



## MAGYAR NEMZETI BANK

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## Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB: August 2012

*In August 2012, forint liquidity of the banking sector fell slightly. This reflected a modest increase in average holdings of MNB bills and a decline in the average stock of credit institutions' overnight deposits, exceeding the increase in the former.*

#### 1 Balance sheet of the MNB containing monthly average stocks

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

							HUF billions
Assets	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Monthly changes	Liabilities	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Monthly changes
External assets	10470,1	10143,9	-326,2	Currency in circulation	2670,2	2617,8	-52,4
Two-week loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	430,7	437,9	7,2
Six-month loans of credit institutions	8,0	3,6	-4,4	Overnight deposits of other MFIs	162,6	105,6	-57,0
Two-year loans of credit institutions	120,7	122,0	1,3	Other deposits of other MFIs	0,1	0,7	0,5
Swap claims on foreign currency with credit institutions <sup>1</sup>	2,8	0,0	-2,8	Deposits of central government	1708,1	1726,9	18,8
Remaining assets	413,9	400,8	-13,1	Two-week MNB bills held by residents <sup>2</sup>	3606,5	3658,7	52,2
				Two-week MNB bills held by non residents <sup>2</sup>	589,0	564,8	-24,2
				Foreign liabilities	871,7	842,3	-29,4
				Swap liabilities to HUF with credit institutions <sup>1</sup>	2,8	0,0	-2,8
				Remaining liabilities	973,9	715,7	-258,2
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>11015,6</b>	<b>10670,4</b>	<b>-345,3</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11015,6</b>	<b>10670,4</b>	<b>-345,3</b>

<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> 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.

Forint liquidity of the banking sector changed little in August. Average holdings of two-week MNB bills rose slightly: non-resident holdings increased and resident holdings fell slightly. This was offset by the decline in August in credit institutions' overnight deposits. The average stock of currency in circulation fell relative to the previous month (see Table 1 and Chart 8 of the chart-pack).

The average stock of external assets rose in the month, due in part to the appreciation of the forint. In addition, the repayment of a loan received from the IMF in November 2008 continued, in an amount of HUF 168 billion. Nevertheless, the average stock of central government deposits barely changed, due to the large amount of forint-denominated bonds issued. The change in the

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

average stock of external liabilities in the month was almost entirely accounted for by the exchange rate effect.

No allocation was made to counterparties by the MNB at its tender of two-year loans held in early August. 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 7.4 billion, continued to be insignificant compared to the sector's total reserve requirements of HUF 430.5 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 the month (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 preliminary end-of-month data - August 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	10256,7	106,3	-138,6	10224,3	Currency in circulation	2642,0	0,0	-52,3	2589,7
Remaining assets	520,2	21,2	-1,0	540,4	Deposits of other MFIs	687,0	-0,1	-207,6	479,4
					Deposits of central government	2058,8	12,2	-423,9	1647,0
					Two-week MNB bills held by residents <sup>1</sup>	3344,4	0,0	395,8	3740,1
					Two-week MNB bills held by non residents <sup>1</sup>	454,2	0,0	178,0	632,2
					External liabilities <sup>2</sup>	834,3	1,5	10,9	846,7
					Remaining liabilities	756,3	113,8	-40,3	829,8
Total assets	10776,9	127,5	-139,6	10764,8	Total liabilities	10776,9	127,5	-139,6	10764,8

<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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**Detailed tables:** [Time series](#)

**Notes:** [Methodological notes](#)

<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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