

Statistical press release

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Interest rates

The Banque centrale du Luxembourg (BCL) informs that, based on preliminary data, the main interest rates applied by Luxembourg's credit institutions to euro area households and non-financial corporations (NFCs) for their loans and deposit operations have on average evolved as follows in December 2017.

Representative interest rates on new contracts¹ – loans and deposits – concluded with households

The variable² interest rate on mortgage loans granted to households has decreased by 6 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 1.55% in December 2017. The volume of these newly granted loans has increased by 67 million euros on a monthly basis to reach 271 million euros during last reference period. On a yearly basis, the interest rate has decreased by 10 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has increased by 23 million euros.

The fixed³ interest rate on mortgage loans granted to households has barely changed on a monthly basis to reach 1.82% in December 2017. The volume of these newly granted loans has increased by 87 million euros on a monthly basis and has consequently amounted to 410 million

1 New contracts refer to any new agreement concluded between the household or the non-financial corporation and the reporting agent. New contracts include all financial contracts which mention for the first time the interest rate pertaining to the deposit or credit and all renegotiations of existing deposits or credits.

2 Variable interest rate or rate with an initial fixation period inferior or equal to 1 year.

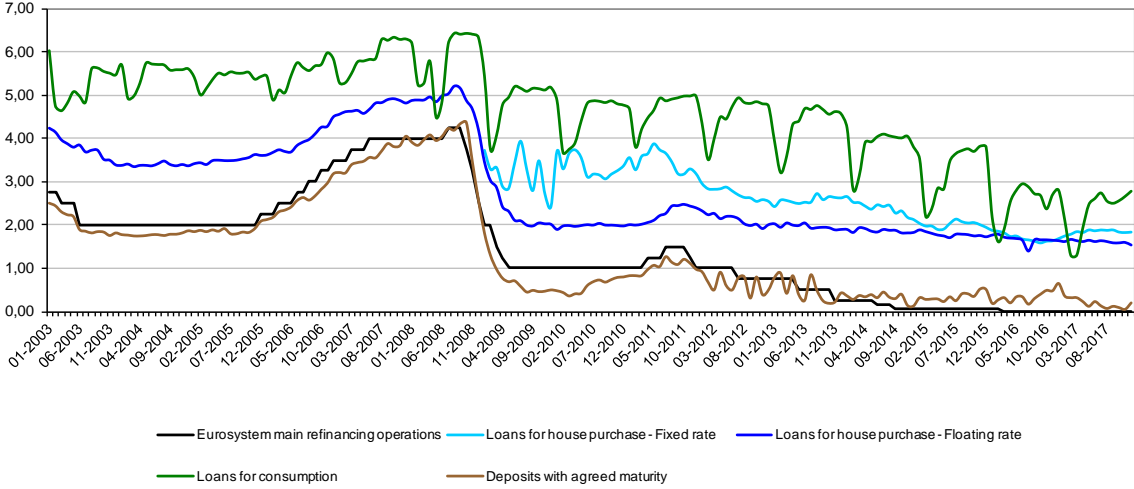
3 Fixed interest rate weighted by the amounts of contracts for all mortgage loans granted, whatever the initial rate fixation period (above 1 year). This series has been published by the BCL since February 2009 only for methodological reasons linked to the identification of reporting agents.

euros during the last reference period. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has increased by 15 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has increased by 58 million euros.

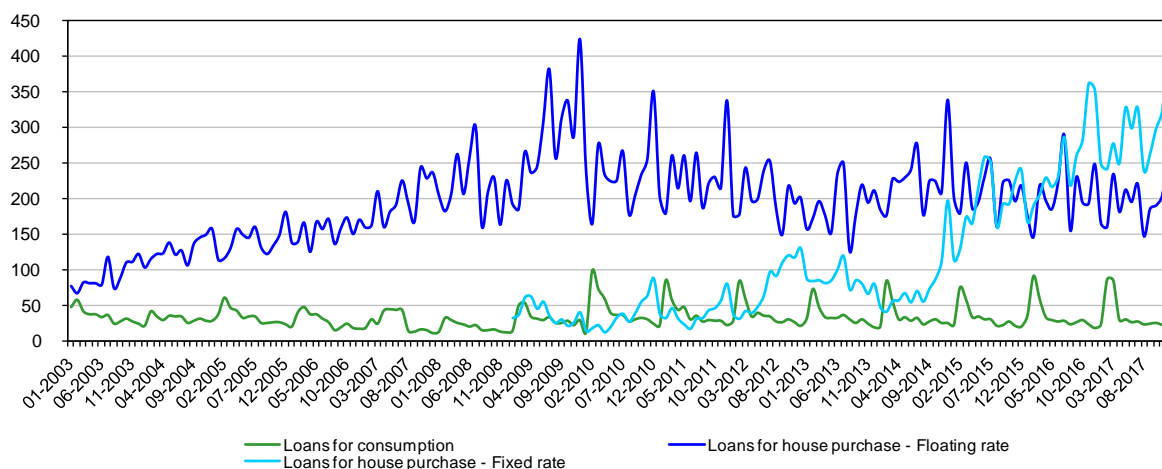
The interest rate on consumer loans that have an initial fixation period above 1 year and below or equal to 5 years has increased by 12 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 2.77% in December 2017. The volume of these newly granted loans has decreased by 5 million euros compared to November 2017 and has consequently amounted to 17 million euros in December 2017. On a yearly basis, the interest rate has decreased by 2 points whereas the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 1 million euros.

The interest rate on households' fixed-term deposits that have an initial maturity below or equal to 1 year has increased by 15 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 20 basis points during December 2017.

Representative interest rates on new contracts – loans and deposits – concluded with households



Volume of newly granted loans to households (millions euros)



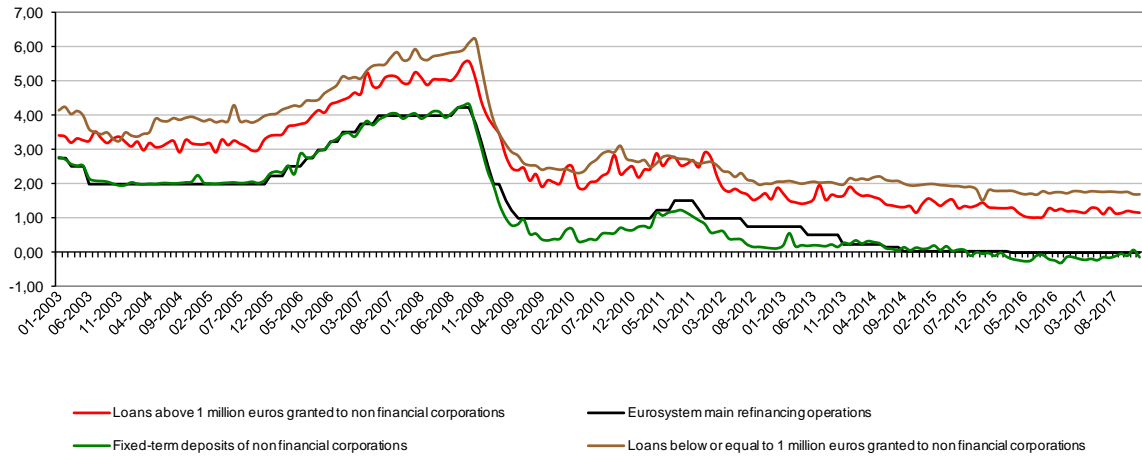
Representative interest rates on new contracts¹ – loans and deposits – concluded with NFCs

The variable² interest rate on loans below or equal to 1 million euros granted to NFCs has remained unchanged at 1,70% compared to November 2017. The volume of newly granted loans has increased by 30 million euros on a monthly basis, reaching 861 million euros during the last reference period. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has decreased by 3 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has increased by 45 million euros.

The variable² interest rate on loans above 1 million euros granted to NFCs has decreased by 2 basis points compared to previous month to reach 1.18% during December 2017. The volume of these newly granted loans has increased by 199 million euros on a monthly basis and has consequently reached 5 704 million euros. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has decreased by 4 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 398 million euros.

The interest rate on fixed-term deposits of NFCs with an initial maturity below or equal to 1 year has decreased by 21 basis points on a monthly basis to reach -14 basis points during December 2017.

Representative interest rates on new contracts – loans and deposits - concluded with non financial corporations



The tables pertaining to interest rates applied to credit institutions can be consulted and/or downloaded on the BCL's website on the following pages:

http://wcmprd.office.bcl.lu/en/statistics/series_statistiques_luxembourg/03_Capital_markets/index.html

Weighting method

The interest rates applied to new contracts are weighted within the categories of instruments concerned by the amounts of individual contracts. This results from the compilation of national aggregates carried out by reporting credit institutions and by the BCL.

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