

Money Market Report for the week ending 22 May 2026

ECB Monetary Operations

On 18 May 2026, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced the 7-day Main Refinancing Operation (MRO). The operation was conducted on 19 May 2026 and attracted bids from euro area eligible counterparties of €13,809.50 million, €642.00 million more than the previous week. The amount was allotted in full at a fixed rate equivalent to the prevailing MRO rate of 2.15%, in accordance with current ECB policy.

On 20 May 2026, 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 \$43.00 million, which were allotted in full at a fixed rate of 3.87%.

Domestic Treasury Bill Market

In the domestic primary market for Treasury bills, the Treasury invited tenders for 91-day and 273-day bills for settlement value 21 May 2026, maturing on 20 August 2026 and 18 February 2027, respectively. Bids of €103.62 million were submitted for the 91-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €24.85 million, while bids of €42.77 million were submitted for the 273-day bills, with the Treasury accepting €5.69 million. Since €61.92 million worth of bills matured during the week, the outstanding balance of Treasury bills decreased by €31.37 million, standing at €730.37 million.

The yield from the 91-day bill auction was 2.011%, decreasing by 1.20 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 14 May 2026, representing a bid price of €99.4942 per €100 nominal. The yield from the 273-day bill auction was 1.960%, decreasing by 7.70 basis points from bids with a similar tenor issued on 23 April 2026, representing a bid price of €98.5354 per €100 nominal.

During the week, secondary market turnover in Malta Government Treasury Bills amounted to €450,000, which were 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 27 August 2026 and 26 November 2026, respectively.