

COVERED BANKS USAGE OF ECB FUNDING

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Usage of ECB facilities by banks in Ireland (covered and non-covered)

Banks operating in Ireland (i.e. both covered and non-covered banks) continue to reduce their level of borrowing from the ECB. During October total utilisation of ECB facilities by banks in Ireland declined marginally by c.-€1.8 billion (c.-4%) to c.€40.8 billion – the lowest level since September 2008.

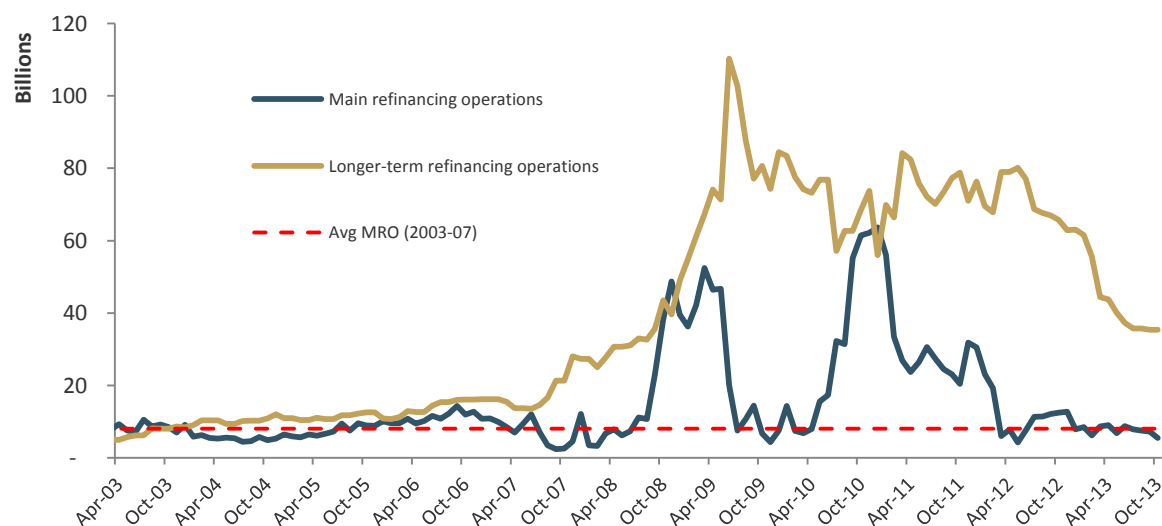
Figure 1. Usage of ECB facilities by banks in Ireland



Source: Central Bank, Department of Finance

Year-on-year, funding drawn from the ECB has reduced by c.€37.4 billion or c.48%. The reduction from peak of €136.4 billion (end November 2010) is c.€95.6 billion or c.70%. However, it is also important to highlight the mix of funding obtained from the ECB, as shown in Figure 2. As can be seen, utilisation of MRO funding by banks has returned to its 2003-07 average.

Figure 2. Split of LTRO & MRO funding utilised by banks in Ireland



Source: Central Bank, Department of Finance



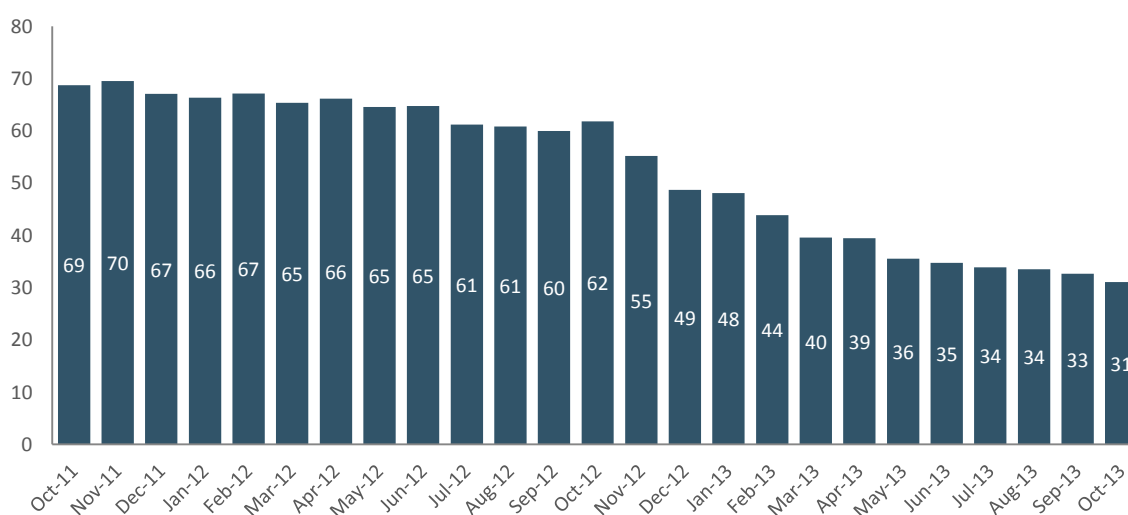
As can be seen from figure 2, the level of utilisation by banks in Ireland of the ECB main refinancing operations has normalised. As the remaining life of LTRO funding is now under 2 years, and the funding balance is being met by deposits. (See Deposit Note <http://banking.finance.gov.ie/presentations-and-latest-documents/>).

Covered bank usage of Eurosystem funding

Drawings from the ECB by the Covered Banks declined by c.-€1.6 billion (or c.-4.8%) during the month of October. The continued decline in ECB borrowings reflects a reduction in the balance sheet funding requirement within the Covered Banks in recent months. As markets re-open to Ireland, the Covered Banks have increased access to funding from market counterparts and can reduce reliance on ECB funding.

Year-on-year borrowing from the ECB is down c.-€30.7 billion (c.-50%) to stand at c.€31.1 billion at end-October. The steady decline in reliance on ECB funding reflects the continued strengthening of the banking system and has been achieved through managed deleveraging, deposit gathering and the return of AIB, BoI and PTSB to international funding markets.

Figure 3. Covered banks utilisation of ECB facilities, €bn



Source: Central Bank, Department of Finance

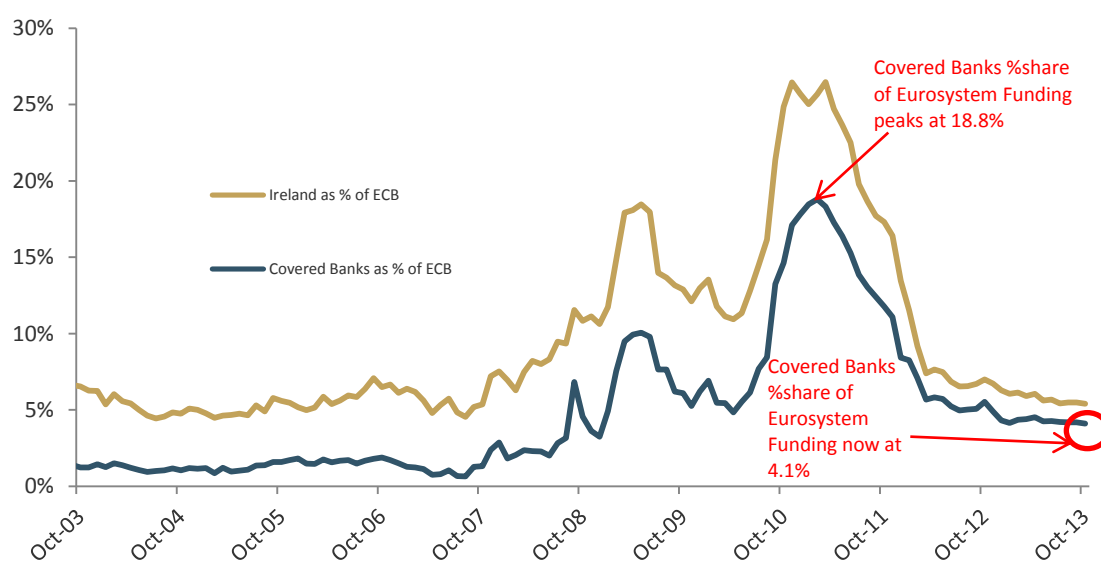
Note: These figures are rounded to the nearest € bn



Share of total ECB funding

The share of total ECB funding by banks in Ireland has declined steadily from a peak in November 2010 of c.26.5% (immediately after the bailout) to 5.4% at end-October 2013. The covered banks account for c.4.1% of total Eurosystem funding at end-October 2013, down from a peak of c.18.8%.

Figure 4. Banks in Ireland: Share of total Euro system funding



Source: Central Bank, Department of Finance



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