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Table 1
TBDE0050

Balance of payments

Balance of payments: credits

(millions of euros)

	Current account	Capital account	Total current account and capital account	
			unadjusted	seasonally adjusted
	S227306M	S099267M	S193858M	S170685M
2000	381,275	4,609	385,884	385,767
2001	399,253	2,337	401,589	401,465
2002	402,188	2,323	404,511	404,372
2000 – 4th qtr.	99,038	2,181	101,219	99,962
2001 – 1st qtr.	98,468	747	99,216	102,020
2nd "	104,250	413	104,664	102,185
3rd "	96,857	372	97,229	97,922
4th "	99,677	804	100,481	99,339
2002 – 1st qtr.	91,952	912	92,865	96,194
2nd "	102,436	445	102,881	100,680
3rd "	102,132	298	102,430	103,053
4th "	105,667	667	106,335	104,446
2000 – Dec.	31,976	1,051	33,027	33,603
2001 – Jan.	30,906	341	31,247	35,328
Feb.	31,173	285	31,458	32,878
Mar.	36,389	122	36,510	33,814
Apr.	32,293	117	32,409	33,574
May	35,633	130	35,763	33,979
June	36,325	167	36,492	34,632
July	37,876	140	38,016	32,918
Aug.	26,944	94	27,038	32,961
Sept.	32,037	139	32,176	32,044
Oct.	36,277	377	36,653	34,387
Nov.	32,909	204	33,113	33,303
Dec.	30,492	223	30,715	31,648
2002 – Jan.	27,769	314	28,083	31,961
Feb.	31,107	251	31,358	32,926
Mar.	33,076	348	33,424	31,307
Apr.	32,381	131	32,513	33,603
May	36,239	128	36,366	34,432
June	33,816	186	34,002	32,644
July	39,664	130	39,794	34,345
Aug.	28,803	109	28,912	35,073
Sept.	33,665	59	33,724	33,635
Oct.	37,079	164	37,242	34,589
Nov.	33,875	294	34,169	34,341
Dec.	34,714	210	34,924	35,516

Balance of payments
Table 1
TBDE0040
Balance of payments: debits
(millions of euros)

	Current account	Capital account	Totale current account and capital account	
			unadjusted	seasonally adjusted
	S608963M	S487842M	S569871M	S541610M
2000	387,581	1,414	388,994	388,956
2001	399,615	1,398	401,014	400,973
2002	409,277	1,125	410,402	410,358
2000 – 4th qtr.	102,310	549	102,859	101,518
2001 – 1st qtr.	100,381	268	100,650	101,738
2nd "	106,872	247	107,120	102,364
3rd "	94,958	319	95,277	100,125
4th "	97,404	564	97,968	96,746
2002 – 1st qtr.	94,409	239	94,648	96,519
2nd "	106,621	199	106,820	101,371
3rd "	98,876	119	98,995	104,254
4th "	109,370	569	109,939	108,215
2000 – Dec.	33,157	200	33,357	33,528
2001 – Jan.	32,485	83	32,568	34,670
Feb.	31,993	77	32,070	33,017
Mar.	35,904	108	36,012	34,051
Apr.	32,634	121	32,755	32,882
May	36,704	48	36,752	34,441
June	37,534	79	37,613	35,040
July	34,663	222	34,885	33,632
Aug.	27,176	30	27,206	34,094
Sept.	33,118	67	33,186	32,399
Oct.	33,508	174	33,682	32,476
Nov.	32,177	161	32,338	32,328
Dec.	31,719	229	31,948	31,943
2002 – Jan.	30,228	71	30,299	32,447
Feb.	31,360	82	31,442	32,589
Mar.	32,822	86	32,908	31,483
Apr.	34,596	60	34,656	34,576
May	37,515	65	37,579	34,531
June	34,510	74	34,584	32,263
July	36,459	38	36,497	35,133
Aug.	28,389	39	28,428	35,657
Sept.	34,029	41	34,070	33,464
Oct.	37,694	202	37,896	36,469
Nov.	35,110	162	35,273	35,371
Dec.	36,566	204	36,770	36,374

Balance of payments

Table 4
TBDE0125

Services: balances

(millions of euros)

	Transportation	Travel	Communications	Construction	Insurance	Financial services
	S537874M	S552142M	S568092M	S583739M	S598983M	S611274M
2001	-4,150	13,067	-1,320	21	-367	-171
2002	-4,636	10,661	-2,525	-576	-555	-245
2000 – 4th qtr.	-1,003	2,354	-40	17	-102	-14
2001 – 1st qtr.	-1,167	1,321	-314	-48	-134	-5
2nd "	-1,047	4,532	-406	92	-76	-29
3rd "	-1,051	5,192	-282	41	-54	9
4th "	-885	2,023	-319	-65	-103	-147
2002 – 1st qtr.	-1,138	772	-493	-30	-88	-33
2nd "	-1,228	3,458	-558	-226	-37	-39
3rd "	-1,202	4,644	-574	-228	-219	-15
4th "	-1,069	1,787	-900	-92	-211	-158
2001 – Feb.	-351	456	-179	-41	-42	-6
Mar.	-396	623	-57	-19	-52	3
Apr.	-354	1,041	-120	5	-31	-6
May	-380	1,442	-146	-26	-43	-19
June	-313	2,049	-140	113	-1	-4
July	-310	2,292	-75	1	-51	5
Aug.	-409	1,109	-209	14	-26	2
Sept.	-332	1,791	2	27	23	2
Oct.	-319	1,168	-119	-17	-51	-78
Nov.	-302	504	-110	-39	..	20
Dec.	-264	352	-90	-8	-53	-89
2002 – Jan.	-369	195	-138	24	-14	-22
Feb.	-345	230	-187	-5	-13	-10
Mar.	-424	347	-168	-49	-61	-1
Apr.	-451	664	-210	-24	-25	-10
May	-438	1,295	-195	-147	-49	-28
June	-340	1,498	-153	-55	36	-1
July	-401	2,113	-207	-73	-85	-4
Aug.	-442	704	-176	-40	-94	-12
Sept.	-358	1,826	-192	-116	-40	1
Oct.	-344	1,153	-248	-46	-97	-2
Nov.	-374	329	-299	-27	-91	-18
Dec.	-351	306	-352	-19	-23	-139
2003 – Jan. .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Feb. .....	...	...	...	...	...	...

Table 4
TBDE0125

Computer and information services	Royalties and license fees	Other business services	Personal services	Government services	Total
S627464M	S638229M	S653525M	S665396M	S679868M	S516883M
-659	-971	-3,285	-611	-1,215	338
-721	-787	-2,707	-231	-2,152	-4,477
-122	-197	-904	-140	-229	-379
-148	-254	-612	-150	-321	-1,832
-143	-267	-533	-160	-331	1,632
-120	-204	-1,354	-134	-139	1,903
-247	-245	-786	-167	-424	-1,365
-206	-240	-912	-112	-562	-3,042
-234	-245	-868	-81	-567	-625
-117	-142	-473	-71	-578	1,026
-164	-160	-455	32	-446	-1,836
-27	-106	-90	-32	-5	-424
-76	-80	-424	-27	-215	-721
-45	-80	-440	-56	-2	-88
-26	-122	..	-73	-237	370
-72	-65	-94	-31	-92	1,351
-53	-37	-308	-31	-34	1,399
-32	-70	-399	-62	16	-66
-36	-97	-648	-41	-120	570
-85	-64	-470	-61	-175	-271
-101	-93	-224	-22	-4	-372
-61	-87	-92	-84	-245	-721
-46	-102	-418	-67	-178	-1,134
-46	-61	-146	-12	-186	-782
-115	-77	-348	-33	-198	-1,127
-114	-98	-550	-58	-111	-986
-90	-77	-338	-25	-248	-338
-30	-70	20	2	-208	699
-36	-36	-322	-19	-105	826
-45	-45	-39	-24	-170	-383
-36	-61	-112	-27	-303	583
-40	-51	-370	-37	-316	-398
-86	-31	-39	56	-60	-641
-38	-78	-46	14	-70	-797
....	....	....	....	....	(-607)
....	....	....	....	....	(-898)

Balance of payments

Table 4
TBDE0124

Services: credits

(millions of euros)

	Transportation	Travel	Communications	Construction	Insurance	Financial services
	S807560M	S840907M	S850769M	S862691M	S873657M	S885653M
2001	9,188	28,961	1,598	1,839	1,232	457
2002	9,351	28,295	1,050	1,832	1,288	753
2000 – 4th qtr.	2,505	5,827	523	441	179	120
2001 – 1st qtr.	2,153	4,882	361	397	165	101
2nd "	2,444	8,442	356	491	403	88
3rd "	2,423	10,932	474	477	330	99
4th "	2,167	4,705	407	475	333	169
2002 – 1st qtr.	2,153	3,980	268	463	349	89
2nd "	2,455	7,884	217	530	433	128
3rd "	2,490	11,233	296	413	244	81
4th "	2,253	5,198	270	425	263	456
2001 – Feb.	691	1,544	116	115	48	21
Mar.	778	1,853	135	137	70	46
Apr.	766	2,272	104	110	132	23
May	828	2,755	155	114	77	39
June	850	3,414	97	267	194	26
July	897	4,066	138	159	77	52
Aug.	751	3,759	123	141	57	30
Sept.	776	3,107	213	177	196	16
Oct.	796	2,163	134	175	101	40
Nov.	711	1,409	117	128	138	51
Dec.	660	1,134	156	172	94	77
2002 – Jan.	670	1,228	134	182	73	30
Feb.	704	1,161	63	153	222	31
Mar.	778	1,591	70	128	53	27
Apr.	767	2,079	64	188	91	61
May	848	2,754	74	172	120	32
June	840	3,050	78	170	222	35
July	912	4,123	110	135	126	36
Aug.	770	3,691	105	141	66	20
Sept.	808	3,419	81	137	53	24
Oct.	849	2,429	73	136	61	35
Nov.	731	1,474	85	116	99	92
Dec.	673	1,295	113	174	103	329
2003 – Jan. .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Feb. .....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Table 4
TBDE0124

Computer and information services	Royalties and license fees	Other business services	Personal services	Government services	Total
S899717M	S910029M	S920397M	S931340M	S947726M	S771222M
393	496	19,042	607	648	64,460
411	569	18,042	756	660	63,007
95	153	4,325	168	154	14,489
89	118	4,495	119	133	13,014
99	150	5,540	137	175	18,324
101	138	4,350	199	154	19,677
103	90	4,658	152	186	13,445
97	147	4,262	139	154	12,100
99	111	4,691	173	157	16,876
96	131	4,184	199	172	19,539
119	180	4,904	246	177	14,492
32	42	1,394	32	48	4,083
27	41	1,492	46	42	4,668
31	51	1,517	35	57	5,098
42	67	2,132	34	57	6,300
26	32	1,891	68	61	6,925
38	59	1,723	128	63	7,402
36	47	1,459	45	45	6,491
27	33	1,168	27	46	5,784
38	36	1,365	54	54	4,955
36	24	1,510	53	62	4,239
29	30	1,784	45	71	4,251
37	71	1,513	62	63	4,063
33	42	1,455	40	39	3,944
27	34	1,295	37	52	4,093
33	29	1,358	40	47	4,757
34	38	1,748	53	61	5,934
31	43	1,586	80	49	6,185
31	71	1,553	131	80	7,306
36	32	1,288	39	45	6,233
29	28	1,343	30	48	5,999
30	39	1,393	56	46	5,147
37	97	1,618	122	50	4,521
52	43	1,893	67	81	4,825
....	....	....	....	....	(4,286)
....	....	....	....	....	(4,154)

Balance of payments

Table 4
TBDE0123

Services: debits

(millions of euros)

	Transportation	Travel	Communications	Construction	Insurance	Financial services
	S141531M	S152094M	S162364M	S172841M	S184696M	S196637M
2001	13,338	15,894	2,918	1,818	1,599	628
2002	13,988	17,634	3,575	2,408	1,844	998
2000 – 4th qtr.	3,508	3,473	563	424	281	134
2001 – 1st qtr.	3,320	3,562	675	445	300	106
2nd "	3,491	3,910	762	399	479	117
3rd "	3,475	5,740	755	435	384	90
4th "	3,052	2,682	726	540	436	316
2002 – 1st qtr.	3,290	3,208	761	493	437	121
2nd "	3,684	4,426	774	756	470	167
3rd "	3,692	6,590	870	642	463	95
4th "	3,322	3,411	1,170	518	474	614
2001 – Feb.	1,042	1,088	296	156	90	27
Mar.	1,174	1,229	192	156	122	44
Apr.	1,120	1,232	224	105	163	29
May	1,208	1,313	301	140	120	58
June	1,163	1,366	237	153	195	29
July	1,208	1,774	213	158	129	47
Aug.	1,159	2,650	332	127	83	28
Sept.	1,108	1,316	210	150	173	14
Oct.	1,115	995	253	192	152	118
Nov.	1,013	905	227	168	137	31
Dec.	924	782	246	180	147	167
2002 – Jan.	1,039	1,033	272	158	87	52
Feb.	1,049	930	250	159	235	41
Mar.	1,202	1,244	238	176	114	28
Apr.	1,218	1,415	274	212	116	71
May	1,286	1,459	269	319	169	60
June	1,180	1,552	231	225	185	36
July	1,313	2,010	316	207	211	39
Aug.	1,213	2,987	281	181	160	32
Sept.	1,166	1,593	273	253	92	24
Oct.	1,193	1,276	321	182	158	37
Nov.	1,104	1,146	384	143	190	110
Dec.	1,025	989	465	192	126	468
2003 – Jan. .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Feb. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Table 4
TBDE0123

Computer and information services	Royalties and license fees	Other business services	Personal services	Government services	Total
S211690M	S224263M	S234644M	S275458M	S287329M	S123934M
1,052	1,467	22,327	1,218	1,863	64,122
1,132	1,356	20,749	988	2,812	67,484
217	349	5,229	308	383	14,868
238	373	5,107	269	453	14,847
242	417	6,073	297	506	16,691
222	342	5,704	334	293	17,774
351	335	5,444	318	610	14,810
304	388	5,175	251	716	15,143
332	356	5,559	254	723	17,500
213	272	4,656	270	750	18,512
283	340	5,359	214	624	16,328
58	148	1,485	64	53	4,507
103	121	1,916	73	257	5,388
75	131	1,956	92	59	5,186
68	189	2,132	107	294	5,931
98	97	1,985	98	153	5,574
91	95	2,031	159	97	6,002
67	117	1,858	107	29	6,557
64	130	1,816	68	167	5,214
123	100	1,835	115	229	5,227
138	118	1,733	75	66	4,611
90	117	1,876	128	316	4,972
82	172	1,930	129	241	5,197
79	104	1,601	52	224	4,726
142	111	1,643	70	250	5,220
147	127	1,908	98	158	5,742
124	116	2,085	77	309	6,273
62	113	1,566	78	257	5,485
67	106	1,875	150	184	6,480
81	77	1,327	63	214	6,616
65	89	1,454	56	351	5,416
70	90	1,763	94	362	5,545
122	129	1,657	67	110	5,161
91	121	1,939	53	152	5,622
....	....	....	....	....	(4,893)
....	....	....	....	....	(5,052)

Balance of payments

Table 5
TBDE0250

Income: balances

(millions of euros)

	Compensation of employees	Investment income				Total
		from direct investment	from portfolio investment	from other investment	Total	
		S718243M	S739028M	S645088M	S751593M	S180810M	S700816M
2000	-473	-1,737	-7,297	-3,592	-12,626	-13,099
2001	-68	-1,208	-6,327	-3,971	-11,507	-11,575
2002	-900	249	-11,624	-2,689	-14,065	-14,965
2000 – 4th qtr.	-11	-508	-1,196	-1,456	-3,160	-3,171
2001 – 1st qtr.	-38	-264	-1,481	-506	-2,250	-2,288
2nd "	21	-308	-3,920	-941	-5,169	-5,148
3rd "	8	-328	-1,241	-1,870	-3,439	-3,431
4th "	-59	-309	314	-653	-648	-707
2002 – 1st qtr.	-122	63	-1,136	-843	-1,917	-2,039
2nd "	-76	-116	-5,275	-771	-6,162	-6,237
3rd "	-230	156	-2,380	-507	-2,732	-2,962
4th "	-472	145	-2,832	-568	-3,255	-3,727
2001 – Feb.	-102	-54	-489	-318	-861	-963
Mar.	4	-87	-652	-104	-844	-840
Apr.	21	-80	-574	-40	-695	-674
May	43	-133	-1,612	-120	-1,865	-1,822
June	-43	-94	-1,733	-781	-2,609	-2,652
July	-16	-124	-295	-765	-1,185	-1,200
Aug.	15	-82	-531	-602	-1,215	-1,200
Sept.	8	-122	-415	-502	-1,039	-1,031
Oct.	1	-121	-76	468	271	272
Nov.	-84	-103	101	-151	-153	-236
Dec.	24	-85	289	-970	-766	-743
2002 – Jan.	2	16	-198	-362	-544	-541
Feb.	-46	1	-407	-52	-457	-503
Mar.	-79	46	-532	-429	-915	-994
Apr.	50	-228	-979	-107	-1,314	-1,264
May	-106	59	-2,453	-282	-2,676	-2,782
June	-20	53	-1,843	-382	-2,172	-2,192
July	-138	51	-603	-371	-924	-1,062
Aug.	-62	56	-670	5	-610	-672
Sept.	-30	50	-1,107	-141	-1,198	-1,228
Oct.	-139	79	-800	18	-702	-841
Nov.	-41	80	-881	-176	-976	-1,017
Dec.	-293	-15	-1,152	-410	-1,576	-1,869
2003 – Jan. ....	....	....	....	....	....	(-1,546)
Feb. ....	....	....	....	....	....	(-1,036)

Balance of payments

Table 5
TBDE0240

Income: credits

(millions of euros)

	Compensation of employees	Investment income				Total
		from direct investment	from portfolio investment	from other investment	Total	
	S970923M	S272812M	S913758M	S998865M	S227910M	S959973M
2000	1,645	2,096	26,126	12,026	40,249	41,894
2001	2,061	3,354	23,019	14,759	41,132	43,193
2002	1,998	5,504	25,761	13,660	44,925	46,923
2000 – 4th qtr.	489	542	5,601	3,634	9,777	10,267
2001 – 1st qtr.	508	849	4,687	3,756	9,292	9,800
2nd "	541	838	5,538	4,175	10,552	11,093
3rd "	524	826	5,728	3,040	9,594	10,118
4th "	488	841	7,066	3,787	11,694	12,182
2002 – 1st qtr.	547	1,273	5,824	2,920	10,017	10,564
2nd "	475	1,400	6,894	3,718	12,011	12,486
3rd "	495	1,389	6,072	3,407	10,867	11,362
4th "	482	1,442	6,971	3,616	12,030	12,511
2000 – Dec.	187	194	2,470	1,380	4,045	4,232
2001 – Jan.	153	251	1,556	1,437	3,245	3,398
Feb.	207	307	1,667	835	2,809	3,016
Mar.	148	291	1,464	1,483	3,239	3,386
Apr.	187	286	1,678	1,654	3,618	3,805
May	195	252	1,932	1,280	3,465	3,660
June	160	301	1,927	1,240	3,469	3,628
July	166	282	2,235	990	3,507	3,673
Aug.	182	288	1,613	928	2,829	3,011
Sept.	175	257	1,880	1,122	3,259	3,434
Oct.	173	279	1,929	1,988	4,196	4,369
Nov.	145	266	2,392	1,140	3,799	3,944
Dec.	170	296	2,745	659	3,700	3,869
2002 – Jan.	176	424	1,849	1,036	3,310	3,485
Feb.	191	396	2,036	1,031	3,463	3,654
Mar.	180	453	1,939	852	3,244	3,425
Apr.	184	462	2,088	1,164	3,714	3,898
May	153	460	2,541	1,217	4,217	4,370
June	137	478	2,265	1,337	4,081	4,218
July	253	473	2,166	1,168	3,808	4,062
Aug.	114	459	1,978	1,073	3,510	3,623
Sept.	128	456	1,927	1,166	3,549	3,677
Oct.	139	479	2,105	1,303	3,888	4,027
Nov.	197	474	2,125	1,044	3,643	3,840
Dec.	145	489	2,741	1,269	4,499	4,644

Balance of payments
Table 6
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Financial derivatives (net)
(millions of euros)

	Monetary authorities	General government	Other monetary financial institutions	Other sectors	Total
	S079995M	S096253M	S108730M	S122073M	S068746M
2000	3	3,280	-782	2,501
2001	15	-1,215	723	-477
2002	-39	149	-2,820	-2,710
2000 – 4th qtr.	3	1,954	-1,169	789
2001 – 1st qtr.	-1	17	-279	-262
2nd "	14	-80	243	176
3rd "	7	-568	598	36
4th "	-4	-584	161	-427
2002 – 1st qtr.	1	358	-93	266
2nd "	-39	-64	-69	-172
3rd "	1	-171	-873	-1,043
4th "	-2	26	-1,785	-1,761
2001 – Feb.	117	-110	7
Mar.	-1	-59	3	-56
Apr.	9	-97	-50	-138
May	5	-83	584	505
June	100	-291	-191
July	-84	216	132
Aug.	-169	245	76
Sept.	7	-316	137	-172
Oct.	-29	135	106
Nov.	-477	14	-463
Dec.	-4	-78	12	-70
2002 – Jan.	1	126	-74	53
Feb.	254	-27	227
Mar.	-22	8	-14
Apr.	-59	257	198
May	-42	-127	391	222
June	3	122	-717	-592
July	1	16	-300	-283
Aug.	-434	-88	-522
Sept.	246	-484	-238
Oct.	-5	-7	-369	-382
Nov.	-277	-1,092	-1,369
Dec.	3	310	-323	-10
2003 – Jan.	(-607)
Feb.	(-916)

Balance of payment

Table 7
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Portfolio investment: liabilities

(millions of euros)

	Equity securities					Debt securities		
	Monetary authorities	General government	Other monetary financial institutions	Other sector	Total	Bond and notes		
						Monetary authorities	General government	Other monetary financial institutions
	S158536M	S169044M	S182502M	S325520M	S310410M	S197020M	S387966M	S401732M
2001	1,133	-1,487	-354	..	22,048	660
2002	226	-8,516	-8,290	..	15,762	-1,381
2000 - 4th qtr.	307	4,701	5,008	..	-1,348	907
2001 - 1st qtr.	967	-874	93	..	22,960	362
2nd "	-350	-3,790	-4,141	..	9,134	-284
3rd "	626	3,037	3,663	..	-12,988	1,615
4th "	-110	141	30	..	2,942	-1,033
2002 - 1st qtr.	51	-2,618	-2,567	..	-5,493	800
2nd "	82	-8,958	-8,875	..	7,277	-607
3rd "	-155	3,991	3,836	..	10,121	-650
4th "	247	-931	-684	..	3,856	-923
2001 - Feb.	141	207	348	..	10,032	361
Mar.	62	-1,726	-1,665	..	12,190	-204
Apr.	-389	-2,246	-2,635	..	998	-793
May	-1,111	-831	-1,943	..	884	198
June	1,150	-713	437	..	7,253	311
July	269	4,006	4,275	..	-4,764	424
Aug.	239	-823	-584	..	-4,596	152
Sept.	117	-145	-28	..	-3,628	1,039
Oct.	25	-2,146	-2,122	..	4,921	-286
Nov.	-172	299	127	..	-182	-1,312
Dec.	37	1,987	2,025	..	-1,798	565
2002 - Jan.	63	52	115	..	-5,379	-255
Feb.	53	-592	-539	..	-4,069	-129
Mar.	-65	-2,078	-2,142	..	3,955	1,183
Apr.	-54	-7,022	-7,076	..	2,755	436
May	-662	-1,539	-2,201	..	-2,042	350
June	798	-396	402	..	6,565	-1,394
July	-159	4,286	4,128	..	9,076	214
Aug.	13	325	338	..	-4,602	-124
Sept.	-9	-620	-629	..	5,648	-739
Oct.	18	719	737	..	4,100	-289
Nov.	-6	-4,482	-4,488	..	2,795	-44
Dec.	235	2,832	3,067	..	-3,039	-590
2003 - Jan.	(-1,134)
Feb.	(-3,534)

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Balance of payments

Other investment: assets

(millions of euros)

	Monetary authorities			General government			
	Loans/currency and deposits	Other assets	Total	Trade credits	Loans/currency and deposits	Other assets	Total
	S322835M	S345511M	S242147M	S311822M	S334630M	S526924M	S252856M
2001	-30,447	..	-30,447	-8	-132	-292	-431
2002	14,302	..	14,302	5	1,430	-204	1,231
2000 – 4th qtr.	1,776	..	1,776	-1	17	-22	-6
2001 – 1st qtr.	-20,355	..	-20,355	..	-61	-96	-157
2nd "	-11,538	..	-11,538	-5	-41	-38	-83
3rd "	12,638	..	12,638	-1	-135	23	-113
4th "	-11,192	..	-11,192	-2	105	-181	-78
2002 – 1st qtr.	5,290	..	5,290	5	92	-81	16
2nd "	-726	..	-726	-5	105	-79	20
3rd "	10,563	..	10,563	-8	25	1	18
4th "	-825	..	-825	13	1,208	-45	1,177
2001 – Feb.	-8,252	..	-8,252	-2	-4	-33	-39
Mar.	1,952	..	1,952	1	2	-50	-47
Apr.	-2,291	..	-2,291	-16	-31	-24	-71
May	8,898	..	8,898	14	-7	-2	4
June	-18,146	..	-18,146	-2	-3	-12	-17
July	3,834	..	3,834	..	38	-10	28
Aug.	2,918	..	2,918	1	-79	-52	-130
Sept.	5,886	..	5,886	-2	-93	85	-11
Oct.	846	..	846	3	31	-137	-103
Nov.	86	..	86	..	33	-28	6
Dec.	-12,124	..	-12,124	-5	41	-16	20
2002 – Jan.	5	..	5	3	-1	..	2
Feb.	4,452	..	4,452	1	37	-82	-44
Mar.	833	..	833	1	56	1	58
Apr.	8,266	..	8,266	-1	-9	-64	-74
May	2,107	..	2,107	1	98	-14	84
June	-11,098	..	-11,098	-5	16	..	11
July	-1,778	..	-1,778	1	-19	..	-18
Aug.	7,889	..	7,889	5	47	1	53
Sept.	4,452	..	4,452	-14	-3	..	-17
Oct.	1,222	..	1,222	12	18	-46	-16
Nov.	-4,891	..	-4,891	1	-18	1	-16
Dec.	2,844	..	2,844	..	1,209	..	1,208
2003 – Jan.
Feb.

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Other monetary financial institutions			Other sectors				Total
Loans/currency and deposits	Other assets	Total	Trade credits	Loans/currency and deposits	Other assets	Total	
S500899M	S356197M	S286340M	S487969M	S512246M	S538342M	S263929M	S473192M
14,177	-144	14,034	-919	22,878	-3,580	18,379	1,534
-33,398	-2,234	-35,632	-8,570	32,159	-6,132	17,456	-2,642
3,526	-340	3,186	-4,214	1,120	-172	-3,265	1,691
-12,375	-219	-12,594	-869	11,768	904	11,803	-21,303
5,737	-81	5,656	-566	4,823	1,612	5,868	-97
-9	61	52	2,113	546	-1,384	1,275	13,852
20,824	96	20,920	-1,598	5,741	-4,711	-568	9,082
-6,744	-724	-7,469	-3,410	20,440	-2,275	14,756	12,593
-6,299	-468	-6,767	-3,168	11,863	-2,204	6,491	-981
-6,061	-466	-6,527	911	-3,300	-1,121	-3,511	544
-14,294	-576	-14,870	-2,903	3,155	-532	-280	-14,798
-1,931	-15	-1,945	-648	1,516	-629	240	-9,997
-17,318	-58	-17,376	-1,149	1,029	1,796	1,676	-13,795
9,297	-167	9,129	237	-2,094	522	-1,335	5,433
-3,952	82	-3,871	482	2,920	2,112	5,514	10,546
393	5	398	-1,286	3,998	-1,022	1,689	-16,076
5,011	60	5,071	-609	3,258	-596	2,053	10,986
1,658	-40	1,617	3,778	-1,004	-296	2,478	6,884
-6,678	41	-6,637	-1,056	-1,708	-493	-3,256	-4,018
2,035	6	2,042	337	569	-955	-49	2,736
5,215	-59	5,156	-257	1,339	-1,847	-765	4,483
13,574	148	13,722	-1,678	3,833	-1,909	245	1,863
3,955	-299	3,656	785	4,602	-736	4,651	8,314
-2,612	-208	-2,820	-1,658	10,308	-853	7,796	9,385
-8,088	-217	-8,305	-2,537	5,531	-685	2,308	-5,106
-6,562	-52	-6,614	-756	2,878	-828	1,294	2,871
1,649	-232	1,417	291	4,834	-51	5,074	8,682
-1,385	-184	-1,569	-2,703	4,152	-1,325	123	-12,534
-2,591	-172	-2,763	-794	-1,697	-171	-2,662	-7,221
4,559	-128	4,430	2,185	-4,003	-289	-2,107	10,265
-8,028	-166	-8,194	-480	2,400	-661	1,259	-2,500
-10,431	-182	-10,612	-998	-389	635	-752	-10,158
478	-144	334	-1,603	-1,141	-307	-3,051	-7,624
-4,342	-250	-4,592	-302	4,685	-860	3,523	2,984
....	(11,170)	(-6,236)
....	(-7,596)	(-13,483)

Balance of payments

Table 8
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Other investment: liabilities

(millions of euros)

	Monetary authorities			General government			
	Loans/currency and deposits	Other liabilities	Total	Trade credits	Loans/currency and deposits	Other liabilities	Total
	S462044M	S639907M	S369005M	S443436M	S474611M	S501662M	S380028M
2001	2,189	-3	2,185	-1	-918	53	-867
2002	669	15	684	..	-635	73	-562
2000 – 4th qtr.	-160	-10	-170	-5	-748	32	-722
2001 – 1st qtr.	-168	50	-118	6	-51	..	-46
2nd "	1,307	-1	1,306	80	-268	17	-171
3rd "	-481	-2	-483	-61	-126	16	-170
4th "	1,531	-51	1,480	-26	-472	19	-479
2002 – 1st qtr.	-1,547	34	-1,513	12	-66	12	-42
2nd "	18	-7	11	-5	-303	-20	-327
3rd "	-275	35	-241	-8	-37	..	-45
4th "	2,473	-47	2,426	1	-230	82	-148
2001 – Feb.	-152	-2	-154	2	-11	..	-8
Mar.	-2	..	-2	-5	-22	..	-27
Apr.	291	24	314	73	-92	4	-16
May	60	-30	30	-72	216	7	151
June	956	5	961	79	-392	7	-307
July	-926	17	-908	8	-115	6	-100
Aug.	-132	-18	-150	-65	6	5	-55
Sept.	577	-1	576	-3	-17	6	-15
Oct.	1,212	-12	1,200	-19	-33	6	-47
Nov.	-509	-25	-534	80	-4	5	81
Dec.	829	-14	815	-87	-435	9	-513
2002 – Jan.	-1,639	65	-1,574	79	23	5	107
Feb.	-552	..	-552	-70	1	6	-63
Mar.	644	-30	613	2	-90	1	-86
Apr.	17	6	23	-6	3,858	-20	3,832
May	44	-14	30	14	-23	..	-9
June	-43	..	-42	-13	-4,137	..	-4,150
July	340	-11	329	-5	-17	..	-22
Aug.	-908	-9	-917	11	..	..	11
Sept.	293	55	348	-14	-20	..	-34
Oct.	1,386	-29	1,357	-5	-120	..	-125
Nov.	-269	-12	-280	2	-5	80	77
Dec.	1,356	-6	1,349	4	-105	1	-99
2003 – Jan.
Feb.

Table 8
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Other monetary financial institutions			Other sectors				Total
Loans/currency and deposits	Other liabilities	Total	Trade credits	Loans/currency and deposits	Other liabilities	Total	
S627269M	S512641M	S418838M	S589013M	S490784M	S650585M	S393124M	S577774M
12,959	573	13,532	-75	2,200	-6,389	-4,264	10,587
-6,536	488	-6,048	5,687	5,273	-6,264	4,696	-1,230
-2,198	80	-2,119	262	8,490	-3,785	4,967	1,956
27,845	725	28,571	792	73	184	1,049	29,456
4,599	2,232	6,830	47	-53	-3,821	-3,827	4,138
-5,720	-1,951	-7,671	-1,973	3,185	-227	984	-7,340
-13,765	-433	-14,198	1,060	-1,006	-2,524	-2,470	-15,667
813	1,001	1,814	4,397	2,976	-1,297	6,076	6,335
1,455	-546	909	153	-1,570	-880	-2,298	-1,705
-14,843	186	-14,657	-1,025	2,260	-1,880	-645	-15,588
6,039	-152	5,887	2,162	1,607	-2,207	1,563	9,728
5,422	2	5,424	-254	659	-177	227	5,489
16,046	804	16,850	-229	-117	279	-67	16,754
4,470	757	5,227	-305	716	-2,944	-2,533	2,992
-10,878	1,298	-9,581	163	391	-197	357	-9,042
11,007	177	11,184	188	-1,160	-679	-1,651	10,188
-9,605	-702	-10,307	-1,496	662	-259	-1,092	-12,408
-41	-595	-636	-1,055	2,202	67	1,214	373
3,925	-653	3,272	577	320	-35	862	4,695
-6,620	-4	-6,625	625	943	34	1,601	-3,870
-68	-220	-288	124	-4,084	-1,404	-5,363	-6,105
-7,077	-209	-7,285	311	2,135	-1,154	1,292	-5,692
6,000	371	6,371	1,363	538	-583	1,318	6,222
-11,388	598	-10,790	2,415	1,279	-187	3,508	-7,897
6,201	31	6,232	619	1,159	-527	1,251	8,010
-2,117	1,269	-848	-272	318	-730	-684	2,323
662	-71	591	-541	-83	350	-275	338
2,910	-1,745	1,165	965	-1,804	-500	-1,339	-4,366
-12,261	-129	-12,390	-781	458	-9	-332	-12,415
-1,957	-86	-2,043	-938	1,786	-334	513	-2,436
-625	401	-224	694	16	-1,537	-826	-737
5,906	-24	5,882	971	-126	-2,330	-1,485	5,630
2,150	-47	2,103	1,499	1,401	145	3,045	4,944
-2,017	-81	-2,098	-308	332	-21	2	-846
....	(16,913)	(15,971)
....	(15,479)	(20,022)

Table 10
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Balance of payments

Indicators of competitiveness

(period averages; indices, 1993=100)

	United States	Japan	Germany	France	Italy	United Kingdom	Canada
	S821278M	S832909M	S890644M	S852347M	S934730M	S899934M	S812121M
2000	113.2	95.3	84.6	90.3	99.0	123.8	97.4
2001	119.1	84.3	87.2	90.9	100.4	121.0	94.9
2002	115.5	79.0	88.8	92.3	102.5	123.3	95.0
2000 – 4th qtr.	118.1	93.8	83.3	89.3	98.2	122.0	95.0
2001 – 1st qtr.	120.8	85.5	87.2	91.2	101.1	118.9	93.8
2nd "	121.2	83.8	86.4	90.4	99.5	120.8	95.3
3rd "	117.9	84.2	87.4	90.9	100.2	121.6	95.8
4th "	116.5	83.6	87.8	91.2	101.0	122.8	94.7
2002 – 1st qtr.	118.0	78.6	88.0	90.9	100.9	123.9	95.5
2nd "	116.4	79.0	88.3	91.6	101.6	122.3	95.9
3rd "	113.1	80.9	89.1	93.1	103.5	123.3	94.7
4th "	114.5	77.7	89.8	93.4	104.2	123.7	94.0
2001 – Feb.	120.0	86.9	87.1	91.1	100.9	118.3	94.2
Mar.	120.3	84.3	87.4	91.3	101.0	119.7	93.9
Apr.	121.4	82.8	87.1	90.9	100.5	120.3	94.2
May	121.2	84.0	86.3	90.4	99.2	121.0	95.4
June	121.0	84.6	85.9	89.9	98.7	121.2	96.2
July	119.6	83.3	86.5	90.1	99.2	122.4	96.9
Aug.	117.2	83.9	87.8	91.2	100.6	120.6	95.7
Sept.	117.0	85.4	88.0	91.3	100.7	121.9	94.7
Oct.	115.8	84.6	87.9	91.6	101.1	122.6	95.0
Nov.	117.1	84.5	87.5	90.8	100.6	122.4	93.9
Dec.	116.5	81.8	88.0	91.3	101.3	123.4	95.2
2002 – Jan.	118.1	78.4	88.3	91.2	101.2	123.9	94.9
Feb.	118.1	78.3	88.0	90.6	100.8	124.4	95.8
Mar.	117.9	78.9	87.8	90.9	100.7	123.3	95.8
Apr.	118.6	78.0	87.4	91.1	100.6	123.8	95.2
May	116.2	79.2	88.2	91.6	101.4	122.4	96.1
June	114.3	79.7	89.3	92.3	102.6	120.8	96.5
July	112.0	81.7	89.5	93.1	103.6	123.0	95.1
Aug.	113.2	81.4	89.0	93.1	103.4	122.8	94.4
Sept.	114.1	79.7	88.9	93.1	103.5	124.0	94.5
Oct.	115.6	77.4	89.2	93.0	103.8	124.3	94.0
Nov.	114.5	78.3	89.8	93.2	104.1	123.6	93.8
Dec.	113.3	77.4	90.3	94.0	104.7	123.2	94.2
2003 – Jan.	112.8	77.3	92.1	94.9	105.7	121.3	93.7
Feb.	114.0	75.9	92.5	95.3	106.1	119.2	94.5

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Spain	Netherlands	Belgium	Switzerland	Austria	Sweden	Denmark	Ireland
S988991M	S912500M	S843084M	S922303M	S966474M	S976335M	S956447M	S946663M
91.7	96.5	98.2	90.0	90.9	104.1	96.8	92.1
92.6	97.7	97.1	92.7	91.1	96.0	98.9	94.7
94.4	98.9	98.5	97.1	92.1	98.3	100.7	97.2
90.7	96.7	98.7	89.8	89.8	100.7	95.8	91.2
92.7	98.7	98.0	91.2	91.3	98.7	97.9	94.3
91.8	98.4	96.2	90.5	90.9	95.9	98.2	93.9
92.7	97.3	96.8	93.0	91.0	94.3	99.6	94.6
93.0	96.1	97.3	96.3	91.3	94.9	99.8	95.9
93.2	95.9	96.8	95.6	91.6	97.5	99.6	96.8
94.1	97.8	98.1	96.6	91.9	97.9	100.4	97.4
94.9	100.5	99.4	98.1	92.3	98.4	101.2	97.1
95.2	101.3	99.8	97.9	92.5	99.5	101.5	97.6
92.7	98.9	97.9	90.8	91.3	98.8	97.8	94.3
92.9	99.0	97.8	91.1	91.5	97.1	98.2	94.5
92.3	99.0	97.1	91.2	91.2	97.1	98.3	94.7
91.8	98.8	96.1	89.9	90.9	96.3	97.8	93.6
91.4	97.5	95.4	90.3	90.7	94.3	98.4	93.3
92.0	96.6	96.0	91.8	90.7	94.8	98.7	94.7
92.9	97.4	97.1	92.8	91.1	95.6	99.7	94.6
93.1	98.0	97.2	94.5	91.1	92.4	100.2	94.5
93.3	96.8	97.3	95.8	91.5	94.3	100.1	95.7
92.7	95.7	97.0	96.3	90.8	95.0	99.3	95.9
93.1	95.9	97.5	96.6	91.5	95.4	100.0	96.2
93.3	95.9	97.1	96.2	91.7	97.4	99.9	97.2
93.2	95.6	96.7	95.2	91.5	97.1	99.3	97.1
93.2	96.3	96.5	95.5	91.6	98.0	99.7	96.2
93.5	97.3	97.1	95.6	91.5	97.1	100.0	96.7
94.2	97.7	97.9	97.1	92.1	97.3	100.3	97.4
94.7	98.4	99.3	97.2	92.2	99.3	101.0	98.1
95.0	99.9	99.5	98.7	92.5	98.1	101.4	97.3
94.8	100.2	99.3	98.0	92.2	98.4	101.3	96.8
95.0	101.4	99.3	97.7	92.3	98.6	101.1	97.3
95.1	101.3	99.4	97.6	92.3	99.1	101.2	96.9
95.1	100.4	99.9	98.0	92.3	99.6	101.4	97.6
95.3	102.2	100.2	98.3	92.8	99.7	102.0	98.1
96.4	104.4	99.0	98.8	93.7	99.8	102.4	98.9
96.9	106.2	99.1	98.3	94.4	100.8	102.6	99.1

METHODOLOGICAL APPENDIX**GENERAL INDICATIONS**

The glossary is based on the Fifth edition of the International Monetary Fund's Balance of Payments Manual, to which reference is made for the complete definition of the various items. Under the accounting convention adopted for the balance of payments, transactions, such as imports, that give rise to a payment abroad are classified as debits and those, such as exports, that give rise to a receipt from abroad are classified as credits; balances are calculated as the difference between credits and debits. In the financial account, assets, recorded with a negative sign, comprise residents' acquisitions of assets abroad, while liabilities, recorded with a positive sign, comprise non-residents' acquisitions of assets vis-à-vis residents; in the balance, an increase in net assets is recorded with a negative sign.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

The current account includes all transactions (other than those in financial items) between resident and non-resident entities.

a. Goods.

Comprising General merchandise, Goods for processing, Repairs on goods , Goods procured in ports by carriers and Non-monetary gold. Goods are recorded according to the fob-fob definition, whereby they are valued at the frontier of the exporting country (foreign trade statistics are typically compiled on the basis of the cif-fob definition, whereby imports are valued at the frontier of the country compiling the statistics).

b. Services.

Transportation includes freight and passenger transportation by all modes of transportation and other distributive and auxiliary services, such as loading and unloading and storage, the overhaul and cleaning of means of equipment, shippers and agents fees. Freight insurance, goods procured in ports by carriers, repairs and rentals of transportation equipment without crew are excluded.

Travel covers goods and services acquired (or acquired on their behalf or however supplied to them) by travellers who stay for less than one year in a country in which they are not resident. This time limit does not apply to students or medical patients; military, government agency and embassy personnel and members of their families are excluded.

Communications services cover postal, courier and telecommunications services.

Construction services cover construction and installation project work performed abroad by resident enterprises (and vice versa). Goods imported and exported for construction works are included in this item and not under goods.

Insurance services cover the provision to non-residents (and vice versa) of services such as the insurance of goods exported and imported and, more generally, life and non-life insurance and pension funds. The amount includes the fee for the service provided and not the total premium.

Financial services include commissions and fees for resident/non-resident letters of credit, lines of credit, foreign exchange transactions and intermediation involving financial assets, etc.

Computer and information services cover resident/non-resident transactions related to hardware consultancy, information services (from data processing to news agency services), and maintenance and repair of computers related equipment.

Royalties and license fees cover receipts (exports) and payments (imports) of residents and non-residents for the use of non-financial non-produced assets and proprietary rights.

Other business services cover merchandising and miscellaneous business, professional and technical services.

Personal services cover personal, cultural and recreational services provided to non-residents by residents (and vice versa). They include services associated with the production of films, music, radio and television programmes, and their distribution.

Government services cover services not included elsewhere associated with governmental and international organizations and entities.

c. Income.

Compensation of employees covers wages, salaries and other benefits, in cash or in kind and valued gross, paid to non-resident workers.

Investment income covers receipts and payments associated, respectively, with holdings of external financial assets by residents and with liabilities to non-residents.

d. Current transfers.

Current transfers are the offsets to changes, which take place between residents and non-residents, in the ownership of real resources and financial items. They do not include transfers of ownership of fixed assets; transfers of funds linked to the acquisition or disposal of fixed assets or the forgiveness of debts, which are included under Capital transfers; they include both transfers of a public nature and those of a private nature.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

a. Capital transfers.

This item refers to transfers of ownership of fixed assets; transfers of funds linked to the acquisition or disposal of fixed assets and the forgiveness of debts; it includes both transfers of a public nature and those of a private nature.

b. Intangible assets.

These include transactions involving the ownership (not the use) of intangible assets such as patents and goodwill. Ownership rights to land are excluded.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

a. Direct investment.

Direct investment covers the initial transaction between the investor and the investee enterprise and all subsequent transactions between them. Direct investment transactions are subclassified into equity capital, reinvested earnings and other transactions between the investor and the investee enterprise or with their affiliated enterprises. The latter case (linked, for example, to loans between affiliated companies) does not apply to banks, for which only equity and subordinated debt transactions are included.

b. Portfolio investment.

This item covers transactions between residents and non-residents involving equity securities and debt securities. Transactions covered under direct investment are excluded.

c. Other investment.

This item covers trade credits, loans, deposits and other accounts receivable and payable.

d. Derivatives.

This subitem covers transactions in financial derivatives.

e. Reserve assets.

The reserve assets of the European Central Bank and the national central banks making up the Eurosystem refer to highly liquid, marketable and creditworthy claims on non-residents of the euro area denominated in foreign currency, both at the national and at the euro level. Transactions involving this aggregate are included in this item; derivatives are shown as a component of the aggregate.

RECONCILIATION WITH THE STATISTICS PUBLISHED PREVIOUSLY

Intangible assets: these include items, such as patents and trade marks, that under the old system were included in business services.

Insurance: the new definition excludes claims paid, which are now included under transfers. In particular, the remaining quota of gross premiums and claims paid is included in the Financial account for life insurance and in Current transfers for non-life insurance.

Travel: this item includes health services, previously included in personal services.

Financial services: these include items previously included in intermediation.

Information services: these include items previously included in business services.

Royalties and licenses: these include items previously included in business services.

Direct investment: this includes the direct investment abroad of banks and the investment in Italy in Italian banks, which was previously included in bank capital.

Portfolio investment: portfolio investment abroad includes that of Italian banks, which was previously included in bank capital.

Other investment: includes the bank loans and deposits made/received by Italian banks, which were previously included in bank capital.

Reserve assets: in addition to the definitional differences linked to the start of the Third Stage of European Monetary Union, reserves are now calculated on a gross basis, without the previous offsetting of short-term and medium and long-term liabilities in foreign currency.

The balance-of-payments data are normally released according to the following calendar. The provisional data for month M are published in the Supplement that comes out about two months later (M+70/75 days). The first revision of these data is published two months later (M+130/135 days). Subsequent revisions are published in the June Supplement of the year after that of month M. During the month of January of year T, all the monthly figures for merchandise trade in year T-2 are revised following the release of updated foreign trade data by Istat. The revised data are published in the March Supplement.

NOTES TO THE TABLES

The order of the tables in the following notes is based on their code numbers. The notes to each table are set out below, together with references to the "Notes to the classification variables" section where appropriate.

TAAE0220 – INDICATORS OF COMPETITIVENESS(PERIOD AVERAGES; INDICES, 1993=100)

The table shows the indicators of competitiveness calculated on the basis of the producer prices of

manufactures in twenty-five countries. For the methodology, see the article "Nuovi indicatori di tasso di cambio effettivo nominale e reale", in Banca d'Italia, Bollettino Economico, no. 30, February 1998. Rounding may cause discrepancies between the monthly, quarterly and annual figures.