

Glossary

Collateral value

Amount of collateral available to credit institutions for use in monetary policy operations and for intraday credit. The value is calculated by reducing the market value of the collateral by the relevant valuation haircut for the security in question.

Valuation haircut

Risk control measure for calculating the collateral value. The valuation haircut (as a percentage) that the Eurosystem applies to a specific asset is determined by the residual maturity, type of interest and credit quality step of the asset/issuer/guarantor/debtor. In the case of marketable assets, the haircut category is also taken into account.

Counterparties of the Deutsche Bundesbank

Credit institutions that are domiciled or established in Germany and are required to maintain minimum reserves, are financially sound and fulfil all operational criteria for eligibility for monetary policy operations.

Posted collateral

Marketable and non-marketable assets submitted to the Deutsche Bundesbank by counterparties and available as collateral for monetary policy operations and for the provision of intraday credit. The amount of posted collateral that is actually used corresponds to the amount that the counterparty is actually allotted in monetary policy operations and the extent to which the counterparty makes use of intraday credit.

Marketable assets

Securities in the list of eligible collateral, which comply with all the criteria laid down by the Eurosystem and are thus also eligible to be traded on an accepted market. At the end of 2024, about 29,700 different marketable securities with a total volume of around €19.4 trillion were deemed eligible.

Non-marketable assets

Group of unlisted assets that are not freely tradable and are accepted as collateral provided they meet all the requirements of the Eurosystem. Non-marketable assets currently comprise credit claims from the non-financial and public sectors as well as cash collateral provided for an enhancement of the collateral pool.

Collateral pool

Each counterparty opens a pool account at the Deutsche Bundesbank, in which the marketable and/or non-marketable assets that it has posted as collateral are managed on a collective basis.