

PRESS RELEASE

EURO AREA INVESTMENT FUND STATISTICS JULY 2011

In July 2011, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds was €23 billion higher than in June 2011. This increase was due to net issues of shares/units.

The **amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds** increased to €5,810 billion in July 2011, from €5,787 billion in June 2011. Over the same period, the amount outstanding of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds decreased to €1,033 billion, from €1,050 billion.

Transactions¹ in shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds amounted to €24 billion in July 2011, while transactions in shares/units issued by money market funds amounted to minus €25 billion.

The annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds, calculated on the basis of transactions, was 5.2% in July 2011, while the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by euro area money market funds was -7.2%.

Shares/units issued

(EUR billions and annual growth rates; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period, transactions during the period)

	2011			
	Apr.	May	June	July
Investment funds other than money market funds:				
Amount outstanding	5,813	5,859	5,787	5,810
Transactions	41	27	8	24
Annual percentage change	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.2
Money market funds:				
Amount outstanding	1,071	1,090	1,050	1,033
Transactions	6	8	-35	-25
Annual percentage change	-6.6	-4.6	-5.2	-7.2

Source: ECB.

¹ Transactions in shares/units issued mainly reflect the difference between shares/units issued and those redeemed, but may also include other transactions, such as those resulting from dividend payments received or distributed by the fund.

In terms of the **breakdown by investment policy**, the annual growth rate of shares/units issued by bond funds was 5.6% in July 2011. Transactions in shares/units issued by bond funds amounted to €8 billion in July 2011. The annual growth rate and transactions of equity funds were 4.7% and €2 billion respectively. For mixed funds, the corresponding figures were 5.6% and €1 billion.

Notes

- *Money market funds are presented separately in this press release since they are classified in the monetary financial institutions sector within the European statistical framework, while other types of investment fund are classified in the other financial intermediaries sector.*
- *Further predefined tables, statistical data and methodological notes, as well as the advance release calendar, are available in the “Statistics” section of the ECB’s website under “Euro area investment fund statistics” (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/funds/html/index.en.html>) and “The balance sheets of monetary financial institutions” (<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/money/aggregates/bsheets/html/index.en.html>).*

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Investment funds shares/units issued by euro area investment funds other than money market funds

(EUR billions and annual percentage changes; not seasonally adjusted; amounts outstanding at the end of the period, transactions during the period)

	JUNE 2011			JULY 2011		
	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual percentage change ¹⁾	Amount outstanding	Transactions	Annual percentage change ¹⁾
Breakdown by investment policy²⁾						
Bond funds	1812	3	6.1	1837	8	5.6
Equity funds	1689	2	4.9	1671	2	4.7
Mixed funds	1424	1	6.1	1427	1	5.6
Real estate funds	271	3	3.8	282	11	7.8
Hedge funds	112	0	0.2	116	2	2.6
Other funds	479	0	3.8	477	0	3.6
Breakdown by type of fund³⁾						
Open-end funds	5701	6	5.4	5724	24	5.2
Closed-end funds	86	2	3.8	86	1	4.3
Total	5787	8	5.3	5810	24	5.2

1) Annual percentage changes are calculated on the basis of transactions.

2) The breakdown by investment policy is generally based on the types of asset in which the investment funds primarily invest, usually on the basis of a stated strategy (e.g. if the fund primarily invests in shares and other equity it is allocated to the "equity funds" category). Funds investing in both equity and bonds, without any prevalent policy for either, are allocated to the "mixed funds" category. Hedge funds are classified in line with the statistical definition set out in Guideline ECB/2007/9. In particular, they cover funds with relatively unconstrained investment strategies and few restrictions on the types of financial asset in which they may invest. If a fund cannot be classified as an equity, bond, mixed, real estate or hedge fund, it is included in the residual "other funds" category.

3) The shares/units of open-end funds can be redeemed out of the fund's assets. Closed-end funds are funds with a fixed number of issued shares/units.