

## **The countercyclical capital buffer rate applicable to Hungarian exposures from 1 April 2022 and the justification thereof**

*In view of the capital buffer guide and the other supplementary indicators relevant in terms of domestic financial systemic risks, the Magyar Nemzeti Bank has left the rate of the countercyclical capital buffer to be applied to exposures to counterparties in Hungary as of 1 April 2022 at 0 percent.*

	<b>Current data (30 September 2021)</b>
<b>Countercyclical capital buffer rate applicable to exposures to counterparties in Hungary (per cent)</b>	<b>0</b>
Countercyclical capital buffer rate based on the additional credit-to-GDP gap (per cent) – <i>buffer guide</i>	0
Countercyclical capital buffer rate based on the standardised credit-to-GDP gap (per cent)	0
Additional credit-to-GDP ratio (per cent)	44.7
Additional credit-to-GDP gap (percentage point)	-0.7
Standardised credit-to-GDP ratio (per cent)	94.6
Standardised credit-to-GDP gap (percentage point)	-6.7

### **Justification**

The benchmark additional credit-to-GDP gap, the analysed supplementary indicators and other available credit market information signal a low level of domestic cyclical systemic risks that does not warrant immediate macroprudential intervention. The extent and dynamics of cyclical systemic risks as well as the related forward-looking expectations justify maintaining the current level of the countercyclical capital buffer rate applicable to Hungarian exposures in the current period.

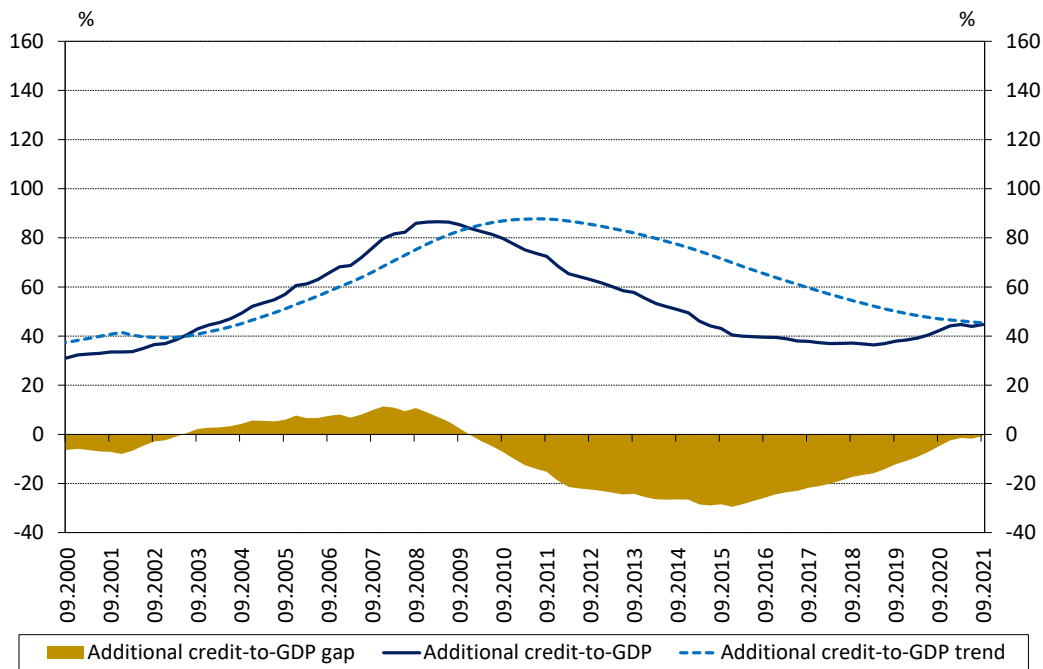
The closing of the additional credit-to-GDP gap, which serves as a guide for determining the countercyclical capital buffer rate, continued, but remained negative based on data of the third quarter of 2021. Lending to the economy still remained below the level anticipated by the long-term trend of credit-to-GDP, even given the credit growth observed so far, maintained by government and central bank measures, real estate market processes and the close-to-equilibrium level of corporate credit. Based on the level and dynamics of the supplementary indicators and the underlying fundamentals, neither the overheating nor the vulnerability risks currently warrant intervention.

Although the evolution of risks has been on the upside in recent quarters, the current assessment of the actual and expected cyclical systemic risk situation and indicators associated with it is significantly affected by the complex economic situation and significant uncertainty resulting from the potentially protracted Russia-Ukraine war and related economic sanctions. The cyclical systemic risk trajectory previously expected in the medium term based on the rapid recovery of the economy and the development of lending trends and real estate market developments so far, may change in a way that is difficult to assess for the time being. This will also affect regulatory steps to impose a countercyclical capital buffer. Close monitoring of economic, financial system and financial risk developments will be of high importance in the next quarters' rate-setting decisions.

*For more details on the method of defining the countercyclical capital buffer guide and other monitored indicators, see the methodological notes and the indicators of the cyclical systemic risk map underlying the current decision.*

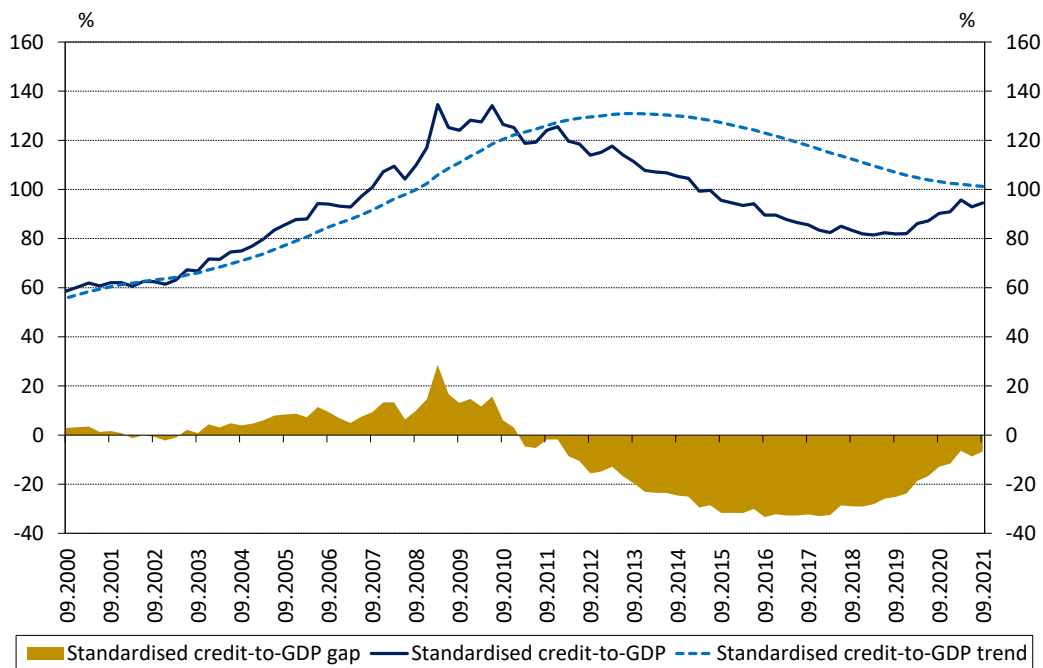
## Appendix

### Chart 1 – Development of the benchmark additional credit-to-GDP gap



Source: MNB. Note: benchmark additional credit-to-GDP gap based on country-specific methodology calculated on 30 September 2021 data.

### Chart 2 – Development of the standardised credit-to-GDP gap



Source: MNB. Note: standardised credit-to-GDP gap based on the European Systemic Risk Board's recommendation calculated on 30 September 2021 data.