

## Press release

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### Auction announcement Reopening of five-year Federal notes (Bundesobligationen – “Bobls”) series 163 by auction

As already announced in the issue calendar for the third quarter of 2012, the Federal Government will reopen once again the

#### **0.50 % five-year Federal notes series 163 of 2012 (2017)**

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on 1 August 2012, using an auction procedure. An increase of € 4 billion is envisaged for the issue (auction allotment and amount set aside for secondary market operations). The current volume of this series amounts to € 14 billion. Members of the Bund Issues Auction Group are entitled to bid.

Time schedule of the auction procedure:

Date of invitation to bid: Tuesday, 31 July 2012

Bidding period: Wednesday, 1 August 2012,  
from 8.00 a.m. until **11.30 a.m. Frankfurt time**

Inclusion in stock  
exchange trading: Wednesday, 1 August 2012

Value date: Friday, 3 August 2012

Characteristics of the five-year Federal notes:

Maturity: 7 April 2017

Interest payment: annually on 7 April, interest has begun to accrue on 7 April 2012

First interest payment: 7 April 2013 for 365 days