

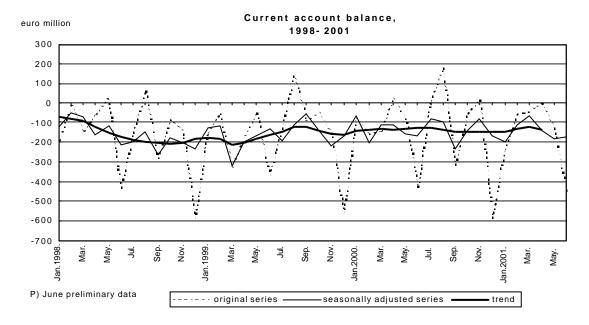
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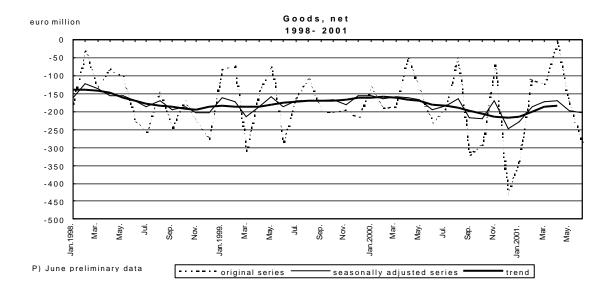
Hungary's preliminary balance of payments *June 2001*

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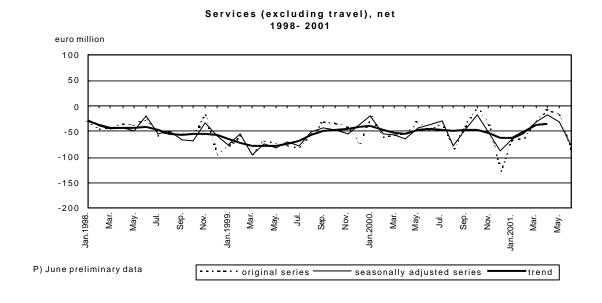
According to the preliminary calculations, Hungary's current account was EUR 451 million in deficit in June 2001. That was EUR 23 million higher than a year previously. There was an improvement in the income balance. By contrast, the balances on trade, services and unrequited transfers deteriorated. The seasonally adjusted current account deficit was lower than in May. Net non-debt inflow amounted to EUR 3 million.



In June, net expenditures for trade in goods were the balance of EUR 2,535 million exports and EUR 2,819 million imports. The monthly values of exports and imports of goods rose by EUR 328 million and EUR 379 million respectively relative to June 2000. The seasonally adjusted deficit was only EUR 5 million higher than in the preceding month.



At EUR 407 million, tourism revenue was EUR 78 million higher than in June 2000. Expenditure, at EUR 147 million, rose by EUR 44 million in a year-on-year comparison. Eliminating the seasonal effects, the monthly tourism surpluses have been fluctuating around EUR 210–230 million, on a slight upward trend since the summer of 2000. Service transactions excluding tourism were EUR 89 million in deficit, nearly twice as much as the deficit recorded in May 2000.



The investment income deficit amounted to EUR 368 million in the month. Under this heading, the negative balance for investment income on equity fell by EUR 79 million, while that for investment income on debt rose by EUR 15 million relative to June 2000.

At EUR 30 million in June 2001, the surplus on unrequited current transfers was EUR 25 million lower than a year previously.

Non-debt capital transactions showed a total inward flow of EUR 3 million in the month. Net inflows via the domestic banking sector of direct investments in equity capital were the balance of direct investment transactions by non-residents in Hungary, at EUR 88 million, and those by Hungarian residents abroad, at EUR 21 million. Portfolio investment transactions in equity securities showed net outflows of EUR 64 million.

At the end of June 2001, the value of central bank foreign exchange reserves stood at EUR 13.6 billion.

Balance of payments, Hungary

euro million

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	2000							
	Apr.	May	Jun.	JanJun.	Apr.	May	Jun. P)	JanJun. P)
1. Goods, net	-51	-144	-232	-938	-7	-177	-284	-1039
1.1. Exports	2165	2421	2207	12840	2668	2636	2535	15083
1.2. Imports	2216	2565	2440	13778	2674	2813	2819	16123
2. Services and income, net	36	19	-251	-178	-41	23	-196	-117
2.1. Services*, net	152	192	180	777	216	235	171	920
2.1.1. Exports	504	541	571	2893	648	702	707	3750
2.1.2. Imports	352	350	391	2116	432	467	536	2830
2.2. Income, net	-115	-173	-431	-955	-258	-212	-367	-1037
2.2.1. Income on debt, net	-98	-25	-121	-443	-132	-70	-136	-475
2.2.2. Income on equity, net	-16	-148	-311	-514	-127	-143	-232	-563
2.2.3. Compensation of employees, net	-1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
3. Current transfers	35	45	55	250	46	20	30	230
4. Current account balance	21	-80	-428	-866	-2	-134	-451	-925
5. Non debt creating financing, net	95	46	78	500	61	120	3	470
5.1. Direct investment, equity capital, net	172	162	142	709	47	112	67	439
5.1.1. Abroad, net	10	-24	-25	-29	-14	-13	-21	-354
5.1.2. In Hungary, net	162	186	168	738	62	124	88	793
5.2. Portfolio investment, equity securities, net	-77	-116	-65	-209	14	8	-64	31
*- o/w: Travel, net	207	222	227	1047	222	252	260	1190
credit	307	317	329	1587	323	377	407	1874
debit	100	95	103	540	101	125	147	684

P) Preliminary data

Balance of payments, Hungary

(averages)

euro million

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1. Goods, net	-170	-142	-188	-265	-190	-156		
1.1. Exports	2016	2264	2319	2588	2415	2613		
1.2. Imports	2186	2407	2506	2853	2605	2769		
2. Services and income, net	6	-65	110	27	33	-71		
2.1. Services, net	85	174	250	138	99	207		
2.1.1. Exports	426	539	666	641	564	686		
2.1.2. Imports	341	364	416	504	465	478		
2.2. Income, net	-79	-240	-139	-111	-67	-279		
2.2.1. Income on debt, net	-66	-81	-57	-71	-46	-112		
2.2.2. Income on equity, net	-13	-158	-83	-40	-20	-167		
2.2.3. Compensation of employees, net	1	0	0	0	-1	1		
3. Current transfers	38	45	35	29	45	32		
4. Current account balance	-126	-162	-42	-209	-113	-195		
5. Non debt creating financing, net	94	73	32	-141	95	61		
5.1. Direct investment, equity capital, net	78	159	108	-66	71	75		
5.1.1. Abroad, net	3	-13	-66	-131	-102	-16		
5.1.2. In Hungary, net	74	172	175	66	173	91		
5.2. Portfolio investment, equity securities, net	16	-86	-76	-75	24	-14		
*- o/w: Travel, net	130	218	302	193	152	245		
credit	211	318	407	305	256	369		
debit	81	99	105	112	104	124		

P) Preliminary data

Balance of payments, Hungary (seasonally adjusted data) ^{a)}

euro million

		2001								
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.P)				
1. Goods, net	-228	-188	-174	-171	-198	-203				
1.1. Exports	2490	2499	2558	2618	2584	2657				
1.2. Imports	2764	2620	2667	2769	2785	2870				
2. Services and income, net										
2.1. Services										
2.1.1. Travel, net	222	214	227	230	234	239				
credit	338	328	341	339	358	365				
debit	109	117	109	111	125	115				
2.1.2. Other services, net	-64	-56	-31	-17	-31	-79				
credit	318	298	311	337	336	315				
debit	369	361	356	358	361	367				
2.2. Income, net										
2.2.1. Income on debt, net	-57	-62	-59	-88	-92	-82				
2.2.2. Income on equity, net	-56	-57	-60	-158	-59	-68				
2.2.3. Compensation of employees, net	-1	0	-1	1	1	1				

3. Current transfers	45	34	30	39	27	28
4. Current account balance	-197	-114	-67	-140	-187	-174

P) Preliminary data

Balance of payments, Hungary (seasonally adjusted data) a)

euro million

		2000										
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1. Goods, net	-153	-165	-158	-163	-166	-193	-183	-164	-217	-222	-171	-250
1.1. Exports	2025	2059	2155	2187	2289	2316	2321	2411	2391	2466	2490	2529
1.2. Imports	2155	2204	2344	2344	2533	2448	2456	2542	2637	2/01	2641	2823
2. Services and income, net												
2.1. Services												
2.1.1. Travel, net	193	208	186	216	204	208	218	216	224	219	223	211
credit	280	305	274	321	300	290	311	319	319	322	338	334
debit	95	95	96	96	93	88	93	97	92	103	112	124
2.1.2. Other services, net	-20	-54	-57	-64	-43	-37	-31	-79	-51	-18	-51	-86
credit	234	233	214	212	232	244	248	270	282	336	293	321
debit	252	257	265	263	270	272	268	369	358	365	361	374
2.2. Income, net												
2.2.1. Income on debt, net	-67	-81	-53	-66	-61	-71	-49	-65	-74	-57	-88	-80
2.2.2. Income on equity, net	-54	-51	-53	-47	-60	-41	-47	-58	-55	-54	-48	-53
2.2.3. Compensation of employees, net	1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	1	1	-1	0
3. Current transfers	38	33	43	36	48	47	34	40	38	38	37	38
4. Current account parance	-64	-203	-115	-109	-154	-164	-/8	-101	-230	-142	-80	-1/1

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Average exchange rates of the Hungarian forint in June 2001 were 247.12 per euro and 289.33 per US dollar.

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a) Methodological notes to seasonal adjustment:

The following method is used to seasonally adjust the components of the current account in 2001:

- 1) Using the SEATS TRAMO software, the model settings which accord best with the characteristics of the times series ending with the final data for December 2000 are fixed at the entire length of the year. The newly published data are adjusted in the same model in the course of 2001. Taking account of the data for the latest month, the seasonally adjusted data for earlier periods will change.
- 2) In the publications, the direct method is used to adjust the accounts; and the individual items of the accounts, derived from the original data, are directly seasonally adjusted. Consequently, a seasonally adjusted sub-balance cannot be reproduced from the seasonally adjusted data that underlie the given sub-balance.

- 3) A trend value is the five-month moving average of the seasonally smoothed data, with diminishing weights proceeding symmetrically on both sides of the centre ($y_t = 1/9x_{t-2} + 2/9x_{t-1} + 3/9x_t + 2/9x_{t+1} + 1/9x_{t+2}$).
- 4) Compensation for employees does not reflect seasonal effects, therefore, the Table includes the not seasonally adjusted data.

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