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HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

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SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

CYPRUS: According to media reports, Cyprus's finance ministry is marketing a 7-year Eurobond under its €9bn Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme.

CESEE MARKETS: CESEE stock markets traded water earlier on Tuesday after yesterday's post-French-election rally. Elsewhere, regional currencies and government bonds were mixed, with the Hungarian forint trading little changed ahead of the conclusion of the MPC meeting later on the day.

KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK US

- Jun 19: Fed's Dudley & Evans speak
- June 20
 - o Fed's Fisher, Rosengren & Kaplan speak
 - Secretary Mnuchin addresses SelectUSA Investment Summit
- Jun 21: Existing home sales (May) Jun 22
 - Jobless claims (weekly) Fed's Powell speaks
- Jun 23
 - New home sales (May) Markit PMI
 - manufacturing (Jun, p) o Fed's Mester, Powell
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 - review by Moody's

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- Jun 19: EU to formally start Brexit talks
- June 23: PMI manufacturing & services (Jun)

GREECE

- Jun 20: Current account balance (Apr)
- Jun 21: Developments in the balance of travel services (Apr)
- Jun 23: Sovereign credit rating review by Moody's

SEE **BULGARIA**

• Jun 19: Current account balance (Apr)

ROMANIA

- June 22: T-bonds auction **SERBIA**
- Jun 20: Current account balance (Apr)
- June 21: 2020 2% EUR Tbonds auction
- June 22: Floating 2019 Tbonds auction

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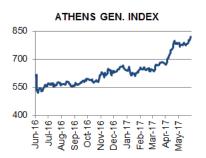
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GLOBAL MARKETS

US Treasury yields were modestly higher in European trade following comments by NY Fed President William Dudley that US inflation will gradually rise alongside wages as labour market conditions continue to improve. The 10-yr yield hit a multi-session high above 2.19% earlier today before retreating modestly close to 2.18% at the time of writing with the UST yield curve undertaking some bearish flattening. Turning to EU periphery, sovereign bonds retained a firm tone supported by pro-EU centrist Emmanuel Macron's comfortable majority in French parliamentary elections while ECB President Mario Draghi's recent comments suggesting that the Central Bank is in no hurry to exit its QE programme, also continued to have an impact. Italy and Spain outperformed while Portugal lagged behind. Meanwhile, the 10-yr French sovereign paper was standing not too far from last week's seven-month low of c. 0.58% with the spread against its German counterpart hovering around 34.5bps, more than 40bps lower from a year-to-date peak marked in mid-February at the height of French election jitters. In FX markets, higher US Treasury yields supported USD with the DXY index recording a three-week high of 97.623 at some point earlier in the day. Against this background, EUR/USD moved lower approaching last week's 1.1130 multi-week low. Elsewhere, GBP weakened amid uncertainty over domestic politics and the UK government's Brexit strategy as formal Brexit negotiations started on Monday. With respect to the sequence of talks, Britain and the EU agreed to focus at the first stages of negotiations on Britain's exit bill and on rights of EU citizens living and working in the UK and vice versa, in line with Brussels' longstanding demand for the structure of discussions. There are no major data releases today. Focus is on a number of Fed officials including Stanley Fischer and Rober Kaplan who are scheduled to speak later in the day.

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GREECE

The Bank of Greece released today the balance of payments for April 2017. On an annual basis, the current account deficit almost halved coming in at - ϵ 461.7 million. The improvement is due to a decrease in the goods deficit by ϵ 196.3 million, an increase in the services surplus by ϵ 96.7 million and an increase in the primary income surplus of ϵ 176.4 million. Exports of goods increased by ϵ 258 million attributable to an increase in exports of oil, which offset the drop in exports of ships and goods excl. oil and ships. Receipts in all services categories increased. According to the Hellenic Statistical Authority the overall turnover index in industry in April 2017 recorded an increase of 10.7%YOY compared to a decrease of -13.9%YOY that it had recorded in April 2016. With regard to the industrial sections, the turnover index in mining and quarrying increased 3.6%YOY while the corresponding index for manufacturing increased by 10.8%YOY. With regard to the geographical allocation, the turnover index in industry for the non-domestic market increased by 33.4%YOY while for the domestic market it fell by -3.7%YOY. On a monthly basis, the overall turnover in industry in April 2017 recorded a decrease of -9.8%MOM.

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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 National Authorities	, Euroban	k Research,	

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	Ba3	BB-	BB-					
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-					
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-					
CYPRUS	B1	BB+	BB-					

Latest economic & market developments in the CESEE region

CYPRUS

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According to media reports, Cyprus's finance ministry is marketing a 7-year Eurobond under its ϵ gbn Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme. The initial price target has been reportedly set at 3%. On Monday, news circulated that the Cypriot government had appointed Citi, Goldman Sachs and HSBC as lead managers for the paper. The issue matures on June 27, 2024 and bears a fixed annual coupon. The transaction is expected to be completed today. The government also plans to proceed with the buyback/switch of three outstanding securities. Namely, 4.75% June 2019 notes, 4.625% February 2020 paper and 6.5% May 2020. The new issue will be the 5th since Cyprus's 2012-2013 financial crisis, with government bond yields having fallen significantly since then. It is worth recalling that following the latest round of sovereign rating assessments, major rating agencies appear to continue having divergent views on Cyprus. Currently, the distance from investment grade status is one notch for S&P (currently at BB+, last upgrade in mid-March), four notches for Moody's (currently at B1), and three notches for Fitch (currently at BB-).

The lack of investment grade status currently prevents Cyprus from joining the ECB's PSPP program. Yet, Cypriot bond yields are on a declining trend since mid-2016 outperforming those of Portugal in the Euroarea periphery. On the domestic front, the reform momentum seems to have stalled ahead of the Presidential elections in 2018. Still, a handful of unfinished structural reforms need to progress in the areas of privatizations, public and health sectors, while addressing the challenges of a still high bad loans stock (NPEs ratio at 47% in Dec2016, the second highest in EA).

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CESEE MARKETS

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Looking into the remainder of the week in the CESEE space, focus is mostly on political developments. The parliamentary endorsement of President Aleksandar Vucic's nominee Ana Brnabic for the post of the prime minister takes centre stage on Thursday. In Romania, a no confidence motion filed by the ruling coalition government against incumbent Prime Minister is scheduled for Wednesday (8am GMT). Government bond auctions in Serbia (EUR 2020), Romania and Hungary as well as the MPC meeting minutes in Poland draw market attention tomorrow. On Friday, Hungary, Serbia and Romania sell T-bonds.

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Stock markets	Stock markets FOREX				Government Bonds				Commodities						
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	(yields)	Last	∆Dbps	∆YTD bps		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2453.46	0.8%	9.6%	EUR/USD	1.1145	0.0%	5.9%	UST - 10yr	2.19	1	-25	GOLD	1246	0.2%	8.2%
Nikkei 225	20230.41	0.8%	5.8%	GBP/USD	1.2751	0.1%	3.2%	Bund-10yr	0.28	0	7	BRENT CRUDE	47	0.4%	-17.1%
STOXX 600	392.93	0.3%	8.7%	USD/JPY	111.74	-0.2%	4.7%	JGB - 10yr	0.06	1	1	LMEX	2745	0.9%	3.2%

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T/N	3.00	0	0	O/N	0.43	0	-13	LEONIA	-0.22	2	-22
1-week	3.14	-1	-3	1-month	0.59	0	-17	1-month	-0.16	0	0
1-month	3.34	0	-1	3-month	0.83	0	-7	3-month	-0.08	0	-1
3-month	3.56	0	9	6-month	1.01	0	-10	6-month	0.04	0	-4
6-month	3.75	0	9	12-month	1.18	0	-7	12-month	0.42	0	1
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	Last	∆Dbps	∆YTD bps		Last	∆Dbps	∆YTD bps	(yields)	Last	∆Dbps	∆YTD bps
3Y RSD	4.88	0	-16	3Y RON	1.33	0	-29	3Y BGN	-0.03	-1	-19
5Y RSD	5.25	0	-11	5Y RON	2.23	0	-29	5Y BGN	0.18	-2	-32
7Y RSD	5.62	0	-1	10Y RON	3.40	0	-25	10Y BGN	1.59	0	-31
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5-year	158	-1	-49	5-year	104	0	-5	5-year	111	2	-41
10-year	211	0	-44	10-year	155	0	3	10-year	156	0	-38
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FOREX	Last	ΔD	ΔΥΤD	FOREX	Last	ΔD	ΔΥΤD	FOREX	Last	ΔD	ΔΥΤD
EUR/RSD	121.85	0.05%	1.32%	EUR/RON	4.5915	0.08%	-1.14%	USD/BGN	1.7551	-0.04%	5.89%
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