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## PRESS RELEASE

### QUARTERLY NON-FINANCIAL SECTOR ACCOUNTS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012

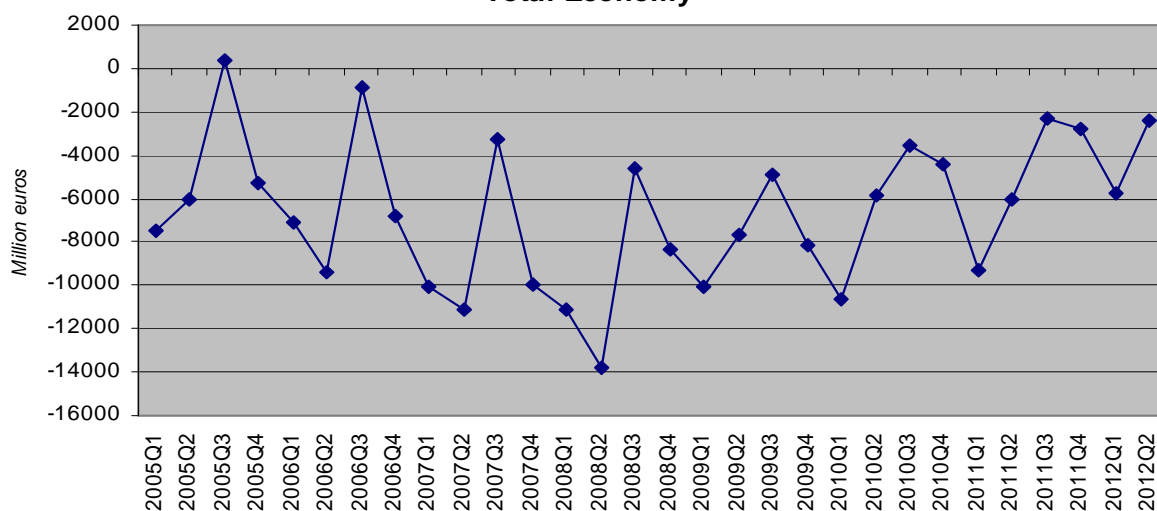
Quarterly non-financial accounts provide an overall description of the Greek economy, based on the analysis of the economic behavior of the institutional sectors constituting the economy (households and non-profit institutions serving households, non-financial corporations, financial corporations, general government) and the relations of the national economy with the rest of world. Their compilation follows the European System of Accounts (ESA 95) and covers the period since the first quarter of 2000. The present press release concerns the second quarter of 2012.

During the second quarter of 2012, the net borrowing of the total economy (S.1) from the rest of the world (S.2) amounted to 2.4 billion euros. There was a decrease in net borrowing compared with the second quarter of 2011 (when net borrowing was 6.1 billion euros) on account of a reduction in the external trade deficit and an increase in the net incomes and (current and capital) transfers received from the rest of the world.

*In billion euros*

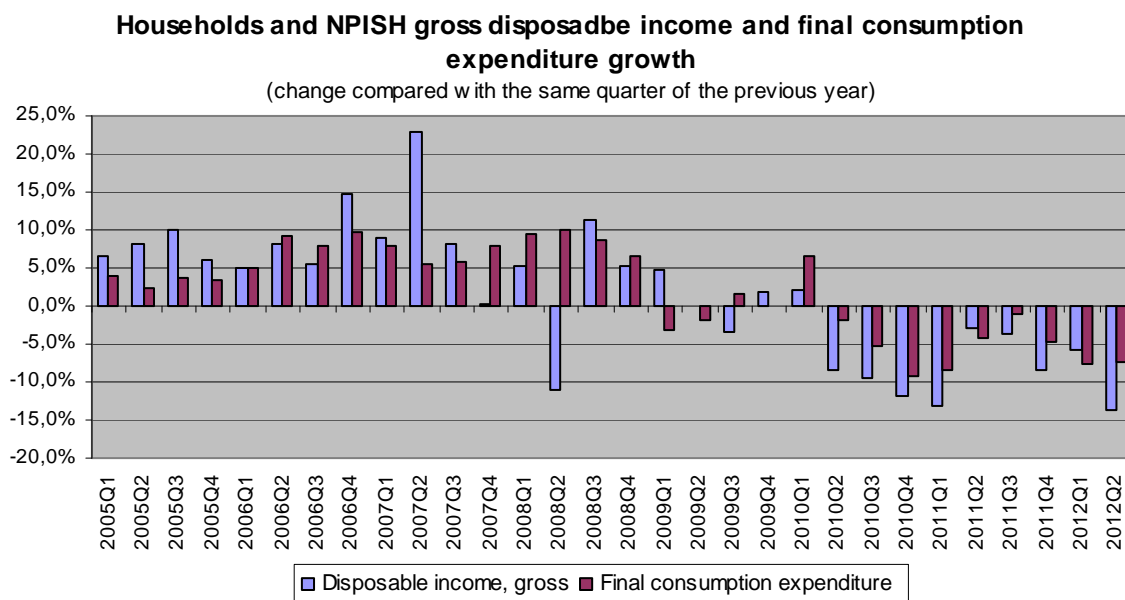
<i>Total economy (S.1)</i>	2012Q2	2011Q2	Dif
Imports of goods and services	15.4	17.3	-1.9
Exports of goods and services	12.8	13.2	-0.4
External balance of goods and services	-2.6	-4.1	1.5
External balance of primary incomes, current and capital transfers	0.2	-2.0	2.2
Net lending(+) / net borrowing(-)	-2.4	-6.1	3.7
<i>Rest of the world (S.2)</i>			
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#### Net lending (+) / Net borrowing (-) Total Economy

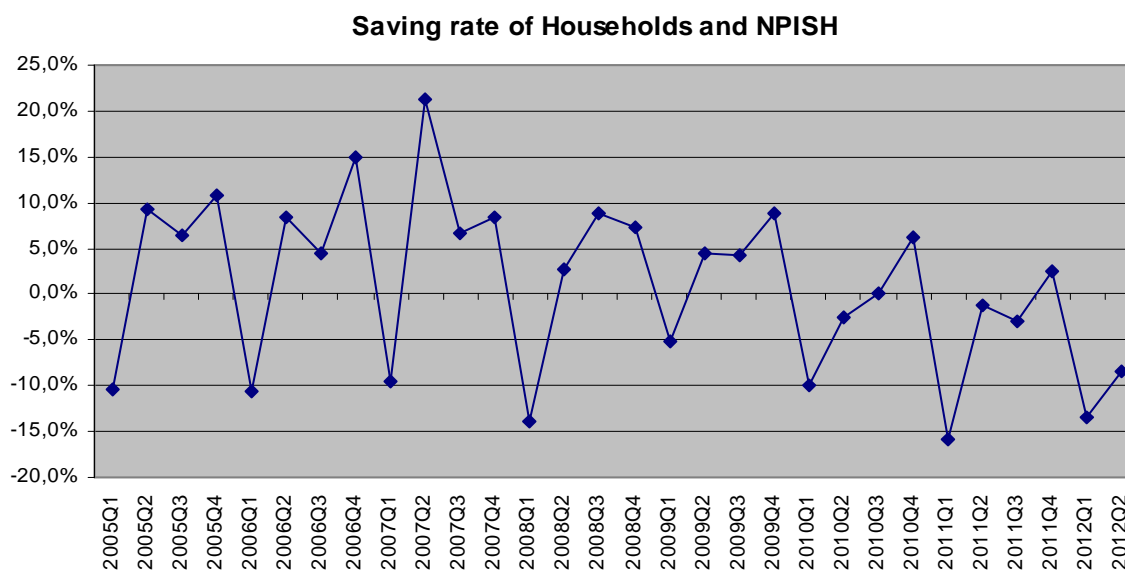


During the second quarter of 2012, disposable income of the households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) sector (S.1M) decreased by 13.6% in comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, from 39.5 billion euros to 34.1 billion euros. This was mainly on account of a decrease of 15.1% in compensation of employees, a decrease of 9.5% in social benefits received by households and an increase of 37.3% in current taxes on income and wealth paid by households.

Final consumption expenditure of the households and non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) sector decreased by 7.3% in comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, from 40.0 billion euros to 37.1 billion euros.

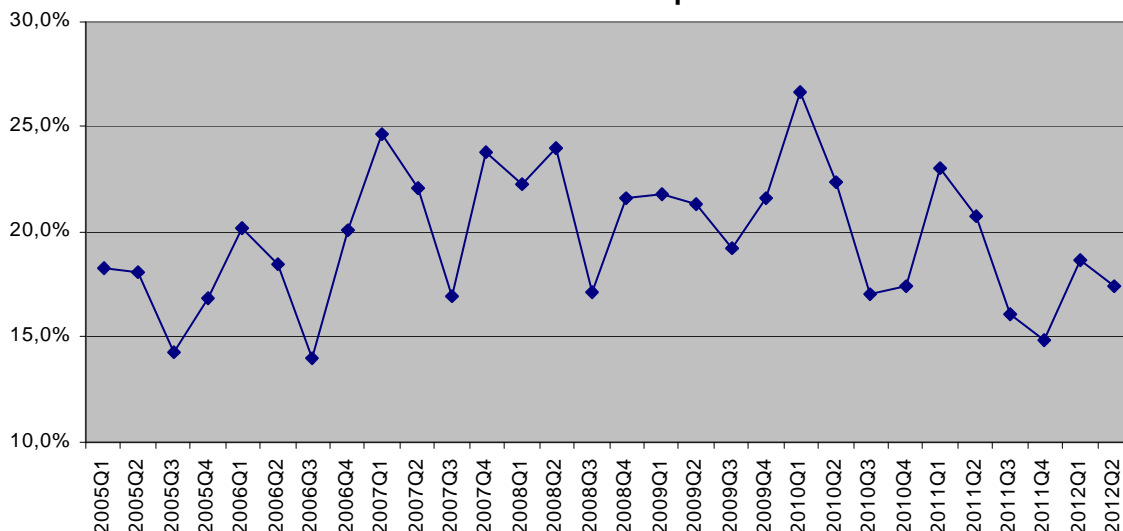


The savings rate of the households and NPISH sector, defined as gross savings divided by gross disposable income, was -8.5% in the second quarter of 2012, compared with -1.2% in the second quarter of 2011.



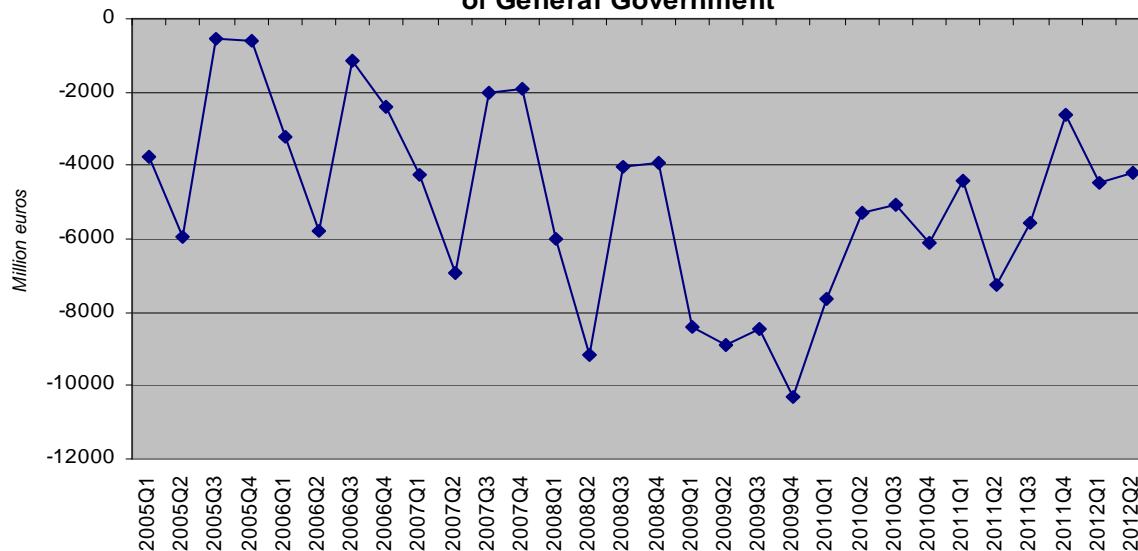
During the second quarter of 2012, the gross fixed capital formation of the non-financial corporations sector (S.11) decreased by 20.6% in comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, from 3.8 billion euros to 3.0 billion euros. The gross investment rate of the sector, defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added, was 17.5% compared with 20.7% in the second quarter of 2011.

**Gross investment rate  
of Non-financial corporations**



Net borrowing of general government (S.13) during the second quarter of 2012 stands at 4.2 billion euros, compared with 7.2 billion euros in the second quarter of 2011. It should be noted that the methods of compiling quarterly data for General Government transactions for 2009-2012 have been changed compared with those used for the period 2000-2008. Quarterly estimates for the years 2009-2012 are made with data mainly from direct sources, while for the period 2000-2008 estimates of major expenditure components were being made by allocating the annual results by-and-large uniformly to the quarters.

**Net lending (+) / Net borrowing (-)  
of General Government**



#### **References**

Methodological information and detailed tables are provided in the website of ELSTAT:

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