



PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB: January 2011

Budapest, 14 February 2011 - In January 2011, surplus liquidity of the banking sector fell relative to December, mainly reflecting an increase in credit institutions' outstanding FX swaps. The overnight interbank rate fluctuated near the lower bound of the interest rate corridor throughout the month. Reserve surpluses of the banking sector were marginally higher than usual.¹

1 Balance sheet of the MNB containing monthly average stocks

Table 1 Statistical balance sheet of the MNB - monthly average stocks²

HUF billions							
Assets	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Monthly changes	Liabilities	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Monthly changes
External assets	9553,0	9539,9	-13,1	Currency in circulation	2464,4	2362,6	-101,8
Two-week loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	447,9	453,4	5,5
Six-month loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Overnight deposits of other MFIs	293,2	215,4	-77,9
Swap claims with credit institutions*	468,5	583,8	115,4	Other deposits of other MFIs	54,2	59,3	5,1
Remaining assets	500,0	496,3	-3,8	Deposits of central government	998,7	1150,0	151,2
				Two-week MNB bills held by residents	3132,4	3198,5	66,0
				Two-week MNB bills held by non residents	516,4	461,4	-55,0
				Foreign liabilities	1378,0	1402,5	24,5
				Swap liabilities with credit institutions*	468,5	583,8	115,4
				Remaining liabilities	767,7	733,1	-34,5
Total assets	10521,5	10620,0	98,5	Total liabilities	10521,5	10620,0	98,5

* This item includes overnight EUR/HUF, three-month EUR/HUF and six-month EUR/HUF central bank FX-swaps on a gross basis. (See the Methodological notes.)

Forint liquidity of the banking sector fell in January relative to the previous month, as an effect of increases in the average of credit institutions' outstanding HUF/EUR swaps with the central bank and in deposits of the central government. This was partly offset by a decline in currency in circulation (see Chart 5 of the chart-pack). Current account balances of credit institutions barely changed. The narrowing of liquidity was reflected primarily in the significant decline in the average stock of overnight deposits, given that total holdings of two-week MNB bills were only slightly different from the December average (see Table 1 and Chart 8 of the chart-pack).

¹ Decree 13/2010. (IX.6.) MNB of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank has been in effect since 1 October 2010. This allows credit institutions subject to reserve requirements to choose, on a semi-annual basis, one of the reserve ratios specified in Article 1 (2) of the Decree. In the absence of such a choice, a credit institution must satisfy its reserve requirements at the lowest reserve ratio specified in the Decree.

² See the Methodological notes.

On both the assets and liabilities sides, the average stocks of exposures to non-residents fell moderately. The average of the banking sector's current account balances with the MNB exceeded reserve requirements by a slightly greater amount than usual, with excess reserves amounting to HUF 4.5 billion (see Chart 2 of the chart-pack). The overnight interbank rate fluctuated near the lower bound of the interest rate corridor throughout the period (see Chart 12 of the chart-pack).

2 Balance sheet of the MNB compiled from end-of-month data

Table 2 Transactions and revaluations in the balance sheet of the MNB compiled from end-of-month data - January 2011

HUF billions									
Assets	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks	Liabilities	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks
External assets	9598,1	-243,1	49,7	9404,7	Currency in circulation	2378,1	0,0	-50,5	2327,6
Remaining assets	525,9	14,8	-55,5	485,2	Deposits of other MFIs	861,6	-0,9	-220,4	640,3
					Deposits of central government	1076,8	-21,1	179,3	1235,0
					Two-week MNB bills held by residents	2829,9	0,0	472,6	3302,6
					Two-week MNB bills held by non residents	194,8	0,0	319,7	514,5
					External liabilities *	1954,0	-29,1	-683,8	1241,0
					Remaining liabilities	828,8	-177,2	-22,7	629,0
Total assets	10124,0	-228,2	-5,8	9889,9	Total liabilities	10124,0	-228,2	-5,8	9889,9

* This item does not include the two-week MNB bills held by non residents

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