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Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 1 May 2026

In the week ending 1 May 2026 the decrease of EUR 99 million in **gold** and **gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the sale of **gold** 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 0.6 billion to EUR 340.7 billion.

The net balance of open market operations and standing facilities (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) rose by EUR 89.7 billion to -EUR 2,199.1 billion. This was primarily due to the change in the level of the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2).

Base money (liability items 1, 2.1 and 2.2) decreased by EUR 54.6 billion to EUR 4,046.1 billion.

The table below provides the detailed breakdown of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) into the different portfolios. All debt securities held in these portfolios are accounted for at amortised cost.

Table 1

Monetary policy securities portfolios	Reported value as at 1 May 2026	Weekly change – purchases ^[1]	Weekly change – redemptions
Securities Markets Programme	EUR 0.0 billion	-	-
Covered bond purchase programme 3	EUR 196.2 billion	-	-EUR 0.5 billion
Asset-backed securities purchase programme	EUR 2.3 billion	-EUR 0.0 billion	-EUR 0.0 billion
Public sector purchase programme	EUR 1,745.6 billion	-	-EUR 16.0 billion
Corporate sector purchase programme	EUR 232.0 billion	-	-EUR 0.7 billion
Pandemic emergency purchase programme	EUR 1,346.1 billion	-	-EUR 7.4 billion

[1] With the discontinuation of the reinvestments under the asset purchase programme, this column may sometimes show negative amounts. These are expected to be infrequent and would result from sales of securities conducted, for instance, for risk management purposes.

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(in EUR millions)

Assets	Balance as at 1 May 2026	Difference compared with last week due to transactions	Liabilities	Balance as at 1 May 2026	Difference compared with last week due to transactions
1 Gold and gold receivables	1.392.555	-99	1 Banknotes in circulation	1.620.206	4.762
2 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	514.229	-853	2 Liabilities to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	2.425.854	-59.373
2.1 Receivables from the IMF	229.432	71	2.1 Current accounts (covering the minimum reserve system)	194.348	24.312
2.2 Balances with banks and security investments, external loans and other external assets	284.797	-925	2.2 Deposit facility	2.231.506	-83.685
3 Claims on euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	20.872	954	2.3 Fixed-term deposits	0	0
4 Claims on non-euro area residents denominated in euro	35.919	-155	2.4 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0
4.1 Balances with banks, security investments and loans	35.919	-155	2.5 Deposits related to margin calls	0	0
4.2 Claims arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0	3 Other liabilities to euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	9.761	-462
5 Lending to euro area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations denominated in euro	32.381	6.049	4 Debt certificates issued	0	0
5.1 Main refinancing operations	19.676	5.189	5 Liabilities to other euro area residents denominated in euro	215.590	20.392
5.2 Longer-term refinancing operations	12.696	922	5.1 General government	110.722	13.769
5.3 Fine-tuning reverse operations	0	0	5.2 Other liabilities	104.867	6.623
5.4 Structural reverse operations	0	0	6 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in euro	151.489	17.511
5.5 Marginal lending facility	9	-62	7 Liabilities to euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	16.656	-488
5.6 Credits related to margin calls	0	0	8 Liabilities to non-euro area residents denominated in foreign currency	2.850	2
6 Other claims on euro area credit institutions denominated in euro	23.211	4.282	8.1 Deposits, balances and other liabilities	2.850	2
7 Securities of euro area residents denominated in euro	3.856.865	-25.335	8.2 Liabilities arising from the credit facility under ERM II	0	0
7.1 Securities held for monetary policy purposes	3.522.230	-24.709	9 Counterpart of special drawing rights allocated by the IMF	174.877	0
7.2 Other securities	334.635	-626	10 Other liabilities	198.889	-1.991
8 General government debt denominated in euro	19.701	0	11 Revaluation accounts	1.358.781	0
9 Other assets	300.268	-4.492	12 Capital and reserves	21.048	-3
Total assets	6.196.001	-19.650	Total liabilities	6.196.001	-19.650

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