

Key events in EMEA next week

Rate hikes in Hungary and GDP releases in Mexico and Croatia dominate next week's EMEA calendar



The National Bank of Hungary in Budapest

Hungary: Rising inflation evokes hawkish responses from the National Bank

The National Bank of Hungary will put more emphasis on the pro-inflationary impact of the war than on the negative economic activity impact when it meets again next week. This will be reflected in the new staff projection as we see significant upward revisions in the 2022-23 inflation outlook. Against this backdrop, we see a hawkish 100bp hike in the base rate and in the interest rate corridor on Tuesday followed by a 50bp rise in the 1-week deposit rate on Thursday.

As an alternative scenario – especially if the Hungarian forint (HUF) strengthens further – the combination of a 50bp (base rate) and a 30bp (1-week deposit rate) hike would be realistic as well. To end the week, we are going to see the latest unemployment data, where we expect some positive correction in February after the seasonal uptick in the jobless rate in January.

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 21 March					
Poland	0900	Feb Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	16.7	20
Tuesday 22 March					
Poland	1300	Feb M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-	7.8	7.7
Hungary	1300	Mar O/N Deposit Rate	4.40	-	3.40
	1300	Mar Hungary Base Rate	4.40	-	3.40
Wednesday 23 March					
Poland	0900	Feb Unemployment Rate	-	5.5	5.5
Thursday 24 March					
Hungary	0800	One-Week Deposit Rate	6.35	-	5.85
South Africa	0930	Feb PPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-	0.9/10.4	0.2/10.1
Mexico	1200	Jan Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	-	-0.4/4.9
	1200	Mar 1st Half-Month Inflation (MoM%)	-	-	0.4
Friday 25 March					
Russia	1600	Feb Industrial Output	6.3	-	8.6
Hungary	0800	Feb Unemployment Rate 3M	3.9	-	3.8
Brazil	1200	Mar IPCA-15 Mid-Month CPI (YoY%)	-	-	10.76
Mexico	1200	Jan IGAE Econ Activity (YoY%)	-	-	1.3
	1200	Q4 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-	-0.1/1	-0.1/1
Croatia	1000	Q4 GDP (YoY%)	-	-	15.8

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