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PRESS RELEASE

Aggregated balance sheet of credit institutions: August 2012

In August 2012, households were net borrowers in the forint and net repayers in foreign currency, according to seasonally unadjusted data. As a result of these transactions, the sector's outstanding loans fell. Households reduced their forint deposits and increased their foreign currency deposits relative to the previous month. In aggregate, their total deposits increased. Non-financial corporations were net borrowers in the forint and net repayers in foreign currency. As a result of these transactions, their total outstanding loans fell. Both forint and foreign currency deposits of the sector increased in August relative to July.

In August, the stock of outstanding household debt fell by HUF 31.2 billion due to transactions. This reflected an increase of HUF 23.6 billion in forint loans and a decline of HUF 54.8 billion in foreign currency loans due to transactions. These changes were due in part to conversions of non-performing foreign currency loans into forint:¹ non-performing foreign currency loans of around HUF 22.9 billion were converted into forint in August.² Credit institutions cancelled 25% of non-performing foreign currency loans converted into forint. Consequently, conversions increased the transaction value of forint loans by approximately HUF 17.8 billion. The increase in forint loans due to transactions also includes the amount of buffer account loans made by credit institutions;³ however, the effect of these is still insignificant.

¹ Act LXXV of 2011 on the fixing of exchange rates used for repayments on foreign exchange-denominated mortgage loans and the procedure for forced sales of residential properties (FX Loan Act) was amended on 1 April 2012. Under the amendment, a range of households with non-performing foreign currency loans, defined by the Act, are allowed to apply for the conversion of their non-performing foreign currency loans into forint. Credit institutions convert such loans between 15 June 2012 and 31 August 2012, and they are obliged to cancel 25% of the existing claim on the day of conversion into forint.

 $^{^2}$ Transaction values of foreign currency loans due to conversions are calculated at the MNB's end-of-month exchange rate, while those of forint loans are calculated at the average exchange rate defined by the FX Loan Act, which is identical to the average of official middle exchange rates published by the MNB between 15 May 2012 and 15 June 2012. The other transaction values included in the press release are calculated on the basis of the MNB's monthly average exchange rates prevailing in a given month.

³ Under the amendment to Act LXXV of 2011 on the fixing of exchange rates used for repayments on foreign exchangedenominated mortgage loans and the procedure for forced sales of residential properties (FX Loan Act), households have had the opportunity to participate in the scheme aimed at reducing their debt burden, known as the exchange rate cap. Data on buffer account loans are regularly published by the Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority at: <u>http://www.pszaf.hu/bal_menu/jelentesek_statisztikak/statisztikak/arfolyamgat</u>.

Total household deposits increased by HUF 19.3 billion due to transactions, reflecting net outflows of HUF 41.1 billion from forint deposits and net inflows of HUF 60.4 billion into foreign currency deposits.

Outstanding forint debt of non-financial corporations increased by HUF 2.9 billion, while foreign currency debt fell by HUF 28.2 billion, excluding revaluations and other volume changes. The stock of bonds issued by the sector and held by credit institutions increased by HUF 0.1 billion due to transactions. As a result, the sector's outstanding borrowing fell by HUF 25.2 billion. Non-financial corporations' total deposits increased by HUF 107.4 billion, excluding revaluations and other volume changes; net inflows into forint and foreign currency deposits amounted to HUF 1.9 billion and HUF 105.5 billion respectively.

A <u>table</u>, published in conjunction with this press release, contains further information on the monthly financing of households and non-financial corporations using preliminary statistical data on securities holdings, in addition to data reported by credit institutions.

In August, foreign liabilities of credit institutions accounted for 23.4% of the sector's balance sheet total.

The seasonally adjusted data are subject to more uncertainty than usual, due to fluctuations caused by the financial crisis.

The time series presenting the final statistical balance sheet of the MNB for August are published simultaneously with publication of this press release. The tables containing stock and transaction data have been expanded with new columns presenting the breakdown of securities by their holders in economic terms, excluding the effects of repo transactions. To read further information on the necessity of the adjustment for repo transactions and the related methodology available in the Methodological notes, please follow this <u>link</u>.

Table 1 Aggregated balance sheet of credit institutions - not seasonally adjusted data

August 2012								н	JF billions
Assets	Opening stocks	Revalu- ations and other changes	Trans- actions	Closing stocks	Liabilities	Opening stocks	Revalu- ations and other changes	Trans- actions	Closing stocks
Non-financial corporations (S.11)	7077,9	51,2	-25,2	7104,0	Non-financial corporations (S.11)	4116,9	19,4	107,4	4243,7
HUF loans	3177,7	-7,7	2,9	3172,9	HUF deposits	2759,7	0,0	1,9	2761,6
FX loans	3789,1	57,9	-28,2	3818,7	FX deposits	1357,1	19,4	105,5	1482,
Securities other than shares	111,1	1,1	0,1	112,3					
Other financial corporations					Other financial corporations				
(S.123+S.124+S.125)	1324,3	14,6	-17,9	1321,0	(S.123+S.124+S.125)	1066,1	2,6	22,2	1090,9
HUF loans	425,1	0,0	0,0	425,1	HUF deposits	887,8	0,0	5,6	893,
FX loans	870,8	14,6	-18,0	867,4	FX deposits	178,3	2,6	16,6	197,
Securities other than shares	28,4	0,0	0,1	28,5					
Central government (S.131)	3740,1	6,2	-72,7	3673,5	Central government (S.131)	255,6	0,5	58,6	314,7
HUF loans	122,4	0,0	2,7	125,1	HUF deposits	159,1	0,0	93,1	252,2
FX loans	121,5	2,1	0,1	123,6	FX deposits	96,5	0,5	-34,5	62,
Securities other than shares	3496,2	4,1	-75,5	3424,8					
Local authorities (S.132)	917,6	7,8	13,6	939.0	Local authorities (S.132)	298,2	0,8	-21,2	277,8
HUF loans	358,7	0,0	13,1	371,8	HUF deposits	254,4	0,0	-21,8	232,6
FX loans	111,4	1,9	-0,5	112,8	FX deposits	43,8	0.8	0,7	45,2
Securities other than shares	447,5	5,8	1,0	454,4				- ,	- /
Households (S.14)	7340,0	57,8	-31,2	7366,6	Households (S.14)	7502,5	13,2	19,3	7535,1
HUF loans	3210,8	-6,5	23,6	3228,0	HUF deposits	6523,1	0,0	-41,1	6482,0
FX loans	4129,1	64,3	-54,8	4138,7	FX deposits	979,4	13,2	60,4	1053,
					Debt securities issued (held by residents)	2233,5	10,2	-24,0	2219,3
Non-residents (S.2)	3099,6	22,0	-165,4	2956,2	Non-residents (S.2)	7650,8	91,2	-316,0	7426,
Remaining assets	8121,9	14,0	204,9	8340,8	Remaining liabilities	8497,7	35,6	59,8	8593,1
Total assets	31621,4	173,6	-93,9	31701,1	Total liabilities	31621,4	173,6	-93,9	31701,

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Detailed tables: <u>Time series</u> Charts: <u>Chart pack</u> Notes: <u>Methodological notes</u>

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