

Money Market Report for the week ending 24 January 2025

ECB Monetary Operations

On 20 January 2025, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day Main Refinancing Operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 21 January 2025 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €9,095.70 million, €1,056.70 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 3.15%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 22 January 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 \$74.60 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 23 January 2025, maturing on 24 April and 24 July 2025, respectively. Bids of €115.20 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €18.67 million, while bids of €34.07 million were submitted for the 182-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €8.76 million. Since €32.20 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €4.78 million, standing at €754.17 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.886%, decreasing by 8.00 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 16 January 2025, representing a bid price of €99.2758 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 182-day bill auction was 2.607%, decreasing by 2.60 basis points from bids with a similar tenor also issued on 16 January 2025, representing a bid price of €98.6992 per €100 nominal.

During the week, secondary market turnover in Malta Government Treasury bills amounted to €2.01 million, all executed on the On-exchange market of the Malta Stock Exchange.

This week the Treasury will invite tenders for 90-day and 182-day bills maturing on 30 April and 31 July 2025, respectively.