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Thursday, February 25, 2016

KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

GLOBAL

February 26-27: G20
 Finance Ministers meeting in Shanghai

US

- February 23
 - Existing home sales (Feb)
 - CB Consumer Confidence (Feb)
 - Case Shiller house price index (Dec)
- February 24: New home sales (Feb)
- February 25
 - Durable goods (Jan)
 - o Jobless claims (weekly)
- February 26
 - o GDP (Q4, 2nd)
 - UoM cons sent (Feb, f)
 - Personal Spending (Jan)

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- February 22: PMI (Feb, p)
- February 25
- HICP (Jan, f)
- Money supply (Jan)
- February 26: ESI (Feb)

CYPRUS

February 23: CPI (Jan)

SEE

BULGARIA

February 26: Gross external debt (Dec)

ROMANIA

- February 22: 3.25% 2021 T-Bonds auction
- February 24: 1.25% 2021 T-Bonds auction

SERBIA

- February 23: HICP (Jan)
- February 25: Real gross wages (Jan)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL MARKETS: Oil prices moved lower on Thursday amid ongoing oversupply woes and lingering concerns about the growth prospects of the global economy. In FX markets, the GBP remained one of the main underperformers on the back of heightened Brexit woes.

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SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

ROMANIA: Following his comments during the presentation of the Inflation Report earlier in February, NBR Governor Mugur Isarescu sounded even more hawkish during an interview yesterday, noting that the NBR may tighten monetary policy sooner than expected due to strong underlying inflationary pressures.

CESEE MARKETS: Most emerging stock markets extended their recent losses in early European trade on Thursday, as global oil prices swung back into a negative territory, while the recent rally in Chinese equity markets staged from lows hit in late January seemed to have been overdone. On the flipside, CESEE bourses moved broadly higher trailing gains in major European indices. Separately, regional currencies were little changed at the time of writing and government bonds were broadly firmer.

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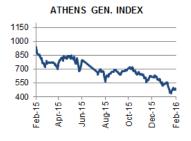
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S&P 500





Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

Latest world economic & market developments

GLOBAL MARKETS

Oil prices moved lower on Thursday with Brent crude hovering around \$33.75/barrel at the time of writing, recording losses of around 2% compared to Wednesday's settlement amid ongoing oversupply woes and lingering concerns about the growth prospects of the global economy. Against this background, the majority of Asian bourses ended lower while, on the flipside, major European bourses were firmer in early trade halting a two-day falling streak ahead of this week's G20 meeting which will be closely scrutinized for any signs of coordinated policy to address global jitters. In FX markets, the GBP remained one of the main underperformers on the back of heightened Brexit woes. The GBP/USD was hovering around 1.3910/20 in European trade after falling to a fresh seven-year low of 1.3875 in the prior session. Looking ahead, the path to the June 23rd referendum on the UK's membership in the EU is likely to be volatile for the GBP with investors focusing their attention on the results of upcoming public opinion polls. The majority of recent polls suggest that the outcome of the referendum is too close to call while around 10% of people polled remain undecided. Technically, strong support for the GBP/USD lies at recent lows in the way to 1.3500 while any upside attempt is likely to prove limited. Elsewhere, the EUR also remained under pressure amid concerns that a Brexit scenario could hurt euro area economic growth prospects. The EUR/USD was standing close to 1.1000/05 in European trade, not far from a three-week low of 1.0955 marked on Wednesday. With investors awaiting the outcome of the March 10th ECB meeting, 1.08/1.09 is seen containing any further EUR/USD weakness in the coming sessions.

GREECE

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2014	2015e	2016f		
Real GDP growth %	1.6	2.9	3.0		
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-1.4 -0.1 1.0				
Budget Balance/GDP*	-3.7	-3.3	-2.0		
Current Account/GDP	0.9	1.5	1.0		
EUR/BGN (eop)	1.9558				
	2015	current	2016f		
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A		

^{*} on a cach hacic

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2014	2015e	2016f
Real GDP growth %	-2.5	1.5	1.8
HICP (pa, yoy %)	-0.3	-1.5	0.5
Budget Balance/GDP*	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1
Current Account/GDP	-5.1	-5.5	-4.5

^{*} ESA 2010

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

ROMANIA: Indicators	2014	2015e	2016f
Real GDP growth %	2.9	3.8	4.1
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.1	-0.4	-0.1
Budget Balance/GDP *	-1.9	-1.9	-2.8
Current Account/GDP	-0.4	-1.0	-2.0
EUR/RON (eop)	4.48	4.52	4.35
	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	2015e	2016f
Real GDP growth %	-1.8	0.6	1.8
CPI (pa, yoy %)	2.1	1.5	2.8
Budget Balance/GDP	-6.7	-3.7	-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)	4.50	4.50	4.50

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities



Credit Ratings

L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
SERBIA	B1	BB-	B+
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-
CYPRUS	В3	BB-	B+

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

Latest world economic & market developments in the CESEE region

ROMANIA

Following his comments during the presentation of the Inflation Report earlier in February, NBR Governor Mugur Isarescu sounded even more in an interview yesterday, noting that the NBR may tighten monetary policy sooner than expected, even before the publication of the autumn Central Bank Inflation Report, due to strong underlying inflationary pressures building in reflection of solid consumption. Further elaborating on envisaged monetary policy tightening path, the Governor reiterated his view that the first tightening step would be to narrow the interest rates corridor and then to proceed with interest rate hikes. As far the domestic currency is concerned, the Governor considers it as more or less fairly valued but acknowledges currency appreciation risks as a result of higher rates attracting shortterm speculative capital inflows. Having stayed put on rates at 1.75% and MRRs in February as expected, NBR revised higher its year-end inflation forecast for 2016 to +1.4% YoY vs. +1.0% YoY in the November inflation report and presented for the first time its year-end forecast for 2017 at +3.4% YoY. Inflation surprised to the upside in the first month of the year despite the decline in energy prices and the headline VAT rate cut. In more detail, CPI came in at -0.8% MoM/-2.1% YoY in January down from +0.1%MoM/-0.9%YoY in December. The print was significantly above market expectations of +0.3%MoM/-2.7%YoY. Looking ahead, inflation is most likely to stay in negative territory, below the target range (2.5%±1%), until the end of 1H-2016. However, notwithstanding the impact of taxes inflation has already entered the target band. HICP at constant taxes climbed to +2.3% YoY in December vs. only +0.3%YoY over the same month a year earlier, at a comparably higher level than its regional peers (Poland:-0.5%YoY, Hungary: +0.8%YoY, Bulgaria:-0.9%YoY).

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CESEE MARKETS

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

1894.28

15915.79

319.28

-1.4%

-0.8%

-2.6%

-7.3%

-16.4%

-12.7%

FOREX

EUR/USD

GBP/USD

USD/JPY

Last

1.1037

1.3944

111.18

ΔD

0.2%

-0.6%

0.8%

ΔYTD

1.7%

-5.4%

8.0%

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Government Bonds

Last

1.67

0.15

-0.06

ΔDbps ΔYTD bps

-5

(yields)

UST - 10yr

Bund-10yr

JGB - 10yr



ΔΥΤΟ

17.6%

-11.8%

0.8%

1.9%

-1.2%

-1.2%

Commodities

BRENT CRUDE

GOLD

-60

-48

-32 LMEX

Last

1249

33

2221

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S&P 500

Nikkei 225

STOXX 600

SERBIA	ERBIA ROMANIA			BULGARIA								
Money Marke	rt			Money Mark	et			Money Market				
BELIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	ROBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	SOFIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
T/N	284	-2	-19	O/N	0.4	1	-13	LEONIA	-0.08	0	-9	
1-week	2.96	-1	-23	1-month	0.55	0	-14	1-month	-0.08	0	-23	
1-month	3.12	-1	-39	3-month	0.76	0	-26	3-month	0.05	0	-22	
3-month	3.31	1	-52	6-month	1.03	1	-31	6-month	0.26	3	-26	
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3Y RSD	3.49	1	-18	3Y RON	1.71	0	-22	3Y BGN	0.37	1	-24	
5Y RSD	5.22	0	9	5Y RON	2.54	-1	-26	5Y BGN	1.12	3	-15	
7Y RSD	7.72	0	3	10Y RON	3.36	-1	-42	10Y BGN	2.63	0	-3	
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USD Nov-17	2.95	-1	-21	EUR Oct-25	2.49	1	-8	EUR Jul-17	-0.38	0	-45	
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FOREX				FOREX				FOREX				
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EUR/RSD	123.65	-0.16%	-1.67%	EUR/RON	4.4806	-0.08%	0.75%	USD/BGN	1.7722	0.16%	1.59%	
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