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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE EUROSYSTEM AS AT 8 MARCH 2013

Items not related to monetary policy operations

In the week ending 8 March 2013 the increase of EUR 1 million in **gold and gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the purchase 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) decreased by EUR 0.4 billion to EUR 218.2 billion on account of customer and portfolio transactions and US dollar liquidity-providing operations (see below).

US dollar liquidity operations

Value date	Type of transaction	Maturing amount	New amount
7 March 2013	7-day US dollar liquidity-providing reverse transaction	USD 0.4 billion	USD 25 million

The liquidity-providing transactions were conducted by the Eurosystem in connection with the temporary reciprocal currency arrangement (swap line) that the European Central Bank has with the Federal Reserve System.

The holdings by the Eurosystem of marketable **securities other than those held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.2) remained virtually unchanged at EUR 338.4 billion. **Banknotes in circulation** (liability item 1) rose by EUR 1.1 billion to EUR 883 billion. **Liabilities to general government** (liability item 5.1) increased by EUR 2.4 billion to EUR 82.9 billion.

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 4.4 billion to EUR 591.4 billion. On Wednesday, 6 March 2013, a **main refinancing operation** of EUR 131.1 billion matured and a new one of EUR 129.8 billion was settled. On the same day, **fixed-term deposits** in an amount of EUR 205.5 billion matured and new deposits were collected in the same amount, with a maturity of one week.

During the week, EUR 12.5 billion of **longer-term refinancing operations** was repaid before maturity.

Recourse to the **marginal lending facility** (asset item 5.5) was virtually nil (compared with EUR 0.5 billion in the previous week), while recourse to the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2) was EUR 134.1 billion (compared with EUR 144.7 billion in the preceding week).

The holdings by the Eurosystem of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) decreased by EUR 0.1 billion to EUR 269.5 billion. This decrease was due to the redemption of securities acquired under the first covered bond purchase programme. Therefore, in the week ending 8 March 2013, the value of accumulated purchases under the Securities Markets Programme amounted to EUR 205.3 billion, while the value of the portfolios held under the first and second covered bond purchase programmes totalled EUR 48 billion and EUR 16.3 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 19.4 billion to EUR 354.8 billion.

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Consolidated weekly financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 8 March 2013

(EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 8 March 2013	Difference compared with last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 8 March 2013	Difference compared with last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	438.691	1	1 Banknotes in circulation	882.975	1.056
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	252.554	-338	2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	695.258	-29.243
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	86.603	-10	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	354.802	-19.403
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	165.950	-327	2.2 Deposit facility	134.083	-10.628
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	30.027	-738	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	205.500	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	22.297	807	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	22.297	807	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	873	787
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	6.340	-505
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	931.808	-14.278	4 Debt certificates issued	0	0
5.1 Main refinancing operations	129.803	-1.312	5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro	123.043	7.616
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	801.990	-12.495	5.1 General government	82.884	2.436
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	5.2 Other liabilities	40.159	5.180
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	168.126	2.645
5.5 Marginal lending facility	15	-471	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	2.414	-190
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	0	0	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	6.986	-471
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	73.427	-165	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	6.986	-471
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	607.927	-97	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes	269.504	-54	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	54.952	0
7.2 Other securities	338.423	-43	10 Other liabilities	230.355	4.199
8 General government debt denominated in euro	29.912	0	11 Revaluation accounts	407.378	0
9 Other assets	279.305	136	12 Capital and reserves	88.121	221
Total assets	2.665.947	-14.671	Total liabilities	2.665.947	-14.671

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