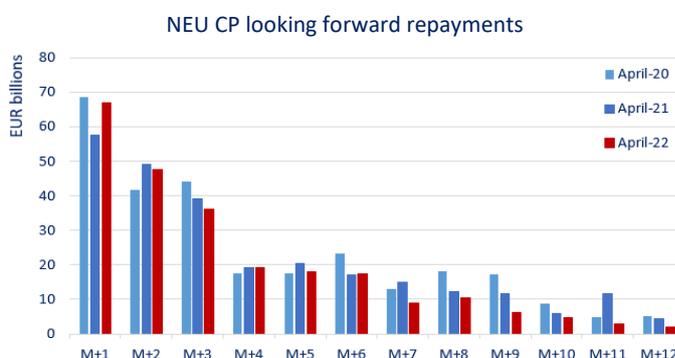


- Overall outstanding amounts on the NEU CP and NEU MTN markets stood at €284.9 billion in April after €275.7 billion in March. The increase, which concerns all issuing sectors, is mainly driven by financial issuers (+€4.6 billion).
- The steepening of the rates of financial issuers, for maturities greater than 3 months, continued in April.
- Corporate rates are stable on the 3-month pillar, whose issue volume exceeds the previous records of the past ten years. Rates rose slightly on the 1-month pillar and changed little on the other maturities.
- The structure of future maturities changes significantly over one year, with a marked shortening of the time horizon for issuances, in a context of rising market rate expectations (as assessed through SWAP OIS ESTR). Maturities beyond six months represented 23% of outstanding amounts in April 2021 and 14.6% in April 2022. Conversely, maturities within three months represented 62.7% of NEU CP outstanding amounts in April 2022, compared to 55.4% a year earlier.

1. Market overview

Stocks (EUR billions) and annual variation

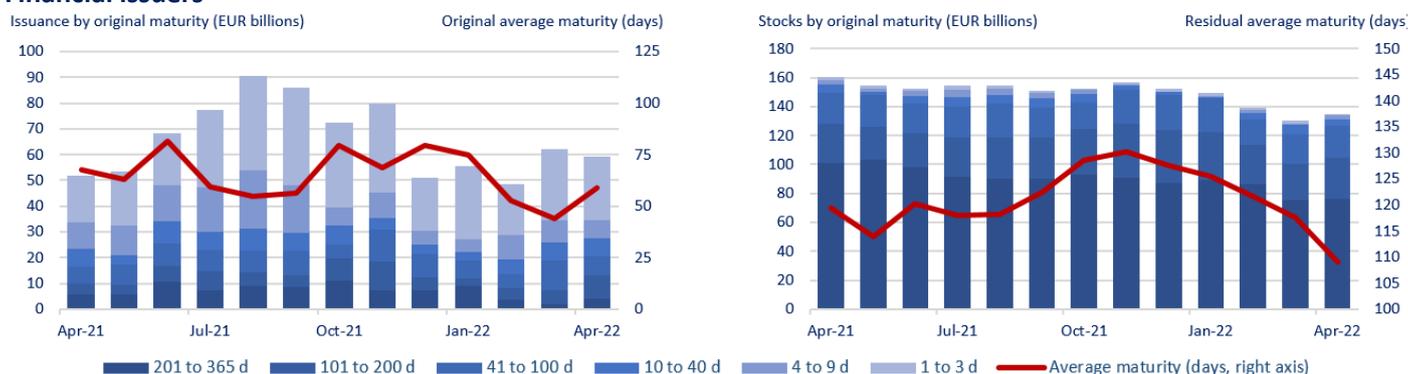
	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21	Var. (%)
NEU CP	240,6	230,7	264,6	-9,1%
Financial issuers	134,8	130,2	160,5	-16,0%
Corporate issuers	66,8	64,2	63,7	4,9%
Public issuers	32,3	30,0	36,3	-11,0%
Securitization vehicles	6,7	6,3	4,1	63,4%
NEU MTN	44,3	45,0	50,6	-12,5%
Total	284,9	275,7	315,2	-9,6%



- The overall outstanding amounts of the NEU CP market stood at €240.6 billion in April, after €230.7 billion in March.
- The increase, which concerns all issuing sectors, is mainly driven by financial issuers (+€4.6 billion) and to a lesser extent by corporate issuers (+2.4) and public issuers (+2.3).
- The structure of forward repayments has changed significantly over one year. The focus on shorter term maturities is to be linked to the increase in market rates beyond six months, as can be assessed through SWAP OIS ESTR.

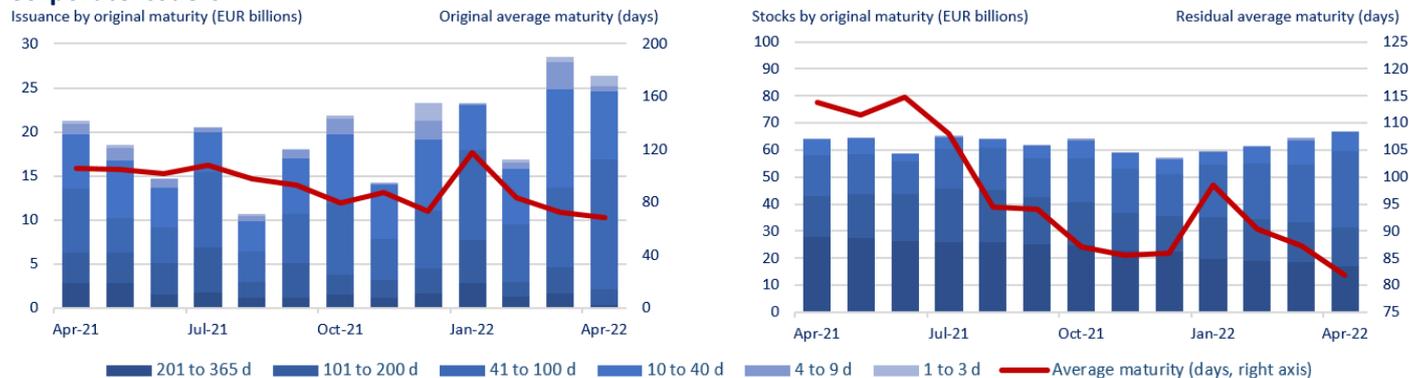
2. Issuances and stocks of NEU CP by sector and by original maturity

Financial issuers



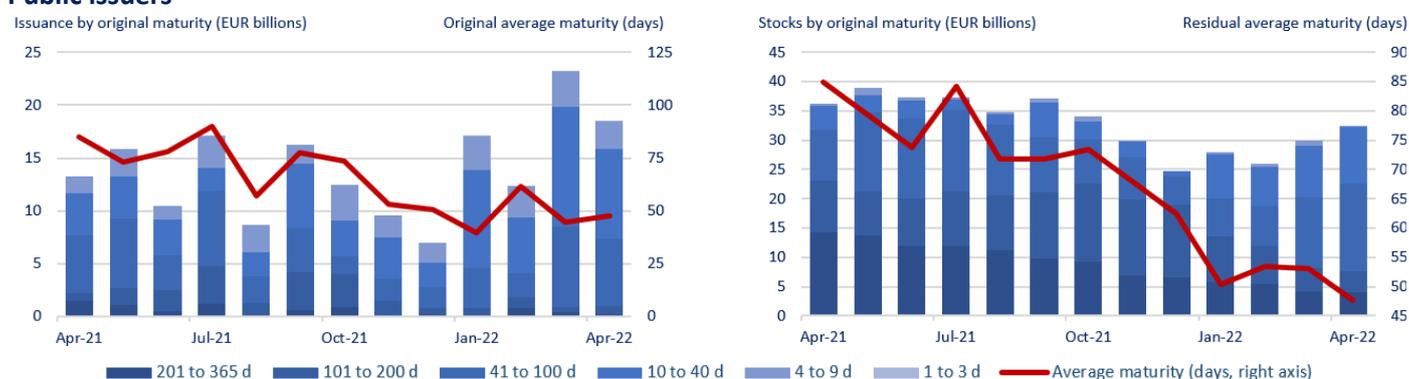
- Issuances by the financial sector fell back slightly (€59.4 billion) after €62.5 billion in March.
- The average initial duration went back up to 59 days, after a low point of 44 days in March.
- Outstanding amounts recovered (+€4.6 billion) while the average residual maturity continued to decline.

Corporate issuers



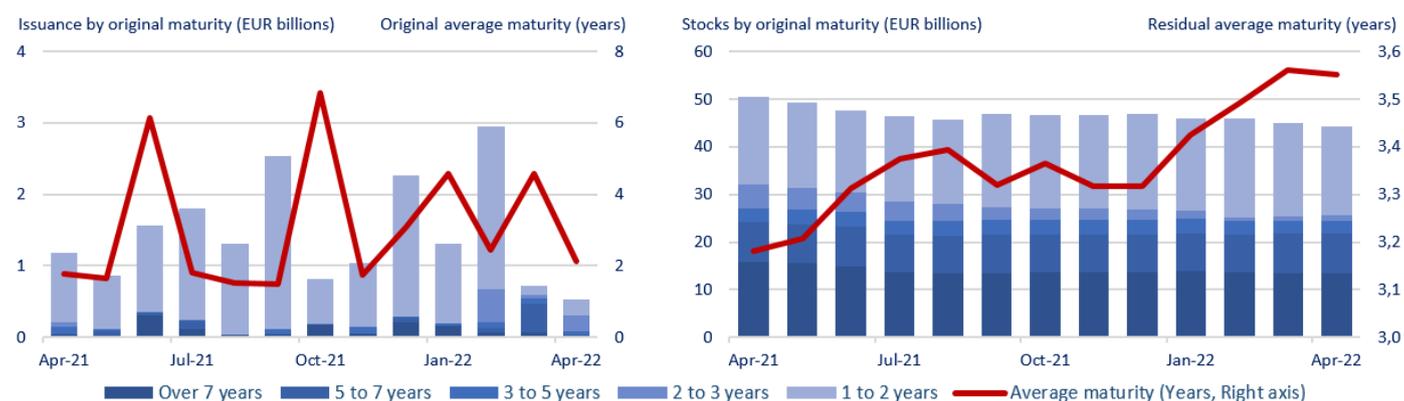
- Corporate issuances remained strong at €26.4 billion, compared to €28.6 billion in March. This level of issuances is the consequence of the focus of corporate issuers on the flagship 1 and 3 month maturities.
- The average initial duration of issuances stabilizes around 70 days.
- Outstanding amounts are up (+€2.6 billion) for the 4th consecutive month. The average residual duration logically continues to fall with a concentration of stocks on intermediate durations. NEU CPs issued over a period of more than 200 days only represent 25% of stocks in April 2022, compared with 44% in April 2021.

Public issuers



- Issuances by public issuers fell back to €18.5 billion in April, while remaining at a strong level.
- Outstanding amounts increased by €2.3 billion, notably due to the first “social” issuances by ACOSS (see box below).
- The average residual maturity is dropping to 48 days, against 53 days the previous month.

3. Issuances and stocks of NEU MTN by original maturity



- NEU MTN issuances remained sluggish at €523m, compared to €720m in March. This can be linked to market expectations on rate changes.
- Outstanding amounts fell slightly to €44.3 billion, down €700 million.
- The average residual duration stabilizes just above 3.5 years.

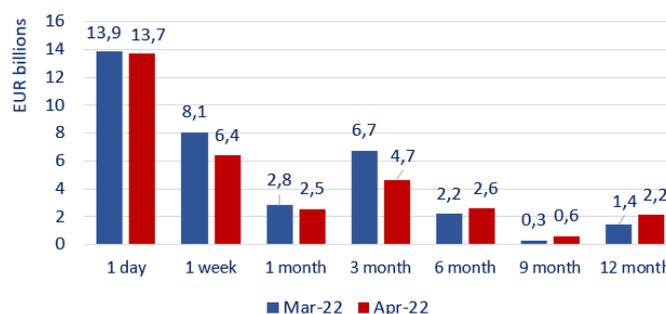
4. Average rates of NEU CP and maturities at issuance

Financial issuers

Average rates at issuance in Euros



Cumulated issuances



- Average rates for terms up to 1 month are stable between March and April.
- The yield curve continues to steepen over periods greater than or equal to 3 months. The average rates increased respectively by 10 bps over the 6 months, 13 bps over the 9 months and 18 bps over the 12 months; the latter now standing at 0%.
- Issuances are stable on the daily pillar. They are down over periods ranging from 1 week to 3 months and up over periods between 6 and 12 months.

Corporate issuers

Average rates at issuance in Euros



Cumulated issuances



- The average rates are stable over the most used period (3-month pillar). They are increasing slightly on the other durations (respectively 3 and 4 bps on the 1-day and 1-month pillars and up to 8 bps on the 2-week pillar).
- Issuances by corporates are heavily concentrated on the key maturities of WCR financing (1 and 3 month pillars). These issuers are mostly abandoning other maturities, whether short (1 and 2 week pillars which had seen an issue peak over the recent period) or long (6 and 12 months), in a context of rising yields expectations from investors.

First “Social” and “Green” issuances on the NEU-CP market

The work of the Paris marketplace (ACI-France-AFTB, AFTE, AFG) as regards Sustainable Finance, carried out with the Banque de France, has made it possible to establish standard information memorandum for issuances of short-term and medium term negotiable securities (NEU CP – NEU MTN) with ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) characteristics.

Thanks to this framework, the very first issuance of “social” NEU CP securities (500 MEUR at 1 month) was carried out on April 7, 2022 by the Central Agency of Social Security Organizations (ACOSS-Urssaf Caisse Nationale).

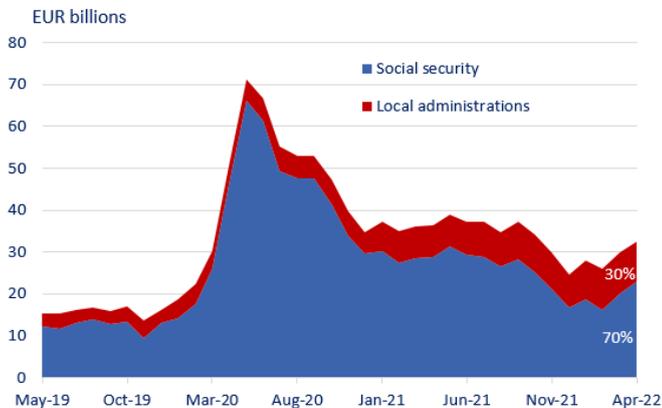
Then, on April 20, Crédit Mutuel ARKEA initiated the first green issuances on the NEU CP market via its new dedicated programs. The outstanding amount of “green” NEU CPs reached €80 million at the end of April 2022.

5. Public issuers on the NEU CP market at end April 2022

- Public issuers' outstanding amounts fell sharply at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022, before picking up again with ACOSS strengthening its issuances in the wake of the "Social" designation of its NEU CP program.
- The outstanding amounts of social security issuers dropped as low as €16 billion in February 2022, then rebounded by €6.7 billion within two months.
- Local authorities' stocks stood at just under €10 billion in Q1 2022. Their stocks have tripled in the span of three years.

Variation of public sector outstanding amounts between May 2019 and April 2022

Social security and local public administrations



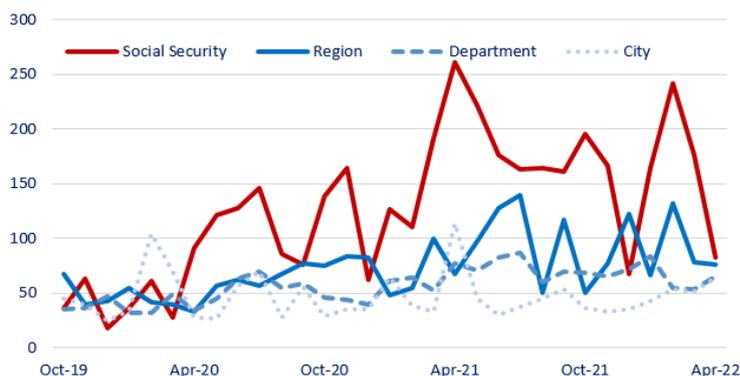
Detail of local public administrations



Average maturity of issuances in euros:

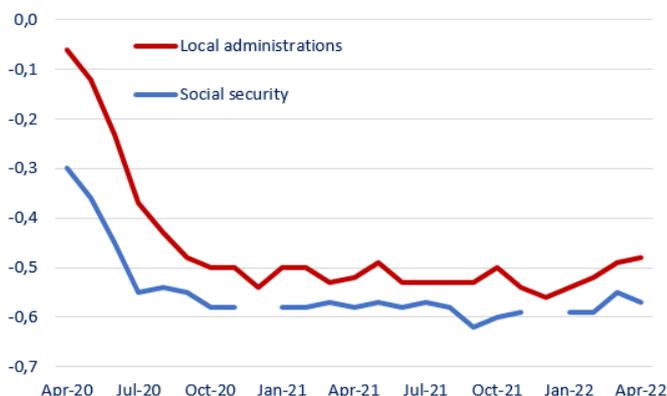
- While they were very close before the health crisis, durations at issuances have since differed depending on the type of public issuers.
- Social security issuers have since the health crisis tapped onto significantly longer durations than they did before, and significantly longer than local public administrations.
- In April, however, there appears to be a convergence of durations on issuances.

Average initial duration of issuance in EURO by type of issuers (in days)

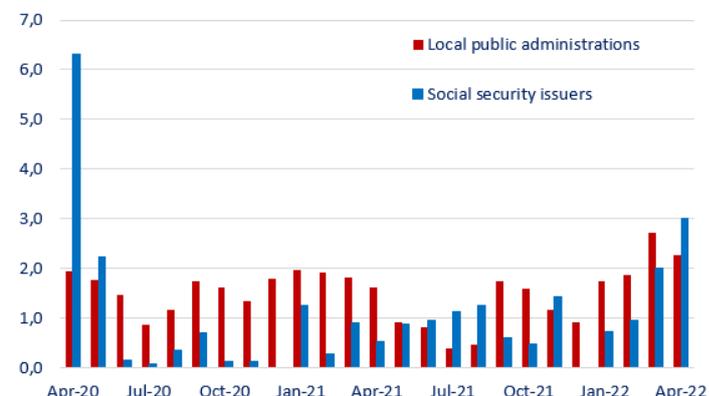


Rate conditions and level of issuances on the 1-month maturity pillar

Average-weighted rate of 1-month euro issuance, by type of public issuer



Volume of issuance on the 1-month pillar (euro billions)



- The spread between social security and local public administrations on the 1-month pillar remains stable (the spread range in average between 5 and 10 bps).
- Social security issuances on the 1-month pillar have been well oriented for a few months (after being rather weak at the end of 2021)

Note: Issuers have been aggregated to region, department or city level according to their status or field of action (Ville de Paris and Lyon Métropole are aggregated with the department level, Île de France Mobilité and Société du Grand Paris with the regional level).

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