

Press release

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Invitation to bid for 6-months Bills of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM)

As already announced the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) is offering **6-months Bills of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM)** for sale by auction. An **issue volume up to EUR 2 billion** is envisaged.

Members of the “ESM Market Group” are entitled to bid. Bids are to be transmitted electronically through the Deutsche Bundesbank’s ESM Bidding System (EBS). The Deutsche Bundesbank acts in the name and for the account of the ESM, which is seller of the Bills. Bids must be for a par value of not less than EUR 1 million or an integral multiple thereof. The price bids must be expressed as full 0.00005 percentage points. It is possible to make non-competitive bids and to submit several bids at different prices. **No yield bids will be considered.** The bids accepted by the issuer will be allotted at the price specified in the bid. Non-competitive bids are filled at the weighted average price of the price bids accepted. The right to scale down bids is reserved.

Time schedule of the auction procedure:

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| Bidding period: | Tuesday, 16 October 2018, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Frankfurt time |
| Value date: | Thursday, 18 October 2018 |
| Settlement: | Delivery versus payment-settlement in the night-time processing of Clearstream Banking AG Frankfurt, beginning on the eve of the value date. |

**Characteristics of the new 6-months Bills
of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM):**

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| Maturity: | 18 April 2019 (182 interest days) |
| ISIN: | EU000A1Z9840 |
| Common Code: | 189411120 |
| Denomination: | 0.01 Euro |
| Envisaged issue volume: | Up to EUR 2 billion |

In addition, the Auction rules for the issue of Bonds and Bills of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) and the Special terms and conditions of the Deutsche Bundesbank for auctions of Bonds and Bills of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) using the ESM Bidding System (EBS) shall apply. The Bills are issued under the ESM Debt Issuance Programme.

The ESM is exempt from Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments (MiFID II) and does not constitute a manufacturer under the product governance rules set out in EU Delegated Directive 2017/593. The ESM is therefore not subject to the responsibilities conferred on manufacturers therein.