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Wednesday 17 July 2019

KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

US

- July 15: Empire Manufacturing (Jul)
- July 16:
- o Import Price Index (Jun)
- o Advance Retail Sales (Jun)
- o Industrial Production (Jun)
- o NAHB Index (Jul)
- July 17:
- o Housing Starts (Jun)
- o Building Permits (Jun)
- o Fed's Beige Book
- July 18:
- Philadelphia Fed
 Manufacturing (Jul)
- o CB Leading Indicator (Jun)
- o Initial Claims
- July 19: UM Consuemr Confidence Index (Jul., P)

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- July 16: Germany's ZEW Economic Sentiment (Jul)
- July 17:
- EU27 New Car Registrations (Jun)
- o CPI (Jun)

GREECE

- July 19:
- o Current Account (May)
- Turnover Index in Industry (May)

SEE

BULGARIA:

- July 15:
- o CPI (Jun)
- o Unemployment Rate (Jun)
- July 19: Current Account (May)
 CYPRUS:
- July 17: CPI (Jun)

ROMANIA:

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- July 15: Current Account (May)
 SERBIA:
- July 19: Current Account (May)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL MARKETS: Asian bourses performed quite poorly overnight and European equity markets opened in the red earlier today, as investors await more earnings reports from US corporates and renewed trade uncertainty hurts market sentiment. Turning to fixed income markets, US Treasuries were little changed on the day following yesterday's mixed US data releases. Retail sales increased by a higher than expected 0.4%MoM in June while industrial output was flat in June, confounding expectations for a 0.2%MoM gain. In FX markets, the EUR/USD continued to struggle around 1.1200 as investors hesitate to establish fresh sizable positions ahead of the upcoming policy meetings by the Fed and the ECB later this month. Elsewhere, the GBP came under renewed pressure amid growing fears over a no-deal Brexit scenario. In other news, the European Parliament confirmed yesterday Ursula von der Leyen as the next European Commission President, who received 383 positive votes, above the required absolute majority of 374.

GREECE: Greece managed to access the international markets for the third time in 2019 with the issuance of a 2.5 bn 7-year bond at a yield of 1.9%. The total amount raised by Greece from the beginning of the year stands at 7,5 bn against annual financing needs of 7.0bn according to the PDMA.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

CYPRUS: Tourism revenues declined by -1.9% YoY in January-April 2019.

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Latest world economic & market developments

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian bourses performed quite poorly overnight and European equity markets opened in the red earlier today, as investors await more earnings reports from US corporates and renewed trade uncertainty hurts market sentiment. Speaking at a Cabinet meeting yesterday, US President Donald Trump stressed that the US and China have a long way to go to seal a trade deal and warned that the US administration could impose tariffs on an additional \$325bn worth of Chinese imports, if needed. Turning to fixed income markets, US Treasuries were little changed on the day following yesterday's mixed US data releases. Retail sales increased by a higher than expected 0.4%MoM in June mainly due to higher purchases of motor vehicles, while, industrial output was flat in June, confounding expectations for a 0.2%MoM gain. The implied probability of a 50bp rate cut at the 30-31 July FOMC policy meeting is still at a non-negligible 28%, while the probability of a 25bps rate cut, which seems as a more likely scenario, is almost fully priced-in. In FX markets, the EUR/USD continued to struggle around 1.1200 as investors hesitate to establish fresh sizable positions ahead of the upcoming policy meetings by the Fed and the ECB later this month. Elsewhere, the GBP came under renewed pressure testing levels slightly below 1.2400 against the USD while the EUR/GBP moved above 0.9000 for the first time since early January, amid growing fears over a no-deal Brexit scenario. Sky News reported yesterday that Eurosceptic Boris Johnson who is highly likely to win the Conservative party leadership contest and become the next UK PM, is considering suspending parliament around the 31 October Brexit deadline to prevent MPs from blocking a no-deal Brexit. In other news, the European Parliament confirmed yesterday as the next European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen who received 383 positive votes, above the required absolute majority of 374.

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GREECE

Greece managed to access the international markets for the third time in 2019 with the issuance of a €2.5 bn 7-year bond at a yield of 1.9%. According to press reports, there was strong demand for the new 7-year bond by long term investors. The total amount raised by Greece from the beginning of the year stands at €7,5 bn against annual financing needs of €7.obn according to the PDMA. Klaus Regling, the ESM's Managing Director, in a speech yday mentioned that the reform drive of the new government to stimulate the business environment and investment climate is welcome as long as the country respects the established surveillance framework and its programme commitments. According to the preliminary State Budget Execution data for January - June 2019 the overall fiscal balance registered a deficit of €2.7 bn, against a targeted deficit of €4.8 bn in the 2019 Budget and a deficit of €0.05 bn in the respective period of 2018. The State Budget Primary Balance recorded a surplus of €0.4 bn, against a targeted primary deficit of €1.6 bn in the 2019 Budget. State Budget net revenue over-performed its target by €1.9 bn mainly as a result of increased revenues from a) taxes (€o.4 bn), b) Transfers (including Public Investment Budget Revenues) by €0.6 bn and c) revenues from privatizations (mainly the revenues from the extension of the concession rights of the Athens International Airport received in March 2019 and amounting to €1.2 bn). Tax refunds were above their 2019 Budget target by €0.2 bn. State Budget expenditure was lower by €0.2 bn compared to the respective 2019 Budget target despite the fact that the majority of the expenditure items where above their 2019 Budget targets, mainly as a result of the expansionary measures (allowance to pensioners) introduced in May 2019, with the exception of interest payments, purchases of 2 fixed assets and Public Investment Budget expenditure.



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Latest economic & market developments in the CESEE region

CYPRUS

On the data front, tourism revenues declined by -1.9% YoY in January-April 2019 to €375.2mn, down from €382.5mn compared to the same period last year. On top, the corresponding statistics for expenditure per person are on a declining trend. The expenditure per person for the 4M-2019 period reached €546,32 compared to €559,54 in the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a decrease of 2.4%. In fact, the expenditure per person/per day for the period of January-April 2019 compared to the period of January-April 2018 remained flat (from €66,61 to €66,62). This declining trend is attributed to a number of reasons, not least to the changing composition of tourist origin markets, which is shifting towards ones with lower income and purchasing power (e.g. Eastern Europe) and the disruption of the traditional tourist product from new digital platforms of the sharing economy (e.g. Airbnb).

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2017	2018	2019F
Real GDP growth %	3.8	3.1	3.5
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.2	2.6	2.8
Fiscal Balance/GDP*	0.8	0.1	-0.5
Current Account/GDP	3.1	4.6	1.0

on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2017	2018	2019F
Real GDP growth %	4.5	3.9	3.3
HICP (pa, yoy %)	0.7	0.8	1.0
Fiscal Balance/GDP*	1.8	2.9	3.0
Current Account/GDP	-8.4	-7.0	-7.5

* ESA 2010

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2017	2018	2019F
Real GDP growth %	2.0	4.3	3.5
CPI (pa, yoy %)	3.2	2.0	2.6
Fiscal Balance/GDP	1.1	0.6	-0.5
Current Account/GDP	-5.2	-5.2	-5.3

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities



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SERBIA	Ba3	BB	BB			
ROMANIA	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-			
BULGARIA	Baa2	BBB-	BBB			
CYPRUS	Ba2	BBB-	BB+			

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