



MINISTRY OF FINANCE
Macroeconomic Department
ECONOMY IN FOCUS

MAY 2006

Real Sector

• Nominal GDP 2006 (in billion lek)	899.7
• Real growth of GDP 2006 (%)	5.0
• Consumer Price Index (monthly change %), May'06/April'06	0.4
• Consumer Price Index (annual change %), May'06/May'05	3.1
• Unemployment rate (%) (forecast 2006)	14.0

Foreign Trade January-March '06

• Export of goods (in million lek)	6,474
• Import of goods (in million lek)	25,646
• Trade balance	-19,172

Public Finance January-May '06

• Total revenues (in million lek)	86,742
• Total expenditures (in million lek)	76,321
• Total deficit	+ 10,421

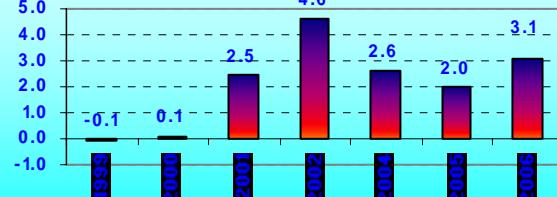
Financial Markets May '06

• Average exchange rates	
EURO	122.98
USD	96.31
• Yield of 3-month t-bills (%)	5.07
• Yield of 6-month t-bills (%)	5.48
• Yield of 12-month t-bills (%)	5.74

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - May 2006

In April 2006 the Consumer Price Index was 110.5 % against December 2001. The CPI in this month has increased 0.4 % compared to the previous month. The annual change of CPI for May was 3.1 %. The biggest annual increases were seen in the group "Health" by 6.7%, in the group "Education Service" by 4.7 % in the group "Transport" by 4.8%. The group "Shoes and Clothes" shows up the biggest decrease of 2.7%.

Inflation rate May 1999-2006

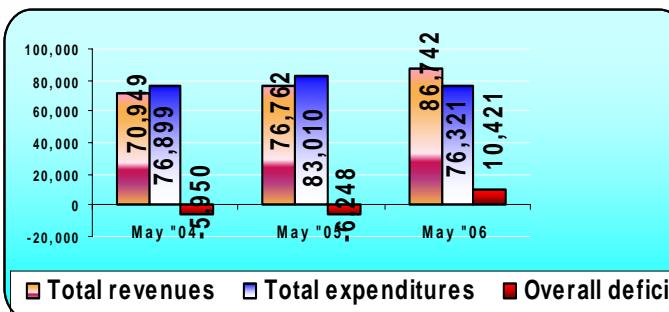


Total Revenues

Total revenues were 86.742 billion lek at the end of May 2006 or 1.66% more than the forecast or 13.00% more than the same period last year. Tax revenues in the end of this month were 79.87 billion lek or 4.50% more than the forecast or 15.05% more than the same period of last year.

Total Expenditures

Total expenditures were 76.32 billion lek at the end of May 2006 or 13.03% less than the forecast or 8.06% less than the same period last year. Current expenditures were 6.20% less than the forecast or 4.57 % less than the same period of last year, while capital expenditures were 49.98% less than the forecast or 34.38% less than the same period last year.

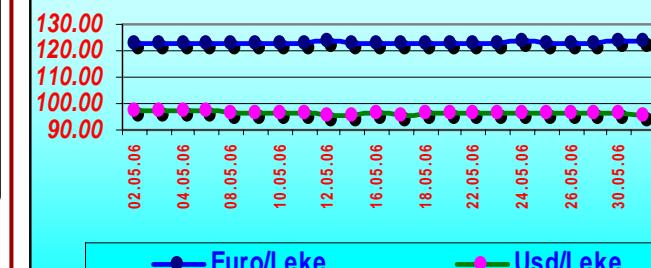


Treasury Bills

The average weighted yield of treasury bills for May 2006 were:

- 3-month maturity treasury bills 5.07 %
- 6-month maturity treasury bills 5.48 %
- 12-month maturity treasury bills 5.74 %

Daily Changes of Exchange Rate May'06



Exchange Rate

During May 2006 the exchange rate of our national currency with Euro has increased 0.10 percent more than the previous month. While the American currency has decreased 3.94 percent more than the previous month.

On 2-nd of May we could exchange 1 Euro with 122.70 Lek and on 31 May 1 Euro was exchange with 123.30 Lek, while 1 USD could be exchange with 97.34 Lek. At the end of this month 1 USD was bought by 95.84 Lek.

During May '06 the average exchange rates were:

EURO 122.98 Lek

USD 96.31 Lek

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