## **Economic Comment**

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## MPC happy about inflation fall

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The stress during the NBP President's press conference was put on inflation decline. According to Adam Glapiński CPI is falling markedly and the spectrum of goods showing disinflation is growing. He claimed that a rapid fall will continue in the coming months when it comes to headline CPI but also core inflation. He hopes to see a single-digit CPI print already in September.

Regarding interest rates, Glapiński confirmed that the tightening phase is formally still not over and in case of external shocks pushing inflation higher the MPC would not hesitate to hike rates more. At the same time he claimed that a radical tightening would be harmful to the economy and any pressure on further rate hikes at the time of falling inflation is in his view irresponsible. Referring to the possibility of rate cuts he named the following conditions: CPI already below 10% y/y and NBP staff reports showing that undoubtedly the disinflation would continue in the coming quarters. This puts the November meeting in focus, when a new projection update will be available.

We doubt the MPC could deliver a rate cut still this year because the economic environment in late 2023 should be unsupportive for such move: core CPI can still look stubborn, a recovery should already be felt, the labour market remains tight and the electoral campaign may bring more spending promises, hindering the disinflation process in the coming years.

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