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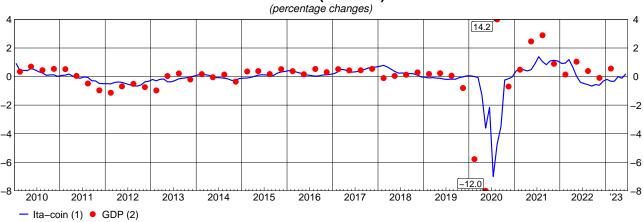
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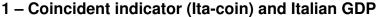
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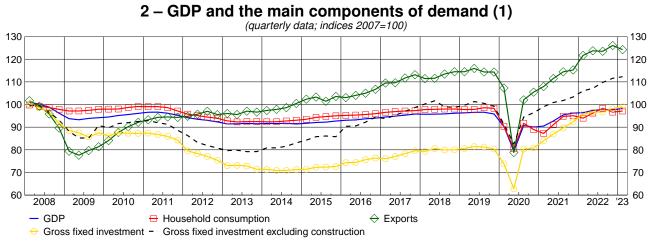
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Source: Bank of Italy.

1) Monthly estimates of changes in GDP on the previous quarter net of the most erratic components. Further details are available on the Bank of Italy's website: 'Ita-coin coincident cyclical indicator' https://www.bancaditalia.it/statistiche/tematiche/indicatori/indicatore-ciclico-coincidente/index.html?com.dotmarketing.htmlpage.language=1. Since November 2019, the dataset used for the Ita-coin estimate has been expanded with new data on services, which has meant adjusting the indicator profile. – (2) Quarterly data; percentage change on previous quarter.



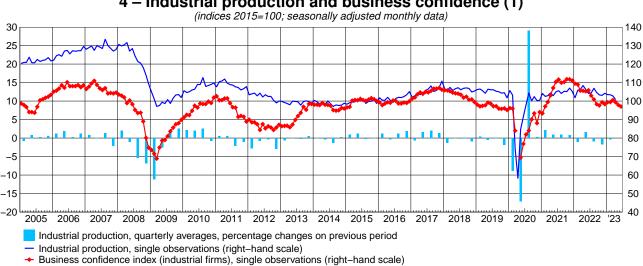
Source: Based on Istat data.

(1) Chain-linked volumes adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.

	Gross domestic product	Gross fixed investment	Resident household and NPISH consumption (2)	Government consumption	Total national demand (3)	Exports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services
2019	0.5	1.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	1.6	-0.7
2020	-9.0	-7.9	-10.4	0.0	-8.4	-13.5	-12.1
2021	7.0	18.6	4.7	1.5	7.0	14.0	15.2
2022	3.7	9.4	4.6	0.0	4.3	9.4	11.8
2022 - Q2	1.0	1.0	2.4	-1.3	1.0	1.7	1.6
2022 - Q3	0.4	0.0	2.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.2	2.2
2022 - Q4	-0.1	1.5	-1.7	0.5	-1.6	2.1	-2.4
2023 - Q1	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.2	0.6	-1.4	-1.0

## 3 – GDP, national demand, foreign trade (1)

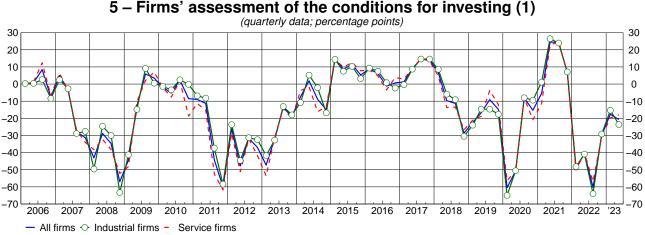
(1) Chain-linked volumes; quarterly data are adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects. - (2) Non-profit institutions serving households. - (3) Including changes in inventories and valuables.



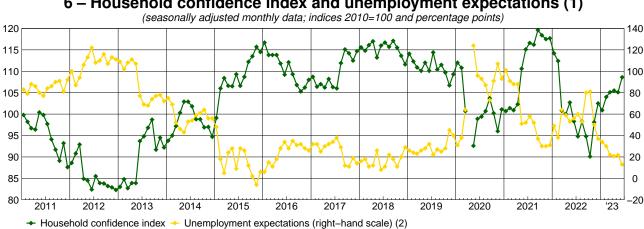
### 4 – Industrial production and business confidence (1)

Source: Based on Istat data.

(1) Following the operational difficulties linked to the Covid-19 emergency, the survey on Business confidence index for April 2020 was not conducted.



Source: Bank of Italy, Survey on Inflation and Growth Expectations (in collaboration with II Sole 24 Ore up to October 2018). (1) Balance of positive and negative responses compared with the previous quarter.



## 6 – Household confidence index and unemployment expectations (1)

Source: Based on Istat data.

(1) Following the operational difficulties linked to the Covid-19 emergency, the survey for April 2020 was not conducted. In June 2013 Istat introduced methodological changes and so, as a result, subsequent data cannot be directly compared with those preceding that date. - (2) Balances of positive responses ('high', 'increasing') and negative responses ('low', 'decreasing').

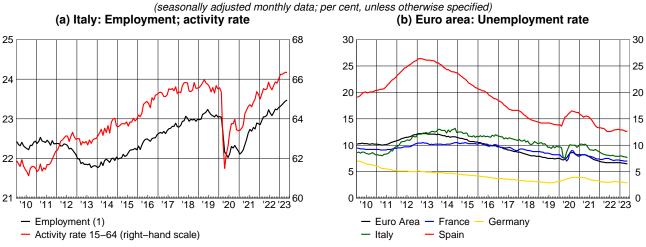


## 7 – Household income and saving

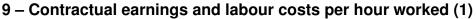
Source: Based on Istat data.

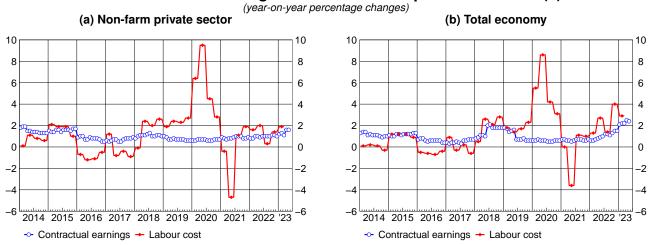
(1) Net of the variation in the final consumption expenditure deflator for resident households. Indices: 2015=100. – (2) Consumer households' savings as a percentage of gross disposable income; 4-term moving average.

8 – Main labour market indicators



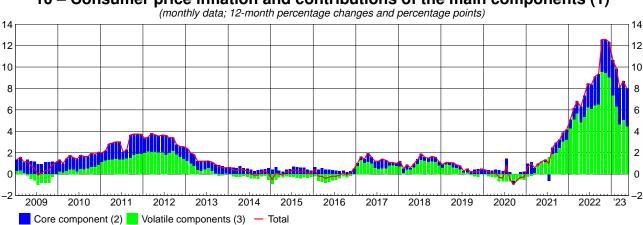
Sources: (a) Istat's labour force survey; (b) Eurostat; for Italy, Istat's labour force survey. (1) Millions of persons.





Source: Istat's national accounts and contractual earnings survey.

(1) Raw monthly data for contractual earnings; seasonally adjusted quarterly data for hourly labour costs. Labour costs include gross wages and social security contributions.





Source: based on Eurostat data.

(1) Harmonized index of consumer prices. - (2) Includes non-food and non-energy products, and services. - (3) Includes food and energy products.

			HICP (1)									
		Ita	ıly	Euro	Italy							
		Overall index	Excl. Energy and food	Overall index	Excl. Energy and food	Overall Index						
2021		1.9	0.8	2.6	1.5	13.0						
2022		8.7	3.3	8.4	3.9	42.8						
2022 -	July	8.4	3.4	8.9	4.0	45.9						
	Aug.	9.1	4.1	9.1	4.3	50.5						
	Sept.	9.4	4.4	9.9	4.8	52.9						
	Oct.	12.6	4.6	10.6	5.0	33.2						
	Nov.	12.6	4.7	10.1	5.0	35.7						
	Dec.	12.3	4.8	9.2	5.2	39.2						
2023 -	Jan.	10.7	5.2	8.6	5.3	11.6						
	Feb.	9.8	5.5	8.5	5.6	10.0						
	Mar.	8.1	5.3	6.9	5.7	3.0						
	Apr.	8.6	5.3	7.0	5.6	-3.5						
	May	8.0	5.1	6.1	5.3	-6.8						
	June (3)	6.7	4.8	5.5	5.4							

#### 11 – Indicators of inflation (monthly data; 12-month percentage changes)

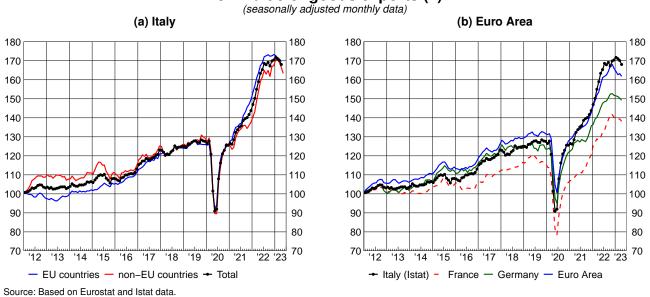
Source: based on Istat and Eurostat data.

(1) Harmonized index of consumer prices. - (2) Index of producer prices of industrial products sold on the domestic market. - (3) Preliminary data.



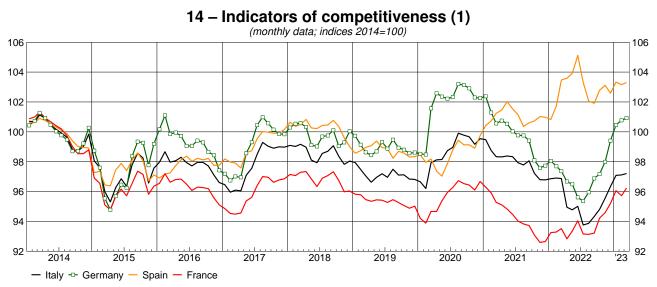
## 12 – House prices and sales

Sources: Based on data from Osservatorio del Mercato Immobiliare (OMI) of the Italian Revenue Agency, Bank of Italy, Istat and Consulente Immobiliare. (1) House prices deflated by the consumer price index. - (2) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.



### 13 – Value of goods exports (1)

(1) Indices: Q4 2011=100; 3-month moving averages. Starting from February 2020, the United Kingdom is included in the non-EU aggregate.



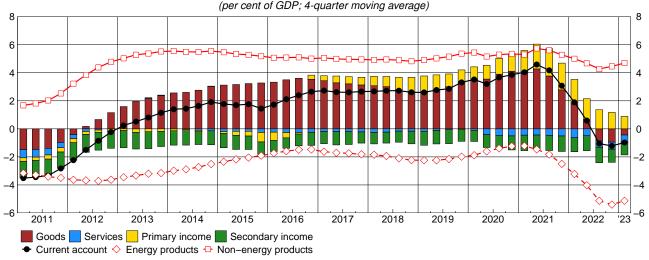
Sources: Based on ECB, CEPII, Eurostat, IMF, OECD, UN data and national statistics.

(1) In relation to 60 competitor countries; based on producer prices of manufactured goods and weighted by manufactured goods trade flows. An increase in an index indicates a loss of competitiveness.

		Current	account		Net	Fi	Errors and		
		Total	of which:	Capital account	lending/bor- rowing to	Total	of w	of which:	
			Goods		the rest of the world		Portfolio invest- ment	Change in reserve assets	
		А		В	A+B	С			C-(A+B)
2019		59.5	60.7	-1.2	58.3	52.9	-50.2	3.2	-5.4
2020		64.0	68.3	0.9	64.9	72.2	115.9	4.0	7.2
2021		54.9	49.7	1.0	56.0	55.3	123.1	20.7	-0.7
2022		-23.3	-18.1	10.3	-12.9	-17.6	167.2	2.0	-4.6
2022	Jan Apr.	-12.2	-6.3	0.8	-11.4	-31.3	60.2	0.2	-19.9
2023	Jan Apr.	-6.8	7.0	3.1	-3.7	-0.2	13.6	1.0	3.5
2022 -	Apr.	-2.6	-1.9	-0.1	-2.8	-12.3	20.9	0.2	-9.5
	May	-1.5	1.1	-0.1	-1.7	1.6	28.9	0.2	3.3
	June	-0.9	-0.7	2.3	1.4	7.3	7.2	-0.2	5.9
	July	0.8	-0.6	0.3	1.1	0.7	8.7	0.6	-0.4
	Aug.	-6.8	-8.5	0.2	-6.5	-11.2	11.4	-0.2	-4.6
	Sept.	-5.6	-6.1	1.6	-3.9	-2.4	14.6	-0.2	1.5
	Oct.	0.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	4.8	7.1	0.6	5.3
	Nov.	-0.1	2.3	-0.5	-0.6	5.1	18.3	0.3	5.7
	Dec.	3.1	1.5	6.1	9.2	7.7	10.9	0.5	-1.4
2023 -	Jan.	-7.4	-4.0	-0.2	-7.6	-2.0	12.5	-0.5	5.7
	Feb.	-1.0	2.1	-0.2	-1.2	-2.3	3.8	0.9	-1.1
	Mar.	3.1	7.1	3.5	6.6	-2.5	4.9	0.1	-9.1
	Apr.	-1.5	1.8	0.1	-1.5	6.5	-7.7	0.5	8.0

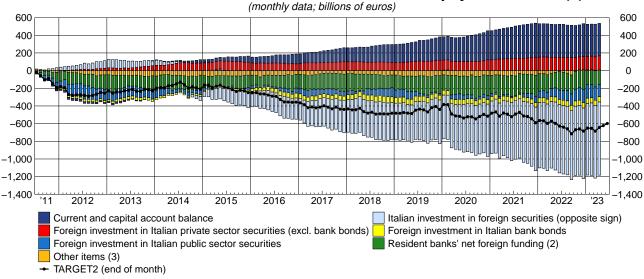
#### 15 – Balance of payments (net balances; billions of euros)

Source: Bank of Italy.



# 16 – Current account balance and its main components (per cent of GDP; 4-quarter moving average)

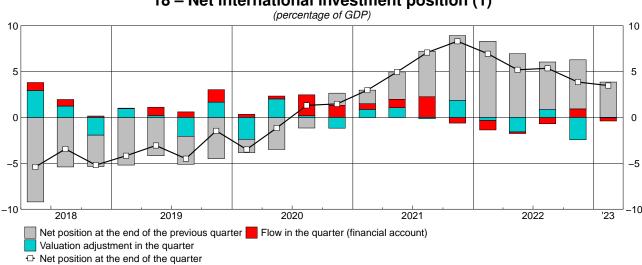
Source: Istat for GDP; based on Istat foreign trade data for the breakdown between energy and non-energy products.



## 17 – TARGET2 balance and cumulative balance of payments flows (1)

Source: Bank of Italy.

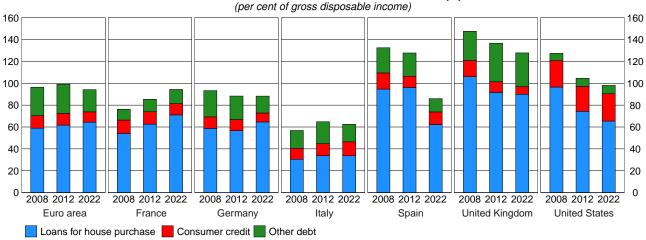
(1) Using the balance of payments accounting identity, an improvement in the Bank of Italy's debtor balance vis-à-vis the ECB in the TARGET2 payment system may reflect investment in Italy by non-residents (greater liabilities), residents' disposals of foreign assets (lower assets) or a current account and capital account surplus. Cumulative flows since July 2011. - (2) Net funding in the form of loans, deposits and other investments by the banking sector, including those intermediated by resident central counterparties. - (3) Direct investment, financial derivatives, other investment, official reserves, errors and omissions.



18 – Net international investment position (1)

Source: Istat, for GDP.

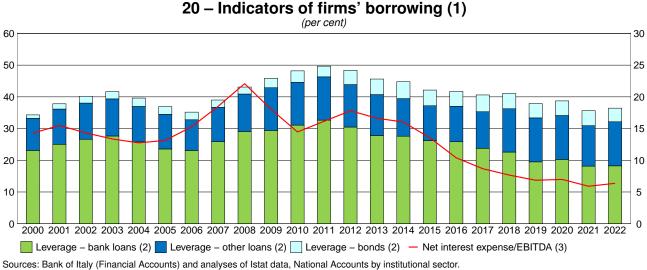
(1) The net position at the end of the quarter equals the net position at the end of the previous quarter corrected for financial account flows during the quarter and for valuation adjustments.



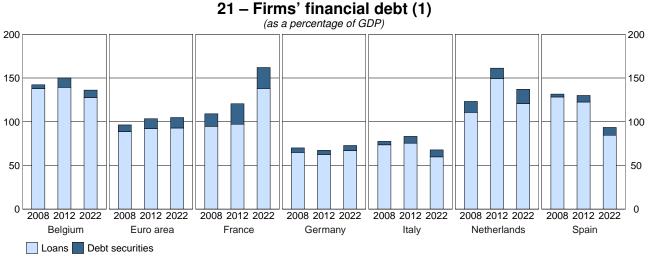
## 19 – Financial debt of households (1)

Sources: Bank of Italy and Istat for Italy, ECB for euro-area countries, Office for National Statistics and Bank of England for the United Kingdom, Federal Reserve System - Board of Governors and Bureau of Economic Analysis for the United States.

(1) Data refer to consumer and producer households; for the United States data refer to only consumer households. End-of-period data.



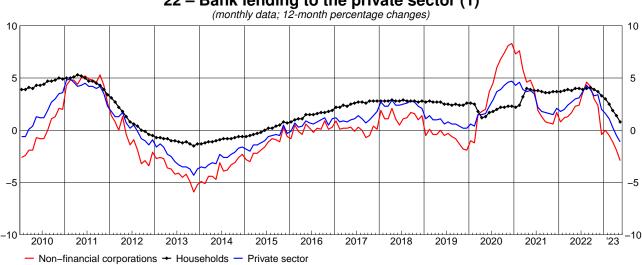
(1) Data refer to non-financial corporations sector. – (2) Leverage is calculated as the ratio of financial debts (bank loans, bonds, other loans) to the sum of financial debts and shareholders' equity at market prices. End-of-period data. – (3) 4-quarter cumulative data (right-hand scale).



Source: based on ECB and Eurostat data.

(1) The data refer to the non-financial corporations sector. End-of-period data.

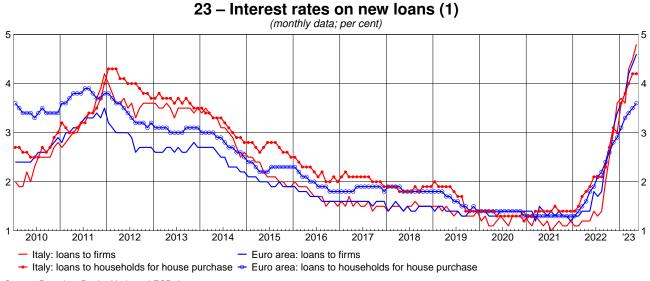
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## 22 – Bank lending to the private sector (1)

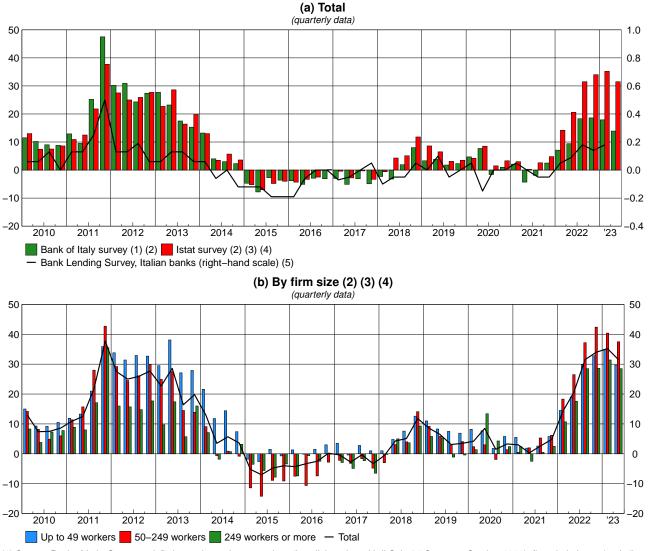
Source: Supervisory reports.

(1) Includes bad debts, repos and loans not recorded in banks' balance sheets because they have been securitized. The percentage changes are net of reclassifications, exchange rate variations, value adjustments and other variations not due to transactions; operations concluded with central counterparties are excluded.



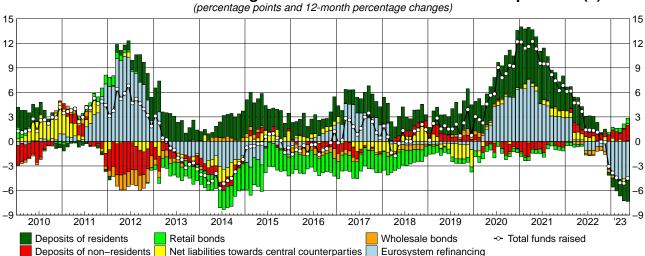
Source: Based on Bank of Italy and ECB data.

(1) Averages. Data refer only to transactions in euros and are gathered and processed using the Eurosystem's harmonized method.



### 24 - Credit access conditions for firms

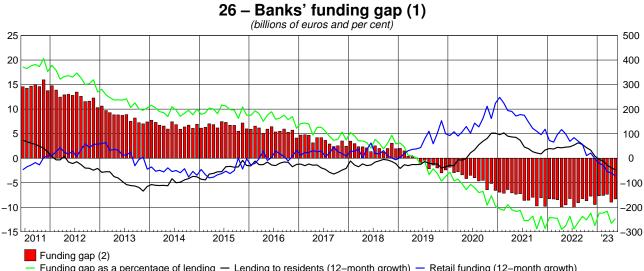
(1) Source: Bank of Italy, Survey on inflation and growth expectations (in collaboration with II Sole 24 Ore up to October 2018); firms in industry (excluding constructions) and services. – (2) Net percentage of firms reporting difficulty in obtaining credit. – (3) Source: Istat, Monthly business confidence survey in the manufacturing sector. – (4) Last survey in the quarter. – (5) Source: The euro area bank lending survey. Degree of credit supply tightening compared with the previous quarter (diffusion index).





Source: Supervisory reports.

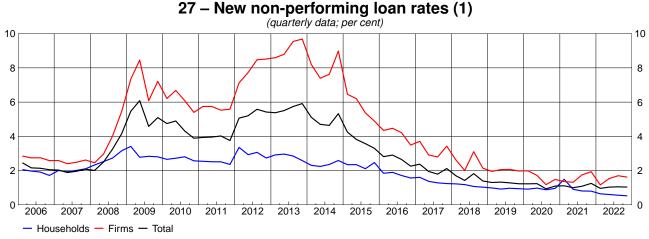
(1) The sum of the contributions is equal to the percentage change over 12 months in the total funds raised. The percentage changes in the single components are calculated net of reclassifications, exchange-rate variations, value adjustments and other variations not due to transactions. Net liabilities towards central counterparties are the funds raised by way of repos with non-residents via central counterparties.



— Funding gap as a percentage of lending — Lending to residents (12–month growth) — Retail funding (12–month growth) Source: Supervisory reports. Excludes Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and branches of foreign banks.

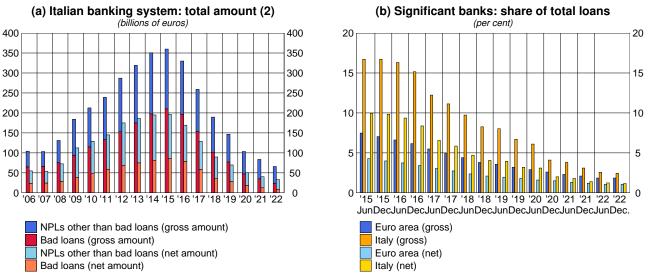
(1) Difference between lending to residents and retail funding (residents' deposits plus bank bonds subscribed by households). - (2) Right-hand scale (billions).

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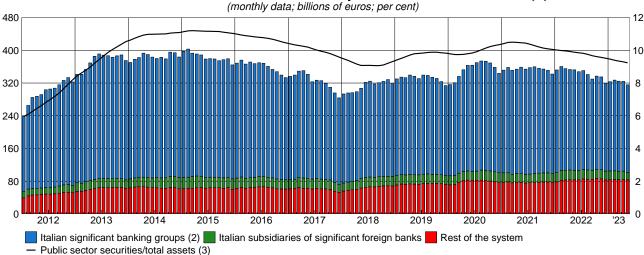
(1) Annualized quarterly flows of adjusted NPLs in relation to the stock of loans net of adjusted NPLs at the end of the previous quarter. Data seasonally adjusted where necessary.



28 – Non-performing loans (1)

Sources: Supervisory reports, on a consolidated basis for banking groups and on an individual basis for the rest of the Italian banking system; ECB, Supervisory Banking Statistics for the euro area.

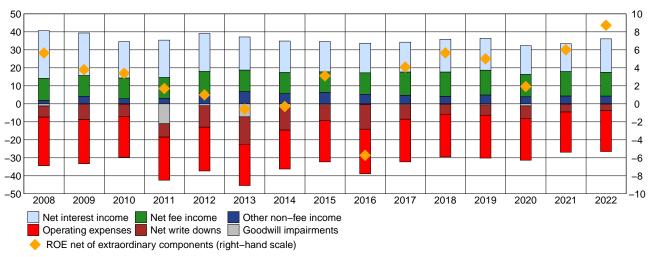
(1) Includes loans to customers, credit intermediaries and central banks. End of period data. Amounts and ratios are calculated net and gross of provisions. – (2) Includes banking groups and subsidiaries of foreign banks; excludes branches of foreign banks.





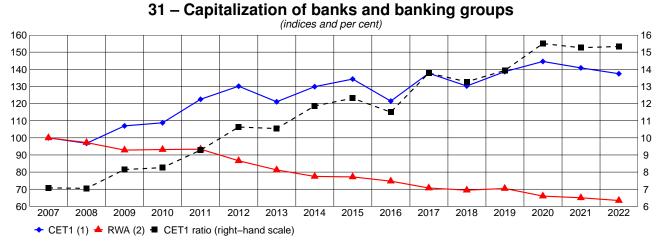
Source: Individual supervisory reports.

(1) All public sector securities, including those issued by local authorities. Excludes Cassa Depositi e Prestiti SpA. The stock of Italian public sector securities in portfolios was revised starting in 2013, following the extension of the perimeter of general government as defined by Istat in agreement with Eurostat. – (2) Includes the cooperative credit banks merged into cooperative credit banking groups. – (3) Twelve-month moving average ending in the month indicated. The series 'total assets' does not include repurchased self-issued bonds. Right-hand scale.



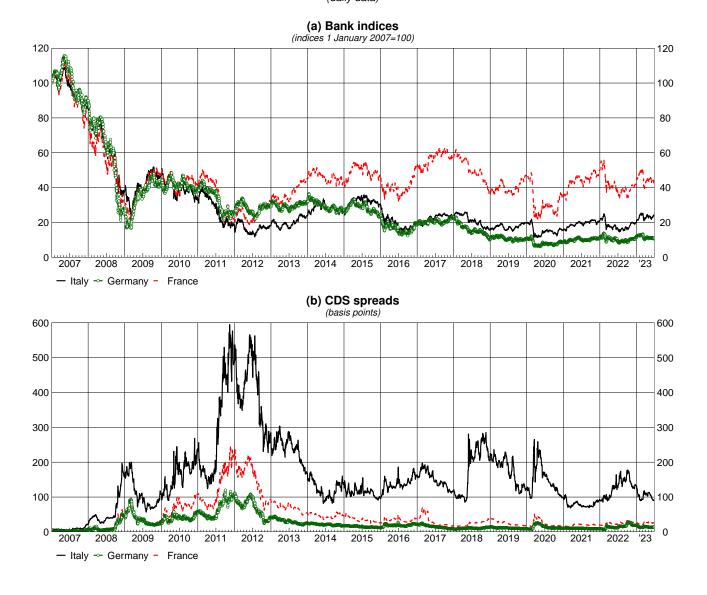
## 30 – Main profit and loss items of banks (1)

Sources: Consolidated supervisory reports for banking groups, individual supervisory reports for stand-alone banks. (1) As a ratio to average equity in the year; percentage points. For the definition of the items, see the Section Methodological Note of the Appendix of the 2022 Annual Report (available only in Italian).



Sources: Consolidated supervisory reports for banking groups, individual supervisory reports for stand-alone banks.

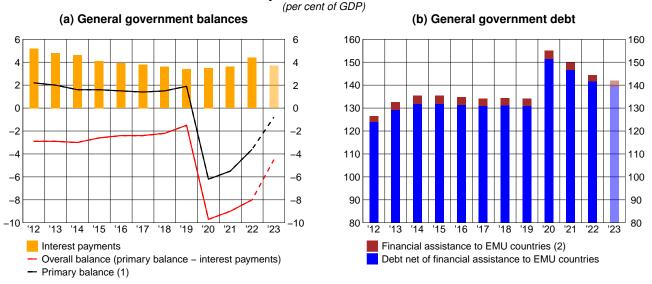
(1) Up to December 2013, the highest-quality capital component was the 'core tier 1'; from March 2014 it corresponds to CET1 ('common equity tier 1'). Index: 2007=100. – (2) 'Risk-Weighted Assets'. Index: 2007=100.



## 32 – Share prices and CDS spreads of listed banks (daily data)

Source: Refinitiv and ICE Data Derivatives UK Itd.

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### 33 – Main public finance indicators

Source: for the period 2012-2022 Istat (for the items of general government consolidated accounts and GDP) and Bank of Italy (for debt); for the official 2023 targets Ministry of Economy and Finance – Economic and Financial Document (April 2023).

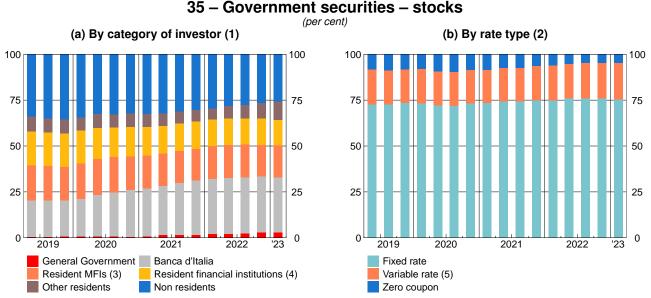
(1) Overall balance net of interest payments. - (2) Loans granted to countries belonging to the EMU, both bilaterally and via the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), and contribution to the European Stability Mechanism's (ESM) paid-in capital.

## 34 – Main public finance indicators (European comparison)

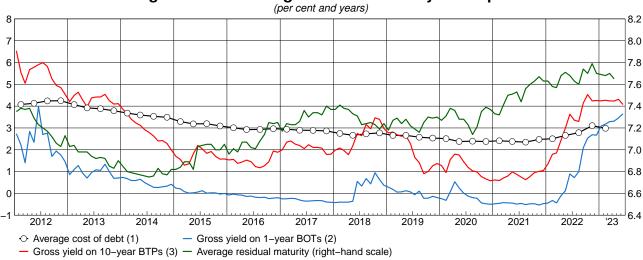
					(per cei	nt of GDF	<b>?</b> )						
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
						Overall	balance						
Italy	-2.9	-2.9	-3.0	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.2	-1.5	-9.7	-9.0	-8.0	-4.5	-3.7
France	-5.0	-4.1	-3.9	-3.6	-3.6	-3.0	-2.3	-3.1	-9.0	-6.5	-4.7	-4.7	-4.3
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.9	1.5	-4.3	-3.7	-2.6	-2.3	-1.2
Spain	-11.6	-7.5	-6.1	-5.3	-4.3	-3.1	-2.6	-3.1	-10.1	-6.9	-4.8	-4.1	-3.3
Euro area	-3.8	-3.1	-2.5	-2.0	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-7.1	-5.3	-3.6	-3.2	-2.4
					Р	rimary b	alance (	1)					
Italy	2.2	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.9	-6.2	-5.5	-3.6	-0.8	0.3
France	-2.4	-1.8	-1.7	-1.6	-1.8	-1.2	-0.6	-1.6	-7.7	-5.1	-2.8	-2.7	-2.3
Germany	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.9	2.3	-3.7	-3.2	-1.9	-1.5	-0.3
Spain	-8.5	-3.9	-2.6	-2.3	-1.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-7.9	-4.7	-2.4	-1.6	-0.9
Euro area	-0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.0	-5.6	-3.9	-1.9	-1.4	-0.6
					(	Gross pu	blic deb	ot					
Italy	126.5	132.5	135.4	135.3	134.8	134.2	134.4	134.1	154.9	149.9	144.4	142.1	141.4
France	90.6	93.4	94.9	95.6	98.0	98.1	97.8	97.4	114.6	112.9	111.6	109.6	109.5
Germany	80.7	78.3	75.3	71.9	69.0	65.2	61.9	59.6	68.7	69.3	66.3	65.2	64.1
Spain	90.0	100.5	105.1	103.3	102.7	101.8	100.4	98.2	120.4	118.3	113.2	110.6	109.1
Euro area	92.9	95.3	95.5	93.5	92.5	90.1	88.1	85.9	99.1	97.2	93.1	90.8	89.9

Source: for Italy for the period 2012-2022 Istat (for the items of general government consolidated accounts and GDP) and Bank of Italy (for debt); for the 2023-2024 official targets Ministry of Economy and Finance, Economic and Financial Document (April 2023). For other countries and for euro area: AMECO, European Commission, Spring 2023 Economic Forecast (15 May 2023).

(1) Overall balance net of interest payments.



(1) Sources: Bank of Italy's Accounts, supervisory reports, External statistics. – (2) Source: the Securities Database. – (3) Excluding Banca d'Italia. – (4) Excluding Monetary financial institutions (MFIs). – (5) Includes BTP€i and BTP-Italia.



36 – Average cost and average residual maturity of the public debt

Source: Istat, for interest expense.

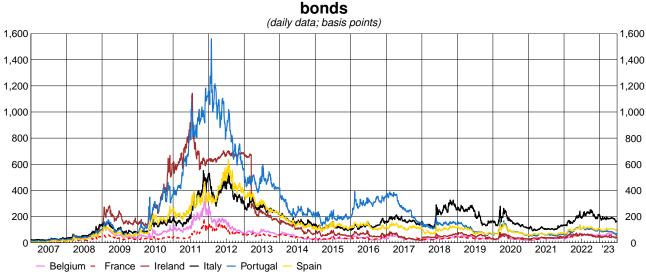
(1) Ratio between interest expense in the preceding 4 quarters and the stock of the debt at the end of the year-earlier quarter. - (2) The yield at issue is the average, weighted by the issue amounts allotted, of the compound allotment rates at the auctions settled during the month. - (3) Average monthly yield at maturity of the benchmark traded on the online government securities market.

				CCTs		
	-	3 year	5 year	10 year	30 year	
2015		0.34	0.77	1.72	2.77	0.71
2016		0.08	0.46	1.48	2.56	0.53
2017		0.19	0.83	2.11	3.25	0.74
2018		0.94	1.62	2.61	3.42	1.36
2019		0.64	1.15	1.95	2.94	1.34
2020		0.23	0.59	1.17	2.06	0.49
2021		-0.19	0.10	0.81	1.73	-0.03
2022		1.97	2.42	3.17	3.43	1.19
2022 -	June	2.34	2.74	3.63	3.85	0.85
	July	2.06	2.62	3.36	3.60	0.92
	Aug.	2.05	2.61	3.30	3.53	0.96
	Sept.	3.02	3.54	4.14	4.14	1.05
	Oct.	3.43	3.91	4.53	4.49	2.50
	Nov.	3.28	3.54	4.24	4.12	3.27
	Dec.	3.30	3.65	4.26	4.11	3.37
2023 -	Jan.	3.32	3.63	4.24	4.25	3.37
	Feb.	3.48	3.71	4.27	4.37	3.23
	Mar.	3.58	3.75	4.24	4.56	3.00
	Apr.	3.56	3.71	4.23	4.64	4.00
	May	3.53	3.68	4.31	4.76	4.53
	June	3.59	3.65	4.07	4.52	4.35

## 37 – Government benchmark securities: gross yields at maturity (1) (percentage points, annual and monthly averages)

Source: Based on daily MTS data.

(1) The benchmark security for each category is the last security issued from the time it becomes the most heavily traded.



## 38 – Yield spreads between euro-area countries and German 10-year government bonds

Sources: Based on Bloomberg data.

## 39 – Growth and inflation forecasts

(percentage change on previous period)

		Italy								
		Growth		Inflation (1)						
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025				
Bank of Italy (June) (2)	1.3	1.0	1.1	6.1	2.3	2.0				
European Commission (May) (3)	1.2	1.1	n.a.	6.1	2.9	n.a.				
IMF (May/Apr.) (4)	1.1	1.1	n.a.	4.5	2.6	2.1				
OECD (June) (5)	1.2	1.0	n.a.	6.4	3.0	n.a.				
Consensus Economics (June) (6)	1.0	0.8	n.a.	6.1	2.5	n.a.				
			Euro A	rea						

			Euro P	Area			
		Growth		Inflation (1)			
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Eurosystem/ECB (June) (7)	0.9	1.5	1.6	5.4	3.0	2.2	
European Commission (May) (3)	1.1	1.6	n.a.	5.8	2.8	n.a.	
IMF (Apr.) (4)	0.8	1.4	1.9	5.3	2.9	2.2	
OECD (June) (5)	0.9	1.5	n.a.	5.8	3.2	n.a.	
Consensus Economics (June) (6)	0.6	0.9	n.a.	5.4	2.4	n.a.	

(1) Measured by the harmonized index of consumer prices. Consensus Economics forecasts for Italy refer to the Italian consumer price index for the whole nation (NIC). - (2) Macroeconomic projections for the Italian economy (Eurosystem staff macroeconomic projections), June 2023. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects. - (3) EC European Economic Forecast. Spring 2023, May 2023. - (4) IMF Staff Concluding Statement of the 2023 Article IV Mission, May 2023, for growth of Italy; IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2023, for inflation of Italy and for the Euro Area. - (5) OECD Economic Outlook, June 2023. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects. - (6) Consensus Forecasts, 15 June 2023. - (7) Eurosystem staff macroeconomic projections for the euro area, June 2023. GDP data adjusted for calendar effects.