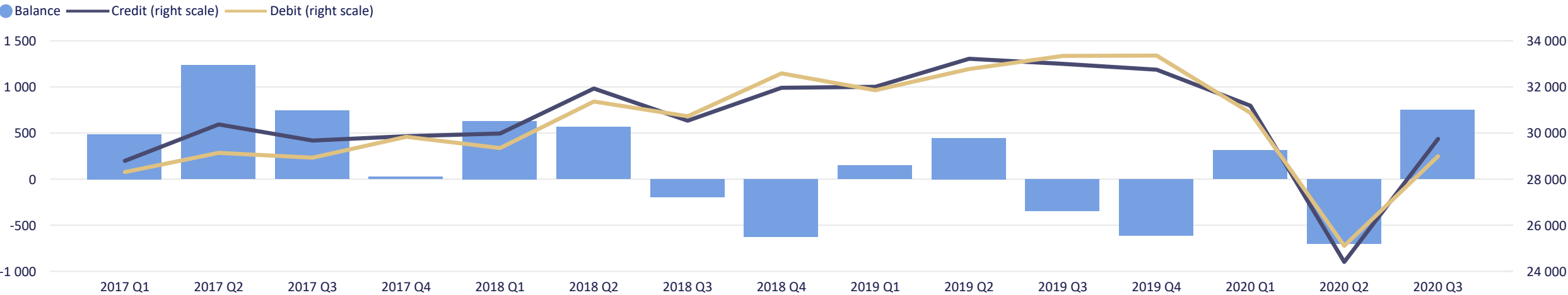
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Net lending (CA+KA) (M EUR)



Selected instruments (credit, debit, balance): All (Net lending (CA+KA))





Net lending (FA) by resident sectors

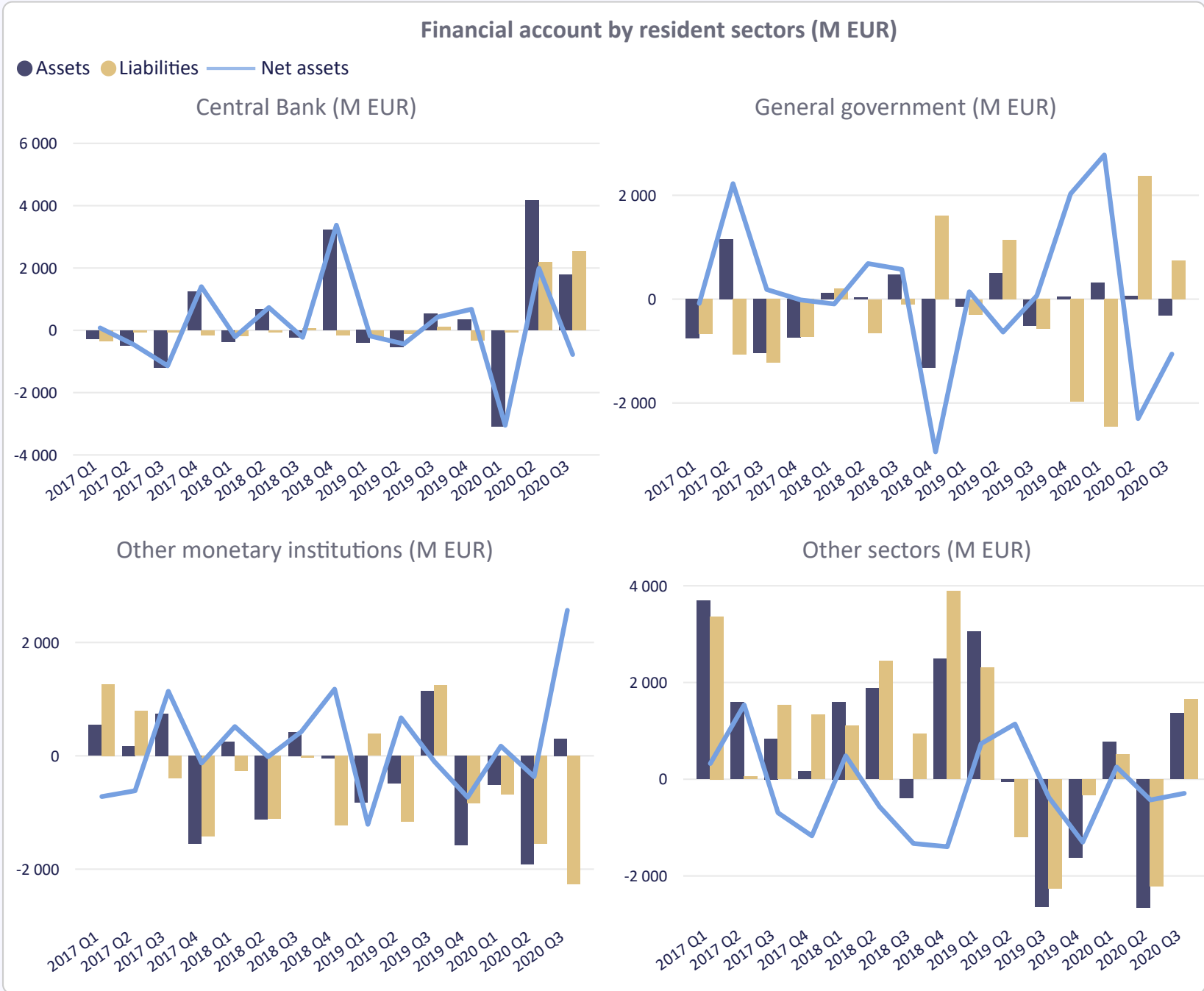
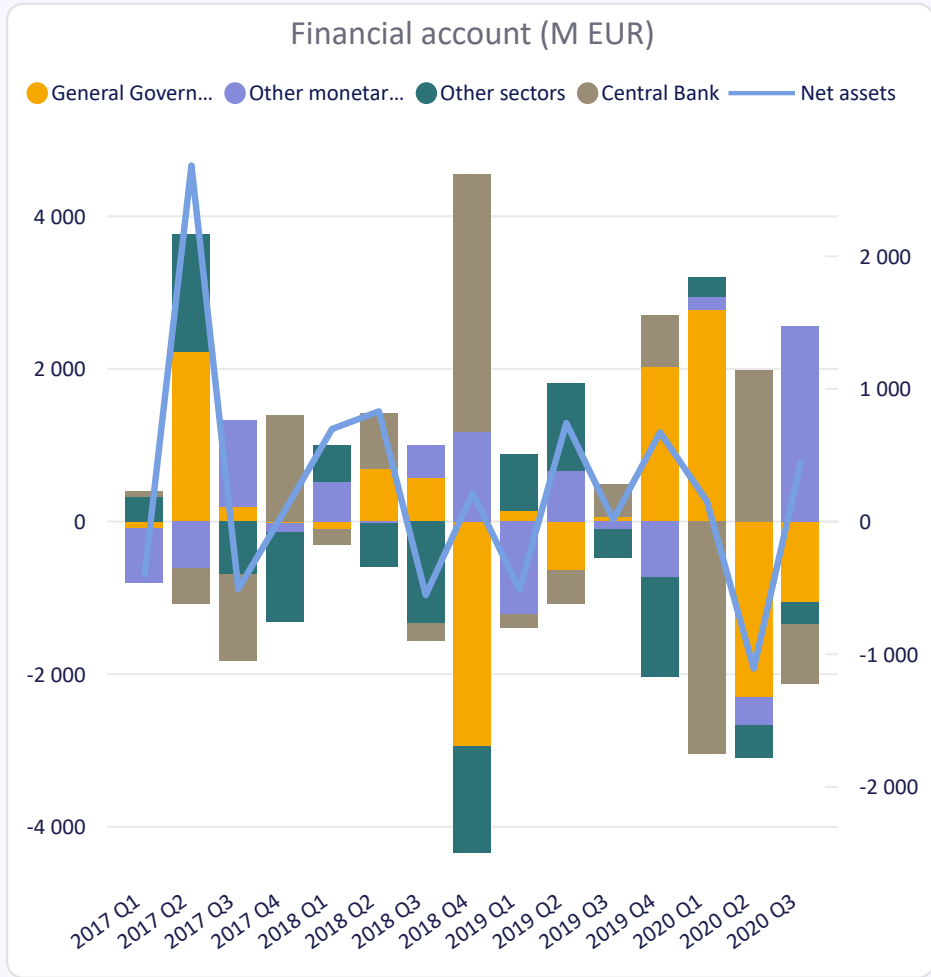
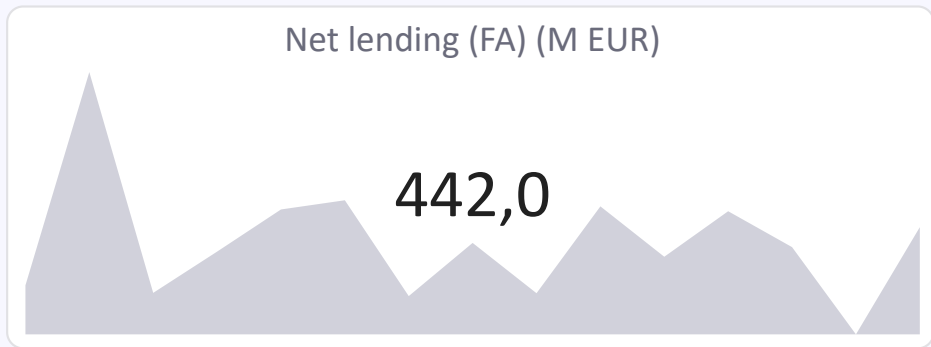
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Instrument

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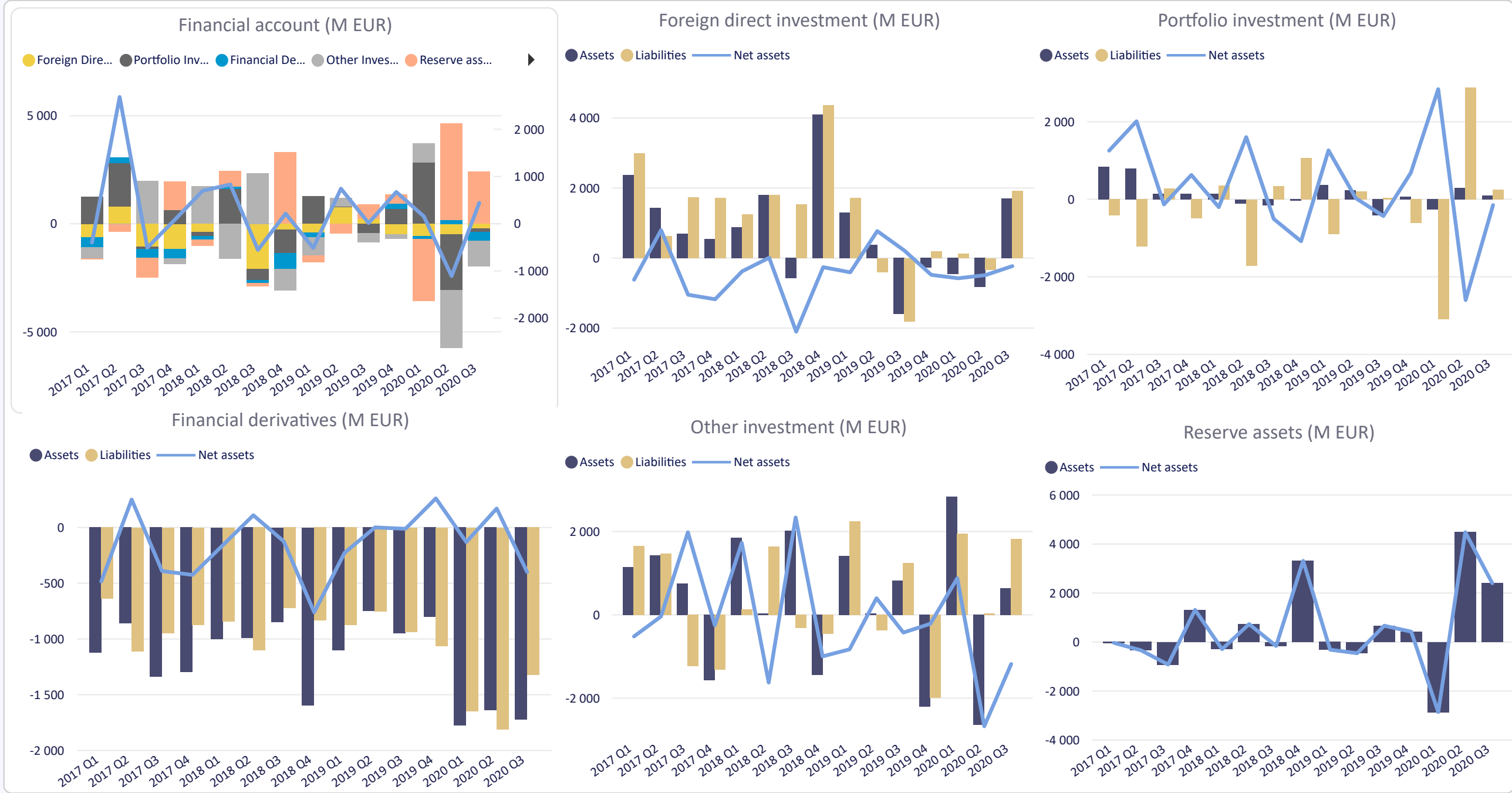
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Resident sector

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International Investment Position by resident sectors

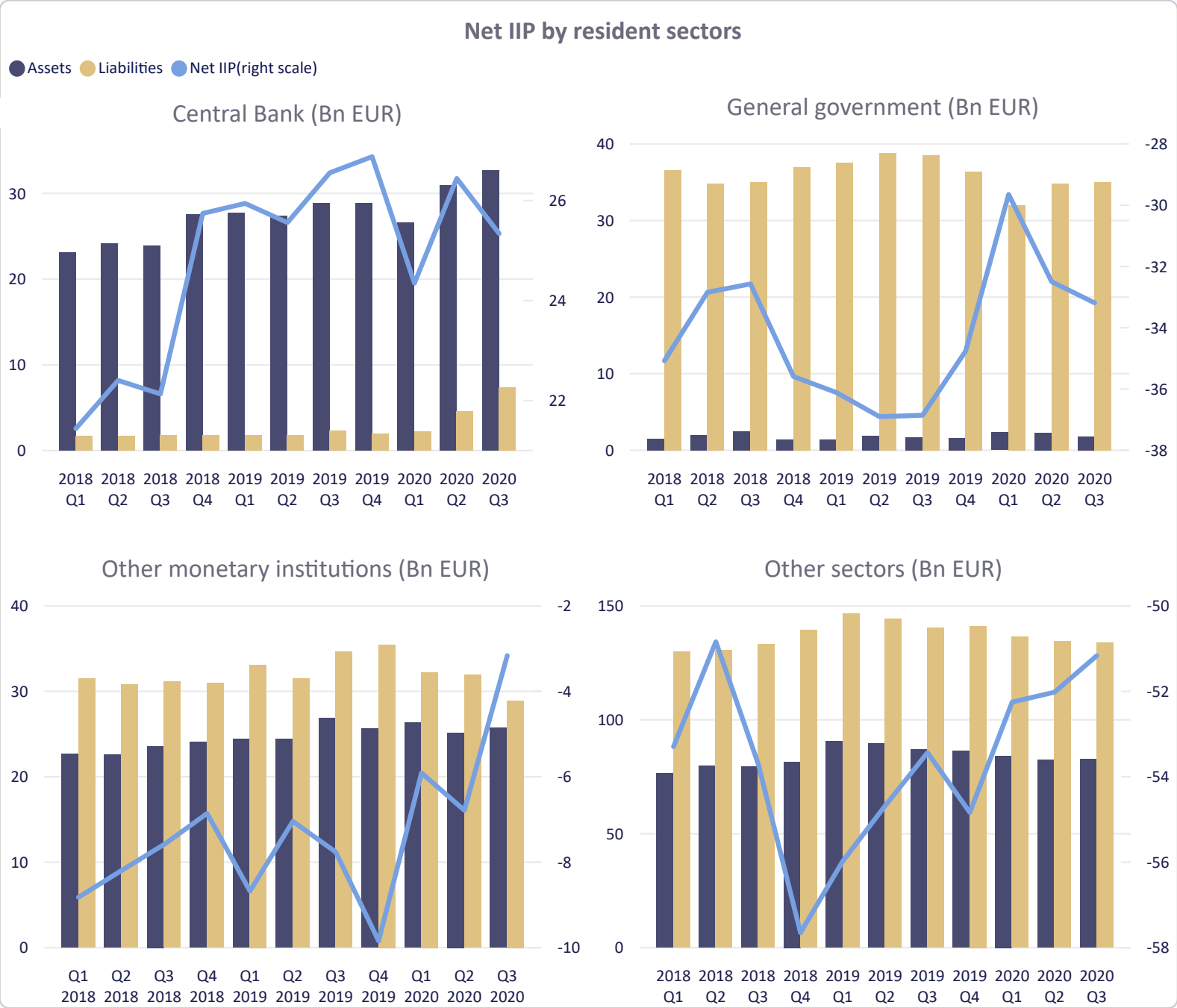
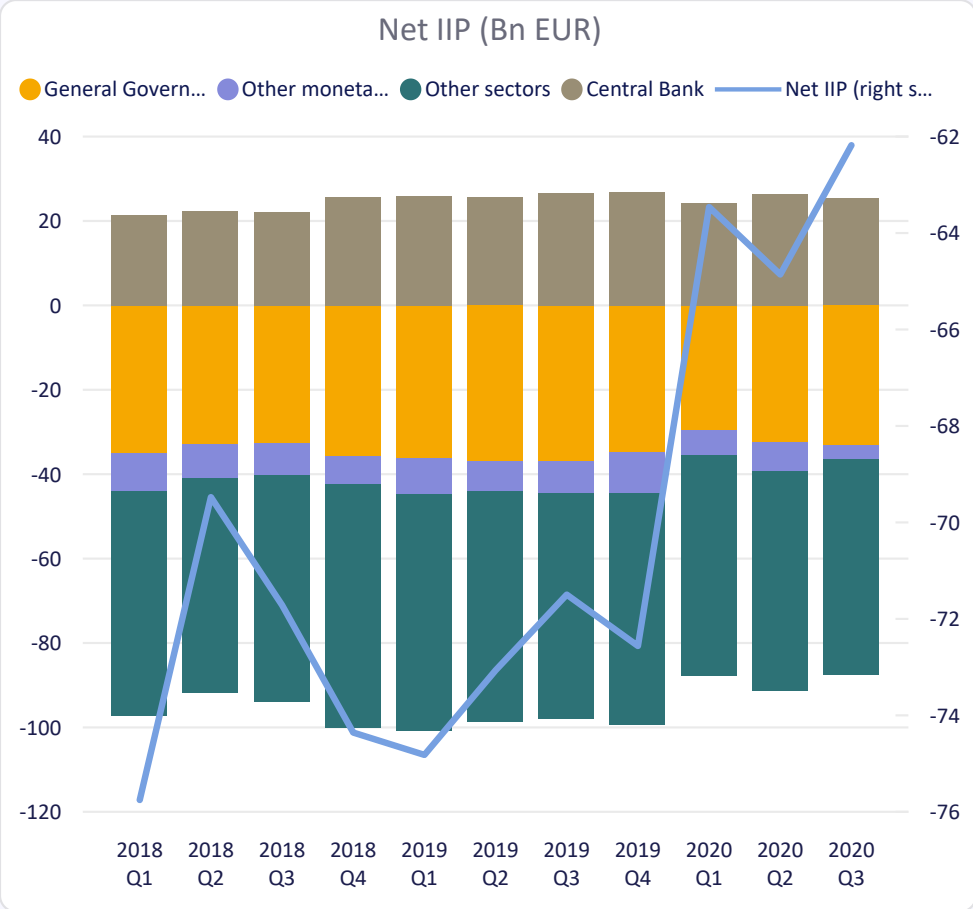
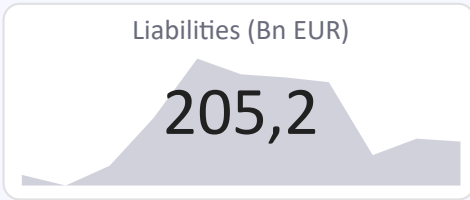
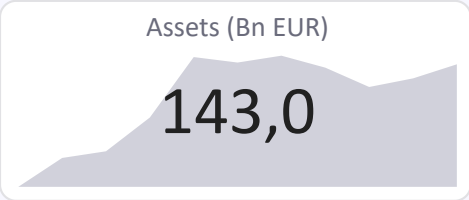
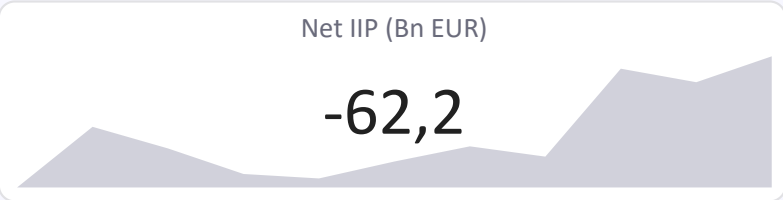
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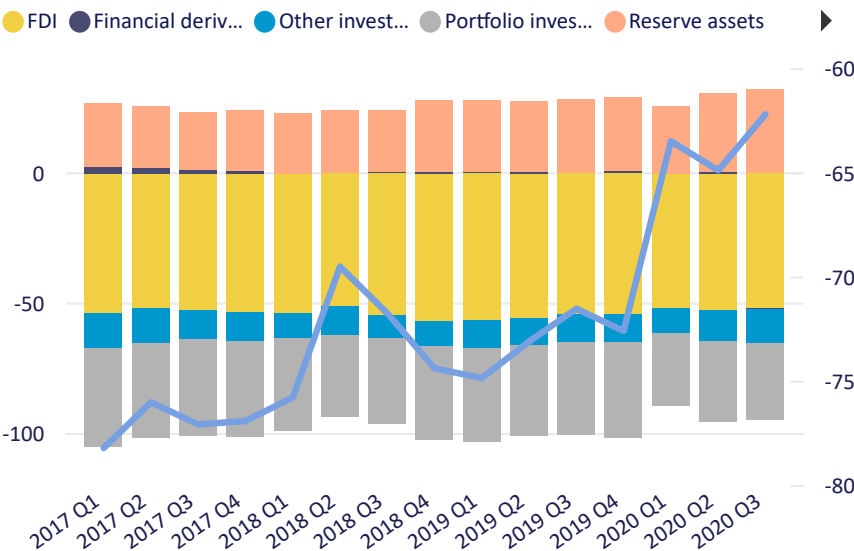
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Resident sector

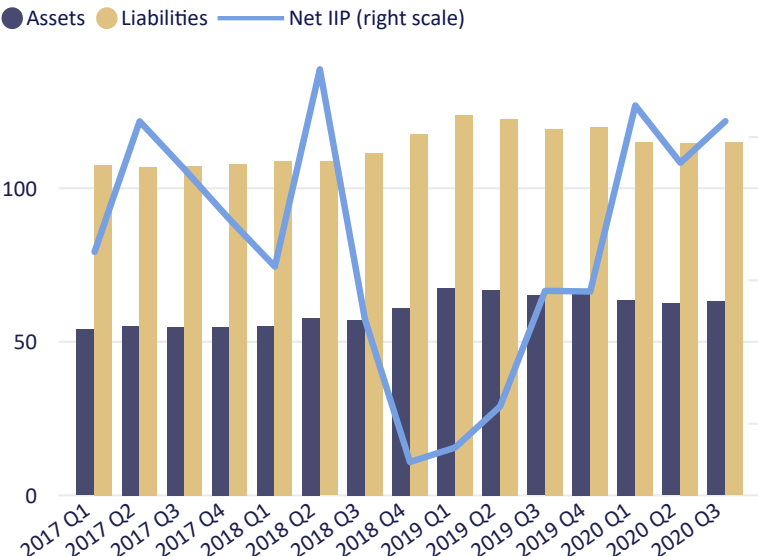


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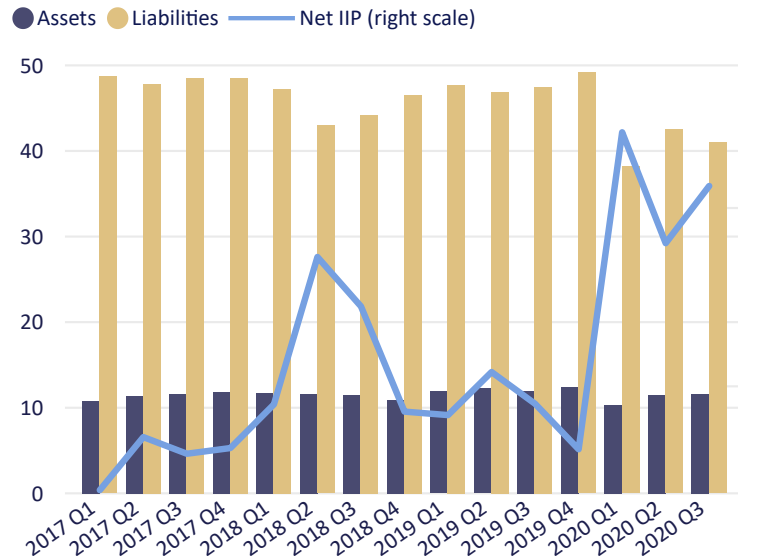
Net IIP (Bn EUR)



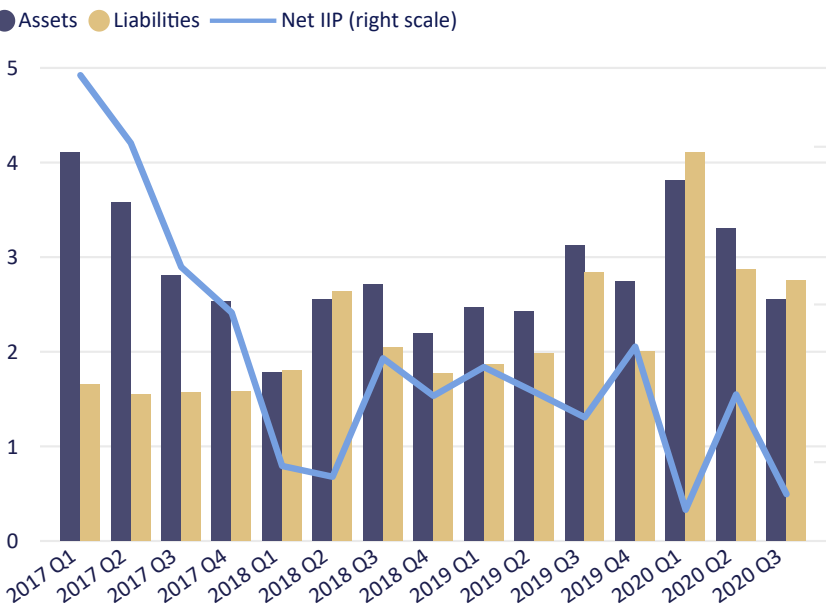
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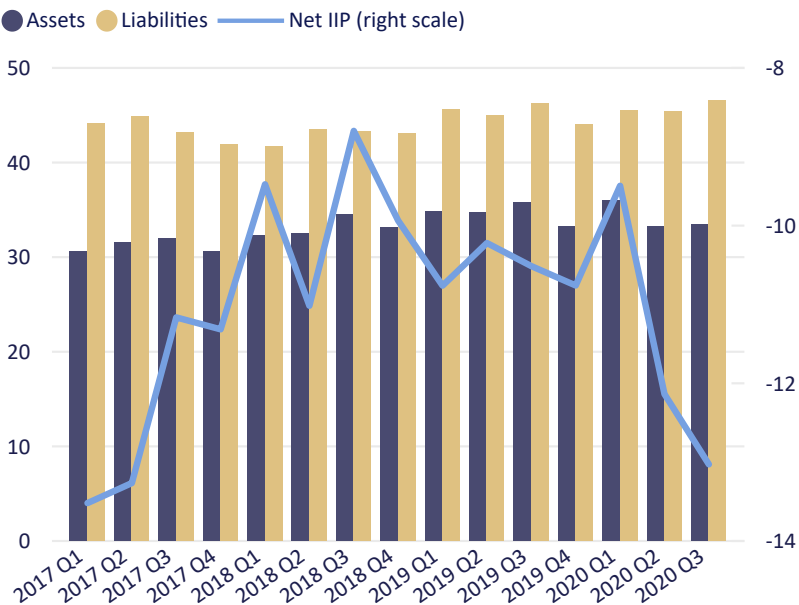
Portfolio investment (Bn EUR)



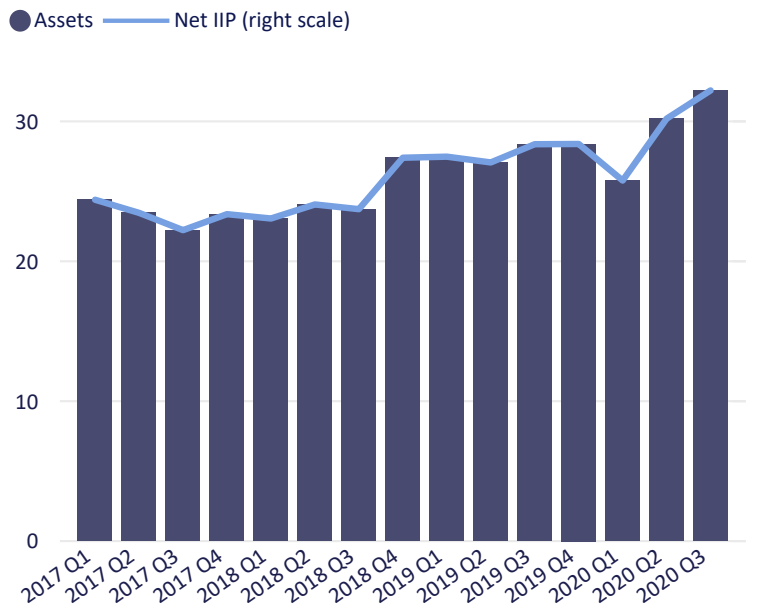
Financial derivatives (Bn EUR)



Other investment (Bn EUR)



Reserve assets (Bn EUR)





Stock of external debt

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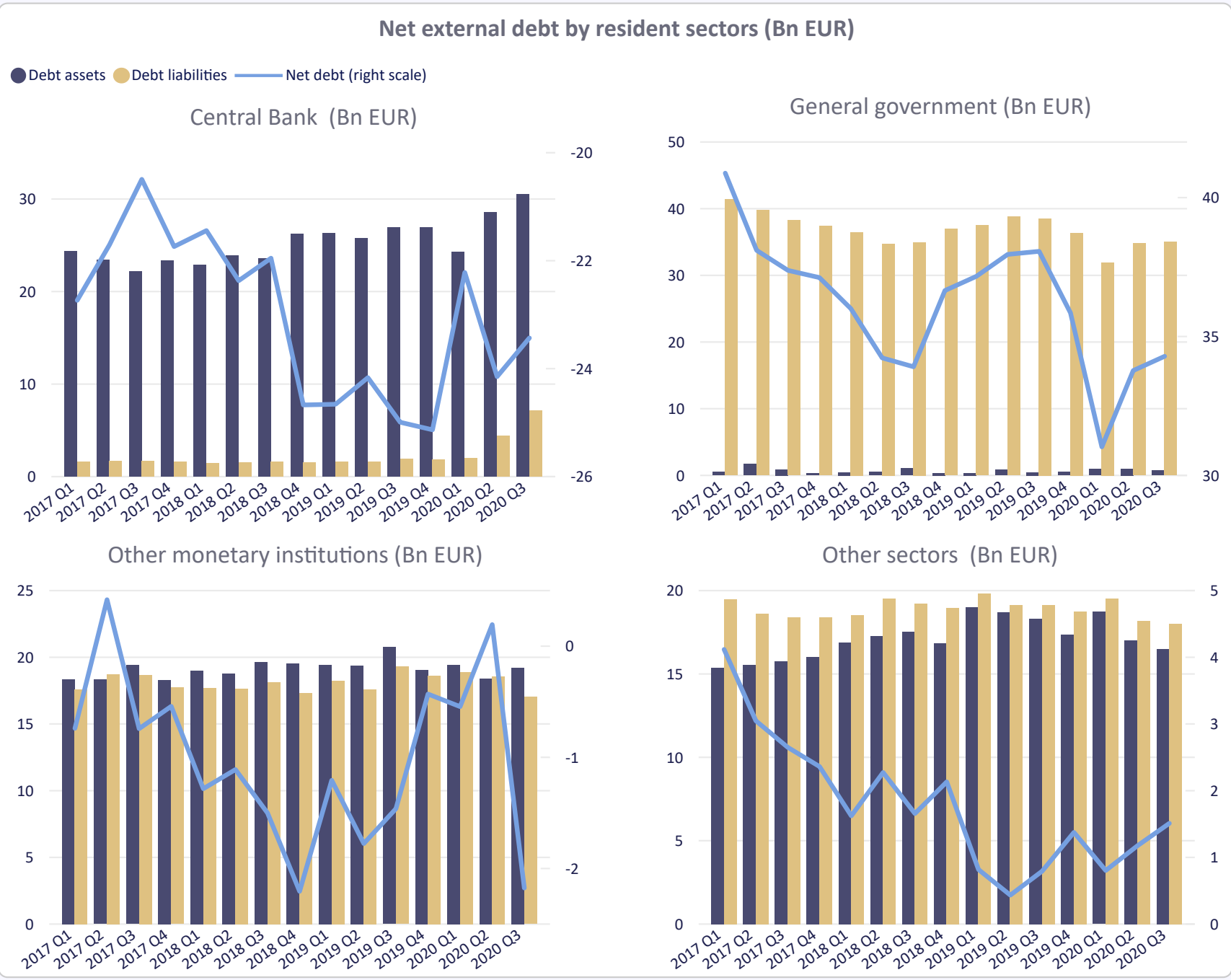
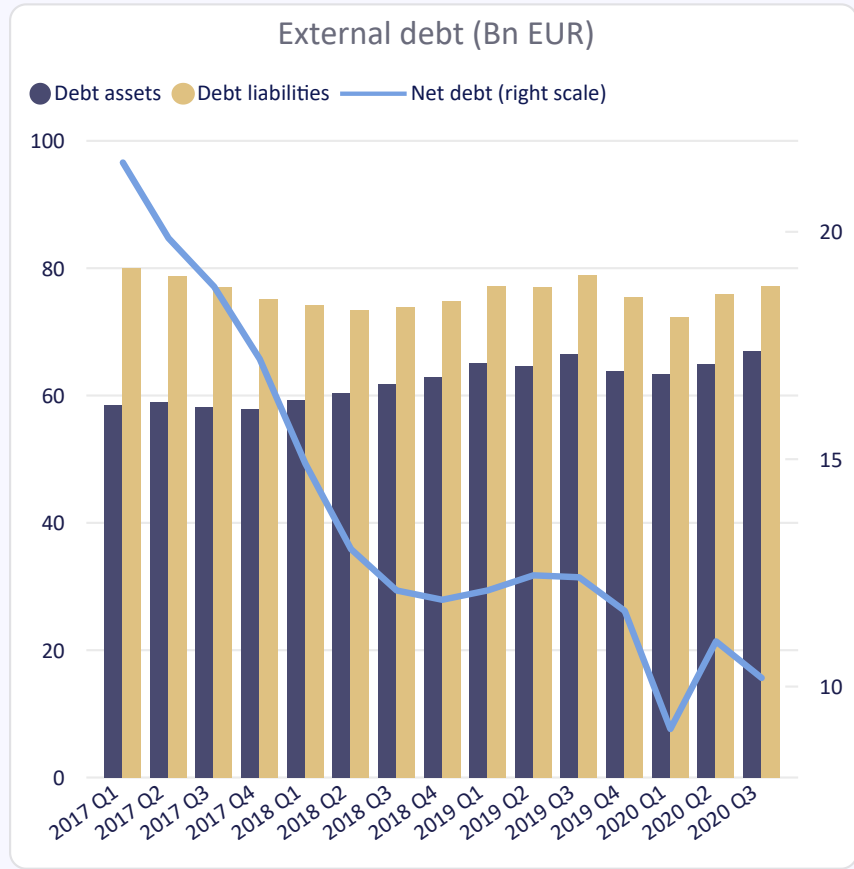
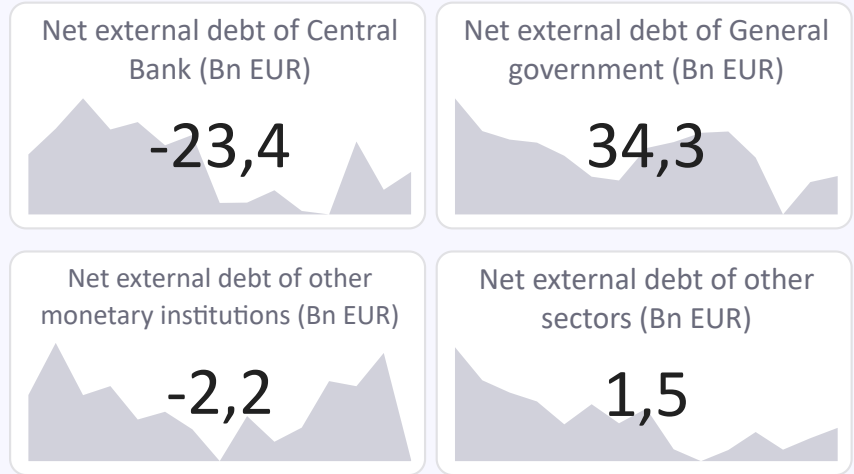
2017 Q1 - 2020 Q3

Indicators

FDI debt

All

Debt excluding FDI...





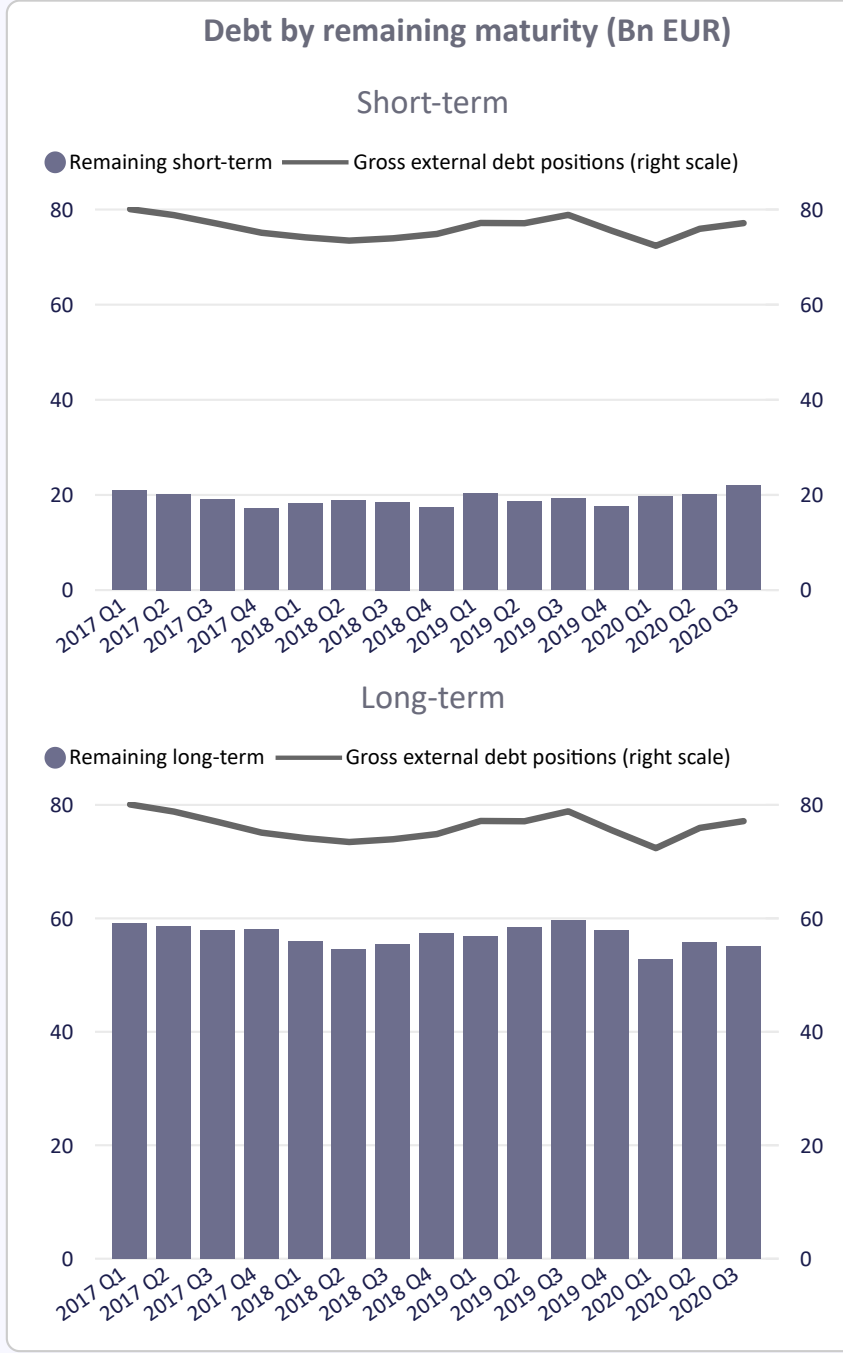
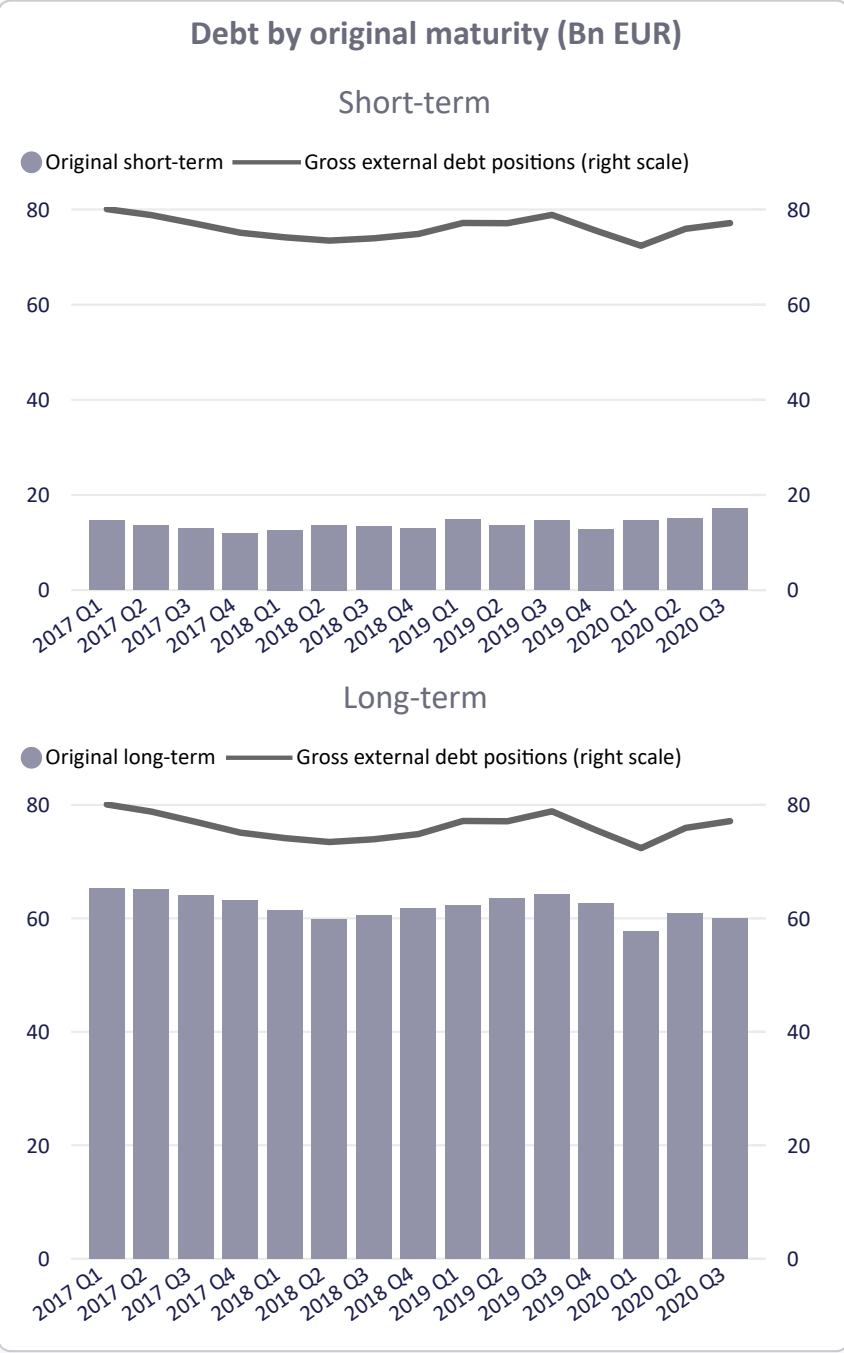
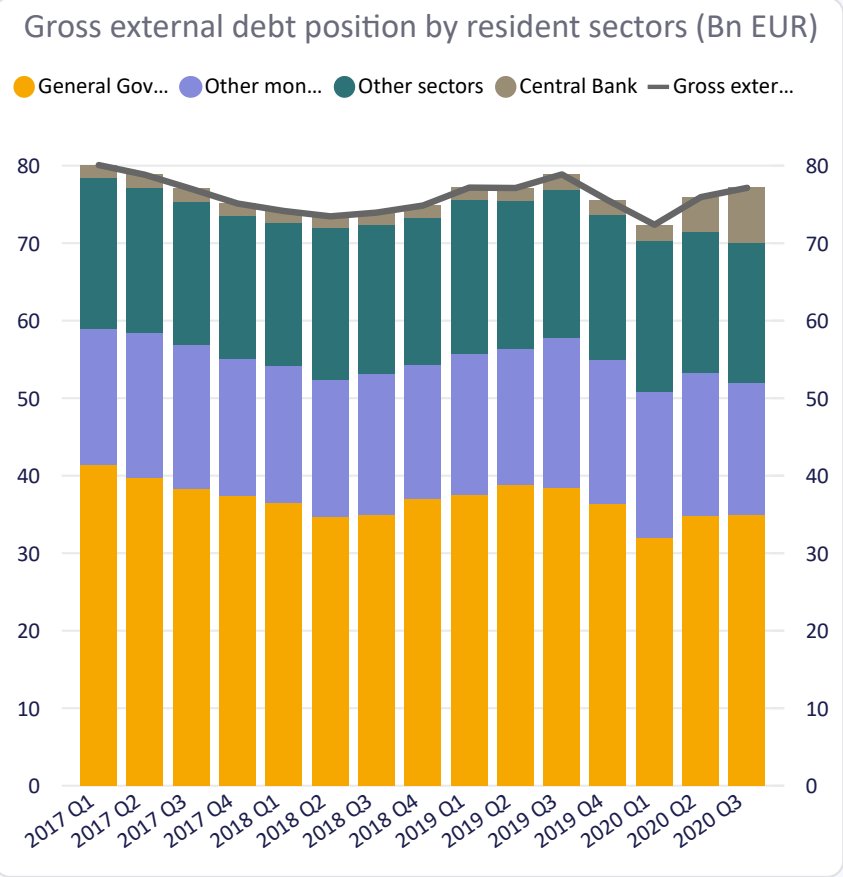
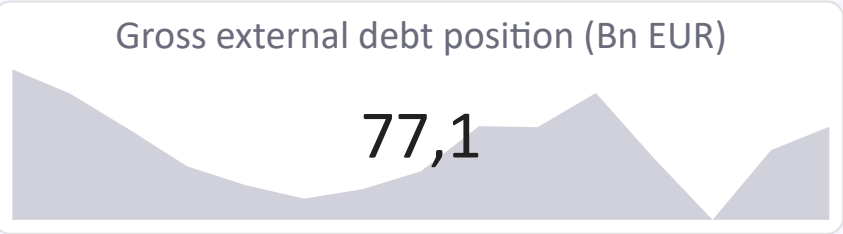
Stock of gross external debt by maturity (excl. FDI debt)

2017 Q1 - 2020 Q3

Resident sector

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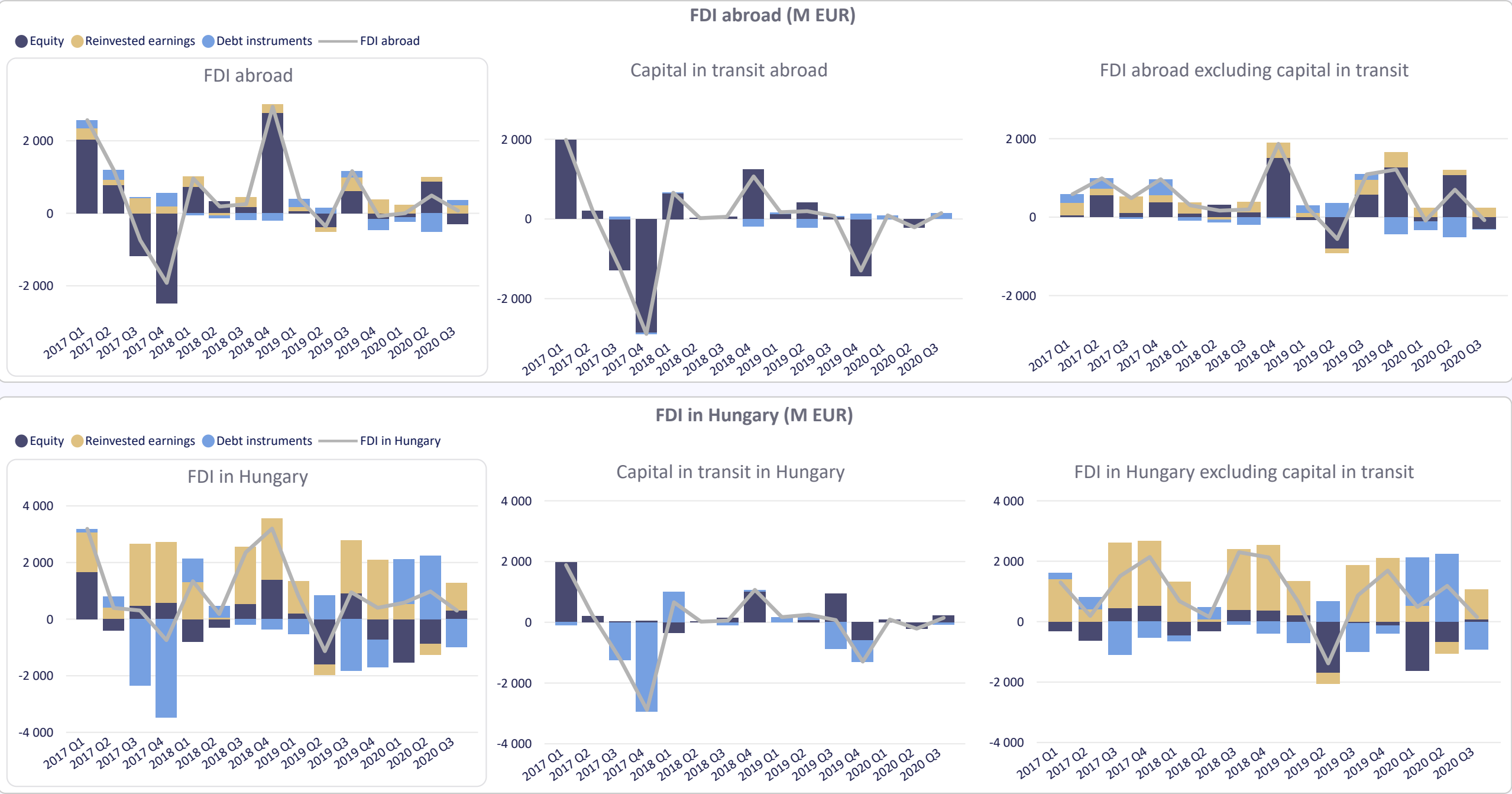


FDI flows according to the directional principle

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FDI abroad excluding capital in transit

● Equity ● Reinvested earnings ● Debt instruments — FDI in Hungary

FDI in Hungary

Capital in transit in Hungary

FDI in Hungary excluding capital in transit



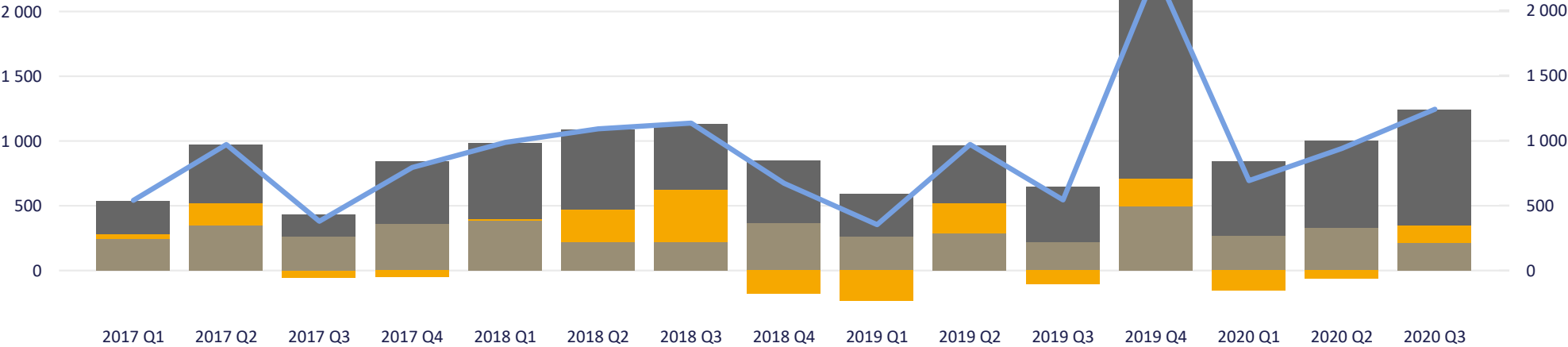


Net EU transfers (M EUR)

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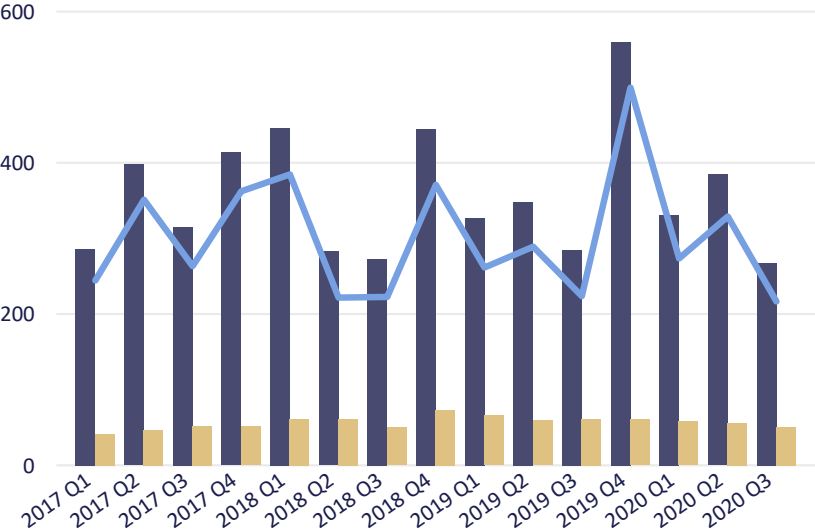
Current and capital account items (M EUR)

Primary income Secondary income Capital transfers Net EU transfers



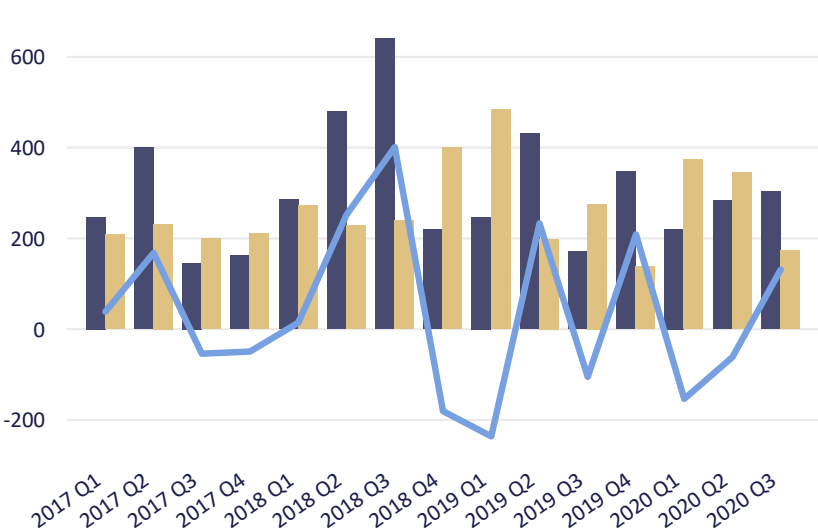
Primary income (M EUR)

Primary income credit Primary income debit Net primary income



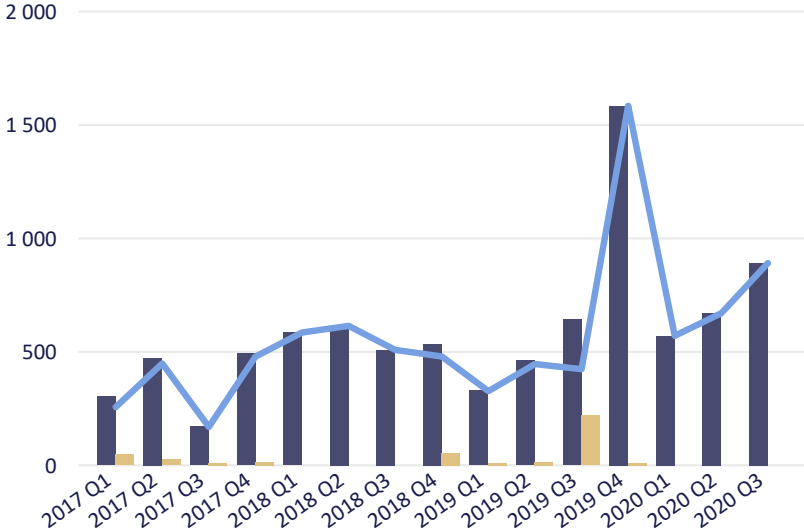
Secondary income (M EUR)

Secondary income credit Secondary income debit Net secondary income



Capital transfers (M EUR)

Capital transfers credit Capital transfers debit Net capital transfers



Balance of payments (revisions, M EUR)

Main items	Q1 2020	Q2 2020
1. Current account balance (1.1+1.2+1.3+1.4)	-4	149
1.1 Goods	0	0
1.2 Services	0	155
1.3 Primary income	-2	-4
1.4 Secondary income	-2	-2
2. Capital account	0	0
3. Financial account	-55	-90
3.1 Foreign direct investment (net assets)	-12	-219
3.1.1 Foreign direct investment abroad (net assets)	7	22
3.1.1.1 Equity	-153	27
3.1.1.2 Debt instruments	160	-6
3.1.2 Foreign direct investment in Hungary (net liabilities)	20	240
3.1.2.1 Equity	-65	196
3.1.2.2 Debt instruments	85	45
3.2 Portfolio investments (net assets)	0	-16
3.2.1 Assets	0	-16
3.2.2 Liabilities	0	0
3.3 Financial derivatives (net assets)	0	0
3.4 Other investments (net assets)	-42	144
3.4.1 Assets	1	169
3.4.2 Liabilities	44	25
4. Net errors and omissions	-50	-240

Positions (revisions, M EUR)

Main items	Q1 2020	Q2 2020
1. Foreign direct investment (net assets)	-491	-376
1.1 Foreign direct investment abroad (net assets)	51	73
1.1.1 Equity	-148	-122
1.1.2. Debt	199	195
1.1.2.1 Debt assets	39	41
1.1.2.2 Debt liabilities	-160	-153
1.2 Foreign direct investment in Hungary (net liabilities)	541	449
1.2.1 Equity	232	68
1.2.2. Debt	309	381
1.2.2.1 Debt assets	243	275
1.2.2.2 Debt liabilities	553	656
2. Portfolio investments (net assets)	1	0
2.1 Assets	1	0
2.2 Liabilities	0	0
3. Financial derivatives (net assets)	0	0
4. Other investments (net assets)	122	263
4.1 Assets	119	272
4.2 Liabilities	-4	9
5. Gross external debt (excl. FDI debt)	-4	9
6. Net external debt (excl. FDI debt)	-124	-263



FDI income and positions (annual)



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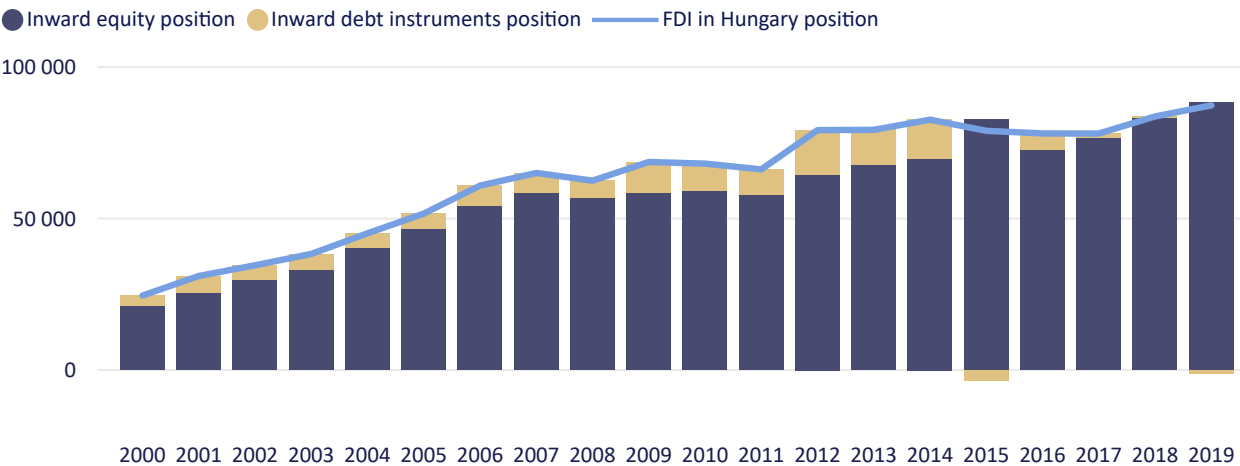


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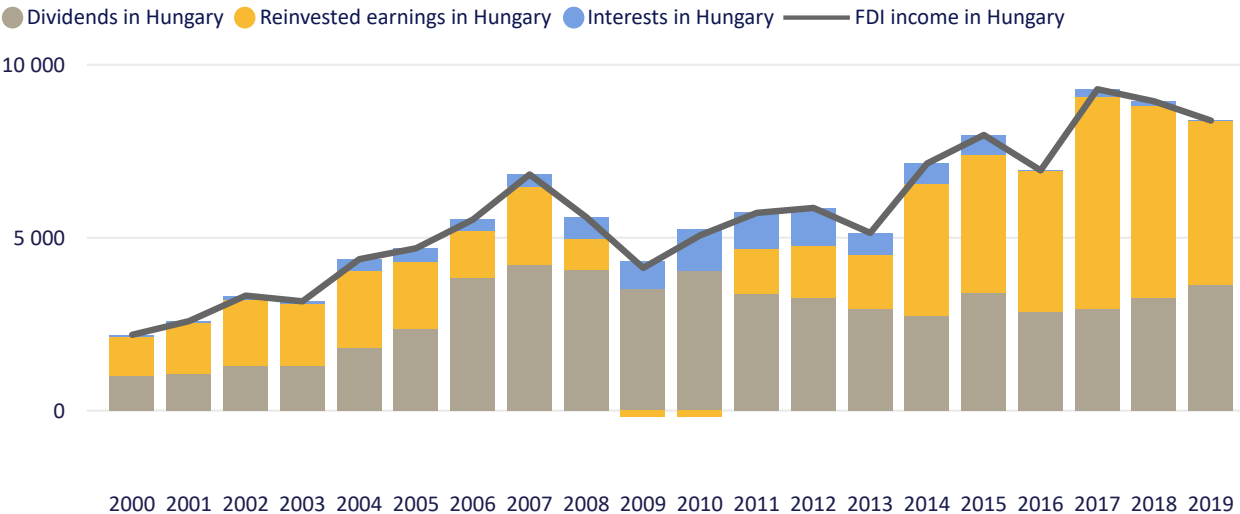
FDI position in Hungary (M EUR)

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FDI position in Hungary (M EUR)



FDI income in Hungary (M EUR)

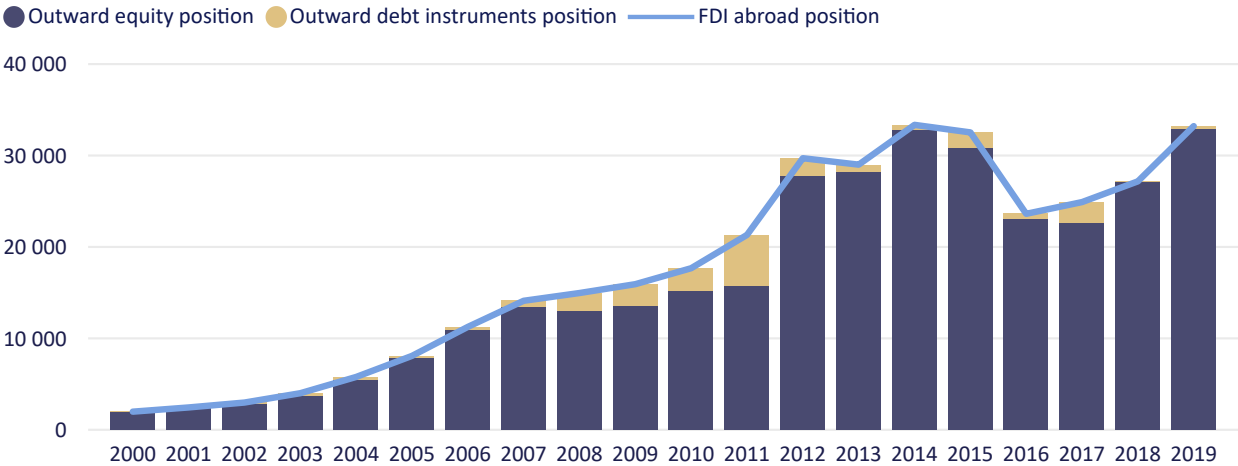


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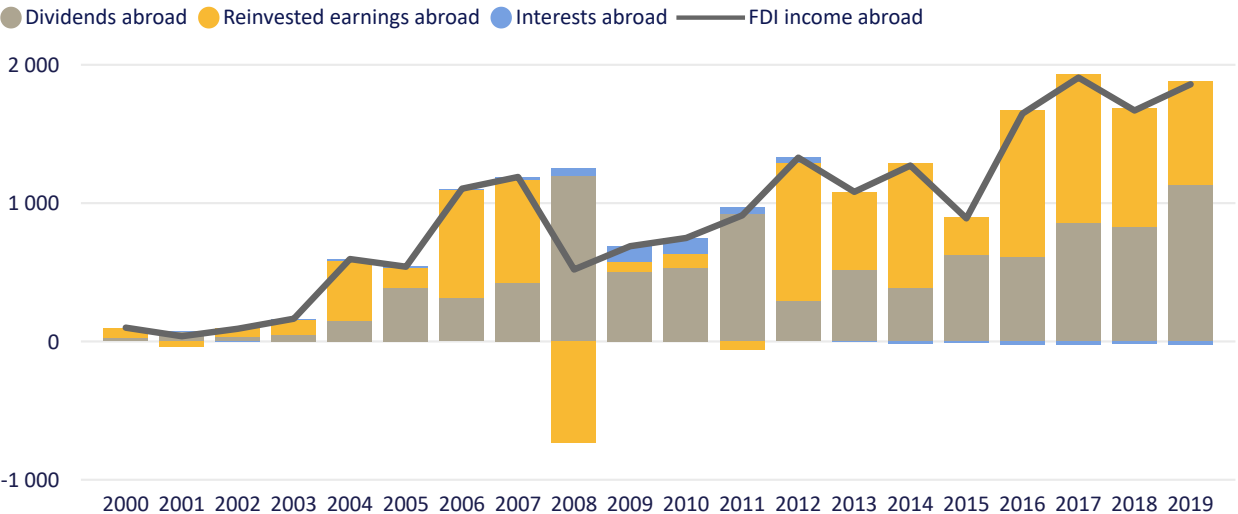
FDI position abroad (M EUR)

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FDI position abroad (M EUR)



FDI income abroad (M EUR)





FDI positions: country breakdown (top 10; annual data)

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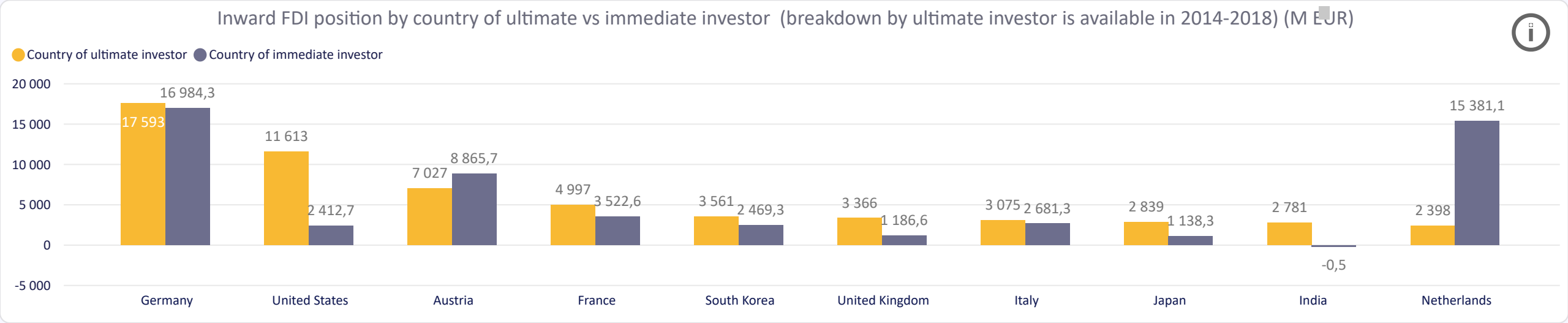
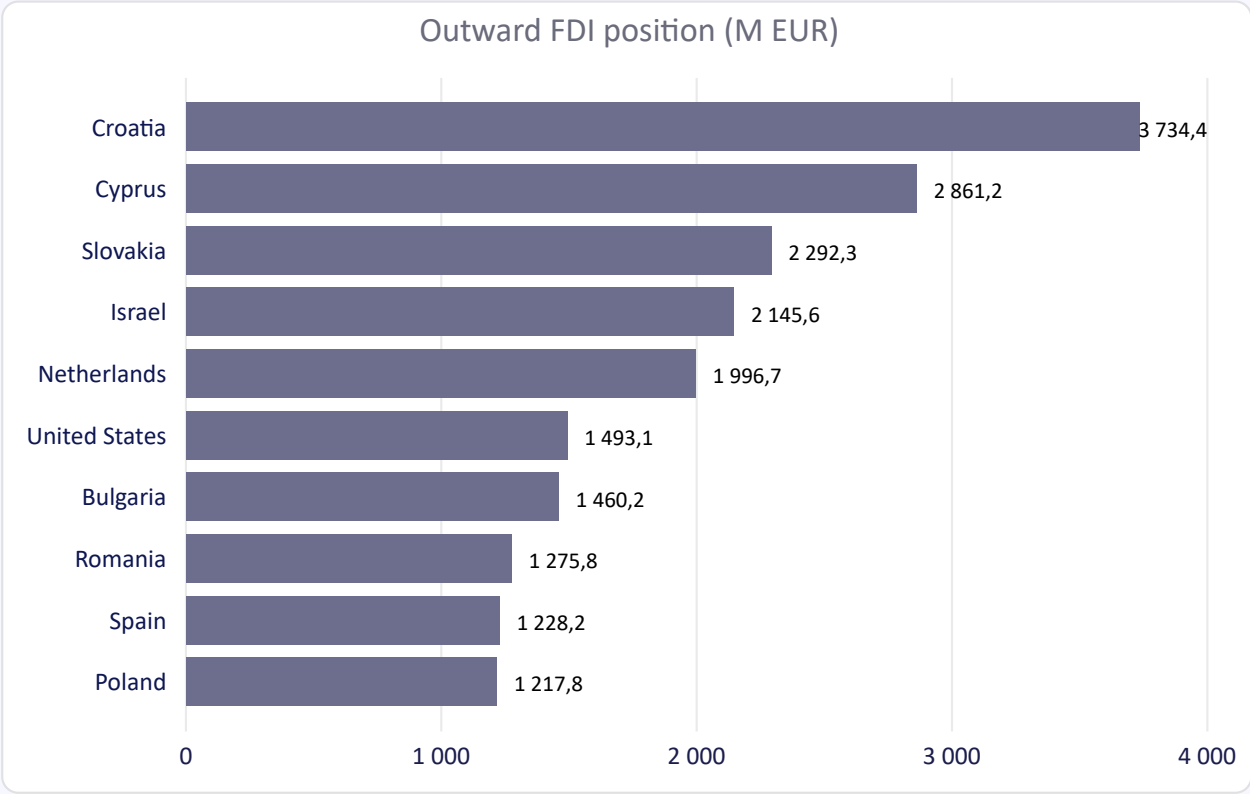
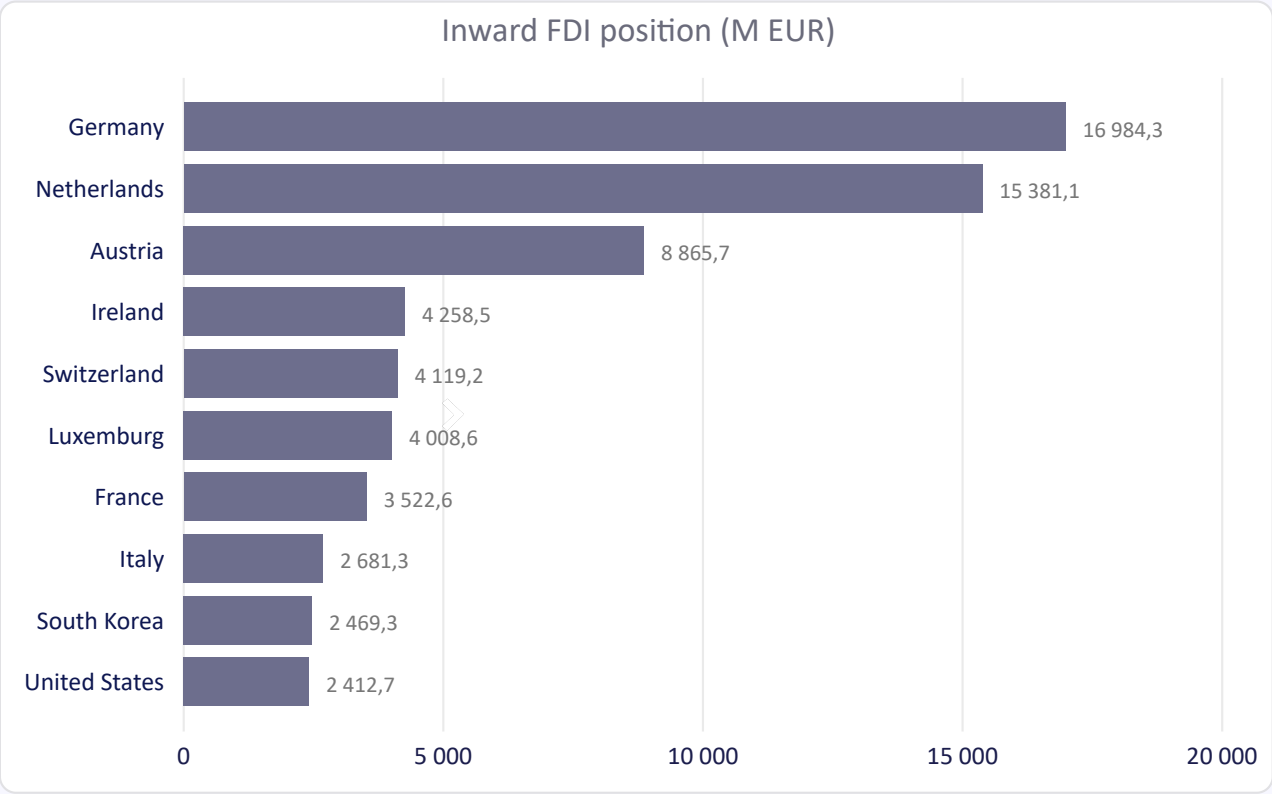
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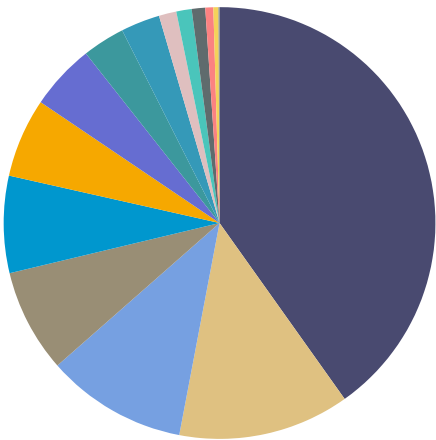
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Inward FDI position

By the activity of the resident investment (M EUR)

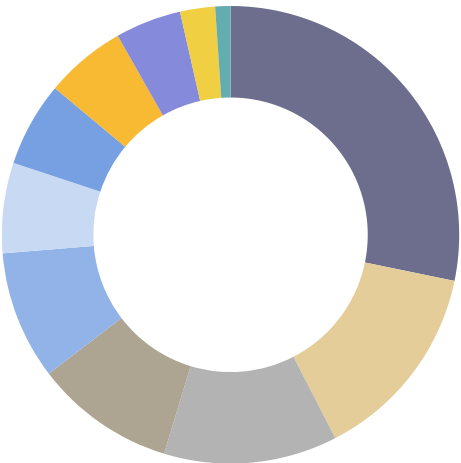


Resident activities

- Manufacturing - C
- Financial and insurance ac...
- Wholesale and retail trade...
- Real estate activities - L
- Professional, scientific and...
- Private purchase and sales...
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- Other services (N,O,P,Q,R,S)



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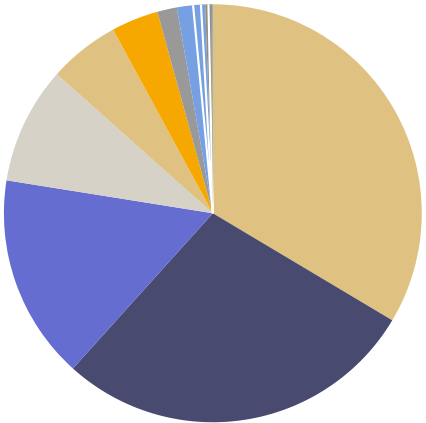
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- Basic metals and fabricate...
- Food products; beverage ...
- Wood, paper, printing and...



Outward FDI position

By the activity of the non-resident investment (M EUR)

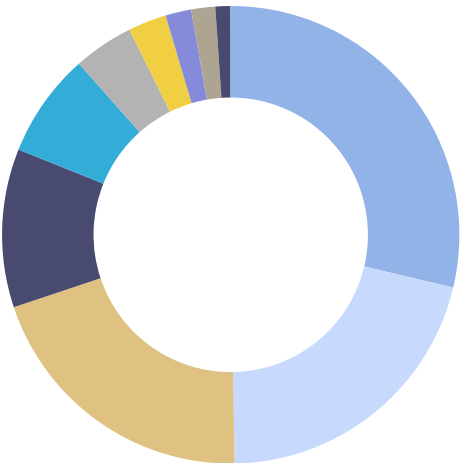


Non-resident activity

- Financial and insurance act...
- Manufacturing - C
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- Mining and quarrying - B
- Wholesale and retail trade;...
- Other services (N,O,P,Q,R,S)
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FDI income: COPC adjustment (annual data)



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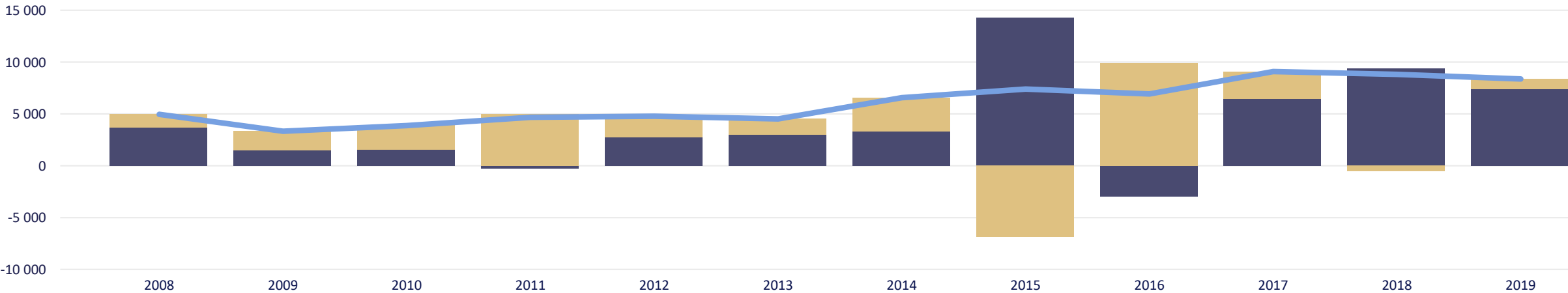
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Total economy



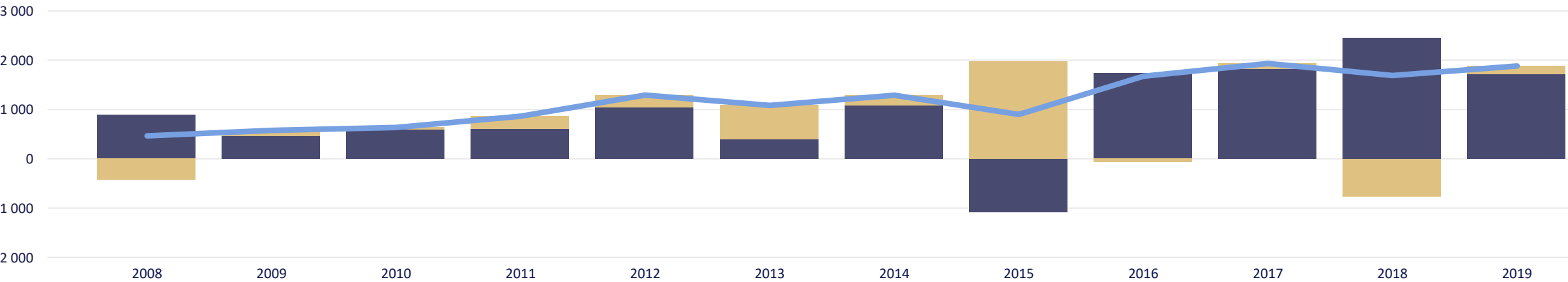
In Hungary (M EUR)

After tax profit COPC adjustment FDI equity income (published in BoP)



Abroad (M EUR)

After tax profit COPC adjustment FDI equity income (published in BoP)



In the balance of payments, data are shown under Direct investment income, Income on equity, credit (FDI abroad), and debit (FDI in Hungary). Data in excel format are available [here](#).





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Information about the next publication

Next time on 23 March 2021 the MNB will release Hungary’s balance of payments and international investment position data for Q4 2020 and will revise 2017, 2018, 2019 annual and quarterly data for Q1-Q3 2020.

Publication calendar >

Notes

In these interactive graphs, Hungary’s balance of payments and international investment position are presented **excluding data on special purpose entities (SPEs)**, consistent with past practice. However, Hungary’s BOP and IIP both excluding and including SPE data are available on the MNB’s website.

Regarding the applied tool for seasonal adjustment, the MNB together with the HCSO, has switched from Demetra to **JDemetra+** as the new standard software for seasonal adjustment starting from the first publication of seasonally adjusted data for January 2017 and Q1 2017. JDemetra+ is the officially recommended software for seasonal adjustment of official statistics within the European System of Central Banks and the European Statistical System, in producing seasonally adjusted data. As a member of the European System of Central Banks, one of the key objectives of the MNB is to produce seasonally adjusted data of the best possible quality, which are comparable to those produced and published by other Member States. The software change does not influence the applicability, interpretation and the dissemination of seasonally adjusted data; TRAMO/SEATS will continue to be the seasonal adjustment method used. However, due to the many new statistical tests and diagnostics built into the new programme, we can provide higher quality seasonally adjusted data to users.

Seasonally adjusted balance time series are directly adjusted. Thus, seasonally adjusted balances cannot be reproduced from the seasonally adjusted credits and debits. The same applies to the aggregates. The seasonally adjusted aggregates cannot be reproduced from the seasonally adjusted subaccounts either (e.g. the seasonally adjusted current account balance does not equal to the sum of the seasonally adjusted data of the subaccounts).

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