

Money Market Report for the week ending 22 April 2022

ECB Monetary Operations

On 14 April 2022, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 19 April 2022 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €474.00 million, €66.00 million less 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 20 April 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 \$214.00 million, which was allotted in full at a fixed rate of 0.58%.

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 21 April 2022, maturing on 21 July and 20 October 2022, respectively. Bids of €45.00 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €40.00 million, while bids of €45.00 million were also submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €15.00 million. Since €36.60 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €18.40 million, standing at €797.40 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was -0.296%, decreasing by 0.2 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 14 April 2022, representing a bid price of €100.0749 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was -0.286%, increasing by 3.1 basis points from bids with a similar tenor also issued on 14 April 2022, representing a bid price of €100.1448 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 28 July and 27 October 2022, respectively.