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# FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND LIQUIDITY AND MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET, FEBRUARY 2016

#### THE FOREIGN-EXCHANGE RESERVE

In February 2016, the foreign-exchange reserve decreased by kr. 8.2 billion to kr. 421.5 billion. The decrease reflects Danmarks Nationalbank's net sale of foreign exchange for kr. 8.1 billion, and the central government's net repayment of foreign debt for kr. 0.1 billion, cf. table 1.

In February, Danmarks Nationalbank's net sale of foreign exchange due to intervention in the foreign-exchange market amounted to kr. 8.4 billion.

DANMARKS NATIONALBANK'S NET FOREIGN-EXCHANGE PURCHASES AND THE CHANGE IN THE FOREIGN-EXCHANGE RESERVE – TABLE 1					
Kr. billion	February 2016	January-February 2016			
Danmarks Nationalbank's interventions <sup>*</sup> to purchase foreign exchange, Other <sup>**</sup>	-8.4 0.3	-16.1 0.4			
Danmarks Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases	-8.1	-15.7			
The central government's net foreign borrowing***.	-0.1	-0.2			
Change in the foreign-exchange reserve	-8.2	-16.0			

Note: Details may not add because of rounding and previously published figure may have been revised. All transactions as per settlement date.

### **DEVELOPMENT IN LIQUIDITY**

In February, the central government's net financing requirement amounted to kr. 1.9 billion. Since the turn of the year, the central government's net financing requirement has been kr. 2.4 billion, cf. table 2.

The net position of the banks and mortgage-credit institutes vis-à-vis Danmarks Nationalbank decreased by kr. 16.1 billion in February, to an outstanding amount of kr. 110.5 billion. In February, Danmarks Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases reduced the net position by kr. 8.1 billion.

<sup>\*</sup> Intervention takes place when Danmarks Nationalbank purchases and sells foreign exchange for Danish kroner in the foreign-exchange market in order to stabilise the exchange rate.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Comprises e.g. interest accrued on the foreign-exchange reserve, the central government's net payments in foreign exchange, EU-payments, and changes in the banks' deposits in euro-denominated accounts at Danmarks Nationalbank.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Including net payments to the central government in foreign exchange as a result of currency swaps.

#### IMPACT OF VARIOUS FACTORS ON THE NET POSITION OF THE BANKS AND MORTGAGE-CREDIT INSTITUTES VIS-À-VIS DANMARKS NATIONALBANK – TABLE 2

Kr. billion	February 2016	January-February 2016
The central government's net financing	1.9	2.4
Redemption on domestic central-government debt *	0.0	0.0
Other**	7.3	9.6
The central government's gross domestic financing requirement The central government's gross domestic borrowing***	9.2 15.6	12.0 29.6
The central government's liquidity impact	-6.4	-17.7
Danmarks Nationalbank's net foreign-exchange purchases	-8.1	-15.7
Danmarks Nationalbank's net bond purchases	0.0	-1.0
Other factors****	-1.6	0.1
Change in net position	-16.1	-34.3

Note: Details may not add because of rounding. All transactions as per settlement date.

- \* Including krone-denominated payments by the central government in currency swaps.
- \*\* Comprises, inter alia, net bond purchases by the government funds and net collateral for the government's swap portfolio.
- \*\*\* Gross long-term borrowing, net short-term borrowing and krone-denominated payments to the central government in currency swaps.
- \*\*\*\* Comprises e.g. changes in banknotes and coins in circulation.

#### DANMARKS NATIONALBANK'S INTEREST RATES

Since 6 July 2012 the discount rate has been 0.00 per cent, since 1 June 2012 the current-account interest rate has been 0.00 per cent, since 20 January 2015 the lending rate has been 0.05 per cent and since 8 January 2016 the rate of interest on certificates of deposit has been -0.65 per cent.

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## BALANCE SHEET OF DANMARKS NATIONALBANK 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Assets	2016	2016	2015
1000 kr.	29/02	31/01	28/02
Stock of gold	15,490,447	15,490,447	15,707,167
Foreign assets	390,792,433	395,763,877	703,582,482
Claims on the International Monetary Fund	17,464,613	19,586,506	18,854,501
Claims related to banks' and mortgage credit			
institutes' TARGET accounts in ECB	49,705	52,914	19,913
Monetary-policy lending	30,000	-	473,302
Other lending	2,714,277	2,874,477	3,386,198
Banks <sup>í.)</sup>	2,680,131	2,839,634	3,347,018
Misc. loans	34,146	34,843	39,180
Domestic bonds	33,014,137	33,014,137	33,011,732
Shares etc.	802,211	802,211	802,211
Tangible and intangible fixed assets	709,067	713,470	757,143
Other assets	1,047,414	1,443,319	2,634,114
	462,114,304	469,741,358	779,228,763

<sup>1)</sup> Including loans financing decentralised banknote holdings.

Liabilities	2016	2016	2015
1000 kr.	29/02	31/01	28/02
Banknotes	62,551,617	62,216,219	60,102,084
Coins	5,940,896	5,948,871	5,860,131
Monetary-policy deposits	110,552,918	126,645,167	359,795,373
Net current accounts	26,326,918	30,010,167	31,844,373
Certificates of deposit	84,226,000	96,635,000	327,951,000
Other deposits	16,059,905	15,413,660	11,261,931
Deposits related to banks' and mortgage credit. institutes' TARGET accounts in ECB	49,705	52,914	19,913
Other deposits from banks' andmortgage credit institutes'	182,250	35	145
Misc. deposits	15,827,950	15,360,711	11,241,873
Central government	175,038,296	168,607,137	254,314,456
Foreign liabilities	2,215,824	1,154,424	1,070,925
Counterpart of Special Drawing Rights			
allocated by the IMF (SDR)	14,507,188	14,507,188	13,575,439
Other liabilities	7,091,238	7,092,270	10,288,535
Capital and reserves	68,156,422	68,156,422	62,959,889
	462,114,304	469,741,358	779,228,763