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Press Release

Monetary developments in the Republic of Macedonia: February 2018

- In February, **the broad money (monetary aggregate M4¹)** registered monthly increase of 1.7% mainly influenced by the increase in the demand deposits², given slight growth also in short-term and long-term deposits. Annually, the broad money went up by 7.4%, as a result of the rise in all components, registering the largest contribution of both, demand deposits and long-term deposits, followed by the currency in circulation and the short-term deposits.
- In February, **the total deposits** registered monthly and annual growth of 1.4% and 7.0%, respectively, in conditions of deposit growth in both sectors, with more apparent contribution being evident in household sector (share in the total deposit growth of 59.9% and 62.0%, respectively).

Table 1. Total deposits and loans of the non-government sector

	stocks (in millions of NC)							annual changes (in %)							monthly changes (in %)	
	12.2016 ¹⁾	3.2017	6.2017	9.2017	12.2017 ¹⁾	1.2018	2.2018	12.2016 ¹⁾	3.2017	6.2017	9.2017	12.2017 ¹⁾	1.2018	2.2018	1.2018	2.2018
Broad Money (M4)	351,222	344,729	347,157	350,513	369,882	365,438	371,581	6.1	4.2	7.8	6.4	5.3	5.3	7.4	-1.2	1.7
<i>of which:</i>																
Currency in Circulation	28,193	26,802	28,473	28,968	29,968	28,364	28,406	7.2	4.2	9.7	9.9	6.3	5.5	5.9	-5.4	0.1
Total Deposits	321,888	317,720	318,426	320,952	339,314	336,402	341,043	5.7	4.2	7.6	6.0	5.4	5.2	7.0	-0.9	1.4
<i>of which:</i>																
Corporations	87,377	82,420	80,885	80,304	89,248	86,001	87,574	13.4	8.8	10.8	5.6	2.1	2.5	7.1	-3.6	1.8
Households	217,394	217,554	219,505	221,570	230,744	229,928	232,708	2.5	1.8	6.5	5.6	6.1	5.5	6.4	-0.4	1.2
Total Loans	282,461	280,157	286,408	286,950	298,672	294,855	295,435	0.9	0.0	4.4	4.3	5.7	6.1	6.8	-1.3	0.2
<i>of which:</i>																
Corporations	151,905	146,851	149,179	146,764	156,137	151,251	150,887	-3.8	-5.2	0.0	-0.5	2.8	2.9	3.9	-3.1	-0.2
Households	129,321	132,080	136,034	138,951	141,232	142,302	143,165	7.0	6.6	9.5	9.8	9.2	9.7	9.9	0.8	0.6

1) Data in accordance with the final balance sheets submission

Source: NBRM.

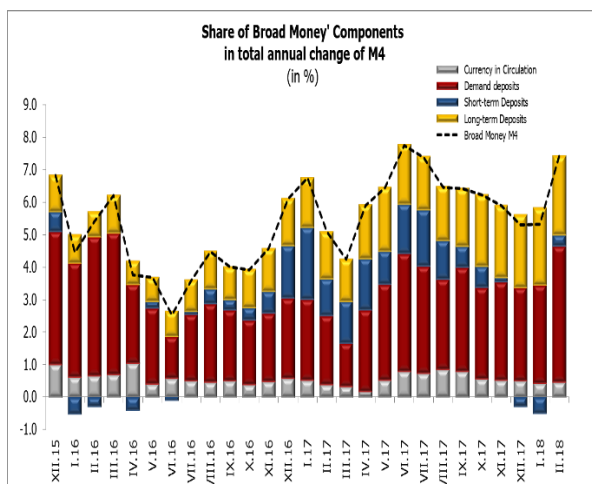
- In February, **the total loans** registered monthly rise of 0.2%, mainly caused by the enhanced household lending, against the reduced lending to corporate sector. On annual basis, the loan growth equaled 6.8%, most of which (69.1%) resulting from the enhanced lending to household sector.

¹ Monetary aggregate M1 includes currency in circulation and demand deposits. Monetary aggregate M2 is composed of monetary aggregate M1 and short-term deposits, whereas the monetary aggregate M4 (broad money) besides the monetary aggregate M2 also includes long-term deposits. For more details see the methodology at: <http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-bilansi-i-pregledi-na-depozitni-institucii-en.nspix>

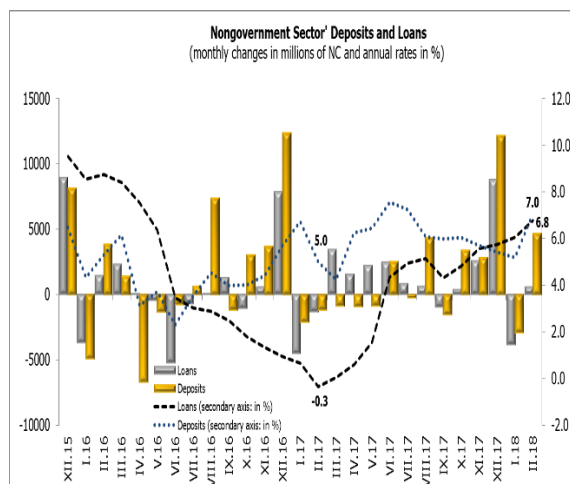
² Demand deposits refer to current accounts with banks and savings houses and current accounts of other financial corporations with the National Bank.



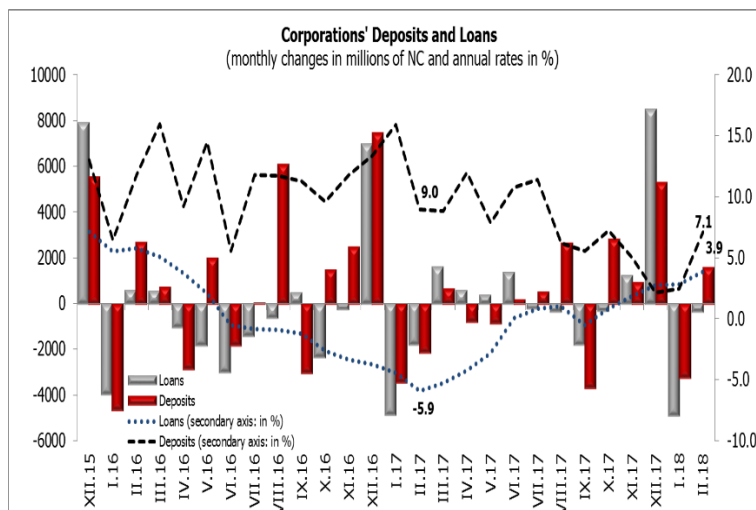
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1. Deposits and loans of the corporate sector³



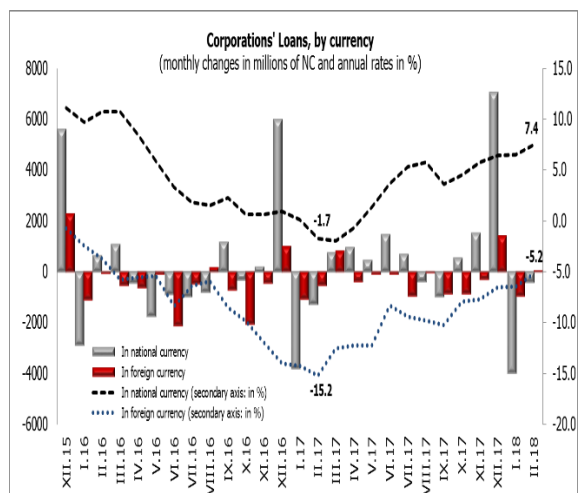
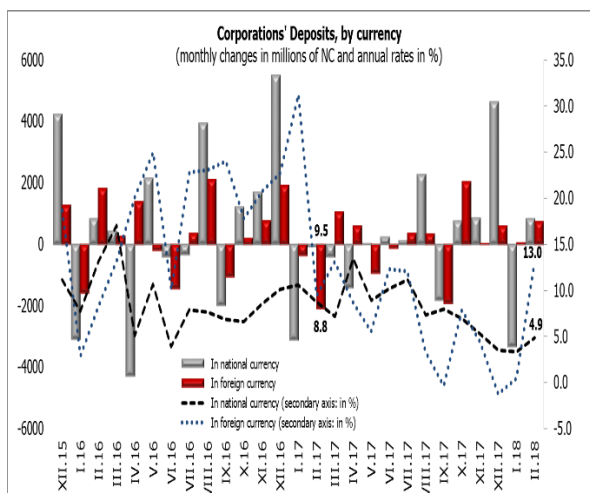
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- Monthly and annual growth of 1.8% and 7.1%, respectively was registered in the total **deposits of the corporate sector** in February, with the demand deposits and the foreign currency short-term deposits being the main driver of the growth on a monthly and annual basis.
- In February, **loans to the corporate sector** registered a monthly decrease of 0.2%, in conditions of annual growth of 3.9%. In addition, the monthly and annual changes in the lending activity are fully explained by the denar loans.

³ For the purposes of this press release, the corporate sector includes public and private non-financial corporations.

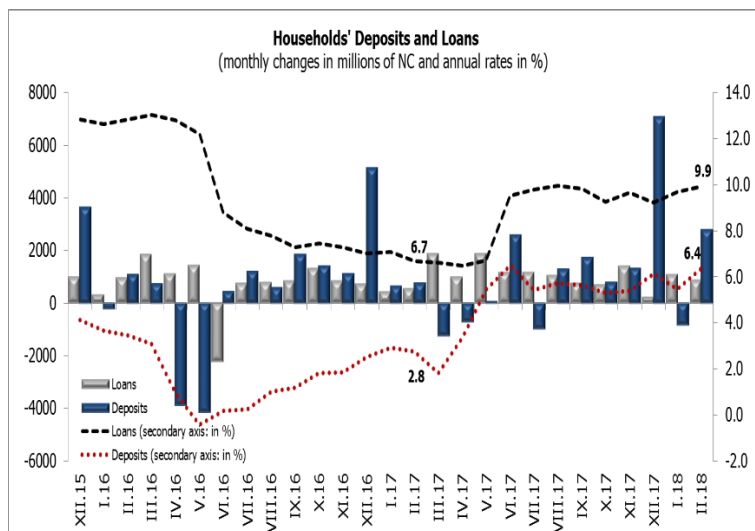


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Source: NBRM.

2. Deposits and loans of the households⁴



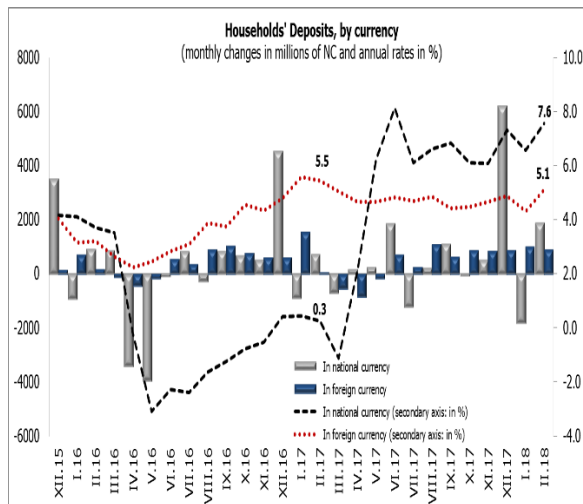
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- This month, the total **household** deposits registered a monthly and annual growth of 1.2% and 6.4%, respectively. Analyzed from the aspect of the currency structure, the demand deposits, as well as foreign currency short-term deposits, have contributed the most to the monthly and annual growth.
- In February, **the total household loans** increased by 0.6% and 9.9%, respectively, on monthly and annual basis. Moreover, the monthly and annual growth of lending to households was mostly due to denar loans (contribution to the growth of 97.4% and 89.6%, respectively).

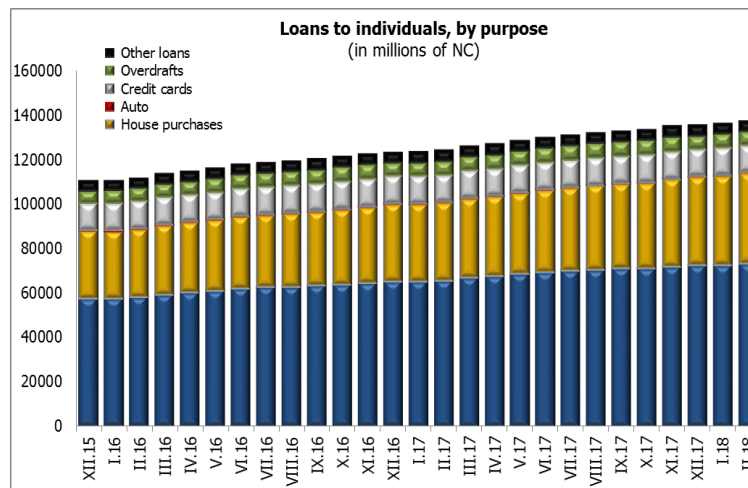
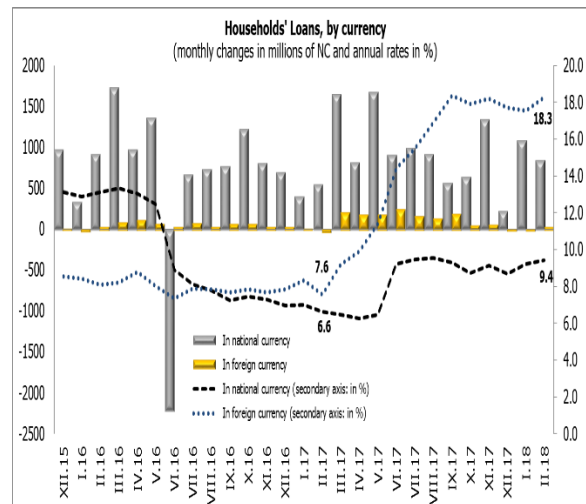
⁴ For the purposes of this press release, households refer to individuals and self-employed professionals.



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Table 2. Banks and savings houses loans granted to individuals, by purpose

	Stocks (in millions of NC)							annual changes (in %)							monthly changes (in %)	
	12.2016 ¹⁾	3.2017	6.2017	9.2017	12.2017 ¹⁾	1.2018	2.2018	12.2016 ¹⁾	3.2017	6.2017	9.2017	12.2017 ¹⁾	1.2018	2.2018	1.2018	2.2018
Consumer loans	65,438	67,041	69,424	71,068	72,595	72,628	73,311	13.4	12.8	11.8	11.9	10.9	11.3	11.5	0.0	0.9
House purchases loans	34,608	35,448	36,815	37,788	39,535	39,979	40,421	14.3	13.4	13.6	14.1	14.2	15.2	16.0	1.1	1.1
Auto loans	323	309	307	308	316	311	315	-19.1	-18.5	-11.9	-5.2	-2.2	-1.7	2.2	-1.4	1.3
Credit cards	12,380	12,294	12,295	12,341	12,281	12,250	12,153	0.3	0.5	-0.4	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-1.1	-0.3	-0.8
Overdrafts	5,795	6,275	6,366	6,510	5,896	6,492	6,424	3.6	2.7	1.3	3.7	1.8	4.2	1.9	10.1	-1.1
Other loans	4,585	4,560	4,630	4,578	4,568	4,515	4,534	7.3	5.6	2.9	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	0.4

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- By the purpose of loans granted to individuals, in February, the most common category – **consumer and housing loans** registered a monthly growth of 0.9% and 1.1%, respectively, which on annual basis is 11.5% and 16.0%, respectively. This month, **car loans** registered an upward monthly and annual change of 1.3% and 2.2%, respectively, while regarding the **credit cards** loans, there was a fall on monthly and annual basis of 0.8% and 1.1%, respectively. In February, the **overdrafts on the current accounts** registered a monthly drop of 1.1%, given annual growth of 1.9%, while the loans approved **on other basis** monthly increased by 0.4%, in conditions of annual decline of 1.4%.

Supporting information

Time series of data: Balance sheets and list of depository institutions, monthly data
<http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-bilansi-i-pregledi-na-depozitni-institucii-en.nspix>

Methodological explanations:
<http://www.nbrm.mk/ns-newsarticle-bilansi-i-pregledi-na-depozitni-institucii-en.nspix>

Next publications: Advance Release Calendar
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