

Deposit trends at Irish Covered Banks

December 2012 data set

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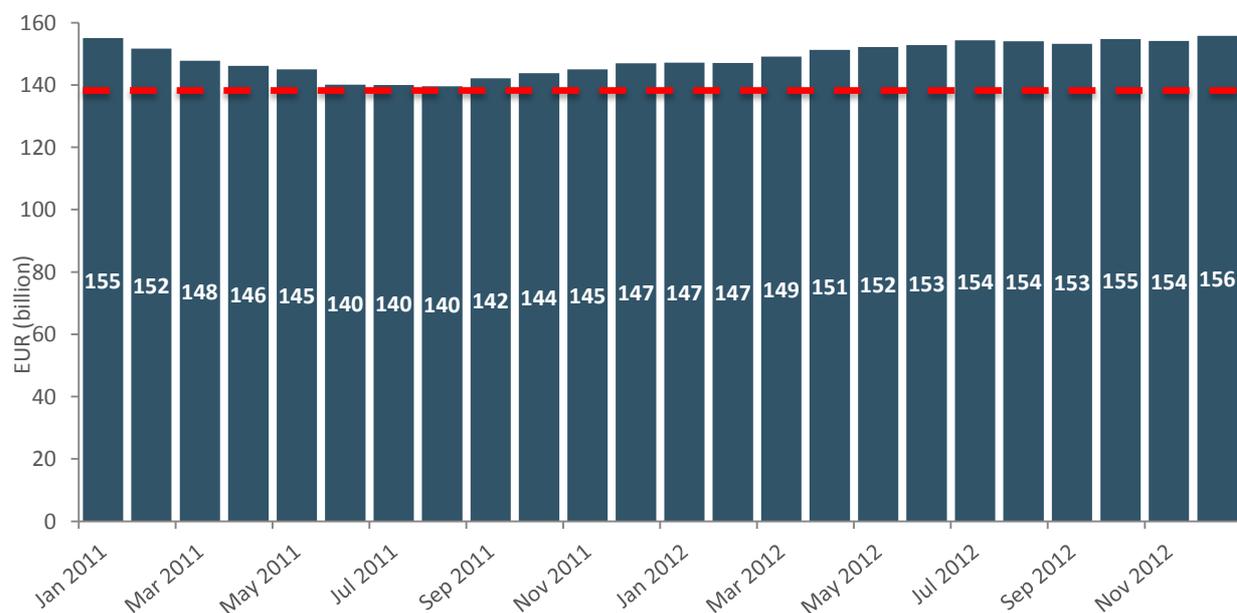
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Headline deposits at covered banks remained stable in December at €155.8bn, increasing by c.€1.6bn (c.1%) during the month. The increase in deposits during December was largely due to stronger Retail and Corporate deposits in Ireland. Notwithstanding that while some of the increase in December is likely due to seasonal factors, on a constant currency basis, deposits were €1.9bn higher month on month in December.

The cumulative growth since the start of the year is strong with headline deposits up c.€8.7bn (6%) at year-end or c.€7.9bn on a constant currency basis, although the pace of year on year increase has moderated somewhat.

It is encouraging that as advertised deposit interest rates for both Corporate and Retail customers continue to trend lower across the sector that deposit volumes have remained broadly stable in the second half of the year.

Figure 1. Customer deposits at Covered Banks (consolidated figures) *



Source: Central Bank of Ireland, DoF

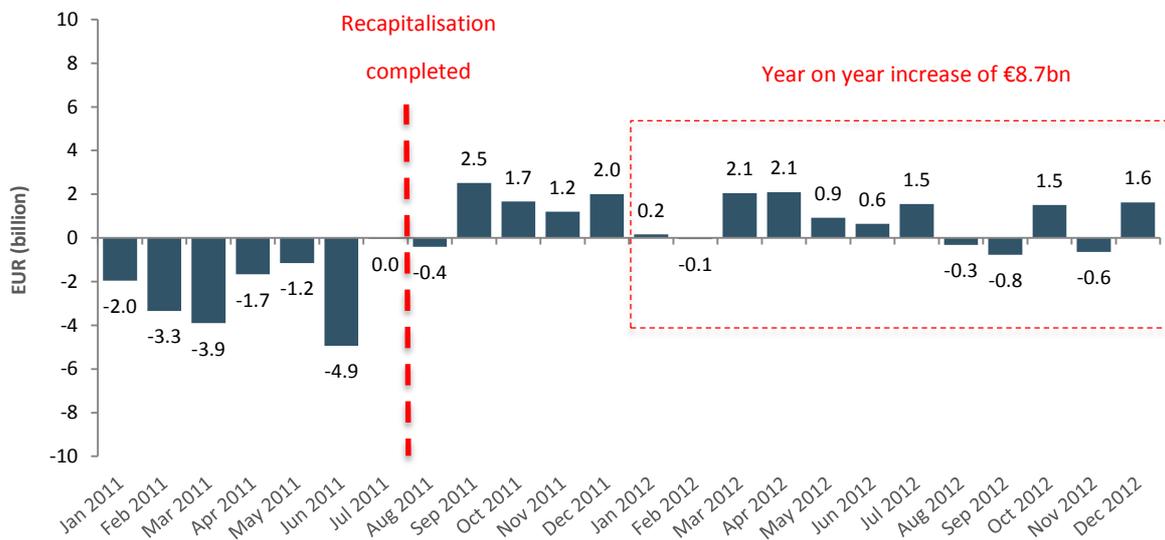
* Excludes NTMA deposits held prior to re-capitalisation, AIB’s Polish operations. From January 2012 the figures also include the acquisition of Northern Rock deposits by permanent tsb.

Consolidated Deposits at Covered Banks

A look at the monthly trend

The increase during December of €1.6bn, which was due mostly to increases in Retail and Corporate balances in Ireland, continues the general theme of stability evident in deposit volumes. Volumes in the UK were broadly unchanged in December. As shown in Figure 2 below, there has been steady quarter on quarter increases recorded across the Covered Banks since Q3 2011 following the successful recapitalisation of the banking system. In fact deposits have increased by c.€15.7bn (c.11.3%) since the recapitalisation was completed.

Figure 2. Covered Bank deposit net inflows/outflows (consolidated figures)



Source: Central Bank of Ireland, DoF

Deposit volumes on a constant currency basis

As exchange rates are an important factor in understanding period to period comparisons in deposit volumes, we believe the presentation of results on a constant-currency basis in addition to reporting headline results will help improve the readers ability to understand the trends in covered bank deposit volumes. Constant-currency information compares results between periods as if exchange rates had remained constant period-over-period. We calculate constant-currency by calculating prior-period closing deposit volume using the current period-end foreign currency exchange rate.

Please also note that the deposit volume information presented here is gathered on a geographic basis of where the business is conducted rather than the actual currency of the underlying deposit account. These figures should therefore be considered indicative only, but will give a good indication of the period to period movements adjusted for exchange rate movements.

As can be seen in the table below, on a constant currency basis deposit volumes increased by €1.9bn in December and cumulatively remain €7.9bn higher since the start of the year.

Deposit volumes on a constant currency basis

Period ended	Period end volume, at current period end rate	Movement between periods
	EUR'000	EUR'000
31 December 2011	147,871	
30 November 2012	153,810	5,938
31 December 2012	155,757	1,947
Cumulative movement, at constant currency		7,886

Central Bank statistics are very different from those shown in the data set presented above

Please note (as we covered in our first bulletin: http://banking.finance.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/Deposit_Note-Republished-25-April-2012.pdf) that the statistics published by the Central Bank of Ireland are compiled using a different methodology than those produced by the Covered Banks themselves.



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