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Developments in loan and deposit markets in March 2022

Loans market

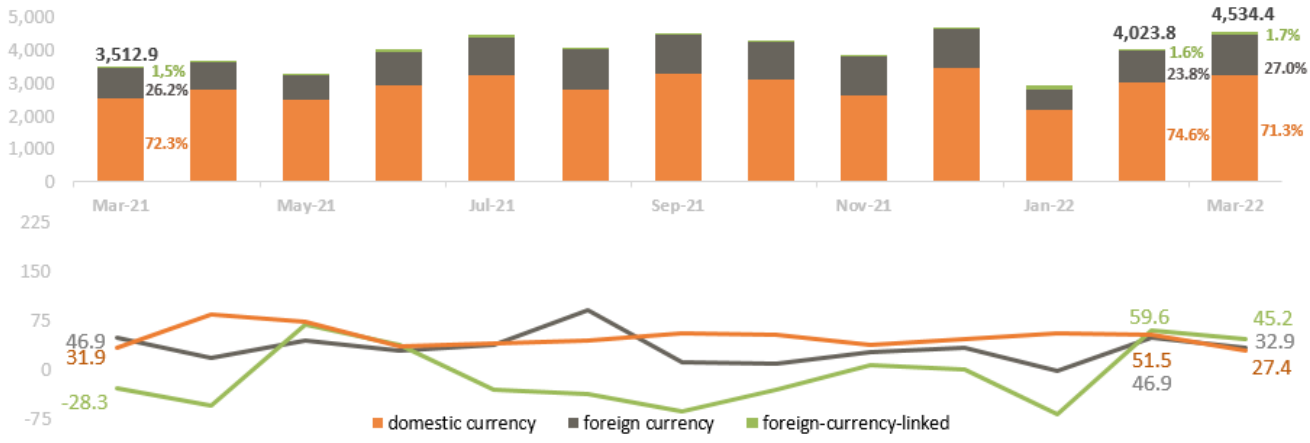
In March 2022, new loans extended[1] by banks totaled MDL 4,534.4 million[2], recording an increase of 29.1% compared to March 2021.

The structure of loans granted (Chart 1) in the reporting month evolved as follows:

- 71.3% represent loans extended in domestic currency, which totaled MDL 3,234.3 million (+7.7% compared to the previous month and +27.4% compared to March 2021);
- 27.0% represent loans extended in foreign currency, which, recalculated in MDL, totaled MDL 1,224.3 million (+27.6% compared to the previous month and +32.9% compared to March 2021);
- 1.7% represent foreign-currency-linked[3] loans, which amounted MDL 75.8 million (by 21.1 times more compared to previous month and +45.2% compared to March 2021).

Chart 1

Dynamics of new loans extended, million MDL (upper chart) and the annual growth rate of new loans extended by banks, % (lower chart)[2]

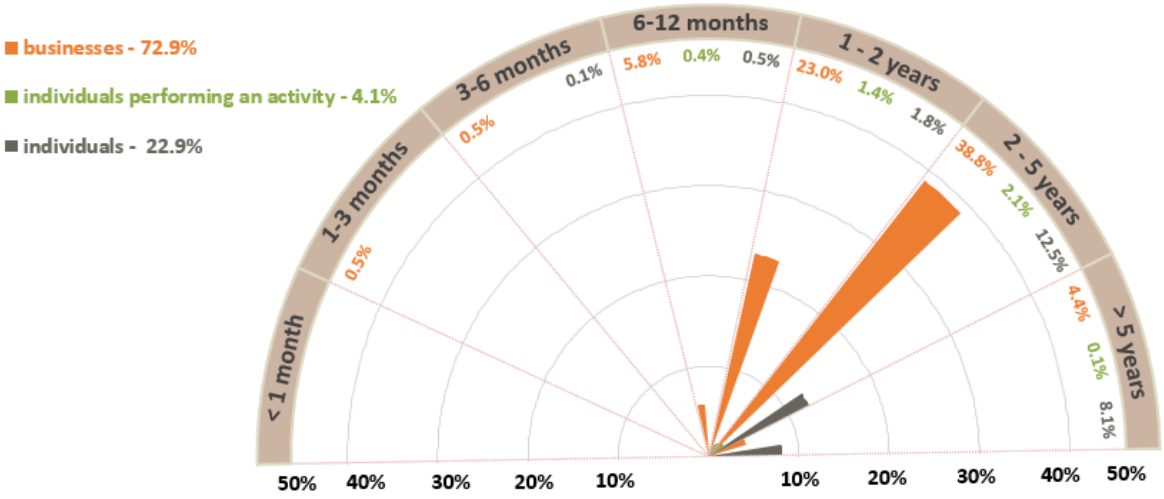


Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

In terms of maturity (Chart 2), loans with maturity ranging from 2 to 5 years recorded the highest demand of 53.4% of total extended loans. The share of businesses' loans with this term constituted 38.8% in total amount of extended loans.

Chart 2

New loans extended by maturity and their structure, %[2]

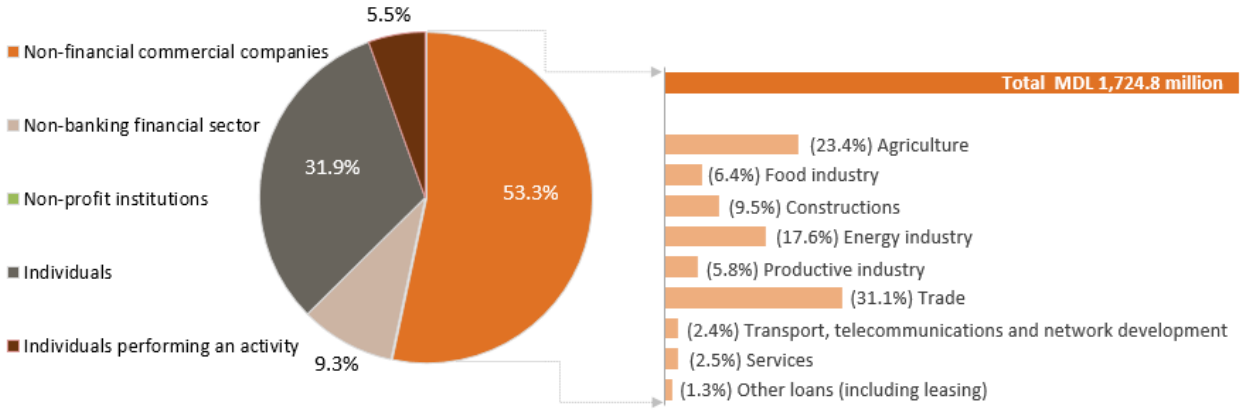


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Domestic currency loans (Chart 3) were mainly represented by loans extended to non-financial commercial companies (53.3%) and to individuals (31.9%). Within loans to non-financial commercial companies, loans to trade dominated (31.3%).

Chart 3

Domestic currency loans by sectors, %[2]



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

Foreign currency loans were mainly requested by non-financial commercial companies (90.1%), and the largest share (62.6%) belongs to trade.

The average nominal interest rate on new loans extended in domestic currency constituted 9.64%, on loans in foreign currency - 3.96%, and on foreign-currency-linked loans - 4.09%.

Compared to the previous month, the average rate evolved as follows (Chart 4):

— on domestic currency loans it increased by 0.43 percentage points (p.p.). Businesses received their loans

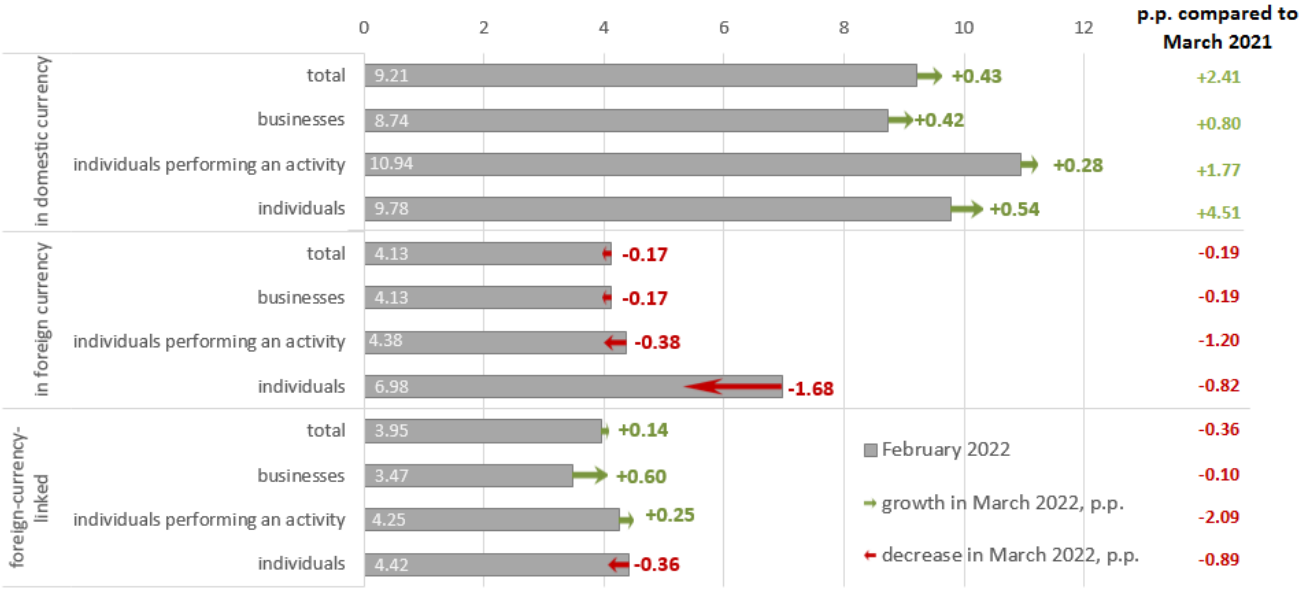
at an average rate of 9.16%, individuals performing an activity[4] – at a rate of 11.22%, while individuals – at a rate of 10.32%;

- on foreign currency loans it decreased by 0.17 p.p. Businesses received their loans at an average rate of 3.96%, individuals performing an activity – at a rate of 4.00% and individuals – at a rate of 5.30 %;
- on foreign-currency-linked loans it increased by 0.14 p.p. Businesses received their loans at an average rate of 4.07%, individuals performing an activity – at a rate of 4.50%, and individuals – at a rate of 4.06 %.

Compared to the similar period of the previous year, the average nominal interest rate on domestic currency loans increased by 2.41 p.p., on those in foreign currency it decreased by 0.19 p.p., and on those in foreign-currency-linked loans it decreased by 0.36 p.p.

Chart 4

Weighted average nominal interest rates on new loans, %

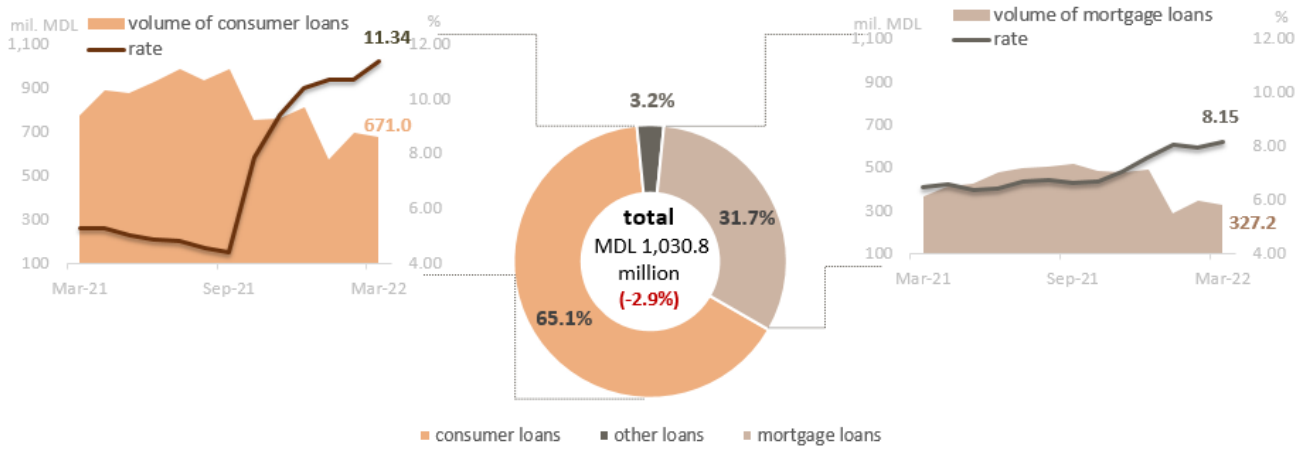


Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

The volume of domestic currency loans extended to individuals decreased in March 2022 by 2.9% as compared to the previous month and totaled MDL 1,030.8 million (Chart 5). The average rate on these loans increased by 0.54 p.p.

Chart 5

Domestic currency loans extended to individuals[2]



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

From the perspective of the purpose of newly extended loans, consumer loans held the largest share (65.1%), and were extended with an average rate of 11.34% (+0.67 p.p. compared to the previous month and +6.06 p.p. compared to March 2021).

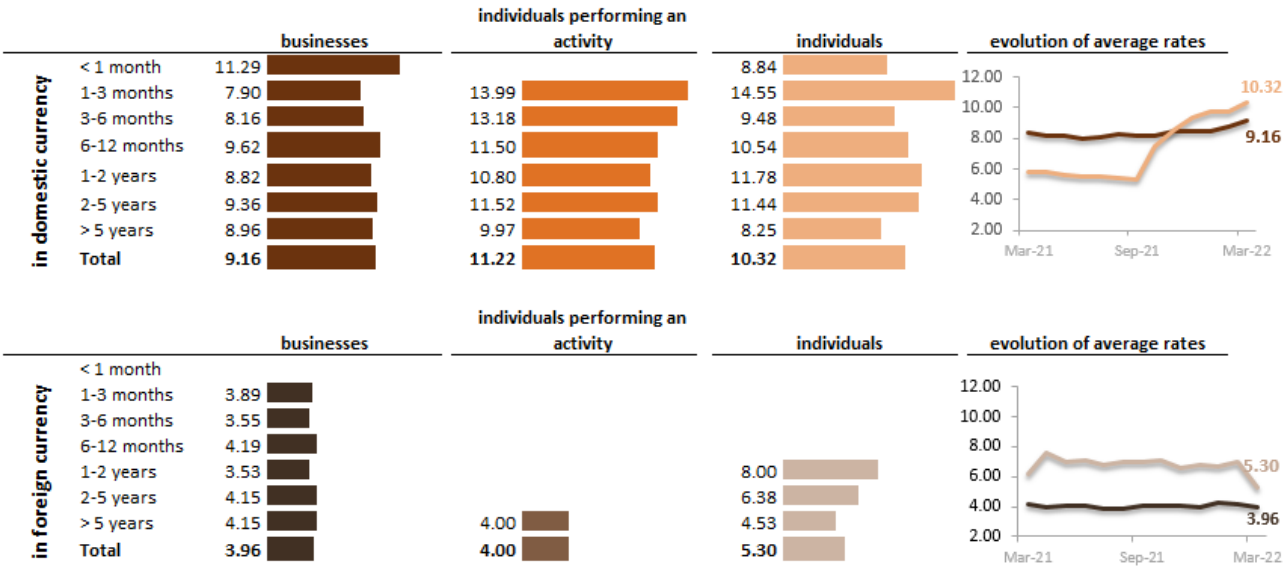
The average rate on mortgage loans increased by 0.24 p.p. compared to the previous month and by 1.72 p.p. compared to March 2021.

It should be noted, that 97.2% of total mortgage loans were extended in domestic currency. Consumer loans, also, were mainly extended in domestic currency (99.8% of total consumer loans).

Domestic currency loans (Chart 6) with maturity from 2 to 5 years, recording the highest demand, were extended at an average interest rate of 10.17% (9.36% - on businesses loans, 11.52% - on individuals performing an activity loans, and 11.44% - on individuals' loans).

Chart 6

Average rates on extended loans, by maturity, %



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

The highest average rate on domestic currency loans was registered on loans with maturity from 2 to 5 years and amounted 10.17%.

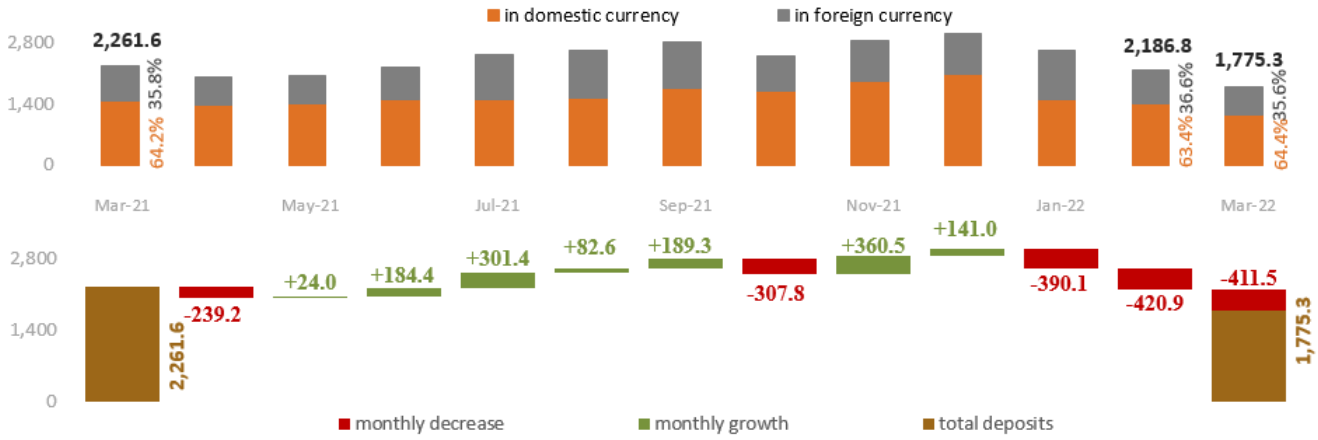
Loans in foreign currency with terms of 2 to 5 years (which had the highest volume in the reporting month) were extended with an average rate of 4.15% (businesses loans – 4.15%, while individuals' loans – 6.38% (Chart 6)).

Deposits market

In March 2022, the new term deposits totaled MDL 1,775.3 million2, decreasing by 21.5% compared to March 2021 (Chart 7).

Chart 7

Dynamics of term deposits (upper chart) and change from the previous month (lower chart), million MDL[2]



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

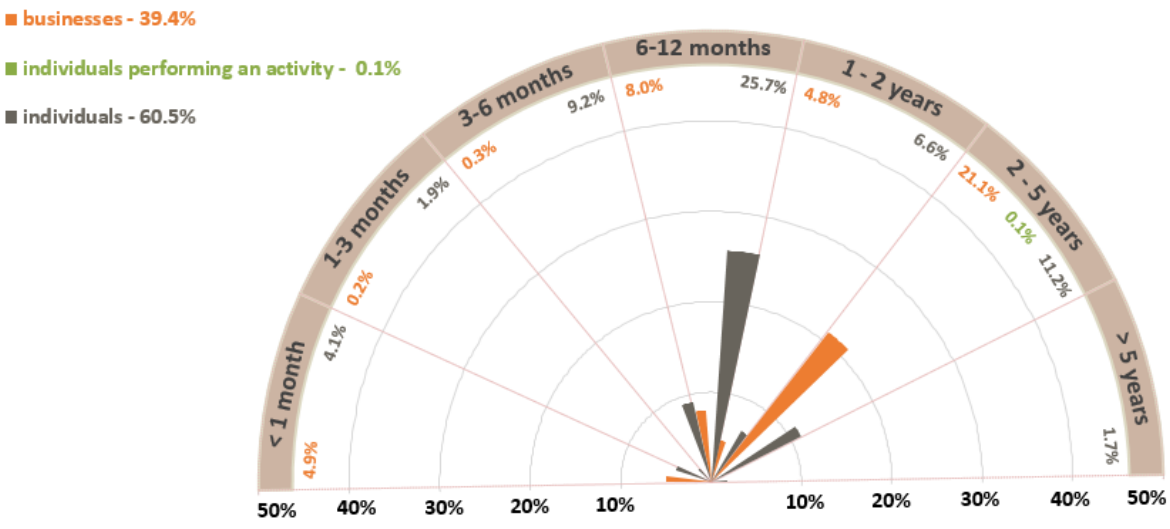
The volume of new term deposits constituted:
• in domestic currency – MDL 1,142.9 million (-17.6% compared to the previous month and -21.2% compared to March 2021);
• in foreign currency, recalculated in MDL – MDL 632.5 million (-20.9% compared to the previous month and -22.0% compared to March 2021).

The share of deposits attracted in domestic currency constituted 64.4%, of those in foreign currency – 35.6%.

Individuals' deposits (Chart 8) represented the largest share of total deposits – 60.5%2 (where 38.4% represent domestic currency deposits and 22.1% - foreign currency deposits).

Chart 8

New term deposits placed by maturity and their structure, %[2]



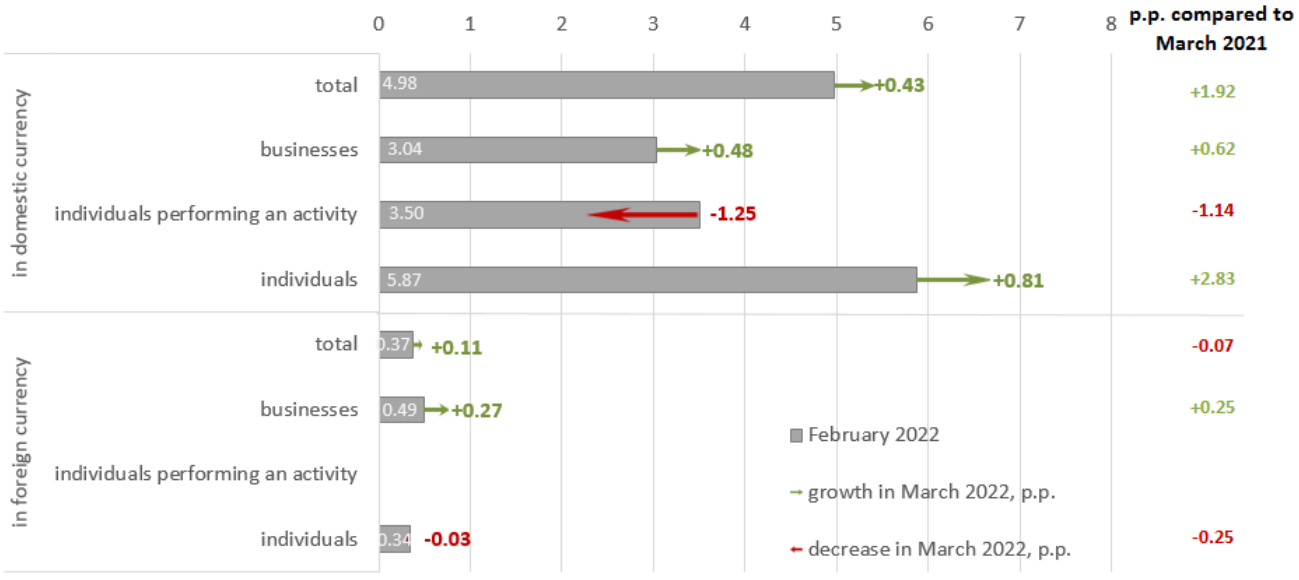
Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

In terms of maturity, the highest demand was recorded for deposits with terms from 6 to 12 months, which held 33.8% of total term deposits (25.7% - individuals' deposits).

The average interest rate on domestic currency term deposits constituted 5.41%, and on those in foreign currency - 0.48%.

Chart 9

Weighted average rates on new term deposits, %



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

Compared to the previous month, the average rate evolved as follows:

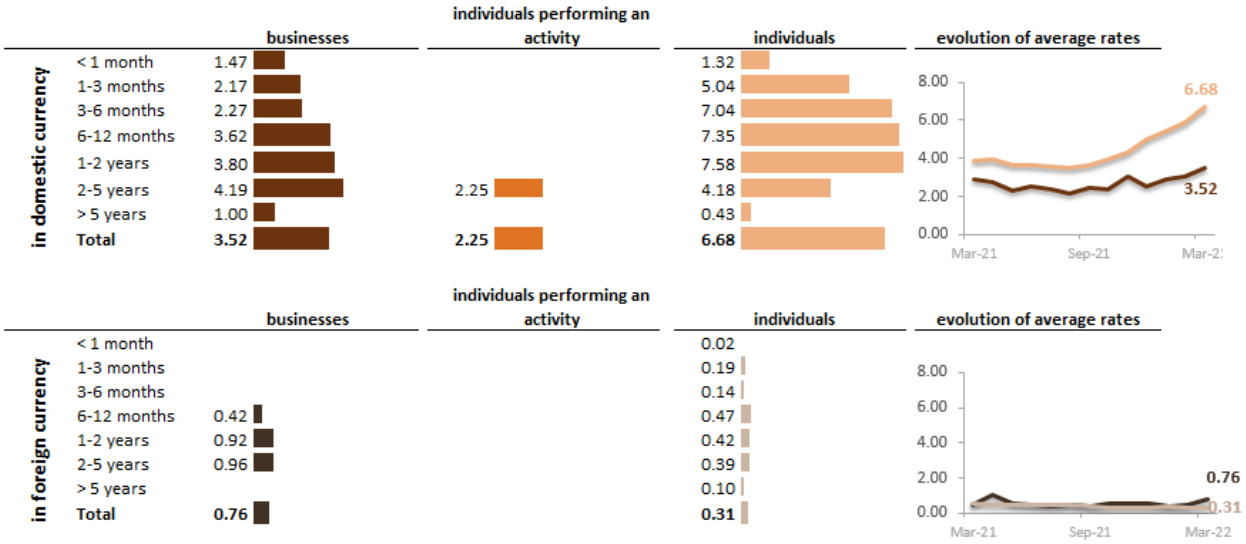
• on domestic currency deposits it increased by 0.43 p.p. Businesses placed their deposits at an average rate of 3.52%, individuals performing an activity– at a rate of 2.25%, while individuals – at a rate of 6.68%;

• on new term deposits in foreign currency, it increased by 0.11 p.p. Businesses placed their deposits at an average rate of 0.76%, while individuals – at a rate of 0.31%. Individuals performing an activity did not placed any deposits in foreign currency.

Compared to March 2021, the average interest rate on domestic currency deposits increased by 1.92 p.p., but that on foreign currency deposits decreased by 0.07 p.p. (Chart 9).

Chart 10

Average interest rates on new term deposits, by maturity, %



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

Domestic currency deposits with maturity from 6 to 12 months, holding the highest demand (35.9% of total deposits in domestic currency), were attracted with an average interest rate of 6.81% (businesses deposits were attracted with an average rate of 3.62%, while individuals' deposits - at a rate of 7.35% (Chart 10)).

In the case of foreign currency deposits, the largest share (37.8 %) is held by those with terms from 2 to 5 years, which were placed at an average interest rate of 0.68% (businesses placed their deposits at a rate of 0.96%, individuals - at a rate of 0.39%).

The highest average rate on domestic currency deposits was recorded as follows:

- on businesses' deposits with terms over 2 to 5 years (4.19%);
- on deposits of individuals performing an activity with terms from 2 to 5 years (2.25%);
- on individuals' deposits with terms from 1 to 2 years (7.58%).

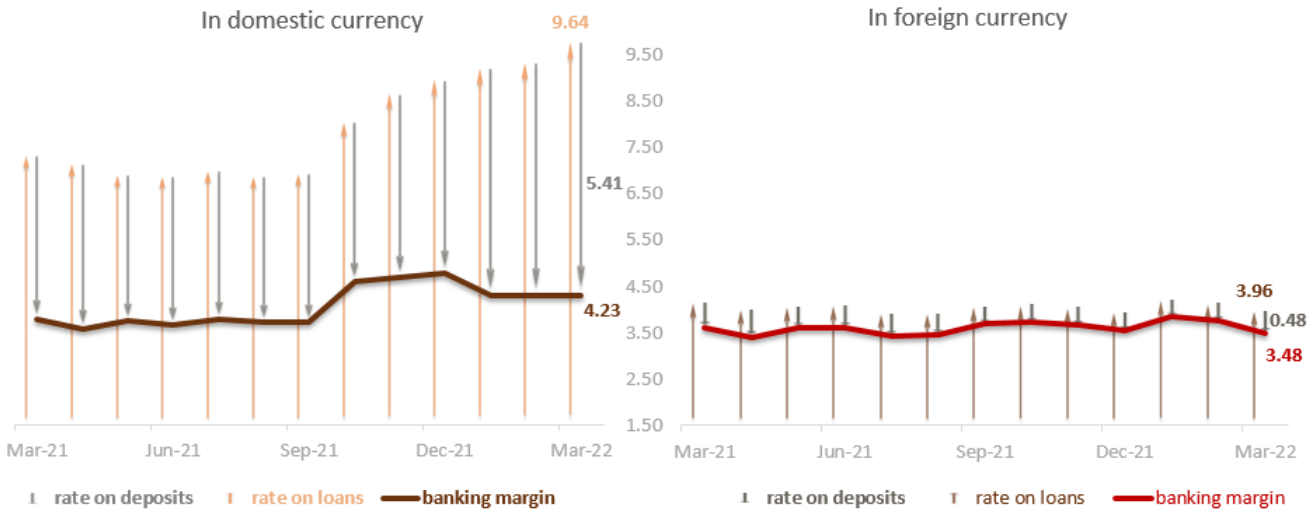
The highest average rate on foreign currency deposits was recorded as follows:

- on businesses deposits with terms from 2 to 5 years (0.96%);
- on individuals' deposits with terms from 6 to 12 months (0.47%).

Interest rate margin on domestic currency transactions constituted 4.23 p.p., while on those in foreign currency amounted – 3.48 p.p.

Chart 11

Bank interest margin, p.p.



Source: NBM report on average rates and volumes of new loans and new deposits attracted for March 2022.

The interest rate margin on operations in domestic currency positioned at the level of the previous month, but increased by 0.49 p.p. compared to March 2021 (Chart 11).

The interest margin on foreign currency transactions decreased by 0.29 p.p. compared to the previous month and by 0.13 p.p. compared to March 2021.

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