**Working Paper Clio Infra: Exchange Rates UK**

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3. Production date

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4. Version

- Version 1.0

5. Variable group(s)

- Finance

6. Variable(s)

- Exchange rates to 1 unit of currency of UK (yearly averages).

7. Unit of analysis

- Country

8. Keywords (5)

- exchange rates, UK, finance, world

9. Abstract (200 words)

- This paper is supplement to the database on exchange rates in light of the clio infra

project. It specifies the sources of the data.

10. Time period

- 1590-2013

11. Geographical coverage

- World

12. Methodologies used for data collection and processing

- Collecting cross-country data on exchange rates from the following sources:

- Denzel, M.A. (2010). *Handbook of World Exchange Rates, 1590-1914*. Farnham,

England: Ashgate.

- Schneider, J., Schwarzer, O., & Denzel, M.A. (Hg.) (1994-1997). *Währungen der*

*Welt*. Stuttgart: Steiner.

- IMF (1952-2013). *International Financial Statistics*. Washington: IMF.

13. Data quality (multiple possibilities)

- Indication of the quality of the data based on the following categories:

i. Central statistical agencies

- Data are the result of work of central statistical agencies

ii. Historical reconstructions

- Data are the result of historical reconstructions making use of the

methods and the broad range of data that are also used by central statistical agencies.

14. Period of collection

- April 17, 2012 – October 5, 2014.

15. Data collectors

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16. Sources

- Denzel, M.A. (2010). *Handbook of World Exchange Rates, 1590-1914*. Farnham, England:

Ashgate.

- Schneider, J., Schwarzer, O., & Denzel, M.A. (Hg.) (1994-1997). *Währungen der Welt*. Stuttgart: Steiner.

- IMF (1952-2013). *International Financial Statistics*. Washington: IMF.

17. Text

This study was carried out within the framework of the clio infra project financed by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). The exchange rate tells us something about the financial health of a country/region and can be an indirect signifier of its international competitiveness.

The exact sourcesvariables are as follows:

D = Denzel

WW = Währungen der Welt

IFS = International Financial Statistics

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Europe** |  | | ***Western Europe*** |  | | Austria | 1754-1759, 1761, 1764-1914 (D, Vienna on London), 1920-1938, 1946-1951 (WW, Vienna on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Belgium | 1667-1668, 1671-1675, 1679-1686, 1697-1702, 1706-1755, 1815-1914 (D, London on Antwerp), 1918-1940, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Brussels), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Federal Republic of Germany (until 1990) | 1949-1951 (WW, Frankfurt on London), 1952-1989 (IFS) | | France | 1663, 1667-1669, 1671-1677, 1679-1689, 1695-1696, 1698-1702, 1713-1793 (Denzel, London on Paris), 1796-1797, 1801 (Paris on London), 1802-1914 (D, London on Paris), 1915-1940, 1944-1951 (WW, London on Paris), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | German Democratic Republic (until 1990) |  | | Germany | 1657-1666 (D, Hamburg on London), 1667-1669 (D, London on Hamburg), 1670 (D, Hamburg on London), 1671-1675 (D, London on Hamburg), 1676-1678 (D, Hamburg on London), 1679-1685 (D, London on Hamburg), 1687-1688 (D, Hamburg on London), 1689 (D, London on Hamburg), 1690 (D, Hamburg on London), 1691-1914 (D, London on Hamburg), 1915 (WW, Berlin on London), 1919-1939 (WW, London on Berlin), 1942-1944 (WW, Berlin on London),  1990-2013 (IFS) | | Liechtenstein |  | | Luxembourg | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Monaco |  | | Netherlands | 1590-1660 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1661 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1662-1663 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1664-1665 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1667-1669 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1670 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1671-1675 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1676 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1677 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1678 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1679-1689 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1690 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1691-1794 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1795, 1800-1801 (D, Amsterdam on London), 1802-1914 (D, London on Amsterdam), 1915-1940, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Amsterdam), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Switzerland | 1842-1914 (D, Zurich on London), 1915-1951 (WW, Zürich on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Northern Europe*** |  | | Åland Islands |  | | Channel Islands |  | | Denmark | 1714, 1716-1718, 1722-1728, 1730-1807, 1814-1820, 1822, 1823, 1836, 1848-1914 (D, Copenhagen on London), 1915-1921, 1927-1940, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Copenhagen), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Estonia | 1924-1940 (WW, London on Talinn), 1993-2013 (IFS) | | Faeroe Islands |  | | Finland | 1865-1914 (D, Helsinki on London), 1915-1951 (WW, Helsinki on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Guernsey |  | | Iceland | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Ireland | 1662, 1666, 1671-1672, 1679-1683, 1685, 1698-1826 (D, London on Dublin), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Isle of Man |  | | Jersey |  | | Latvia | 1799-1807, 1809 (D, Riga on London), 1924-1940 (WW, London on Riga), 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Lithuania | 1925-1940 (WW, London on Kaunas), 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Norway | 1914-1940, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Oslo), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Sark |  | | Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands |  | | Sweden | 1700-1701, 1733-1737, 1740-1768, 1770-1795, 1797-1810, 1812-1824, 1826-1914 (D, Stockholm on London), 1915-1951 (WW, London on Stockholm) , 1952-2013 (IFS) | | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | -- | |  |  | | ***Southern Europe*** |  | | Albania | 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Andorra |  | | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1997-2013 (IFS) | | Croatia | 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Gibraltar | 1809-1833 (D, London on Gibraltar) | | Greece | 1919-1941 (WW, London on Athens), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Holy See |  | | Italy | 1698-1746, 1751-1914 (D, London on Genoa), 1915-1946 (WW, London on Milan), 1949, 1951 (WW, Milan on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Kosovo |  | | Malta | 1809-1824 (D, London on Malta), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Montenegro | 1999-2013 (IFS) | | Portugal | 1680-1686, 1689, 1691-1914 (D, London on Lisbon), 1915-1951 (WW, London on Lisbon), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | San Marino | 1972-2013 (IFS) | | Serbia | 1997-2013 (IFS) | | Serbia and Montenegro (until 2006) |  | | Slovenia | 1991-2013 (IFS) | | Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (until 1992) | 1921-1941 (WW, London on Belgrade), 1952-1991 (IFS) | | Spain | 1680-1686, 1689, 1691-1697 (D, London on Cadiz) 1697-1702, 1713-1797, 1801-1914, (D, London on Madrid), 1915-1946 (WW, London on Madrid) , 1952-2013 (IFS) | | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 1994-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Eastern Europe*** |  | | Belarus | 1995-2013 (IFS) | | Bulgaria | 1921-1945 (WW, London on Sofia), 1953-1974, 1985-2013 (IFS) | | Czech Republic | 1993-2013 (IFS) | | Czechoslovakia (until 1993) | 1921-1939, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Prag) | | Hungary | 1921-1940 (WW, London on Budapest), 1968-2013 (IFS) | | Poland | 1791-1807 (D, Danzig on London), 1919-1939 (WW, Warsaw on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Republic of Moldova | 1995-2013 (IFS) | | Romania | 1921-1940 (WW, London on Bukarest), 1957-2013 (IFS) | | Russian Federation | 1695, 1705, 1710, 1720-1721, 1763-1914 (D, Saint Petersburg on London), 1915-1918 (WW, London on Saint Petersburg), 1929-1939 (WW, London on Moscow), 1993-2013 (IFS) | | Slovakia | 1993-2013 (IFS) | | Ukraine | 1993-2013 (IFS) | | USSR (until 1991) |  | |  |  | | **Americas** |  | | **Northern America** |  | | Bermuda |  | | Canada | 1762-1763, 1766-1793, 1795-1899 (D, Quebec & Montreal on London), 1921-1951 (WW, London on Montreal), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Greenland |  | | Saint Pierre and Miquelon |  | | United States of America | 1789 (D, Boston on London), 1791-1793 (MW), 1794-1914 (D, New York on London), 1915-1951 (WW, New York on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | **Latin America and the Caribbean** |  | | ***Caribbean*** |  | | Anguilla | 1957-2013 (IFS) | | Antigua and Barbuda | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Aruba | 1986-2013 (IFS) | | Bahamas | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Barbados | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba |  | | British Virgin Islands |  | | Cayman Islands |  | | Cuba | 1849-1877, 1880, 1882-1883 (WW, Havanna on London) | | Curaçao | 2010-2013 (IFS) | | Dominica | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Dominican Republic | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Grenada | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Guadeloupe |  | | Haiti | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Jamaica | 1675-1676, 1679, 1681, 1683-1684,1686-1692, 1704-1711, 1713, 1715-1717, 1720, 1722-1726, 1728-1730, 1732-1736, 1738-1743, 1745, 1751-1763, 1766, 1768, 1770- 1775, 1822-1823, 1825-1914 (D, Jamaica on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Martinique |  | | Montserrat | 1957-2013 (IFS) | | Netherlands Antilles (until 2010) | 1952-2009 (IFS) | | Puerto Rico |  | | Saint-Barthélemy |  | | Saint Kitts and Nevis |  | | Saint Lucia |  | | Saint Martin (French part) |  | | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |  | | Sint Maarten (Dutch part) |  | | Trinidad and Tobago | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Turks and Caicos Islands |  | | United States Virgin Islands |  | |  |  | | ***Central America*** |  | | Belize | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Costa Rica | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | El Salvador | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Guatemala | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Honduras | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mexico | 1803-1833, 1835-1853 (WW, London on Mexico), 1886-1887, 1899-1914 (D, Mexico City on London), 1915, 1918-1951 (WW, Mexico City on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Nicaragua | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Panama | 1941-1947 (WW, London on Panama), 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***South America*** |  | | Argentina | 1846-1914 (D, Buenos Aires on London, corr. WW), 1915-1933 (WW, Buenos Aires on London), 1934-1944, 1946 (WW, London on Buenos Aires), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 1909-1913, 1921-1939 (Bolivia on London) | | Brazil | 1808-1914 (D, Rio de Janeiro on London), 1915-1950 (WW, Rio de Janeiro on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Chile | 1827, 1830-1914 (D, Valparaiso on London), 1915-1942 (WW, Valparaiso on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Colombia | 1939-1941, 1946-1949 (WW, London on Bogota), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Ecuador | 1920-1935 (WW, Ecuador on London) | | Falkland Islands (Malvinas) |  | | French Guiana |  | | Guyana | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Paraguay | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Peru | 1921-1940 (WW, London on Lima), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Suriname | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Uruguay | 1871-1874, 1886-1914 (D, Montevideo on London), 1915-1920 (WW, Montevideo on London), 1921-1940, 1942-1948 (WW, London on Montevideo), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | **Oceania** |  | | ***Australia and New Zealand*** |  | | Australia | 1822-1823, 1825-1877 (D, Sydney on London), 1879-1881 (D, Melbourne on Sydney), 1882-1905 (D, Sydney on London), 1906-1914 (D, Australia on London), 1915-1935 (WW, Australia on London), 1936-1947, 1949-1951 (WW, London on Australia), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | New Zealand | 1841-1844, 1847-1852 (D, Auckland on London), 1892-1914 (D, Wellington on London), 1915-1935 (WW, New Zealand on London), 1936-1947, 1949-1951 (WW, London on New Zealand), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Norfolk Island |  | |  |  | | ***Melanesia*** |  | | Fiji | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | New Caledonia |  | | Papua New Guinea | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Solomon Islands | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Vanuatu | 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Micronesia*** |  | | Guam |  | | Kiribati | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Marshall Islands |  | | Micronesia (Federated States of) | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Nauru |  | | Northern Mariana Islands |  | | Pacific Islands (Trust Territory) (1947-1986) |  | | Palau |  | |  |  | | ***Polynesia*** |  | | American Samoa |  | | Cook Islands |  | | French Polynesia |  | | Niue |  | | Pitcairn |  | | Samoa | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Tokelau |  | | Tonga | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Tuvalu |  | | Wallis and Futuna Islands |  | |  |  | | **Asia** |  | | ***Southern Asia*** |  | | Afghanistan | 1955-2013 (IFS) | | Bangladesh | 1971-2013 (IFS) | | Bhutan | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | India | 1819-1843 (D, Calcutta on London), 1844-1846 (D, Bombay on London), 1847-1914 (D, Calcutta on London), 1917-1936, 1946-1951 (WW, London on Calcutta), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 1809, 1812 (D, Tabriz on London, 1814-1817, 1820, 1824-1826, 1834, 1842, 1844-1845 (D, Tehran on London), 1846-1848, 1851-1854, 1856-1864, 1866-1867 (D, Tabriz on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Maldives | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Nepal | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Pakistan | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Sri Lanka | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Tibet |  | |  |  | | ***Eastern Asia*** |  | | China | 1764-1765, 1771-1772, 1777-1783, 1785-1819, 1821, 1823-1839, 1847 (D, Canton on London), 1848-1866, 1869-1914 (D, Shanghai on London), 1915-1920 (WW, Tientsin on London), 1921-1941, 1948-1949 (WW, London on Shanghai), 1950-1951 (WW, London on Peking), 1957-2013 (IFS) | | China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region | 1844-1914 (D, Hong Kong on London), 1915-1941 (WW, Hong Kong on London), 1945-1951 (WW, London on Hong Kong), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | China, Macao Special Administrative Region | 1967-2013 (IFS) | | Democratic People's Republic of Korea |  | | Japan | 1862-1871, 1873-1914 (D, Yokohama on London), 1915-1931 (WW, Yokohama on London), 1932-1941 (WW, London on Yokohama), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mongolia | 1991-2013 (IFS) | | Republic of Korea | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Taiwan |  | |  |  | | ***South-Eastern Asia*** |  | | Brunei Darussalam | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Cambodia | 1954-1973, 1990-2013 (IFS) | | Indonesia | 1999-2013 (IFS) | | Indonesia (until 1999) | 1818-1821, 1823-1827, 1833-1914 (D, Batavia on London), 1915-1940 (WW, Batavia on London), 1941-1942, 1946-1950 (WW, London on Batavia), 1967-1998 (IFS) | | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 1957-2013 (IFS) | | Malaysia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Myanmar | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Philippines | 1921-1942, 1946-1949 (WW, London on Manila), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Singapore | 1834-1837, 1845-1914 (D, Singapore-London), 1915-1940 (WW, Singapore on London), 1941-1942, 1945-1951 (WW, London on Singapore), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Thailand | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Timor-Leste |  | | Viet Nam | 1888-1914 (D, Saigon on London), 1915-1916 (WW, Saigon on London), 1983, 1986-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Western Asia*** |  | | Armenia | 1993-2013 (IFS) | | Azerbaijan | 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Bahrain | 1966-2013 (IFS) | | Cyprus | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Democratic Yemen (until 1990) |  | | Georgia | 1996-2013 (IFS) | | Iraq | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Israel | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Jordan | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Kuwait | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Lebanon | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Occupied Palestinian Territory |  | | Oman | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Qatar | 1966-2013 (IFS) | | Saudi Arabia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Syrian Arab Republic | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Turkey | 1790, 1794-1796, 1798-1800, 1802-1810, 1814, 1816-1820, 1822, 1825-1844, 1849-1850, 1853, 1855, 1862-1864, 1868-1871, 1873-1905, 1907-1914 (D, Constantinople on London), 1921-1941, 1946 (WW, London on Istanbul), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | United Arab Emirates | 1966-2013 (IFS) | | Yemen (until 1990) |  | | Yemen | 1990-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Central Asia*** |  | | Kazakhstan | 1994-2013 (IFS) | | Kyrgyzstan | 1994-2013 (IFS) | | Tajikistan | 1992-2013 (IFS) | | Turkmenistan | 1994-2013 (IFS) | | Uzbekistan | 1995-2000 (IFS) | |  |  | | **Africa** |  | | ***Northern Africa*** |  | | Algeria | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Egypt | 1869-1881, 1884, 1890, 1893-1914 (D, Alexandria on London - adjusted to 1942-1951 London on Alexandria rates), 1915-1941 (WW, Alexandria on London - adjusted to 1942-1951 London on Alexandria rates), 1942-1951 (WW, London on Alexandria), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Libya | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Morocco | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | South Sudan | 2011-2013 (IFS) | | Sudan (North) | 2011-2013 (IFS) | | Sudan (until 2011) | 1952-2010 (IFS) | | Tunisia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Western Sahara |  | |  |  | | ***Western Africa*** |  | | Benin | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Burkina Faso | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Cape Verde | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Cote d'Ivoire | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Gambia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Ghana | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Guinea | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Guinea-Bissau | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Liberia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mali | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mauritania | 1952-2003, 2005-2013 (IFS) | | Niger | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Nigeria | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Saint Helena |  | | Senegal | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Sierra Leone | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Togo | 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Middle Africa*** |  | | Angola | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Cameroon | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Central African Republic | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Chad | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Congo | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 1940-1945 (WW, London on Belgian Congo), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Equatorial Guinea | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Gabon | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Sao Tome and Principe | 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Southern Africa*** |  | | Botswana | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Lesotho | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Namibia | 1962-2013 (IFS) | | South Africa | 1811-1814, 1822-1914 (D, Cape Town on London), 1915-1931 (WW, Cape Town on London), 1932-1947, 1949-1951 (WW, London on South Africa), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Swaziland | 1952-2013 (IFS) | |  |  | | ***Eastern Africa*** |  | | Burundi | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Comoros | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Djibouti | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Eritrea | 1958-2013 (IFS) | | Ethiopia (until 1993) | 1952-1992 (IFS) | | Ethiopia (from 1993) | 1993-2012 (IFS) | | Kenya | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Madagascar | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Malawi | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mauritius | 1825-1827, 1829-1914 (D, Mauritius on London), 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Mayotte |  | | Mozambique | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Réunion |  | | Rwanda | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Seychelles | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Somalia | 1952-1989 (IFS) | | Uganda | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | United Republic of Tanzania | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Zambia | 1952-2013 (IFS) | | Zimbabwe | 1931-1947 (WW, London on Rhodesia), 1952-2008 (IFS) | |  |