

Money Market Report for the week ending 5 April 2019

ECB Monetary Operations

On 1 April 2019, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced its weekly main refinancing operations (MRO). The operation was conducted on 2 April 2019, and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €5.38 billion, €0.72 billion lower 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.

On 3 April 2019, the ECB conducted a 7-day US dollar funding operation through collateralised lending in conjunction with the US Federal Reserve. This operation attracted bids of \$0.05 billion, which was allotted in full at a fixed rate of 2.91%.

Domestic Treasury Bill Market

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 91-day bills for settlement value 4 April 2019, maturing on 4 July 2019. Bids of €35.00 million were submitted, with the Treasury accepting €25.00 million. Since €25.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills remained unchanged at €340.80 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was -0.349%, a decrease of 0.2 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 28 March 2019, representing a bid price of €100.0883 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 11 July 2019.