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## Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem as at 1 May 2026

In the week ending 1 May 2026 the decrease of EUR 99 million in **gold** and **gold receivables** (asset item 1) reflected the sale of **gold** by one Eurosystem central bank.

The net position of the Eurosystem in foreign currency (asset items 2 and 3 minus liability items 7, 8 and 9) increased by EUR 0.6 billion to EUR 340.7 billion.

The net balance of open market operations and standing facilities (asset item 5 minus liability items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 4) rose by EUR 89.7 billion to -EUR 2,199.1 billion. This was primarily due to the change in the level of the **deposit facility** (liability item 2.2).

Base money (liability items 1, 2.1 and 2.2) decreased by EUR 54.6 billion to EUR 4,046.1 billion.

The table below provides the detailed breakdown of **securities held for monetary policy purposes** (asset item 7.1) into the different portfolios. All debt securities held in these portfolios are accounted for at amortised cost.

Table 1

Monetary policy securities portfolios	Reported value as at 1 May 2026	Weekly change – purchases <sup>[1]</sup>	Weekly change – redemptions
Securities Markets Programme	EUR 0.0 billion	-	-
Covered bond purchase programme 3	EUR 196.2 billion	-	-EUR 0.5 billion
Asset-backed securities purchase programme	EUR 2.3 billion	-EUR 0.0 billion	-EUR 0.0 billion
Public sector purchase programme	EUR 1,745.6 billion	-	-EUR 16.0 billion
Corporate sector purchase programme	EUR 232.0 billion	-	-EUR 0.7 billion
Pandemic emergency purchase programme	EUR 1,346.1 billion	-	-EUR 7.4 billion

[1] With the discontinuation of the reinvestments under the asset purchase programme, this column may sometimes show negative amounts. These are expected to be infrequent and would result from sales of securities conducted, for instance, for risk management purposes.

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