

## **Money Market Report for the week ending 6 March 2020**

### **ECB Monetary Operations**

On 2 March 2020, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced a 7-day Main Refinancing Operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 3 March 2020, and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €1.40 billion, €0.33 billion less 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 4 March 2020, 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 \$0.06 billion, which was allotted in full at a fixed rate of 1.58%.

### **Domestic Treasury Bill Market**

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 91-day bills for settlement value 5 March 2020, maturing on 4 June 2020. Bids of €55.00 million were submitted, with the Treasury accepting €35.00 million. Since €32.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €3.00 million, standing at €421.00 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was -0.421%, a decrease of 0.1 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 27 February 2020, representing a bid price of €100.1065 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 and 182-day bills maturing on 11 June and 10 September 2020, respectively.