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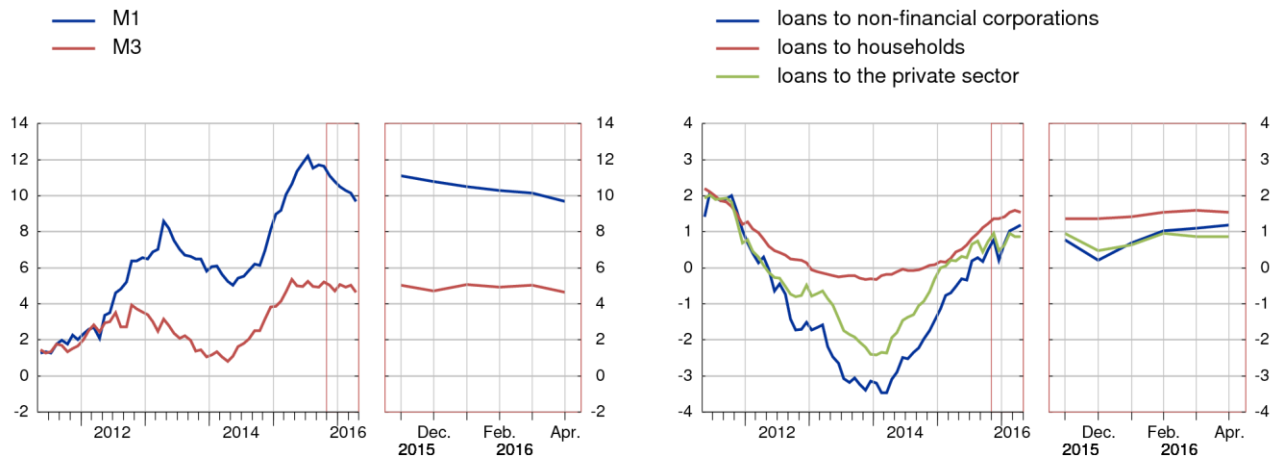
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Monetary developments in the euro area: April 2016

- The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 decreased to 4.6% in April 2016, from 5.0% in March.
- The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate M1, which includes currency in circulation and overnight deposits, decreased to 9.7% in April, from 10.1% in March.
- The annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 1.5% in April, compared with 1.6% in March.
- The annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations stood at 1.2% in April, compared with 1.1% in March.

Monetary aggregates and loans to the private sector

(annual growth rates, loans adjusted for sales and securitisation)



Components of the broad monetary aggregate M3

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 decreased to 4.6% in April 2016, from 5.0% in March, averaging 4.9% in the three months up to April. The components of M3 showed the following developments. The annual growth rate of the narrower aggregate including currency in circulation and overnight deposits (M1) decreased to 9.7% in April, from 10.1% in March. The annual growth rate of short-term deposits other than overnight deposits (M2-M1) was more negative at -2.8% in April, from -2.4% in March. The annual growth rate of marketable instruments (M3-M2) was more negative at -1.6% in April, from -1.0% in March.

Within M3, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by households stood at 4.3% in April, unchanged from the previous month, while the annual growth rate of deposits placed by non-financial corporations increased to 8.4% in April, from 7.3% in March. Finally, the annual growth rate of deposits placed by

non-monetary financial corporations (excluding insurance corporations and pension funds) decreased to 0.8% in April, from 4.1% in March.

Credit to euro area residents

The annual growth rate of total credit to euro area residents increased to 3.3% in April 2016, from 3.1% in the previous month. The annual growth rate of credit to general government increased to 10.4% in April, from 10.1% in March, while the annual growth rate of credit to the private sector stood at 1.2% in April, compared with 1.1% in March.

Among the components of credit to the private sector, the annual growth rate of loans (adjusted for loan sales and securitisation) stood at 0.9% in April, unchanged from the previous month. In particular, the annual growth rate of loans to households stood at 1.5% in April, compared with 1.6% in March, and the annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations stood at 1.2% in April, compared with 1.1% in March.

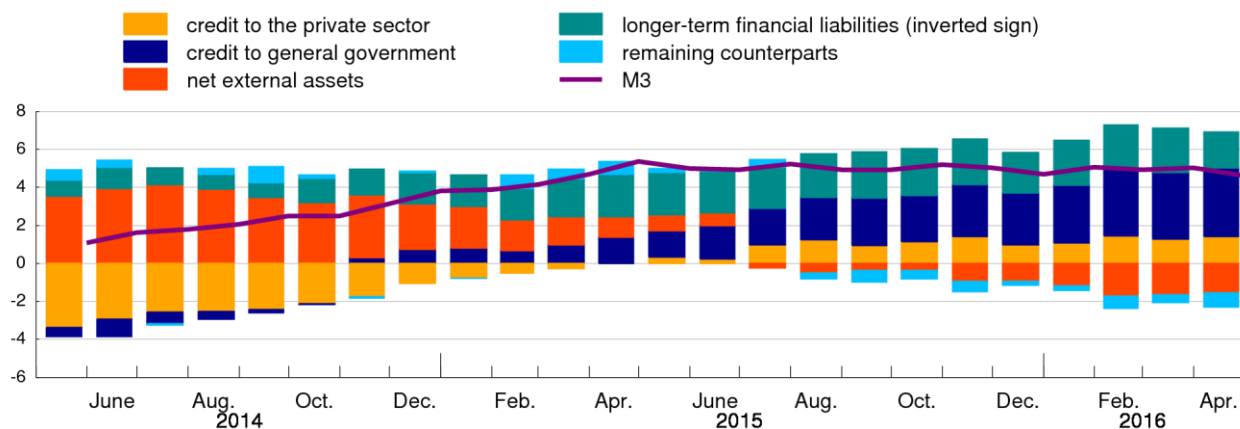
Longer-term financial liabilities

The annual growth rate of longer-term financial liabilities of the MFI sector became less negative at -2.8% in April 2016, from -3.3% in March.

M3 and its counterparts

The annual growth rate of the broad monetary aggregate M3 decreased to 4.6% in April 2016. The contributions of M3 counterparts on the MFI balance sheet were as follows. Longer-term financial liabilities contributed 1.9 percentage points, net external assets contributed -1.6 percentage points, credit to general government contributed 3.6 percentage points, and credit to the private sector contributed 1.4 percentage points; the remaining counterparts of M3 contributed -0.7 percentage point.

Contribution of the M3 counterparts to the annual growth rate of M3 (percentage points)



Notes:

- With this release, additional data are published on loans to households and non-financial corporations adjusted for sales and securitisation for the period 2003 to 2009. These series are adjusted for loan sales and securitisation on a best effort basis using information available to national central banks before MFI reporting requirements for such data were implemented through an ECB statistical regulation in 2010.
- The published quarterly balance sheet statistics on euro area money market funds and credit institutions are now enhanced with national breakdowns. Data are available from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse at <http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/reports.do?node=1000003505>.
- Data in this press release are adjusted for seasonal and end-of-month calendar effects, unless stated otherwise.
- Private sector refers to euro area non-MFIs excluding general government.
- Further tables, statistical data and methodological notes, as well as the release calendar, are available on the ECB's website at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/aggr/html/index.en.html>.
- A set of tables showing euro area monetary developments and MFI balance sheets for the euro area and euro area countries, together with a user-friendly facility for downloading data, is available from the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse at <http://sdw.ecb.europa.eu/reports.do?node=1000003503>.