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Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: October 2010¹

In October 2010, the total contract values of new forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans to the household sector fell. Foreign currency mortgage loans as a percentage of total new lending fell to 1%–2%, as a result of recent legal changes.²

In October 2010, the average APRC on new forint housing loans and general purpose loans to households barely changed.

Average interest rates on new forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose slightly and those on forint loans over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell modestly. Average interest rates on new euro-denominated loans up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million edged up slightly and those on loans over the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose significantly.

The total values of new forint-denominated housing loans and general purpose loans to the household sector fell, while the values of euro housing loans and general purpose mortgage loans were close to zero. The total value of new forint personal loans fell slightly relative to the previous month.

The total contract value of new forint loans to non-financial corporations up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose slightly and that of euro loans fell modestly. The contract values of new forint and euro-denominated loans over the equivalent of EUR 1 million were down a little.

On the deposit side, monthly average interest rates on households' forint and euro deposits fell slightly in October relative to the previous month. The value of new forint deposits declined significantly and that of new euro deposits rose slightly.

Monthly average interest rates on non-financial corporations' forint and euro deposits barely changed. The value of new forint deposits fell sharply and that of new euro deposits rose significantly in the month under review.

¹ The values of new loans to households and non-financial corporations do not include restructured loans. Similarly, the effects of government bridging loans are eliminated from the values of new housing loans and general purpose loans to households. In the latter case, data on new lending and the APRC are estimates. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

² Act XC of 2010 entered into force on 14 August 2010. According to the law, registering a mortgage under a foreign currency loan is prohibited. This has been reflected in a decline in foreign currency lending. The amount of new foreign currency lending of greater than zero is explained by the disbursement of loans already registered and by the opportunity to convert foreign currency loans disbursed earlier. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

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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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