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Loans to non-financial corporations April 2017

Equipment loans remain strong

Over one year, the growth in investment loans to non-financial corporations is stable at a high level (+ 5.4% in April 2017). Equipment loans accelerate slightly (+ 6.4% in April, up from + 6.3% in March) but, the monthly change in outstanding amounts decreases (2 billion down from 4 billion in March). The tax arrangement allowing extra depreciation ended on 14 April 2017 but related loans might be recorded after this date. Treasury loans also continue to rise (+ 6.4%, up from + 6.0% in the previous month and + 5.2% in February). Overall, the annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations is stable at + 5.4%.

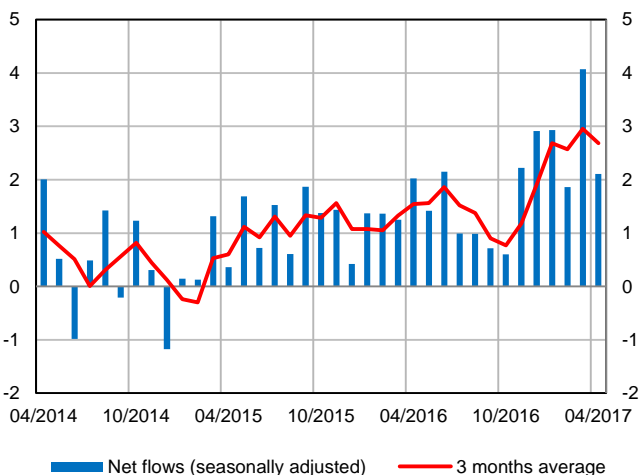
Outstanding amounts and annual growth rate (not seasonally adjusted)

(Outstanding amounts in € Bn, annual growth rate in %)

	End-of-month level	Annual growth rate		
	Apr.-17	Feb.-17	Mar.-17	Apr.-17
Total	934	4.7	5.4	5.4
Investment	652	4.8	5.4	5.4
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>387</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>6.4</i>
<i>Real estate</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>
Treasury	225	5.2	6.0	6.4
Other lending	57	2.2	2.3	2.3

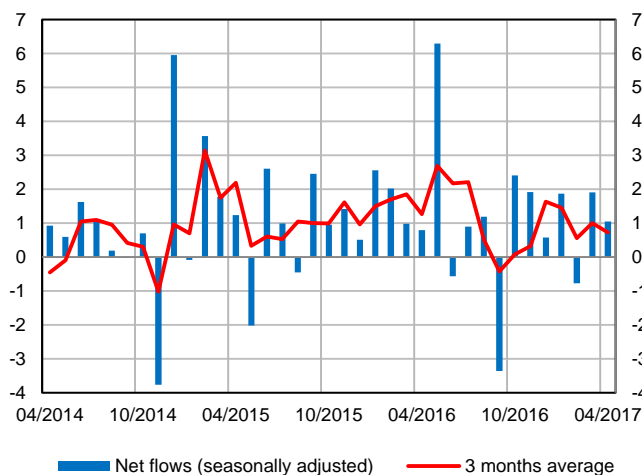
Monthly changes in stocks of equipment loans (seasonally adjusted flows)

(Monthly flow in € Bn)



Monthly changes in stocks of treasury loans (seasonally adjusted flows *)

(Monthly flows in € Bn)



* Seasonal adjusted monthly net flows of other lending to NFC are allocated to treasury loans in proportion to the outstanding amounts.

Additional information

Non-financial corporations include all companies, whose main activity is the production of goods and non-financial services, excluding sole proprietor and unincorporated partnerships.

Growth rates are calculated by correcting derecognition of loans from the MFI's statistical balance sheet due to their sale and securitization and the effects of changes not resulting from economic transactions, particularly write-offs/write-downs, population changes (e.g. reclassification of a counterparty from the non-financial corporations sector to the government sector). On the other hand, exchange rate effects are not corrected in these data expressed in the equivalent euro value, in particular because it is not known how corporate debts in foreign currency are hedged against exchange-rates.