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Net lending (CA+KA) SA/GDP SA

Net international investment position/GDP

-49,2%

Current account balance (M EUR)

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In this publication, the Q2 2021 quarterly balance of payments and related international investment positions are published first with revisions for 2018, 2019, the four quarters of 2020 and Q1 2021. For 2020, annual data are published for the first time: actual data based on the companies' annual financial reports are available for the income on equity in 2020, which have replaced the estimates. (By 2021, the estimate has been updated considering the revised and new data.) FDI positions based on annual corporate reports broken down by immediate counterpart country and economic activity are published first for 2020, as well as the inward FDI positions by the ultimate investing economy for 2019.

Summary data

In Q2 2021, Hungary's seasonally adjusted net borrowing (i.e. the combined deficit on its current and capital accounts) amounted to EUR 356.3 million, equal to -0.9 % of quarterly GDP. The unadjusted deficit reached EUR 318.6 million. The seasonally adjusted current account deficit is EUR 572,4 million, while the unadjusted deficit reached EUR 775.0 million. The seasonally adjusted capital account balance is EUR 533.8 million, while the unadjusted value is amounted to EUR 456.4 million. Net lending of the Hungarian economy calculated on annual basis increased in the four quarters to Q2 2021.

Hungary's net foreign debt, excluding FDI debt instruments, amounted to EUR 17.2 billion at the end of June 2021 (12.1 as a percentage of GDP in the last four quarters). The net external debt increased by EUR 5.4 billion compared to the previous quarter. Of this, about EUR 3 billion is due to the reclassification of the unallocated gold account to gold bullion. As according to the international methodology gold bullion remains an asset in IIP, but cannot be considered as a debt-creating asset, so it is not the part of the net external debt.

The Central Bank's reserve assets amounted to EUR 30.8 billion at the end of June 2021. In the second quarter, the level of the reserves decreased by EUR 1.2 billion compared to the previous quarter.

Seasonally adjusted net lending (CA+KA)

In Q2 2021 of the components of net borrowing the exports and imports of goods increased further, however the growth of imports exceeded that of the exports. Thus, there was a deficit in the trade in goods. Seasonally adjusted exports amounted to EUR 25.3 billion, imports to EUR 26.0 billion, and the trade deficit reached to EUR 231.0 million in the second quarter. The seasonally adjusted surplus of services increased with travel reaching EUR 568.2 million and non-travel services reaching EUR 770.1 million. The seasonally adjusted deficit of primary income was EUR 1,146.9 million seasonally adjusted, while the deficit of secondary income was EUR 456.4 million.

The seasonally adjusted capital account balance is EUR 533.8 million. The bulk of the capital account comes from capital transfers from the EU.

Net lending (FA)

By resident sectors

In Q2 2021, net assets showed a decrease of EUR 1,403.2 million (net inflow). General government sector (EUR 1,341.2 million) and other sectors (EUR 506.8 million) have recorded an increase in their net external assets, while Central Bank (EUR 2,001.2 million) and other monetary institutions (EUR 1,250.0 million) have decreased their net external assets.

By instruments

In terms of instruments, net assets of FDI increased by EUR 69.0 million, with the increase of assets by EUR 403.5 million and that of liabilities by EUR 334.5 million. The net portfolio investment increased by EUR 1,438.5 million with the increase of assets of EUR 487.1 million and the decrease of liabilities of EUR 951.4 million. The decrease in net assets of the financial derivatives was EUR 2.7 million. The other investment decreased by EUR 1,716.4 million with the increase of assets by EUR 720.9 million and that of liabilities by EUR 2,437.3 million. Reserve assets transactions decreased by EUR 1,191.5 million in Q2 2021.



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FDI flows according to directional principle

In the second quarter of 2021 the net outflows of direct investments were EUR 69.0 million: FDI abroad increased by EUR 173.5 million and FDI in Hungary by EUR 104.5 million. Capital in transit and asset portfolio restructuring transaction was not identified in this quarter.

Within FDI abroad, equity investment increased by EUR 69.7 million, while the reinvested earnings by EUR 8.9 million. Debt instruments showed a net increase in assets of EUR 94.8 million.

In the case of FDI in Hungary, the equity decreased by EUR 464.9 million and reinvested earnings decreased by EUR 92.8 million too, while debt instruments increased the value of foreigners' investments by EUR 662.2 million.

International investments positions

In Q2 2021, the net international investment position was EUR -70.0 billion: total assets amounted to EUR 145.6 billion and total liabilities to EUR 215.6 billion. Compared to the end of the previous quarter, the level of assets increased by EUR 2.0 billion and that of liabilities by EUR 6.3 billion.

Revisions (vs previous publication)

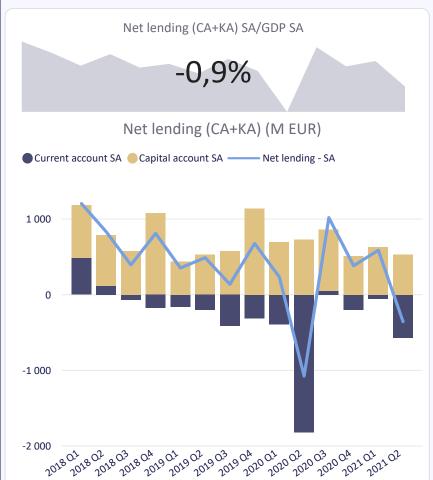
In the current publication, the routine revision period for balance of payments statistics dates back to 2018. Data revisions firstly are based on the modified and corrected reports of respondents, secondly on the replacement of estimates by reported data (FDI income on equity and equity stock of FDI) and thirdly on data revisions of the statistics (goods, services, compensation of employees and personal transfers) provided by the HCSO.

Within primary income in 2020, according to the reported data based on the companies' annual financial reports, FDI income on equity resulted in a higher deficit than previously estimated by EUR 1.5 billion. In 2021, the estimate has been updated considering revised and new factual data, also increasing the deficit in income on equity.

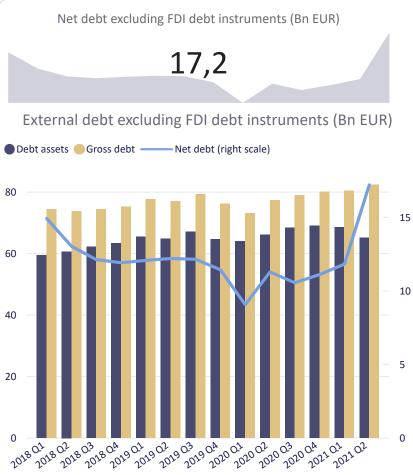


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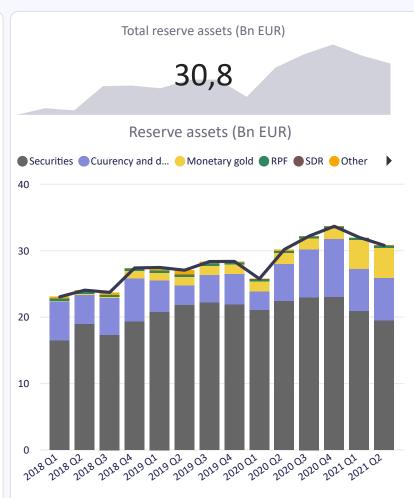




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Main balance of payments aggregates

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_	2018	2019	2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
1. Current account, net (1.1.+1.2.+1.3.)	216	-1 017	-2 167	177	-775
1.1. Goods and Services, net	5 800	3 403	2 342	1 826	846
1.1.1. Goods, net	-2 280	-3 687	-1 400	1 188	-529
1.1.1.A Export	88 544	92 525	89 227	25 483	25 727
1.1.1.B Import	90 824	96 212	90 626	24 296	26 256
1.1.2. Services, net	8 080	7 090	3 741	638	1 375
1.1.2.A Export	25 396	26 917	19 409	4 244	4 962
1.1.2.B Import	17 316	19 828	15 668	3 606	3 587
1.2. Primary income, net	-5 037	-3 686	-3 593	-1 261	-1 196
1.2.1. Compensation of employees, net	2 437	2 656	1 942	309	274
1.2.2. Investment income, net	-8 674	-7 484	-6 757	-1 844	-1 792
1.2.2.1. Direct investment income, net	-7 349	-6 278	-5 994	-1 651	-1 563
1.2.2.2. Portfolio investment income, net	-1 315	-1 249	-772	-179	-218
1.2.2.3. Other investment income, net	-203	-201	-212	-52	-50
1.2.2.4. Reserve assets, net	192	244	220	38	39
1.2.3. Other primary income, net	1 200	1 142	1 223	275	323
1.2.3.1. of which: EU transfers	1 200	1 142	1 223	275	323

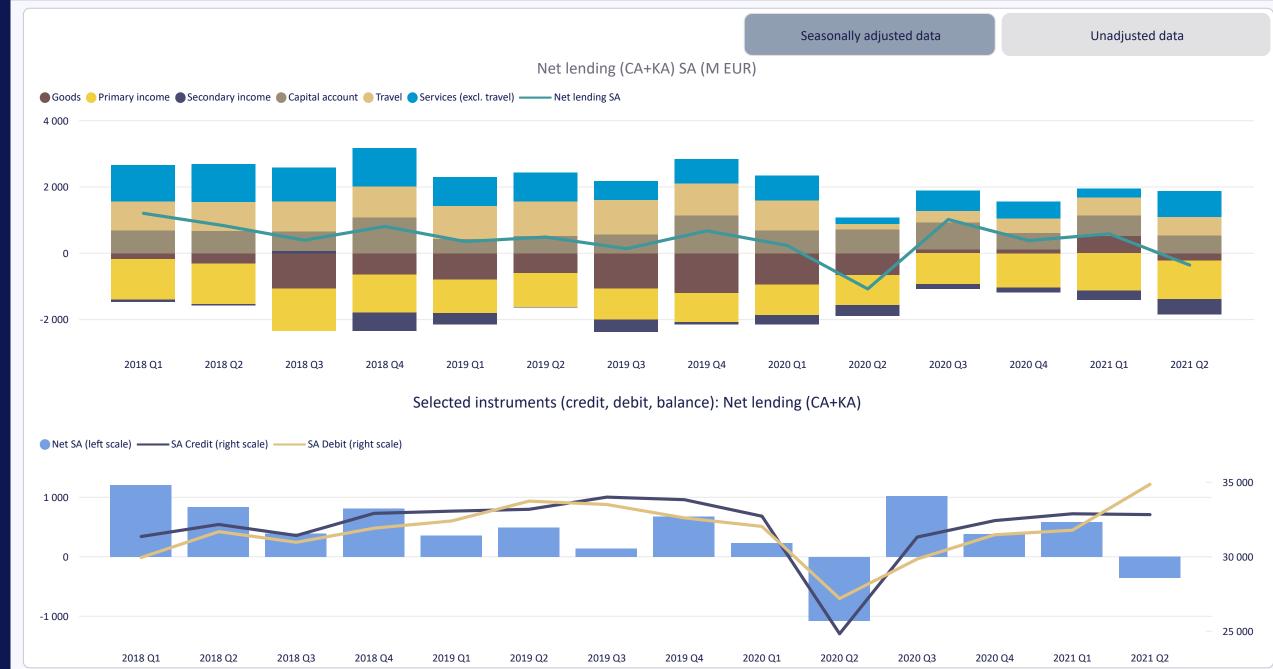




Net lending (CA+KA)

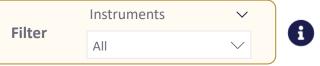


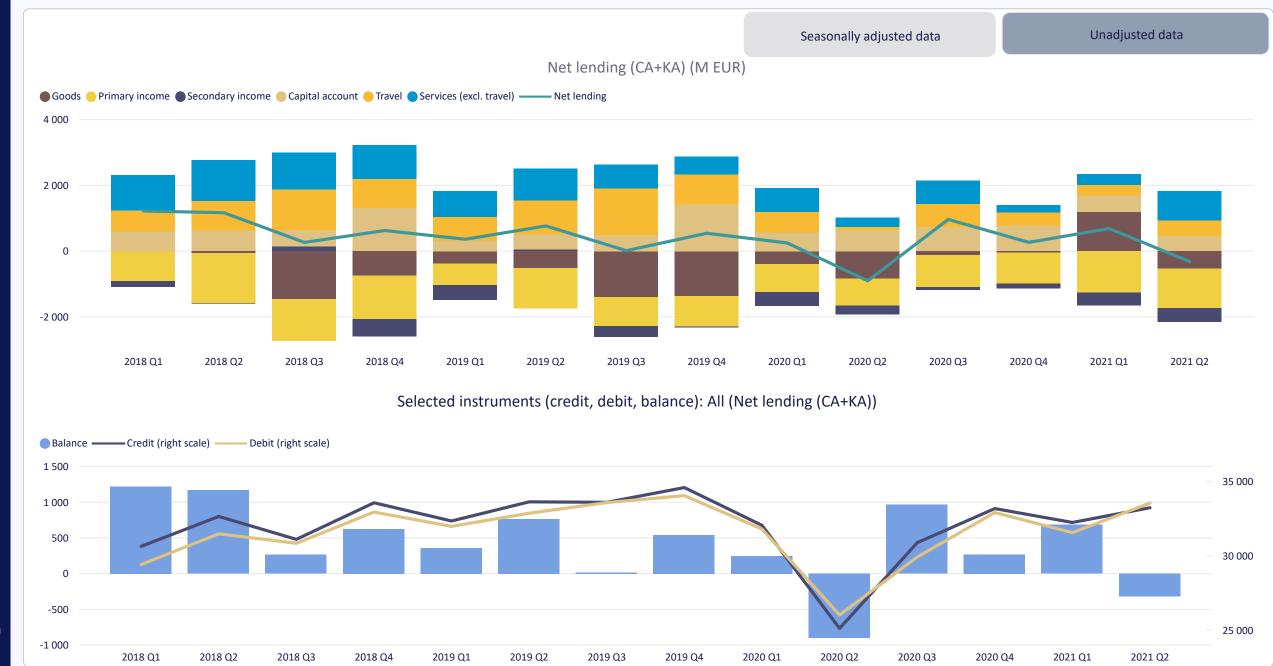






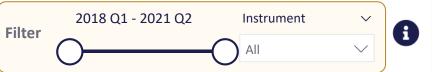
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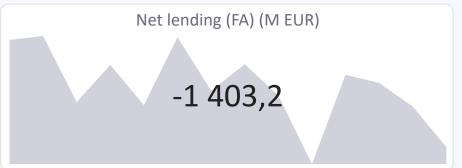


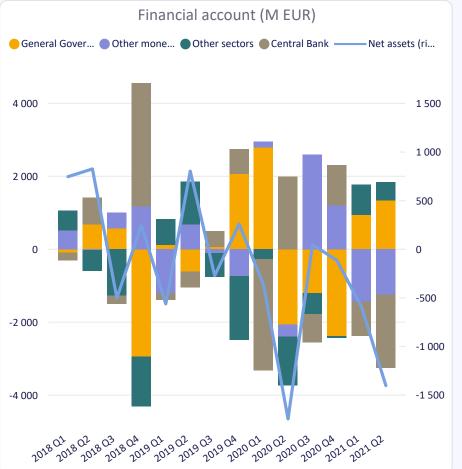


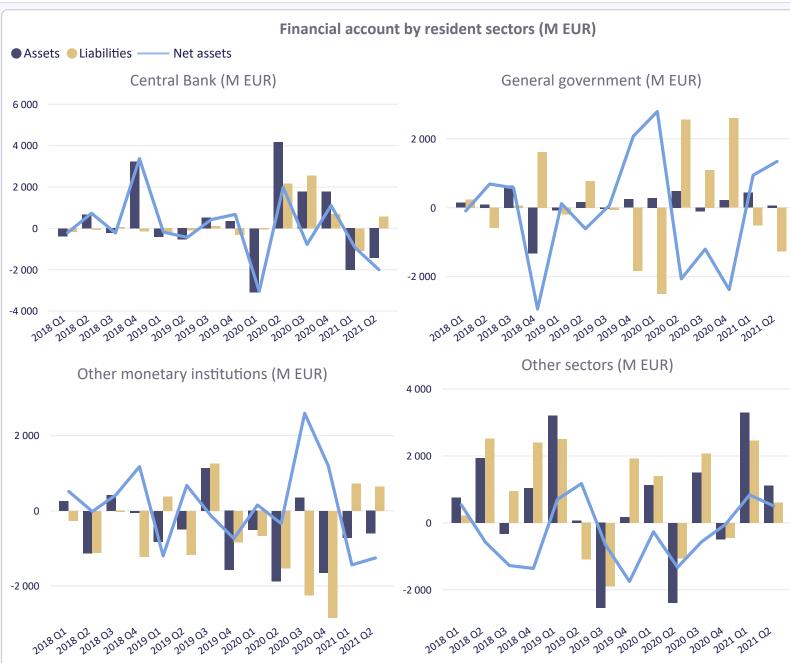


Net lending (FA) by resident sectors





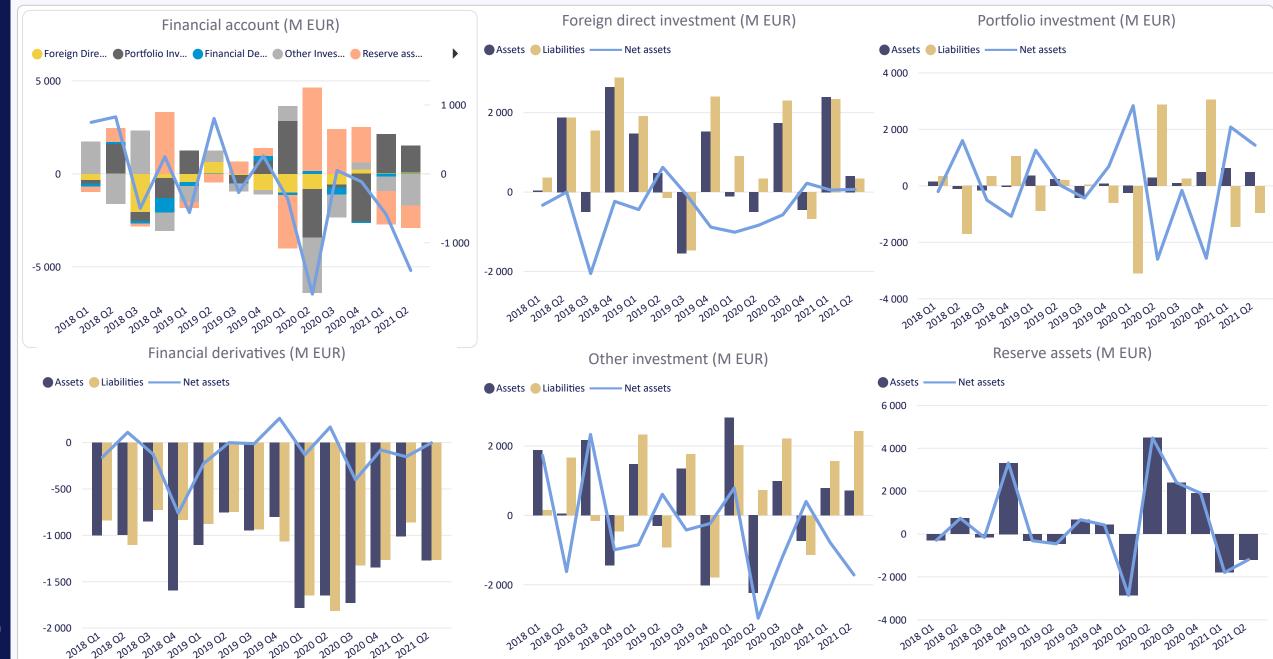






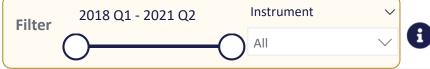
Net lending (FA) by instruments



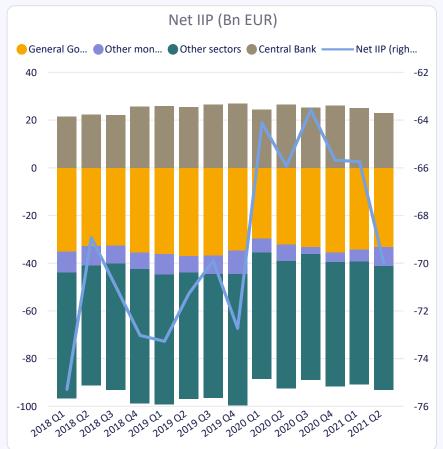


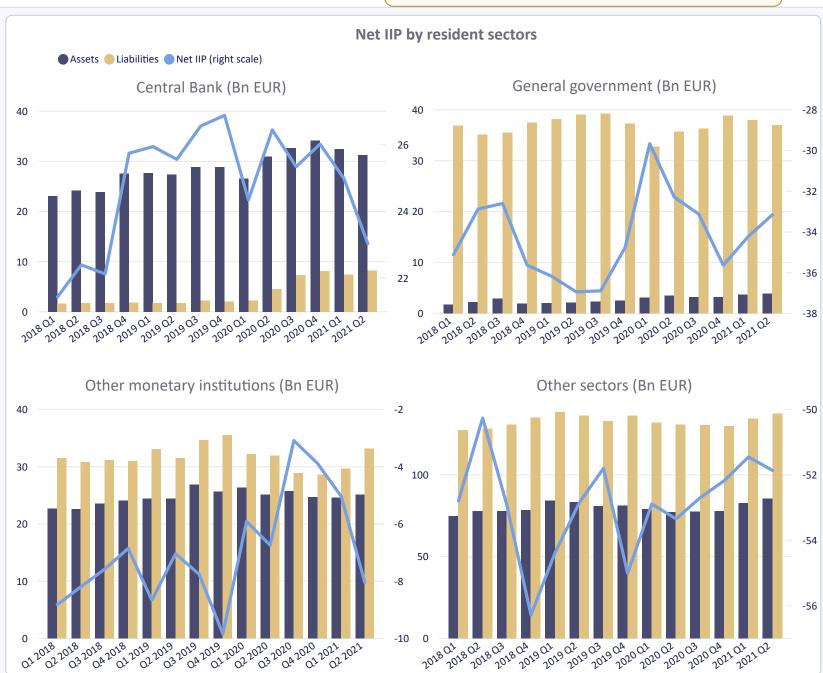


International Investment Position by resident sectors





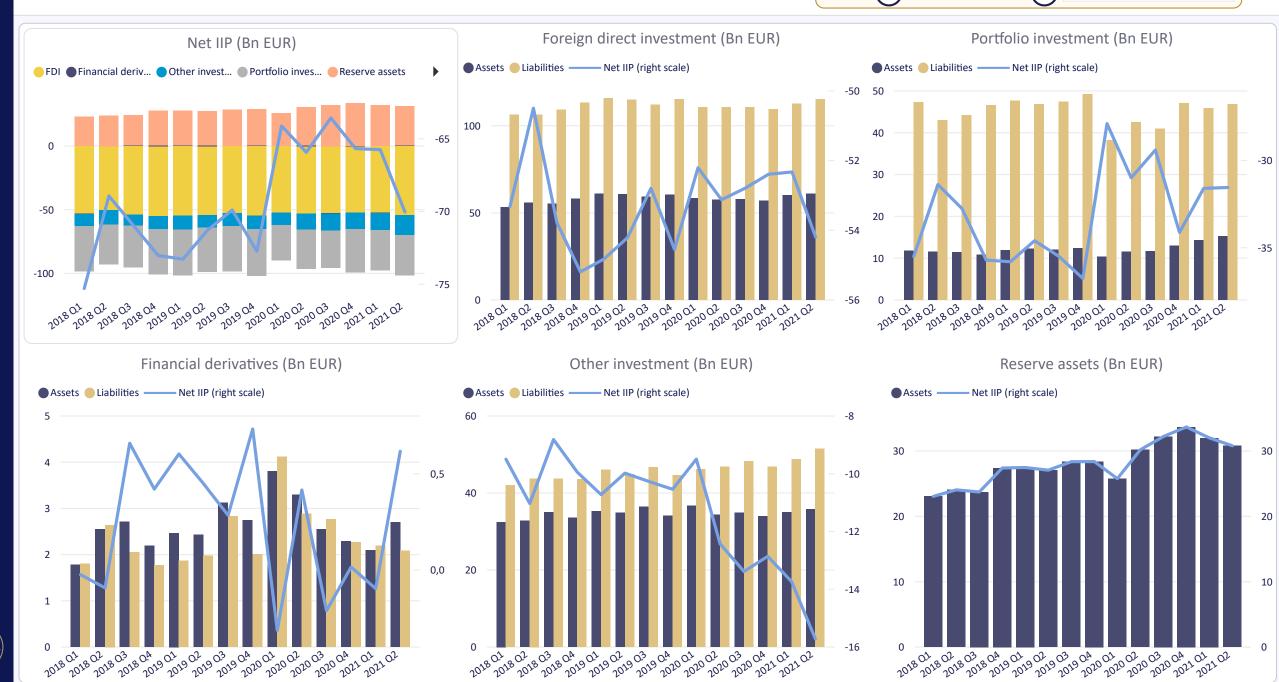






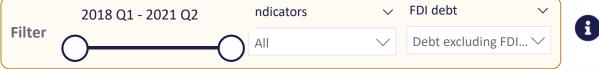
International Investment Position by instruments







Stock of external debt



Net external debt of Central Bank (Bn EUR)

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Net external debt of General government (Bn EUR)

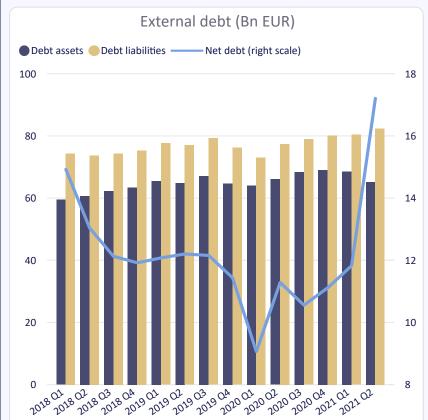
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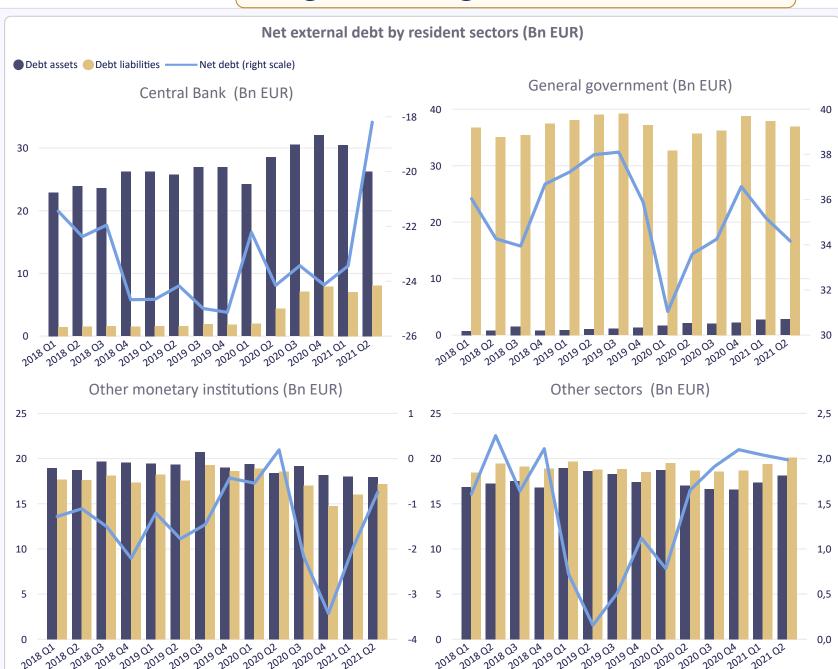
Net external debt of other monetary institutions (Bn EUR)

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Net external debt of other sectors (Bn EUR)

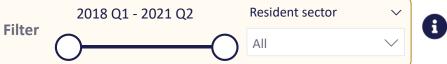
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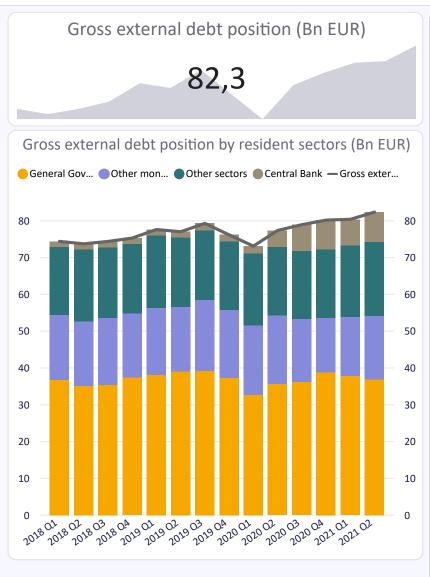


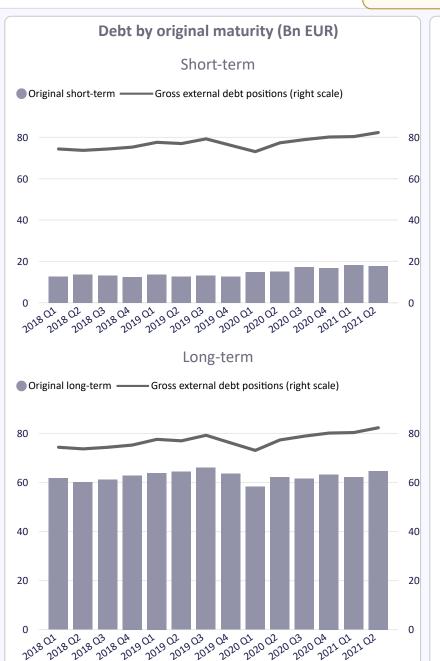


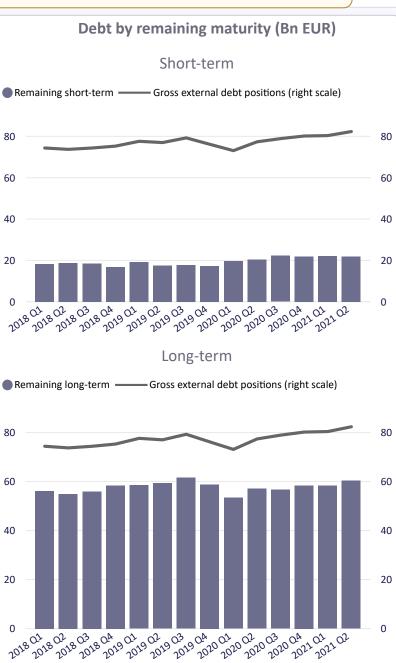


Stock of gross external debt by maturity (excl. FDI debt)





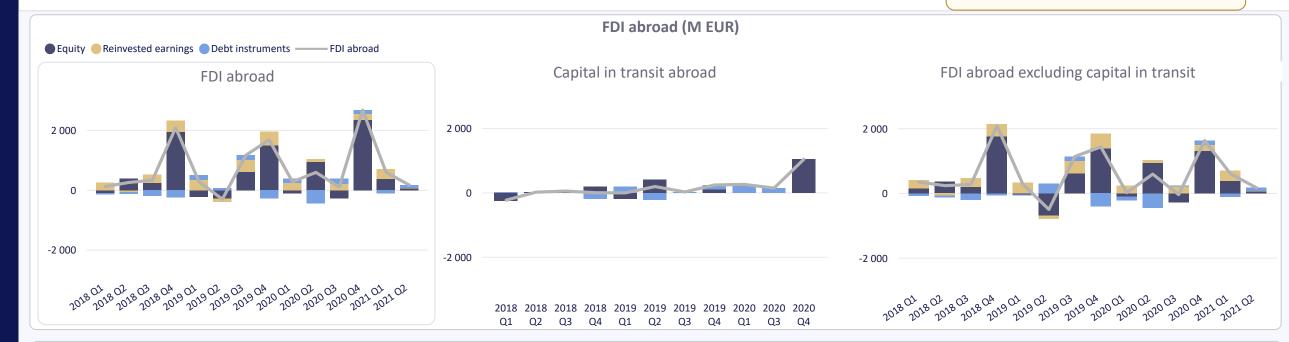


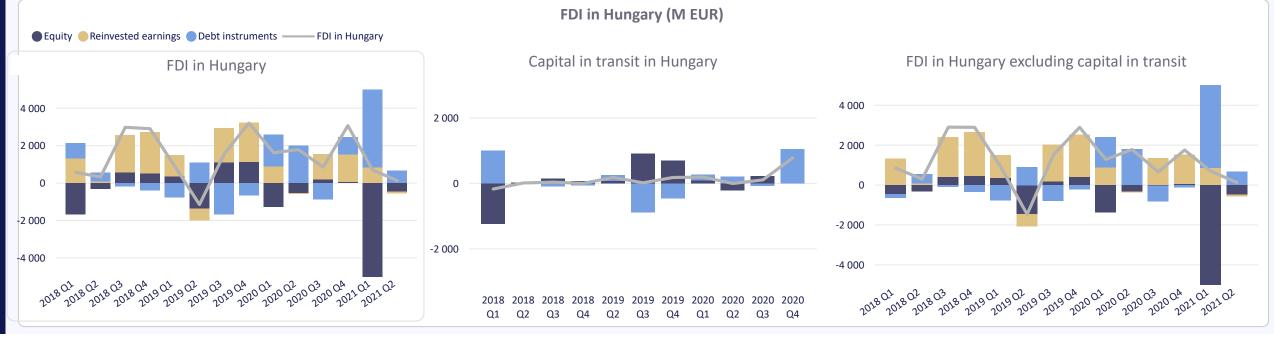




FDI flows according to the directional principle



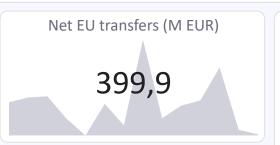


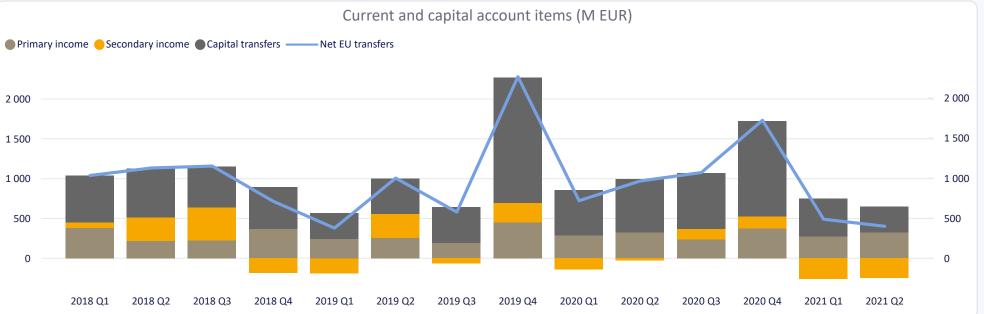


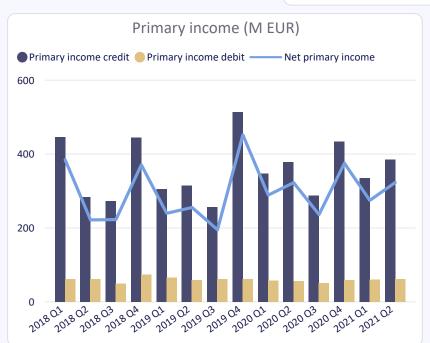


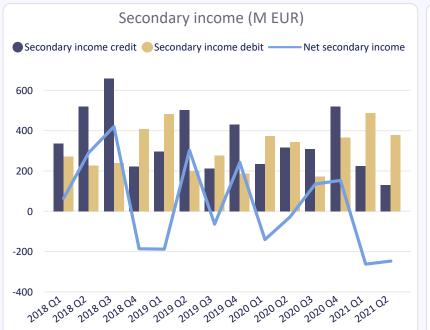
EU transfers

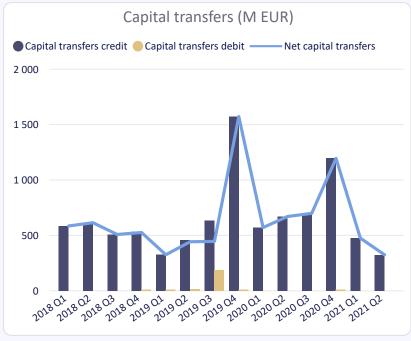














Revisions (vs previous publication)

Balance of payments (revisions, M EUR)				
Main items	2018	2019	2020	Q1 2021
1. Current account balance (1.1+1.2+1.3+1.4)	-192	-359	-2 040	-363
1.1 Goods	-596	-644	-534	-26
1.2 Services	392	-78	-2	-2
1.3 Primary income	11	241	-1 328	-279
1.4 Secondary income	0	122	-177	-56
2. Capital account	0	3	-5	0
3. Financial account	246	76	-2 141	-298
3.1 Foreign direct investment (net assets)	246	154	-2 015	-326
3.1.1 Foreign direct investment abroad (net assets)	288	344	-40	-86
3.1.1.1 Equity	288	366	-347	-35
3.1.1.2 Debt instruments	-1	-22	307	-51
3.1.2 Foreign direct investment in Hungary (net liabilities)	42	191	1 976	240
3.1.2.1 Equity	-12	165	1 715	373
3.1.2.2 Debt instruments	54	26	261	-133
3.2 Portfolio investments (net assets)	0	0	0	103
3.2.1 Assets	0	0	0	102
3.2.2 Liabilities	0	0	0	-1
3.3 Financial derivatives (net assets)	0	0	-2	-35
3.4 Other investments (net assets)	0	-77	-123	-41
3.4.1 Assets	260	363	522	115
3.4.2 Liabilities	260	440	645	156
4. Net errors and omissions	438	432	-96	65

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6. Net external debt (excl. FDI debt)

Closing balance (revisions, M EUR)				
Main items	2018	2019	2020	Q1 2021
1. Foreign direct investment (net assets)		546	16	-695
1.1 Foreign direct investment abroad (net assets)		715	-68	-133
1.1.1 Equity	309	745	-343	-351
1.1.2. Debt	-1	-30	274	218
1.1.2.1 Debt assets	-1	36	274	226
1.1.2.2 Debt liabilities	0	66	-1	8
1.2 Foreign direct investment in Hungary (net liabilities)	57	170	-84	563
1.2.1 Equity	4	39	-428	296
1.2.2. Debt	54	131	344	267
1.2.2.1 Debt assets	23	117	82	91
1.2.2.2 Debt liabilities	77	248	426	358
2. Portfolio investments (net assets)	0	0	0	107
2.1 Assets	0	0	0	111
2.2 Liabilities	0	0	0	3
3. Financial derivatives (net assets)	0	0	13	-10
4. Other investments (net assets)	0	-80	-125	-150
4.1 Assets	465	844	1 244	1 382
4.2 Liabilities	465	924	1 369	1 532
5. Gross external debt (excl. FDI debt)	465	924	1 369	1 536

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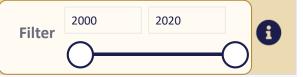
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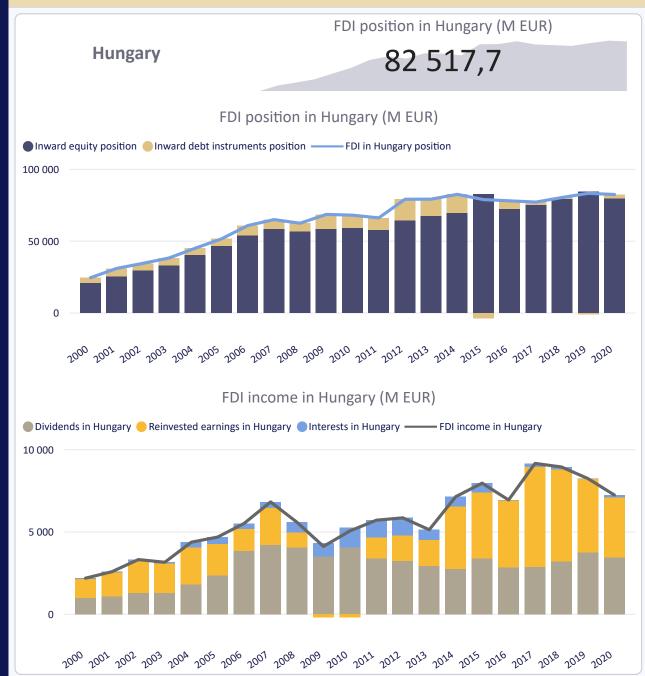


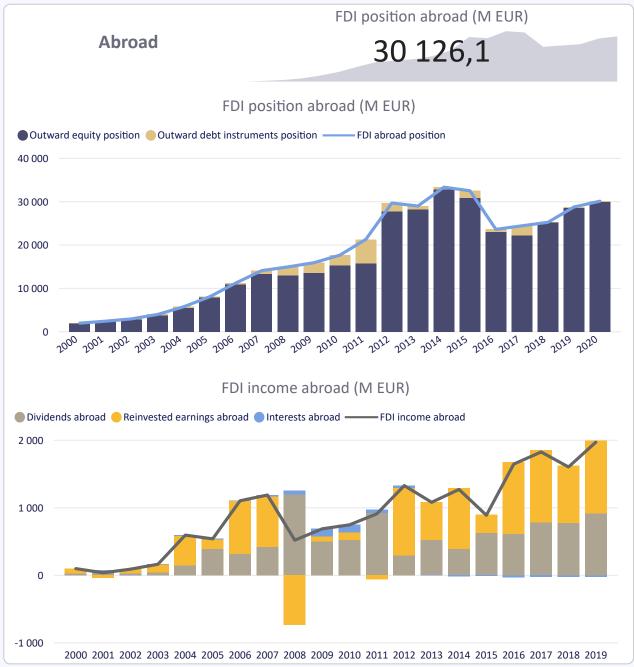


FDI income and positions (annual)

New annual data are first published in September following the reference year. Data are revisied in March and September.



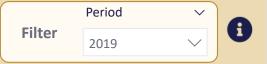


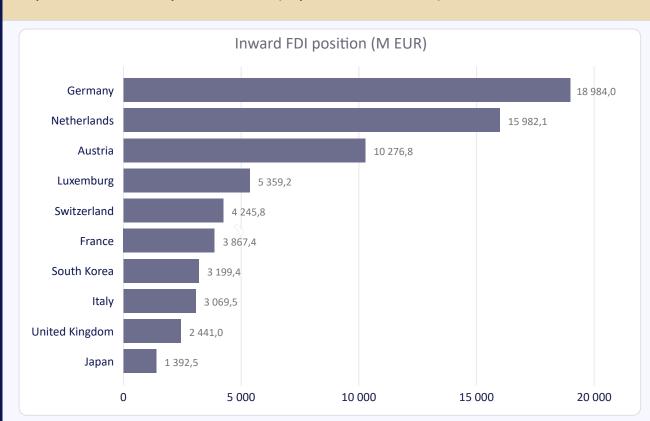


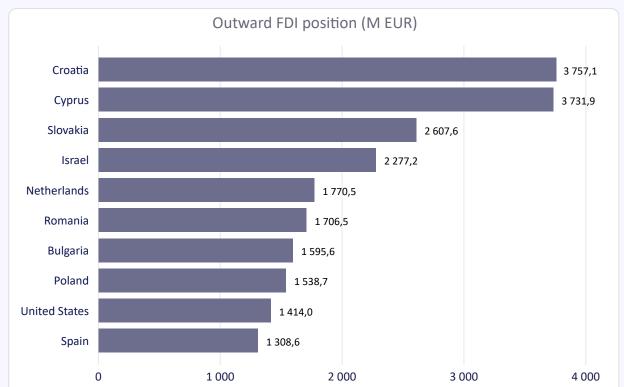


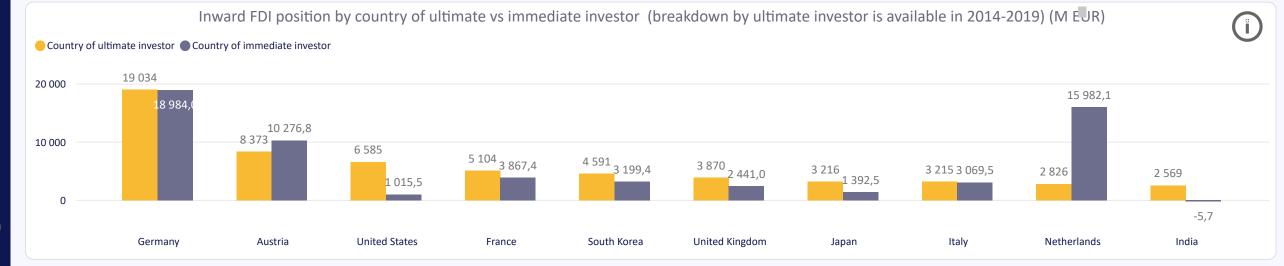
FDI positions: country breakdown (top 10; annual data)

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FDI positions: activity breakdown (annual data)

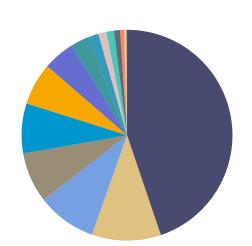
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By the activity of the resident investment (M EUR)

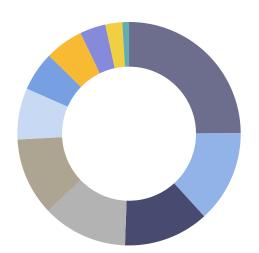


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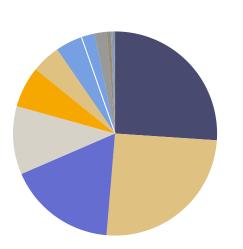


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- Food products; beverage ...
- Wood, paper, printing and...



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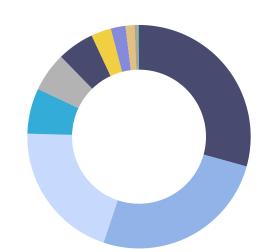


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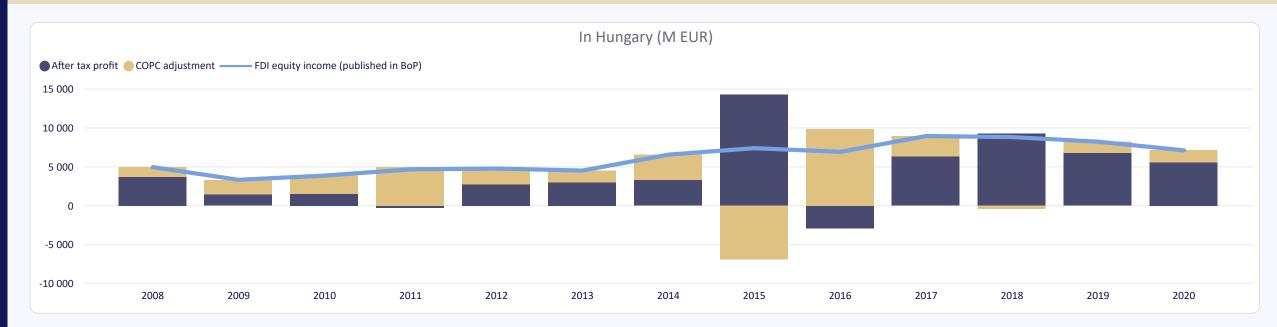
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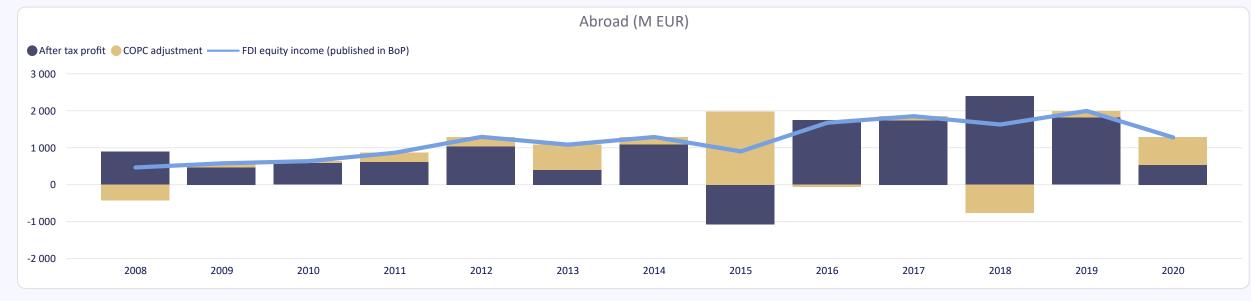


FDI income: COPC adjustment (annual data)

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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.

Other information and notes

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Information about the next publication

The MNB will release Hungary's balance of payments and international investment position data for Q3 2021 and will revise quarterly data for Q1 2020 to Q2 2021 on 21 December 2021.

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. Methodological notes relating to special purpose entities are available here.

Regarding the applied tool for seasonal adjustment, the MNB together with the HCSO, applies **JDemetra+** as the standard software for seasonal adjustment. 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.

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).

