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Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB:  
April 2012

In April 2012, forint liquidity of the banking sector barely changed relative to the previous month, as the increase in liquidity due to a decline in swap claims on credit institutions was offset by the liquidity reducing effect of tax payments to the Treasury. The MNB introduced its tender for two-year collateralised loans in April.

1 Balance sheet of the MNB containing monthly average stocks

Table 1 Statistical balance sheet of the MNB – monthly average stocks<sup>1</sup>

Assets				Liabilities	HUF billions		
	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Monthly changes		Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Monthly changes
External assets	10387,5	10518,3	130,8	Currency in circulation	2686,4	2680,5	-5,9
Two-week loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	429,8	426,2	-3,6
Six-month loans of credit institutions	29,8	8,0	-21,8	Overnight deposits of other MFIs	204,3	104,6	-99,7
Two-year loans of credit institutions	0,0	50,4	50,4	Other deposits of other MFIs	8,3	0,7	-7,6
Swap claims on foreign currency with credit institutions <sup>1</sup>	372,1	166,0	-206,1	Deposits of central government	1263,3	1515,7	252,4
Swap claims on HUF related to final	15,1	0,0	-15,1	Two-week MNB bills held by residents <sup>2</sup>	3323,3	3369,6	46,3
Remaining assets	447,0	441,0	-6,0	Two-week MNB bills held by non residents <sup>3</sup>	529,2	617,1	87,8
				Foreign liabilities	1242,2	1033,9	-208,3
				Swap liabilities to HUF with credit institutions <sup>1</sup>	372,1	166,0	-206,1
				Swap liabilities to foreign currency related to final payment euro selling tender with credit institutions <sup>2</sup>	15,1	0,0	-15,1
				Remaining liabilities	1177,6	1269,4	91,8
Total assets	11251,5	11183,7	-67,8	Total liabilities	11251,5	11183,7	-67,8

<sup>1</sup> This item includes the overnight, one-week and three-month EUR/HUF central bank FX-swaps with credit institutions on a gross basis. (See the Methodological notes.)

<sup>2</sup> This item includes the overnight HUF/EUR FX-swaps related to euro selling tender with credit institutions on a gross basis. (See the Methodological notes.)

<sup>3</sup> In case of the two-week MNB bills the identification of the owners' residence is based on the securities accounts' information.

For more information see the Methodological notes.

In April, forint liquidity of the banking sector barely changed relative to March. Average holdings of two-week MNB bills increased: resident holdings rose slightly and non-residents holdings rose significantly. That was partly offset by a decline in credit institutions' loans. In addition, credit institutions' deposits fell, indicating that credit institutions became less cautious in their liquidity management.

<sup>1</sup> See the Methodological notes.

The increase in forint liquidity was mainly accounted for by the decline in FX swap claims of the central bank against credit institutions; however, tax payments to the Treasury, reflected in an increase in deposits of central government, led to a reduction in liquidity. Currency in circulation remained broadly unchanged relative to the previous month (see Table 1 and Chart 8 of the chart-pack).

The MNB introduced its new tender for two-year collateralised loans in April. The tenders are announced with a monthly frequency. The first tender was conducted on 3 April, with HUF 56 billion allotted to credit institutions. Table 1 shows the monthly average stock of loans.

The average of credit institutions' current account balances with the MNB slightly exceeded reserve requirements.<sup>2</sup> Excess reserves, at HUF 5.2 billion, continued to be insignificant compared to the sector's total reserve requirements of HUF 421 billion (see Charts 1 and 2 of the chart-pack). The overnight interbank rate fluctuated near the lower bound of the interest rate corridor during April (see Chart 12 of the chart-pack), although it rose above 6.5% for a couple of days as a result of a decline in overnight deposits.

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

**Table 3 Transactions and revaluations in the balance sheet of the MNB compiled from preliminary end-of-month data – April 2012**

HUF billions									
Assets	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks	Liabilities	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks
External assets	10461,4	-251,4	136,4	10346,5	Currency in circulation	2668,3	0,0	27,0	2695,3
Remaining assets	466,7	0,8	12,2	479,7	Deposits of other MFIs	746,8	0,0	-146,6	600,2
					Deposits of central government	1330,9	-18,4	550,6	1863,0
					Two-week MNB bills held by residents <sup>1</sup>	3103,4	0,0	75,0	3178,5
					Two-week MNB bills held by non residents <sup>1</sup>	616,1	0,0	-13,1	603,0
					External liabilities <sup>2</sup>	1160,6	-13,3	-294,4	852,9
					Remaining liabilities	1302,0	-218,9	-49,9	1033,1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10928,1</b>	<b>-250,6</b>	<b>148,6</b>	<b>10826,1</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10928,1</b>	<b>-250,6</b>	<b>148,6</b>	<b>10826,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> In case of the two-week MNB bills the identification of the owners' residence is based on the securities accounts' information. For more information see the Methodological notes.

<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>2</sup> Decree 13/2010. (IX.6.) of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank entered into force on 1 October 2010. The Decree allows credit institutions subject to reserve requirements to choose one of the reserve ratios specified in Article at most semi-annually. In the absence of such a choice, the lowest ratio will apply to required reserves, as specified in the Decree.

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