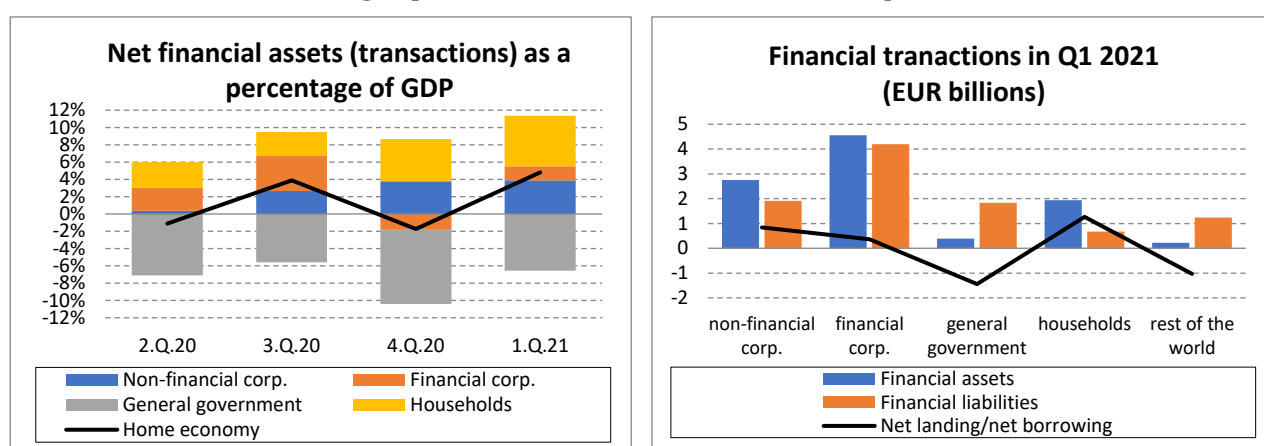


Financial accounts in Q1 2021: The net debtor position of the Slovak economy decreased despite financial transactions of public sector

In the first quarter of 2021, the net debtor position of the Slovak economy decreased by €1 041 million and this worsening represented 4.8 % of GDP in current prices.



Source: NBS

Note: Net lending represents a positive difference between financial assets and financial liabilities. A negative difference is an indication of net borrowing.

Among institutional sectors, the contribution to the result in the first quarter of 2021 came from the positive financial transactions in the non-financial corporations' sector (S.11), financial corporations' sector (S.12), households (S.14) and non-profit institutions serving households (S.15). Opposite development was recorded in the general government sectors (S.13).

The transactions at the assets side exceeded those at the liabilities side by €842 million in the non-financial corporations' sector (S.11) mainly because of trade credit increase.

The assets side of the financial corporations' sector increased faster than the liabilities side. Therefore, the sector recorded net borrowings of €350 million during this period.

Position of the general government sector worsened by €1 444 million. Crucial was the result of central government sub-sector (S.1311) with its debt securities emission.

The sector of households including non-profit institutions serving households improved its overall debtor position by €1 266 million. The liabilities side has increased because of continuous rise in long-term loans, while the asset side items, bank deposits especially, grew even more.

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