

Key events in EMEA next week

Energy prices in the Czech Republic remain the main upside risk to inflation, as suppliers follow the market leader's footsteps in hiking prices



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Czech Republic: Inflation in next stage, but not at peak

For June, we expect inflation to slow marginally from 1.8% to 1.7% month-on-month, which translates into a dramatic year-on-year rise from 16% to 17.3%. Like previous months, food prices continue to rise at a high rate of 2.9% MoM. Fuel prices accelerated further in June to almost double (4.1% MoM). On the other hand, no sharp price increases are announced for June from major energy suppliers. Thus, we expect a smaller increase of 3.6% MoM compared to April (4.2%), but larger than in May (1.6%). Nevertheless, energy prices remain the main upside risk and the main question for the coming months, which we believe will be more interesting than the June print.

At the end of May, the main energy supplier announced a dramatic price hike effective from July, and a week ago the price list was changed upwards again effective from August. Other suppliers can be expected to follow in the market leader's footsteps. Some of them have already announced increases from July or August, the month in which we should see the largest contribution of energy price in the CPI. But, given the mix of floating and fixed contracts, energy prices will be written gradually into the CPI until at least January next year. As [we mentioned previously](#), we are

thus more and more sceptical that there will be a slowdown in inflation in the second half of the year as expected by the Czech National Bank. On the contrary, the next prints, including the June one, may push us to levels close to 20% year-on-year.

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 11 July					
Czech Rep	0800	May Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		5.0
Kazakhstan	-	Jun Industrial Production (YoY%)	-		4.4
Tuesday 12 July					
Czech Rep	0900	Jun Unemployment Rate	-		3.2
Romania	0700	Jun CPI (YoY%)	-	15.1	14.5
Serbia	1100	Jun CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		1.2/10.4
Mexico	1200	May Industrial Output (YoY%)	-		2.7
	1200	May Industrial Output (MoM%)	-		0.6
Wednesday 13 July					
Czech Rep	0800	Jun CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	1.7/17.3		1.8/16.0
South Africa	1200	May Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		3.4
Brazil	1300	May Retail sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.9/4.5
Thursday 14 July					
Poland	1300	May Current Account	-3670	-3294	-3924.0
Czech Rep	0900	May Current Account Balance	-		-10.2
Kazakhstan	-	Jun Industrial Production (MoM%)	-		3.8
Friday 15 July					
Poland	0900	Jun CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		1.5/15.6
Ukraine	-	May Trade Balance YTD	-		-0.03
Croatia	1000	Jun CPI (MoM%) NSA	-		1.4

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