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Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB: December 2017

In December, forint liquidity of the domestic banking sector fell, which primarily was reflected in declines in the average stocks of three-month deposits. The average stock of currency in circulation continued to rise during the month. The average stock of external assets rose relative to November. The overnight interbank interest rate fluctuated at the bottom of the interest rate corridor throughout the month.

1 Balance sheet of the MNB containing monthly average stocks

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

Assets	HUF billions			Liabilities	HUF billions		
	November 2017	December 2017	Monthly changes		November 2017	December 2017	Monthly changes
External assets	7 708,1	7 858,9	150,8	Currency in circulation	4 989,4	5 176,5	187,1
One-week and Three-month loans of credit institutions	0,0	0,0	0,0	Current account balances of other MFIs	205,2	211,7	6,5
Swap claims on HUF related to foreign currency sale tender for the settlement and conversation of FX loans with credit institutions ^{1,3}	77,0	47,4	-29,6	Overnight deposits of other MFIs ⁷	857,6	911,6	54,0
Swap claims on HUF related to forint liquidity providing EUR/HUF FX swap ^{1,2}	1 376,5	1 499,1	122,7	Three-month deposits of other MFIs ⁵	245,0	136,3	-108,7
Other swap claims on foreign currency with credit institutions ¹	0,0	0,0	0,0	Other deposits of other MFIs	82,1	95,8	13,7
Remaining assets ^{4,6}	1 699,8	1 664,6	-35,1	Deposits of central government ⁸	987,7	1 039,8	52,1
				External liabilities	895,3	804,7	-90,5
				Swap liabilities to foreign currency related to euro sale tender for the settlement and conversation of FX loans with credit institutions ^{1,3}	77,0	47,4	-29,6
				Swap liabilities to foreign currency related to forint liquidity providing EUR/HUF FX swap ^{1,2}	1 376,5	1 499,1	122,7
				Other swap liabilities to HUF with credit institutions ¹	0,0	0,0	0,0
				Remaining liabilities ^{6,8}	1 145,6	1 147,1	1,4
Total assets	10 861,3	11 070,0	208,7	Total liabilities	10 861,3	11 070,0	208,7

¹ This item includes FX-swaps with credit institutions on a gross basis. (See the Methodological notes.)

² A notice on Forint liquidity providing EUR/HUF FX swap is available on the MNB's website at <http://www.mnb.hu/letoltes/t-c-forint-liquidity-providing-swap-en.pdf>

³ A notice on EUR and CHF sale tenders related to the settlement and conversation of foreign currency loans is available on the MNB's website at <http://www.mnb.hu/en/monetary-policy/monetary-policy-instruments/tenders-quick-tenders/fx-spot-tenders>

⁴ Includes loans offered to credit institutions within Funding for Growth Scheme.

<http://www.mnb.hu/en/monetary-policy/funding-for-growth-scheme-fgs>

⁵ From 23 September, the three-month deposit has been the MNB's policy instrument.

⁶ From March 2016, other items on both the assets and liabilities sides include swaps outstanding under Phase 3 of Pillar 2 of the Funding for Growth Scheme as well.

⁷ The stock of overnight deposits also includes the stock of preferential deposits.

The average and end-of-month stocks of **external assets** rose in December. The increase can primarily be related to transfers received from the EU and a drop in the average exchange rates of the forint.

In December no new contracts were concluded at the **one-week and three-month loan tenders**.

The MNB concluded further one-, three- and twelve-month transactions with credit institutions at the EUR/HUF FX swap tenders providing forint liquidity. As a result, the stock of swaps continued to increase. The average stocks of swap transactions are shown in Table 1 and Chart 7 of the chart-pack.

Due in part to seasonality around the end of the year, the **average stock of currency in circulation** continued to rise during the month (see Table 1 and Chart 5 of the chart-pack).

The monthly average of the banking sector's current **account** balances with the MNB exceeded reserve requirements by HUF 13.8 billion, a more significant extent compared with the previous month. In December, reserve requirements amounted to HUF 197.9 billion (see Charts 1 and 2 of the chart-pack).

In December, **forint liquidity of the domestic banking sector** fell: although the average stocks of credit institutions' overnight deposits and other deposits increased, the extent of the decrease in the average stocks of three-month deposits was greater. The average monthly stock of three-month deposits has been declining steadily from month to month as a result of the introduction of a quantity limit on the instrument in October 2016.

The **average stock of central government deposits** continued to rise during the month.

The average and end-of-month stocks of **external liabilities** fell.

The **overnight interbank interest rate** fluctuated at the bottom of the interest rate corridor throughout December.

II. 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 – December 2017

HUF billions									
Assets	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks	Liabilities	Opening stocks	Revaluations and other changes	Transactions	Closing stocks
External assets	7 537,8	-114,2	417,6	7 841,3	Currency in circulation	5 039,3	0,0	114,0	5 153,3
Remaining assets	1 552,1	30,8	-47,7	1 535,2	Three-month deposits of other MFIs	175,0	0,0	-100,0	75,0
					Other deposits of other MFIs	1 215,6	0,0	688,8	1 904,4
					Deposits of central government	961,3	-2,3	-265,1	693,9
					External liabilities	794,4	-11,8	-53,0	729,6
					Remaining liabilities	904,4	-69,3	-14,8	820,3
Total assets	9 090,0	-83,4	369,9	9 376,4	Total liabilities	9 090,0	-83,4	369,9	9 376,4

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