

Key events in EMEA next week

A central bank meeting in Turkey, budget and current account balances in Russia, and various inflation readings dominate this week's emerging markets calendar



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✓ Russia: Macro full house

The Russian current account surplus for 4Q21 is likely to be reported at a solid \$40-45bn leading to \$120-125bn full-year figure. Russia's current account is likely to remain strong in 2022 as well, thanks to strong commodities on the one hand, and still restrained foreign travel on the other. Elevated [FX purchases announced for January](#) could be seen as only a minor setback for the ruble, given the expected \$40-45bn current account surplus for 1Q22. Nevertheless, this does not mean cloudless skies for the ruble, given that the capital account may still come under pressure from local structural outflows and foreign policy-driven restraint from portfolio investors.

In other news, the budget balance for 2021 is likely to be reported in a RUB0.5-1.0tn range, or around 0.4-0.8% of GDP, mainly thanks to strong revenue collection and some restraint in spending. The 2022 draft is also guiding for [consolidation](#) and under our house view on oil should also remain in surplus this year. However, the recent political turmoil in Kazakhstan and elevated local inflation may force the government to increase spending plans for the military, internal security forces, and for social payments, suggesting looser fiscal policy vs. initial plans.

Inflation remains a hot topic, as during the first 10 days of January CPI growth picked up from [8.4% year-on-year in December](#) to 8.6% YoY, contrary to most expectations. This, combined with potential fiscal easing, means that our earlier expectations of [0-50bp upside to the 8.5% key rate](#) is becoming too optimistic and should shift to a 50-100bp range. The weekly CPI readings, to be released each Wednesday, will be closely watched by the market at least until the next monetary policy meeting, to be held on 11 February.

✓ Turkey: Policy rate to remain unchanged

In the last MPC meeting, the Central Bank of Turkey said it had used up the envisaged limited room for easing this month and had concluded its easing cycle, which has been ongoing since September. Given this backdrop, we expect the bank to stay on hold and keep the policy rate unchanged at 14%.

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Friday 14 January					
Turkey	0800	Dec Budget Balance	-		32
Monday 17 January					
Poland	1300	Dec Net Inflation (YoY%)	-		4.7
Croatia	1000	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-		0.7/4.8
Tuesday 18 January					
Russia	1400	4Q21 Current account (\$bn)	42.0	-	36.9
Wednesday 19 January					
South Africa	0800	Dec CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.5/5.5
	0800	Dec Core inflation (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.1/3.3
	1100	Nov Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		1.8
Thursday 20 January					
Turkey	1100	Jan CBT Weekly Repo Rate	14.0		14.0
	1100	Jan O/N Lending Rate	15.5		15.5
	1100	Jan O/N Borrowing Rate	12.5		12.5
Ukraine	1200	Central bank interest rate	-		9
Mexico	1200	Dec Jobless Rate	-		3.7
Russia	-	2021 Budget Fulfilment (RUB tr)	0.5		-4.1
Friday 21 January					
Poland	0900	Dec Industrial Output (YoY%)	-		15.2
	0900	Dec Unemployment Rate	-		5.4

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