

Key Events

Key events in EMEA next week

The central bank of Hungary is likely to start its hiking cycle next week with a 30bp rate hike, as growth and inflation forecasts are revised upwards. Also, keep an eye on key releases from Poland which should reflect continued optimism and the Czech central bank meeting too



Source: Shutterstock

Hungary: Month-by-month rate cycle to begin with a 30bp base rate hike

The wind of change is about to arrive with the next Hungarian central bank meeting as the central bank has made it clear that it will say goodbye to an era in June.

It seems there are two possible options on the table. A quarterly-based tightening cycle starting with a bang or a month-by-month cycle with smaller steps. We think the central bank will choose the softer but continuous cycle, so the month-by-month scenario. In this case, the first step will be a 30bp hike to the base rate and a 15bp hike to the 1-week deposit rate.

Alongside rate hikes, we see the central bank preparing markets for changes in its lending program (FGS, BGS), where we expect much smaller-scaled green initiatives. When it comes to QE, we think that the NBH will remain comfortable running this program, following in the ECB's footsteps. All of these will be triggered by the foreseen changes in the economic outlook.

We see the NBH revising its growth and CPI forecasts upwards in its June Inflation Report.

Poland: Industrial production and retail sales to edge higher

We will get the May industrial production data on Monday in Poland, and we expect an increase of 27%YoY - slightly below the market consensus.

Despite the gradual opening of the economy, the industry is experiencing supply chain disruptions. Nevertheless, the containment of the latest wave of the pandemic should support retail sales. We expect the CSO to confirm a strong rebound offsetting the sharp drop seen in April. However, sales in MoM terms also fell in March, so the YoY outcome in May may be slightly worse than expected by the market.

The unemployment rate in Poland reached 6.5% at its peak in February 2021 (up by ~1pp from the pre-pandemic level) and is gradually falling since the economic recovery is gathering pace. We estimate that in May, it has reached 6.1% on its way to the bottom of around 5.7% in September.

EMEA Economic Calendar

| Country | Time Data/event | ING | Survey | Prev. |
|-----------|--|------|--------|---------|
| | Monday 21 June | | | |
| Russia | - May GDP (YoY%) Monthly | - | | 10.7 |
| Poland | 0900 May Industrial Output YY | 27 | 29.0 | 44.5 |
| | Tuesday 22 June | | | |
| Poland | 0900 May Retail Sales (YoY%) | 10.5 | | 25.7 |
| Hungary | 1300 Jun Hungary Base Rate | 0.90 | | 0.6 |
| | 1300 Jun O/N Deposit Rate | 0.10 | | -0.05 |
| | Wednesday 23 June | | | |
| Czech Rep | 1330 CNB Repo Rate | - | | 0.25 |
| Mexico | 1200 Apr Retail Sales (MoM/YoY%) | - | | 3.6/2.5 |
| Russia | 1700 May Industrial Output (YoY%) | 10.5 | 10.5 | 7.2 |
| | Thursday 24 June | | | |
| Poland | 0900 May Unemployment Rate | 6.1 | | 6.3 |
| | 1300 May M3 Money Supply (YoY%) | - | | 11.2 |
| Mexico | 1200 Jun 1st Half-Month Core Infl (MoM%) | - | | 0.33 |
| | 1200 Jun 1st Half-Month Infl (MoM%) | - | | -0.01 |
| | 1200 May Jobless Rate | - | | 4.7 |
| | 2000 Jun Interest Rate | - | | 4.0 |
| | Friday 25 June | | | |
| Brazil | 1100 May Current Account | - | | 5.663 |
| | 1100 May Foreign Direct Investm't | - | | 3.544 |
| Mexico | 1300 Apr IGAE Econ Activity (YoY%) | - | | 0.8 |

Source: ING. Refinitiv

Author

Peter Virovacz

Senior Economist, Hungary peter.virovacz@ing.com

Disclaimer

This publication has been prepared by the Economic and Financial Analysis Division of ING Bank N.V. ("**ING**") solely for information purposes without regard to any particular user's investment objectives, financial situation, or means. *ING forms part of ING Group (being for this purpose ING Group N.V. and its subsidiary and affiliated companies)*. The information in the publication is not an investment recommendation and it is not investment, legal or tax advice or an offer or solicitation to purchase or sell any financial instrument. Reasonable care has been taken to ensure that this publication is not untrue or misleading when published, but ING does not represent that it is accurate or complete. ING does not accept any liability for any direct, indirect or consequential loss arising from any use of this publication. Unless otherwise stated, any views, forecasts, or estimates are solely those of the author(s), as of the date of the publication and are subject to change without notice.

The distribution of this publication may be restricted by law or regulation in different jurisdictions and persons into whose possession this publication comes should inform themselves about, and observe, such restrictions.

Copyright and database rights protection exists in this report and it may not be reproduced, distributed or published by any person for any purpose without the prior express consent of ING. All rights are reserved. ING Bank N.V. is authorised by the Dutch Central Bank and supervised by the European Central Bank (ECB), the Dutch Central Bank (DNB) and the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM). ING Bank N.V. is incorporated in the Netherlands (Trade Register no. 33031431 Amsterdam). In the United Kingdom this information is approved and/or communicated by ING Bank N.V., London Branch. ING Bank N.V., London Branch is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and is subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. ING Bank N.V., London branch is registered in England (Registration number BR000341) at 8-10 Moorgate, London EC2 6DA. For US Investors: Any person wishing to discuss this report or effect transactions in any security discussed herein should contact ING Financial Markets LLC, which is a member of the NYSE, FINRA and SIPC and part of ING, and which has accepted responsibility for the distribution of this report in the United States under applicable requirements.

Additional information is available on request. For more information about ING Group, please visit www.ing.com.