## **Weekly News Update**



April 22 – May 31, 2024

## FINANCING AND DEBT

- ♦ On April 14, domestic GMTN Notes due on 12 July, 2033 were offered in a competitive multi-price auction. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 35 million and the total demand reached EUR 61.211 million. The weighted average yield rate was 3.589%. (Apr 24, Treasury)
- On May 2, domestic GMTN Notes due on 22 May, 2029 were offered in a competitive multi-price auction. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 85 million and the total demand reached EUR 124.925 million. The weighted average yield rate was 3.570%. (May 2, Treasury)
- On May 10, domestic GMTN Notes due on 17 January, 2028 were offered in a competitive multi-price auction. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 50 million and the total demand reached EUR 133.533 million. The weighted average yield rate was 3.379%. (May 10, Treasury)
- On May 11, domestic GMTN Notes due on 12 July, 2033 were offered in a competitive multi-price auction. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 25 million and the total demand reached EUR 87.993 million. The weighted average yield rate was 3.488%. (May 15, Treasury)
- ♦ Latvia returns to US dollar market with new 10 year benchmark. (May 23, <u>Treasury</u>)
- ♦ S&P Global lowered Latvia's credit rating to A from A+, outlook stable. (May 31, <u>Treasury</u>)

## **MACROECONOMICS**

- Provisional results (accordingly European System of Accounts (ESA 2010) methodology) compiled by Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) show that in 2023 general government budget deficit accounted for EUR 893 million or 2.2 % of the gross domestic product (GDP) and, compared to 2022, it is EUR 886 million less. (Apr 22, CSB)
- On April 30, the government approved the Latvian Stability Program for 2024-2028 prepared by the Ministry of Finance (MoF). According to the forecast as of February 2024, the GDP will increase by 1.4% in 2024 and GDP growth is expected to accelerate to 2.9% in 2025. It is forecased that the general government budget deficit will increase to 2.9% of GDP in 2024 and decrease at 2.7% of GDP in 2025. (Apr 30, MoF) (only in latvian)
- Results conducted by the CSB show that in Q1 2024 Latvia had an unemployment rate of 7.2 %. The rate has been growing since the Q3 2023 and over the quarter it went up by 0.4 percentage points and over the year by 0.8 percentage points. (May 24, <u>CSB</u>)
- Results conducted by the CSB show that in Latvia 879.9 thousand people aged 15–74 were employed in Q1 2024. Compared to Q4 2023, the employment rate stayed stable at 64.0 %. (May 24, CSB)
- ◆ Data compiled by the CSB shows that in the 1st quarter of 2024, compared to the 1st quarter of 2023, GDP rose by 0.1 %. As compared to the previous quarter, GDP went up by 0.9 % (all data according to seasonally and calendar adjusted data at constant prices). (May 31, CSB)

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A- positive (Fitch)/ A+ negative (S&P) / A3 stable (Moody's)/ A stable (R&I)

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