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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 loan and deposit operations have on average evolved as follows in March 2020.

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

The variable² interest rate on mortgage loans granted to households has increased by 3 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 1.42% in March 2020 whereas the volume of these newly granted loans has decreased by 43 million euros to reach 208 million euros. On a yearly basis, the interest rate has decreased by 6 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 75 million euros.

The fixed³ interest rate on mortgage loans granted to households has remained broadly stable on a monthly basis to reach 1.37% in March 2020. The volume of these newly granted loans has decreased by 40 million euros on a monthly basis and has consequently amounted to 371 million euros during the last reference period. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has decreased by 39 basis points whereas the volume of newly granted loans has increased by 16 million euros.

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.

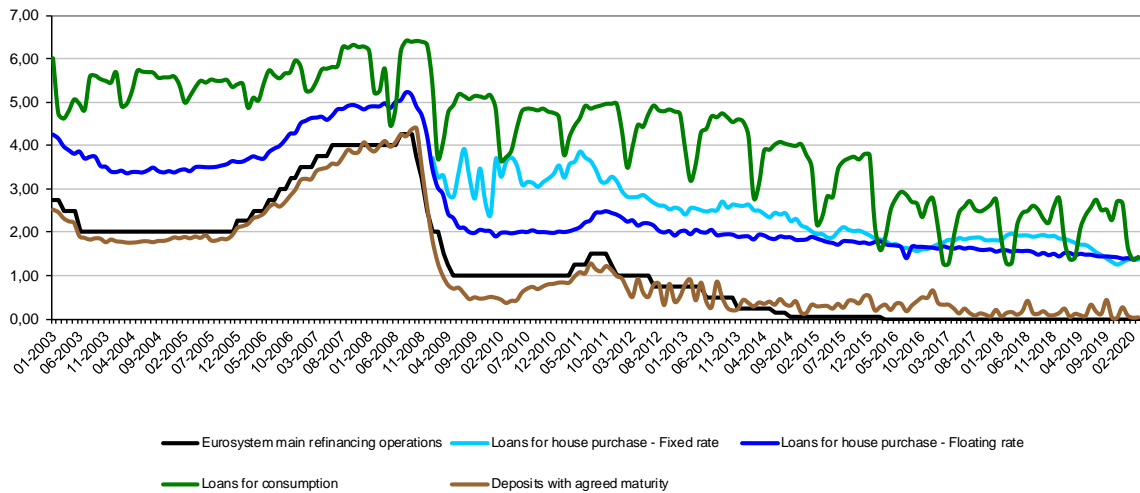
2 Variable interest rate or rate with an initial fixation period inferior or equal to 1 year.

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.

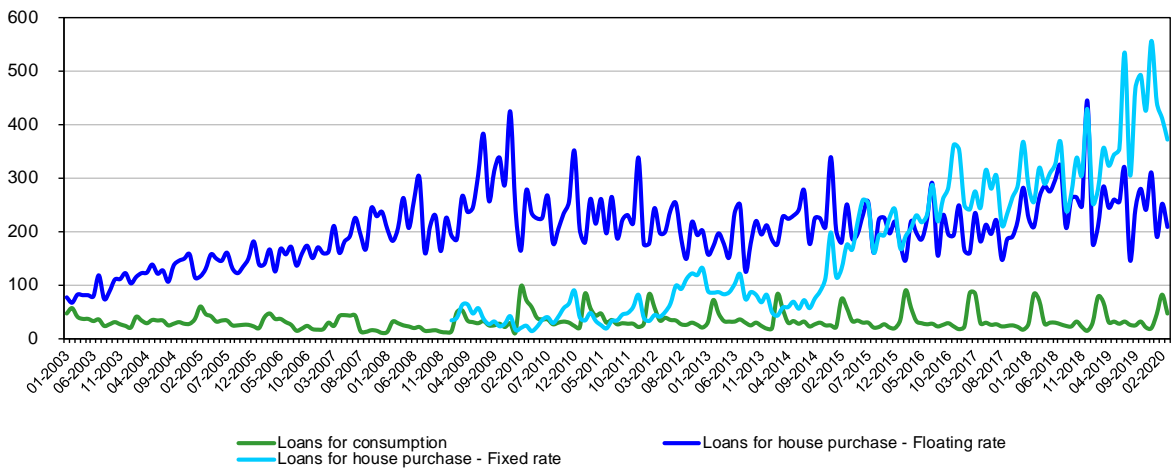
The interest rate on consumer loans that have an initial fixation period above 1 year and below or equal to 5 years has increased by 6 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 1.44% in March 2020 whereas the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 35 million euros to reach 47 million euros. On a yearly basis, the interest rate has remained broadly stable whereas the volume of new lending has decreased by 21 million euros.

The interest rate on households' fixed-term deposits that have an initial maturity below or equal to 1 year has reached 3 basis points in March 2020 from 2 basis points during the previous month.

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



Volume of newly granted loans to households (millions euros)



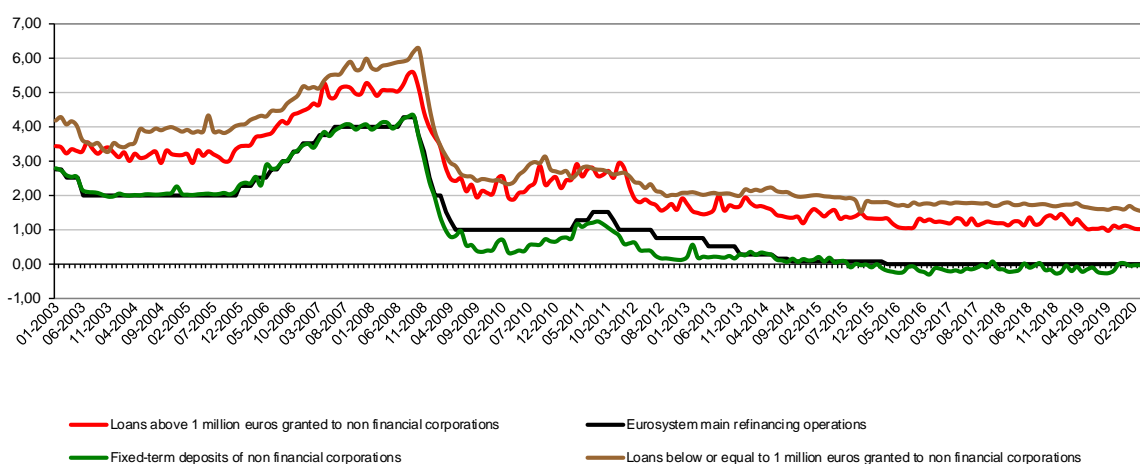
Representative interest rates on new contracts¹ – loans and deposits – concluded with NFCs

The variable² interest rate on loans below or equal to 1 million euros granted to NFCs has decreased by 5 basis points on a monthly basis to reach 1.55% in March 2020. The volume of newly granted loans has increased by 135 million euros on a monthly basis, reaching 841 million euros in March 2020. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has decreased by 22 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 102 million euros.

The variable² interest rate on loans above 1 million euros granted to NFCs has remained broadly stably on a monthly basis, reaching 1.01% during the last reference period from 1.02% the previous month. The volume of newly granted loans has increased by 2 450 million euros to reach 6 695 million euros. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has decreased by 28 basis points and the volume of newly granted loans has decreased by 1 288 million euros.

The interest rate on fixed-term deposits of NFCs with an initial maturity below or equal to 1 year has remained unchanged at -4 basis points in March 2020. On a yearly basis, this interest rate has increased by 4 basis points.

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://www.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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