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## 1. Monetary development

In November, consumer prices increased month-on-month by 0.4% and the 12-month rate of inflation reached 5.9%. In view of the change in the country's foreign exchange regime in October, the NBS revised its original estimates for the year-end rate of consumer-price inflation, to 6.8 - 9.4%. However, current price developments indicate that the year-end rate of inflation may remain below the lower limit of this interval, and will be close to the figure projected in the Monetary Programme of the NBS (5.6 - 5.9%).

*Monetary development in November was characterised by a favourable trend in consumer prices, ...*

The exchange rate of the Slovak crown (Sk) against the German mark (DM) depreciated by 1.3% during November. The situation on the interbank foreign exchange market was also affected by a lack of interest on the part of foreign investors. The situation on the domestic money market also added to the depreciation in the crown, since the fall in the price of crown deposits (by roughly 10 percentage points in the case of 1-month deposit rates) reduced the level of demand for Slovak currency.

*... moderate depreciation in the crown's exchange rate, ....*

### 1.1. Factors affecting the development of the money supply

At the end of November, the money supply in terms of M2 (at fixed exchange rates) reached Sk 452.2 billion, representing a 12-month rate of growth of 4.8%. In comparison with the previous month, the dynamics of the money supply slowed by 0.7 percentage points. In November, the development of M2 was affected by both domestic resources and net foreign assets, which recorded (after 4 months of decline) a month-on-month increase of Sk 5.0 billion.

*... and by stable development of monetary aggregates*

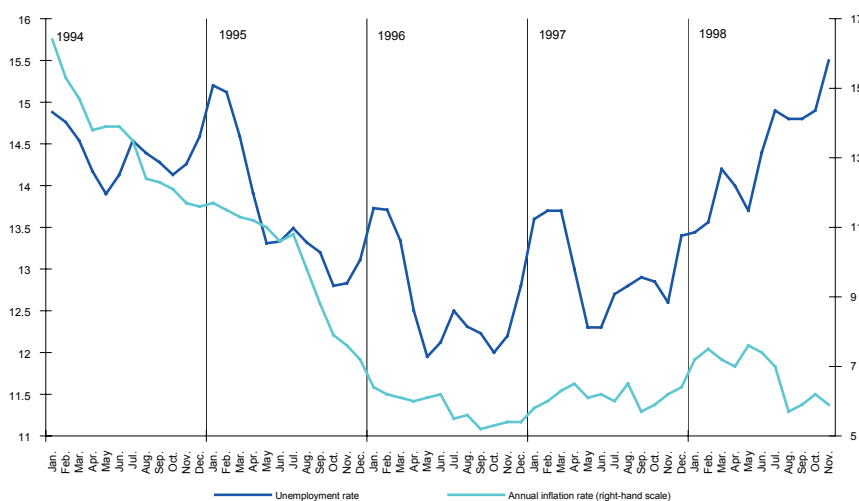
The increase in net foreign assets was a result of faster growth in foreign assets (by Sk 9.9 billion) than in foreign liabilities (by Sk 4.9 billion). The increase in net foreign assets of commercial banks (Sk 5.7 billion) was partly offset by a decline in net foreign assets of the NBS (Sk 0.7 billion).

*Increase in net foreign assets*

In November, the foreign exchange reserves of the NBS (at fixed exchange rates) increased month-on-month by Sk 0.4 billion. In the revenue section, the most significant item was the drawing of foreign loans by the public sector (Sk 1.5 billion), whilst the expenditure section was dominated by debt service payments by the Government and the NBS (Sk 0.9 billion).

Net foreign assets of commercial banks increased month-on-month by Sk 5.4 billion, while foreign assets grew by Sk 9.5 billion and foreign liabilities by Sk 3.8 billion.

### Unemployment and inflation (%)



Increase in net credit to the Government, ...

The growth in M2 over November was again supported by the development of net credit to the Government, which increased month-on-month by Sk 2.7 billion.

... due primarily to the performance of the State budget

At the end of November, the performance of the State budget resulted in a deficit of Sk 12.9 billion, representing a deterioration of Sk 3.9 billion in comparison with the figure for the previous month. Budget revenue reached Sk 162.3 billion and expenditure totalled Sk 175.2 billion.

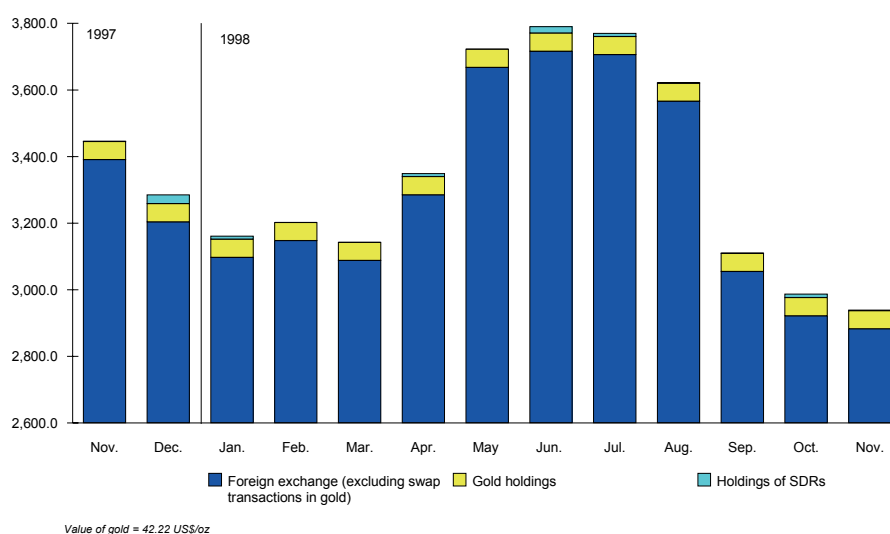
Internal debt of the Government

The net position of the Government vis-a-vis the banking sector reached (according to preliminary data) Sk 72.2 billion, representing a month-on-month increase of approximately Sk 1.4 billion. The rise in the level of internal debt was affected by the growing deficit of the State budget, which increased demands for financing through Treasury-bill issues. Although the month-on-month increase of this item was relatively high (Sk 6.5 billion), the internal debt within the structure of other partial items that reduce the overall position of the Government, increased by approximately Sk 4.2 billion. During the month under review, the volume of government bonds held by non-bank entities, showed a moderate increase.

Apart from net credit to the Government, whose year-on-year dynamics slowed by 3.6 percentage points (to 31.2%) compared with October, the growth in net domestic assets was also supported by loans to households and enterprises. The 12-month rate of growth in bank lending to households and enterprises fluctuated at the level of 4.4%.

**Development of NBS foreign exchange reserves**

(US\$ millions)



Foreign exchange reserves of the NBS

At the end of November, the total foreign exchange reserves of the NBS (at current exchange rates) reached US\$ 2,938.7 million, representing a month-on-month decline of US\$ 48.0 million. The volume of foreign exchange reserves was 2.3 times greater than the average volume of monthly imports of goods and services to Slovakia during the first ten months of 1998.

**1.2. Structure of the money supply**

Month-on-month increase in the money supply, ...

In November, the M2 money supply (at fixed exchange rates) increased by Sk 3.2 billion, due primarily to growth in the M1 aggregate (Sk 3.1 billion). Quasi-money recorded only a negligible month-on-month increase (Sk 0.1 billion).

... accompanied by a slowdown in the rate of year-on-year growth

The rate of year-on-year increase in the money supply slowed somewhat in November (to 4.8%) compared with the figure for the previous month (5.5%). Quasi-money increased year-on-year by 12.0%, whereas the M1 aggregate recorded a year-on-year decline of 7.3%.

The volume of currency outside the banking sector increased by Sk 0.3 billion during November. The monthly cycle of currency issue was characterised by a minimum equal to the minimum in February, and a maximum equal to the figure for June. The average volume of currency remained below the level of the previous five months.

Demand deposits recorded a relatively significant month-on-month increase (Sk 2.8 billion) in November. The increase was of seasonal nature, but much lower than in the previous two years (Sk 5.4 billion in 1996 and Sk 5.3 billion in 1997). The increase in demand deposits took place during the first twenty days of November, while the last ten-day period saw a moderate decline.

*Increase in demand deposits ...*

Time deposits increased in November by Sk 1.2 billion, continuing the upward trend. The most significant increase took place during the second 10-day period in November (roughly Sk 4.0 billion); the last period saw a marked fall in time deposits (roughly Sk 3.0 billion).

*... as well as in time deposits*

Foreign-currency deposits fell month-on-month by Sk 1.1 billion in November. This was due probably to the stabilisation of the Slovak crown's exchange rate, subsequent reduction in fears of currency devaluation among the population, earnings from exchange-rate differences, demand for crown resources, and the interest-rate differential between crown deposits and foreign-currency deposits.

*Decline in foreign-currency deposits*

With regard to the individual components of the money supply, the weight of the M1 aggregate increased slightly in November. In comparison with the beginning of 1998 and the same period a year earlier, however, the weight of M1 in the money supply was much less. On the other hand, the weight of quasi-money recorded a moderate month-on-month decrease in November.

**Structure of the money supply (M2)**

(%)

	1.1.1998	31.10.1998	30.11.1998	30.11.1997
<b>Money supply [M2]</b>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Money [M1]</b>	36.63	32.36	32.82	37.11
Currency outside banks [M0]	10.74	11.34	11.32	10.85
Demand deposits	25.89	21.02	21.49	26.26
<b>Quasi-money [QM]</b>	63.37	67.64	67.18	62.89
Time deposits	53.01	53.74	53.63	52.04
Foreign currency deposits	10.36	13.90	13.56	10.85

Slovak-crown deposits, as a component of the money supply, increased by Sk 4.0 billion in November, due to growth in household deposits (Sk 2.8 billion) and corporate deposits (Sk 1.1 billion). Since the beginning of the year, the volume of crown deposits has fallen by Sk 18.1 billion; corporate deposits have declined by Sk 28.6 billion and household deposits have grown by Sk 10.4 billion. The rate of year-on-year growth in crown deposits remained low, at 0.6% in November. Household deposits increased year-on-year by 11.8%, whilst corporate deposits recorded a decline of 19.0%.

*Increase in crown deposits*

**1.3. Bank lending**

In November, total bank lending (loans to enterprises, households, central and local authorities for extra-budgetary purposes, NBS loans, and other loans) increased month-on-month by Sk 2.5 billion, due to growth in crown loans (Sk 1.4 billion) and foreign-currency loans (Sk 1.1 billion). At the end of the month, the volume of bank loans totalled Sk 396.8 billion, of which loans in Slovak crowns accounted for Sk 340.0 billion and foreign-currency loans Sk 56.8 billion.

*Growth in crown loans and foreign-currency loans*

The increase in crown loans took place in the entrepreneurial sector (Sk 0.9 billion) and the household sector (Sk 0.6 billion).

Since the beginning of the year, the volume of total bank credit has increased by Sk 11.1 billion, due to growth in crown loans (Sk 0.9 billion) and foreign-currency loans (Sk 10.2 billion).

In the same period of the year 1997, crown loans had increased month-on-month by Sk 0.2 billion and loans in foreign-currency by Sk 2.3 billion. The volume of total bank credit increased year-on-year by 2.4%; crown loans declined by 1.0%, while loans in foreign currency increased by 28.8%.

#### 1.4. Interest rate development in October

*The average interest rate on the total volume of loans fell*

In October, the average interest rate on the total volume of loans fell month-on-month by 0.15 points, to 16.92%. Lending rates for short-term loans fell by 0.53 points, to 21.33%; but those for medium-term loans rose by 0.35 points, to 16.65%. The level of interest rates on long-term loans fell by 0.4 points, to 12.01%.

*The level of interest rates on new loans fell significantly*

The average interest rate on new loans fell by 0.88 points (to 23.48%), and that on short-term loans by 1.15 points (to 23.91%). The average lending rate for medium-term loans rose by 1.37 points (to 14.92%), and that for long-term loans by 3.11 points (to 17.57%). However, the share of new medium (4.17%) and long-term loans (0.87%) in total crown credit was insignificant. Interest rate levels were mainly determined by a fall in interbank money market rates (by an average of 1.27 points) and reduction in average interbank deposit rates (by 6.8 points).

Of the total volume of new loans, 26% was granted at fixed interest rates and 74% at flexible rates. Most loans were granted by small and medium-sized banks.

With regard to the type of loan by purpose, average interest rates rose on operating loans (by 0.56 points, to 23.79%), but the average rate for overdrafts fell (by 6.07 points, to 24.89%). These loans accounted for 88.1% of the total volume of new loans, and were mainly loans with a maturity of 1 day to 3 months.

*The average interest rate on total deposits increased*

Owing to the efforts of commercial banks to maintain adequate liquidity, the average interest rate on total crown deposits increased month-on-month by 0.76 points, to 11.05% in October, due mainly to the conversion of demand and medium-term deposits into 7-day to 1-month deposits (1-week deposits grew by Sk 6.1 billion, though their price fell by 1.92 points, to 19.96%; but remained 0.08 points above the level of 1-month deposit rates, which was decisive for clients). Average interest rates on short-term deposits increased, especially on 1-month deposits (by 2.58 points, to 19.88%). In raising the level of interest rates on crown deposits, commercial banks were probably reacting to the marked reduction in the volume of short-term crown deposits (by Sk 10 billion) in September.

*The level of real interest rates on one-year deposits rose*

As a result of decline in the average rate of interest on the total volume of deposits (-0.15 points) and rise in the average rate for crown deposits (+0.76 points), the interest margin decreased from 6.78% in September to 5.87% in October. The level of real interest rates on one-year deposits rose from 5.20% in September to 5.76% in October, due to a marked increase in the average rate of interest on 1-year deposits (by 0.86 points, to 11.96%) and in the 12-month rate of consumer-price inflation (from 5.9% to 6.2%).

## 2. Implementation of monetary policy

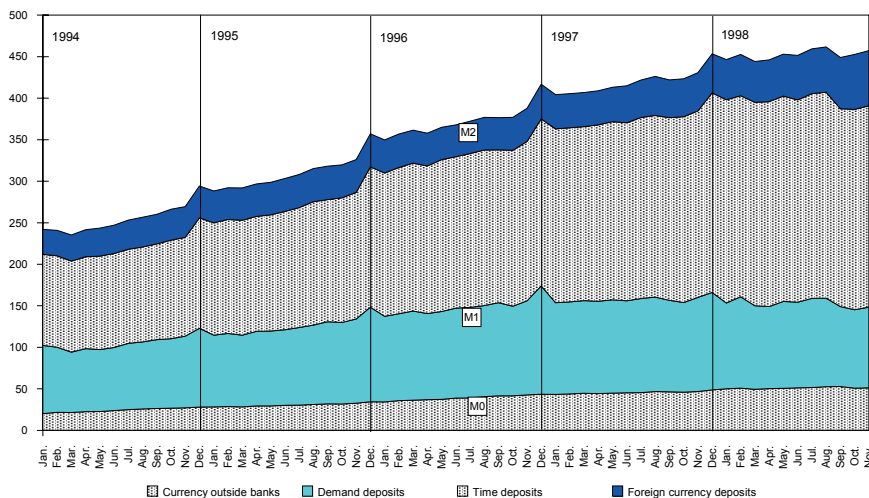
*The implementation of monetary policy had a favourable effect on the liquidity of commercial banks, ...*

In November, monetary policy was applied in an environment characterised by an adequate level of liquidity in the banking sector, which reduced the uncertainty on the interbank money market and thus led to decline in interest levels.

In comparison with the previous month, commercial banks continued to depend on central bank refinancing to a somewhat lesser extent in November, when the average daily volume of refinancing fell to Sk 12.6 billion, from Sk 13.8 billion in October.

**Development of the M2 monetary aggregate**

(Sk billions)



Despite the uneven spread of liquidity and government securities in the banking sector, the average price of money fell to the level of August (after a marked rise in September), due to continuous central bank refinancing. Interest rates on 1-month deposits fell to 16.75% in November, from 26.65% in October.

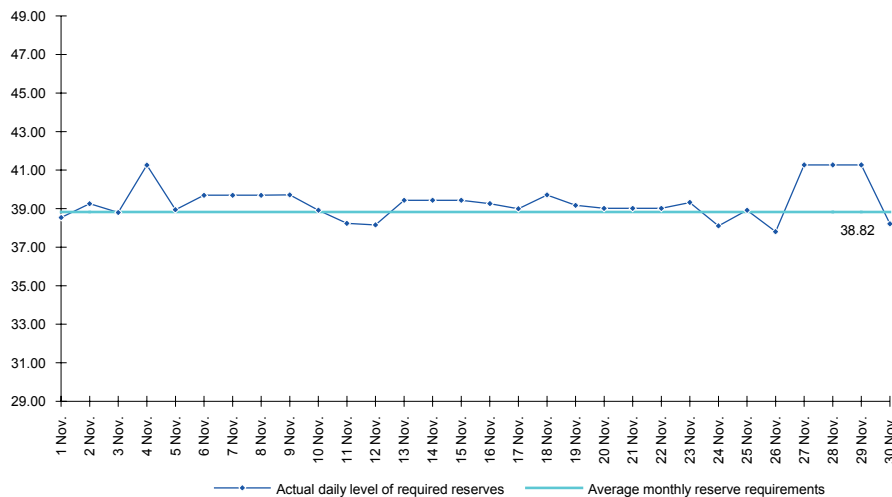
In comparison with the previous period, the urgent need to cover budget expenditure exerted no pressure on the portfolio of the NBS. Apart from central bank refinancing, another source of liquidity for the banking sector in November was a marked month-on-month decline in the volume of currency in circulation, which amounted to Sk 1.8 billion in average terms.

*... as well as the performance of the State budget and the volume of currency in circulation*

In November, the level of required reserves in the banking sector was set at Sk 38,823 million. By the end of the month, the reserve requirements had been fulfilled to 101.28%. At the end of the first period in November, the reserve requirements had been fulfilled to 101.18%, with average excess reserves at the level of Sk 458 million. At the end of the second period, the reserve requirements had been fulfilled to 101.37% with average excess reserves amounting to Sk 534 million.

**Fulfilment of reserve requirements**

(Sk billions)



### 3. Inflation

*Consumer prices rose by 0.4% month-on-month*

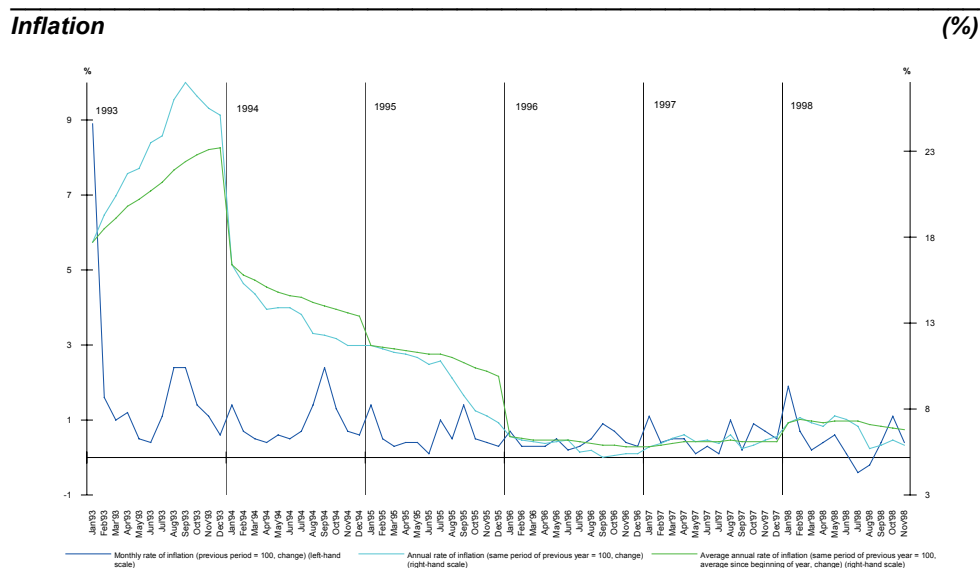
In November, consumer prices increased month-on-month by 0.4%. Since the beginning of the year, the price level has risen by 5.4%. After a moderate increase in October (to 6.2%), the 12-month rate of consumer-price inflation fell back to the level of September (5.9%).

*Price levels in the tradable sector rose at a faster rate than in the non-tradable sector*

Compared with the October rise in price levels, the rate of increase in consumer prices slowed somewhat in November. The disparity between the rates of price increase in selected sectors of the consumer market remained unchanged. Prices in the tradable sector continued to rise at a faster rate than in the non-tradable sector. The persistent effects of increased exchange rate volatility and fears of inflation led to a rise in the prices of tradable goods (by 0.6%).

Price levels in the non-tradable sector rose by 0.2%, due mainly to the development of prices for market services. The highest increases were recorded in prices charged for the maintenance and repair of personal vehicles. Regulated prices remained at the level of the previous month, with the exception of prices for health services and meals at schools.

With regard to individual consumption by purpose, the highest price increases were recorded in the categories: clothing and footwear (0.9%); furnishings and general maintenance of flats and houses (0.8%); and recreation and culture (0.6%). Price levels in the category of foodstuffs and non-alcoholic beverages rose by 0.5%. The increase in food prices was due mostly to a rise in the price of vegetables. The price of meat and fruit fell in November. In other categories, monthly price increases were above 0.1%.



### 4. Money market

#### 4.1. Primary market for Treasury bills

*Treasury-bill auctions*

In November, the Ministry of Finance of the SR put Treasury bills up for auction in accordance with the issuing schedule for the 4th quarter of 1998. Auctions were held once a week, in bills with a maturity of 28 and 91 days. At these auctions, Treasury bills were placed on the short-term securities market in the total amount of Sk 12.561 billion. Of this amount, two issues of 91-day bills in the total amount of Sk 5.131 billion were intended for financing the deficit of the State budget as at 31 December 1998, i.e. with maturity in 1999.



The average yield achieved on the primary Treasury-bill market in November was 17.31% p.a., representing a fall of 326 base points in comparison with the previous month. The fall was due mainly to favourable developments on the market for interbank deposits.

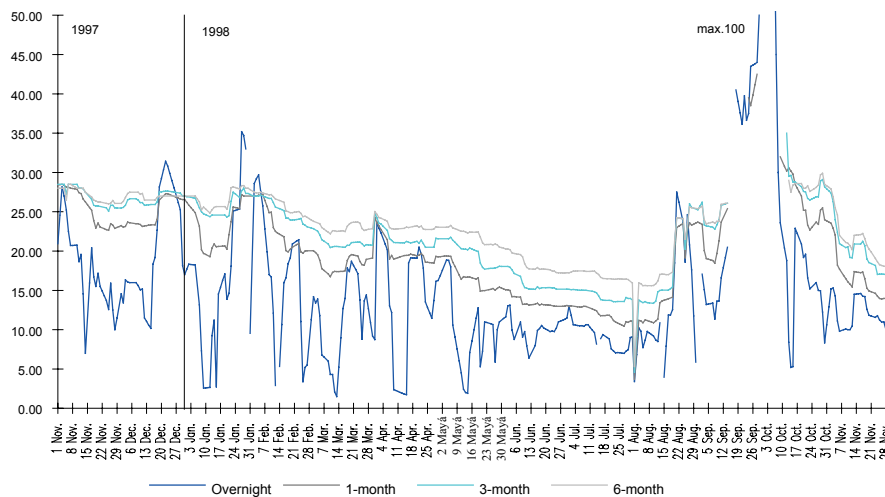
#### 4.2. Secondary market

After marked fluctuations in the level of interest rates on the interbank market during the previous month, the situation began to stabilise gradually in November. However, the shortage of liquidity in the banking sector persisted; consequently, the NBS intervened in the money market by conducting fifteen 14-day REPO tenders and three individual REPO tenders for refinancing purposes. Yields from REPO tenders fluctuated between 10.59% and 8.96%.

*Stabilisation of the interbank market through the refinancing policy of the NBS*

During the first period, the situation in the sector improved in terms of the required level of refinancing, due to the maturity of NBS bills in the amount of Sk 2.65 billion. The NBS continued to grant refinancing through REPO tenders in the total amount of Sk 13.43 billion, by utilising any legally approved type of bonds in which trading is allowed. In the first period, the daily balance of interventions amounted to an average of Sk 11.69 billion in favour of refinancing. Improvement in the situation on the interbank market led to a fall in the level of deposit rates and reduction in interest margins, especially of longer-term deposits: from 5.30% to 2.47% (by 2.83%) in the case of 6-month deposits. Interest rates on 1-week deposits fell from 18.70% to 15.25% (by 3.45%) and those on 6-month deposits from 28.10% to 22.07% (by 6.03%). To replenish the level of liquidity with the aim of meeting reserve requirements, the NBS also conducted two individual REPO tenders for refinancing purposes during the first period of the month.

**Development of average interbank offered rates (BRIBOR) (% p.a.)**



During the second period, the possibilities for granting refinancing to banks through REPO tenders increased, due to Treasury-bill issues with a maturity of 91 days. The NBS provided refinancing to the banking sector through 14-day REPO tenders in the total amount of Sk 12.43 billion. Deposit rates showed a tendency to fall again, while the average daily balance of refinancing was Sk 12.54 billion. One-week deposits were listed at 15.15% at the beginning of the second period, and at 11.82% on the last day (a fall of 3.33%). Six-month deposit rates fell by 4.00%, from 22.10% to 18.10%. To ensure an adequate level of liquidity in the banking sector for the fulfilment of the reserve requirements, the NBS conducted a single REPO tender during the second period.

Towards the end of the month, the NBS made an issue of central bank bills (NBS bills) for its own portfolio in the amount of Sk 5.0 billion, to counterbalance the unexpected fluctuations in the level of liquidity in the banking sector.

## 5. Capital market

### 5.1. Primary market

*Government bonds* In November, the Ministry of Finance floated no government bonds. The issuance of government securities was completed in accordance with the issuing schedule for 1998, published at the end of October.

*Non-government bonds* November saw only one issue of publicly negotiable non-government bonds. The issue was floated by Slovapap in the amount of Sk 60 million. With regard to the strong position of government bonds on the capital market, the issue of non-government bonds was limited.

### 5.2. Secondary market

In November, the volume of trading on Bratislava Stock Exchange (BCPB) totalled Sk 29.6 billion, representing the third largest figure among the balances for the individual months of 1998. The second largest monthly volume was recorded in anonymous transactions concluded a month earlier (Sk 3.2 billion). Most trading took place again in listed bonds. At the end of the calendar year, the volumes of direct transfers usually increase. In November, the largest share in the total volume of trading was reached by listed bonds (78%).

*Bonds* In November, trading on the BCPB floor was again dominated by bond transactions. The total volume of contracts amounted to Sk 25.2 billion, of which Sk 2.9 billion worth of bonds were traded on the BCPB floor. The largest volumes were traded in government bonds - Issue No. 65 (Sk 1.4 billion), Issue No. 57 (Sk 0.5 billion), and Issue No. 64 (Sk 0.3 billion). In November, direct transactions were dominated by government bonds - Issue No. 65 (Sk 3.7 billion), Issue No. 11 (Sk 2.3 billion), and ĚSOB 1999 bonds (Sk 2.9 billion).

During the month under review, the market value of all bonds registered on the stock market increased slightly (by an average of 0.9%), to Sk 105.4 billion; the market value of listed bonds rose by 1.2%, to Sk 89.6 billion.

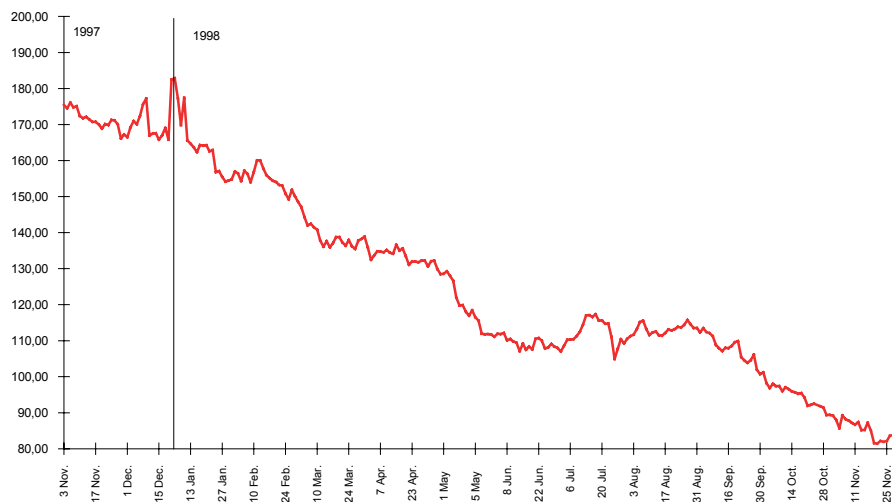
*SDX index* In November, both components of the Slovak Bond Index (SDX) recorded positive changes. The average price of government bonds closed the month at 121.17% (+2.78%) with an average yield of 20.753% to maturity. The average price of corporate and bank bonds closed the month at 121.56% (+3.24%) with an average yield of 19.140% to maturity.

*Shares* In November, shares were traded in the total amount of Sk 4.4 billion; anonymous transactions accounted for Sk 355.8 million of this amount. The total market value of shares issued since the end of October fell by an average of 2.6%, to Sk 151.2 billion; the sharpest fall was again recorded in the value of listed shares (7.7%, to Sk 21.2 billion). With effect from 1 November, shares were re-categorised on both the registered securities market and the open market; the main criteria applied were tradability and the fulfilment of notification requirements since the beginning of 1998.

*SAX index* Over the course of the month, the value of the Slovak Share Index (SAX) recorded several fluctuations, which were usually in line with the variations in the rates of major companies, i.e. Slovnaft and VSŽ. During the entire 21 days, the value of SAX fluctuated below the level of 90 points. The index closed the last trading day of November at 82.64 points, representing a fall of 7.6% month-on-month and 50.6% year-on-year. The value of SAX reached its monthly maximum at 89.28 points on 5 November, when the monthly average prices of VSŽ, Slovnaft, and

Závody SNP shares reached their highest figures (Sk 212, Sk 650, and Sk 70 respectively). Sharp falls in the value of SAX towards the 80-point limit were recorded on 19 and 20 November, due mainly to a fall in the price of VSŽ shares (from Sk 198 to Sk 148) and Nafta shares (from Sk 415 to Sk 350). Thus the November minimum of 81.45 points (20 November) has become the lowest value of SAX ever recorded.

**Slovak Share Index - SAX (%)**



With regard to the structure of share and bondholders registered at the Securities Centre, the most significant month-on-month change was recorded in the number of bonds held by legal entities (an increase of 53.90%). The number of bonds acquired by the NBS through REPO transactions, decreased by 22.88%. As a result, the volume of bonds held by commercial banks grew by 14.81%. The number of government bonds held by non-residents also recorded a marked decrease (50.48%). The structure of share-holders remained virtually unchanged in November.

*Structure of share and bondholders*

**6. Interbank foreign exchange market**

The exchange rate of the Slovak crown (Sk) weakened in relation to DM by 1.3%, i.e. from 21.171 (30 October) to 21.460 (30 November). In November, the NBS was not involved in trading on the foreign exchange market. The foreign exchange market was characterised by a marked increase in trading between Slovak commercial banks. Regarding the structure of trading by currency, most transactions between domestic banks were made in DM. The total volume of transactions concluded on the country's foreign exchange market increased month-on-month by 20.7%, from US\$ 5,621.1 million to US\$ 6,784.6 million.

*Foreign exchange market in the SR*

In November, trading between Slovak commercial banks increased by 48.5%, from US\$ 2,603.6 million (in October) to US\$ 3,867.6 million, and regained its dominant position on the foreign exchange market. In contrast with previous months, most transactions were concluded in DM (51.2%, compared with 31.1% in October), followed by US\$ (46.7%, compared with 67.7% in October) and other European currencies (2.1%, compared with 1.2% in October). The shift in trading from US\$ to DM was caused by the introduction of DM as a reference currency. The number of contracts decreased from 1,648 (in October) to 1,357 in November, while the average amount per contract increased from US\$ 1.6 million to US\$ 2.9 million.

*Transactions between Slovak banks*

Trading between domestic and foreign banks increased from US\$ 2,805.9 million to US\$ 2,917.0 million, and relinquished its dominant position on the foreign exchange market of the SR (43%). Most trading was again concluded in US\$ (70.2%), followed by DM (29.7%), and other European currencies (0.1%). The

*Transactions between Slovak and foreign banks*

number of transactions decreased from 1,190 to 981, with an average amount of US\$ 3.0 million per contract. In contrast with previous months, trading between Slovak and foreign banks in November resulted in a positive balance of US\$ 59.8 million, which indicates that foreign banks sold more foreign exchange to Slovak commercial banks than they purchased; this led to an inflow of foreign capital designed to profit from the advantageous interest-rate differential.

## 7. Balance of payments for January to September 1998

*The current account deficit continued to grow, ....*

During the period from January to September, the external relations of the Slovak Republic were characterised by continued growth in the tendencies that increase the imbalance in the current account of the balance of payments, which resulted in a deficit of Sk 53.9 billion, i.e. US\$ 1.5 billion.

The capital and financial account of the balance of payments generated a surplus of Sk 49.2 billion, i.e. US\$ 1.4 billion. In contrast with previous months, when capital inflows from abroad sufficed not only to cover the deficit in the current account, but to generate an increase in foreign exchange reserves as well, September saw an outflow of capital from Slovakia, accompanied by increased interest in foreign exchange on the part of households and entrepreneurs, which led to a fall in central bank reserves (by an equivalent of Sk 21.3 billion). Since the beginning of the year, the foreign exchange reserves of the NBS have declined by Sk 11.0 billion, and their volume at the end of September was only 2.5 times greater than the average volume of monthly imports of goods and services to Slovakia during the first nine months of 1998.

*... due mainly to the negative balance of trade*

The balance-of-payments current account continued to be affected by the balance of trade, which resulted in a deficit of Sk 55.0 billion. Data on foreign trade indicate that, though the size of the September deficit (Sk 4.3 billion) fell behind the figure for the previous month, the trade-balance deficit increased year-on-year by a total of Sk 2.2 billion over the period from January to September.

*Balance of services*

The unfavourable balance of services, persisting since the beginning of the year, in the form of an excess of payments for services received over income from services provided, resulted in a deficit of Sk 2.7 billion at the end of September. After some improvement in August, the balance of foreign tourism over the nine months under review resulted again in a deficit of Sk 0.7 billion, due to increased demand for foreign exchange among the population in September.

*Surplus in the capital and financial account*

The capital and financial account of the balance of payments generated a surplus of Sk 49.2 billion, i.e. US\$ 1.4 billion. During the period from January to September, foreign companies invested (in the form of capital participation) roughly Sk 9.9 billion in the Slovak economy, of which Sk 9.3 billion was employed in the corporate sector. Increased investment took place in industrial production (74% of the capital employed in the corporate sector), predominantly in metal-working and in the processing of food and beverages. Besides industrial production, a significant increase was recorded in foreign direct investment in the trade sector, which absorbed 16.4% of direct investments made in the corporate sector.

*Long-term capital*

In the long-term capital sector, a significant role was again played by the government and corporate sectors. Since the beginning of the year, the total volume of loans drawn by the Government and the NBS has increased by Sk 35.6 billion, and has raised the level of medium and long-term debt in the official sector by Sk 27.3 billion (excluding repayments in the amount of Sk 8.3 billion). Since the beginning of the year, the volume of borrowings from abroad in the corporate sector has increased by Sk 34.5 billion, increasing the level of indebtedness by Sk 24.3 billion (excluding repayments). In the corporate sector, financial credits have grown by Sk 28.9 billion since the beginning of the year, and were utilised mostly in transport and communications (30%), electricity generation and distribution, gas and water supply (25%). Industry saw a further increase in the financing of coke production, oil refinery, and metal working.

In September, the most significant changes were recorded in the individual segments of short-term capital, primarily in the banking sector. The structure of short-term liabilities of commercial banks was dominated by deposits held by non-residents with Slovak banks, which fell by Sk 26.4 billion in September. The volume of deposits has increased by Sk 0.6 billion since the beginning of the year. Commercial banks compensated for the outflow of short-term capital through foreign exchange fixing, where they purchased foreign exchange from the NBS in the equivalent of Sk 17.2 billion, which contributed significantly to the fall in central bank reserves, to US\$ 3.1 billion in September.

*Short-term capital*

## **8. Net foreign debt of Slovakia at 30 September 1998**

The net external debt of the SR - expressed as the difference between gross foreign debt, i.e. US\$ 11.9 billion (liabilities of the Government and the NBS, liabilities of commercial banks and the corporate sector - import commitments and financial credits), and foreign assets, i.e. US\$ 8.6 billion (foreign exchange reserves of the NBS, foreign assets of commercial banks and the corporate sector - export claims and financial credits), reached US\$ 3.3 billion at 30 September 1998. At the beginning of 1998, the volume of net external debt stood at US\$ 1.9 billion, so there was an increase of US\$ 1.4 billion in the first nine months of the year.

*Net external debt*

With regard to the structure of Slovakia's gross external debt, total gross medium and long-term foreign liabilities amounted to US\$ 7.085 billion, and short-term liabilities totalled US\$ 4.773 billion at the end of September. Per-capita gross external debt amounted to US\$ 2,201. Total short-term debt accounted for 40.25% of the country's gross external debt at the end of September.

*Gross external debt*



## **Appendices**





## Monetary survey

(Sk billions)

	1997		1998										
	30.11.	31.12.	31.1.	28.2.	31.3.	30.4.	31.5.	30.6.	31.7.	31.8.	30.9.	31.10.	30.11.*/
Fixed exchange rate SKK / USD	31.895	31.895	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782	34.782
Fixed exchange rate SKK / DEM	20.514	20.514	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398	19.398
<b>ASSETS</b>													
Net foreign assets	74.0	71.4	68.3	72.3	72.6	69.7	71.3	70.4	71.1	63.4	47.9	45.8	50.7
Foreign assets	259.9	234.8	252.5	255.3	252.3	259.6	265.8	269.8	275.0	280.0	236.5	238.3	248.3
Foreign liabilities	185.9	163.4	184.2	183.0	179.7	189.9	194.5	199.4	203.9	216.6	188.6	192.5	197.5
Net domestic assets	357.4	382.5	378.6	380.2	371.9	376.8	382.2	380.6	388.2	397.2	398.8	403.2	401.5
Domestic credit	464.4	467.8	463.5	468.0	468.2	476.4	484.6	483.1	494.4	498.2	503.7	509.6	513.6
- Net credit to Government	96.9	100.5	99.3	99.5	94.9	99.3	107.2	103.9	114.4	116.5	118.1	124.4	127.1
- Net credit to FNM <sup>1/</sup>	-2.2	-3.0	-1.7	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
Credit to households and enterprises	369.7	370.3	365.9	369.1	373.5	377.3	377.0	378.7	379.6	381.3	385.2	384.7	386.0
- Credit in SKK	335.4	334.6	331.1	334.5	338.8	341.5	340.6	342.2	341.2	342.5	346.3	345.1	346.5
- Credit to enterprises	315.6	314.2	310.9	314.1	318.1	320.5	319.0	320.0	318.7	319.0	322.1	320.1	321.0
- Credit to households	19.8	20.4	20.2	20.4	20.7	21.0	21.6	22.2	22.5	23.5	24.2	25.0	25.6
- Credit in foreign currency	34.3	35.7	34.8	34.6	34.7	35.8	36.4	36.5	38.4	38.8	38.9	39.6	39.4
<b>LIABILITIES</b>													
Liquid liabilities [M2]	431.4	453.9	446.9	452.5	444.5	446.5	453.5	451.0	459.3	460.6	446.7	449.0	452.2
Money [M1]	160.1	166.1	154.3	161.0	150.1	149.2	155.4	154.4	159.0	159.2	149.0	145.3	148.4
Currency outside banks [M0]	46.8	48.7	51.0	50.7	49.5	50.2	50.6	51.2	51.6	52.5	52.8	50.9	51.2
Demand deposits	113.3	117.4	103.3	110.3	100.6	99.0	104.8	103.2	107.4	106.7	96.2	94.4	97.2
- Households	45.8	46.2	45.7	45.1	44.0	44.5	44.7	44.6	45.3	45.1	43.5	40.5	
- Enterprises	66.6	69.6	56.3	63.5	55.6	53.9	59.2	57.7	61.1	60.5	51.9	53.1	
- Insurance companies	0.9	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	
Quasi-money [QM]	271.3	287.8	292.6	291.5	294.4	297.3	298.1	296.6	300.3	301.4	297.7	303.7	303.8
Time and savings deposits	224.5	240.4	244.7	242.0	245.0	246.7	247.2	243.6	246.5	248.0	238.4	241.3	242.5
- Households	168.3	182.8	185.9	188.8	190.8	192.9	194.5	196.1	197.4	196.9	192.2	196.1	
- Enterprises	39.6	41.4	41.4	35.5	35.7	36.1	34.9	32.4	34.8	37.0	31.5	31.3	
- Insurance companies	16.6	16.2	17.4	17.7	18.5	17.7	17.8	15.1	14.3	14.1	14.7	13.9	
Foreign currency deposits	46.8	47.4	47.9	49.5	49.4	50.6	50.9	53.0	53.8	53.4	59.3	62.4	61.3
- Households	39.6	40.0	39.2	38.9	38.9	39.2	39.4	39.6	40.0	40.7	43.9	44.2	
- Enterprises	7.2	7.4	8.7	10.6	10.5	11.4	11.5	13.4	13.8	12.7	15.4	18.2	
Other items net	107.0	85.3	84.9	87.8	96.3	99.6	102.4	102.5	106.2	101.0	104.9	106.4	112.2

\*/ Preliminary data

1/ FNM - National Property Fund

**Balance of Payments for January to September 1998**

	Receipts / Credit (+)		Expenditures / Debit (-)		Balance	
	Sk million	USD million	Sk million	USD million	Sk million	USD million
<b>Goods</b>	274,498.0	7,852.7	329,538.0	9,427.2	-55,040.0	-1,574.6
<b>Services</b>	56,486.0	1,615.9	59,203.0	1,693.6	-2,717.0	-77.7
Transportation	19,506.0	558.0	11,700.0	334.7	7,806.0	223.3
Travel	11,946.0	341.7	12,670.0	362.5	-724.0	-20.7
Other services total	25,034.0	716.2	34,833.0	996.5	-9,799.0	-280.3
<b>Income</b>	11,947.0	341.8	15,711.0	449.5	-3,764.0	-107.7
Compensation of employees	603.0	17.3	168.0	4.8	435.0	12.4
Investment income	11,344.0	324.5	15,543.0	444.6	-4,199.0	-120.1
<b>Current transfers</b>	15,077.0	431.3	7,465.0	213.6	7,612.0	217.8
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	358,008.0	10,241.7	411,917.0	11,783.9	-53,909.0	-1,542.2
<b>Capital account</b>	1,961.0	56.1	-311.0	-8.9	1,650.0	47.2
<b>Financial account</b>	715,100.2	20,494.9	-667,540.5	-19,105.6	47,559.7	1,389.4
Direct investment	211,317.0	6,045.2	-203,550.9	-5,823.1	7,766.1	222.2
Abroad	2,109.0	60.3	-4,851.9	-138.8	-2,742.9	-78.5
Equity capital and reinvested earnings	1,021.0	29.2	-3,574.9	-102.3	-2,553.9	-73.1
Other capital	1,088.0	31.1	-1,277.0	-36.5	-189.0	-5.4
In SR	209,208.0	5,984.9	-198,699.0	-5,684.3	10,509.0	300.6
Equity capital and reinvested earnings	10,515.0	300.8	-574.0	-16.4	9,941.0	284.4
Other capital	198,693.0	5,684.1	-198,125.0	-5,667.8	568.0	16.2
Portfolio investment	3,190.8	91.3	-10,909.7	-312.1	-7,718.9	-220.8
Assets	2,362.8	67.6	-4,826.4	-138.1	-2,463.6	-70.5
Liabilities	828.0	23.7	-6,083.3	-174.0	-5,255.3	-150.3
Other investment	500,592.4	14,358.4	-453,079.9	-12,970.4	47,512.5	1,388.0
Long-term	72,258.5	2,083.4	-18,876.3	-539.8	53,382.2	1,543.6
Assets	1,958.3	55.7	-307.3	-8.8	1,651.0	46.9
Liabilities	70,300.2	2,027.7	-18,569.0	-530.9	51,731.2	1,496.7
Short-term	428,333.9	12,275.1	-434,203.6	-12,430.6	-5,869.7	-155.6
Assets	177,846.0	5,087.6	-191,257.1	-5,471.9	-13,411.1	-384.3
Liabilities	250,487.9	7,187.4	-242,946.5	-6,958.8	7,541.4	228.7
<b>CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT</b>	717,061.2	20,551.0	-667,851.5	-19,114.5	49,209.7	1,436.6
<b>ERRORS AND OMISSIONS</b>	-1,092,060.1	-31,277.0	1,085,740.1	31,075.0	-6,320.0	-202.0
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	-16,990.9	-484.3	5,971.6	176.7	-11,019.3	-307.6
Monetary gold	0.0	0.0	-4,573.7	-129.2	-4,573.7	-129.2
Special drawing rights	877.5	25.3	0.0	0.0	877.5	25.3
Foreign exchange	16,113.4	459.0	-1,397.9	-47.5	14,715.5	411.5
Currency and deposit	256.2	6.5	0.0	0.0	256.2	6.5
Securities	15,857.2	452.5	-1,397.9	-47.5	14,459.3	405.0
Bonds and notes	0.0	0.0	-1,397.9	-47.5	-1,397.9	-47.5
Money market instruments and financial derivatives	15,857.2	452.5	0.0	0.0	15,857.2	452.5
<b>RESERVE ASSETS</b>	16,990.9	484.3	-5,971.6	-176.7	11,019.3	307.6

Used exchange rate of: USD = 34.956 Sk

**Volume of foreign capital in the SR at 30 September 1998**

	Corporate sector		Banking sector		Total	
	Sk bn	%	Sk bn	%	Sk bn	%
<b>Total volume of foreign capital</b>	52.1	100	12.3	100	64.4	100
<b>Structure of capital by investor</b>						
Germany	11.6	22.3	1.4	11.4	13.0	20.2
Austria	9.8	18.8	2.5	20.3	12.3	19.1
Great Britain	7.1	13.6	0.8	6.5	7.9	12.3
USA	6.2	11.9	1.7	13.8	7.9	12.3
The Netherlands	5.4	10.4	2.3	18.7	7.7	12.0
France	3.7	7.1	0.4	3.3	4.1	6.3
Czech Republic	3.4	6.5	2.6	21.1	6.0	9.3
Belgium	0.9	1.7	-	-	0.9	1.4
Other countries	4.0	7.7	0.6	4.9	4.6	7.1
<b>Structure of capital by sector</b>						
Extraction of raw materials	0.9	1.7	-	-	0.9	1.4
Industrial production	30.5	58.6	-	-	30.5	47.4
Generation and distribution of electricity and gas	0.2	0.4	-	-	0.2	0.3
Building and construction	1.3	2.5	-	-	1.3	2.0
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs to motor vehicles	12.4	23.8	-	-	12.4	19.3
Hotels and restaurants	0.7	1.3	-	-	0.7	1.1
Transport, storage and communications	2.4	4.6	-	-	2.4	3.7
Finance and insurance	1.9	3.6	12.3	100.0	14.2	22.0
Real estate, rental and comm. services, research and development	1.6	3.1	-	-	1.6	2.5
Other public, social and pers. services	0.2	0.4	-	-	0.2	0.3

Note: Preliminary data

**Foreign capital in the SR in 1993-1998**

(Sk millions)

	Corporate sector						Banking sector					Total				
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>As of 1 January</b>	8,317	13,863	22,120	29,127	37,132	42,081	1,156	1,750	3,754 <sup>1/</sup>	11,388 <sup>2/</sup>	11,608	15,019	23,870	32,881	48,520	53,689
Net change	5,198	8,038	6,000	7,756	5,207	9,321	567	681	2,403	234	585	8,605	6,681	10,159	5,441	9,906
Valuation changes	348	219	1,007	249	-258	715	27	28	218	-14	105	246	1,035	467	-272	820
<b>End of year <sup>3/</sup></b>	13,863	22,120	29,127	37,132	42,081	52,117	1,750	2,459	6,375	11,608	12,298	23,870	31,586	43,507	53,689	64,415

Note: Preliminary data

1/ Change of methodology - inclusion of CZK in the group of convertible currencies

2/ Change of methodology - inclusion of capital in Sk (in 1994-1996, only capital in foreign currency)

3/ In 1998, as of 30 September

**Inflow of foreign capital during January to September 1998**

	Corporate sector		Banking sector		Total	
	Sk millions	%	Sk millions	%	Sk millions	%
<b>Inflow of foreign capital in total</b>	9,321	100	585	100	9,906	100
<b>Structure of capital by country</b>						
USA	2,459	26.4	316	54.0	2,775	28.0
Great Britain	2,446	26.2	393	67.2	2,839	28.7
Holland	2,176	23.3	21	3.6	2,197	22.2
Austria	689	7.4	-33	-5.6	656	6.6
Germany	676	7.3	69	11.8	745	7.5
Belgium	229	2.5	-	-	229	2.3
France	182	2.0	-	-	182	1.8
Czech Republic	158	1.7	-238	-40.7	-80	-0.8
Other countries	306	3.2	57	9.7	363	3.7
<b>Structure of capital by sector</b>						
Industry	6,889	73.9	-	-	6,889	69.6
Building and construction	113	1.2	-	-	113	1.1
Trade	1,521	16.4	-	-	1,521	15.4
Hotels and restaurants	-15	-0.2	-	-	-15	-0.2
Transport, storage and communications	233	2.5	-	-	233	2.4
Finance and insurance	248	2.7	585	100	833	8.4
Real estate, rental, comm. services	347	3.7	-	-	347	3.5
Other public, social and pers. services	-15	-0.2	-	-	-15	-0.2
<b>Structure of capital by region</b>						
Bratislava, Bratislava region	3,486	37.4	-	-	3,486	37.4
Trnava, Trenčín, and Nitra regions	1,258	13.5	-	-	1,258	13.5
Banská Bystrica and Žilina regions	-39	-0.4	-	-	-39	-0.4
Prešov and Košice regions	4,616	49.5	-	-	4,616	49.5

Note: Preliminary data

**Outflow of capital from the SR at 30 September 1998**

	Sk billions	%
<b>Outflow of capital from SR in total</b>	9.82	100.0
<b>Structure of investment by country</b>		
Czech Republic	4.40	44.8
Hungary	1.90	19.3
Ukraine	0.96	9.8
Yugoslavia	0.44	4.5
Russia	0.39	4.0
Austria	0.36	3.7
Germany	0.25	2.5
Bulgaria	0.22	2.2
Other countries	0.90	9.2
<b>Structure of investment by sector</b>		
Industry	4.42	45.0
Generation and distribution of electricity and gas	1.61	16.4
Trade	1.64	16.7
Transport, storage, and communications	0.16	1.6
Finance and insurance	0.53	5.4
Other sectors	1.46	14.9

Note: Preliminary data

**Outflow of capital from the SR during January to September 1998**

	Sk millions	%
<b>Outflow of capital from SR in total</b>	2,553	100.0
<b>Structure of investment by country</b>		
Hungary	1,812	71.0
Czech Republic	1,402	54.9
Liechtenstein	-851	-33.3
Other countries	190	7.4
<b>Structure of investment by sector</b>		
Industry	259	10.2
Export of electricity, gas, and water	204	8.0
Building and construction	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade	932	36.5
Finance and insurance	501	19.6
Real estate, rental, comm. services	655	25.7
Other sectors	1	-

Note: Preliminary data

**Foreign Exchange Reserves**

(USD millions)

End-of-period figures	1997		1998										
	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Official reserves of NBS	3,446.0	3,284.9	3,161.1	3,202.1	3,142.8	3,348.9	3,722.7	3,789.9	3,770.0	3,621.4	3,110.3	2,986.7	2,938.7
Reserves of commercial banks	3,883.2	3,204.9	3,862.7	3,881.4	3,838.9	3,937.5	3,746.3	3,737.0	4,056.1	4,269.0	3,505.7	3,839.4	3,823.1
Total	7,329.2	6,489.8	7,023.8	7,083.5	6,981.7	7,286.4	7,469.0	7,526.9	7,826.1	7,890.4	6,616.0	6,826.1	6,761.8

**Gross Foreign Debt**

(USD billions)

End-of-period figures	1997				1998								
	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total gross foreign debt	9.7	10.3	10.7	9.9 */	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.7	11.2	11.3	11.9	12.2	11.9
- official debt of the Government and the NBS	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3
- foreign debt of enterprises	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	6.0	6.0	6.3
- foreign debt of commercial banks	3.3	3.4	3.6	2.9	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.2
Total gross debt per capita (in USD)	1,826	1,937	2,023	1,867	1,990	1,982	1,972	2,000	2,082	2,100	2,207	2,261	2,201

\*/ At the end of December 1997, the actual level of foreign debt was higher by roughly USD 800 million. The level of foreign debt was reduced to USD 9.9 billion artificially, due to an accounting operator performed by a foreign bank based in the SR in December 1997.

**Money Supply M2**

(Sk billions)

	1.1.1998	31.10.1998	30.11.1998*	Month-on-month change	Month-on-month change (in %)	Change since beginning of year	Change since beginning of year (in %)	30.11.1997	Year-on-year change	Year-on-year change (in %)
Money Supply [M2]	453.5	449.0	452.2	3.2	0.7	-1.3	-0.3	431.4	20.8	4.8
Money [M1]	166.1	145.3	148.4	3.1	2.1	-17.7	-10.7	160.1	-11.7	-7.3
Currency outside banks [M0]	48.7	50.9	51.2	0.3	0.6	2.5	5.1	46.8	4.4	9.4
Demand deposits	117.4	94.4	97.2	2.8	3.0	-20.2	-17.2	113.3	-16.1	-14.2
Quasi-money [QM]	287.4	303.7	303.8	0.1	0.0	16.4	5.7	271.3	32.5	12.0
Time deposits	240.4	241.3	242.5	1.2	0.5	2.1	0.9	224.5	18.0	8.0
Foreign currency deposits	47.0	62.4	61.3	-1.1	-1.8	14.3	30.4	46.8	14.5	31.0
Crown deposits	357.8	335.7	339.7	4.0	1.2	-18.1	-5.1	337.8	1.9	0.6
- Households	229	236.6	239.4	2.8	1.2	10.4	4.5	214.1	25.3	11.8
- Enterprises (incl. insurance)	128.8	99.1	100.2	1.1	1.1	-28.6	-22.2	123.7	-23.5	-19.0

\*/ Preliminary data

**Monetary-Policy Instruments**

	As at 1 January 1997	Change during the year 1997	As at 1 January 1998	Change during the year 1998
1. Discount rate	8.8%		8.8%	
2. Lombard rate	15%		15%	
3. REPO rate				
sterilisation	-	Jan. 16.1% <sup>1/</sup> Feb. 15.4% Mar. 14.2% Apr. 15.2% May - Jun. - Jul. - Aug. - Sep. - Oct. - Nov. - Dec. -	-	Jan. 11.7% Feb. - Mar. - Apr. - May 12.44% Jun. 10.37% Jul. 9.05% Aug. 8.97% Sep. 15.28% Oct. - Nov. - Dec. -
refinancing	-	Jan. 14.8% <sup>2/</sup> Feb. - Mar. 17.4% Apr. 15.8% May 16.8% Jun. 19.2% Jul. 16.6% Aug. 13.9% Sep. 15.9% Oct. 19.7% Nov. 15.7% Dec. 19.2%	-	Jan. 21.95% Feb. 19.45% Mar. 15.25% Apr. 17.80% May 14.99% Jun. - Jul. - Aug. 24.66% Sep. 24.79% Oct. 19.29% Nov. 9.55% Dec. -
4. Reserve requirements	9% of primary deposits of banks 3% of primary deposits of building societies		9% of primary deposits of banks 3% of primary deposits of building societies	
5. Exchange rates vis-a-vis convertible currencies				Floating regime (since 1 October)
a) currency basket	60% DEM, 40% USD		60% DEM, 40% USD	-
b) fluctuation band	± 7%		± 7%	-

1/ Average interest rate on tenders conducted during the second RR-period

2/ Average interest rate on tenders conducted during the first RR-period



## Development of Deposits

(Sk billions)

	31.10.1998	30.11.1998 <sup>1/</sup>	Change
<b>Deposits in Sk and foreign currency</b>	437.7	443.3	5.6
- <b>Deposits in Slovak crowns</b>	367.6	373.1	5.5
of which			
- Entrepreneurial sector	89.6	90.7	1.1
- Government sector	32.2	33.9	1.7
- Households	236.6	239.4	2.8
- Other <sup>2/</sup>	9.5	9.1	-0.4
- <b>Deposits in foreign currency</b> <sup>3/</sup>	70.1	70.2	0.1

1/ Preliminary data

2/ Nonresidents, unincorporated and non-profit organisations

3/ In convertible currencies (residents and non-residents)

## Development of Loans

(Sk billions)

	31.10.1998	30.11.1998 <sup>1/</sup>	Change
<b>Loans in Sk and foreign currency</b>	394.3	396.8	2.5
- <b>Loans in Slovak crowns</b>	338.6	340.0	1.4
of which			
- Entrepreneurial sector	302.1	303.0	0.9
- Government sector	8.4	8.3	-0.1
- Households	25.0	25.6	0.6
- Other <sup>2/</sup>	3.1	3.1	0.0
- <b>Loans in foreign currency</b> <sup>3/</sup>	55.7	56.8	1.1

1/ Preliminary data

2/ Nonresidents, unincorporated and non-profit organisations

3/ In convertible currencies (residents and non-residents)

**Average Lending Rates of Commercial Banks**

(%)

	1997			1998									
	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Total volume of loans <sup>1/</sup>	15.75	15.84	16.22	16.66	17.28	16.70	16.75	16.50	16.35	16.03	16.33	17.07	16.92
A) Loans by sector of which													
a) Enterprise sector	15.66	15.80	16.16	16.71	17.27	16.71	16.12	16.00	15.95	15.69	15.52	16.02	16.30
- Public sector	14.96	14.99	15.33	15.72	16.31	15.87	14.55	14.38	14.26	14.05	13.77	14.37	14.37
- Private sector (incl. cooperatives)	16.35	16.60	16.98	17.70	18.22	17.55	17.68	17.62	17.63	17.33	17.27	17.67	18.23
b) Households	7.86	7.53	7.37	7.51	7.48	7.50	8.55	8.32	8.12	7.86	8.83	8.08	7.99
B) Loans by term of which													
- Short-term	18.92	19.13	19.91	20.77	20.77	20.50	20.83	20.47	20.00	19.34	19.61	21.86	21.33
- Medium-term	16.06	16.35	16.41	16.61	16.47	16.58	16.64	16.67	16.58	16.32	17.08	16.30	16.65
- Long-term	11.90	11.88	11.90	12.26	13.86	12.34	12.54	12.34	12.36	12.36	12.40	12.41	12.01
2. NEW LOANS IN TOTAL	19.84	20.56	20.92	20.75	20.82	20.29	19.54	18.59	16.44	14.17	17.32	24.36	23.48
A) Loans by sector of which													
a) Enterprise sector	19.38	19.39	21.25	19.06	19.53	21.24	20.90	21.26	20.32	17.60	18.72	25.04	22.24
- Public sector	19.09	18.65	21.30	15.84	17.45	21.86	20.19	23.46	20.08	21.03	17.03	27.05	20.80
- Private sector (incl. cooperatives)	19.67	20.12	21.19	22.28	21.60	20.61	21.60	19.06	20.56	14.17	20.41	23.03	23.67
b) Households	10.07	10.43	10.18	13.59	9.99	9.99	10.70	9.68	12.19	11.07	10.06	8.77	8.93
B) Loans by term of which													
- Short-term	20.76	21.56	21.60	21.56	21.81	20.58	19.86	18.97	16.64	14.17	17.44	25.06	23.91
- Medium-term	15.78	17.60	16.30	17.56	16.88	15.26	16.43	13.64	15.21	14.05	16.04	13.55	14.92
- Long-term	16.46	15.12	15.40	13.04	13.73	15.87	14.73	16.09	14.47	14.87	14.87	14.46	17.57

1/ Excluding loans at zero interest rate

**Average Interest Rates on Crown Deposits and Volume of Crown Deposits**

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total deposits	a	361,865	368,269	388,784	378,097	382,397	375,142	376,340	383,200	376,843	383,662	382,098	362,586	361,990
	b	8.82	8.76	8.69	10.21	9.98	9.99	10.23	10.15	9.92	9.53	9.53	10.29	11.05
of which														
Demand deposits	a	121,642	127,027	140,524	114,600	121,846	113,384	112,544	116,557	116,798	120,198	117,812	109,127	104,016
	b	3.50	3.57	3.50	3.78	3.73	3.70	3.68	3.64	3.69	3.68	3.56	3.81	3.66
Time deposits	a	240,214	241,242	248,260	263,496	260,550	261,758	263,796	266,642	260,045	263,464	264,286	253,460	257,973
	b	11.54	11.48	11.62	13.00	12.90	12.71	13.03	12.98	12.71	12.2	12.19	13.07	14.04
- 7-day deposits	a	11,764	10,106	8,702	15,394	13,893	15,586	15,514	14,200	14,369	14,833	16,399	12,424	18,485
	b	18.54	16.46	17.10	20.48	17.35	15.47	16.97	16.20	15.01	13.27	11.92	21.88	19.96
- 1-month deposits	a	38,779	43,216	49,095	49,923	51,504	53,582	57,423	59,829	55,265	57,462	56,561	51,895	56,624
	b	15.95	15.84	16.25	18.59	18.66	18.00	18.02	17.25	16.36	15.28	15.67	17.30	19.88
- 3-month deposits	a	8,599	10,814	11,166	17,330	17,584	19,258	21,350	24,629	26,448	29,102	29,726	29,941	27,476
	b	13.08	13.37	15.04	18.85	18.74	18.68	18.98	18.77	18.45	17.63	17.38	17.77	18.56
- 6-month deposits	a	9,781	8,977	6,743	13,209	14,117	14,669	14,930	16,031	16,308	16,512	16,868	16,854	15,651
	b	11.27	11.10	11.37	15.59	16.20	16.41	16.46	16.64	16.52	15.23	15.10	15.18	15.32
- 9-month deposits	a	1,194	661	518	533	569	647	1,352	2,049	2,092	2,384	2,582	2,507	2,580
	b	12.85	15.04	16.78	17.76	17.41	18.92	18.41	19.11	18.97	18.51	18.33	18.72	19.12
- 12-month deposits	a	68,674	67,406	64,957	63,275	61,818	59,393	58,804	56,949	55,786	54,900	54,391	52,842	51,575
	b	10.52	10.63	10.51	10.69	10.67	10.73	10.81	10.82	11.04	11.08	11.13	11.10	11.96
- 18-month deposits	a	1,302	1,482	1,341	1,324	1,003	817	784	837	690	745	733	769	766
	b	10.69	10.96	11.14	11.72	12.78	12.73	12.73	13.34	12.82	12.84	13.34	12.82	12.69
- 2-year deposits	a	49,531	48,044	50,785	48,170	45,974	44,112	40,314	39,235	38,433	37,909	37,348	36,556	35,033
	b	10.84	10.79	10.77	10.80	10.76	10.80	10.64	10.66	10.66	10.68	10.69	10.69	10.73
- 3-year deposits	a	1,459	1,501	1,447	1,521	1,817	1,700	1,530	1,397	1,362	1,219	1,402	1,482	1,944
	b	12.84	12.12	12.14	12.36	12.87	12.57	12.58	12.66	12.38	12.31	12.60	13.08	13.65
- 4-year deposits	a	8,605	8,600	8,601	8,443	8,406	8,334	8,059	8,007	5,759	4,892	4,879	4,866	4,755
	b	13.13	13.13	13.13	12.90	12.98	12.60	12.58	12.98	12.86	12.93	12.93	12.93	13.04
- 5-year deposits	a	11,956	11,506	11,832	11,246	10,755	10,232	9,689	9,426	9,607	9,257	9,090	8,886	8,540
	b	13.03	12.98	12.92	13.39	13.26	10.42	13.26	13.23	13.17	9.79	9.71	9.57	9.89
- above 5 year	a	28,570	28,930	33,072	33,129	33,110	33,426	34,047	34,053	33,926	34,247	34,305	34,437	34,545
	b	4.69	4.69	4.51	4.54	4.49	4.51	4.11	4.10	4.07	4.06	4.06	4.47	4.47
- short-term	a	138,791	141,180	141,182	159,663	159,484	163,136	169,373	173,687	170,269	175,194	176,528	166,463	172,392
	b	12.96	12.90	13.39	15.42	15.24	15.05	15.40	15.24	14.88	14.22	14.19	15.57	16.88
- medium-term	a	72,853	71,132	74,006	70,704	67,956	65,195	60,376	58,902	55,851	54,023	53,452	52,559	51,036
	b	11.50	11.46	11.42	11.51	11.52	11.04	11.40	11.47	11.39	10.80	10.81	10.81	10.93
- long-term	a	28,570	28,930	33,072	33,129	33,110	33,426	34,047	34,053	33,926	34,247	34,305	34,437	34,545
	b	4.79	4.69	4.51	4.54	4.49	4.51	4.11	4.10	4.07	4.06	4.06	4.47	4.47
- demand and short-term	a	260,433	268,207	281,705	274,264	281,331	276,520	281,917	290,244	287,066	295,392	294,341	275,590	276,408
	b	8.52	8.48	8.45	10.56	10.26	10.40	10.73	10.59	10.33	9.93	9.94	10.92	11.91

a - Volume of deposits (\$K million)

b - Average interest rate (%)

**Development of Average Interbank Offered Rates (BRIBOR)**

	1997		1998										
	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Overnight	17.71	18.55	16.69	17.22	11.12	15.30	9.49	10.13	9.18	14.27	27.53	29.39	12.04
1 week	22.00	21.18	19.99	21.12	15.31	18.69	13.16	11.14	10.13	14.72	30.88	24.45	13.56
2 weeks	23.06	21.71	21.03	21.60	16.67	19.11	14.43	11.86	10.76	15.19	27.09	23.39	14.24
1 month	25.52	24.42	23.07	22.82	18.70	19.93	16.52	13.54	11.97	16.15	26.30	26.65	15.92
2 months	26.61	25.54	24.57	24.43	20.03	20.78	18.66	14.97	13.06	17.05	23.87	27.75	19.45
3 months	26.93	26.48	25.80	24.06	21.30	21.58	19.54	15.93	14.33	18.00	24.93	28.55	20.24
6 months	27.10	26.92	26.61	26.04	23.11	23.22	21.94	18.34	16.86	19.30	25.11	28.47	21.39

Note: All average rates were calculated for the days on which they were listed

**Basic Characteristics of Slovakia's Foreign Exchange Market in November 1998**

	USD			DEM			Other currencies			Total	
	Turnover		Number of transactions	Turnover		Number of transactions	Turnover		Number of transactions	Turnover USD million	Number of transactions
	USD million	%		USD million	%		USD million	%			
Foreign exchange fixing	0	-	0	0	-	0				0	0
Transactions among Slovak banks without participation of foreign banks	1,806.4	46.7	478	1,979.0	51.2	793	82.2	2.1	86	3,867.6	1,357
Interbank foreign exchange market fixing + transactions between Slovak banks.	1,806.4	46.7	478	1,979.0	51.2	793	82.2	2.1	86	3,867.6	1,357
Transactions between Slovak and foreign banks	2,047.6	70.2	589	866.7	29.7	367	2.8	0.1	25	2,917.0	981
Foreign exchange market in the SR - total	3,853.9	56.8	1,067	2,845.7	41.9	1,160	85.0	1.3	111	6,784.6	2,338

**Average Monthly Exchange Rates of SKK**

midpoint rate	1997		1998										
	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
FRF	5.786	5.806	5.786	5.807	5.730	5.745	5.753	5.800	5.795	5.880	6.094	6.545	6.412
1,000 ITL	19.775	19.832	19.690	19.727	19.513	19.500	19.566	19.743	19.705	19.979	20.678	22.180	21.726
100 JPY	26.883	26.722	27.177	28.092	27.248	26.483	25.416	24.821	24.881	24.348	25.849	29.591	30.061
CAD	23.757	24.229	24.424	24.593	24.745	24.497	23.705	23.784	23.561	23.039	22.897	23.342	23.420
NLG	17.190	17.250	17.197	17.271	17.045	17.100	17.126	17.256	17.232	17.480	18.112	19.458	19.069
ATS	2.753	2.763	2.755	2.767	2.731	2.737	2.742	2.765	2.761	2.802	2.904	3.120	3.056
DEM	19.376	19.438	19.379	19.467	19.211	19.257	19.297	19.449	19.427	19.711	20.432	21.944	21.501
CHF	23.845	24.022	23.854	24.123	23.595	23.215	23.163	23.350	23.076	23.564	24.820	26.872	26.136
USD	33.528	34.528	35.137	35.322	35.041	34.981	34.229	34.809	34.940	35.247	34.855	35.952	36.081
GBP	56.573	57.401	57.525	57.892	58.166	58.505	56.145	57.374	57.496	57.538	58.497	60.954	59.991
XEU	38.328	38.471	38.279	38.439	38.096	38.187	38.023	38.424	38.400	38.884	40.184	43.235	42.276
CZK	1.012	0.994	0.994	1.023	1.031	1.037	1.053	1.047	1.094	1.098	1.136	1.230	1.212

**Gross Domestic Product**

(Sk billions)

		1996	1997				1998			
		year	1. quarter	2. quarter	3. quarter	4. quarter	year	1. quarter	2. quarter	3. quarter
Gross domestic product in constant 1995 prices	a	550.8	136.0	147.3	152.4	151.1	586.8	144.4	156.3	160.1
	b	106.6	106.4	106.2	106.6	106.9	106.5	106.2	106.1	105.8
	c	-	96.2	108.3	103.5	99.1	-	95.6	108.2	102.4
Gross domestic product in current prices	a	575.7	148.7	162.6	170.2	172.4	653.9	166.2	181.6	187.6
	b	111.4	113.9	112.7	113.1	114.6	113.6	111.8	111.7	111.2
	c	-	98.9	109.3	104.7	101.3	-	96.4	109.3	103.3

Note: Conversion is based on the method of ESA, preliminary data

- a - In the specified unit
- b - Index same period of previous year = 100
- c - Index previous quarter = 100

**Consumer Prices**

(according to the methodology being in force since 1 January 1997)

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Goods and services	a	100.9	100.7	100.5	101.9	100.7	100.2	100.4	100.6	100.1	99.6	99.8	100.4	101.1
	b	110.8	111.5	112.1	108.4	109.1	109.4	109.8	110.5	110.6	110.2	110.0	110.4	111.7
	c	105.2	105.9	106.4	101.9	102.6	102.8	103.2	103.8	104.0	103.6	103.4	103.8	105.0
	d	105.9	106.2	106.4	107.2	107.5	107.2	107.0	107.6	107.4	107.0	105.7	105.9	106.2
of which														
foodstuff goods	a	101.0	100.7	101.0	101.9	101.2	99.8	100.6	101.4	100.0	98.5	99.1	100.6	100.9
	b	107.3	108.1	109.1	106.6	107.8	107.6	108.3	109.8	109.7	108.1	107.1	107.7	108.6
	c	102.9	103.6	104.6	101.9	103.0	102.9	103.5	104.9	104.9	103.3	102.4	103.0	103.8
	d	103.3	103.8	104.6	104.9	105.7	104.8	105.2	107.5	106.9	106.0	105.2	105.7	105.6
non-foodstuff goods	a	101.0	100.6	100.5	101.5	100.6	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.3	101.1
	b	111.8	112.5	113.0	108.0	108.7	109.1	109.4	109.8	110.0	110.1	110.1	110.4	111.7
	c	105.3	105.9	106.4	101.5	102.1	102.5	102.8	103.2	103.3	103.4	103.5	103.8	104.9
	d	106.3	106.4	106.4	107.0	107.2	107.2	107.2	106.9	106.8	106.6	106.0	105.9	106.1
public catering	a	100.5	100.6	100.3	100.4	101.2	100.7	100.2	100.4	100.9	100.2	100.3	100.6	101.0
	b	105.8	106.4	106.7	103.0	104.3	105.0	105.2	105.7	106.6	106.8	107.2	107.8	108.9
	c	101.7	102.3	102.6	100.4	101.7	102.4	102.6	103.0	103.9	104.1	104.5	105.1	106.2
	d	102.7	102.7	102.6	103.6	104.8	105.0	105.2	105.2	106.0	105.8	106.1	106.5	107.1
services	a	100.6	100.7	100.1	102.4	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.4	101.4
	b	113.9	114.6	114.8	111.3	111.6	112.1	112.4	112.5	112.7	113.0	113.1	113.5	115.2
	c	107.8	108.5	108.6	102.4	102.7	103.2	103.5	103.6	103.7	104.0	104.1	104.5	106.0
	d	108.2	108.7	108.6	110.3	110.2	110.1	109.1	108.9	108.8	108.5	105.7	105.9	106.8

a - Index previous period = 100

b - Index December two years before = 100

d - Index December of previous year = 100

e - Index same period of previous year = 100

**Producer Prices of Selected Products and Materials**

(%)

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Industrial products	a	101.6	99.8	100.1	100.8	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	99.9	100.1	99.8	100.6	100.6
	b	104.5	104.3	104.4	100.8	100.8	100.9	101.0	101.1	101.0	101.1	100.9	101.6	102.2
	c	111.1	110.9	111.0	111.9	111.9	112.0	112.1	112.2	112.1	112.2	112.0	112.7	113.5
	d	104.8	104.4	104.4	104.1	103.5	104.2	103.7	104.4	104.1	103.6	102.8	103.1	102.1
	e	109.0	108.8	108.9	109.8	109.8	109.9	110.0	110.1	110.0	110.1	109.9	110.6	111.3
Building materials	a	100.4	100.5	100.3	101.6	101.5	100.6	100.8	100.4	100.2	98.9	100.0	100.4	100.2
	b	107.5	108.0	108.3	101.6	103.1	103.7	104.5	105.0	105.1	104.0	104.0	104.4	104.6
	c	113.8	114.4	114.7	116.5	118.3	119.0	119.9	120.4	120.6	119.3	119.3	119.8	120.0
	d	108.2	107.9	108.3	108.7	109.3	110.6	109.7	108.2	108.1	106.5	105.6	105.6	105.4
	e	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agricultural products	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	d	102.0	99.4	98.9	102.9	102.3	100.5	102.3	103.6	104.4	101.2	100.3	98.1	97.6
	e	107.7	107.0	108.0	106.6	109.5	111.5	113.4	113.5	115.6	116.8	119.0	111.0	105.1
of which:	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Plant products	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	d	100.7	96.5	92.8	94.5	93.0	89.0	90.6	91.6	93.0	97.3	96.7	92.8	93.6
	e	108.2	108.1	109.4	110.7	111.1	107.7	109.2	110.3	115.1	116.5	119.2	109.3	101.3
Animal products	a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	b	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	c	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	d	103.4	102.6	103.5	104.8	104.9	103.1	104.0	105.1	105.9	105.7	105.4	103.9	101.8
	e	107.2	105.9	107.1	105.8	109.2	112.3	113.9	113.8	115.6	117.0	118.7	112.6	109.1

a - Index previous month = 100

b - Index December of previous year = 100

c - Index average of previous year

d - Index same period of last year = 100

e - Index same period of 1995 = 100, for industrial producers December 1995 = 100



## Inflation Rate

(in terms of consumer prices)

	1997		1998										
	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Monthly rate of inflation <sup>1/</sup>	0.7	0.5	1.9	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.4	1.1	0.4
Annual rate of inflation <sup>2/</sup>	6.2	6.4	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.0	7.6	7.4	7.0	5.7	5.9	6.2	5.9
Average annual rate of inflation <sup>3/</sup>	6.1	6.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8

(%)

1 - Index (previous month = 100)

2 - Index (same period of previous year = 100)

3 - Annual rate of inflation, average from the beginning of the year

## Unemployment

At the end of period

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of vacancies	a	24,135	20,674	19,318	18,299	19,254	19,261	19,914	20,299	19,723	18,396	16,786	14,117	12,385
	b	-2,630	-3,461	-1,356	-1,019	955	7	653	385	-576	-1,327	-1,610	-2,669	-1,732
Number of unemployed	a	334,327	328,379	347,753	350,255	353,607	349,024	343,182	336,403	352,271	367,558	358,590	358,767	362,272
	b	-2,531	-5,948	19,374	25,541	3,352	-4,583	-5,842	-6,779	15,868	15,287	-8,968	177	3,505
Number of unemployed per vacancy	a	14	16	18	20	19	19	18	18	19	21	23	27	31
Unemployment rate (in %)	a	12.9	12.6	12.5	13.4	13.6	13.4	13.2	12.9	13.5	14.1	13.8	13.8	13.9

a - In the specified unit

b - Difference (+,-) compared with previous period

**State Budget**

(Sk millions)

		1997		1998										
		11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
State budget revenue	a	159,142	180,826	16,397	25,991	43,939	60,841	73,202	86,356	103,590	116,150	131,154	145,760	162,302
	b	93,0	105,7	9,1	14,5	24,4	33,8	40,7	48,0	57,6	64,6	72,9	81,1	90,3
State budget expenditure	a	192,632	217,825	12,923	25,753	42,835	61,105	75,608	90,224	112,527	124,803	139,600	154,827	175,183
	b	92,6	104,7	7,0	13,9	23,2	33,1	40,9	48,8	60,9	67,5	75,5	83,8	94,8
State budget balance	a	-33,490	-36,999	3,474	238	1,104	-264	-2,406	-3,868	-8,937	-8,653	-8,446	-9,067	-12,881

a - In the specified unit at the end of month (cumulative figures)

b - Budget performance in %

**Industrial Production**

(Sk millions)

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total industrial production	a	53,611	52,811	49,050	45,980	46,773	52,750	50,900	51,423	52,541	49,363	48,557	52,715	55,179
	b	112.4	98.5	92.9	94.3	101.7	112.8	96.5	101.0	102.2	94.0	98.4	108.6	104.7
	c	102.4	103.3	105.2	100.6	102.4	110.9	105.6	107.5	104.6	108.8	109.3	107.8	101.0
	d	465,807	518,618	567,668	45,980	92,753	145,503	196,403	247,826	300,367	349,730	398,287	451,002	506,181
	e	102.4	102.5	102.7	100.6	101.5	104.7	104.9	105.5	105.3	105.8	106.2	106.4	105.8
	f	48,879	48,112	44,586	41,585	42,593	48,021	46,280	46,648	47,668	44,618	43,877	47,478	49,372
of which														
in the private sector														
	a	40,361	39,634	36,576	33,802	35,148	40,142	39,264	39,837	42,064	38,897	37,888	41,961	44,447
	b	113.4	98.2	92.3	94.0	104.0	114.2	97.8	101.5	105.6	92.5	97.4	110.8	105.9
	c	108.3	111.0	112.9	107.5	109.6	118.0	112.3	114.4	111.8	115.0	115.4	114.2	107.2
	d	339,066	378,700	415,276	33,802	68,950	109,092	148,356	188,193	230,257	269,154	307,042	349,003	393,450
	e	110.3	110.4	110.6	107.5	108.6	111.8	112.0	112.5	112.3	112.7	113.0	113.2	112.5
	g	75.3	75.0	74.6	73.5	75.1	76.1	77.1	77.5	80.1	78.8	78.0	79.6	80.6
Labour productivity (Sk / employee)	a	87,959	86,848	81,307	76,113	77,815	87,996	87,016	88,237	90,310	85,044	83,965	91,484	95,993
	b	112.2	98.7	93.6	94.9	102.2	113.1	98.9	101.4	102.3	94.2	98.7	109.0	104.9
	c	104.8	105.8	108.4	101.8	104.5	113.1	109.8	111.0	102.5	114.0	114.8	113.9	107.1

a - In the specified unit

b - Index previous month = 100

c - Index same period of last year = 100

d - From the beginning of year (in Sk million)

e - Index same period of last year = 100 (cumulative)

f - In the specified unit at constant 1995 prices

g - Share of private sector in industrial production (%)

**Construction**

(Sk millions)

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total construction sector output (including output abroad)	a	8,031	7,614	6,411	4,783	5,248	6,039	6,319	6,805	7,322	7,504	7,635	6,931	6,946
	b	115.1	94.8	84.2	73.5	109.7	115.1	104.6	107.7	107.6	102.5	101.7	90.8	100.2
	c	111.4	110.2	105.8	115.2	111.2	120.2	102.9	101.4	100.5	101.3	101.7	90.6	78.7
	d	60,098	67,712	74,123	4,783	10,031	16,070	22,389	29,194	36,516	44,020	51,655	58,586	65,532
	e	109.5	109.6	109.2	115.2	113.1	115.6	111.8	109.2	107.4	106.3	105.6	103.6	100.4
	f	6,445	6,077	5,100	3,760	4,075	4,656	4,824	5,171	5,547	5,659	5,706	5,100	5,074
of which in the private sector	a	6,597	6,226	5,514	3,913	4,262	4,938	5,204	5,473	5,984	6,248	6,300	5,939	6,110
	b	114.3	94.4	88.6	74.7	108.9	115.9	105.4	105.2	109.3	104.4	100.8	94.3	102.9
	c	109.2	107.6	106.2	108.6	105.5	119.5	104.8	102.0	103.1	104.2	103.2	93.9	84.3
	d	49,226	55,452	60,966	3,913	8,175	13,113	18,317	23,790	29,774	36,022	42,322	48,261	54,371
	e	108.0	107.9	107.8	108.6	107.0	111.3	109.4	107.6	106.7	106.3	105.8	104.2	101.6
	g	82.1	81.8	86.0	81.8	81.2	81.8	82.3	80.4	81.7	83.3	82.5	85.7	88.0
Construction output in the SR	a	7,539	7,164	6,062	4,528	4,965	5,722	6,002	6,430	6,952	7,172	7,308	6,650	6,575
	b	115.2	95.0	84.6	73.4	109.7	115.2	104.9	107.1	108.1	103.2	101.9	91.0	98.9
	c	115.6	111.5	107.2	115.7	112.1	123.1	105.2	103.7	103.7	102.5	104.2	92.7	79.4
	d	56,096	63,260	69,322	4,447	9,412	15,134	21,136	27,566	34,518	41,690	48,998	55,648	62,223
	e	113.8	113.5	112.9	115.7	113.8	117.1	113.5	111.1	109.6	108.3	107.7	105.7	102.3
	f	6,051	5,717	4,823	3,560	3,855	4,412	4,582	4,886	5,267	5,409	5,462	4,893	4,803
Construction output abroad	a	492	450	349	255	283	317	317	375	370	332	327	281	371
	b	112.6	91.5	77.6	75.1	111.0	112.0	100.0	118.3	98.7	89.7	98.5	85.9	132.0
	c	71.3	92.6	86.3	107.9	97.2	83.7	73.0	72.9	63.7	81.7	66.2	58.7	68.6
	d	4,002	4,452	4,801	255	538	855	1,172	1,547	1,917	2,249	2,576	2,857	3,228
	e	71.7	73.3	74.1	107.9	102.0	94.4	87.5	83.5	78.8	79.3	77.4	75.1	74.3
	f	394	360	277	200	220	244	242	285	280	250	244	207	271
Labour productivity per employee in Sk (of total construction output)	a	51,383	49,108	42,465	32,450	35,739	40,589	41,844	45,080	48,355	48,436	49,328	44,824	45,093
	b	113.8	95.6	86.5	75.5	110.1	113.6	103.1	107.7	107.3	100.2	101.8	90.9	100.6
	c	108.9	108.0	102.9	111.6	108.5	116.3	99.8	99.1	98.7	99.1	100.7	90.6	79.9

- a - In the specified unit  
b - Index previous month = 100  
c - Index same period of last year = 100  
d - Cumulative from the beginning of year in Sk million  
e - Index same period of last year = 100 (cumulative)  
f - In the specified unit at constant prices - average 1995 prices  
g - Share of private sector in production (%)

## Foreign Trade

(Sk millions)

		1997			1998									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Imports	a	30,556	27,097	26,480	29,770	34,780	39,453	38,184	35,612	40,008	37,516	36,786	37,991	43,625
	b	291,472	318,569	345,049	29,770	64,550	104,003	142,187	177,799	217,807	255,323	292,109	330,100	373,725
	c	107.1	104.5	101.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
of which: Czech Republic	a	7,562	6,042	5,260	5,542	7,006	7,310	7,393	6,292	7,512	6,403	6,576	7,562	8,145
	b	68,033	74,075	79,335	5,542	12,548	19,858	27,251	33,543	41,055	47,458	54,034	61,596	69,741
	d	24.7	22.3	19.9	18.6	20.1	18.5	19.4	17.7	18.8	17.1	17.9	19.9	18.7
Exports	a	27,009	26,094	20,070	24,266	29,083	33,112	30,133	29,690	33,651	30,968	30,615	33,669	32,657
	b	249,410	275,504	295,574	24,266	53,349	86,461	116,594	146,284	179,935	210,903	241,518	275,187	307,844
	c	112.0	110.4	109.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
of which: Czech Republic	a	7,681	6,552	4,735	5,711	6,275	6,814	6,202	6,140	6,840	6,070	6,054	6,525	6,488
	b	67,494	74,046	78,781	5,711	11,986	18,800	25,002	31,142	37,982	44,052	50,106	56,631	63,119
	d	28.4	25.1	23.6	23.5	21.6	20.6	20.0	20.7	20.3	19.6	19.8	19.4	19.9
Balance	a	-3,547	-1,003	-6,410	-5,504	-5,697	-6,341	-8,051	-5,922	-6,357	-6,548	-6,171	-4,321	-10,968
	b	-42,062	-43,065	-49,475	-5,504	-11,201	-17,543	-25,594	-31,516	-37,874	-44,422	-50,594	-54,915	-65,883
of which: Czech Republic	a	119	510	-525	169	-731	-496	-1,190	-153	-672	-333	-522	-1,038	-1,657
	b	-539	-29	-554	169	-562	-1,058	-2,248	-2,401	-3,073	-3,406	-3,928	-4,966	-6,622

Note: Preliminary data

a - In the specified unit in current prices

b - From the beginning of the year in Sk millions

c - Index same period of previous year = 100 (cumulative)

d - Share of total volume in period (%)