

Revisions to M3 and Other Counterparts of M3

On 5 July 2012, the ECB Governing Council decided to adjust its measurement of M3 and its counterparts by removing repos and reverse repos conducted through Central Counterparties (CCPs) from its monetary and credit aggregates as from the release of end-August figures. In line with this decision, the Central Bank of Malta revised its Maltese monetary statistics from the reference month of October 2011, as follows:

1. The monetary aggregates will exclude repo operations conducted via CCPs from the M3 component position "M3-M2".
2. The credit aggregates will exclude reverse repo operations conducted via CCPs from the M3 counterpart position "Credit to other residents".

These items will instead be reclassified in the residual category "other counterparts".

Further information on the motivation for this adjustment and its implementation is available in Box 3 of the September 2012 Monthly Bulletin as published by the European Central Bank, accessed through the following link to the ECB website <http://www.ecb.int/pub/pdf/mobu/mb201209en.pdf>