Daily Bond Auction Preview - 21st May 2026

Previews of UK, EU and US government bond auctions including the size of issuance, time of the auction(s), estimates, redemptions, coupons and analyst commentary.

Spain to sell EUR 5.5-6.5bln 2.60% 2031, 3.00% 2033 and 1.00% 2050 Bono

Analysis:

- The ES-DE 10yr spread has stabilised in a 42-48bp range following the initial unwind at the start of the conflict.
- Due to its usual characteristics, this auction should go fine.

Recent History:

- 2.60% 2031: b/c 1.81x & average yield 2.915%
- 3.00% 2033: b/c 1.96x & average yield 3.107%
- 1.00% 2050: b/c 1.74x & average yield 3.727%

Results due shortly after the 09:30BST bidding deadline

France to sell EUR 1.25-1.75bln 0.60% 2034, 0.10% 2036, 0.10% 2047 OATei and 0.10% 2036 OATi Bond

Analysis:

- French yields have been the worst performing EGB since the start of May, as higher energy prices shift policy expectations hawkishly.
- Despite this, investors could use I/L debt as a way to diversify and take advantage of the higher yield environment. However, French debt in particular may not be of high demand as the most recent PMIs printed further into contractionary (its steepest contraction since the late 2020s).

Recent History:

- 0.60% 2034: No recent history
- 0.10% 2036 OATei: No recent history
- 0.10% 2036 OATi: No recent history
- 0.10% 2047: No recent history

Results due shortly after the 09:50BST bidding deadline

UK to sell GBP 4bln 4.875% 2036 Treasury Gilt

Analysis:

- The political turmoil in the UK has added to the recent pressure in gilts, which has resulted in the 10yr yield to top at 5.20%. Manchester Mayor Burnham is to represent Labour at the Makerfield by-election, paving a way to contest PM Starmer for the top job.
- The debt market has viewed Burnham as the least market-friendly candidate, which has helped lift yields to multi-decade highs, but has calmed recently after comments that he will not change Chancellor Reeves' fiscal rules.
- Demand for UK debt could soften until the political situation becomes more clear and until there is a clear path towards the end of the Iran war.

Recent History:

- 4.875% 2036: No recent history

Results due shortly after the 10:00BST bidding deadline