

Understanding the STEP Initiative

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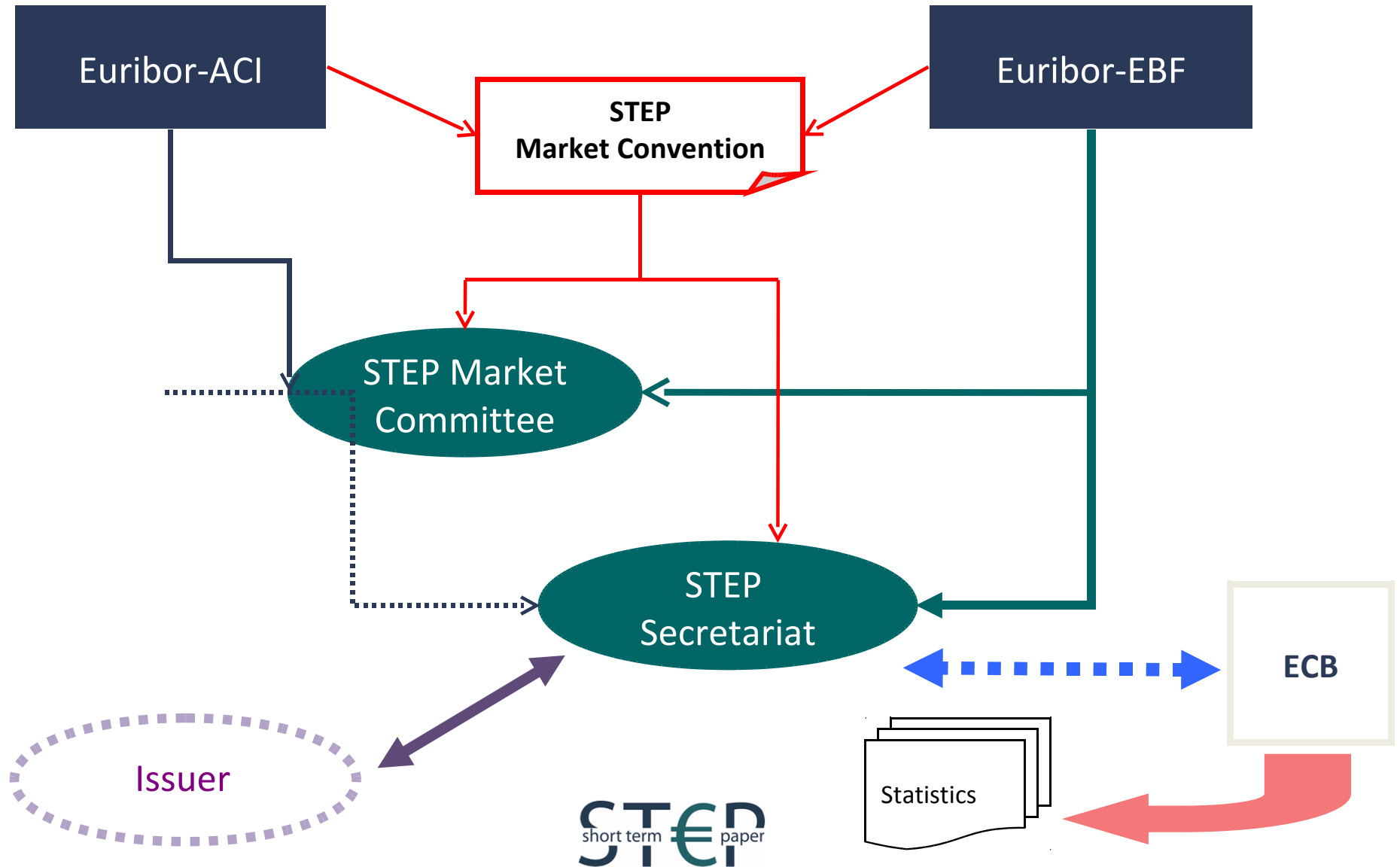
- A daughter structure of the European Banking Federation.
- Scientific mission: informing National associations, European Institutions and the large public on interbank money markets.
- Managing both Euribor benchmarks suite and the STEP project.
- Leading market initiatives through our experts Steering Committees Members.



The STEP Initiative: Background

- Market Initiative launched in 2006 with the institutional support of the ECB/ESCB, EBF and ACI.
 - Different market practices → Integration & development of short-term paper market in Europe.
 - STEP criteria: disclosure of information, standard format for documentation, settlement, and provision of data for the production of STEP statistics.
- Transparency and accessibility of information.

STEP Governance Structure



The STEP Market

- 165 STEP labels (June 2011).
- Total Outstanding Amount (May 2011): 405.9 EUR billions.
- More than 46 % market share.
- Corporate short term papers are ECB eligible if all other requirements are met.

Added Value for investors

Thanks to the STEP label, an investor can:

- rationalize his risk exposure,
- be sure that the information communicated in the IM endorses the responsibility of someone (e.g. issuer) and
- follow its retention exposure on the programme at any time, free of charge, and without the use of a third party.

STEP statistics *(calculated by the ECB)*

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Yield statistics | **Amounts outstanding** | Amounts outstanding by programme | Gross issues | Background | Disclaimer

Amounts outstanding of STEP securities by programme and currency from 19 Aug 2011 to 26 Aug 2011
(denominated in EUR millions irrespective of the accounting currency)¹

STEP ID	Program name	Program ceiling	Accounting currency	Amount outstanding 19 Aug 2011	Amount outstanding 26 Aug 2011
0001441	AB InBev Multi Issuer Belgian Commercial Paper Programme	1,000		995	1,000
0001911	ABN AMRO Bank N.V. Euro-Commercial Paper Programme	25,000		0	4,857
0001532	ABN Amro Bank N.V. French Certificats de Depot	25,000		3,883	3,587
0001864	AEGON N.V. French Billets de Tresorerie	1,000		298	199
0001693	African Development Bank ECP	2,000		342	342
0002032	Agence Centrale des Organismes de Securite Sociale French Billets de Tresorerie	25,000		4,804	8,104
0001970	Agence Centrale des Organismes de Securite Sociale Euro-Commercial Paper Programme	20,000		750	1,006
0001890	Allied Irish Bank Plc Euro Commercial Paper	5,000		0	0
0000675	Allied Irish Bank plc Guaranteed Euro Commercial Paper Programme	5,000		0	0
0000573	Allied Irish Banks plc French Certificats de depot Programme	5,000		0	0
0001105	Anglesea Funding plc Euro Commercial Paper Programme	30,000		135	128
0001853	Anglo Irish Bank Corporation Limited French Certificats de Depot	2,000		-	-
0001062	Anglo Irish Bank Corporation Ltd. Certificats de Depot	2,000		0	0
0000092	Antalis SA French Billets de tresorerie	6,014		913	1,308
0001875	Auchan Finances French Billets de Tresorerie	1,500		609	524
0000263	Aurubis Belgium NV SA Global Multi Currency and Medium Term Treasury Notes Programme	100		6	6
0000150	AXA Bank Europe SA Multi Currency Certificates of Deposit Programme	1,000		192	317
0001302	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA London Branch Euro Certificates of Deposit Global Programme	15,000		53	53
0001394	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA London Branch French Certificats de Depot	5,000		1,649	1,550
0000930	Banco de Sabadell SA London Branch Euro Commercial Paper Programme	3,500		149	179
0001084	Banco Espirito Santo SA and Banco Espirito Santo plc Multi Issuer Programme	2,000		1,763	1,733
0001095	Banco Espirito Santo SA London Branch Certificates of Deposit	15,000		0	0

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On a daily basis


- Aggregated data on outstanding amounts of STEP securities, broken down by the sector of the issuer, maturity, rating category and currency;
- New issuances broken down by sector of the issuer, maturity and rating category;
- Spreads between the EONIA and the yields on new issues of euro-denominated STEP securities, broken down by sector of the issuer, maturity and rating category.

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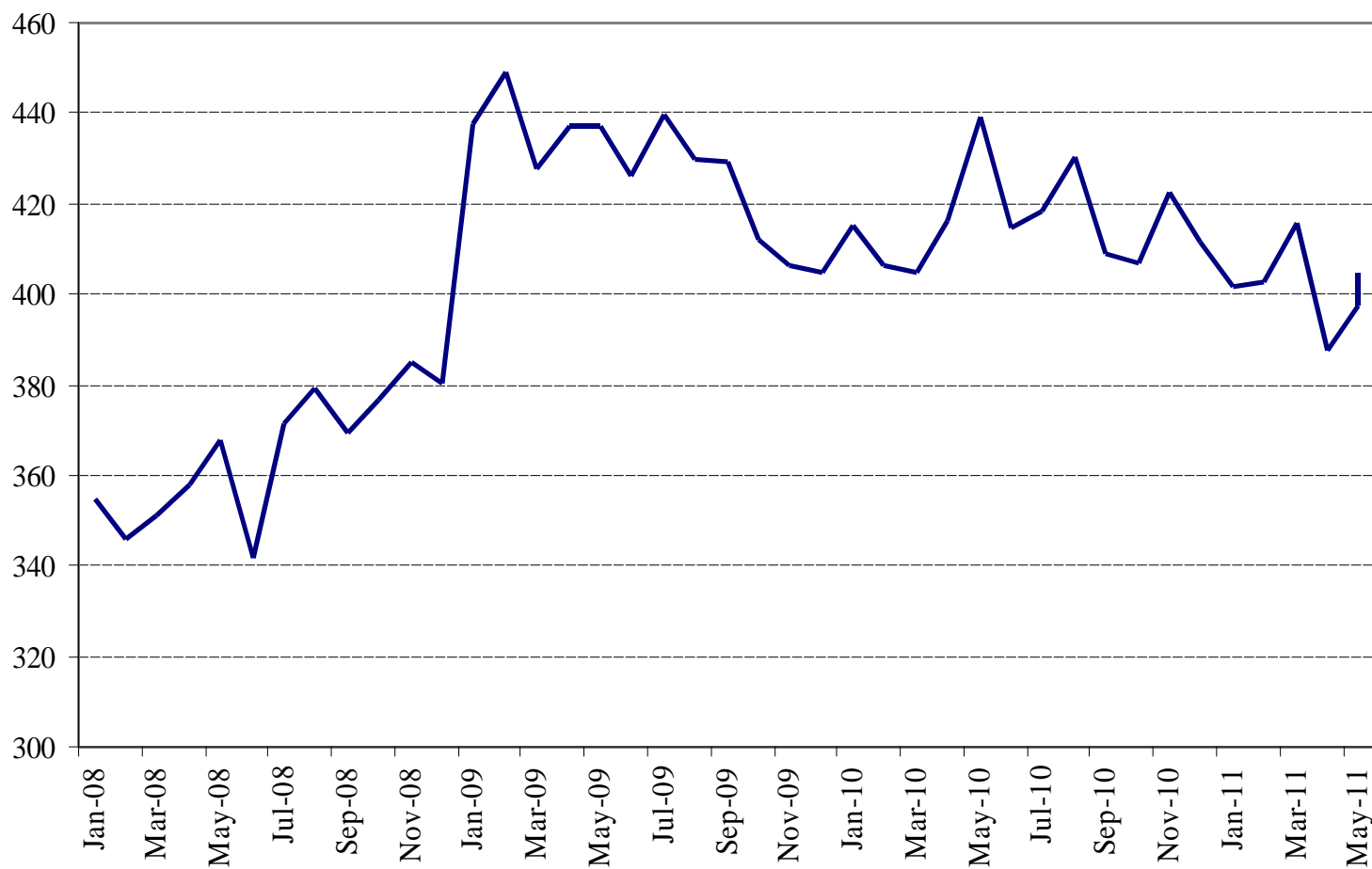
On a weekly basis

– outstanding amounts broken down by individual programmes and by individual issuance currency.

 Higher visibility for issuers

 Possibility to check for investors to check exposure to individual programmes

STEP Outstanding amounts in € billion

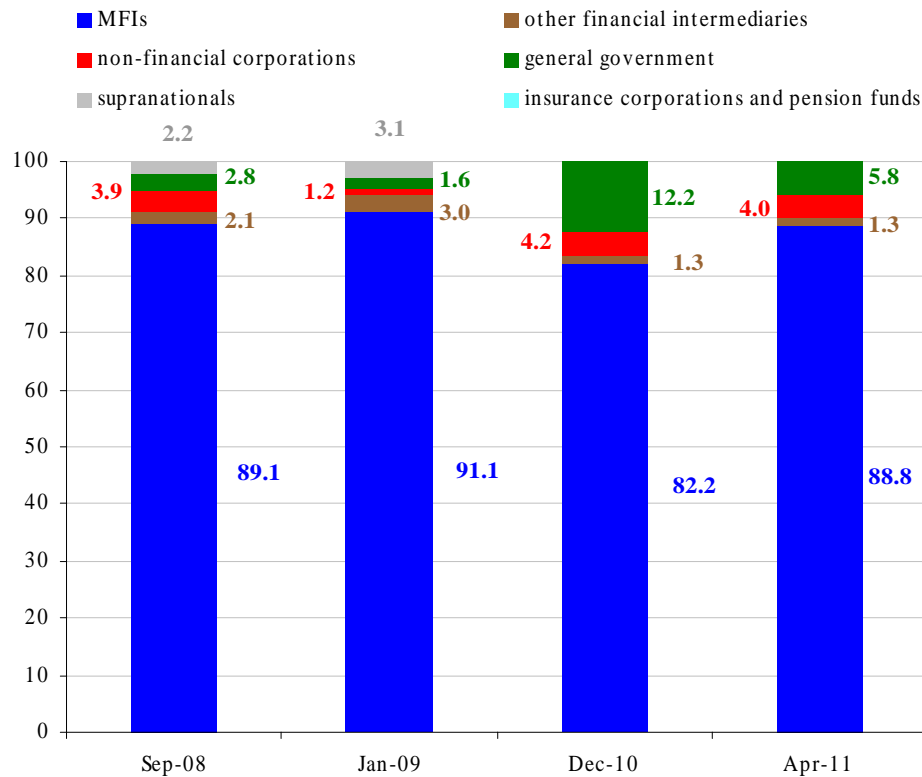


Source: ECB

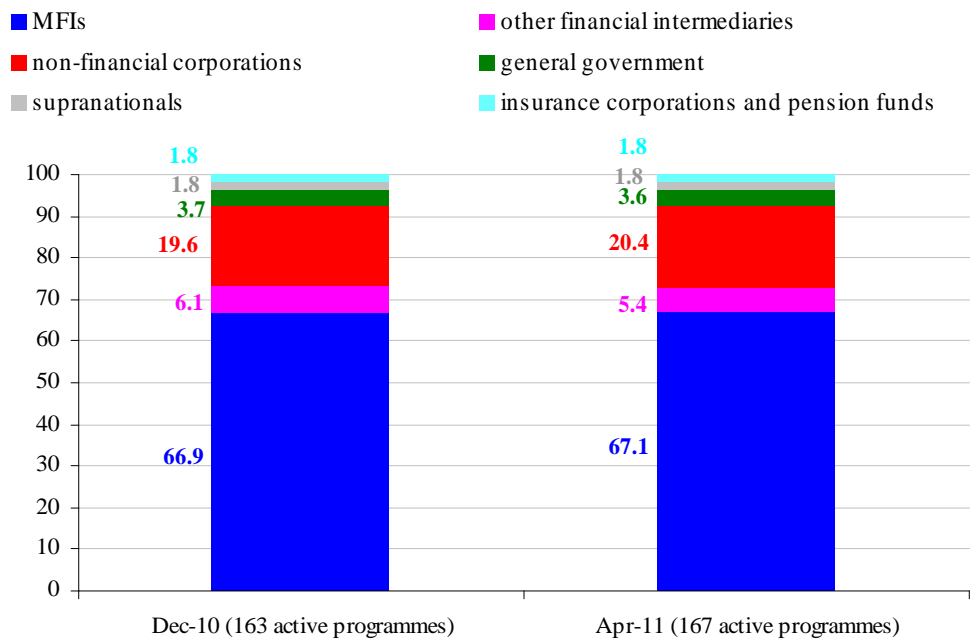


Outstanding amounts & Number of programmes broken down by sector

Outstanding amounts by sector (%)



Number of STEP programmes by sector (%)



Source: ECB

STEP Future Developments

- Developing more and more accurate statistics thanks to the ECB support and the input of our Investors Members in the Market Committee.
- Working closely with Stock Exchanges to further develop the STEP label as a pre requisit for listing.
- Transforming, for the sake of the investment decision, the STEP label into a European Market standard.

Thank you