

Money Market Report for the week ending 27 December 2019

ECB Monetary Operations

On 20 December 2019, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced a 10-day main refinancing operations (MRO). The operation was conducted on 23 December 2019, and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €7.90 billion, €5.42 billion more than the bid amount of 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.

Domestic Treasury Bill Market

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 90-day bills for settlement value 27 December 2019, maturing on 26 March 2020. Bids of €60.00 million were submitted, with the Treasury accepting €42.00 million. Since €40.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €2.00 million, standing at €300.00 million.

The yield from the 90-day bill auction was -0.430%, a decrease of 1.0 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 19 December 2019, representing a bid price of €100.1076 per €100 nominal.

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

This week the Treasury will invite tenders for 91-day bills maturing on 2 April 2020.