

### KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

#### GLOBAL US

- April 18: NAHB index (Apr)
- April 19
  - Housing starts (Mar)
  - Housing permits (Mar)
- April 20: Existing home sales (Mar)
- April 21
  - Initial jobless claims
  - Philly Fed (Apr)

#### EUROZONE

- April 20: ZEW index (Apr)
- April 21
  - ECB policy meeting
  - Consumer confidence (Apr)
- April 22
  - PMI manuf. (Apr)
  - PMI services (Apr)

#### GREECE

- April 19:
  - Mission heads expected to return to Athens
  - Turnover index in Industry (Feb)
- April 22: Eurogroup

#### SEE

##### ROMANIA

- April 21: 2.5% 2019 T-Bond auction (Feb)
- April 22: Sovereign debt rating review by Moodys

##### SERBIA

- April 20: CAD (Feb)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

## HIGHLIGHTS

### WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

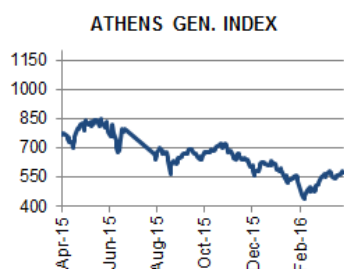
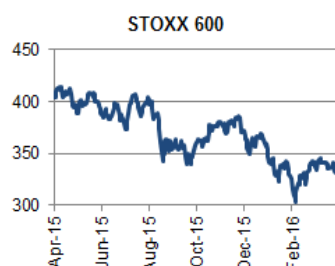
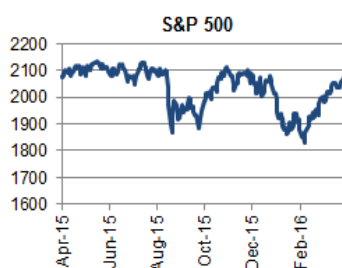
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## BULGARIA



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## Latest world economic & market developments

### GLOBAL MARKETS

Oil prices moved higher today after a smaller than expected increase in US crude inventories more than offset market oversupply worries after Kuwait oil workers' strike came to an end. Brent crude was hovering around \$45.85/barrel at the time of writing, the highest since early November 2015, after testing levels near \$40.00/barrel earlier this week on news that major oil producers failed to reach an agreement on freezing oil production. Assisted by higher oil prices, major European equity markets were firmer in early trading while long-dated core sovereign bonds weakened. In FX markets, the EUR lost some ground on positioning adjustment ahead of today's ECB monetary policy meeting. Retreating from 1.1386 multi-session highs hit on Wednesday, the EUR/USD was standing close to 1.1293/95 at the time of writing, still within the recent range of 1.1250-1.1450. The ECB is widely expected to stay put on its monetary policy while President Mario Draghi is anticipated to reveal at the press conference the parameters of the corporate QE programme announced last month. Should this be the case, the ECB meeting is unlikely to exert a meaningful impact on FX markets.

### GREECE

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The current account (CA) balance recorded a deficit of -€804,27mn in February 2016 compared to -€742,36mn in January 2016. On a yearly basis there was an increase by €650,21mn. This change was driven by a rise in the goods balance (+€137,80mn), in the primary income balance (+€580,12mn) and in the secondary income balance (+€157,91mn). On the flipside, the services balance experienced a decrease of -€225,62mn. Finally, in terms of a cumulative 12month sum, the CA showed a surplus of €91,52mn.

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**GLOBAL MARKETS**

Stock markets				FOREX			Government Bonds			Commodities					
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	
S&P 500	2102.40	0.1%	2.9%	EUR/USD	1.1296	0.0%	4.1%	UST - 10yr	1.85	0	-42	GOLD	1258	1.1%	18.6%
Nikkei 225	17363.62	2.7%	-8.8%	GBP/USD	1.4316	-0.1%	-2.9%	Bund-10yr	0.20	5	-43	BRENT CRUDE	46	0.1%	22.9%
STOXX 600	350.89	0.0%	-4.1%	USD/JPY	109.68	0.2%	9.5%	JGB - 10yr	-0.11	2	-38	LMEX	2374	1.1%	7.7%

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**SERBIA**

**Money Market**

BELIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
T/N	288	-2	-15
1-week	2.99	-1	-20
1-month	3.15	-1	-36
3-month	3.34	-1	-49
6-month	3.62	1	-41

**RS Local Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y RSD	3.41	0	-18
5Y RSD	5.28	1	15
7Y RSD	7.04	7	-65

**RS Eurobonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
USD Nov-17	2.95	-2	-21
USD Nov-24	6.23	0	-18

**CDS**

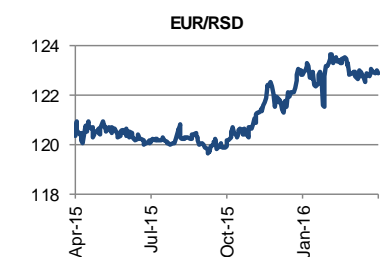
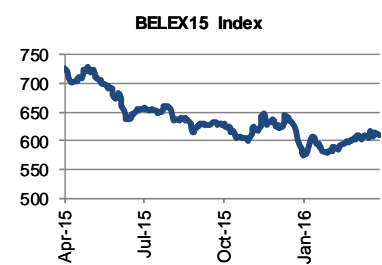
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	262	3	-13
10-year	306	0	-33

**STOCKS**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
BELEX15	605.2	-0.13%	-6.04%

**FOREX**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/RSD	122.86	0.11%	-1.04%



**ROMANIA**

**Money Market**

ROBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
O/N	0.41	0	-12
1-month	0.61	1	-8
3-month	0.78	0	-24
6-month	1.02	-1	-32
12-month	1.18	0	-34

**RO Local Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y RON	1.83	2	-10
5Y RON	2.63	0	-17
10Y RON	3.53	1	-25

**RO Eurobonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
EUR Oct-25	2.33	0	-23
USD Jan-24	3.35	1	-43

**CDS**

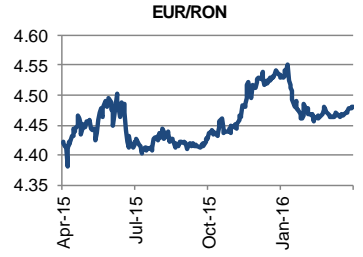
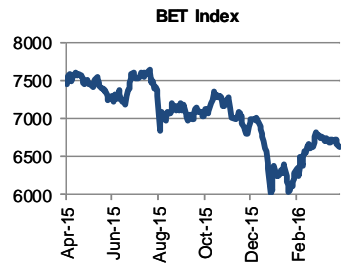
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	115	-1	-18
10-year	158	-1	-14

**STOCKS**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
BET	6553.7	-0.34%	-6.43%

**FOREX**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/RON	4.4794	0.00%	0.77%



**BULGARIA**

**Money Market**

SOFIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
LEONIA	-0.40	0	-41
1-month	-0.18	0	-33
3-month	-0.05	0	-31
6-month	0.10	0	-43
12-month	0.43	0	-54

**BG Local Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y BGN	0.37	-1	-23
5Y BGN	1.13	4	-14
10Y BGN	2.50	0	-16

**BG Eurobonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
EUR Jul-17	0.06	0	-1
EUR Sep-24	2.26	34	-16

**CDS**

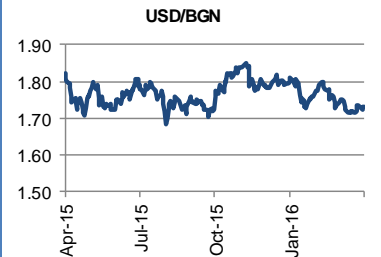
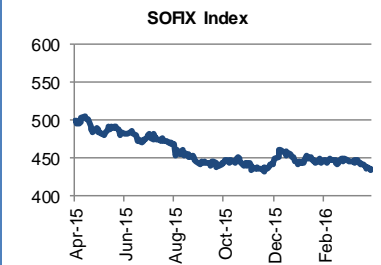
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	160	0	-12
10-year	206	0	-10

**STOCKS**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	433.3	0.02%	-5.98%

**FOREX**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
USD/BGN	1.7318	-0.02%	3.96%



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