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Functioning of the EURO area Repo Markets

ECB – Money Market Contact Group (MMCG)

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MMCG expectation for YE Repomarket

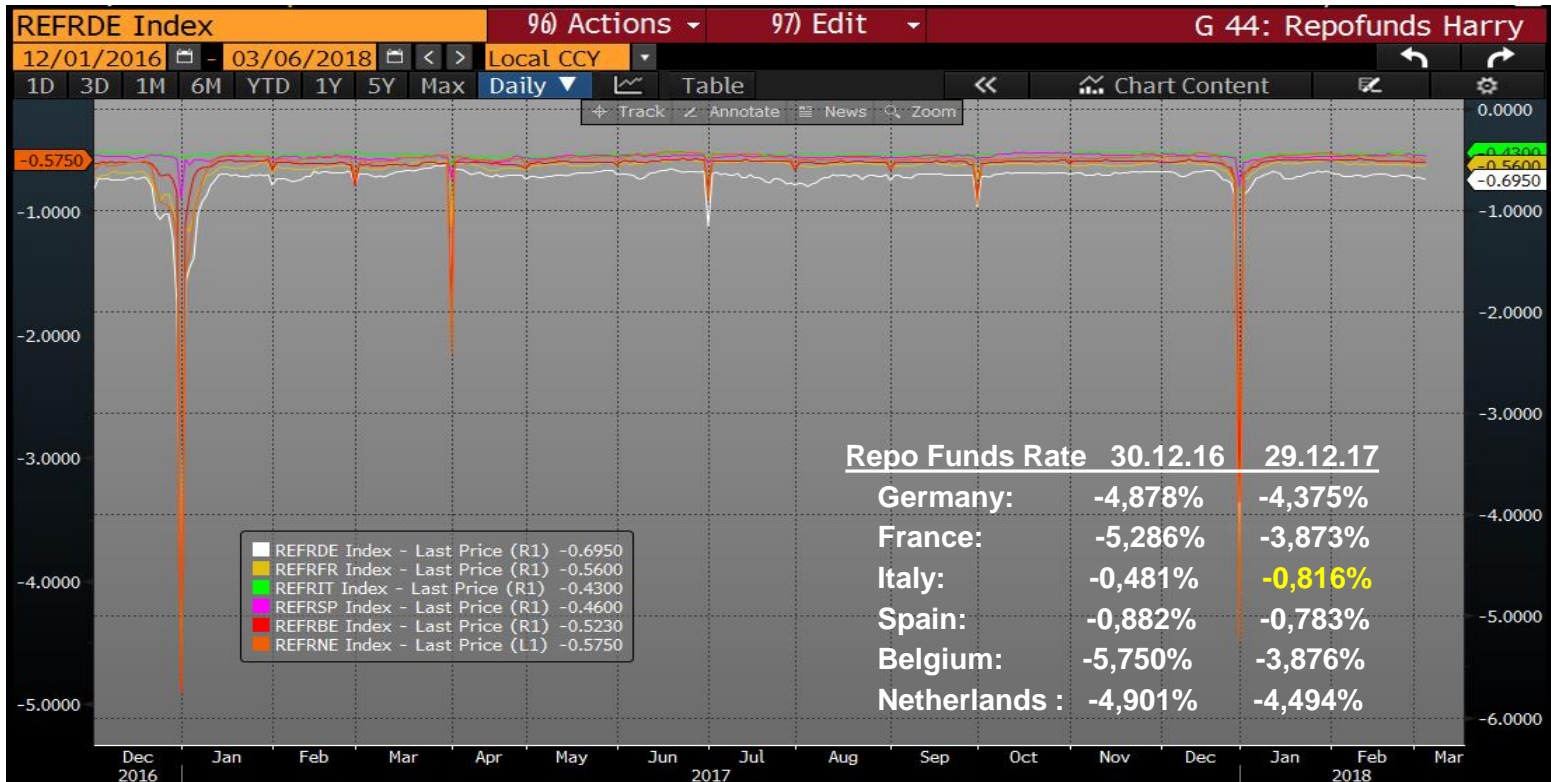
MMCG members agreed that repo market participants were overall better prepared for the year-end compared to last year. Similar to the FX swap market, this was mainly attributed to learning behaviour from the last year-end, earlier preparations for the year-end needs and a more favourable liquidity situation, in part also due to the Eurosystem securities lending facility. The fact that one-month repo rates declined more than last year, once crossing the year-end, reportedly indicated a higher level of market preparedness.

Source: Summary ECB MMCG 4 December 2017

- Early preparation (one-month repos)
- More balance sheet for repo business
- Improvement in the various ECB and NCB lending facilities

<https://www.icmagroup.org/News/news-in-brief/icma-publishes-report-on-state-of-the-european-repo-market-at-year-end-2017/>

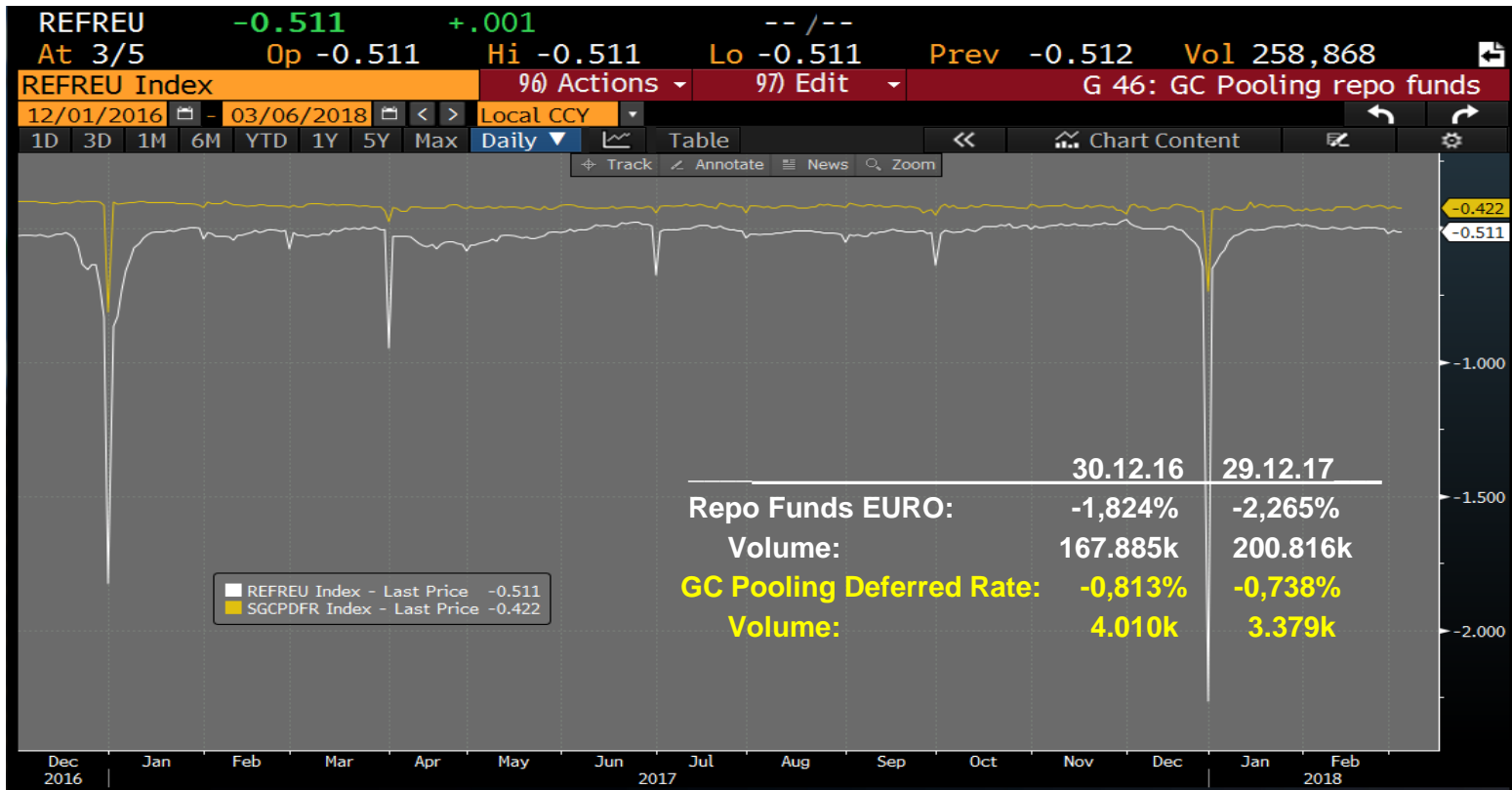
REPO FUNDS Rate (RFR) all countries



Source: Bloomberg , NEX Data

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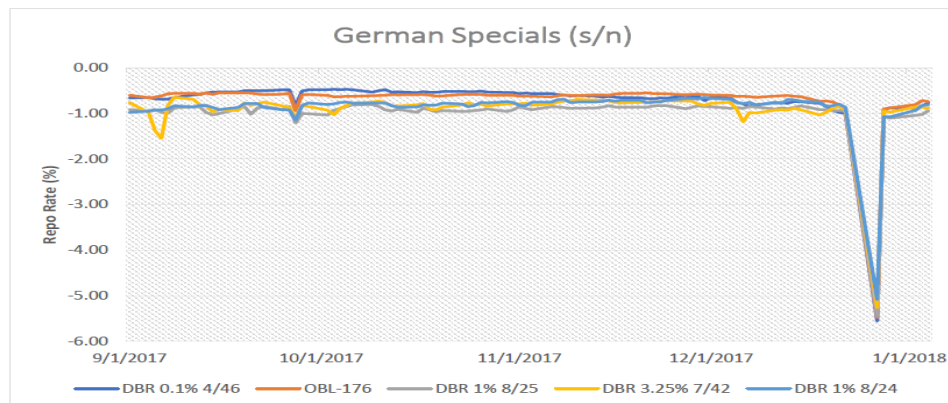
GC Pooling Deferred Rate vs. REPO FUNDS Rate



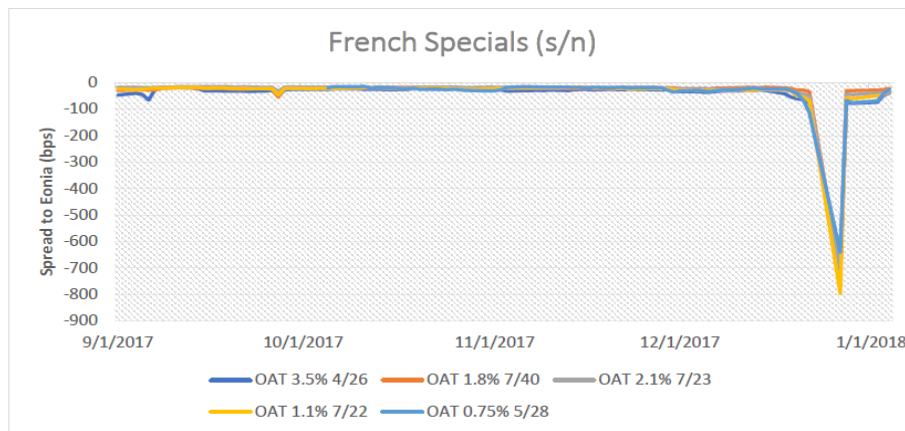
Source: Bloomberg

- REPO Funds year-end rate more expensively than last year

German and French Specials



Source: Nex Data Services Ltd – BrokerTec Repo



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Source: ICMA The European repo market at 2017 year-end

German Specials

- German specials tightened not so dramatically as at 2016 year-end
- Most expensive specials around -5,50%
- Not a real outlier bond

French Specials

- French specials more expensive than German specials
- Most expensive specials around -8,00%
- Not a real outlier bond

REPO FUNDS Volume



Source: Bloomberg

- higher Repo Volume in 2017

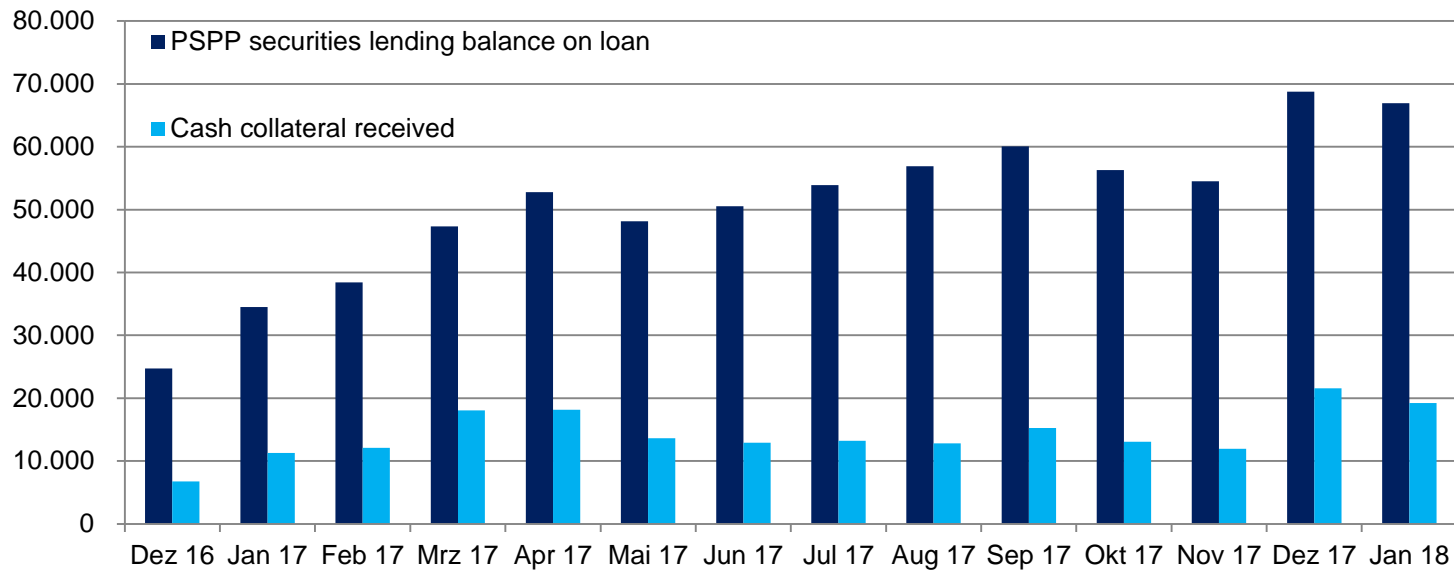
GC Pooling Deferred Funding Rate Volume



Source: Bloomberg

- Stable Volume 2017 after decrease in 2016

PSPP securities lending activity



Source: ECB

- Significant improvement to 2016
- More market participants use the securities lending program
- Highest open average volume in December 2017