

Money Market Report for the week ending 3 January 2020

ECB Monetary Operations

On 30 December 2019, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced a 6-day main refinancing operations (MRO). The operation was conducted on 31 December 2019, and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €1.47 billion, €6.44 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.

Domestic Treasury Bill Market

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 91-day bills for settlement value 2 January 2020, maturing on 2 April 2020. Bids of €55.00 million were submitted, with the Treasury accepting €26.00 million. Since €19.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €7.00 million, standing at €307.00 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was -0.433%, a decrease of 0.3 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 27 December 2019, representing a bid price of €100.1096 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 9 April 2020 and 9 July 2020 respectively.