

Money Market Report for the week ending 30 December 2022

ECB Monetary Operations

On 22 December 2022, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 27 December 2022 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €2.41 billion, €1.13 billion more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 2.50%, 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 and 181-day bills for settlement value 29 December 2022, maturing on 30 March and 28 June 2023, respectively. Bids of €156.90 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €41.90 million, while bids of €63.00 million were submitted for the 181-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €22.90 million. Since €75.00 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €10.20 million, standing at €846.70 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.225%, increasing by 6.80 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 22 December 2022, representing a bid price of €99.4407 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 181-day bill auction was 2.404%, increasing by 0.6 basis point from bids with a similar tenor issued on 15 December 2022, representing a bid price of €98.8058 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 6 April and 6 July 2023, respectively.