



Euro area funding challenges for 2014

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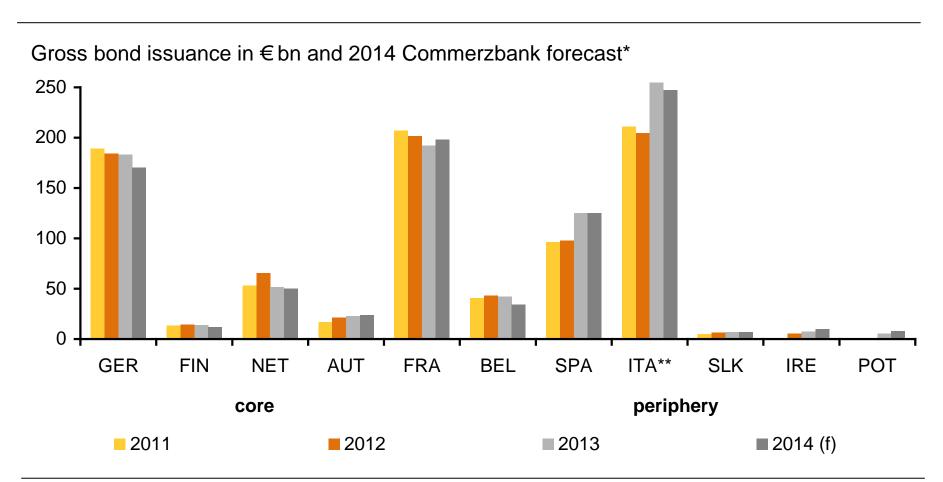


Key issuance themes for 2014

- (1) Sovereigns: Lower net and gross bond issuance but not for all issuers alike. New challenges for the periphery!
- (2) SSAs: Stabilisation at lower levels
- (3) Financials: Covered bond market contracting further. Senior net issuance turning positive again. ABS still languishing



Euro area govies: Gross supply to fall by some €25bn to €885bn



^{*} All figures including €-denominated issuance via linkers, FRNs, excluding private placements (PP) and retail bonds (exception: Italy)

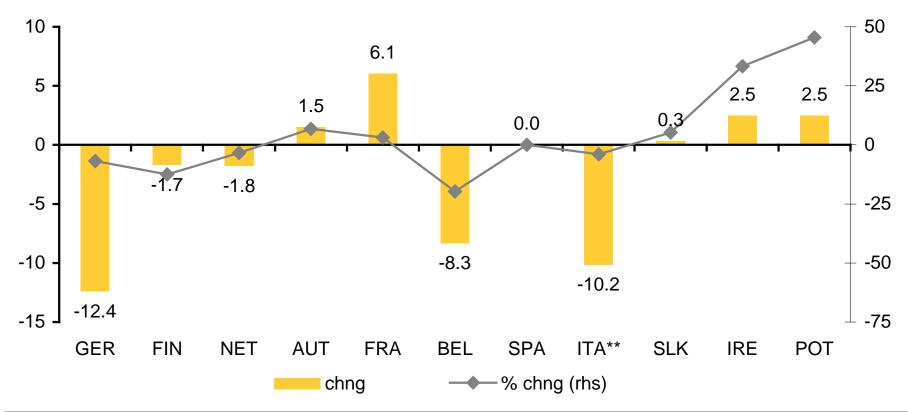
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Largest reduction comes from Germany!

Change in 2014 gross bond issuance in €bn and % vs 2013*



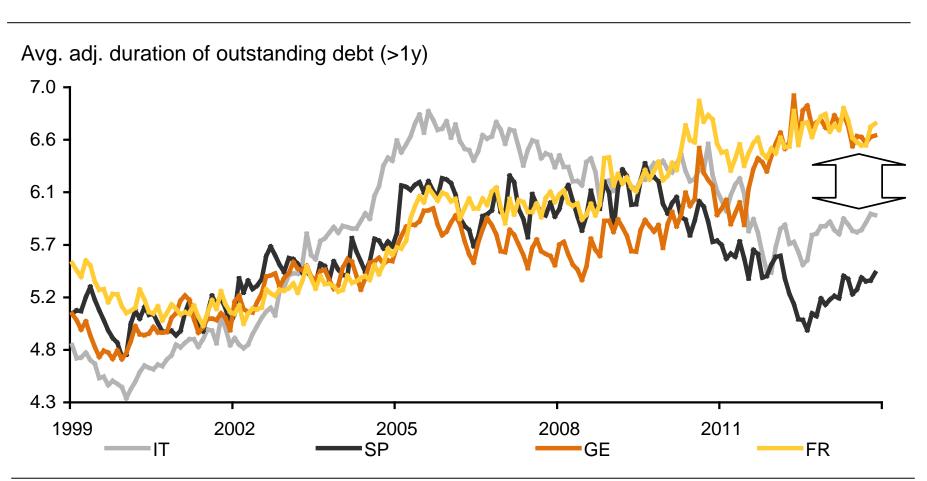
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Italy and Spain closing the duration gap

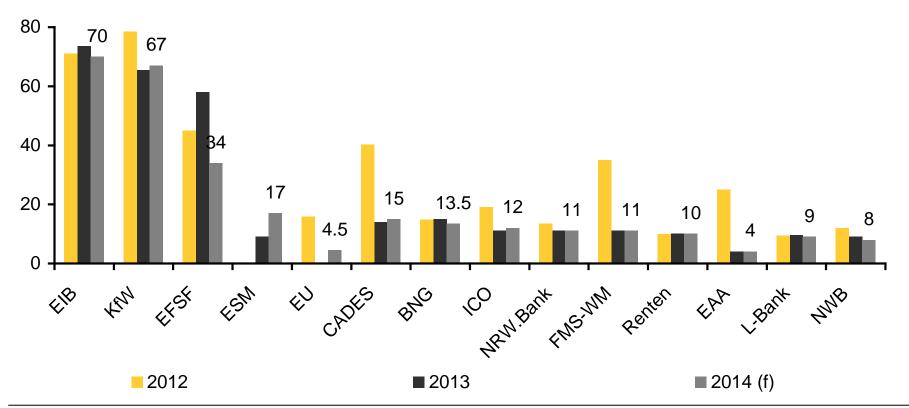


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SSAs: Steady gross supply, subdued net supply

Gross bond issuance in €bn and 2014 Commerzbank forecast

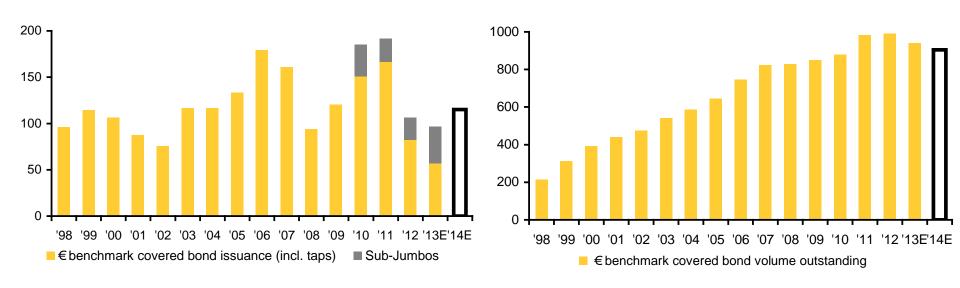


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Covered bonds: Market continues to shrink

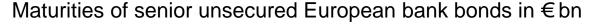
Issuance and outstanding volumes in €bn

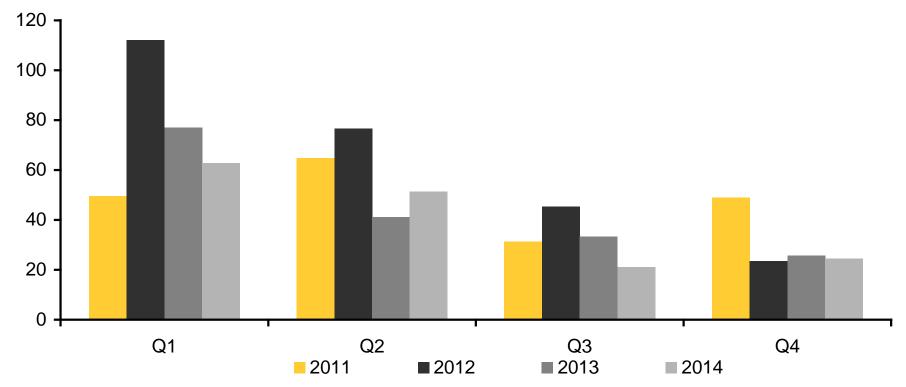


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Financials: Refinancing volumes appear manageable

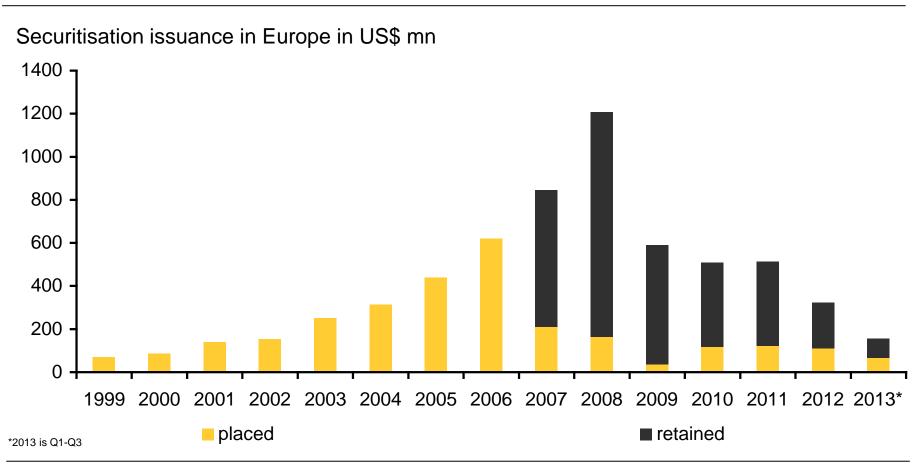




Source: Dealogic, Commerzbank Research



ABS: Languishing amid lack of new loans and regulatory constraints



Source: Sifma, Commerzbank Research



Discussion points

- How much of a funding challenge are sovereigns facing from less preferential regulatory treatment?
- How can peripheral bond markets cope with banks further unwinding their ECB LTRO carry trades?
- Will the accelerated bail-in rules pose a problem for senior unsecured issuance?
- Is the covered bond market at risk from Level-2 classification?
- How can the ABS market be revived?

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