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DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION Monday, September 05, 2016

KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

GLOBAL

US

- Sep 6: ISM non-manufacturing (Aug)
- Sept 8: Jobless claims (weekly)

EUROZONE

- Sep 5: PMI (Aug, f)
- Sep 6: GDP (Q2, f)
- Sep 8: ECB monetary policy meeting & press conference
- Sep 9/10: Eurogroup/Ecofin meetings

GREECE

- Sep 7: Commercial transactions (Jul, p)
- Sep 8
- Labour force survey (Jun, p)
- Motor Vehicle Circulation Licenses (Aug)
- Sep 9
 - Eurogroup
 - o Industrial production (Jul)
 - o CPI (Aug)

CYPRUS

- Sep 6: HICP (Aug)
- Sep 8: GDP (Q2, f)

<u>SEE</u> BULGARIA

- Sept 9
 - o Retail sales (Jul)
 - Industrial production (Jul)

ROMANIA

- Sep 5: Retail sales (Jul)
- Sep 6
 - Net wages (Jul)
 - o GDP (Q2,p)
- Sept 8: 3.25% 2021 T-bonds auction
- Sept 9: Trade balance (Jul)

SERBIA

- Sep 8
 - o MPC meeting
 - o €100mn 2.5% 5-year Tbonds auction

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL MARKETS: US non-farm payrolls rose by 151k in August, less than the 180k market consensus following an upwardly revised 275k gain in the prior month. Though the August headline came in lower than expected, we should not rush to rule out completely the prospect of a rate hike in the coming months. In response to the weaker than expected US employment report, the USD moved lower, major European bourses were firmer in early trade on Monday, US long-dated Treasury yields were slightly higher while short-dated US yields were little changed.

GREECE: The 9 September Eurogroup will discuss, among others, the current state of the macroeconomic adjustment programme to Greece and in particular, the implementation of the milestones and progress with arrears clearance as defined in the Eurogroup statement on Greece of 25 May as well as the next steps for the second review. Fitch Ratings affirmed Greece's long-term foreign and local currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) at 'CCC'.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

ROMANIA: The EUR/RON ended little changed last week, remaining bound within its recent trading range. On the money market, the recent small spike in short term rates related to month-end tax payments has already faded, with RON interest rates already falling back towards the Central Bank's deposit facility rate of 0.25%. Government bonds kicked off the week on the back foot, in view of a large issuance calendar for September (RON 4.3bn) and caution ahead of the release of the US non-farm payrolls (NFP) last Friday and the upcoming Fed meeting.

SERBIA: The EUR/RSD remained mostly above 123.00 last week as the National bank of Serbia (NBS) intervened in the FX markets in order to stem any further dinar appreciation.

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Latest world economic & market developments

GLOBAL MARKETS

US non-farm payrolls rose by 151k in August, less than the 180k market consensus following an upwardly revised 275k gain in the prior month. Though the August headline came in lower than expected, we should not rush to rule out completely the prospect of a rate hike in the coming months. The reason is that payroll figures for August tend to disappoint over the last few years due to season effects and are usually subject to upward revisions. Speaking soon after the release of the August employment report on Friday, Richmond Fed President Jeffrey Lacker noted that that payrolls are growing at "double the rate needed to keep pace with growth in the working-age population" and that the U.S. economy appears strong enough to warrant significantly higher interest rates adding that he still favours raising rates sooner than later. With the US report out of the way, market focus is on several Fed officials who are scheduled to speak in the coming sessions for clues on whether a rate hike could potentially come at the next Fed monetary policy meeting on September 21-22 or later. The August nonfarm payrolls report also showed that average hourly earnings rose by a lower than expected 0.1%mom taking the annual rate of increase to 2.4% from 2.6% in July. The unemployment rate remained stable at 4.9% against expectations for a modest decline to 4.8%. In response to the modestly weaker than expected US employment report, major European bourses were firmer in early trade on Monday, US long-dated Treasury yields were slightly higher at the time of writing while short-dated US yields were little changed on the prevailing market view that the Fed will not rush to push interest rates higher any time soon. In FX markets, the USD was modesty weaker with the DXY index hovering around 95.650 in late European trade following a spike to 96.239 in the prior session ahead of the US data release. The EUR/USD was trading close to 1.1175/79 after falling to as low as 1.1120 at some point early last week with investors eagerly awaiting the ECB monetary policy meeting on Thursday (September 8). Though market consensus is for unchanged interest rates, an extension of the Asset Purchase Programme (APP) beyond March 2017 and adjustments in the technical parameters of the programme to address the bond scarcity issues seem to be highly likely.

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GREECE

The 9 September Eurogroup will discuss, among others, the current state of the macroeconomic adjustment programme to Greece and in particular, the implementation of the milestones as defined in the Eurogroup statement on Greece of 25 May as well as the next steps for the second review. The aforementioned milestones pertain to privatisation, including the new Privatisation and Investment Fund, bank governance, revenue agency and energy sector reforms as well as the clearing of net arrears. In other news, Fitch Ratings affirmed Greece's long-term foreign and local currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) at 'CCC'. The issue ratings on Greece's long-term senior unsecured bonds have also been affirmed at 'CCC'. The short-term foreign and local currency IDRs and the rating on Greece's short-term debt have all been affirmed at 'C', and the country ceiling at 'B'. Fitch's statement mentions on the positive side the completion of the 1st programme review and consequent approval of the second ESM loan tranche in May, improved relations with creditors and fiscal performance this year which is consistent with the o.5%-of-GDP fiscal target. On the other side, according to Fitch, several risk factors are in place such as the fiscal targets for 2017 and 2018, which will be harder to meet, weak domestic ownership of programme policy and contentious components in the upcoming 2nd programme review, which may delay its completion.

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2014	2015	2016f		
Real GDP growth %	1.6	3.0	2.6		
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-1.4	-0.1	-0.5		
Budget Balance/GDP*	-3.7	-2.9	-2.0		
Current Account/GDP	0.9	1.4	1.0		
EUR/BGN (eop)	1.9558				
	2015	current	2016f		
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A		
* b					

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2014	2015	2016f
Real GDP growth %	-2.5	1.6	2.5
HICP (pa, yoy %)	-0.3	-1.5	-0.7
Budget Balance/GDP*	-0.2	0.0	-0.4
Current Account/GDP	-4.6	-3.6	-4.2

* ESA 2010

Source: Reuters, Bloombera, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

ROMANIA: Indicators	2014	2015	2016f
Real GDP growth %	2.9	3.8	4.2
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.1	-0.6	-1.5
Budget Balance/GDP *	-1.9	-1.9	-2.8
Current Account/GDP	-0.4	-1.1	-3.0
EUR/RON (eop)	4.48	4.52	4.60
	2015	current	2016f
Policy Rate (eop)	1.75	1.75	2.00

^{*} on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2014	2015	2016f					
Real GDP growth %	-1.8	0.7	1.8					
CPI (pa, yoy %)	2.1	1.5	2.8					
Budget Balance/GDP	-6.7	-4.1	-4.0					
Current Account/GDP	-6.0	-4.7	-4.6					
EUR/RSD (eop)	121.38	121.52	125.00					
	2015	current	2016f					
Policy Rate (eop)	4.25	4.00	4.00					
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National Authorities



Credit Ratings

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SERBIA	B1	BB- BB-			
ROMANIA	ВааЗ	BBB-	BBB-		
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-		
CYPRUS	B1	BB-	B+		

Source: IMF, EC, Reuters, Bloomberg, National Authorities, Eurobank Research

Latest economic & market developments in the CESEE region

ROMANIA

The EUR/RON ended little changed last week, trading between 4.4450/635, remaining bound within the range seen since July. On the money market, the recent small spike in short term rates related to month-end tax payments has already faded, with RON interest rates already falling back towards the Central Bank's deposit facility rate of 0.25%. The 1W implied rate from swaps fell from 0.55% at the prior week's settlement to 0.30% on Friday and the 1M from 0.55% to 0.45%, while the 12M rate remained relatively stable around 0.70%. Government bonds kicked off the week on the back foot, in view of a large issuance calendar for September (RON 4.3bn) and caution ahead of the release of the US non-farm payrolls (NFP) last Friday and the upcoming Fed meeting. As a result the curve bear steepened by Friday – the 3Y yield moved around 3bps higher to 1.53%, the 5Y moved 6 bps higher to 2.18% while the 10Y yield jumped 10 bps to 2.95%. A relatively soft NFP published on Friday dispelled some fears of an imminent Fed rate hike providing some relief to the domestic bond market, however it came too late in the day to make much of a difference and yields recovered at most a couple of basis points by closing time.

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SERBIA

The EUR/RSD remained mostly above 123.00 last week as the National bank of Serbia (NBS) intervened in FX markets in order to stem any further dinar appreciation. The pair came under the pressure because of oversupply of euros due to large loan disbursements. In more detail, the NBS intervened three days in a row, from Tuesday to Thursday, buying a total of €75mn. With these latest interventions, the total amount of interventions rose to €510mn so far this year. Taking into account the latest NBS action as well as the current situation of an oversupplied market with euros, the pair is likely to remain stable within its recent trading range of 123.00-123.50 on a short term basis.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Last

2179.98

17037.63

351.41

ΔD

0.4%

0.7%

0.3%

ΔYTD

6.7%

-10.5%

-3.9%

FOREX

EUR/USD

GBP/USD

USD/JPY

Last

1.1167

1.3356

103.38

ΔD

0.1%

0.5%

0.5%

ΔΥΤΟ

2.9%

-9.4%

16.1%

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Government Bonds

Last

1.60

-0.05

-0.03

ΔDbps ΔYTD bps

0

-1

0

(yields)

UST - 10yr

Bund-10yr

JGB - 10yr



ΔYTD

24.9%

31.2%

7.1%

0.1%

4.4%

0.0%

Commodities

BRENT CRUDE

GOLD

LMEX

-67

-68

-30

Last

1326

49

2360

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Stock markets

S&P 500

Nikkei 225

STOXX 600

SERBIA				ROMANIA				BULGARIA			
Money Marke	et			Money Mark	et			Money Marke	t		
BELIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	ROBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	SOFIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
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1-week	3.16	0	-3	1-month	0.57	-1	-12	1-month	-0.14	0	-30
1-month	3.31	1	-20	3-month	0.76	0	-26	3-month	-0.03	0	-30
3-month	3.57	1	-26	6-month	0.97	0	-37	6-month	0.12	0	-41
6-month	3.77	0	-26	12-month	1.12	-1	-40	12-month	0.45	0	-52
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps		Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y RSD	2.68	XS	-76	3Y RON	1.50	0	-43	3Y BGN	0.20	0	-40
5Y RSD	4.49	0	-64	5Y RON	2.15	2	-65	5Y BGN	0.56	-2	-71
7Y RSD	5.74	0	-196	10Y RON	2.95	2	-83	10Y BGN	1.92	0	-74
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USD Nov-17	2.23	-3	-93	EUR Oct-25	1.68	#N/A N/A	-89	EUR Jul-17	-0.11	-14	-18
USD Nov-24	6.50	0	8	USD Jan-24	2.73	2	-106	EUR Sep-24	1.52	5	-90
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5-year	218	0	-56	5-year	109	-1	-24	5-year	143	0	-29
10-year	261	0	-79	10-year	153	-1	-19	10-year	185	0	-31
STOCKS				STOCKS				STOCKS			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
BELEX15	631.0	0.06%	-2.03%	BET	7006.9	0.03%	0.04%	SOFIX	471.9	0.51%	2.38%
FOREX				FOREX				FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/RSD	123.26	-0.07%	-1.36%	EUR/RON	4.4468	0.08%	1.51%	USD/BGN	1.7515	0.11%	2.79%
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