

## **Money Market Report for the week ending 23 August 2024**

### **ECB Monetary Operations**

On 19 August 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operations (MRO). The operation was conducted on 20 August 2024 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €2,868.30 million, €1,002.80 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 4.25%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 21 August 2024, 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 \$145.30 million, which were allotted in full at a fixed rate of 5.58%.

### **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 22 August 2024, maturing on 21 November 2024 and 20 February 2025, respectively. Bids of €89.89 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €22.49 million, while bids of €43.19 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €5.41 million. Since €45.58 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €17.68 million, standing at €437.56 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.918%, decreasing by 4.10 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 14 August 2024, representing a bid price of €99.2678 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 2.873%, decreasing by 44.20 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 1 August 2024, representing a bid price of €98.5683 per €100 nominal.

During this week, secondary market turnover in Malta Government Treasury bills amounted to €150,000, all executed on the On-exchange market of the Malta Stock Exchange.

This week the Treasury will invite tenders for 91-day and 182-day bills maturing on 28 November 2024 and 27 February 2025, respectively.