

PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB: March 2011

In March 2011, surplus liquidity of the banking sector increased relative to February, reflecting a decline 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 slightly 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	Feb 2010	Mar 2011	Monthly changes	Liabilities	Feb 2010	Mar 2011	Monthly changes
External assets	9348,9	9417,8	68,9	Currency in circulation	2334,4	2321,6	-12,8
Two-week loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	438,6	442,4	3,8
Six-month loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Overnight deposits of other MFIs	139,6	275,6	136,0
Swap claims with credit institutions*	337,9	221,4	-116,5	Other deposits of other MFIs	46,1	45,1	-1,0
Remaining assets	473,6	471,7	-1,9	Deposits of central government	1084,3	1231,7	147,4
				Two-week MNB bills held by residents	3479,9	3447,8	-32,0
				Two-week MNB bills held by non residents	621,0	640,4	19,4
				Foreign liabilities	1133,5	953,1	-180,4
				Swap liabilities with credit institutions*	337,9	221,4	-116,5
				Remaining liabilities	545,2	531,8	-13,4
Total assets	10160,4	10110,9	-49,5	Total liabilities	10160,4	10110,9	-49,5

* 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.)

In March, forint liquidity of the banking sector rose relative to the previous month as a result of an increase in credit institutions' overnight deposits, which, however, was only partially offset by a decline in holdings of two-week MNB bills. The increase in liquidity reflected a sharp decline in the average of outstanding HUF/EUR swaps with the central bank (see Table 1 and Chart 8 of the chart-pack). Currency in circulation fell slightly in the month (see Chart 5 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 the assets side, the average stock of external assets rose slightly. On the liabilities side, there was a significant decline in external liabilities. The average of credit institutions' current account balances with the MNB exceeded reserve requirements by a slightly greater than usual amount; however, excess reserves, at HUF 4.8 billion, continued to be insignificant compared with the sector's total reserve requirements of nearly HUF 440 billion (see Charts 1 and 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 - March 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	9422,0	-292,0	555,3	9685,4	Currency in circulation	2315,7	0,0	-17,3	2298,4
Remaining assets	475,7	15,6	-40,5	450,8	Deposits of other MFIs	562,7	-1,3	162,2	723,6
					Deposits of central government	1297,8	-35,4	402,7	1665,2
					Two-week MNB bills held by residents	3423,1	0,0	236,9	3660,0
					Two-week MNB bills held by non residents	682,9	0,0	-61,4	621,5
					External liabilities *	1031,5	-37,6	-174,7	819,1
					Remaining liabilities	584,0	-202,1	-33,6	348,4
Total assets	9897,7	-276,4	514,8	10136,2	Total liabilities	9897,7	-276,4	514,8	10136,2

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

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The seasonally adjusted data are subject to more uncertainty than usual, due to fluctuations caused by the financial crisis.

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