

FINANCING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN APRIL 2023

1. Government debt data

The debt of the central government increased by HUF 2,043.0 billion in April due to the following reasons:

- **The first increasing factor** is the net forint issuance of HUF 1,552.4 billion, which finances the deficit of the central government budget.
- **The second – increasing – factor** is the net foreign currency issuance of HUF 1,455.0 billion, which increased the debt of the central government.
- **The third – which had contrary effect than the above mentioned factors –** is the appreciation of the forint that decreased the HUF value of the foreign currency debt by HUF 884.4 billion.
- **The fourth – also decreasing – factor** is the change of the foreign currency exchange rates and other factors that decreased the mark-to-market deposits placed at GDMA by HUF 80.0 billion.

According to the preliminary data **the domestic and foreign currency debt of the central government** was the following in 2023.

Central government gross debt and debt transactions in 2023

	31.12.2022		Issuance (increase in debt)	Redemption (decrease in debt)	Other changes	Net change	30.04.2023		change
	Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	I-IV. month				Debt stock (preliminary data)	Breakdown	percent
1. HUF denominated debt	33,775.628	74.1%	4,717.517	3,165.090	0.000	1,552.427	35,328.055	74.2%	0.08%
1.1. Loans	1,024.205	2.2%	0.000	59.471	0.000	-59.471	964.734	2.0%	-0.22%
1.1.1. Foreign	1,024.205	2.2%	0.000	59.471	0.000	-59.471	964.734	2.0%	-0.22%
1.1.2. Domestic	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0%	0.00%
1.2. Government securities	32,751.423	71.9%	4,717.517	3,105.619	0.000	1,611.898	34,363.321	72.2%	0.30%
1.2.1. Bonds	22,346.277	49.0%	990.064	59.696	0.000	930.368	23,276.644	48.9%	-0.15%
1.2.2. Discount T-bills	1,785.783	3.9%	1,547.147	1,199.821	0.000	347.326	2,133.109	4.5%	0.56%
1.2.3. Retail securities	8,619.363	18.9%	2,180.306	1,846.102	0.000	334.204	8,953.568	18.8%	-0.11%
2. Foreign currency denominated debt	11,397.328	25.0%	1,985.001	530.023	-884.429	570.548	11,967.877	25.1%	0.13%
2.1. Loans	1,959.079	4.3%	143.357	0.511	-141.439	1.407	1,960.486	4.1%	-0.18%
2.1.1. Foreign	1,959.079	4.3%	142.951	0.511	-141.033	1.407	1,960.486	4.1%	-0.18%
2.1.2. Domestic	0.000	0.0%	0.406	0.000	-0.406	0.000	0.000	0.0%	0.00%
2.2. Government securities	9,438.250	20.7%	1,841.643	529.512	-742.990	569.142	10,007.391	21.0%	0.31%
2.2.1. Issued abroad	9,085.466	19.9%	1,744.083	525.208	-715.082	503.792	9,589.259	20.1%	0.20%
2.2.2. Issued in Hungary	352.783	0.8%	97.560	4.303	-27.908	65.349	418.133	0.9%	0.10%
Total	45,172.957	99.1%	6,702.517	3,695.113	-884.429	2,122.975	47,295.932	99.4%	0.20%
Other debt	389.419	0.9%	753.195	813.684	-19.532	-80.021	309.398	0.6%	-0.20%
Total central government debt	45,562.376	100.0%	7,455.712	4,508.797	-903.961	2,042.954	47,605.330	100.0%	0.00%

The foreign currency debt of the central government increased by HUF 570.5 billion in 2023 and amounted to HUF 11,967.9 billion at the end of April 2023. The share of foreign currency denominated debt within the total debt increased from 25.0% to 25.1% in 2023.

The increase is mainly due to the foreign currency bonds issuance in January: 5-year foreign currency bond in the amount of USD 1.5 billion (HUF 558.1 billion) and 10-year foreign currency bond in the amount of USD 1.5 billion (HUF 558.1 billion), and 30-year foreign currency bond in the amount of 1.25 billion USD (HUF 465.1 billion HUF) was also issued. The foreign currency debt was further increased by the private placement in March. The 5- and 10-year foreign currency bonds issued in January were increased in the amounts of USD 150 million (HUF 54.3 billion) and USD 300 million (HUF 108.6 billion). A part of the January's issuance was used to repurchase two USD bonds maturing between 2023-24, together with the closing of the related swaps, at a face value of USD 1.0 billion (HUF 289.9 billion).

The forint denominated debt increased by HUF 1,552.4 billion to HUF 35,328.1 billion. The share of HUF-denominated debt reached 74.2% of the total debt, while in December 2022 this proportion was 74.1%.

The stock of retail securities increased by HUF 334.2 billion since the end of 2022 to HUF 8,953.6 billion at the end of April. The portfolio of Premium Hungarian Government Securities with a maturity of more than one year increased by HUF 1,214.8 billion, thus amounted to HUF 5,536.4 billion. The outstanding amount of the Bonus Hungarian Government Security increased by HUF 249.5 billion and amounted to HUF 764.2 billion at the end of April. The stock of the 1-year Government Securities decreased by HUF 233.4 billion to HUF 574.4 billion at the end of April. The stock of the Hungarian Government Securities Plus (dematerialised and printed) decreased by HUF 977.4 billion this year and amounted to HUF 1,457.1 billion at the end of April.

The volume of non-resident holdings of Hungarian government securities increased by HUF 855.9 billion to HUF 7,434.2 in April. 98.9% of non-resident holdings was T-bonds, which amounted to HUF 7,355.7 billion. The non-resident holdings of Discount T-Bills amounted to HUF 78.5 billion, that represented only 1.1% of total non-resident holdings. The duration of the non-resident stock was 5.7 years at the end of April 2023.

In order to reduce counterparty risk associated with the swap transactions concluded by GDMA, so-called marked-to-market deposits are being placed as collateral covering the net value of the swap positions. Such deposits placed at GDMA are counted as part of the government debt as 'other obligations'. During the first four month of the year marked-to-market deposits decreased by HUF 80.0 billion and reached HUF 309.4 billion (EUR 0.8 billion) at the end of the month.

2. Forint yields

The average bid-to-cover ratio of Discount T-bill auctions decreased from 5.5 to 5.4. The bid-to-cover ratio of T-bond auctions increased from 2.7 to 4.1 in April.

The average yield of the last 3-month Discount Treasury Bill auction in April was 14.70%, 20 basis points lower than in the previous month and the 6-month Treasury bill was 14.71%, 50 basis points lower than at the end of March. The average yield of the last 12-month Discount Treasury Bill auction in April was 14.46%, 10 basis points lower compared to March.

The average yield of the last 3-year government bond auction in April was 10.49%, 20 basis points higher compared to March. The average yield of the last 5-year government bond auction in April was 9.23%, 3 basis points lower compared to the previous month. The average yield of the last 10-year government bond auction was 8.34%, 10 basis points lower compared to March. The average yield of the last of 20-year government bond auction was 8.02%, higher by 87 basis points compared to the last January's average yield.