

The euro money market survey 2010 preliminary results

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I. Euro money market across time and segments

- The 2010 Survey showed a decline in aggregate turnover (by 2% in Q2 2010 from Q2 2009) for a third consecutive year.
- Largest declines were recorded in the OIS (-19%) and Unsecured (-18%) segments.
- The (secured) repo market was still the largest segment and increased by 9% in 2010. The CCP segment also continued to increase (+19%).



2. Euro Money Market: Unsecured market

• The **unsecured market** declined on both the lending (-11%) and the borrowing (-22%) sides.



Note: The panel comprised 85 credit institutions in 2000 and 2001 and 105 credit institutions thereafter.

3. Unsecured market: shortening of maturities

• The biggest declines in the unsecured market volumes were seen in the T/N to I-Month maturities (-24%) and for maturities over I year (-84%).



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4. Unsecured market: qualitative assessment

- The qualitative assessment showed that **efficiency** in this segment was viewed as more limited than the already very limited efficiency in 2009.
- Most respondents reported that liquidity conditions had worsened or remained broadly unchanged in 2010 compared to 2009.





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5. Euro Money Market: Secured market

- Activity in the **secured market** increased by **9%**.
- The cash lending side (reverse repo) increased by 7% and the cash borrowing side (repo) increased by 9%.



6. Secured market: shorter maturities gain in prominence

 However, the overnight activity decreased this year by 5%, making up 21% of the total turnover in the secured segment compared to 24% in 2009.



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7. Secured market: CCP accounts for a larger share of bilateral repo

- The activity in the secured market **cleared via central counterparties** increased and accounted for 41% in 2010 compared to 38% in 2009.
- The share of Triparty repo grew slightly to 8% in 2010 (from 7% in 2009) after having experienced a significant drop in 2009.



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8. Secured market: Share of 'national' collateral declining

• The share of 'national' collateral fell from 36% in 2009 to 32% in 2010. Most of this decline was taken up by a rising share in 'euro area' collateral.



Note: The panel comprised 172 credit institutions.

9. Derivatives market: Aggregate turnover declining

• Activity in the derivatives market declined by 7%, FX Swaps was the only derivative segment to show an increase (3%).



10. Derivatives market: OIS segment

• The **OIS segment** continued to decline for the fourth consecutive year (-19% in 2010).



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II. Derivatives market: IRS segment

• **IRS activity** showed again a significant drop, declining by 11%.



12. Derivatives market: FRA segment declined

- FRA turnover decreased by 10%, possibly reflecting lower hedging needs.
- Most significant drop took place in maturities between 3-months and I-year.
- FRA turnover accounted for 10% of the euro money market turnover



13. Derivatives market: FX Swap segment

• Activity in the **FX swap market** increased by 3% in 2009.



14. Market liquidity assessment: some signs of stabilisation in Q2 2010?

- More participants report a worsening of liquidity conditions in 2010 in OIS, FX swaps and Xccy swaps. Most market participants still report worsening conditions in the unsecured market.
- In secured, IRS, FRA, short-term securities, futures and options most market participants report that liquidity conditions have not changed.



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15. Issues for discussion

- To what extent does continued credit risk aversion explain the shift from unsecured to secured turnover?
- What was the impact of the surplus liquidity environment after the high allotment at the first I-year LTRO in June 2009 on the decline in unsecured turnover?
- Does lower interest rate volatility help explain the decline in turnover in OIS and other short-term interest rate derivatives?
- What has been the impact of liquidity regulations and reduced bank balance sheets?
- What has been the impact of the 'sovereign debt crisis'?