

Press release

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- Size of repo line set at €400 million

The European Central Bank (ECB) and Banka e Shqipërisë (Bank of Albania) have agreed to set up a repo line arrangement to provide euro liquidity to Albanian financial institutions to address possible euro liquidity needs in the presence of market dysfunctions due to the COVID-19 shock.

Under a repo line, the ECB provides euro liquidity to a non-euro area central bank in exchange for adequate euro-denominated collateral.

Under the repo line, the Bank of Albania will be able to borrow up to €400 million from the ECB. The maximum maturity of each drawing will be three months. The repo line will remain in place until the end of June 2021, unless an extension is decided.

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• Further information is available at https://www.bankofalbania.org/home/