Money Market Report for the week ending 1 July 2022

ECB Monetary Operations

On 27 June 2022, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 28 June 2022 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €1,482.50 million, €794.50 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 0.00%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 29 June 2022, the ECB conducted the three-month, longer-term refinancing operation to be settled as a fixed rate tender procedure with full allotment, with the rate fixed at the average MRO rate over the life of the operation. The operation attracted bids of €400.50 million from euro area eligible counterparties.

Also on 29 June 2022, the ECB conducted the 7-day US dollar funding operation through collateralised lending in conjunction with the US Federal Reserve. This operation attracted bids of $346.50 million, which was allotted in full at a fixed rate of 1.84%.

Domestic Treasury Bill Market

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 91-day and 182-day bills for settlement value 30 June 2022, maturing on 29 September and 29 December 2022, respectively. Bids of €30.00 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting all submitted bids, while bids of €40.00 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €32.00 million. Since €47.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €15.00 million, standing at €862.10 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 0.040%, increasing by 9.4 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 16 June 2022, representing a bid price of €99.9899 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 0.40%, increasing by 1.0 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 23 June 2022, representing a bid price of €99.7982 per €100 nominal.

During this week, there was no trading on the Malta Stock Exchange.

This week the Treasury will invite tenders for 91-day and 182-day bills maturing on 6 October 2022 and 5 January 2023, respectively.