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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM AS AT 30 DECEMBER 2011

Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 30 December 2011 the increase of EUR 3.6 billion in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected quarterly revaluation adjustments, as well as the sale of gold coin by one Eurosystem central bank.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 9.3 billion to EUR 273.3 billion. This change was due mainly to the effects of the quarterly revaluation of assets and liabilities, as well as to customer and portfolio transactions carried out by Eurosystem central banks.

Owing to transactions conducted by the ECB in connection with liquidity-providing arrangements in place with central banks outside the euro area, in the week ending 30 December 2011 there were outstanding **claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro** (asset item 4) with a value of EUR 1.5 billion.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable **securities other than those held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.2) increased by EUR 7.2 billion to EUR 344.8 billion. **Banknotes in circulation** (liability item 1) fell by EUR 2.3 billion to EUR 888.7 billion. **Liabilities to general government** (liability item 5.1) decreased by EUR 0.6 billion to EUR 65.5 billion.

On 16 December 2010 the ECB announced that its subscribed capital would be increased by EUR 5 billion with effect from 29 December 2010. To smooth the transfer of the capital payments to the ECB, the euro area national central banks would pay their additional capital contribution of EUR 3.5 billion in three annual instalments. The first instalment of EUR 1.2 billion was paid at the end of 2010, and the second instalment of EUR 1.2 billion was then paid on 28 December 2011. This payment gave rise to intra-Eurosystem balances, but since such balances are always eliminated through the consolidation process, no change owing to this capital increase is shown under **capital and reserves** (liability item 12) in the Eurosystem's consolidated financial statement.

However, the capital increase will be reflected in the ECB's annual accounts, which will be published in March 2012.

Items related to monetary policy operations

The Eurosystem's net lending to credit institutions (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) decreased by EUR 18.3 billion to EUR 237.6 billion. On Wednesday, 28 December 2011, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 169 billion matured and a new one of EUR 144.8 billion was settled. On the same day, **fixed-term deposits** in an amount of EUR 211 billion matured and new deposits were collected in an amount of EUR 211 billion, with a maturity of one week.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was EUR 14.8 billion (compared with EUR 6.1 billion in the previous week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 413.9 billion (compared with EUR 411.8 billion in the preceding week).

The holdings by the Eurosystem of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) increased by EUR 0.8 billion to EUR 273.9 billion, owing to settled purchases under the Securities Markets Programme, the redemption of securities under the first covered bond purchase programme and quarter-end adjustments. Therefore, in the week ending 30 December 2011 the value of accumulated purchases under the Securities Markets Programme amounted to EUR 211.9 billion, while those of the portfolios held under the first and second covered bond purchase programmes totalled EUR 58.8 billion and EUR 3.1 billion respectively. All three portfolios are accounted for on a held-to-maturity basis.

Current accounts of euro area credit institutions

As a result of all transactions, the **current account** position of credit institutions with the Eurosystem (liability item 2.1) decreased by EUR 41.5 billion to EUR 223.5 billion.

Quarter-end revaluation of the Eurosystem's assets and liabilities

In line with the Eurosystem's harmonised accounting rules, gold, foreign exchange, securities holdings and financial instruments of the Eurosystem are revalued at market rates and prices as at the end of each quarter. The net impact of the revaluation on each balance sheet item as at 31 December 2011 is shown in the additional column "**Difference compared with last week due to quarter-end adjustments**". The gold price and the principal exchange rates used for the revaluation of balances were as follows:

Gold: EUR 1,216.864 per fine oz.

USD: 1.2939 per EUR

JPY: 100.20 per EUR

Special drawing rights: EUR 1.1867 per SDR

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 30 December 2011

(EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 30 December 2011	Difference compared with last week due to		Liabilities	Balance as at 30 December 2011	Difference compared with last week due to	
		transactions	quarter-end adjustments			transactions	quarter-end adjustments
1 Gold and gold receivables	423.458	-1	3.636	1 Banknotes in circulation	888.676	-2.262	0
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	244.621	-246	8.041	2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	849.477	-38.754	0
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	85.655	0	2.142	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	223.539	-41.502	0
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	158.966	-246	5.899	2.2 Deposit facility	413.882	2.069	0
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	98.226	-338	3.210	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	211.000	0	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	25.355	-620	-7	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	0
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	25.355	-620	-7	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	1.056	679	0
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	0	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	2.423	-957	0
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	863.568	-15.562	0	4 Debt certificates issued	0	0	0
5.1 Main refinancing operations	144.755	-24.269	0	5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro	79.603	2.071	2
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	703.894	0	0	5.1 General government	65.467	-561	1
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	0	5.2 Other liabilities	14.137	2.632	1
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0	0	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	156.873	24.669	26
5.5 Marginal lending facility	14.823	8.692	0	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	4.566	-698	206
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	97	16	0	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	9.027	-40	437
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	78.652	-16.337	0	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	9.027	-40	437
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	618.637	8.172	-163	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	0
7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes	273.854	363	450	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	55.942	0	1.456
7.2 Other securities	344.783	7.808	-613	10 Other liabilities	213.521	-1.231	6.705
8 General government debt denominated in euro	33.926	-2	0	11 Revaluation accounts	394.031	0	10.754
9 Other assets	349.184	7.733	4.877	12 Capital and reserves	81.489	1	7
Total assets	2.735.628	-17.202	19.594	Total liabilities	2.735.628	-17.202	19.594

Totals / sub-totals may not add up, due to rounding.