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June's inflation, stability of rates in Poland

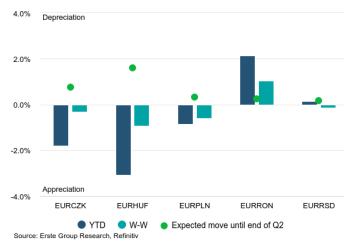
This week in CEE

The beginning of the week will be quite dynamic, with flash inflation releases in several CEE countries. In fact, June inflation numbers will be flowing throughout the week. On Monday, Croatia and Serbia will publish retail sales and industrial output growth in May. Serbia will also release its May trade balance. Later in the week, trade data will be published by Hungary and Slovenia. Hungary will also release industrial production in May at the end of the week. On Wednesday, Poland's central bank is to hold a rate-setting meeting; we expect stability of rates. New growth and inflation projections will be released as well. Finally, Romania will release its unemployment rate and producer prices in the middle of the week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PL SI: Inflation	HR: Inflation	PL: Central bank		CZ: Inflation
HR RS: Industry, Ret	ail HU: Trade	RO: Unemployment, producer prices		HU: Industry
HU: Producer prices, Current account				SI: Trade
RS: Trade				

RO: 2028 Bonds HU: Bills

FX market

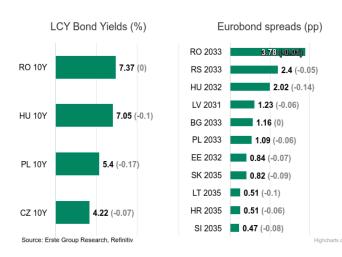


FX market developments

Weakening of the US dollar against the euro (EURUSD at 1.17) translates into strengthening of the local currencies, the Hungarian forint and Polish zloty in particular. Both currencies strengthened roughly 0.5% against the euro. The EURRON is less affected, as local factors (quite disappointing extent of fiscal consolidation at this point) remain intact. This week, Poland's central bank should keep its policy rate at 5.25%. Most of the policy-makers have sounded cautious, given the geopolitical tensions and inflationary risks stemming from higher oil prices. New projections of growth and inflation will be published. Inflation should fall toward the target within the projection horizon, opening a way for more rate cuts in the remainder of the year. Last week, the Hungarian and Czech central banks opted for stability of rates and the risks for such a scenario until the end of the year have increased lately.



LCY yields, Eurobonds spreads



Bond market developments

Last week, CEE government bonds benefited from weakening of the USD and decline of 10Y Treasury yields. In general, LCY 10Y government bond yields collapsed about 10-15bp w/w, with only ROMGBs a notable exception. It seems that investors are cautious regarding implementation risks of the new fiscal package, which is critical to avoiding a credit rating downgrade. The window for the Romanian government to present a credible fiscal consolidation plan is closing rapidly, especially as all three major rating agencies currently have Romania on a negative outlook, with the next round of reviews scheduled between August and October. This week, the debt auction calendar is relatively light, with only reopening of ROMG 2028 and a Hungarian T-bill auction announced so far.

In case you missed

CEE: Moderate inflation risks from oil price volatility

CZ: CNB decision in line with expectations

CZ: CNB provides no guidance HU: MNB kept the rates on hold

HU: Same messages, same conclusion

Poland Outlook | Impact of the new president not yet clear

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Upcoming releases in CEE

Date	Time	Country	Indicator	Period	Erste Est. P	rev.	Comment
30. Jun		HR	Current Account Balance (qua	ırteı 1Q		-1570.56	
	8:30	HU	PPI (y/y)	May		7.85%	
	10:00	PL	CPI (y/y)	Jun P		4.00%	
	10:00	PL	CPI (m/m)	Jun P		-0.20%	
	10:30	SI	CPI (y/y)	Jun	1.90%	1.80%	Headline figure expected to remain at similar levels as seen in May
	10:30	SI	CPI (m/m)	Jun			
	11:00	HR	Industrial Production (y/y)	May	4.00%	6.50%	Favorable industrial production trends seen further extending
	11:00	HR	Retail Sales (y/y)	May	3.00%	4.94%	May release expected to deliver another solid retail trade performance
	12:00	RS	Industrial Production (y/y)	May	2.00%	2.30%	Industry likely maintained positive momentum in May
	12:00	RS	Retail Sales (y/y)	May	2.50%	0.40%	We expect retail trade to accelerate towards 2.5% growth in May
	12:00	RS	Trade Balance	May		-1031.50	
01. Jul	8:30	HU	Trade Balance	May		1340.00	
	11:00	HR	CPI (y/y)	Jun P	3.40%	3.50%	Inflation expected to remain stable in June
	11:00	HR	CPI (m/m)	Jun P		0.30%	
02. Jul		PL	Central Bank Rate	Jul-25		5.25%	
	8:00	RO	Unemployment Rate	May		5.70%	
	8:00	RO	PPI (y/y)	May		1.77%	
03. Jul			No releases scheduled				
04. Jul	8:30	HU	Industrial Production (y/y)	May	-1.70%	-2.30%	The already published high-frequency indicators suggest a slight drop on monthly level which could be resulted at -1.7 y/y change.
	9:00	cz	CPI (y/y)	Jun P	2.40%	2.40%	Inflation remained close to the inflation target. However, inflationary development is still present in some sectors. This is particularly the case for services, where inflation accelerated to 4.9%.
	9:00	cz	CPI (m/m)	Jun P	0.50%	0.50%	The price level rose mainly due to the prices of food, alcohol and tobacco. However, prices in services also increased.
	10:30	SI	Trade Balance	May		-0.45	

Source: Erste Group Resarch

Note: Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results



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Forecasts

LCY Government bond yields								
	Friday's close	2025Q3	2025Q4	2026Q1	2026Q2			
Czechia 10Y	4.22	3.77	3.62	3.54	3.53			
Hungary 10Y	7.05	6.64	6.57	6.51	6.45			
Poland 10Y	5.40	5.40	5.10	5.10	5.00			
Romania10Y	7.37	6.93	6.79	6.63	6.48			
Serbia 10Y	5.21	5.10	5.00	4.80	4.60			

Spreads vs. German Bunds (bps)									
Croatia 10Y	51.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00				
Slovakia 10Y	82.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
Slovenia 10Y	47.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00				
DE10Y yields	2.59	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50				

3M Money Market Rate								
	Friday's close	2025Q3	2025Q4	2026Q1	2026Q2			
Czechia	3.50	3.51	3.31	3.25	3.07			
Hungary	6.50	6.50	6.10	5.85	5.60			
Poland	5.24	4.90	4.60	4.20	3.90			
Romania	7.09	5.80	5.50	5.10	4.80			
Serbia	4.68	4.20	3.99	3.57	3.36			
Eurozone	1.94	1.98	1.99	2.01	2.02			

Real GDP growth (%)							
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f			
Croatia	3.3	3.9	2.8	2.6			
Czechia	0.1	1.0	1.9	2.2			
Hungary	-0.8	0.5	0.8	3.0			
Poland	0.1	2.9	3.2	3.1			
Romania	2.4	0.8	1.3	3.1			
Serbia	3.8	3.9	3.1	3.9			
Slovakia	2.2	2.1	1.5	1.5			
Slovenia	2.1	1.6	1.5	2.0			
CEE8 avg	0.9	2.0	2.3	2.8			

Public debt (% of GDP)							
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f			
Croatia	61.8	57.6	57.0	56.4			
Czechia	42.5	43.6	44.2	44.8			
Hungary	73.0	73.5	74.2	73.8			
Poland	49.5	55.3	58.5	60.5			
Romania	48.9	54.8	57.8	60.0			
Serbia	48.4	47.5	47.4	47.0			
Slovakia	55.6	59.3	61.1	62.1			
Slovenia	68.4	67.0	66.8	66.4			
CEE8 avg	52.0	55.6	57.7	58.9			

Source: Bloomberg, Erste Group Research

FX					
	Friday's close	2025Q3	2025Q4	2026Q1	2026Q2
EURCZK	24.71	24.90	24.80	24.74	24.66
EURHUF	398.66	405.00	408.00	410.00	410.00
EURPLN	4.24	4.25	4.25	4.30	4.30
EURRON	5.08	5.09	5.10	5.12	5.15
EURRSD	117.00	117.20	117.30	117.30	117.20
EURUSD	1.17	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.17

Key Interest Rate (deposit facility in Eurozone)								
	Friday's close	2025Q3	2025Q4	2026Q1	2026Q2			
Czechia	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.00			
Hungary	6.50	6.50	6.00	5.75	5.50			
Poland	5.75	4.75	4.75	4.50	4.25			
Romania	6.50	6.50	6.00	5.50	5.25			
Serbia	5.75	5.25	5.00	4.50	4.25			
Eurozone	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			

Average inflation (%)							
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f			
Croatia	8.1	3.0	3.2	2.5			
Czechia	10.7	2.4	2.5	2.3			
Hungary	17.6	3.7	4.7	4.1			
Poland	11.4	3.6	3.6	2.6			
Romania	10.5	5.6	5.5	4.3			
Serbia	12.5	4.6	3.8	3.2			
Slovakia	10.5	2.8	3.9	3.3			
Slovenia	7.4	2.0	2.2	2.0			
CEE8 avg	11.5	3.7	3.8	3.0			

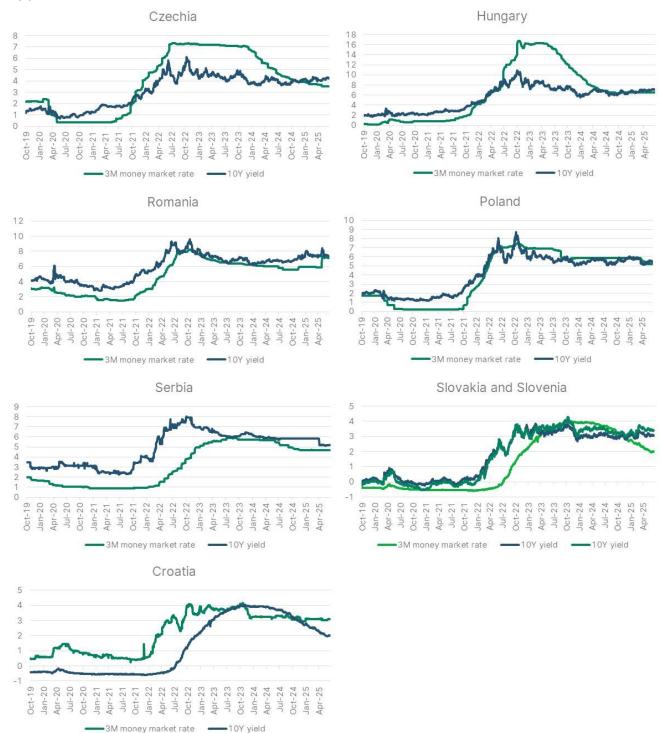
C/A (%GDP)				
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f
Croatia	0.4	-1.2	-1.9	-2.3
Czechia	0.3	1.8	1.9	1.4
Hungary	0.3	2.2	2.1	1.7
Poland	1.8	0.2	-0.8	-1.0
Romania	-6.6	-8.3	-7.8	-6.8
Serbia	-2.4	-6.3	-6.9	-6.5
Slovakia	-0.9	-2.8	-3.0	-3.0
Slovenia	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.6
CEE8 avg	-0.3	-1.1	-1.6	-1.6

Unemployment (%)							
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f			
Croatia	6.1	5.0	4.8	4.6			
Czechia	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.5			
Hungary	4.1	4.4	4.2	4.0			
Poland	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1			
Romania	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5			
Serbia	9.5	8.6	8.7	8.4			
Slovakia	5.8	5.3	5.3	5.7			
Slovenia	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6			
CEE8 avg	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9			

Budget Balance (%GDP)						
	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f		
Croatia	-0.8	-2.4	-2.5	-2.2		
Czechia	-3.8	-2.2	-2.4	-2.5		
Hungary	-6.7	-4.9	-4.5	-4.4		
Poland	-5.3	-6.6	-6.2	-5.0		
Romania	-6.6	-9.3	-7.5	-6.4		
Serbia	-2.1	-2.0	-3.0	-3.0		
Slovakia	-5.2	-5.3	-4.5	-3.8		
Slovenia	-2.6	-0.9	-2.1	-1.8		
CEE8 avg	-5.0	-5.5	-5.2	-4.4		



Appendix



3M money market rate

Source: Bloomberg, Erste Group Research





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