

40. Guarantees and other commitments

This balance is analysed as follows:

	(Thousands of euros)	
	2020	2019
Guarantees granted		
Guarantees	3,281,193	3,509,180
Stand-by letter of credit	46,084	44,982
Open documentary credits	208,913	203,623
Bails and indemnities	137,135	137,695
Other liabilities	108,850	108,850
	3,782,175	4,004,330
Commitments to third parties		
Irrevocable commitments		
Term deposits contracts	150,000	–
Irrevocable credit lines	2,080,170	1,497,679
Securities subscription	75,362	83,842
Other irrevocable commitments	116,088	114,165
Revocable commitments		
Revocable credit lines	5,455,500	5,025,527
Bank overdraft facilities	959,392	551,556
Other revocable commitments	112,363	88,337
	8,948,875	7,361,106
Guarantees received	23,886,504	22,712,077
Commitments from third parties	12,649,232	10,254,809
Securities and other items held for safekeeping	66,845,519	55,706,145
Securities and other items held under custody by the Securities Depository Authority	81,733,478	65,410,519
Other off balance sheet accounts	123,848,449	124,162,888

The guarantees granted by the Bank may be related to loans transactions, where the Bank grants a guarantee in connection with a loan granted to a client by a third entity. According to its specific characteristics it is expected that some of these guarantees expire without being executed and therefore these transactions do not necessarily represent a cash-outflow. The estimated liabilities are recorded under provisions (note 35).

Stand-by letters and open documentary credits aim to ensure the payment to third parties from commercial deals with foreign entities and therefore financing the shipment of the goods. Therefore, the credit risk of these transactions is limited since they are collateralised by the shipped goods and are generally short term operations.

Irrevocable commitments are non-used parts of credit facilities granted to corporate or retail customers. Many of these transactions have a fixed term and a variable interest rate and therefore the credit and interest rate risk is limited.

The financial instruments accounted as Guarantees and other commitments are subject to the same approval and control procedures applied to the credit portfolio, namely regarding the analysis of objective evidence of impairment, as described in the accounting policy in note 1 B). The maximum credit exposure is represented by the nominal value that could be lost related to guarantees and commitments undertaken by the Bank in the event of default by the respective counterparties, without considering potential recoveries or collaterals.