



# **GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

# April 13, 2020

#### **Global Markets**

OPEC+ agreed on Sunday to reduce oil output by 9.7mn bpd for May-June, the biggest cut ever, to support oil prices as the COVID-19 outbreak has severely curtailed global demand. In a knee-jerk reaction to supply cut agreement, oil prices opened higher early today but failed to embark on a sustained upward trend amid market worries that the agreement will fall short of completely offsetting an estimated 30mn bpd drop in global fuel consumption. Brent crude was hovering around \$31.84/bbl in early European trade at the time of writing, down from today's session peak near \$34.00/bbl, c. 52% lower year-to-date. Meanwhile, in FX markets both the JPY and the CHF were firmer favored by their safe-haven appeal, amid somewhat subdued trading as certain financial markets are closed today for the Easter Monday holiday.

#### Greece

To support the economy, additional measures are examined such as the extraordinary settlement in 10 monthly installments with a very low interest rate for the repayment of taxes and debts that were suspended due to COVID19. For the support of tourism in particular, some potential measures include abolishing the overnight stay fee, reducing the VAT rate and reducing the tax advance payment for this year. In order to enhance state revenues, the government is examining a discount of 5% -10% on income and property tax for all tax payers, provided that they pay in lump sum and by the deadline of the first installment. On the economic data front, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Mar-20 remained unchanged compared to Mar-19, while on a monthly basis, the CPI in Mar-20 increased by 1.6%.

#### **CESEE**

Bulgaria: Prime Minister Boiko Borissov announced on Friday that the country will apply for the ERM2 by the end of April, after discussing the plan with EU institutions' officials. As of late February, the government had made solid progress in the ERM2 entry requirements application checklist. The checklist has been a part of a roadmap agreed with EU institutions and ECB, following the country's official request in July 2018 as part of its endorsed strategy to simultaneously join the ERM2 and the Banking Union. Yet, Mr. Borissov decided to delay the application until July in order to buy time and build an absolute consensus within the country. The Covid19 pandemic outbreak had also created expectations, a view shared by the Central Bank governor, that the ERM2 application would no longer be realistic by the forthcoming summer.

## **Contributing Authors**

Paraskevi Petropoulou Senior Economist

**Anna Dimitriadou** Economic Analyst ppetropoulou@eurobank.gr andimitriadou@eurobank.gr

**Ioannis Gkionis** Senior Economist igkionis@eurobank.gr





#### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Stock market	s		
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2789.82	1.45%	-13.6%
Nikkei 225	19043.40	-2.3%	-19.5%
STOXX 600	331.80	1.6%	-20.2%



Government Bonds				
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
UST - 10yr	0.71	-1	-121	
Bund-10yr	-0.35	0	-16	
JGB - 10yr	0.02	0	3	





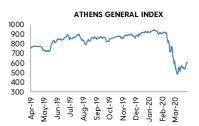


#### **GREECE**

## Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	1.36	0	87
10Y Bond	1.77	0	34
Δ(10YBund- 10YGGB)	2.12	0	50





## **EMERGING MARKETS**

Stock	markets

	Last	ΔD	ΔΥΙΟ
SOFIX	445.43	2.3%	-21.6%
BELEX	682.94	-0.5%	-1481.2%
XU100	96470.97	0.7%	-1569.1%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5539	0.0%	-6.6%
EUR/RSD	117.604	-0.1%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.7538	-0.7%	-11.9%



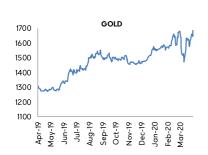


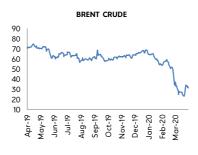


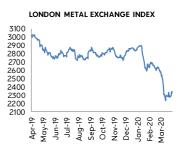


## COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1691	-0.3%	11.4%
BRENT CRUDE	32	2.0%	-51.3%
IMEX	23/11	0.9%	-17 7%







Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Economic Analysis and Financial Markets Research

Data updated as of 09:45 EEST





# **Research Team**



**Dr. Tasos Anastasatos** | Group Chief Economist tanastasatos@eurobank.gr | + 30 214 40 59 706



Anna Dimitriadou Economic Analyst andimitriadou@eurobank.gr + 30 210 37 18 793



Ioannis Gkionis Senior Economist igkionis@eurobank.gr + 30 214 40 59 707



**Dr. Stylianos Gogos** Economic Analyst sgogos@eurobank.gr + 30 210 37 18 733



Maria Kasola Economic Analyst mkasola@eurobank.gr + 30 210 33 18 708



Olga Kosma Research Economist okosma@eurobank.gr + 30 210 37 18 728



Paraskevi Petropoulou Senior Economist ppetropoulou@eurobank.gr + 30 210 37 18 991



**Dr. Theodoros Stamatiou**Senior Economist
tstamatiou@eurobank.gr
+ 30 214 40 59 708



Elia Tsiampaou Economic Analyst etsiampaou@eurobank.gr + 30 214 40 59 712

More research available at: https://www.eurobank.gr/en/group/economic-research Subscribe electronically at: https://www.eurobank.gr/el/omilos/oikonomikes-analiseis. Follow us on twitter: https://twitter.com/Eurobank\_Group Follow us on LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/eurobank

#### DISCLAIMER

This report has been issued by Eurobank S.A. ("Eurobank") and may not be reproduced in any manner or provided to any other person. Each person that receives a copy by acceptance thereof represents and agrees that it will not distribute or provide it to any other person. This report is not an offer to buy or sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell the securities mentioned herein. Eurobank and others associated with it may have positions in, and may effect transactions in securities of companies mentioned herein and may also perform or seek to perform investment banking services for those companies. The investments discussed in this report may be unsuitable for investors, depending on the specific investment objectives and financial position. The information contained herein is for informative purposes only and has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but it has not been verified by Eurobank. The opinions expressed herein may not necessarily coincide with those of any member of Eurobank. No representation or warranty (express or implied) is made as to the accuracy, completeness, correctness, timeliness or fairness of the information or opinions herein, all of which are subject to change without notice. No responsibility or liability whatsoever or howsoever arising is accepted in relation to the contents hereof by Eurobank or any of its directors, officers or employees. Any articles, studies, comments etc. reflect solely the views of their author. Any unsigned notes are deemed to have been produced by the editorial team. Any articles, studies, comments etc.

