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Household and non-financial corporate sector interest rates: August 2012¹

According to seasonally unadjusted data, new business of forint general purpose mortgage loans to the household sector increased slightly in August 2012. New business of forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose sharply.

In August 2012, the average APRC on new forint housing loans to the household sector remained unchanged and that on general purpose mortgage loans fell relative to the previous month. New business of forint housing loans fell slightly, while that of general purpose mortgage loans increased a little. Despite the tightening in regulations, foreign currency mortgage loans accounted for around 3% of total new lending in August.²

The APRC on and new business of forint personal loans to households rose slightly relative to the previous month.³

The monthly average interest rate on households' forint deposits remained unchanged and that on euro deposits fell relative to July. New business of forint deposits fell slightly and that of euro deposits increased.

Table 1

Households	Average interest rates on new business ² (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)		
	Aug 2012	Month-on month change	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011
Forint housing loans ¹	11,96	-0,06	10,40	10,88	11,76	19,43
Forint general purpose mortgage loans ¹	14,63	-0,57	12,49	4,03	2,94	6,75
Forint personal loans ¹	28,82	0,15	31,43	7,18	6,29	7,24
Forint deposits	6,54	-0,03	5,49	978,59	1096,66	983,60
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1 year	2,45	-0,10	2,31	217,34	197,59	198,99

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation

2) The table contains the average APRC for loans

¹ 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. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

² Act XC of 2010, which prohibits banks from registering a mortgage under a foreign currency loan, entered into force on 14 August 2010. This has been reflected in a decline in foreign currency lending. The greater-than-zero amount of new foreign currency lending is explained by the opportunity to redenominate foreign currency loans disbursed earlier or transfer of debt. (For more details, see the methodological notes.)

³ Under Article 199 (1) of Act XCII of 1996, from 2 April 2012 the annual percentage rate of charge on loans to households may not be higher than the prevailing central bank base rate increased by 24 percentage points, with certain exceptions.

The average interest rate on forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million remained unchanged relative to July and that on forint loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell. The average interest rate on euro loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million rose slightly and that on euro loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million increased significantly.

New business of forint loans to the non-financial corporate sector of up to the equivalent of EUR 1 million barely changed, while that of euro loans fell slightly. New business of forint loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million increase sharply and that of euro loans of over the equivalent of EUR 1 million fell significantly to July.

Monthly average interest rates on non-financial corporations' forint deposits remained broadly unchanged in August relative to the previous month, while those on euro deposits fell slightly. New business of both forint deposits fell modestly. By contrast, new business of euro deposits increased significantly.

Table2

Non-financial corporations	Average interest rates on new business (percentage points)			New business volumes (HUF billions: non-seasonally adjusted data)		
	Aug 2012	Month-on month change	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	July 2012	Aug 2011
Forint loans up to 1 million EUR ¹	9,87	-0,02	8,92	60,80	61,65	63,82
Euro loans up to 1 million EUR ¹	3,58	0,12	4,45	15,62	16,91	22,34
Forint loans over 1 million EUR ¹	9,20	-0,21	7,88	119,14	95,87	77,44
Euro loans over 1 million EUR ¹	4,07	1,00	3,96	45,48	61,96	92,81
Forint deposits	6,41	-0,10	5,46	1497,23	1555,82	1644,41
Euro deposits with agreed maturity up to 1 year	1,05	-0,19	1,92	570,60	433,41	803,19

1) Loans with floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation

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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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