

Money Market Report for the week ending 26 April 2024

ECB Monetary Operations

On 22 April 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 23 April 2024 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €4,455.00 million, €2,878.00 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 4.50%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 24 April 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 \$123.60 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 25 April 2024, maturing on 25 July and 24 October 2024, respectively. Bids of €67.48 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €37.48 million, while bids of €8.01 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting all bids. Since €41.60 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills increased by €3.88 million, standing at €482.68 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 3.415%, increasing by 25.10 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 18 April 2024, representing a bid price of €99.1442 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 3.123%, increasing by 1.20 basis points from bids with a similar tenor also issued on 18 April 2024, representing a bid price of €98.4457 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 1 August and 31 October 2024, respectively.