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# Core inflation not losing momentum

Today market holiday in the USA, speeches of C.Lagarde and J.Bullard Core inflation rose to new record 8.5% y/y in May Polish recovery and resilience plan approved by the EU member states EURPLN retreating from Thursday's peak Bond yields and swaps keep rising in anticipation of interest rate hikes

**Today** is market holiday in the USA, which means lower global market activity. There are no important data releases planned for today, but the calendar includes speeches by ECB president Christine Lagarde and Fed member James Bullard, which will be followed by investors in search of hints about further steps to be taken by major central banks. Later this week many important data from Poland will be out.

Eurozone **HICP inflation** rose to 8.1% y/y in May, in line with the flash estimate, from 7.4% a month earlier. Core inflation amounted to 3.8% vs. 3.5% in April. In Poland, HICP inflation amounted to 12.8% y/y in May vs 11.4% in April.

All four NBP's measures of **core inflation** in Poland surged in May to their record-high levels, with the main index (CPI ex food and energy) reaching 8.5% y/y, in line with estimates. The data confirm that the underlying inflationary momentum is super-strong, as all four measures saw the m/m change of at least 1.0% (or higher) for the third straight month, which is an unprecedented event. The highest measure – CPI ex administered prices surged to 14.0% y/y, two others (CPI ex most volatile prices and 15% trimmed mean) jumped above 10% y/y. This is yet another argument that monetary policy tightening in Poland will continue and bringing inflation to a halt may require bigger interest rate hikes than expected, especially in the environment of accelerated global policy tightening, which may exert further pressure on the zloty.

EU member states **approved Poland's national recovery plan**. The Netherlands abstained, while Belgium, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands filed a declaration on the need for a thorough assessment of fulfilment of the commitments Poland has made on milestones related to changes in the judicial system.

The European Commission recommended **granting Ukraine the status of an EU candidate country**. Moldova was also granted candidate status, while in the case of Georgia, the EC recommended granting candidate status once it meets certain conditions. EU leaders are scheduled to discuss the matter at a summit in Brussels on 23-24 June.

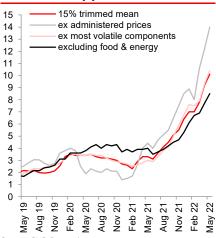
**EURUSD** gradually erased on Friday the previous day's strong upward move (from 1.038 to 1.06) that had occurred after the Fed, SNB and BoE meetings. The dollar recovered despite weaker-than-forecast US industrial production data, helped by fears of a global recession and an environment of generally elevated risk aversion. The week ended for EURUSD near 1.045, but this morning the exchange rate returned above 1.05.

**EURPLN** finished Friday close to 4.69 versus 4.74 on Thursday. Today morning EURPLN is close to 4.67 and in coming days it may approach 4.65 which should be supported by increased currency selling by the exporters. The contrast between rhetoric of the NBP (nearing end of a rate hikes cycle) and major central banks (beginning of an aggressive tightening), however, is not supporting PLN appreciation. It could change if we see new hawkish comments from the MPC.

**Other CEE currencies** lost slightly on dollar appreciation: EURHUF went up from 398 to 400, EURCZK from 24.68 to 24.75.

**Debt market**: growing expectations of NBP interest rate hikes pushed up the short end of domestic curves on Friday (2L bond yields +5bp, 2L IRS +12bp), while anchoring the long end amid slowdown/recession concerns. The repricing of Polish debt continues, ignoring temporary yield declines in core markets. As long as the market remains unclear about the peak interest rate level (which is drifting higher and higher), it is hard to expect a change of this trend. This week's domestic data releases are more likely to escalate concerns about a larger scale of NBP rate hikes.

## Core inflation, % y/y



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| FX market       |        |         |        |
|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Today's opening |        |         |        |
| EURPLN          | 4.6772 | CZKPLN  | 0.1887 |
| USDPLN          | 4.4384 | HUFPLN* | 1.1595 |
| EURUSD          | 1.0536 | RUBPLN  | 0.0786 |
| CHFPLN          | 4.5994 | NOKPLN  | 0.4463 |
| GBPPLN          | 5.4305 | DKKPLN  | 0.6284 |
| USDCNY          | 6.6791 | SEKPLN  | 0.4379 |
| *for 100HUF     |        |         |        |

| Last se | ssion in the | e FX marke | et    |       | 17/06/2022 |
|---------|--------------|------------|-------|-------|------------|
|         | min          | max        | open  | close | fixing     |
| EURPL   | ٧ 4.683      | 4.718      | 4.717 | 4.690 | 4.695      |
| USDPLI  | V 4.453      | 4.490      | 4.480 | 4.477 | 4.463      |
| FLIRLIS | D 1 044      | 1 054      | 1.053 | 1 047 | _          |

| Interest rate n                   | 17/06/2022 |       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|--|--|--|
| T-bonds on the interbank market** |            |       |  |  |  |
| Benchmark % Chang                 |            |       |  |  |  |
| (term)                            | 90         | (bps) |  |  |  |
| DS1023 (2Y)                       | 8.00       | 16    |  |  |  |
| DS0726 (5Y)                       | 8.29       | 17    |  |  |  |
| DS0432 (10Y)                      | 7.97       | 8     |  |  |  |

#### IRS on the interbank market\*\* US Term Change Change Change % % % (bps) (bps) (bps) 3.39 8.26 1.02 1L 15 -8 2L 8.25 16 3.59 1.78 3L 8.01 12 3.52 6 1.99 -8 4L 7.82 9 3.43 6 5L 7.70 5 2.20 3.37 6 -8 8L 0 7.49 3.27 3 2.34 -8 10L 7.43 3.27 2.44 -6

| WIBOR rates |      |                 |
|-------------|------|-----------------|
| Term        | %    | Change<br>(bps) |
| O/N         | 5.76 | -17             |
| T/N         | 6.05 | -3              |
| SW          | 6.12 | 1               |
| 2W          | 6.16 | 3               |
| 1M          | 6.32 | 0               |
| 3M          | 6.88 | 4               |
| 6M          | 7.14 | 3               |
| 1Y          | 7.31 | 3               |

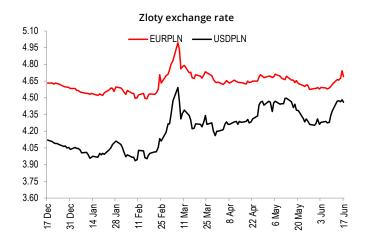
| FRA rates on | FRA rates on the interbank market** |                 |  |  |  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Term         | %                                   | Change<br>(bps) |  |  |  |
| 1x4          | 7.71                                | 14              |  |  |  |
| 1x4<br>3x6   | 8.31                                | 20              |  |  |  |
| 6x9          | 8.46                                | 20              |  |  |  |
| 9x12         | 8.46                                | 22              |  |  |  |
| 3x9          | 8.57                                | 22              |  |  |  |
| 6x12         | 8.69                                | 19              |  |  |  |

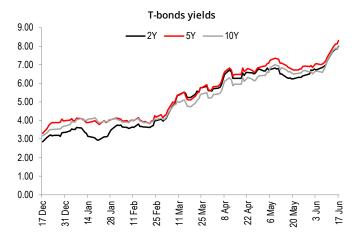
| Country  | CDS 5 | Y USD           | 10Y spread* |                 |  |
|----------|-------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
|          | Level | Change<br>(bps) | Level       | Change<br>(bps) |  |
| Poland   | 110   | 0               | 630         | 11              |  |
| France   | 10    | 0               | 55          | -1              |  |
| Hungary  | 152   | 0               | 693         | -9              |  |
| Spain    | 58    | -8              | 110         | -9              |  |
| Italy    | 60    | -3              | 201         | -15             |  |
| Portugal | 45    | -5              | 105         | -9              |  |
| Ireland  | 13    | -1              | 66          | 4               |  |
| Germany  | 8     | 0               | -           | -               |  |

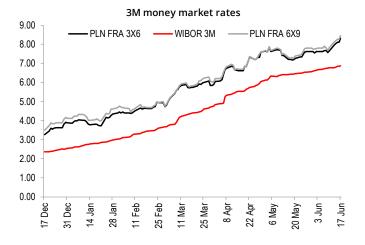


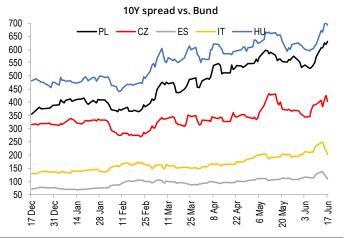
<sup>\*\*</sup>Information shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day

Source: Refinitiv, Datastream











### **Economic Calendar**

| TIME  | COUNTRY INDICATOR |                                | DEDIOD | PERIOD      |        | FORECAST  |       | LAST   |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| CET   | COUNT             | RT INDICATOR                   | PERIOD |             | MARKET | SANTANDER | VALUE | VALUE* |
|       |                   |                                | FRIDA  | Y (17 Jun)  |        |           |       |        |
| 11:00 | EZ                | HICP                           | May    | % y/y       | 8.1    | -         | 8.1   | 8.1    |
| 14:00 | PL                | CPI Core                       | May    | % y/y       | 8.5    | 8.5       | 8.5   | 7.7    |
| 15:15 | US                | Industrial Production          | May    | % m/m       | 0.4    | -         | 0.2   | 1.4    |
|       |                   |                                | MONDA  | Y (20 Jun)  |        |           |       |        |
|       | US                | Market holiday                 |        |             |        |           |       |        |
|       |                   |                                | TUESD  | AY (21 Jun) |        |           |       |        |
| 10:00 | PL                | Employment in corporate sector | May    | % y/y       | 2.6    | 2.6       |       | 2.8    |
| 10:00 | PL                | Sold Industrial Output         | May    | % y/y       | 16.7   | 17.3      |       | 13     |
| 10:00 | PL                | PPI                            | May    | % y/y       | 24.7   | 24.8      |       | 23.3   |
| 10:00 | PL                | Average Gross Wages            | May    | % y/y       | 15.0   | 14.5      |       | 14.1   |
| 16:00 | US                | Existing Home Sales            | May    | % m/m       | -3.7   | -         |       | -2.43  |
|       |                   |                                | WEDNES | DAY (22 Jui | n)     |           |       |        |
| 10:00 | PL                | Construction Output            | May    | % y/y       | 8.0    | 8.6       |       | 9.3    |
| 10:00 | PL                | Retail Sales Real              | May    | % y/y       | 8.8    | 9.1       |       | 19     |
| 14:30 | CZ                | Central Bank Rate Decision     |        | %           | 6.88   | -         |       | 5.75   |
|       |                   |                                | THURSI | DAY (23 Jun | )      |           |       |        |
| 09:30 | DE                | Flash Manufacturing PMI        | Jun    | pts         | 54.0   | -         |       | 54.8   |
| 09:30 | DE                | Flash Services PMI             | Jun    | pts         | 54.5   | -         |       | 55     |
| 10:00 | EZ                | Flash Manufacturing PMI        | Jun    | pts         | 53.8   | -         |       | 54.6   |
| 10:00 | EZ                | Flash Services PMI             | Jun    | pts         | 55.5   | -         |       | 56.1   |
| 14:00 | PL                | Money Supply M3                | May    | % y/y       | 8.2    | 7.8       |       | 8.2    |
|       |                   |                                | FRIDA  | Y (24 Jun)  |        |           |       |        |
| 10:00 | DE                | IFO Business Climate           | Jun    | pts         | 92.7   | -         |       | 93     |
| 10:00 | PL                | Unemployment Rate              | May    | %           | 5.1    | 5.1       |       | 5.2    |
| 16:00 | US                | New Home Sales                 | May    | % m/m       | 0.7    | -         |       | -16.6  |

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<sup>\*</sup> in the case of a revision the data is updated