Banks’ usage of TLTRO III funds

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Top 1: Banks’ usage of TLTRO III funds (1/3)
Take-up of and main drivers for usage of June 24th 2020 TLTRO III.4 operation

Some facts & figures:
- Overall take-up: + 1.308 bln Euro
- Distributed over 19 countries
- Approx.: 75%: + 986 bln Euro by 4 countries i.e.: Germany, France, Italy, Spain
- Approx.: 25% all others
- Distribution in Germany at approx. 50/50 between private – vs. savings/coop banking sector

Main drivers for uptake:
- Refinancing of upcoming maturities
- Replacing more volatile investor funding base with at times more reliable liabilities
- ECB’s re-adjustment of favourable conditions i.e.: widen ACC eligibilities, haircuts, concentration limits
- Pricing advantage -50bp vs. deposit facility (max. - 1%)
- LCR & NSFR supportive due to stub period of > 1Yrs.before 1st Call-option of repayments in Sep.2021
- Enhancing banks liquidity buffer and
- reducing liquidity risk potentially for Q.3 & Q.4 2020
- Generating additional income in parts offered by using carry trades
- Supporting expected loan growth

Main drivers:

- Large demand on loan growth due to Covid-19 lock-down for clients*
- and additional increase anticipated loan growth in 2020/2021 onwards
- ECB’s re-adjustment of favorable conditions of max. -1.00% TLTRO
- Generating additional income in parts offered by using carry trades
- Expectations of banking sector to further support and therefore meet loan growth figures in order to get lowest possible TLTRO funding rates by Sept.2021
- and having ability to be competitive in pricing of upcoming loan demand*

*Please see: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/ecb_surveys/bank_lending_survey/html/ecb.blssurvey2020q2~d8de5b89f0.en.html#toc5
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Possible effects on maturing COVID-19 measures i.e.: cliff effects for banks issuance plans

- Finally, changes envisaged in banks‘ funding plans and their concerns on possible liquidity cliff effects
- We tend to assume that larger parts of the HQLA refinanced collateral base will be reduced over time
- At the same time, banks will take advantage of opportunities to build up further credit claims as eligible ACC collateral i.e.: via securitization in the next 12 months, in order to take advantage of the continued favorable credit refinancing conditions but
- changed funding behavior of banks as well as the fundamental attractiveness of TLTRO will probably lead to a strong cliff effect 12 months before maturity of TLTRO III.4, since massive amounts will be refinanced in this form