

Economic indicators for Belgium



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Summary

	ACTUAL FIGURES*			FORECASTS**									
	2016	2017	2018	2019					2020				
				NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
REAL GDP													
Belgium													
Final consumption													
private	1.7	1.1	1.0	1.5	-	1.1	1.1	-	1.7	-	1.3	1.6	-
public	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.9	-	0.7	0.9	-	0.9	-	1.2	1.0	-
Gross fixed capital formation	3.8	1.8	2.9	2.3	-	1.7	3.4	-	1.7	-	1.7	1.7	-
Exports of goods and services	7.6	5.0	3.6	3.5	-	3.0	3.0	-	3.5	-	3.1	3.1	-
Imports of goods and services	8.5	4.3	3.3	3.5	-	2.9	3.6	-	3.7	-	3.3	3.3	-
GDP	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4	-	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	-	1.2	1.3	1.2
International comparison of GDP													
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	2.0	2.4	1.9	-	1.1	1.2	1.2	-	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	-
EU-28	2.0	2.4	2.0	-	-	1.4	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-
CONSUMER PRICES													
Belgium													
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
HICP	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.0	-	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.6	-	1.6	1.5	1.6
National general index	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-
National health index	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.1	-	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-
International comparison of HICP													
Euro area ⁽³⁾	0.2	1.5	1.8	-	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.3	-	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
EU-28	0.2	1.7	1.9	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	1.7	-	-	-
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR⁽²⁾													
Belgium													
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>													
Labour costs per hour worked	-0.2	1.4	1.7	2.9	-	-	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-
Unit labour costs	0.0	1.4	2.0	2.3	-	2.2	2.0	-	1.8	-	1.5	1.8	-
International comparison of Unit labour costs													
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	0.6	0.7	1.9	-	1.7	1.7	1.9	-	-	1.4	1.5	1.7	-
EU-28	1.2	1.2	2.2	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	1.8	-	-	-

* Sources: Belgium (NAI, NBB, Statbel, EC); Euro area, EU-28 (ECB, Eurostat).

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(2) Except for the actual figures of the Euro area and the EU-28 and the EC and OECD forecasts which pertain to the whole economy.

(3) Euro area = EA11-2000, EA12-2006, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2010, EA17-2013, EA18-2014, EA19.

Summary (continued)

	ACTUAL FIGURES*			FORECASTS**										
	2016	2017	2018	2019					2020					
				NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	
LABOUR MARKET														
<i>(annual changes in percentages)</i>														
Belgium														
Total employment	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.8	-	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	-	0.7	0.9	0.7	
Unemployment	-4.4	-5.0	-5.8	-2.1	-	-6.6	-	-	-2.2	-	-5.4	-	-	
<i>(annual changes in thousands)</i>														
Total employment	59.0	64.8	61.7	40.2	-	40.3	-	-	30.4	-	35.9	-	-	
Unemployment	-25.6	-27.5	-30.4	-10.3	-	-19.9	-	-	-10.8	-	-15.2	-	-	
<i>(annual averages in percentages of labour force)</i>														
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾	7.8	7.1	6.0	6.3	-	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.3	-	5.3	5.6	5.8	
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾														
Euro area ⁽²⁾	10.0	9.1	8.2	-	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.8	-	7.7	7.3	7.7	7.6	
EU-28	8.6	7.6	6.8	-	-	6.5	-	-	-	-	6.2	-	-	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT														
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>														
Belgium														
Primary balance	0.4	1.6	1.6	0.6	-	0.8	-	-	0.4	-	0.5	-	-	
Overall balance	-2.4	-0.8	-0.7	-1.6	-	-1.3	-1.3	-1.5	-1.7	-	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	
Consolidated gross debt	106.1	103.4	102.0	101.4	-	101.3	101.1	100.8	100.9	-	100.7	99.9	99.8	
International comparison of overall balance														
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-1.6	-1.0	-0.5	-	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0	-	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8	-1.0	
EU-28	-1.7	-1.0	-0.6	-	-	-1.0	-	-	-	-	-1.0	-	-	
CURRENT ACCOUNT														
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>														
Belgium														
	-0.6	0.7	-1.3	-0.4	-	0.2	-0.8	0.0	-0.6	-	0.0	-0.8	0.1	
International comparison														
Euro area ⁽²⁾	3.1	3.2	2.9	-	2.4	3.3	3.6	2.5	-	2.3	3.2	3.5	2.3	
EU-28	1.3	1.3	1.2	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	1.9	-	-	

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	2017				2018				2019
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
GDP ⁽¹⁾									
Belgium <i>(millions of euro)</i>									
GDP in chained 2016 euros	107394	107828	108003	108744	109037	109386	109676	110081	n.
<i>(percentage changes)</i>									
vs the previous quarter	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2 ⁽⁴⁾
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1 ⁽⁴⁾
International comparison <i>(percentage changes)</i>									
vs the previous quarter									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4 ⁽⁴⁾
EU-28	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5 ⁽⁴⁾
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year									
Euro area ⁽²⁾	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.2 ⁽⁴⁾
EU-28	2.2	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.5 ⁽⁴⁾

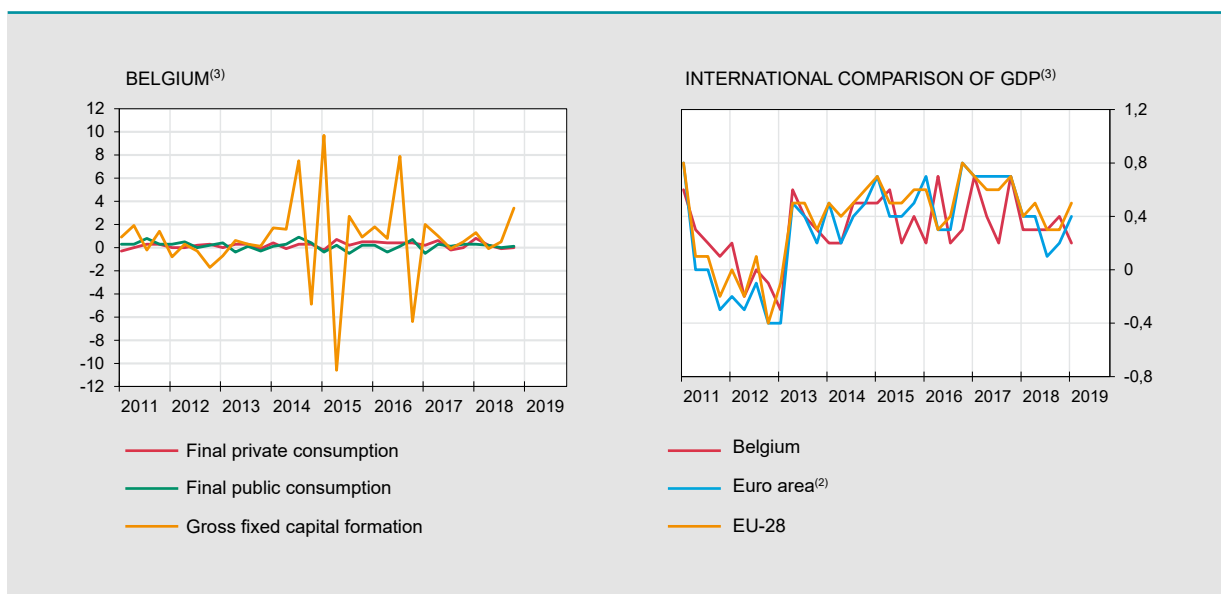
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE⁽¹⁾

(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)

Final private consumption	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.9	n.
Final public consumption	-0.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.6	n.
Gross fixed capital formation	3.8	4.1	-3.7	3.4	2.7	1.6	2.2	5.2	n.
business	5.0	6.0	-5.6	4.7	3.1	1.0	1.9	5.0	n.
housing	2.9	-0.4	-0.8	-1.5	-0.5	0.9	1.3	5.6	n.
public	-1.8	1.2	4.0	5.8	7.3	7.3	6.6	6.0	n.
Exports of goods and services	10.3	4.0	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.3	5.1	3.3	n.
Imports of goods and services	10.7	4.0	0.7	2.3	2.4	2.8	4.4	3.4	n.
GDP	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1 ⁽⁴⁾

MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED⁽¹⁾

Industry	0.3	-0.2	0.4	1.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.6	n.
Construction	-0.1	-0.8	-2.0	-0.3	-1.0	0.2	2.5	3.2	n.
Services	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.5	0.9	n.
GDP	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.1 ⁽⁴⁾



Sources: Belgium (NAI); Euro area, EU-28 (Eurostat).

- (1) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.
- (2) Euro area = EA19.
- (3) Percentage changes versus previous quarter.
- (4) Flash estimate.

Activity and labour market indicators

Activity

NBB.Stat

	2018										2019			
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	
	<i>(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)</i>													
Industrial production, excluding building	1.5	1.8	1.5	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.7	2.0	2.7	3.3	3.0	n.	
New car registrations including mixed cars	-0.5	2.7	5.2	7.6	20.6	10.0	-1.2	-21.1	-15.6	-13.2	-8.1	-5.9	-3.1	

	2016		2017				2018			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)</i>									
Total turnover ⁽¹⁾	-1.1	2.0	8.2	6.9	5.7	4.9	1.2	3.1	4.3	3.0
Investments ⁽¹⁾	-1.2	9.0	3.8	5.5	4.1	2.9	2.2	3.0	9.8	19.2

Labour market

EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2016		2017				2018			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Belgium	<i>(in thousands)</i>									
Domestic employment ⁽²⁾	4670.7	4685.6	4703.1	4720.5	4729.1	4743.5	4760.2	4776.1	4793.7	4812.9
	<i>(percentages of the population of working age)</i>									
Employment rate ⁽³⁾ 15-64 years	62.2	63.4	62.2	62.8	63.4	64.1	63.9	63.7	65.0	65.2
20-64 years	67.5	69.0	67.7	68.2	68.5	69.6	69.3	69.0	70.1	70.5
International comparison of the employment rate ⁽³⁾										
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾ 15-64 years	65.9	65.8	65.4	66.3	66.8	66.8	66.5	67.3	67.7	67.6
20-64 years	70.3	70.2	69.9	70.9	71.3	71.3	71.0	71.9	72.2	72.2
EU-28 15-64 years	67.1	66.9	66.7	67.7	68.2	68.1	67.8	68.6	69.0	68.9
20-64 years	71.5	71.4	71.2	72.3	72.6	72.5	72.3	73.2	73.5	73.4

UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2018										2019			
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	
Belgium	<i>(in thousands, end of period)</i>													
Unemployment ⁽⁵⁾	480	464	464	521	525	508	497	484	483	492	483	474	465	
< 25 years old	80	74	74	94	99	100	94	88	85	86	83	79	75	
≥ 25 years old	401	390	390	427	426	408	403	396	399	406	400	395	389	
	<i>(percentages of the labour force)</i>													
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁶⁾	6.3	6.3	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	n.	
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁶⁾														
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	n.	
EU-28	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	n.	

Sources: NBB; Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy; NEO; FEBIAC; Eurostat; NAI.

(1) Based on VAT-declaration.

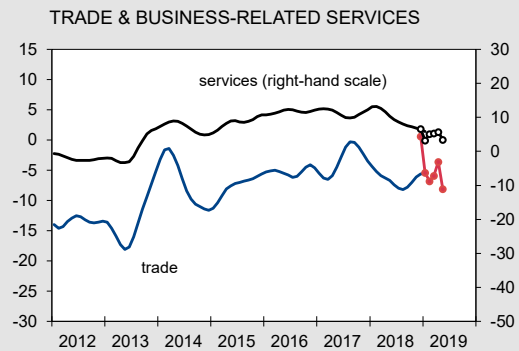
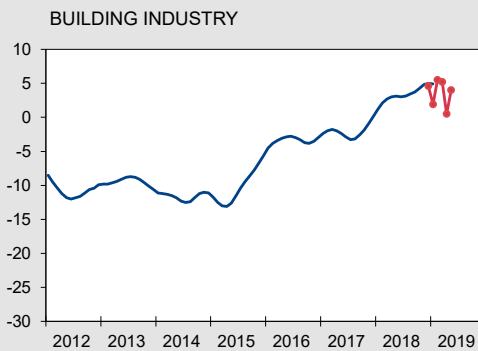
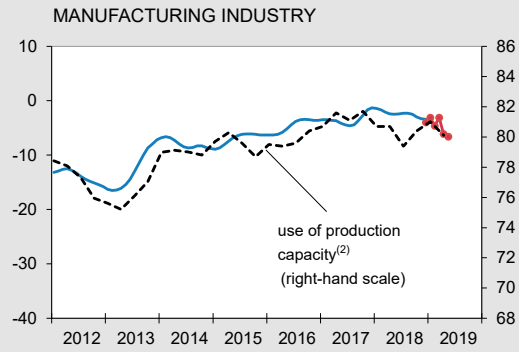
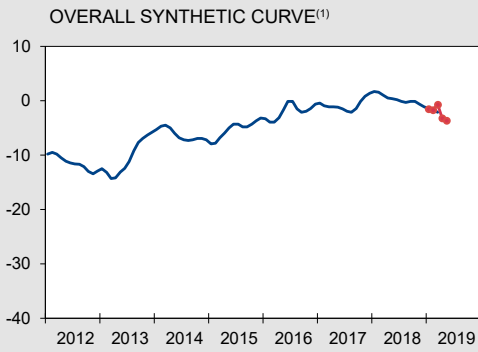
(2) Quarterly average of the number of employees and self-employed persons, seasonally adjusted.

(3) Harmonised data from the quarterly labour force survey (LFS), unadjusted data. Break in series in 2017-I due to the reform and modernization of the LFS.

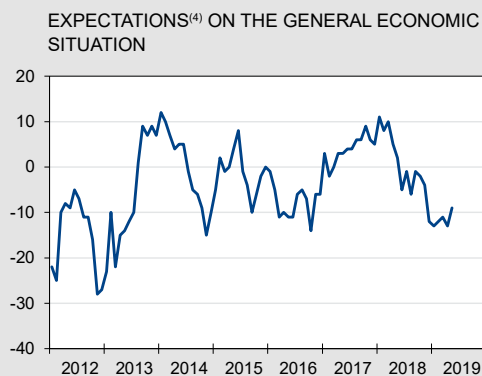
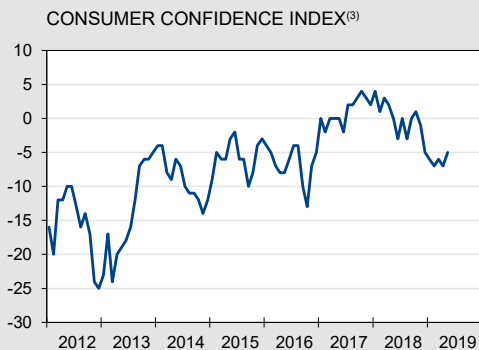
(4) Euro area = EA19.

(5) Fully unemployed persons receiving benefits, compulsorily and voluntarily registered job-seekers; gross data.

(6) This series corresponds with the results of the Labour Force Survey (LFS, group of 15-74 years), monthly adjusted by using the administrative national unemployment figures, in accordance with the Eurostat's methodology.



— Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series
 ● Seasonally adjusted series



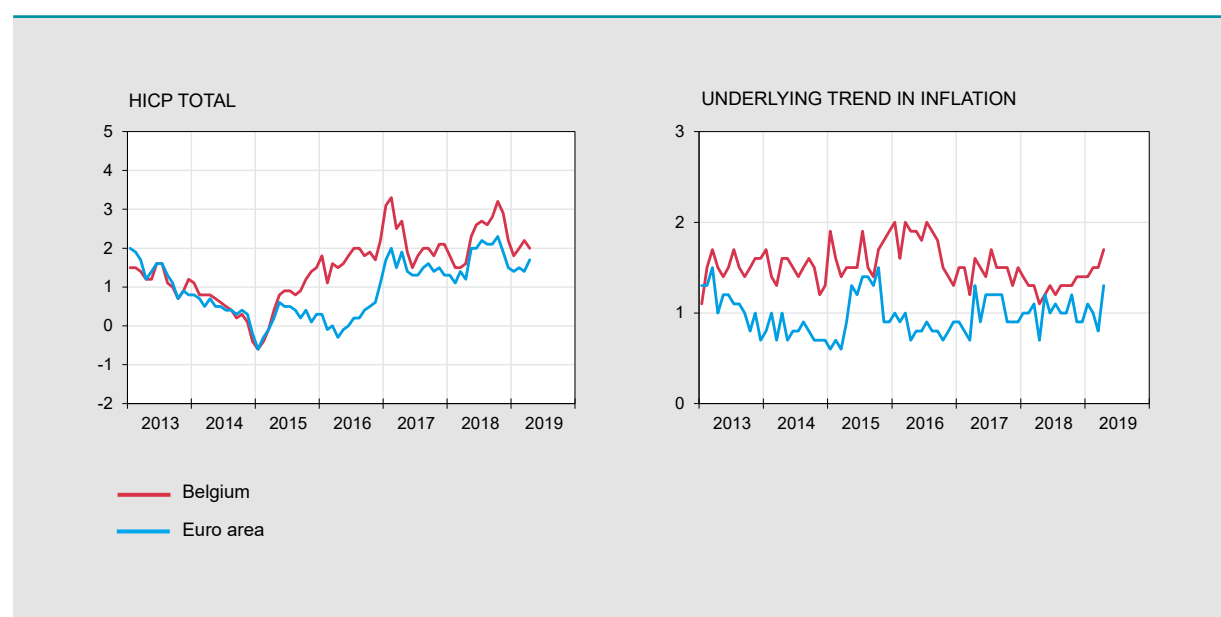
Source: NBB.

- (1) Weighted average of the synthetic curve of manufacturing industry, building industry, trade and business-related services.
- (2) Percentage of production capacity utilisation, seasonally adjusted.
- (3) Includes expectations on the general economic situation, unemployment, financial situation and saving capacity.
- (4) Over the next 12 months.

Harmonised index of consumer prices

Annual data

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>(percentage changes compared to the previous year)</i>						
BELGIUM						
Total HICP	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.2	2.3
Energy	-4.6	-6.0	-8.0	-0.6	9.8	8.9
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	4.4	-1.3	2.1	2.6	0.1	1.5
Processed food	3.2	2.1	1.6	3.5	2.1	3.4
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.3
Non-energy industrial goods	1.0	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9
Services	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.5
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices						
General index	1.1	0.3	0.6	2.0	2.1	2.1
Health index ⁽³⁾	1.2	0.4	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.8
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾						
Total HICP	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.8
Energy	0.6	-1.9	-6.8	-5.1	4.9	6.4
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	3.5	-0.8	1.6	1.4	2.4	2.3
Processed food	2.2	1.2	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.1
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.1	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
Non-energy industrial goods	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Services	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.5



Sources: Eurostat; Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy.

(1) Fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

(2) HICP excluding food and energy.

(3) General index excluding products which are harmful to the health (tobacco, alcohol, petrol and diesel).

(4) Euro area = EA11-2000, EA12-2006, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2010, EA17-2013, EA18-2014, EA19.

■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2018									2019			
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A
<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)</i>													
BELGIUM													
Total HICP	1.6	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.2	2.9	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.0
Energy	3.5	8.2	11.4	13.4	13.3	13.3	17.2	13.9	8.0	4.3	6.2	8.6	5.5
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	1.0	3.6	3.5	2.0	1.2	4.8	3.7	1.8	0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-1.0
Processed food	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.6
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Non-energy industrial goods	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1
Services	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.2
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices													
General index	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.1
Health index ⁽³⁾	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.0
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾													
Total HICP	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.7
Energy	2.6	6.2	8.1	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.8	9.1	5.5	2.7	3.6	5.3	5.3
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	1.9	3.6	4.3	3.7	3.4	4.3	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.9	1.1	0.8
Processed food	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.7
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.3
Non-energy industrial goods	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2
Services	1.0	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.9

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General government - EDP definition⁽¹⁾

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>				
REVENUE					
Fiscal and para-fiscal revenue	45.1	44.6	43.7	44.3	44.6
Direct taxes	16.8	16.5	16.2	16.8	17.1
Indirect taxes	13.0	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.2
Actual social contributions	14.3	14.3	13.7	13.6	13.5
Capital taxes	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Non-fiscal and non-para-fiscal revenue ⁽²⁾	7.1	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.1
Total	52.2	51.4	50.7	51.3	51.7
PRIMARY EXPENDITURE					
Social benefits ⁽³⁾	25.3	25.2	25.1	25.0	25.2
Other expenditures	26.7	25.5	25.1	24.6	24.9
Total	52.0	50.7	50.2	49.7	50.1
PRIMARY BALANCE	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.6
INTEREST CHARGES	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3
OVERALL BALANCE	-3.1	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	-0.7
<i>p.m.</i> FOR THE SUBSECTORS					
Federal government	-2.6	-1.3	-2.6	-1.3	-0.2
Social security	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Communities and regions	-0.4	-1.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5
Local authorities	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON					
Primary balance					
Belgium	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.6
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.3
EU-28	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	1.0	1.2
Overall balance					
Belgium	-3.1	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	-0.7
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	-2.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.0	-0.5
EU-28	-2.9	-2.3	-1.7	-1.0	-0.6
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	107.5	106.4	106.1	103.4	102.0
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	92.0	90.1	89.2	87.1	85.1
EU-28	86.6	84.6	83.4	81.7	80.0

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

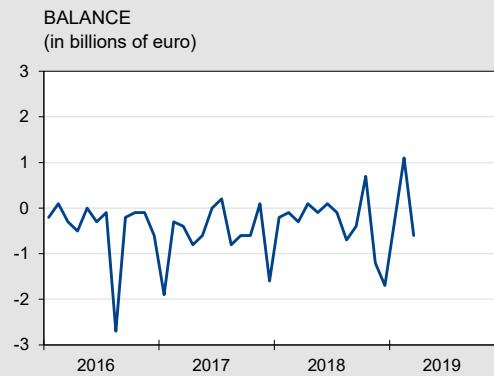
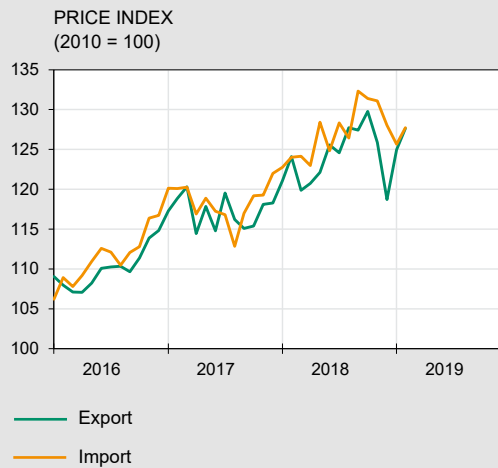
(1) Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), definition of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

(3) From social security and all other subsectors of general government.

(4) Euro area = EA19.

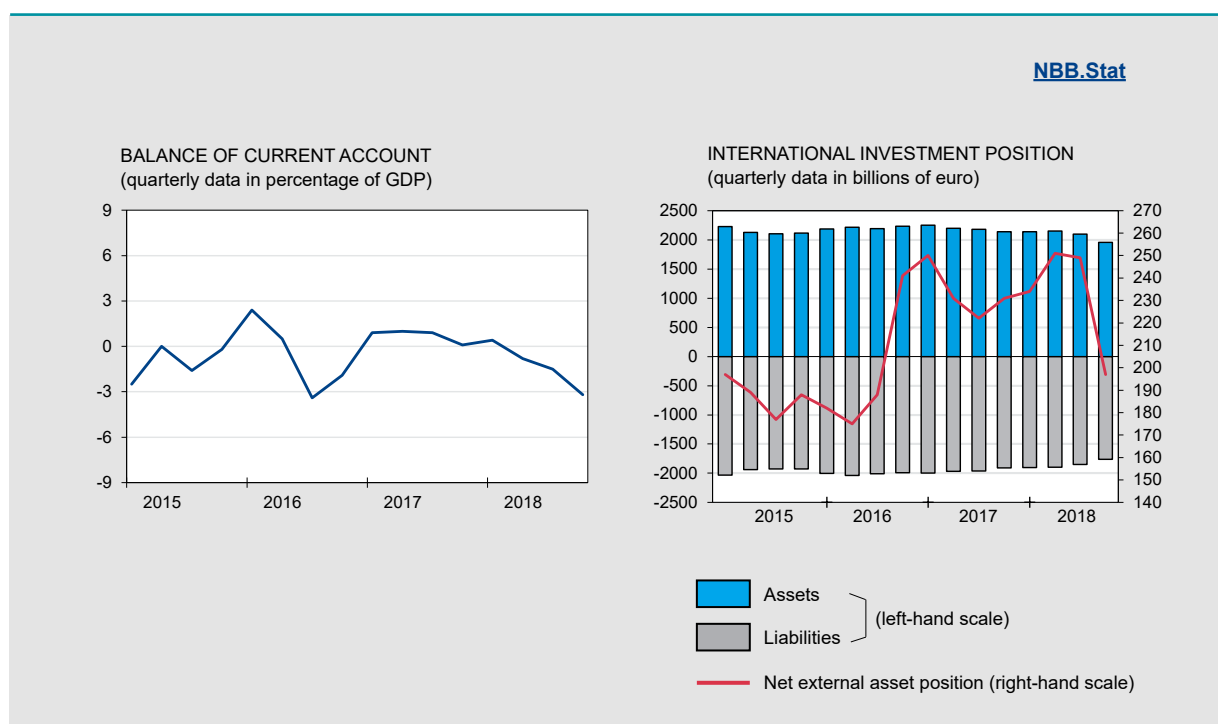
VALUE	2018										2019		
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
	<i>(billions of euro)</i>												
Monthly data													
Export	25,9	23,2	24,5	26,0	24,9	22,7	24,5	26,8	25,2	22,1	25,9	25,6	24,9
Import	26,2	23,2	24,6	25,9	25,0	23,5	24,9	26,1	26,4	23,9	26,2	24,5	25,5
Balance	-0,3	0,1	-0,1	0,1	-0,1	-0,7	-0,4	0,7	-1,2	-1,7	-0,3	1,1	-0,6
Cumulative data over the last 12 months													
Export	274,7	277,0	277,7	280,0	283,6	285,9	288,4	291,7	293,0	293,9	295,3	297,4	296,4
Import	279,8	281,3	281,5	283,7	287,6	289,8	292,2	294,3	296,8	297,8	299,4	300,3	299,6
Balance	-5,1	-4,3	-3,8	-3,7	-4,0	-4,0	-3,8	-2,6	-3,8	-4,0	-4,1	-2,9	-3,2
	<i>(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)</i>												
PRICE													
Export	4,6	4,5	4,1	4,5	4,2	4,6	5,1	5,8	6,0	5,8	5,8	5,6	n.
Import	4,2	4,0	4,1	4,3	4,8	5,6	6,3	6,7	7,3	7,3	7,3	7,3	n.
Terms of trade	0,5	0,5	0,0	0,2	-0,5	-1,0	-1,2	-0,8	-1,2	-1,4	-1,4	-1,5	n.
VOLUME													
Export	1,0	1,9	1,4	1,4	2,5	2,5	3,0	2,6	2,4	2,9	2,1	2,5	n.
Import	0,6	1,1	-0,2	0,0	0,6	0,9	0,9	0,3	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,0	n.
Coverage ratio	0,4	0,8	1,6	1,4	1,9	1,6	2,1	2,3	2,2	2,8	2,0	2,5	n.



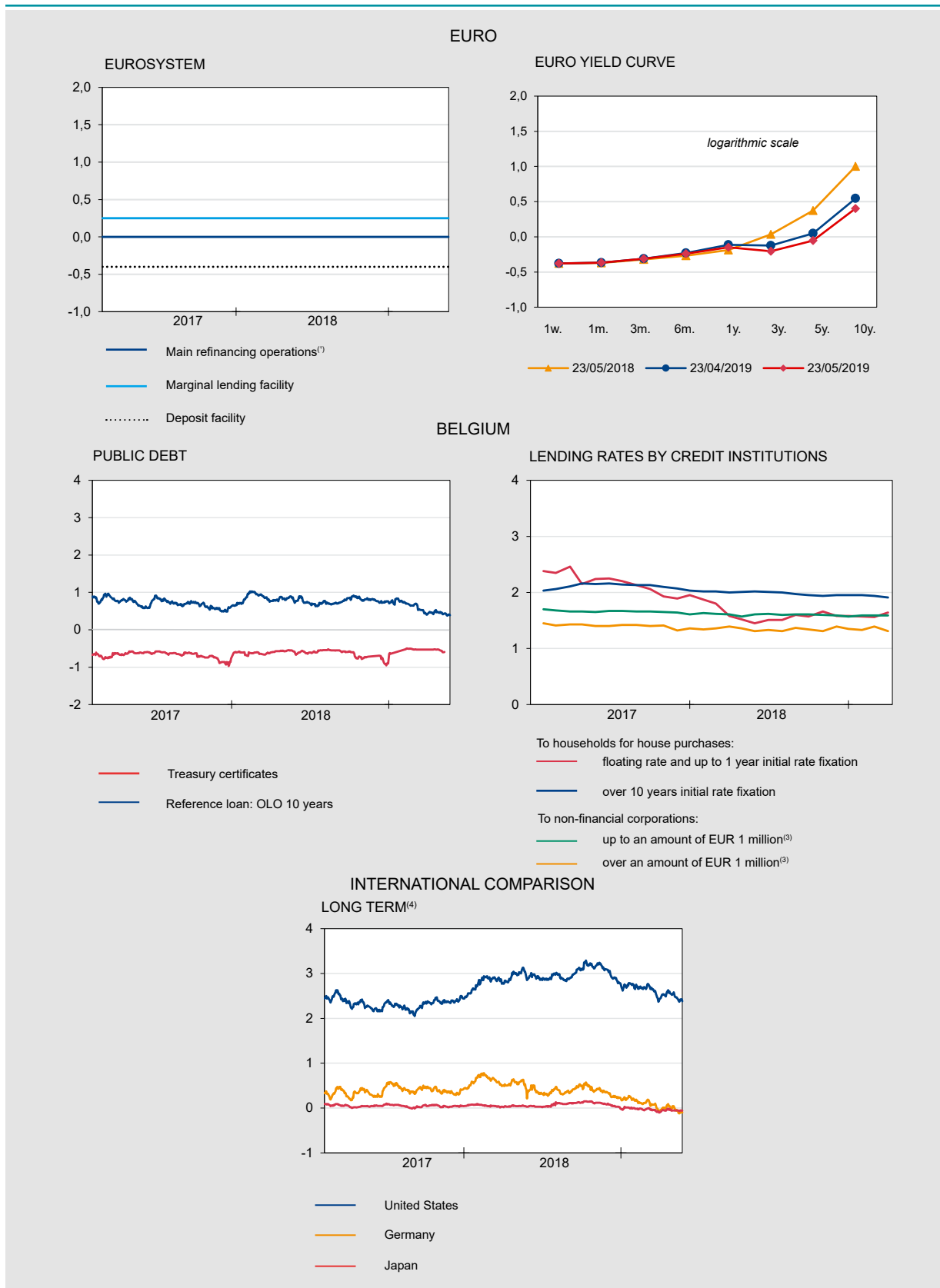
Source: NAI.
(1) National concept.

Balance of payments [NBB.Stat](#)

	2017					2018							
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
	<i>(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)</i>												
CURRENT ACCOUNT	3.2	4.8	3.7	2.7	2.2	1.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-2.0	-1.8	-2.9	-5.9
Goods	0.4	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	2.1	0.8	0.6
Services	4.0	4.1	3.0	2.2	1.3	0.7	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-1.6	-2.4	-4.8
Primary incomes	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.4	6.1
Secondary incomes	-6.5	-6.5	-6.8	-7.0	-7.1	-7.1	-7.2	-7.2	-7.5	-7.7	-7.7	-7.7	-7.8
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-3.9	-2.5	-4.0	-5.5	-3.6	-4.0	-4.2	-2.6	-0.6	-3.4	-3.8	-4.0	-5.4
Direct investment	26.6	27.6	26.6	45.0	42.8	39.5	31.2	23.2	26.8	21.3	24.0	6.0	1.7
Equity capital	21.7	18.7	21.9	16.5	19.0	17.4	16.4	19.0	9.7	19.2	31.1	25.8	25.0
Other capital	4.9	8.9	4.7	28.5	23.7	22.1	14.8	4.2	17.1	2.1	-7.1	-19.8	-23.2
Portfolio investment	9.6	15.0	20.4	5.4	13.5	17.8	10.3	13.6	12.4	9.9	9.8	9.8	-4.0
Financial derivatives	0.7	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.6	3.5	2.2	2.1	3.8	3.5	3.7	4.2
Other transactions	-42.0	-47.8	-53.9	-58.9	-63.1	-65.0	-50.1	-42.6	-42.8	-39.5	-41.9	-24.2	-8.2
NBB's reserves	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	-7.5	-7.8	-8.1	-8.6	-6.2	-6.2	-5.1	-2.5	0.1	-1.3	-1.9	-1.0	0.6

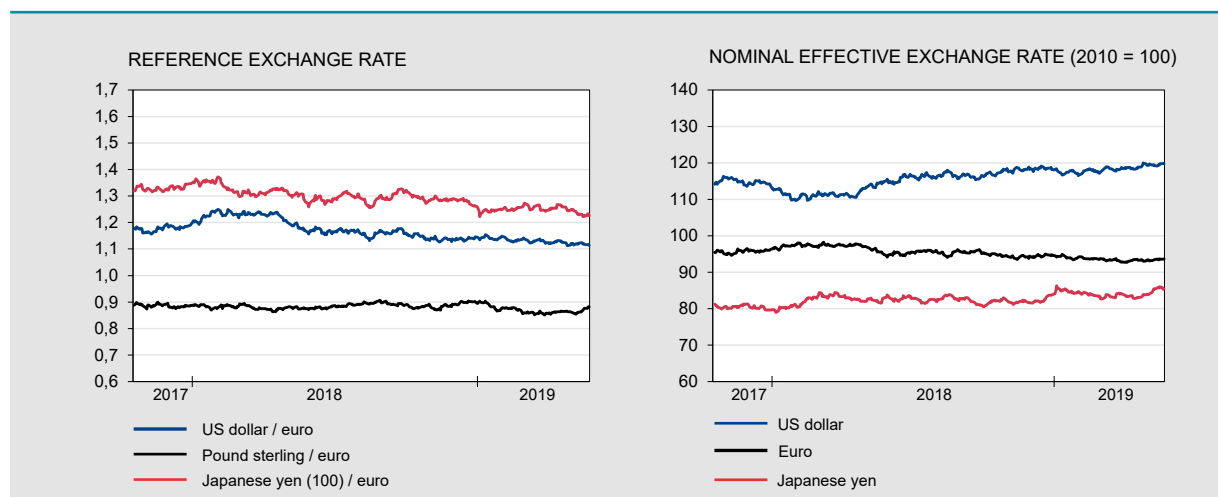


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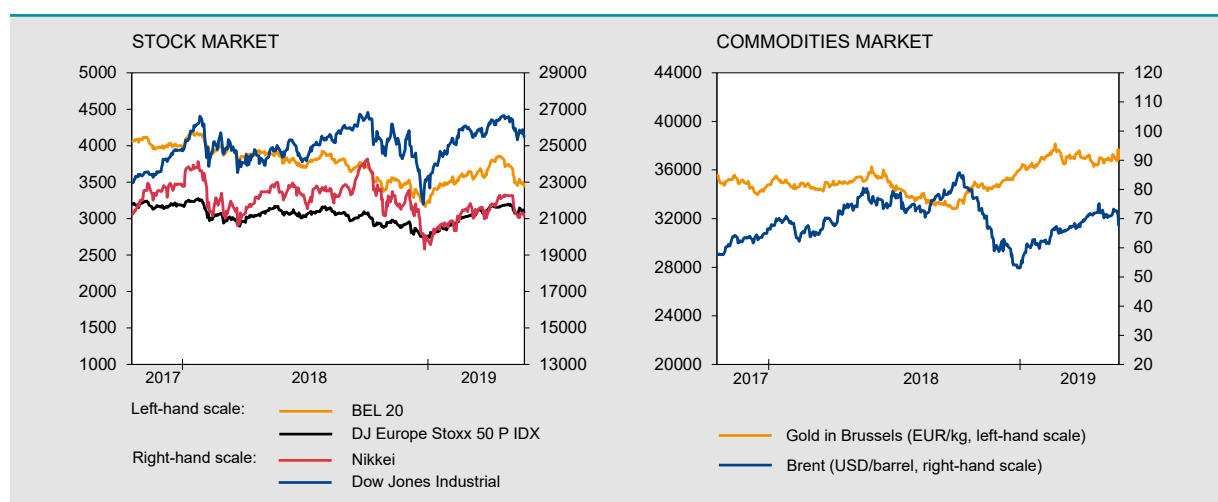


Financial markets (continued)

Exchange rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Stock and commodities market [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

Monetary aggregates⁽¹⁾ [NBB.Stat](#)

	2018										2019		
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M
<i>(end of period, in billions of euro)</i>													
EURO AREA													
M3 excluding currency in circulation	10812	10864	10939	11031	11012	11017	11036	11078	11159	11191	11183	11220	11328
M3	11929	11986	12065	12168	12158	12165	12187	12230	12316	12367	12346	12386	12500
of which: by MFI ⁽²⁾ in BELGIUM													
Deposits													
overnight	204.9	206.5	211.5	212.2	210.6	211.1	211.4	212.2	215.9	214.8	216.7	216.8	224.4
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	14.6	13.8	12.9	12.7	13.8	12.9	13.4	13.5	12.5	13.3	14.5	13.9	14.6
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	305.4	305.3	307.0	307.8	308.4	309.0	309.4	309.9	310.7	311.3	312.8	314.6	316.4
Others M3 ⁽³⁾ components	23.7	22.7	19.1	21.4	19.6	17.6	18.3	21.8	24.8	27.3	28.5	26.8	27.5
M3 ⁽³⁾	548.7	548.4	550.5	554.0	552.4	550.7	552.5	557.3	563.8	566.7	572.6	572.0	582.9

Sources: NBB, ECB.

(1) M3 comprises currency in circulation, deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years, repurchase agreements (exclude the Repurchase agreements with Central counterparties - CCPs), money market fund shares/units, money market paper and debt securities up to 2 years.

(2) Monetary Financial Institutions.

(3) Excluding currency in circulation.

	2016		2017				2018			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	<i>(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)</i>									
FINANCIAL ASSETS										
Individuals	1321.1	1323.1	1326.6	1321.3	1329.4	1339.8	1327.8	1339.9	1337.7	1317.4
General government	207.9	217.2	190.7	190.3	193.2	191.6	192.5	192.9	191.9	191.0
Non-financial corporations	1500.7	1553.0	1562.3	1520.3	1508.7	1489.0	1513.2	1516.6	1494.7	1393.4
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES										
Individuals	266.7	267.5	271.2	274.9	277.5	279.6	283.1	286.1	287.6	289.3
General government	625.5	616.0	586.2	576.5	582.5	580.6	585.0	584.3	583.6	586.2
Non-financial corporations	1958.9	1992.2	1990.7	1968.8	1961.4	1937.2	1937.9	1939.9	1916.4	1852.1
NET FINANCIAL WEALTH										
Individuals	1054.4	1055.6	1055.4	1046.5	1051.9	1060.2	1044.7	1053.8	1050.1	1028.1
General government	-417.6	-398.8	-395.5	-386.2	-389.3	-389.1	-392.5	-391.4	-391.6	-395.2
Non-financial corporations	-458.2	-439.2	-428.5	-448.5	-452.7	-448.2	-424.6	-423.3	-421.7	-458.6

Source: NBB.

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