

Eyeopener

Rating agencies scrutinising impact of oil shock

Today, data from the US labour market
MPC's Kotecki and Litwiniuk against interest rate cuts anytime soon
Small changes in EURPLN, declines in bond yields and market rates stopped

Today, we will see data on the situation in the US labour market in March, including information on non-farm payrolls and the unemployment rate. The market expects the data to point to an increase in employment of around 50k jobs, as well as the unemployment rate remaining at 4.4%. Overnight the March PMI reading for China's services sector was published, falling to 52.1 pts, well below expectations.

MPC's Ludwik Kotecki said in an interview with the WNP.pl portal that the March interest rate cut was the last one this year, as the economic consequences of the war in Iran will be felt for longer than initially expected at the start of the conflict. **Przemysław Litwiniuk** also stated, in an interview with Radio Zet, that no interest rate cuts should be expected in the near future. Litwiniuk added that if analyses were to indicate that inflation is moving in an unfavourable direction, the MPC could raise interest rates.

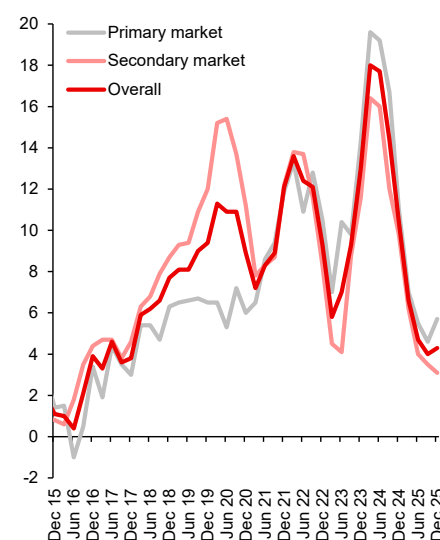
The growth rate of residential property prices in Poland amounted to 4.3% y/y in 4Q25, increasing by 0.3 pp compared with 3Q25, according to Statistics Poland (GUS). On a q/q basis, prices rose by 1.5%, following a 1.0% increase in 3Q. The acceleration in property price growth resulted from stronger price increases in the primary market, at 5.7% y/y and 2.1% q/q in 4Q, compared with increases of 4.6% y/y and 1.0% q/q in 3Q. In the secondary market, the annual price growth rate slowed to 3.1% from 3.5%, alongside a slight acceleration in quarterly price growth to 1.0% from 0.8%. The halt in the declines in property price growth observed up to 4Q can be linked to stronger demand, visible among other things in data on housing loan sales. In the coming quarters, rising demand, as well as low activity on the supply side of the housing market, may contribute to further increases in domestic property prices – unless they are effectively dampened by growing concerns about rising living costs and interest rates.

S&P rating agency assessed that in a scenario in which the average oil price amounts to \$80 per barrel in 2026 and then falls to \$65 in 2027, **the negative effects of the price shock on the ratings of Central and Eastern European countries, including Poland, would be manageable**. The agency also pointed to buffers that could support individual countries in the region even in extreme scenarios, including, for example, Poland's energy mix with a large share of coal. On the other hand, **Fitch rating agency** stated that limited fiscal buffers in CEE countries could result in downward pressure on their credit ratings in the event of a prolonged price shock. Fitch highlighted higher debt levels than before the 2022 energy shock and rising pressure on expenditure, including defence spending.

The EURPLN exchange rate edged slightly lower on Thursday compared with its level at the end of Wednesday and closed the session a little below the 4.28 threshold. The EURHUF and EURCZK exchange rates recorded only minor changes and ended the day at 383 and 24.52, respectively. A somewhat larger move was seen in EURUSD, which, after rising on Tuesday and Wednesday, fell by around 0.5% on Thursday to 1.153.

Domestic bond yields and money market rates stabilised on Thursday, following sharp declines on Tuesday and Wednesday. Polish bond yields rose slightly, by 1–3 bps, with a flattening of the curve by around 2 bps, while IRS and FRA rates recorded only negligible changes. Small moves were also observed in core markets. German bond yields rose by 2–4 bps, while US bond yields fell by 1–2 bps.

Residential property prices in Poland, % y/y



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FX market

Today's opening			
EURPLN	4,2772	CZKPLN	0,1743
USDPLN	3,7075	HUFPLN*	1,0911
EURUSD	1,1536	RONPLN	0,8398
CHFPLN	4,6412	NOKPLN	0,3807
GBPPLN	4,9056	DKKPLN	0,5723
USDCNY	6,8802	SEKPLN	0,3929

*for 100HUF

Last session in the FX market						02.04.2026
	min	max	open	close	fixing	
EURPLN	4,2717	4,2926	4,2909	4,2721	4,2869	
USDPLN	3,6954	3,7252	3,7198	3,7005	3,7195	
EURUSD	1,1508	1,1563	1,1537	1,1544		

Interest rate market 02.04.2026

T-bonds on the interbank market**		
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)
OK0128 (2L)	4,32	-6
PS0131 (5L)	5,14	0
DS1035 (10L)	5,74	0

IRS on the interbank market**

Term	PL		US		EZ	
	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)
1L	4,11	-1	3,97	0	2,72	1
2L	4,23	-1	3,89	0	2,82	1
3L	4,28	-3	3,85	0	2,83	1
4L	4,33	-3	3,86	-1	2,84	0
5L	4,39	-3	3,91	-1	2,86	0
8L	4,57	-3	4,03	0	2,97	1
10L	4,67	-3	4,13	-3	3,05	1

WIBOR rates

Term	%	Change (bps)
O/N	3,69	-2
SW	3,80	4
1M	3,82	1
3M	3,85	0
6M	3,88	1

FRA rates on the interbank market**

Term	%	Change (bps)
1x4	3,82	0
3x6	3,96	1
6x9	4,13	-2
9x12	4,27	-3
3x9	4,05	1
6x12	4,22	-2

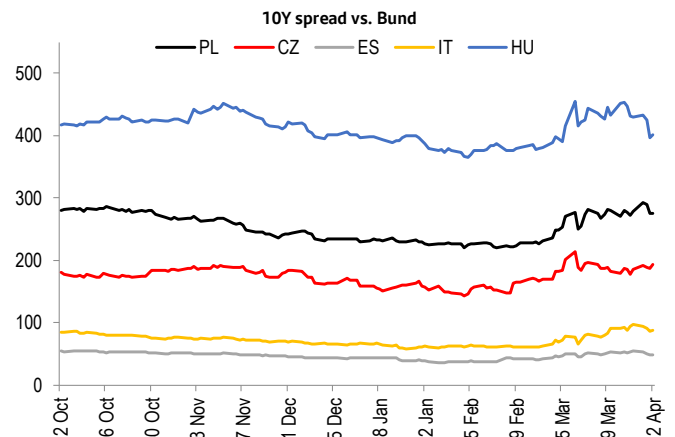
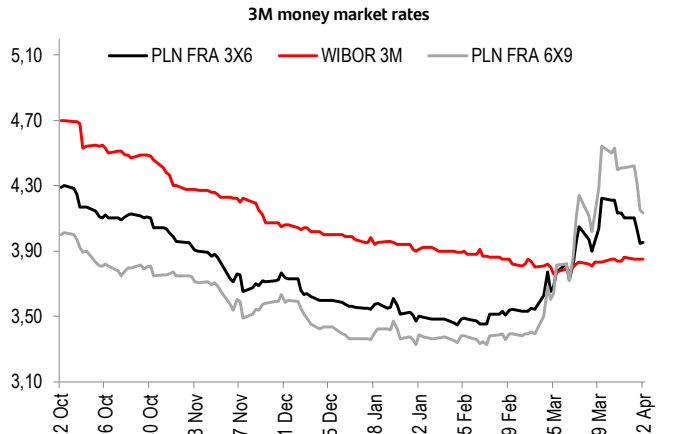
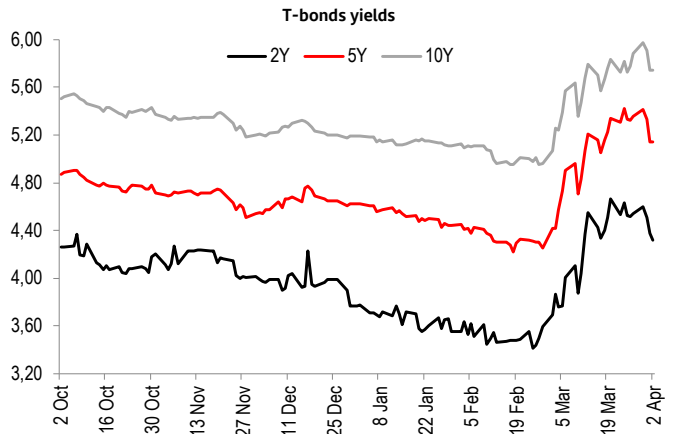
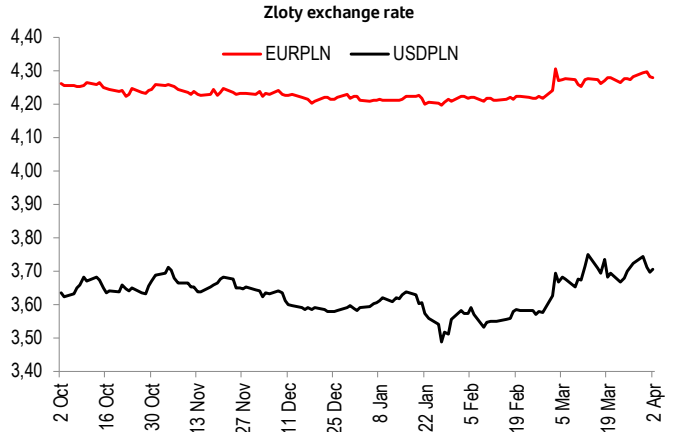
CDS rates and 10Y yield spread vs. German Bund

Country	CDS 5Y USD		10Y spread*	
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)
Poland	65	0	275	0
France	15	0	69	0
Hungary	110	0	401	5
Spain	21	0	49	0
Italy	17	0	87	1
Portugal	10	0	45	1
Ireland	10	0	25	-2
Germany	4	0	-	-

* 10Y treasury bonds over 10Y Bunds

**Information shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day

Source: LSEG, Datastream



Calendar of events and publications

TIME CET	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	FORECAST		ACTUAL VALUE	LAST VALUE*
				MARKET	SANTANDER		
FRIDAY (27 March)							
15:00	US	Michigan index	Mar	pts	54.0	53.3	56.6
MONDAY (30 March)							
11:00	EZ	ESI	Mar	pct.	96.6	96.6	98.2
14:00	DE	HICP	Mar	% m/m	1.2	1.2	0.4
TUESDAY (31 March)							
08:00	DE	Retail Sales	Feb	% m/m	0.3	-0.6	-1.0
09:00	CZ	GDP SA	4Q	% y/y	2.6	2.7	2.6
09:30	PL	CPI	Mar	% y/y	3.2	3.1	3.0
11:00	EZ	HICP	Mar	% y/y	2.6	2.5	1.9
16:00	US	Consumer Conference Board	Mar	pts	87.9	91.8	91.0
WEDNESDAY (1 April)							
09:00	PL	Poland Manufacturing PMI	Mar	pts	47.2	46.7	48.7
09:55	DE	Germany Manufacturing PMI	Mar	pts	51.7	52.2	51.7
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Mar	pts	51.4	51.6	51.4
11:00	EZ	Unemployment Rate	Feb	%	6.1	6.2	6.1
14:15	US	ADP report	Mar	k	40	62	66
14:30	US	Retail Sales Advance	Feb	% m/m	0.5	0.6	-0.1
16:00	US	ISM manufacturing	Mar	pts	52.3	52.7	52.4
THURSDAY (2 April)							
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	weekly	k	212	202	211
FRIDAY (3 April)							
03:45	CN	Caixin China PMI Services	Mar	pts	53.6	-	56.7
14:30	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Mar	k	50.0	-	-92.0
14:30	US	Unemployment Rate	Mar	%	4.4	-	4.4

Source: Santander Bank Polska, Reuters, Parkiet, Bloomberg

* in the case of a revision the data is updated

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