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Will the ECB ease its tone?

Euro zone still showing no signs of recovery EURPLN and EURUSD stable ahead of ECB Euro zone data push yields down Today ECB decision

Hopes of investors for a continuation of gentle rise of industrial PMIs in the euro zone and Germany faced a tough test yesterday morning. Flash indexes for July showed big declines, going below the lowest point since April. Services indexes were also worse than in June, but at least have not gone below market expectations. Disappointing results had negative (albeit temporary) influence on the euro and forcefully sent bond yields in Poland and abroad down. Yesterday Boris Johnson won a nomination for the British PM. He stressed that the UK will exit the EU without 'no ifs or buts' and made a thorough reconstruction of the cabinet, removing 18 ministers and placing euro-sceptics in key areas.

After the yesterday data from Europe investor expectations that the **ECB** could start further action to support the euro zone economy have grown. We think that a rate cut today is highly unlikely and expected change of rhetoric that will open the door for monetary policy easing after summer holidays.

EURUSD declined yesterday to 1.112 from 1.115 in reaction to the morning data from Europe, but the move was not extended in the following hours. It seems that the market view is that the euro has lost enough in the recent weeks awaiting a dovish message from the ECB. We think that today the ECB will not act to support the euro zone economy, which may be a disappointment for the market. No durable reaction to yesterday PMIs suggests that the central bank would significantly surprise with its dovishness to send EURUSD even lower.

EURPLN was hovering around 4.255 and USDPLN stayed close to 3.815, both exchange rates ended the day near the opening level. Today the outcome of the ECB meeting could affect the zloty. The Polish currency gained in the previous week and managed to keep most of the gains awaiting the dovish outcome of the central bank meeting. In our view, the market could be somewhat disappointed if no action is taken already today but the room for the zloty depreciation could be limited by the likely rise of EURUSD in such scenario.

In case of the other CEE currencies, the forint and koruna gained vs the euro. USDRUB fell slightly thanks to the rising oil price.

On the domestic interest rate market Wednesday was a yet another day with a sharp plunge of the IRS and bond yields. Polish 10Y bond yield neared 2% and is close to its all-time-low at c1.94% reached in early 2015. The domestic debt was supported by the strengthening on the core and euro zone peripheral markets driven by the European data. In our view, the outcome of the ECB meeting will rather not provide fuel for the further yield's drop since the market expectations for the central bank action seem to be exaggerated.

Manufacturing activity indexes (pts)



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Today's opening				
EURPLN	4.2534	CZKPLN	0.1667	
USDPLN	3.8201	HUFPLN*	1.3071	
EURUSD	1.1134	RUBPLN	0.0604	
CHFPLN	3.8763	NOKPLN	0.4417	
GBPPLN	4.7650	DKKPLN	0.5697	
USDCNY	6.8751	SEKPLN	0.4051	

*for 100HUF

Last sess	ion in th	24/07/2019			
	min	open	close	fixing	
EURPLN	4.252	4.261	4.256	4.255	4.2581
USDPLN	3.812	3.827	3.817	3.818	3.8229
EURUSD	1.113	1.116	1.115	1.115	-

Interest rate market

24/07/2019

T-bonds on the interbank market**									
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)	Last auction	per offer	Average yield				
PS0721 (2L)	1.51	-1	21 mar 19	OK0521	1.633				
PS0424 (5L)	1.72	-5	21 mar 19	PS0424	2.209				
DS1029 (10L)	2.01	-8	21 mar 19	DS1029	2.877				

IRS on the interbank market**

Term		PL		US	EZ		
	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	
1L	1.71	0	2.05	-1	-0.43	0	
2L	1.71	-2	1.85	-1	-0.45	0	
3L	1.70	-3	1.78	-1	-0.43	-1	
4L	1.72	-3	1.77	-1	-0.39	-1	
5L	1.74	-3	1.79	-1	-0.32	-1	
8L	1.83	-5	1.90	-2	-0.09	-2	
10L	1.90	-5	1.97	-2	0.06	-3	

WIBOR rates

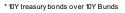
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Term	%	Change (bps)
O/N	1.63	-3
T/N	1.63	-2
SW	1.59	-1
2W	1.60	0
1M	1.64	0
3M	1.72	0
6M	1.79	0
9M	1.81	0
1Y	1.86	0

FRA rates on the interbank market**

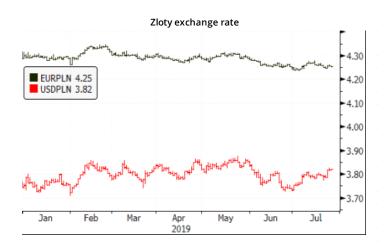
Term	%	Change (bps)
1x4	1.71	0
3x6	1.71	0
6x9	1.69	-1
9x12	1.65	-3
3x9	1.77	-1
6x12	1.76	-2

Measures of fiscal risk

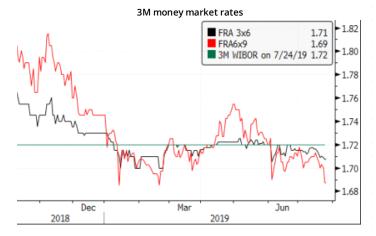
Country	CDS 5	Y USD	10Y s	pread*
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)
Poland			2.39	-8
France	22	-2	0.26	0
Hungary			2.46	0
Spain	39	-2	0.73	1
Italy	161	-6	1.87	0
Portugal	40	-2	0.80	1
Ireland	28	1	0.49	0
Germany	12	-1	-	-



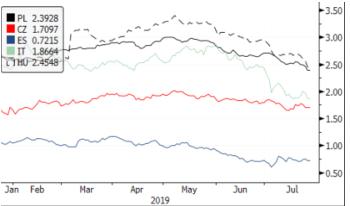
^{**}Information shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day
Source:Bloomberg













Economic Calendar

TIME						FORECAST		LAST	
CET	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD		MARKET	SANTANDER	VALUE	VALUE*	
FRIDAY (19 July)									
10:00	PL	Retail Sales Real	Jun	% y/y	3.8	3.6	3.7	5.6	
16:00	US	Michigan index	Jul	pts	98.7	-	98.4	98.2	
		N	IONDAY (22	July)					
14:00	PL	Money Supply M3	Jun	% y/y	10.2	10.3	9.3	9.9	
		Т	UESDAY (23	July)					
10:00	PL	Construction Output	Jun	% y/y	3.5	0.0	-0,7	9.6	
10:00	PL	Unemployment Rate	Jun	%	5.3	5.3	5,3	5.4	
14:00	HU	Central Bank Rate Decision		%	0.9	-	0.9	0.9	
16:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Jun	% m/m	-0.2	-	-1.7	2.9	
		WE	DNESDAY (2	24 July)					
09:30	DE	Flash Germany Manufacturing PMI	Jul	pts	45.2	-	43.1	45.0	
09:30	DE	Flash Markit Germany Services PMI	Jul	pts	55.3	-	55.4	55.8	
10:00	EZ	Flash Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jul	pts	47.7	-	46.4	47.6	
10:00	EZ	Flash Eurozone Services PMI	Jul	pts	53.3	-	53.3	53.6	
16:00	US	New Home Sales	Jun	% m/m	5.3	-	7.0	-8.2	
		TH	IURSDAY (25	5 July)					
10:00	DE	IFO Business Climate	Jul	pts	97.2	-		97.4	
13:45	EZ	ECB Main Refinancing Rate		%	0.0	-		0.0	
14:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Jun	% m/m	0.8	-		-1.3	
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	week	k	218	-		216	
			FRIDAY (26 J	uly)					
11:00	PL	Bond auction							
14:30	US	GDP Annualized	2Q	% Q/Q	1.8	-		3.1	

Source: Santander Bank Polska. Bloomberg, Parkiet

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^{*} in the case of a revision the data is updated