





February 26 - March 2, 2018

BANKING SECTOR

- ♦ The Financial and Capital Market Commission (FCMC) will evaluate ABLV Bank AS liquidation project as soon as it receives an official decision of the ABLV Bank AS shareholders' meeting and a draft application on voluntary liquidation. (RĪGA, Feb 27, FCMC)
- State-guaranteed compensation disbursement to ABLV Bank AS clients will be provided by Citadele Bank. Compensation will be available from Saturday, March 3rd until the 3rd of March 2023. (RĪGA, Mar 1, FCMC)

FINANCING AND DEBT

• Domestic government T-Bonds were offered due on 12 May, 2023. Offered securities with the total nominal value of 24 million EUR were sold in a competitive multi-price auction. The total demand reached 111.4 million EUR and exceeded the amount offered 4.64 times. The weighted average yield rate was 0.513%. The T-Bonds due on 12 May, 2023 with the total nominal value of 6 million EUR were sold in a non-competitive fixed rate auction. Total demand reached 11.25 million EUR. (RĪGA, Feb 28, Treasury)

MACROECONOMICS

- In 2017, as compared to 2016, the economic growth continued and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 4.5 %. In 2017, GDP at current prices amounted to EUR 26.9 billion. In the 4th quarter of 2017, as compared to the 3rd quarter, GDP at constant prices grew by 0.3 % according to seasonally adjusted data. In 2017 compared to 2016, significant increase in manufacturing amount was in mining and quarrying by 18 %, of which in peat extraction by 13 % and in quarrying -by 33 %. (R\bar{I}GA, Feb 28, \bar{CSB})
- In January 2018 the level of construction costs in Latvia grew by 0.3 %. Prices of building materials rose by 0.9 %, maintenance and operational costs of machinery and equipment did not change significantly, but labour remuneration of workers dropped by 0.4 %. Compared to January 2017, construction costs rose by 3.5 %. (RĪGA, Feb 28, CSB)
- In January 2018, Latvian producer prices climbed 3.5 % against the same month a year ago, which is steeper than on average in the EU. Across the EU, producer prices went up 1.9 % and in the Eurozone the annual increase was 1.5 % in January.(RĪGA, Mar 2, Eurostat)

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