



Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze

## PRESS RELEASE

### Treasury Bills (BOTs) offering announcement

The Ministry of Economy and Finance announces the following BOT issues:

Subscription deadline	Auction cut-off (11.00 am)	Supplementary auction cut-off for 6 and 12 month BOTs (3.30 pm)	Settlement date
<b>February 9, 2018</b>	<b>February 12, 2018</b>	<b>February 13, 2018</b>	<b>February 14, 2018</b>

	<b>12 Month BOTs</b>
Days	365
ISIN Code	IT0005323362
Tranche	1st
Issue date	Feb 14, 2018
Maturity date	Feb 14, 2019
Amount offered (mln. €)	6,500

<b>BOTs</b>	<b>Maturing on February 14, 2018</b>	<b>Outstanding on January 31, 2018</b>
Flexible BOTs	-	-
3 Month BOTs	-	-
6 Month BOTs	-	36,500.000
12 Month BOTs	6,548.328	76,400.605
Total amount	6,548.328	112,900.605

The Ministry of Economy and Finance announces that, due to the lack of specific funding needs, 3 month BOTs will not be offered on February 12, 2018.

BOTs are offered through a competitive auction in which operators are required to send their bids in terms of yield. Each operator participating in BOT auctions is allowed to submit up to five bids.

BOTs can be subscribed for a minimum amount of 1,000 euros. For each BOT issue, the relevant price for fiscal purpose is the weighted average price of the first tranche, as obtained from the relative weighted average yield.

Any bids not containing yield reference will not be accepted. Yields indicated by dealers, expressed in percentage, can vary of 0.001% or multiples thereof. The nominal amount of any bid cannot be less than 1.5 million euros.

The subjects allowed to participate in the auction are indicated in the issuance decree.

In accordance with Section II – Title V of the legislative decree no. 213 of 24 June 1998 and the following related rules, that establishes all the details about dematerialization of Government Bonds, BOTs are represented by account registration in favour of the entitled.

Bank of Italy will comply with the "ad hoc" procedure, in order to automatically settle the BOT subscribed amounts through the so-called facility of compensation and settlement service, which deals with financial instrument with the same settlement date.

On the basis of the allocation, allottee intermediaries will credit the relative amounts to the subscribers' accounts.

Bids are to be transmitted to the Bank of Italy – using exclusively the National Interbanking Network – strictly before the auction cut-off, respecting the rules indicated in the issuance decree. In case of malfunctioning of the equipment, not allowing the admission of messages through the network, requests of participation in the auction must be sent via fax.

Bids received after the deadline set in the decree are not taken into consideration. Possible requests that substitute previous ones, are taken into consideration only if they arrive before the deadline. Requests cannot be withdrawn after the above mentioned deadline.

Any dealer's bids exceeding, also as a whole, the amount offered by the Treasury will be taken into consideration, starting from the one at the lowest yield, to the extent of the amount offered, except what stated in the issuance decree.

"Specialists in Government Bonds" are entitled to participate in the supplementary auction, respecting the above mentioned deadline.

The amount of this tranche will be 10% of the nominal outstanding offered in the ordinary auction, as defined in the issuance decree. It is worth noting that this percentage represents the expected amount to be offered in the supplementary placement, that the Treasury can modify after the ordinary auction, based on the demand expressed by operators; in this case a specific press release will be published.

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