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Money and the financing of the economy – France • February 2024

Annual growth in financing to the private sector is virtually unchanged

- In February 2024, growth in overnight deposits (M1) remains negative year-on-year (-11.4% after -12.9% in January; see table 2), **but for the first time since July 2022, outstanding overnight deposits increased very slightly** (+1.0 bn€, seasonally adjusted). At the same time, the rise in interest-bearing deposits (term deposits and saving accounts included in M2-M1) continues to moderate (+12.2% year-on-year, after +14.0% in January).
- **Growth in domestic resources of monetary financial institutions (MFIs) included in M3 is virtually stable in February** (+0.3% year-on-year, after +0.4% in January; see table 2). After taking into account gross monetary liabilities and assets vis-à-vis the rest of the euro area, **the annual growth rate of the French component of the euro area monetary aggregate M3 rose very slightly** to +0.7% (after +0.5%).
- **Growth in MFI financing to the private sector is almost unchanged from the previous month** (+1.6% year-on-year after +1.5% in January, see table 3). **Growth in financing to households slows very slightly but remains positive** (+0.8% after +1.0% in January), as does growth in loans to non-financial companies (+1.2%, after +1.3% in January).

Table 1 - France: M3 and the financing of the economy

February 2024 (12-month cumulative flows, bn€)			
Total assets	160.1	Total liabilities	160.1
Domestic General Government financing	-1.6	Resources included in M3	7.3
of which loans	-2.0	M1	-162.3
of which securities	0.4	M2 - M1	137.7
Domestic private sector financing	57.4	M3 - M2	32.0
of which loans to households	13.4	Long-term resources (a)	152.7
of which loans to NFC	16.5		
Net external assets	51.8		
Remaining counterparts (b)	52.4		

(a) Deposits over 2 years, debt securities issued, capital and reserves, central government deposits.

(b) Net of inter-MFI assets and liabilities, net of other balance sheet items (financial derivatives, accounting lags, fixed assets), currency in circulation, gold, SDR.

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Table 2 - France : monetary resources of monetary financial institutions

Decomposition of French component of euro-area M3	Outstandings (bn€)		Annual growth rate (in %)		Flows (bn€) (a)	
	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)
Overnight deposits	1,261	-12.9	-11.4	-24.4	1.0	
= Domestic resources included in M1	1,261	-12.9	-11.4	-24.4	1.0	
Term deposits with agreed maturity of up to 2 years	347	56.8	47.5	-5.3	1.3	
+ Saving accounts	917	3.4	2.8	-0.7	-0.6	
= Domestic resources included in M2-M1	1,265	14.0	12.2	-6.0	0.6	
MMF shares	302	21.6	20.1	4.3	-2.8	
+ Repurchase agreements	44	-52.6	-53.6	4.8	-4.3	
+ Debt securities issued with a maturity of up to 2 years	47	19.1	4.4	-2.7	-0.4	
= Domestic resources included in M3-M2	393	12.2	9.1	6.4	-7.5	
Sum of domestic resources included in M3	2,919	0.4	0.3	-24.0	-5.8	
+ Monetary external liabilities vis-à-vis other monetary union members	394	8.0	10.9	-4.8	9.0	
- Monetary external assets vis-à-vis other monetary union members	99	33.6	34.9	0.9	0.4	
= French component of euro area monetary aggregate M3	3,215	0.5	0.7	-29.7	2.8	

(a) Seasonally-adjusted data.

(p) Provisional

(r) Revised

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Table 3 – Counterparts of domestic resources included in M3

	Outstandings (bn€)		Annual growth rate (in %)		Flow (bn€) (a)	
	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)	Feb-24(p)	Jan-24(r)
ASSETS	5,651	3.0	2.9	-1.5	-2.7	
Domestic General government financing (1)	1,174	-0.2	-0.1	1.2	-0.6	
of which loans	209	-0.6	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	
of which securities	965	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.5	
Domestic private sector financing (2)	3,691	1.5	1.6	6.9	9.0	
of which credits to households	1,725	1.0	0.8	0.7	-0.3	
of which credits to NFCs	1,345	1.3	1.2	-2.3	1.8	
Net external assets (3)	329	33.1	19.5	1.6	-16.9	
Remaining counterparts (b) (4)	457	7.6	14.1	-11.3	5.8	
RESSOURCES	5,651	3.0	2.9	-1.5	-2.7	
Long-term resources (c) (5)	2,732	6.0	6.0	-22.5	3.1	
Domestic resources included in M3 (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)-(5)	2,919	0.4	0.3	-24.0	-5.8	

(a) Seasonally-adjusted data.

(b) Net of inter-MFI assets and liabilities, net of other balance sheet items (financial derivatives, accounting lags, fixed assets), currency in circulation, gold, SDR.

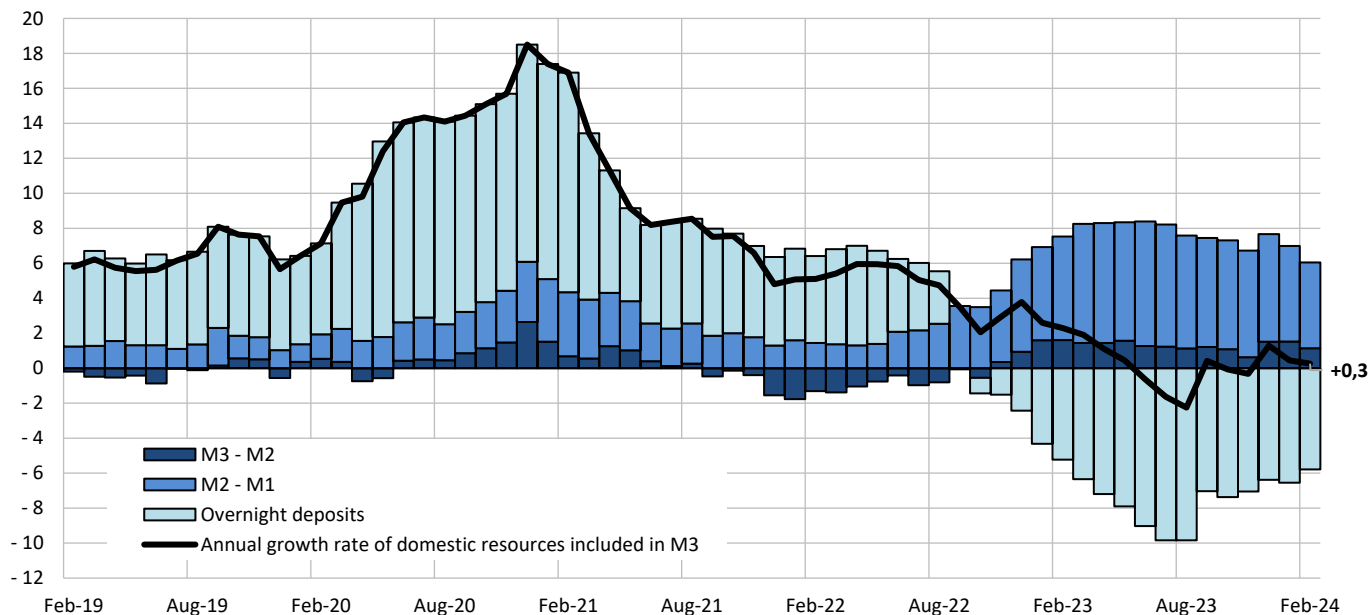
(c) Deposits over 2 years, debt securities issued, capital and reserves, central government deposits.

(p) Provisional

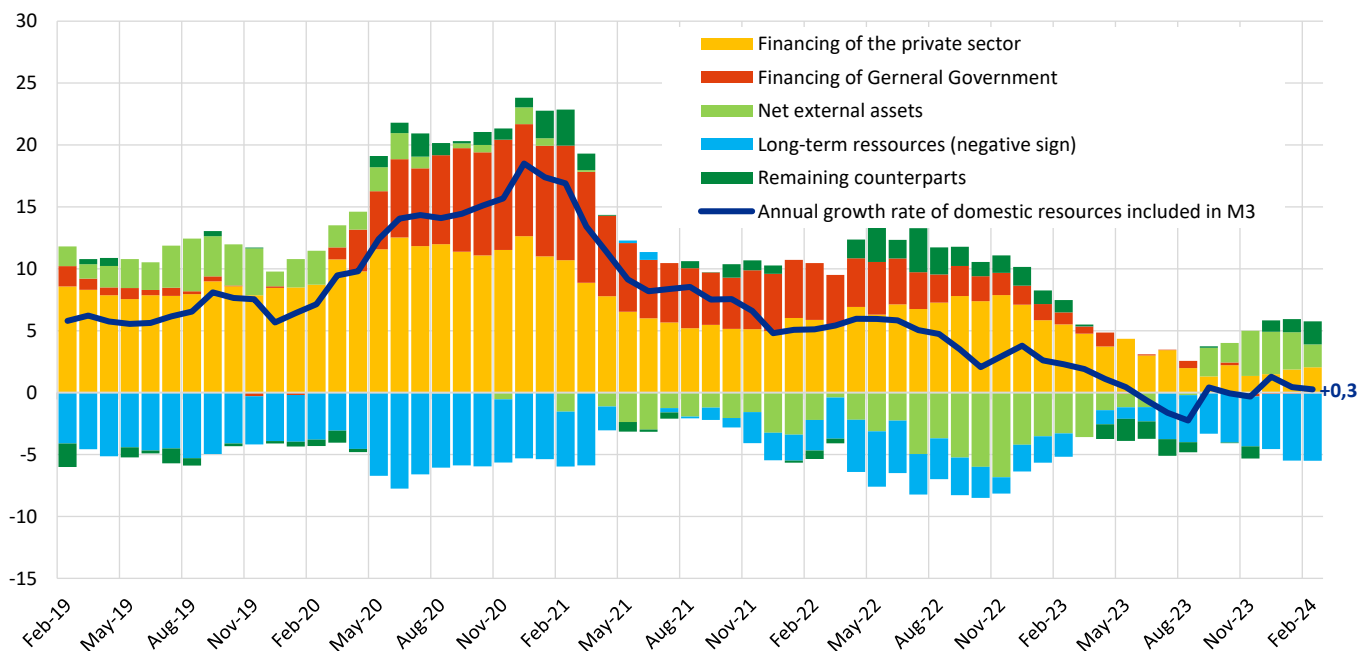
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Contributions to the annual growth of the domestic resources included in M3



Contribution of monetary counterparts to the annual growth of the domestic resources included in M3



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Additional information

Resources included in M3 (excluding banknotes and coins) consist of investments with a maturity of up to two years held by money-holding agents (households, non-financial corporations, General government excluding central government, insurance companies, pension funds, non-monetary mutual funds, investment firms and special purpose vehicles, for the most part) with monetary financial institutions (MFI).

Monetary financial institutions (MFIs) include credit institutions, finance companies, the *Caisse des dépôts et consignations*, money market funds and the *Banque de France*.

Saving accounts include *Livret A* and *Livret Bleu* passbooks, sustainable development and solidarity passbooks, home savings accounts, popular savings passbooks, youth passbooks and ordinary passbooks. Regulated savings are partly centralized in the Savings Fund managed by the *Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations* and thus only pass through the banks' balance sheets. Repurchase agreements are temporary purchases of securities by customers (particularly companies, insurance companies and non-money market funds). Debt securities with a maximum maturity of two years mainly comprise Negotiable European Commercial Paper (NEUCP) issued by French banks and subscribed by customers that are not credit institutions or money market funds.

Funding of the economy includes all financing provided by MFIs to the domestic public and private sectors, in the form of loans and securities (debt and equity). For **loans to households and nonfinancial companies (NFCs)**, loans transferred (securitisations) with impact on banks' balance sheets are reintegrated.

Net external assets correspond to the balance (assets minus liabilities) of MFI operations with the rest of the world.

Long-term inflows of MFIs include capital and reserves, debt securities issued by MFIs with a maturity of more than 2 years, deposits with a maturity of more than 2 years and central government deposits.

The item "**Remaining counterparts**" includes the balance of inter-MFI receivables and liabilities, the net of other balance sheet items (financial derivatives, accounting differences, fixed assets) and currency in circulation.

Growth rates for the outstanding amounts are calculated by adjusting changes in stocks for effects not resulting from economic transactions, in particular corrections for classification errors, but not for exchange rate effects.

The data on outstanding amounts, annual growth rates, and 12-month cumulative flows published in this Statinfo are not seasonally adjusted, but the monthly flow data are.

