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<b>2. Institutional environment (prerequisites)</b>	
2.1. Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics	<p>LB is a member of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB); therefore, the responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics, necessary to fulfil ESCB functions, is based on EU law – Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98 with subsequent amendments and supplements, and Article 5 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank.</p> <p>LB responsibility for collecting and processing statistics, necessary to fulfil ESCB and LB functions, is established in Article 8 of the Law on the Bank of Lithuania (last amended in 2017).</p> <p>Responsibility for disseminating statistical information is laid down in Article 55 of the Law on the Bank of Lithuania (last amended in 2017), which stipulates that LB shall publish statistical and other information at least once a month.</p> <p>LB is responsible for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics on official reserve assets and on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity.</p>
2.2. Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies	<p>LB cooperates with other data-producing national authorities – it signed bilateral agreements on statistical information and data sharing with Statistics Lithuania and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania.</p> <p>Coordination of statistical activities among data-producing national authorities is ensured by the Official Statistics Work Programme, which also reflects statistical work carried out by LB.</p> <p>LB is the leading institution in the area of external statistics. In compiling statistics on official reserve assets and on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity, LB uses its own statistical data as well as data provided by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
2.3. Protection of confidential statistical information	<p>Statistical information confidentiality is ensured by:</p> <p>Articles 8 and 8 a–c of Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98, and Council Regulation (EU) 2015/373 amending Regulation (EC) No 2533/98;</p> <p>ECB Guideline 1998/NP28 concerning common rules and minimum standards to protect the confidentiality of individual statistical information collected by the European Central Bank assisted by the national central banks;</p> <p>Law on the Legal Protection of Personal Data, ensuring protection of individual data;</p> <p>Article 15 of the Law on Statistics, ensuring confidentiality of statistical data necessary to fulfil other than ESCB functions;</p> <p>Code of Administrative Offences, laying down penalties for the disclosure of confidential statistical data.</p>
2.4. Ensuring statistical reporting	<p>The legal basis for the collection of statistical data necessary to fulfil ESCB functions is Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2533/98, and Council Regulation (EU) 2015/373.</p> <p>The legal basis for the collection of statistical data necessary to fulfil LB functions unrelated to the ESCB is Article 8(2) of the Law on the Bank of Lithuania.</p> <p>Article 54 of the Law on the Bank of Lithuania stipulates that state and municipal institutions and economic entities must provide to LB all information required for the performance of its functions.</p> <p>Article 54<sup>1</sup> of the Law on the Bank of Lithuania stipulates that LB shall have the right to impose fines and penalties on economic entities for infringements with regard to submission of statistical information, if the procedure of sanctions of the European Central Bank is not applied to such infringements. The size of fines and penalties, arrangements for their application and the terms for the storage of related material shall be determined by LB.</p>

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	<p>Data is collected in accordance with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Resolution No 241 of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania of 24 December 2009 on the approval of the procedure for reporting to the Bank of Lithuania statistical information and data necessary for the compilation of the balance of payments and international investment position of the Republic of Lithuania;</li> <li>– Order No V2010/(1.7-0202)-02-42 of the Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania of 25 February 2010 on the approval of the procedure for reporting to the Bank of Lithuania data necessary for the compilation of the balance of payments, international investment position and official reserve assets of the Republic of Lithuania;</li> <li>– Data exchange agreement No V2012/(1.131.22-2200)-41.22-3 between the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania and the Bank of Lithuania of 20 December 2012.</li> </ul>
2.5. Quality policy	<p>LB develops, compiles and disseminates statistical information in accordance with the <a href="#">quality policy</a>, which is in line with statistical quality requirements set by international organisations.</p> <p>LB participates in the preparation of the annual quality reports on the ECB and EU balance of payments and international investment position.</p> <p>The ECB report on the quality of the euro area data is obligatory under Article 6 of Guideline of the ECB of 9 December 2011 on the statistical reporting requirements of the ECB in the field of external statistics (ECB/2011/23).</p> <p>EU requirements regarding BoP quality assessment procedures for conducting data quality reports are laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment.</p>
<b>3. Methodology</b>	
3.1. Concepts and definitions	<p>Statistics on official reserve assets are compiled in accordance with the methodology set out in the sixth edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (<a href="#">BPM6</a>) and <a href="#">Operational Guidelines for the Data Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity</a>.</p> <p>Official reserve assets are highly liquid, marketable and creditworthy foreign assets that are readily available to and controlled by LB and that may be used for direct financing of the payments imbalances and other similar purposes. As of 1 January 2015, when Lithuania became a member of the euro area, claims on non-euro area residents denominated in convertible foreign currencies (other than the euro), monetary gold, special drawing rights and reserve position in the IMF are classified as official reserve assets.</p> <p>The concept of international reserves and foreign currency liquidity is broader than that of official reserve assets. The former also comprises other foreign currency assets at the disposal of the authorities to meet a sudden increase in the demand for foreign exchange and potential (net) drains on foreign currency resources resulting from short-term foreign currency liabilities and off-balance-sheet activities of the authorities.</p> <p>The position at the end of a specific period reflects financial transactions, valuation changes (changes in the value during the period arising from changes in the market price and exchange rates), and other adjustments that occurred during the period and affected the level of assets.</p>
3.2. Scope (scope of data, exceptions to coverage, unrecorded activity)	<p>Statistics on official reserve assets comprise reserve assets held by LB and claims on the IMF. Statistics on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity also cover activity of the central government, excluding social security funds.</p>
3.3. Classification/sectorisation	<p>The classification system follows that of <a href="#">BPM6</a>, <a href="#">Operational Guidelines for the Data Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity</a> and Guideline of the ECB of 9 December 2011 on the statistical reporting requirements of the ECB in the field of external statistics (ECB/2011/23).</p> <p>Disseminated data specifies the following components of official reserve assets: monetary gold and special drawing rights, reserve position in the IMF and other official reserve assets, which include currency and deposits, securities, financial derivatives and other claims.</p>

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3.4. Basis for recording (valuation, recording basis, grossing/netting procedures)	<p>Official reserve assets are measured based on stocks of claims on non-residents and valued at market prices.</p> <p>Monetary gold and securities are revalued monthly at mid-market rates and prices. Holdings of foreign exchange are revalued on each business day at the official ECB foreign exchange reference rate on that day. Accrued interest is included in the outstanding amount of deposits and securities.</p> <p>Official reserve assets are recorded on a gross basis, without any netting with LB liabilities.</p> <p>Data is converted into euro on the basis of the euro foreign exchange reference rates announced by the ECB prevailing at the end of the reference period.</p>
<b>4. Accuracy and reliability</b>	
4.1. Source data	The main data source for accounting changes in official reserve assets (flows and stocks) is LB balance sheet data from LB's Financial Accounting Information System (FAIS).
4.2. Statistical techniques	Official reserve assets are recorded on a gross basis, without any netting with LB liabilities. Once the euro became the country's official currency, LB's investment in euro is no longer considered official reserve assets; therefore, technical reduction can be observed in LB statistics on official reserve assets for January 2015.
4.3. Data validation	When preparing statistics on official reserve assets to ensure data quality, data is checked in terms of internal consistency and consistency within a respective period. Data obtained additionally is compared with the respective data from other statistical sources.
4.4. Revisions	Data is final when first released and is not subject to revisions.
<b>5. Serviceability</b>	
5.1. Periodicity and timeliness	Monthly data for official reserve assets is released within one week after the end of the reference month, data on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity – within 10 calendar days after the end of the reference month in line with dates indicated in the Data Release Calendar.
5.2. Consistency (internal consistency, intersectoral and cross-domain consistency)	Official reserve assets data is fully reconciled with the BoP and IIP data.
<b>6. Accessibility</b>	
6.1. Forms of data dissemination	<p>Statistics on official reserve assets and on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity are released simultaneously to all interested parties by posting them on the LB website under section <a href="#">External Statistics</a>.</p> <p>Data on official reserve assets and on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity are disseminated in millions of euro (monetary gold is disseminated in millions of fine troy ounces).</p> <p><a href="#">Official reserve assets</a> include: monetary gold, special drawing rights, reserve position in the IMF and other official reserve assets (currency and deposits, securities, financial derivatives and other claims).</p> <p>The template on <a href="#">international reserves and foreign currency liquidity</a> (the so-called 'dual template'), which presents LB and general government data, is made available starting with data for January 2015.</p> <p>LB submits BoP data to the ECB and IMF in accordance with the data provision requirements and following the agreed deadlines.</p>
6.2. Advance release calendar	Publication dates for statistics on official reserve assets and on international reserves and foreign currency liquidity are available in the <a href="#">data release calendar</a> .
6.3. Other information	
<b>Metadata update</b>	<p>Metadata is updated once a year or when essential changes in methodology are introduced.</p> <p>Last update: 30/03/2018</p>