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Global markets

On the back of US banning Russian oil and other energy imports and the UK phasing out Russian oil imports until end-2022, Brent crude firmed again today standing at USD130.65/bbl, above y-day's close of USD127.98/bbl. The EUR/USD is currently around 1.0923, a modest recovery from Monday's 22-month low of 1.0852, ahead of the Governing Council ECB meeting on Thu and on news that according to unnamed officials the EU may be discussing a joint bond issuance for energy and defense. The GBP/USD is moving more sluggishly in the same direction, hovering around 1.3120 currently after y-day's 16-month low of 1.3079. On economic news, Q4-2021 sa GDP was unrevised at 0.3%QoQ/4.6%YoY in the EA and 0.4%QoQ/4.8%YoY in the EU in the final estimate from 2.3%QoQ/4.0%YoY and 2.2%QoQ/4.2%YoY in Q3 respectively.

Greece

According to the Governor of the BoG Yiannis Stournaras, shortly before **Russia's invasion to Ukraine** Greece's GDP growth rate for 2022 was expected at 5%. The contributing factors are the boost of private consumption due to the gradual de-escalation of the high savings rate, the funds from the RRF that will be invested in high value-added projects that support growth in various sectors and the increased ability of the banking system to contribute to the financing of sustainable investment projects. However, **Russia's** invasion to Ukraine creates a serious disruption in supply, which negatively affects production and significantly increases energy prices, which are likely to rise further in the future. He concluded that continued inflationary pressures on imports' prices could limit private consumption and growth momentum.

CESEE

The final Q4-2021 GDP print for the Bulgarian economy came in at 4.7%YoY slowing down from 5.0%YoY in Q3 and 7.3%YoY in Q2 and picking up from -1.4%YoY in Q1. The figure released yesterday, surpassed the recent flash estimate of 4.5%YoY, bringing the FY 2021 GDP growth print at 4.2% (vs **government's forecast** of 4.0%). In Romania, the state statistical office revised upwards the GDP growth for 2021 to 5.9%, from 5.6% estimated in its recently published flash report. In other news, at its regular MPC meeting yesterday, the National Bank of Poland proceeded with an interest rate hike by 75bps bringing the Key Policy Rate (KPR) at 3.50%. The decision beat to the upside the market consensus, which was expecting a fourth straight 50bps KPR hike.

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