## **Weekly News Update**



March 4-8, 2024

## FINANCING AND DEBT

- On March 6, domestic GMTN Notes due on 30 May, 2028 were offered in a competitive multiprice auction. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 40 million and the total demand reached EUR 51 million. The weighted average yield rate was 3.287%. (RĪGA, Mar 6, Treasury)
- On March 13, the Treasury will offer GMTN notes in a competitive multi-price auction 3.875 per cent. Notes due 2029 under the Global Medium Term Note Programme of the Republic of Latvia, acting through the Treasury (RĪGA, Mar 11, Treasury)

## **MACROECONOMICS**

- ♦ The latest data of the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB) show that **in February 2024, compared to February 2023, the average level of consumer prices increased by 0.4** %. Compared to January 2024, in February 2024 the average level of consumer prices increased by 0.1 %. (RĪGA, Mar 8, CSB)
- ◆ CSB calendar adjusted data at constant prices show that, **compared to January 2023, in January 2024 industrial production output fell by 5.0 %.** Compared to December 2023, in January 2024 industrial production output went down by 2.7 % (seasonally adjusted data at constant prices). (RĪGA, Mar 7, CSB)
- ♦ In the fourth quarter of 2023, Latvia's current account deficit stood at 1.6% of the gross domestic product (GDP), with the amount of funds injected into the Latvian economy by residents of other countries being EUR 176 million less than that paid for transactions conducted with other countries. Overall, Latvia's current account deficit totalled 1.6 billion euro or 4% of GDP in 2023. Thus, after a larger deficit in 2022, the current account returned to a level similar to that observed in 2021. (RĪGA, Mar 5, BoL)

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