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***A quantitative assessment of bank credit supply and demand in
Slovenia: Evidence from bank–firm data***

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The seminar will be held in the
Cankarjeva 1, Ljubljana – 4th floor (passage between Cankarjeva and Tomšičeva)
on Thursday, 28 May 2026 at 14:00

Abstract:

This paper presents a diagnostic analysis of the growth of bank credit to non-financial corporations in Slovenia. The authors decompose loan growth into supply and demand components by leveraging loan-level, bank–firm matched data from the Slovenian credit register and applying a fixed effects approach commonly applied in the empirical banking literature. The study distinguishes itself by giving even attention to supply and demand, whereas most previous analyses in the literature have focused exclusively on credit supply and the real economy effects of credit supply shocks. Covering the period from 2001 Q1 to 2022 Q4, the authors find that both supply and demand dynamics influenced bank credit growth in Slovenia, at times in opposite directions. Credit demand, which had been the primary driver of credit growth until 2009, has since either contributed negatively to loan growth or been largely absent, with notable variations across sectors, firm sizes and regions. The results suggest that credit supply shocks, when they occurred, exerted sizable effects on the real economy. Favorable credit supply shocks lead to higher real value added and impact business dynamism by increasing the number of new firm entries and limiting firm exits.

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