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PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary statistical balance sheet of the MNB May 2005

In May 2005, the monetary base increased by HUF 79.4 billion, from HUF 2,003.9 billion in the preceding month to HUF 2,083.3 billion. Of the components of the monetary base, the monthly average stock of currency in circulation rose by HUF 45.4 billion to HUF 1,536.9 billion, the monthly average of other MFIs' current account balances by HUF 21.9 billion to HUF 499.7 billion and the monthly average stock of other MFIs' overnight deposits by HUF 12.1 billion to HUF 46.7 billion.

Chart 1 Components of the monetary base

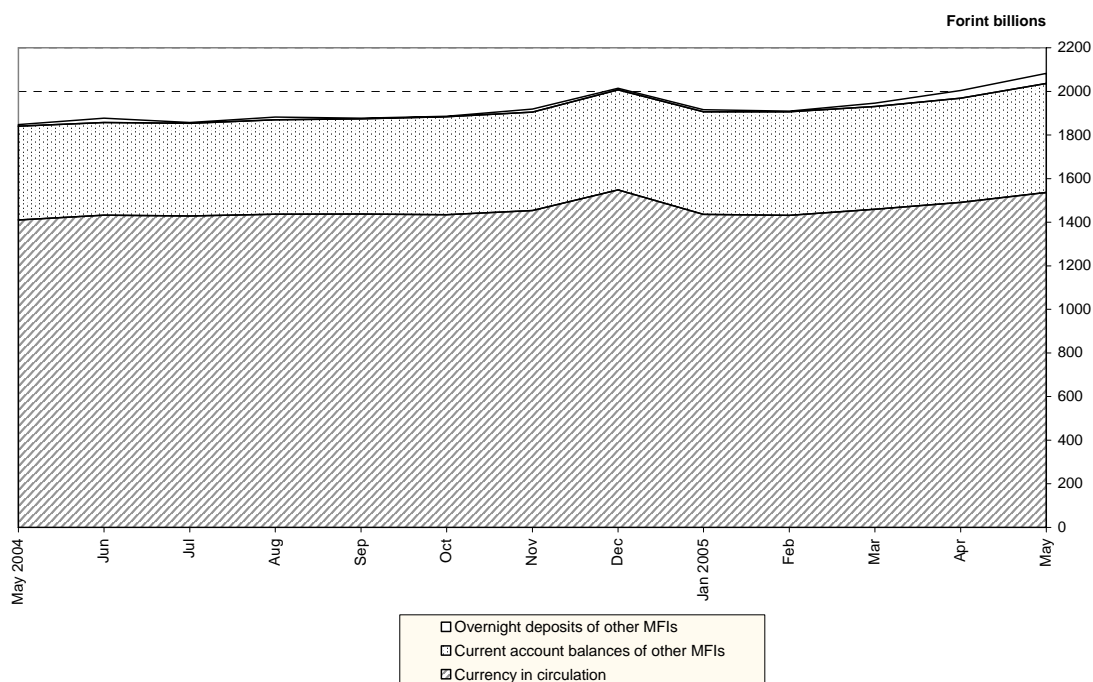
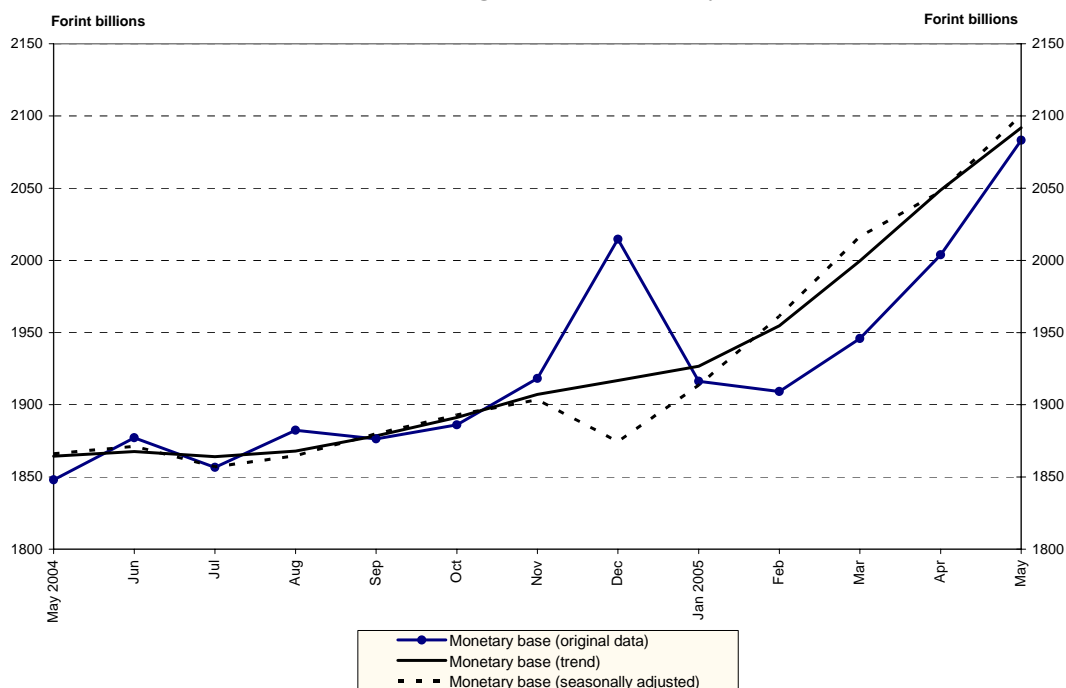
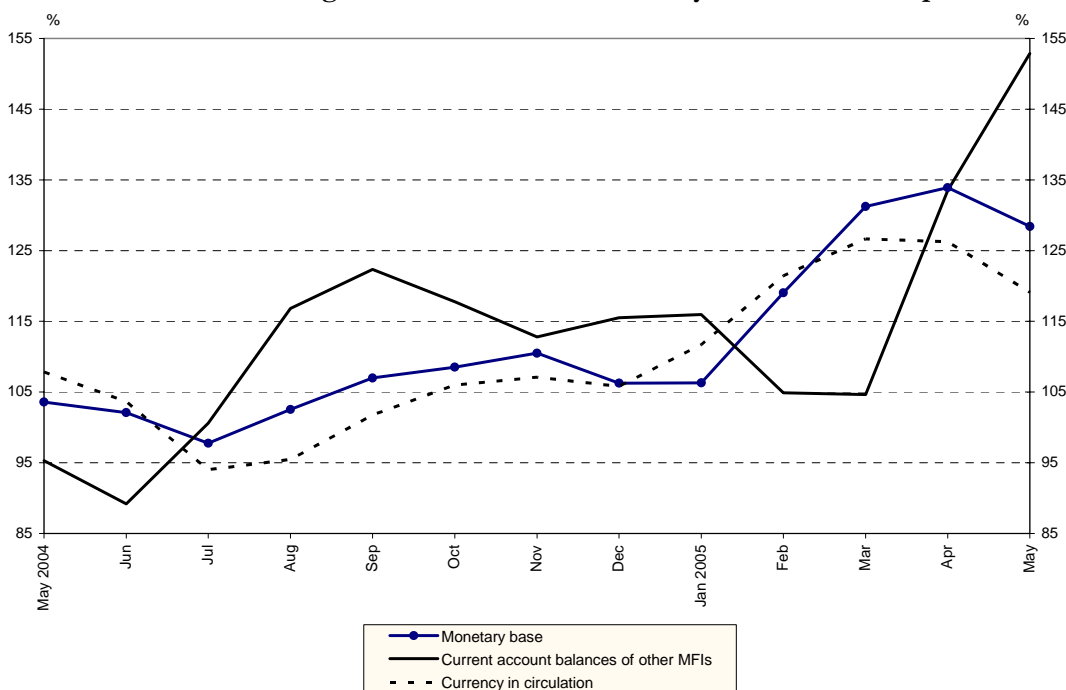


Chart 2 Changes in the monetary base



The annualised month-on-month growth index of the monetary base, derived from trend data, stood at 128.4% in May, down 5.5 percentage points on the preceding month.

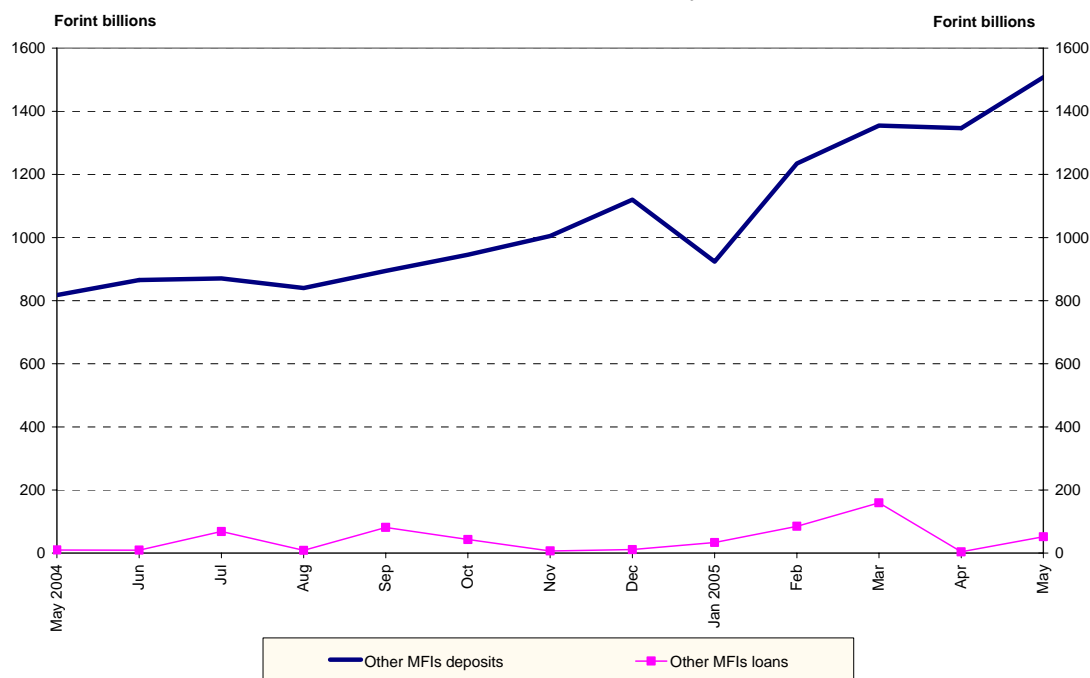
Chart 3 Annualised growth indices of the monetary base and its components



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 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 MFIs with the MNB increased by HUF 161.0 billion to HUF 1,507.8 billion and the stock of loans granted by the MNB to other MFIs by HUF 47.7 billion to HUF 51.9 billion.

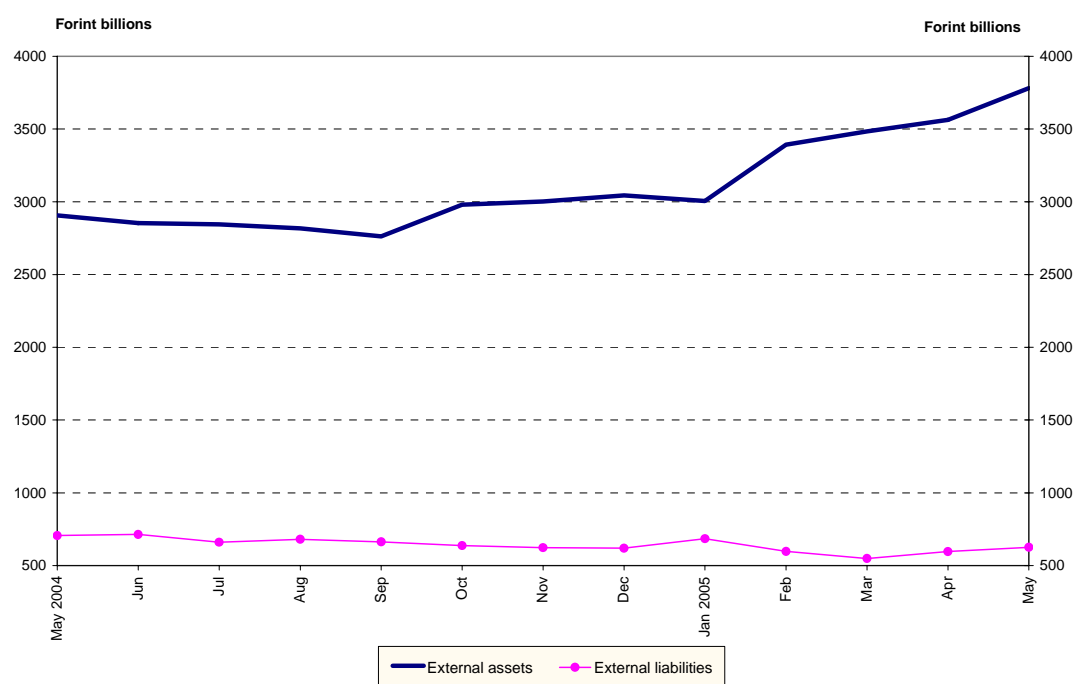
Chart 4 Loans and deposits of other monetary financial institutions



The stock of loans outstanding to the central government rose by HUF 7.9 billion to HUF 278.3 billion and deposits of the sub-sector by HUF 37.8 billion to HUF 476.8 billion.

Net external assets of the MNB were higher by HUF 187.7 billion than in April. Its assets vis-à-vis non-residents rose by HUF 217.2 billion to HUF 3,780.9 billion and its liabilities by HUF 29.5 billion to HUF 625.7 billion.

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



The data used for the purposes of this press release are available on the MNB's website at http://english.mnb.hu/Resource.aspx?ResourceID=mnbfile&resourcename=0708_monstatpubl_en.xls.

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