

Update on STEP

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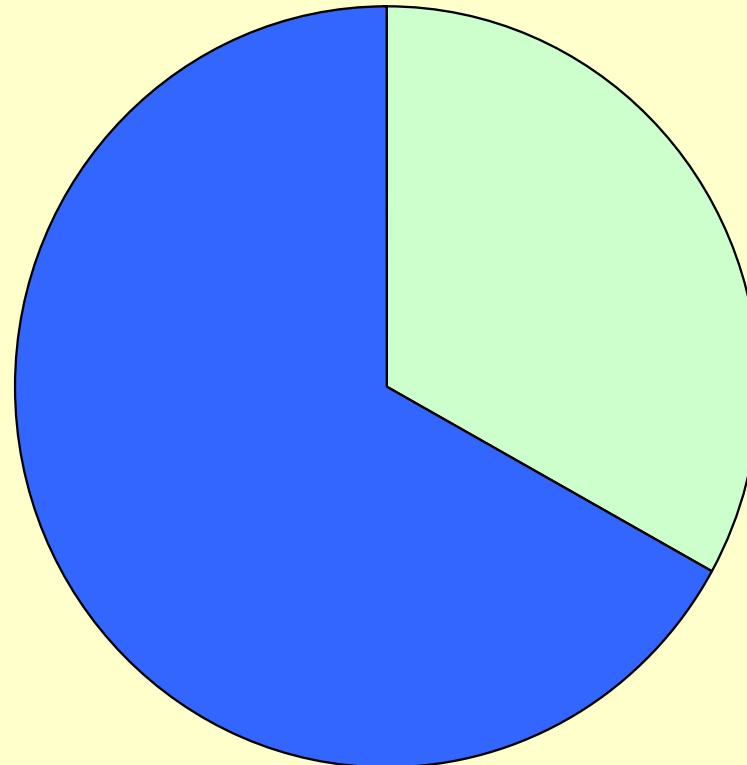
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Market developments – Size

Outstanding amount of euro-denominated STEP and worldwide euro-denominated non-government short-term paper, March 2008

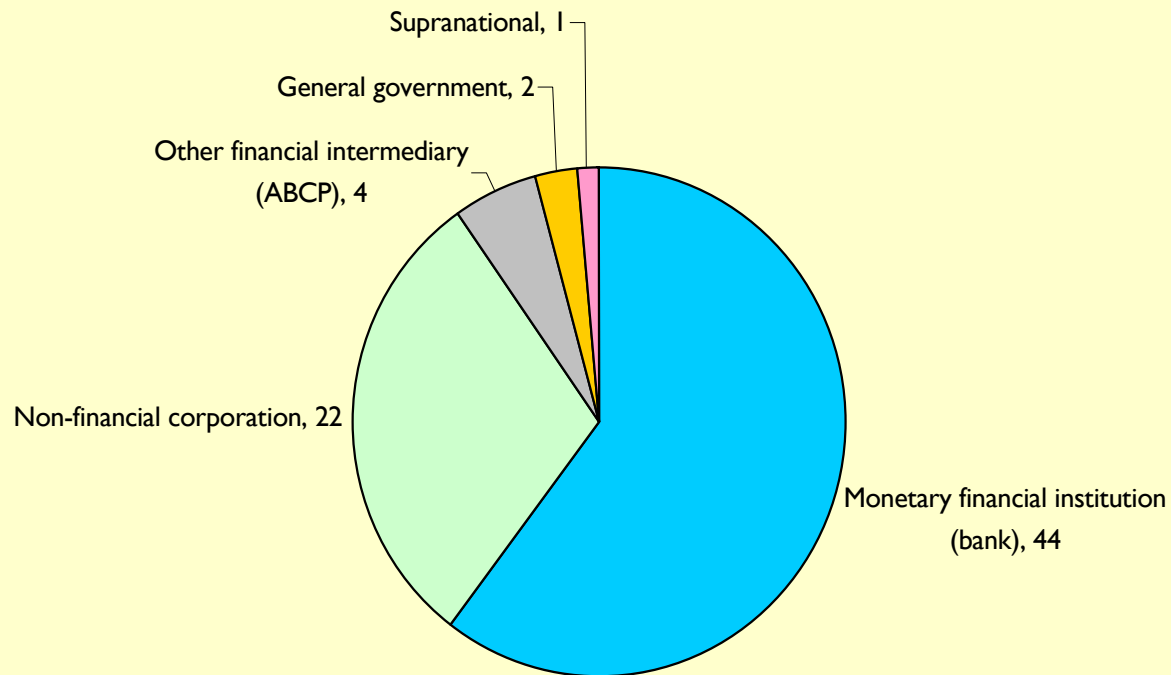
euro denominated non-government short-term debt securities issued world-wide 993,2 EUR billion



of which euro denominated STEP issues 287,7 EUR billion

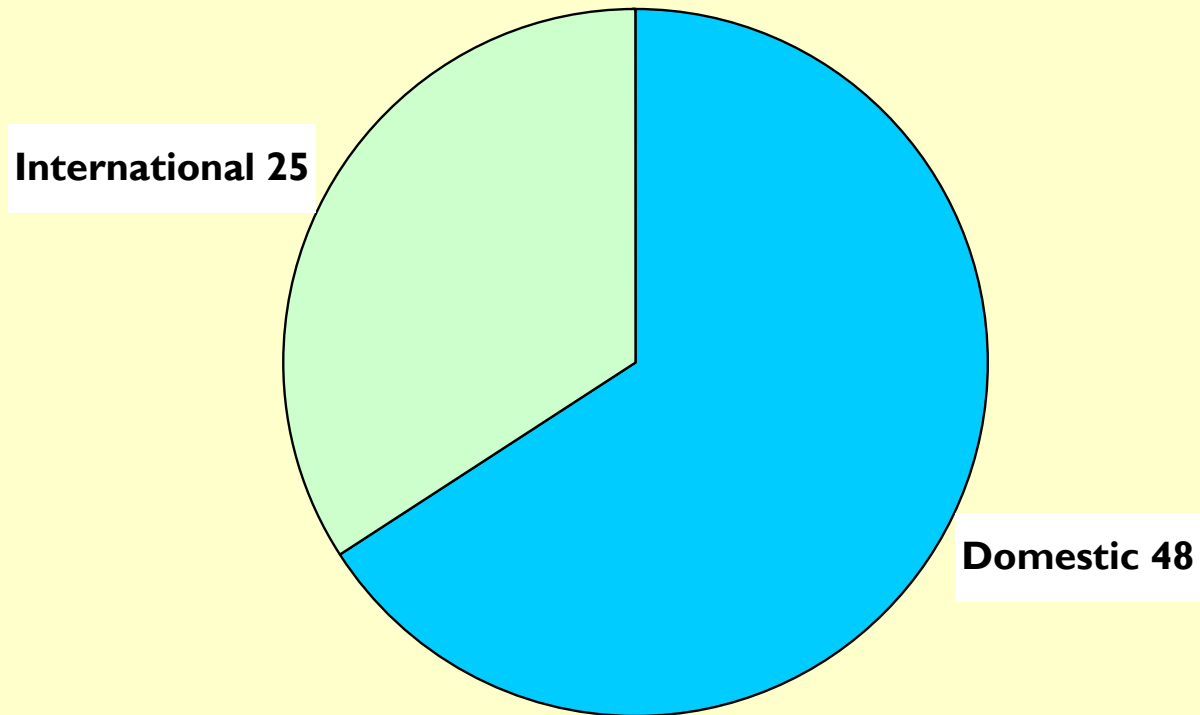
Market developments – Size

Distribution of STEP programmes by issuer sector (number of programmes end-April 2008)

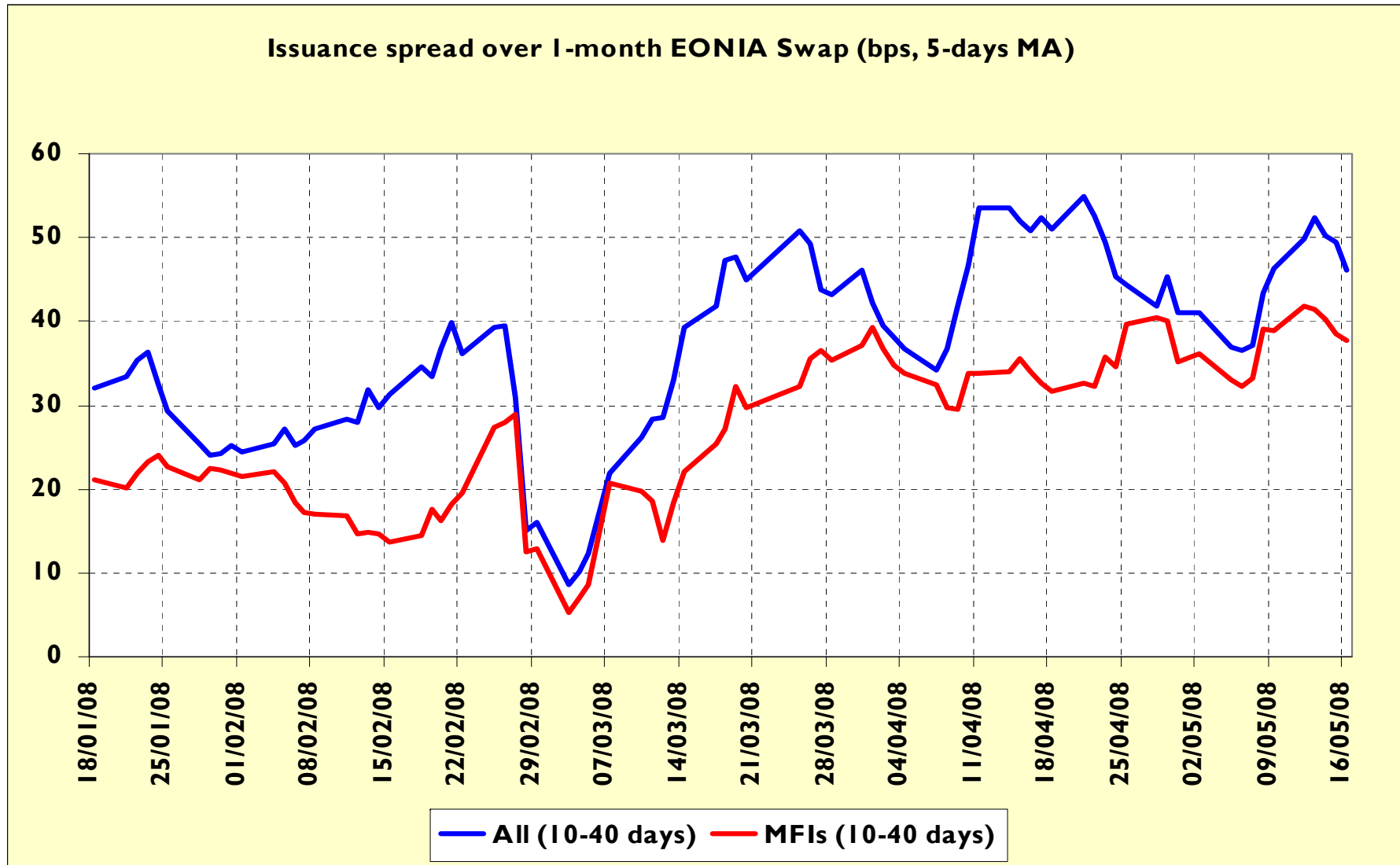


Market developments – Size

**Distribution of STEP label among underlying markets
(number of programmes end-April 2008)**



Market developments – Yields



Institutional developments – STEP labelling

- ***extension of ESCB involvement in STEP labelling process for two additional years until end of June 2010***

SUBJECT TO

- ***the provision by end-2008 by the EBF of***
 - ✓ ***A business plan to ensure an effective and smooth implementation of the STEP labelling without ESCB support by June 2010 at the latest***
 - ✓ ***An in-depth legal assessment of the STEP Market Convention***

Institutional developments – Market Convention

- ***Task Force on the review of the STEP Market Convention***
 - ✓ *enhancements of STEP market convention*
 - ✓ *reconciliation between different standards*
 - ✓ *better integration*
 - ✓ *increase strength of STEP market*