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# DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION

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## KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### US

- Jun 13
  - UST Secretary Mnuchin testifies on Senate
     Budget Committee
- Jun 14
  - o CPI (May)
  - o Retail sales (May)
  - FOMC meeting & press conf & macro forecasts
- Jun 15
  - o Empire State Index (Mav)
  - Initial claims (weekly)
  - Philly Fed (Jun)
  - o Industrial prod (Apr)
  - o NAHB (May)
- Jun 16
  - o Housing starts (May)
  - Housing permits (May)
  - UoM cons conf (Jun, p)

#### **EUROZONE**

- Jun 13
  - o DE: ZEW (Jun)
  - ES: Rajoy faces no-conf. vote in parliament
- Jun 16
  - o HICP (May)
  - $\circ \quad \text{Ecofin meeting} \quad$
- June 18: FR: Election of the National Assembly run-off

#### GREECE

- Jun 15
  - o Eurogroup
  - o U/E rate (Q1, 2017)

#### SEE

#### BULGARIA

- Jun 14: CPI (May)
- Jun 15: U/E rate (May)

#### **ROMANIA**

- Jun 12
  - o CPI (May)
  - T-bonds auction
- Jun 13
  - Net wages (Apr)
  - o CAD (Apr)
- Jun 14: Industrial output/sales (Apri)

#### **SERBIA**

- Jun 12: CPI (May)
- June 13: 2019 T-bonds auction
- Sovereign credit rating review by S&P and Fitch

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

**GLOBAL MARKETS:** Preliminary results from the first round of legislative elections in France that were held on Sunday 11th of June suggest that President Emmanuel Macron's party La République En Marche and its allies are set to win around 32% of the vote and well over 400 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly, the biggest parliamentary majority since 1993. The outcome of the first round favored government bonds with the 10-yr OAT/Bund yield spread narrowing to multiweek lows. In Italy, amid reduced risk of snap elections the 10-yr BTP yield droped to the lowest in more than five months. In FX markets, the outcome of the legislative ballot in France and the municipal elections in Italy exerted some positive impact on EUR while GBP remained under pressure amid increased political uncertainty after last week's inconclusive election outcome. This week's major key event is the Fed's two-day monetary policy meeting that concludes on Wednesday where a 25bps rate hike is fully priced-in.

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#### **SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE**

**BULGARIA:** Bulgarian equities ended mixed last week with all major benchmarks pointing to losses except for the blue-chip SOFIX. Meanwhile, the domestic sovereign debt yield curve was little changed except for the 3 and 4 year tenors, with corresponding yields sliding by 11-12 basis points on the week. Eurobond yields also marked declines between 5 and 9 bps.

**SERBIA:** The EUR/RSD found support at 122.05/25 last week following renewed Central Bank intervention in the FX market aimed at halting further appreciation of the dinar.

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### Latest world economic & market developments

#### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

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S&P 500



Source: Reuters, Bloombera, Eurobank Research

#### **GREECE**

The French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire is expected to visit Athens today to hold meetings with the Greek PM Alexis Tsipras, the Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos and the Governor of the Bank of Greece Yiannis Stournaras. During his visit he will reportedly discuss the French proposal regarding the Greek public debt, according to which the scope of the debt relief measures will depend on the GDP growth in the medium-term, i.e. weak growth may lead to the extension of debt maturities and grace periods and vice versa. The goal of the French intervention is to bridge the differences between the European partners and the IMF on the issue of debt so that Greece can return to the financial markets sooner and the ECB can include it in its QE programme. Although according to press reports the said proposal may be discussed at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Eurogroup it is considered unlikely that a more specific agreement on debt relief will be reached at this stage. Instead, it is more likely that the issue will be dealt with more thoroughly after the German elections and once the new German government has been formed, expected sometime before the end of 2017. With regard to the IMF's participation in the programme, based on last week's comments on the issue by IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde and spokesperson Gerry Rice, as things stand the most probable option is for the Fund to agree "in principle" to support the programme on a technical level, in anticipation of a more comprehensive deal on debt relief. With respect to the conclusion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> programme review, following the latest legislative initiatives of the Greek government, it is expected that a positive compliance report will be drafted that will allow for the political approval of the next loan disbursement by the June 15<sup>th</sup> Eurogroup. The size of the said loan disbursement may be between €7.4 to €11 bn.

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f	
Real GDP growth %	3.6	3.5	3.0	
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-0.1	-0.7	0.6	
Budget Balance/GDP*	-2.9	-0.8	-1.4	
Current Account/GDP	0.4	3.0	1.5	
EUR/BGN (eop)	1.9558			
	2016	current	2017	
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
* on a cash basis				

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	1.7	2.8	3.0
HICP (pa, yoy %)	-1.5	-1.1	0.5
Budget Balance/GDP*	0.0	-0.3	-0.6
Current Account/GDP	-3.0	-2.8	-3.3

\* ESA 2010

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

ROMANIA: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	3.7	5.0	3.5
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-0.6	-1.8	1.5
Budget Balance/GDP *	-1.9	-2.8	-3.7
Current Account/GDP	-1.1	-3.0	-3.2
EUR/RON (eop)	4.48	4.54	4.60
	2016	current	2017
Policy Rate (eop)	1.75	1.75	1.75

\* on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	0.8	2.8	3.0
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.9	1.2	2.1
Budget Balance/GDP	-3.7	-1.4	-1.3
Current Account/GDP	-4.7	-4.0	-3.9
EUR/RSD (eop)	121.38	123.40	125.5
	2016	current	2017
Policy Rate (eop)	4.00	4.00	4.00

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities



Credit Ratings								
L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch					
SERBIA	Ва3	BB-	BB-					
ROMANIA	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-					
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-					
CYPRUS	B1	BB+	BB-					

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#### **BULGARIA**

Bulgarian equities ended mixed last week with all major benchmarks pointing to losses except for the blue-chip SOFIX. The latter snapped a seven-day winning streak on Thursday, but managed to stay on positive ground for the week adding 0.66% to end at 674.93 points on Friday. The weekly turnover was above the three-month average reaching its highest value since November 2016 at EUR 6.4mn. Meanwhile, the domestic sovereign debt yield curve was little changed except for paper of 3 and 4 year tenors, with corresponding yields sliding by 11-12 basis points on the week. Eurobond yields also declined last week, falling between 5 and 9 bps.

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#### **SERBIA**

Following a 2-month slide from a 123.90 high seen in mid-April, the EUR/RSD found support at 122.05/25 last week following renewed Central Bank (NBS) intervention in the FX market aimed at halting further appreciation of the dinar. In more detail, the pair's up-move towards 122.50 started on Tuesday after NBS bought €30mn in the FX market soothing selling pressures on the pair. The dinar's retreat continued on Wednesday and Thursday, with the pair reaching a weekly high at 122.55/75. We believe that at these levels selling pressures on the EUR/RSD are likely to emerge anew, as we see this move only as a temporary pull-back due profit taking and one-off increase in demand for euros.

In other news, the monetary policy meeting rendered no surprises last week, with the committee maintaining the key policy rate at 4.00%. The Central Bank gave a reassuring note that the recent inflation spike will likely prove temporary and is caused by one-off factors. On top of that, the dinar's strengthening (+1.3% since April), should additionally help imported inflation to ease off. Meanwhile, the latest annual consumer price inflation, also released last week, accelerated to 4.0% in April from 3.6% in March. Nonetheless, the Central Bank has repeatedly noted that the annual inflation rate is expected to remain within target the band of 1.5%-4.5% in the next two years.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

Last

2431.77

19908.58

388.61

ΔD

-0.1%

-0.5%

-0.5%

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8.6%

4.2%

7.5%

FOREX

EUR/USD

GBP/USD

USD/JPY

Last

1.1225

1.2731

110.08

ΔD

0.3%

-0.1%

0.2%

ΔYTD

6.7%

3.0%

6.3%

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Government Bonds

Last

2.21

0.25

0.06

(yields)

UST - 10yr

Bund-10yr

JGB - 10yr



ΔD

0.1%

0.2%

1.0%

ΔYTD

10.1%

-15.1%

3.7%

Last

1268

48

2759

Commodities

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GOLD

LMEX

ΔDbps ΔYTD bps

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0

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S&P 500

Nikkei 225

STOXX 600

SERBIA				ROMANIA				BULGARIA				
Money Mark	et			Money Mark	et			Money Marke	t			
BELIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	ROBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	SOFIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
T/N	3.01	-1	1	O/N	0.47	1	-9	LEONIA	-0.24	0	-24	
1-week	3.16	-2	-1	1-month	0.59	-1	-17	1-month	-0.16	0	0	
1-month	3.34	-1	-1	3-month	0.82	-1	-8	3-month	-0.08	0	-1	
3-month	3.52	-1	5	6-month	1.01	-1	-10	6-month	0.04	0	-4	
6-month	3.72	1	6	12-month	1.19	-2	-6	12-month	0.42	0	1	
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3Y RSD	4.90	#N/A N/A	-14	3Y RON	1.35	-1	-27	3Y BGN	-0.01	2	-16	
5Y RSD	5.26	0	-9	5Y RON	2.25	0	-27	5Y BGN	0.14	1	-36	
7Y RSD	5.63	0	0	10Y RON	3.37	0	-28	10Y BGN	1.56	0	-35	
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USD Nov-24	6.31	-1	-03 -10	USD Jan-24	3.26	11	-29 -59	EUR Sep-24	1.39	-85	-30	
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BELEX15	720.8	0.29%	0.48%	BET	8490.3	-0.29%	19.83%	SOFIX	679.1	0.48%	15.80%	
FOREX				FOREX				FOREX				
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	
EUR/RSD	122.45	-0.09%	0.82%	EUR/RON	4.5618	0.01%	-0.50%	USD/BGN	1.7425	0.26%	6.65%	
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