

Questions

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2. Is the size of the SNB balance sheet appropriate? (Should Treasury be involved in FX management?)
3. Should fiscal policy be more supportive?

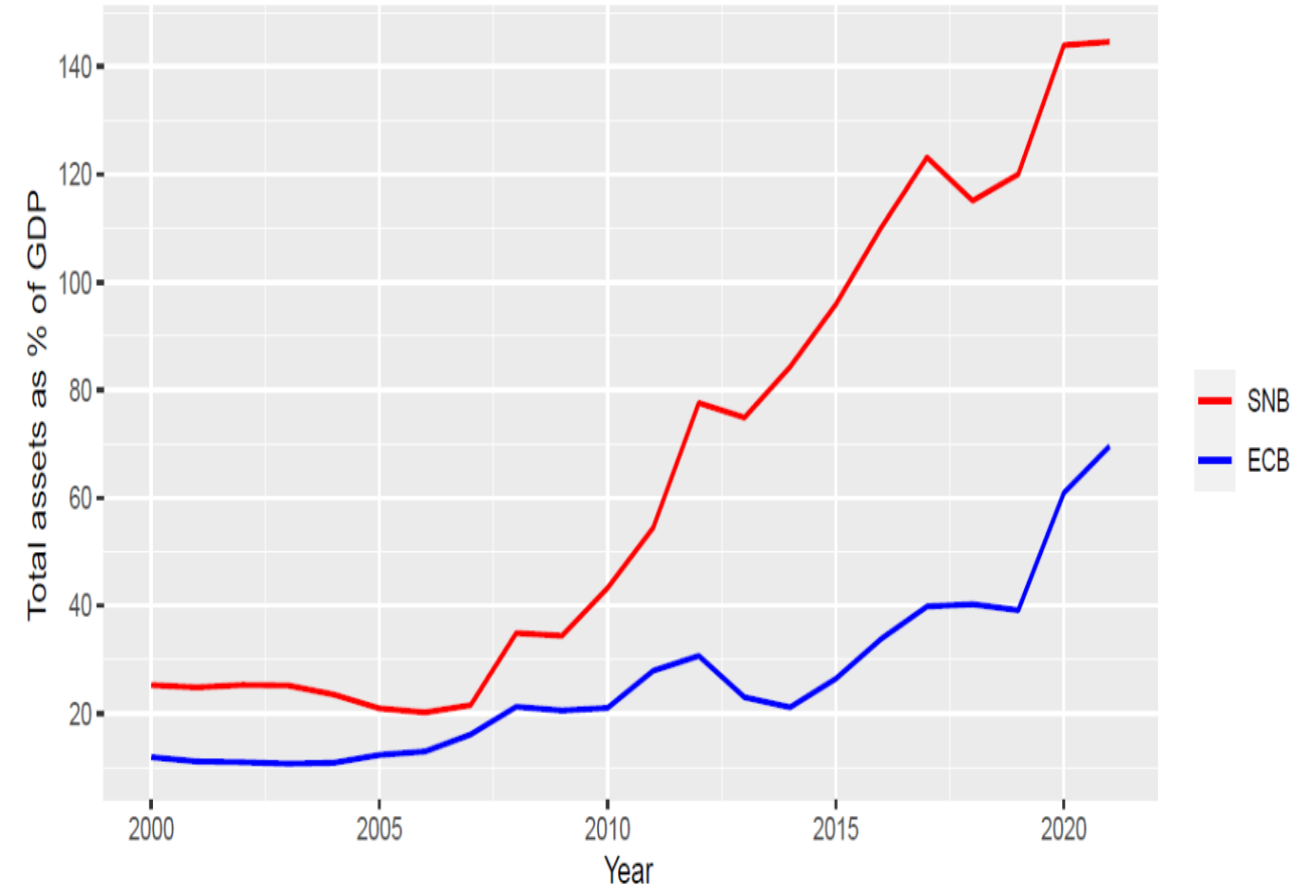
Macro-performance, CH vs NL

(2022-2023: IMF estimates)

	pre-GFC 1999-2007	GFC + euro 2009-2012	post-GFC 2013-2019	covid + war 2020-2023	average 1999-2023
Inflation					
NL	2,4	1,9	1,3	6,0	2,5
CH	0,9	0,4	0,0	1,3	0,7
Growth					
NL	2,6	0,1	1,8	1,6	1,7
CH	2,3	1,3	1,9	1,2	1,8
Fiscal balance/GDP					
NL	-0,7	-3,8	-0,4	-2,1	-1,6
CH	-0,4	0,7	0,6	-0,9	0,1

Balance sheet size, SNB vs ECB

(percent ratio to GDP)



Source: IMF World Economic Outlook

My answers

1. Does the SNB FX policy achieve good economic outcomes? **Yes** – but euro may be better)
2. Is the size of the SNB balance sheet appropriate? **Broadly yes** (Should Treasury be involved in FX management? **No view**)
3. Should fiscal policy be more supportive? **Yes**