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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

European equity markets opened lower on market anxiety ahead of the ECB's monetary policy meeting later today, where the GC is expected to increase the size of its Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP). On the flip side, the majority of Asian bourses firmed in today's session on signs of recovery in the global economy as governments continue to gradually lift lockdowns. US data released y-day revealed that the May's non-manufacturing ISM headline rose by 3.6pts from April's 11-year lows to 45.4, while ADP private payrolls fell by a lower-than-expected 2.76mn in May following a record high drop of 19.56mn in April. Elsewhere, the EUR/USD continued to consolidate slightly above 1.12 supported by news that the German coalition government agreed on a second stimulus package worth €130bn, or 3.8% of GDP.

Greece

Today's EWG is expected to give the green light for the next disbursement of SMP/ANFA income equivalent amounts and the reduction to zero of the step-up interest margin on certain EFSF loans, estimated in total at €748m. However, the decision for the change of the use of this amount towards boosting investments is pushed back to September. Meanwhile, the BoG published a regulatory framework for digital customer onboarding. The new Act - all the more important under the pandemic circumstances - encourages the development of flexible and technologically innovative service delivery models in the financial sector, introduces a regulatory framework that is in line with those in most EU Member States, and ensures a level playing field for domestic institutions. Finally, Q1 Greek GDP to be released today.

CESEE

Bulgaria: According to local media press, the country is entitled to a significant increase in the allocated EU funds in the new EU programme period 2021-2027. The EC has proposed a EUR16.7bn package to fund the operating programmes and agriculture policy, as well as an additional EUR12.3bn under the new EC's recovery fund from the Covid19 crisis. The funds from the EC's Next Generation EU will be split to EUR9.2bn for grants and EUR3.1bn for loans. Deputy Prime Minister, Tomislav Donchev has clarified that the designated EU funds for Bulgaria in the 2021-2027 period have increased by EUR 1.3bn, compared to the previous 2014-2020 programme period, on the back of higher payments under the EU's cohesion fund, the fund for regional development, as well as the EU's social policy fund.

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