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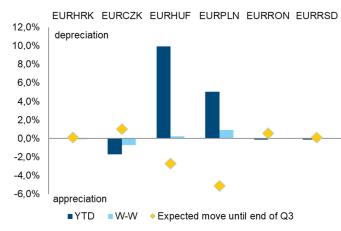
Summertime in the economic calendar

This week in CEE

This week is marked by the summertime in the economic calendar, as there are few releases scheduled. The most important development will take place in Poland, as industrial output and retail sales growth figures for June will be released. Thus, Poland will have the full set of data for the second quarter, enabling us to see how the economy performed throughout the first half of the year. The June data will also offer the opportunity to evaluate the upcoming slowdown. Further, unemployment rates will be published in Slovakia and Croatia, and we may see stabilization, as opposed to a seasonal drop of unemployment, as recession fears have been mounting. Finally, PPI indices in Czechia, Poland and Slovenia will be released, allowing us to look for signs of easing inflationary pressure in the months to come.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	SK: Unemployment	CZ: PPI	PL: Retail	
		PL: PPI, Industry, Wages	SI: PPI	
		SK RS: Current account		
		HR: Unemployment, Wages	S	
RO 2030 bonds			RO: 2026 Bonds	
			CZ: Bills	

FX development



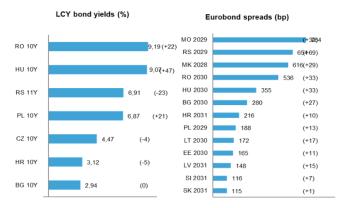
Source: Bloomberg, Erste Group Research

FX market developments

Global market moves, particularly stronger US dollar and weaker euro (as EUR slid to parity against the USD, driven by concerns that an energy crisis will tip the region into a recession), affected the zloty and the forint however, the forint later recouped some of those losses. The Czech central bank may have been intervening amidst the summer market liquidity. The zloty ended last week on a weaker footing, close to 4.82 vs. EUR, whereas the koruna and the forint appreciated to 24.49 and 403.9 against the euro, respectively. According to Poland's central bank Governor Glapinski, the MPC could start cutting interest rates as soon as next year if GDP growth slows down fast. Hungarian central bank raised its key rate by 200bp to 9.75% at a non-rate setting meeting, matching it with its one-week rate. The Hungarian government also announced some new consolidation measures with respect to energy subsidies for households and taxes for small businesses. The EU's latest rule of law report weighed on the local currencies,

as it advises Hungary and Poland to improve judicial and media independence, as well as anti-graft safeguards – conditions to unlock RRF funds. Meeting of the EcoFin Council officially cemented Croatia's euro adoption from January 1, 2023. It set the conversion rate equal to the ERMII one, at 7.5345 HRK vs. EUR.

LCY yields, Eurobond spreads



Source: Bloomberg, Erste Group Research

Bond market developments

Hungarian government bonds were hit hard last week, with 5Y yields rising 70bp y/y and topping 10%. While yields on LCY bonds also increased on other CEE markets, the move was rather small (10-20bp). The Hungarian government will have a very hot summer during which it will need to seek for a credible solution to get expenditure growth under control and fix the rule of law issues and relationship with EU institutions. In contrast to developments in Hungary, Croatia has set a new role model for other CEE countries when it comes to the deepening of integration. Last week, shortly after the positive decision of the EcoFin on Croatia's euro adoption, both Fitch and S&P upgraded Croatia's rating to BBB+, a notch above Hungary. This Friday, Fitch is scheduled to publish its assessment of Hungary, in which a change of the outlook to negative cannot be ruled out.

In case you missed

CEE: We published our Bond Report 'Approaching turning point'

CZ: Inflation jumped again significantly in June

HR: <u>Fitch</u> and <u>S&P</u> upgraded Croatia's rating following final step in euro adoption process; <u>inflation rose</u> to highest print on record

HU: Instant base rate adjustment from MNB

RO: <u>Confidence indicators signal worsening</u> manufacturing outlook, while <u>June inflation increased</u>, in line with expectations

RS: Inflation marched further in June

SK: Automotive stepped on gas in May, whereas inflation rose in June

Upcoming releases in CEE

Date	Time	Country	Indicator	Period	Survey	Erste Est.	Prev.	Comment
19.Jul		SK	Unemployment Rate	Jun		6.30%	6.4%	A slight decrease expected, yet production issues in businesses have been highlighted with the potential to affect the unemployment rate in the coming months.
20.Jul		RS	Current Account Balance (monthly)	May			-459.90	
	9:00	cz	РРІ (у/у)	Jun	28.4%	28.8%	27.9%	PPI inflation could be at its peak, affected mainly by energy and commodity prices.
	10:00	PL	Industrial Production (y/y)	Jun	11.7%		15.0%	
	10:00	PL	РРІ (у/у)	Jun	25.3%		24.7%	
	10:00	PL	Wages (y/y)	Jun	13.3%		13.5%	
	10:30	SK	Current Account Balance (monthly)	May			-788.40	
	11:00	HR	Unemployment Rate	Jun			6.5%	
	11:00	HR	Wages (y/y)	May			-1.7%	
21.Jul	10:00	PL	Retail Sales (y/y)	Jun	19.0%		23.6%	
	10:30	SI	РРІ (у/у)	Jun			22.5%	

Source: Erste Group Resarch

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Forecasts

Government I	oond yie	lds			
	current	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2
Croatia 10Y	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
spread (bps)	201	203	199	196	201
Czechia 10Y	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.0
spread (bps)	332	287	270	254	237
Hungary 10Y	9.1	8.5	8.4	7.8	7.2
spread (bps)	793	691	681	618	563
Poland 10Y	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.6
spread (bps)	557	540	520	501	497
Romania10Y	9.2	9.0	8.8	8.5	8.3
spread (bps)	802	743	714	686	666
Slovakia 10Y	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9
spread (bps)	99	93	109	121	131
Slovenia 10Y	2.19	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.70
spread (bps)	105	103	99	106	111
Serbia 5Y	6.7	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.7
spread (bps)	555	493	469	436	411
DE10Y*	1.14	1.57	1.61	1.64	1.59
Spreads based					
		U			
BM Money Ma	rket Rat	e			
	current	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2
Czechia	7.33	7.10	6.50	5.74	4.98
Hungary	11.48	11.45	12.20	12.20	10.45
Poland	7.00	7.80	7.80	7.75	7.75
Romania	7.09	8.15	9.05	8.25	7.75
Serbia	2.59	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.12
Eurozone	0.07	0.48	0.48	0.56	0.73
Real GDP gro		0004			
0	2020	2021	2022f	2023f	
Croatia	-8.1	10.2	4.9	2.1	
Czechia 	-5.8	3.3	1.6	2.4	
Hungary	-4.7	7.1	5.5	2.8	
Poland	-2.2	5.9	4.2	3.1	
Romania	-3.7	5.9	5.1	4.0	
Serbia	-0.9	7.4	2.5	3.7	
Slovakia	-4.4	3.0	2.0	3.0	
Slovenia	-4.2	8.1	3.9	3.1	
CEE8 avg	-3.7	5.7	3.9	3.1	
Public debt (%	6 of GDP	')			
	2020	2021	2022f	2023f	
Croatia	87.3	79.8	71.5	69.0	
Czechia	37.7	41.9	43.4	44.3	
Hungary	79.6	76.8	73.2	70.8	
Poland	57.1	53.8	55.0	52.0	
Romania	47.2	48.8	48.3	49.1	
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current 2022Q3 2022Q4 2023Q1 2023Q2

FX

Key Interest Rate current 2022Q3 2022Q4 2023Q1 2023Q2 0.05 7.00 Croatia 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.05 7.00 Czechia 5.75 5.00 6.50 Hungary 9.75 11.25 12.00 12.00 10.25 Poland 6.50 7.50 7.50 7.50 7.50 Romania 4.75 5.50 6.25 6.25 6.25 3.00 1.00 Serbia 2.75 3.00 3.00 3.00 0.75 0.75 0.00 0.50 Eurozone

Average inflation (%)						
	2020	2021	2022f	2023f		
Croatia	0.1	2.6	10.0	5.6		
Czechia	3.2	3.8	14.3	4.4		
Hungary	3.3	5.1	10.9	7.2		
Poland	3.4	5.1	13.1	8.1		
Romania	2.7	5.0	12.4	8.3		
Serbia	1.6	4.0	9.6	5.6		
Slovakia	1.9	3.2	11.4	7.8		
Slovenia	0.0	1.9	7.2	3.3		
CEE8 avg	2.8	4.5	12.4	7.1		
C/A (%GDP)						
	2020	2021	2022f	2023f		
Croatia	-0.1	3.4	0.7	-1.2		
Czechia	2.0	-0.8	-1.2	0.5		
Hungary	-1.1	-3.1	-5.9	-4.9		
Poland	2.9	-0.6	-1.3	-0.3		
Romania	-5.0	-7.0	-8.0	-7.9		
Serbia	-4.1	-4.4	-9.6	-8.9		
Slovakia	0.1	-2.0	-1.7	-1.3		
01	7.4	3.3	1.5	2.6		
Slovenia	1.7	0.0				

Unemploym	ent (%)					
	2020	2021	2022f	2023f		
Croatia	7.5	7.6	6.3	5.9		
Czechia	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.5		
Hungary	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.5		
Poland	5.9	5.9	5.3	5.2		
Romania	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.5		
Serbia	9.7	11.0	10.1	9.7		
Slovakia	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.2		
Slovenia	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.1		
CEE8 avg	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0		
Budget Balance (%GDP)						
Budget Bala	nce (%GI	DP)				
Budget Bala	nce (%GI 2020	DP) 2021	2022f	2023f		
Budget Bala Croatia			2022f -2.5	2023f -2.5		
	2020	2021				
Croatia	2020 -7.4	2021 -2.9	-2.5	-2.5		
Croatia Czechia	2020 -7.4 -5.8	2021 -2.9 -5.9	-2.5 -4.4	-2.5 -3.1		
Croatia Czechia Hungary	2020 -7.4 -5.8 -7.8	2021 -2.9 -5.9 -6.8	-2.5 -4.4 -4.9	-2.5 -3.1 -3.5		
Croatia Czechia Hungary Poland	2020 -7.4 -5.8 -7.8 -6.9	2021 -2.9 -5.9 -6.8 -1.9	-2.5 -4.4 -4.9 -3.9	-2.5 -3.1 -3.5 -3.5		
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Croatia Czechia Hungary Poland Romania Serbia	2020 -7.4 -5.8 -7.8 -6.9 -9.3 -8.0	2021 -2.9 -5.9 -6.8 -1.9 -7.1 -4.1	-2.5 -4.4 -4.9 -3.9 -6.7 -4.5	-2.5 -3.1 -3.5 -3.5 -5.7 -2.5		

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56.5

63.1

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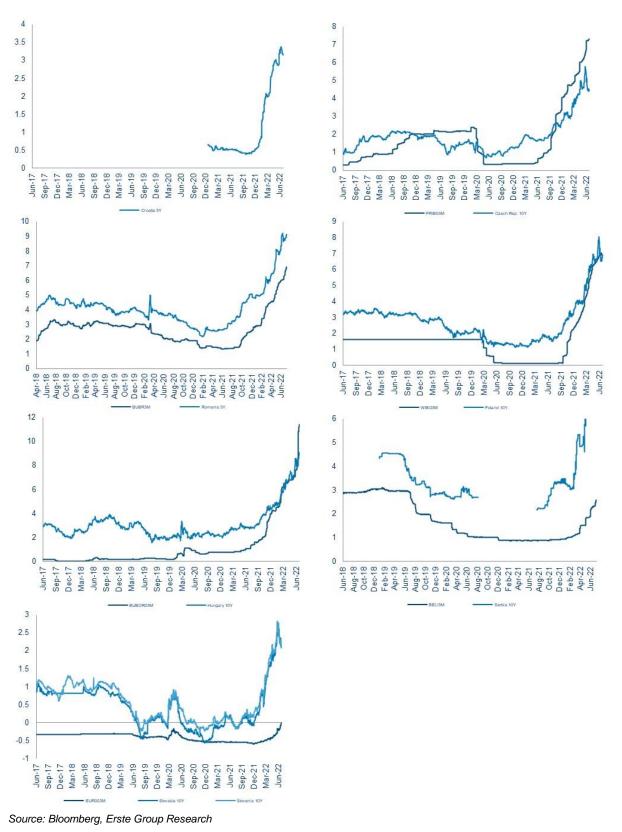
Serbia

Slovakia

Slovenia

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