

Treasury Republic of Latvia

Weekly News Update

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FINANCING AND DEBT

- On Tuesday, on February 12, Latvia priced 30-year Eurobond (maturing 19 February 2049) in a total amount of EUR 700 million setting yield at 1.929% and coupon 1.875%. By completion of the transaction, the Treasury has fulfilled largest part of this year's funding requirement in the international capital markets. (RIGA, Feb 14, Treasury)
- On Wednesday, on February 20, a government domestic securities competitive multi-price auction and a noncompetitive fixed rate auction will take place. (RĪGA, Feb 14, <u>Treasury</u>)

MACROECONOMICS

- The latest data compiled by the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) show that, compared to 2017, in 2018 construction output increased by 21.9 % (according to calendar adjusted data at constant prices). Construction output rise was observed in all sectors construction of buildings (of 25.6 %), civil engineering (11.6 %), and specialised construction activities (27.8 %). (RIGA, Feb 11, CSB)
- The latest data of the CSB show that in January 2019, compared to January 2018, the average level of consumer prices rose by 3.0 %. Prices of goods increased by 3.0 % and prices of services by 3.2 %. (RIGA, Feb 11, CSB)
- Provisional data of the CSB show that in 2018, the foreign trade turnover of Latvia at current prices reached EUR 27.8 billion EUR 2.25 billion or 8.8 % more than in 2017. The exports value comprised EUR 12.34 billion (an increase of EUR 833.9 million or 7.2 %), whereas the imports value EUR 15.46 billion (an upturn of EUR 1.42 billion or 10.1 %). (RĪGA, Feb 12, <u>CSB</u>)
- The Ministry of Finance has increased Latvia's gross domestic product growth projection for this year from 3 % to 3.2 %. In the following years, the Ministry of Finance expects Latvia's overall economic growth stabilize at the annual rate of 3 % in 2020 and 2.9 % in 2021 and 2022. (RIGA, Oct 12, Ministry of Finance)

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