

PRESS RELEASE

**Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB:
March 2013**

In March 2013, forint liquidity of the domestic banking sector increased. The average stocks of external assets and central government deposits increased, mainly reflecting the carry-over of issues of government bonds from February and the exchange rate effect. The repayment of an IMF loan by the MNB and central government continued in March. Overnight interbank interest rates traded around the central bank base rate in the month under review.

1 Balance sheet of the MNB containing monthly average stocks

Table 1 Statistical balance sheet of the MNB – monthly average stocks¹

HUF billions							
Assets	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Monthly changes	Liabilities	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Monthly changes
External assets	10186,0	11208,3	1022,3	Currency in circulation	2670,9	2734,2	63,3
Two-week loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	468,3	472,9	4,6
Six-month loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Overnight deposits of other MFIs	76,1	103,9	27,8
Two-year loans of credit institutions	122,0	122,0	0,0	Other deposits of other MFIs	0,0	0,0	0,0
Swap claims on foreign currency with credit institutions ¹	0,0	0,0	0,0	Deposits of central government	1409,8	1735,6	325,8
Remaining assets	418,9	411,8	-7,2	Two-week MNB bills held by residents ²	4006,6	4260,8	254,1
				Two-week MNB bills held by non residents ²	404,6	359,4	-45,2
				Foreign liabilities	792,0	819,7	27,7
				Swap liabilities to HUF with credit institutions ¹	0,0	0,0	0,0
				Remaining liabilities	898,6	1255,7	357,1
Total assets	10727,0	11742,1	1015,1	Total liabilities	10727,0	11742,1	1015,1

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

² 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 increased in March, partly reflecting a significant increase in average holdings of two-week MNB bills and a more modest rise in the average stock of credit institutions' overnight deposits. Average holdings of MNB bills by residents increased further and those by non-residents fell.

¹ See the Methodological notes.

The average of credit institutions' current account balances with the central bank rose slightly and the average stock of currency in circulation increased significantly in the month under review, reaching levels comparable to those prevailing at the end of the year (see Table 1 and Chart 5 of the chart-pack).

The average stock of external assets rose in March. That partly reflected the carry-over of issues of foreign currency-denominated government bonds by central government from February and the exchange rate effect. The repayment of an IMF loan in the amounts of HUF 56 billion by the MNB and HUF 96.2 billion by central government had an opposite effect.

As a result of the carry-over from February, the average stock of central government deposits also increased significantly, while the fall in the stock of deposits at the end of the month reflected the maturity of a foreign currency bond in the value of JPY 50 billion on 18 March and the repayment of an IMF loan by central government.

No allocation was made to counterparties by the MNB at its tender of two-year loans held in early March. Table 1 shows the monthly average stock of loans.

The average of credit institutions' current account balances with the MNB slightly exceeded reserve requirements.² Excess reserves amounted to HUF 6.1 billion, which continued to be insignificant compared with the sector's total reserve requirements of HUF 467 billion (see Charts 1 and 2 of the chart-pack). The overnight interbank rate fluctuated close to the central bank base rate over a longer period during March (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 - March 2013

HUF billions									
Assets	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks	Liabilities	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks
External assets	10850,9	338,5	-171,2	11018,2	Currency in circulation	2668,1	0,0	113,4	2781,5
Remaining assets	538,0	10,3	-19,0	529,4	Deposits of other MFIs	714,2	0,0	-114,4	599,8
					Deposits of central government	1777,9	34,0	-214,8	1597,1
					Two-week MNB bills held by residents ¹	3979,3	0,0	346,9	4326,1
					Two-week MNB bills held by non residents ¹	405,4	0,0	-241,0	164,4
					External liabilities ²	799,9	31,1	-80,8	750,1
					Remaining liabilities	1044,2	283,7	0,7	1328,6
Total assets	11388,9	348,8	-190,2	11547,6	Total liabilities	11388,9	348,8	-190,2	11547,6

¹ 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.

² This item does not include the two-week MNB bills held by non residents

² 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 1 (2) 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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The seasonally adjusted data, published simultaneously with this press release in the [chart pack](#) and in the tables entitled '[Balance sheets of MFIs and the monetary aggregates](#)', are subject to more uncertainty than usual, due to fluctuations caused by the financial crisis.

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