

Money Market Report for the week ending 20 September 2024

ECB Monetary Operations

On 16 September 2024, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operations (MRO). The operation was conducted on 17 September 2024 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €1,934.50 million, €118.50 million less than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 3.65%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 18 September 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 \$150.50 million, which were allotted in full at a fixed rate of 5.17%.

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 19 September 2024, maturing on 19 December 2024 and 20 March 2025, respectively. Bids of €51.99 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €21.88 million, while bids of €10.67 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €10.62 million. Since €48.14 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €15.64 million, standing at €380.84 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.536%, decreasing by 9.40 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 12 September 2024, representing a bid price of €99.3630 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 2.372%, decreasing by 12.50 basis points from bids with a similar tenor also issued on 12 September 2024, representing a bid price of €98.8150 per €100 nominal.

During this week, there was no trading on the Malta Stock Exchange.

This week the Treasury will invite tenders for 92-day and 182-day bills maturing on 27 December 2024 and 27 March 2025, respectively.