

Money Market Report for the week ending 21 March 2025

ECB Monetary Operations

On 17 March 2025, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day main refinancing operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 18 March 2025 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €8,436.50 million, €1,824.00 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 2.65%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 19 March 2025, 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 \$85.90 million, which were allotted in full at a fixed rate of 4.58%.

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 20 March 2025, maturing on 19 June and 18 September 2025, respectively. Bids of €16.44 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, while bids of €4.54 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting them all. Since €84.57 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €63.59 million, standing at €563.66 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.393%, decreasing by 1.20 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 13 March 2025, representing a bid price of €99.3987 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 2.289%, decreasing by 0.40 basis point from bids with a similar tenor also issued on 13 March 2025, representing a bid price of €98.8560 per €100 nominal.

During the 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 26 June and 25 September 2025, respectively.