

## Key events in EMEA next week

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### ✓ Czech Republic: Mixed inflation picture

For December, we expect consumer inflation to slow down from 1.2% to 0.5% month-on-month, which translates into an increase from 16.2% to 16.4% year-on-year. Fuel and energy prices will again be the main questions for this print. We estimate that fuel prices fell 10% in December, the biggest month-on-month move since March this year. On the other hand, housing and energy prices slowed from November but still maintained a strong 2.2% MoM growth rate. Food inflation declined for the third month in a row (1.0% MoM) and we can expect seasonal cheapening of clothing in December.

### ✓ Hungary: Sudden phase-out of fuel price cap puts pressure on inflation

We expect the Hungarian industry to show mixed performance in November as smaller subsectors will suffer, while car, electronics and electrical equipment manufacturing (including electric vehicle

batteries) will keep the year-on-year production growth in positive territory. In line with that, we see a significant improvement in the November trade balance. This is not just a result of a more vivid export sector, but also due to the dropping energy consumption hence the lowering import needs.

We see the budget closing 2022 with yet another monthly deficit, although the strong nominal GDP growth will help to meet the 4.9% deficit-to-GDP target (excluding the 1.3% of GDP extraordinary gas purchase). The highlight of the week comes on 13 January, and it won't bring too much joy from an inflationary point of view. We expect headline inflation in December to be at a monthly rate of 3.1%, mainly driven by the sudden phase-out of the fuel price cap, complemented by further food price pressure. This would move the year-on-year headline reading close to 26%, while we forecast a 25.1% YoY core inflation print in the last month of 2022.

### **Romania: Ample liquidity backdrop blurs the relevance of the policy rate**

The Romanian National Bank (NBR) will announce its latest policy rate decision on 10 January. We narrowly favour a last 25 basis points hike to 7.00%, against a no-change decision. Either way, markets might be rather indifferent to the decision as the ample liquidity backdrop significantly blurs the relevance of the policy rate. On the CPI front, we expect the 2022 year-end inflation to have reached 16.6%, though downside surprises cannot be excluded.

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Country	Time	Data/event	ING Survey	Prev.
<b>Monday 9 January</b>				
Czech Rep	0800	Q3 Revised GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-0.2/1.7	-0.2/1.7
	0800	Dec Unemployment Rate	-	3.5
Hungary	0730	Nov Industrial Output (YoY%)	4.1	5.9
	0730	Nov P Trade Balance (EUR mn)	-330	-923
Mexico	1200	Dec Headline Inflation	-	0.58
	1200	Dec Core inflation	-	0.45
<b>Tuesday 10 January</b>				
Turkey	0700	Nov Unemployment Rate	-	9.9
	0700	Nov Industrial Production (MoM/YoY%)	-	2.37/2.54
Romania	1300	1 Mon Policy Rate	7	6.75
Kazakhstan	1200	Dec Industrial Production (YoY%)	-	1.4
Brazil	-	Dec IPCA Inflation Index (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	0.41/5.9
<b>Wednesday 11 January</b>				
Russia	1600	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	1.0/12.2	1/12.2
Turkey	0700	Nov Current Account Balance	-5.6	-0.359
Czech Rep	0800	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.5/16.4	1.2/16.2
Hungary	1000	Dec Budget Balance (HUF bn)	-400	-876
Brazil	1200	Nov Retail sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	0.4/2.7
Mexico	1200	Nov Industrial Output (MoM%/YoY%)	-	0.4/3.1
<b>Thursday 12 January</b>				
Czech Rep	0800	Nov Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	-9.7
Serbia	1100	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	14.6	1/15.1
	1100	Jan Benchmark Interest rate	5.25	5
<b>Friday 13 January</b>				
Turkey	0800	Dec Budget Balance	-	108.31
Poland	1200	Nov Current Account	-1014	-549
	0900	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	-
Czech Rep	0900	Nov Current Account Balance	-	-34.76
Hungary	0730	Dec Core CPI (YoY%)	25.1	24
	0730	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	3.1/25.9	1.8/22.5
Romania	0700	Dec CPI (YoY%)	16.6	16.76

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