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Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB May 2004

In May 2004, the monetary base increased by Ft 30.4 billion, from Ft 1,817.1 billion in the preceding month to Ft 1,847.5 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation increased by Ft 36.1 billion to Ft 1,409.5 billion, the monthly average stock of other monetary financial institutions' current account deposits fell by Ft 11.6 billion to Ft 429.8 billion and the average stock of other monetary financial institutions' overnight deposits increased by Ft 5.9 billion to Ft 8.2 billion.

Chart 1 Components of the monetary base

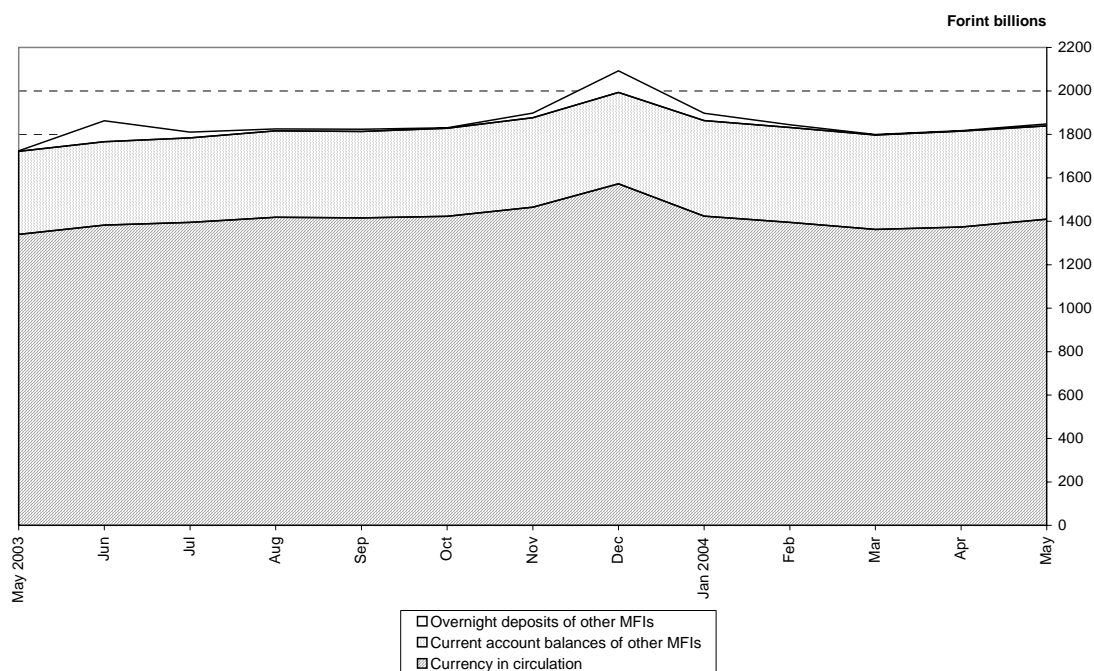
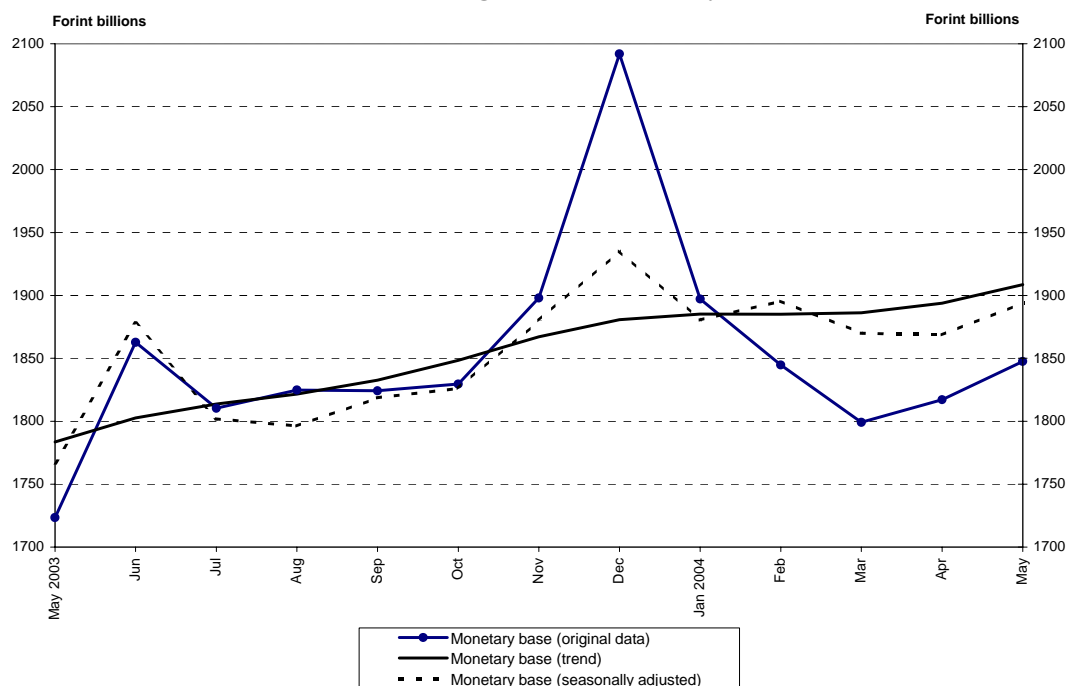
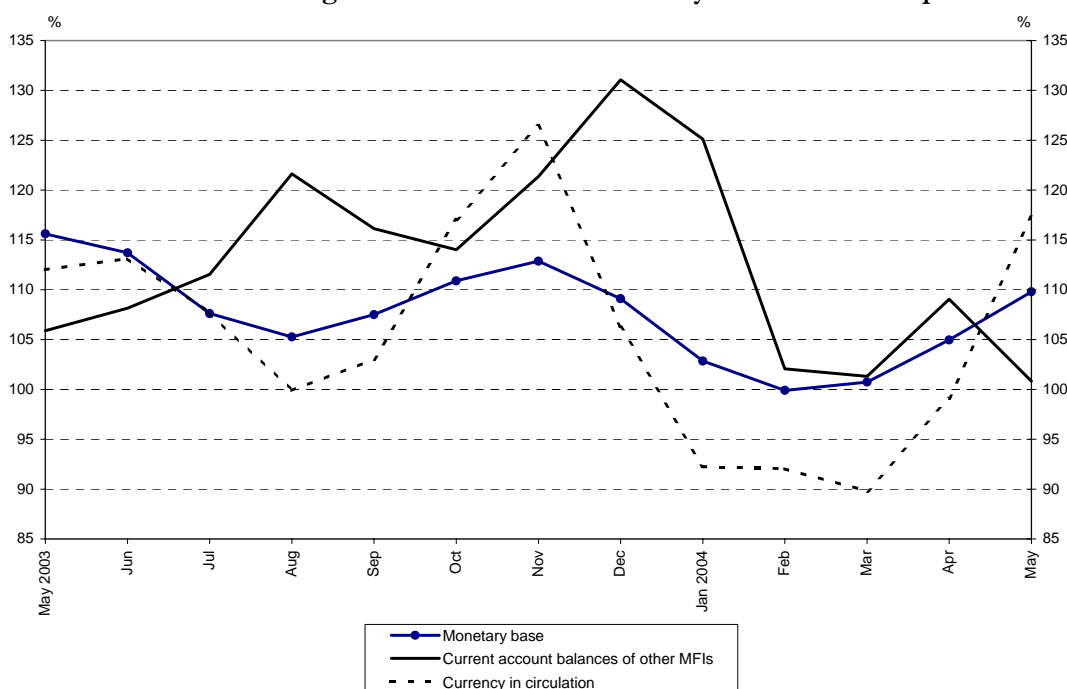


Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base, derived from trend data, stood at 109.8% in May, up 4.8 percentage points on April.

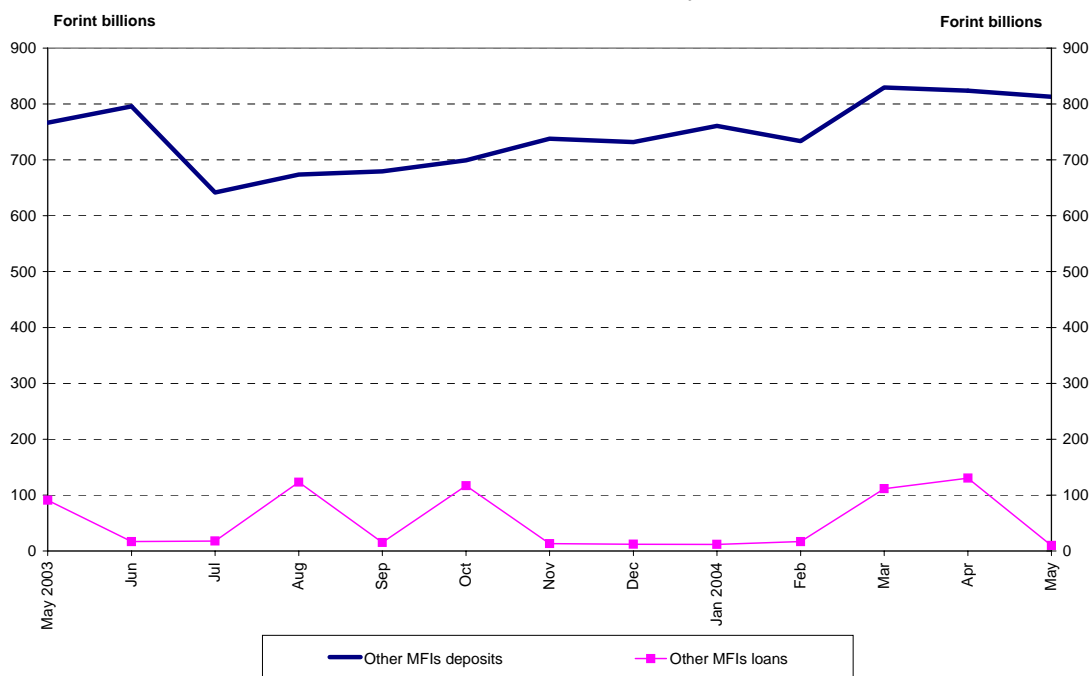
Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components



Note: Chart 3 plots the annualised month-on-month growth indices of the monetary base and its components, derived from trend data. The Bank does not publish a separate index for overnight deposits, as they show no seasonal patterns and fluctuate considerably, frequently moving to zero. However, changes in the stock of overnight deposits are also taken account of in calculating the growth index of the monetary base.

Deposits of other monetary financial institutions with the MNB fell by Ft 10.6 billion to Ft 813 billion, and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other monetary financial institutions fell by Ft 120.7 billion to Ft 9.8 billion.

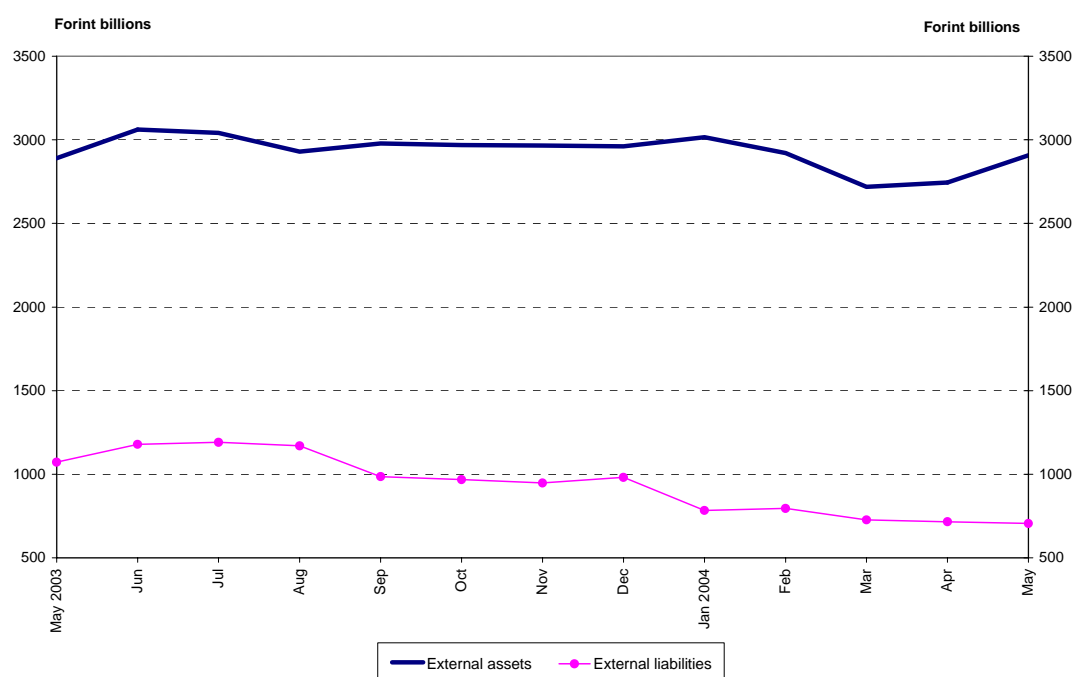
Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government fell by Ft 13.5 billion to Ft 476 billion, deposits of the central government increasing by Ft 15.3 billion to Ft 474 billion.

Net assets of the MNB vis-à-vis non-residents were higher by Ft 172.8 billion than in the preceding month. Its assets vis-à-vis non-residents increased by Ft 163.5 billion to Ft 2,908 billion and its liabilities fell by Ft 9.3 billion to Ft 705.8 billion.

Chart 5 Assets and liabilities of the central bank vis-à-vis non-residents



The data used for the purposes of this press release are available on the MNB's website at http://www.mnb.hu/dokumentumok/0708_monstatpubl_en.xls.xls.