# Monetary policy in turbulent times 

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## GDP growth

10-year moving average of annual GDP growth ${ }^{1}$. Percent


## Yields on 10-year government bonds



Source: Thomson Reuters

## Central bank balance sheets - stylised

| Assets | Liabilities |
| :--- | :--- |
| Foreign exchange | Deposits from banks <br> (central bank |
| reserves | reserves) |
| Lending to banks/ <br> traditional supply of <br> liquidity |  |

## Central bank balance sheets - government bond purchases

| Assets | Liabilities |
| :--- | :--- |
| Foreign exchange | Deposits from banks <br> reserves |
| Lending to <br> benanks bank <br> supply |  |
| Government <br> purchases |  |

## Central bank balance sheets - private sector bond purchases

| Assets | Liabilities |
| :--- | :--- |
| Foreign exchange <br> reserves | Deposits from banks <br> (central bank |
| Lending to <br> banks/traditional <br> supply |  |
| Private sector bond <br> purchases |  |

# Central bank balance sheets - foreign exchange purchases 

| Assets | Liabilities |
| :--- | :--- |
| Foreign exchange <br> reserves | Deposits from banks <br> (central bank |
| Extra foreign <br> exchange reserves |  |
| Lending to <br> banks/traditional <br> supply |  |

## Central bank balance sheets

Index. January 2008 = 100. January 2000 - August 2012

${ }^{1)}$ Sum of assets excluding Government Pension Fund Global investments. Break due to new method of calculation as from December 2011

## Corporate borrowing rates ${ }^{1)}$ <br> Percent


${ }^{1)}$ Up to EUR 1m, maturity between 1 and 5 years.

## TARGET2 balances

In billions of EUR


Source: Institute of Empirical Research

## GDP growth

## 10 -year moving average of annual GDP growth ${ }^{11}$. Percent



## Criteria for an appropriate interest rate path

1. The inflation target is achieved
2. The inflation targeting regime is flexible
3. Monetary policy is robust
"Loss function":


## Key policy rate

## Percent. 2008 Q1 - 2015 Q4



## Household debt burden ${ }^{1)}$ and interest burden ${ }^{2)}$ Percent. 1988 Q1 - 2015 Q4



1) Loan debt as a percentage of disposable income adjusted for estimated reinvested dividends for 2000-2005 and redemption/reduction of equity capital for 2006-2015
2) Interest expenses after tax as a percentage of disposable income adjusted for estimated reinvested dividends for 2000-2005 and redemption/reduction of equity capital for 2006-2015 plus interest expenses

Sources: Statistics Norway and Norges Bank

## Household financial wealth* by debt burden

Percent. Annual figures. 1987 - 2009


* From tax assessments, excluding insurance reserves
** Including households with no debt and/or no income


## High population growth and low residential construction rate

Yearly figures ${ }^{1)}$


## Liquidity and EUR/NOK exchange rate

## 2 January 2002-5 October 2011



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