

Key events in EMEA next week

In addition to Croatian GDP, expect Hungary's central bank meeting next week to be an uneventful occasion while the Russian central bank will maintain its hawkish stance



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Hungary: Waiting for June

After the Hungarian central bank's announcement that a rate hike cycle is about to start in June, we don't expect any change at the rate-setting meeting in May.

Given that the forint now hovers around 350, we don't see any reason to front-run the announced starting point of the hawkish cycle. Other than the meeting, labour market data could bring some action. We see the three-month moving average of the unemployment rate moving down, while public sector wage growth is likely to remain elevated.

Russia: Economic data to show strength and reinforce the hawkish stance

Russian activity numbers for April are likely to be strong, mostly on the back of low base effects, as April - May 2020 were the only two months of strict lockdowns in Russia.

We also expect retail trade, which may show at least 24% YoY growth, to have benefitted from

lack of foreign tourism, as well as higher leverage and a splurge of savings, likely to be confirmed by the banking statistics also to be released next week. We expect industrial output to at least rise by 5% YoY on the back off base effects, higher oil exports which have already translated into strong current account numbers in April, and support from positive spending growth.

The central bank is likely to see the activity data as confirmation of its upbeat economic growth expectations for this year, reinforcing the hawkish monetary stance for the upcoming meeting.

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 24 May					
Russia	1700	Apr Retail Sales (YoY%)	24.0	24.5	-3.4
	1700	Apr Unemployment Rate	-	5.4	5.4
Poland	0900	Apr Industrial Output (YoY%)	-	44.5	18.9
	0900	Apr Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	27.2	17.1
Mexico	1200	May 1st Half-Month Core Infl (MoM%)	-		0.18
	1200	May 1st Half-Month Infl (MoM%)	-		0.06
Tuesday 25 May					
Poland	1300	Apr M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-	12.6	14.4
Hungary	1300	May Hungary Base Rate	0.6		0.6
	1300	May O/N Deposit Rate	-0.05		-0.05
Brazil	1300	May IPCA-15 Mid-Month CPI	-		0.6
	1300	May IPCA-15 Mid-Month CPI (YoY%)	-		6.17
Mexico	1200	Apr Trade Balance SA	-		-2.906
Russia	1700	Apr Industrial production (YoY%)	5.2	6.5	1.1
Wednesday 26 May					
Poland	0900	Apr Unemployment Rate	-	6.3	6.4
Brazil	1330	Apr Current Account	-		-4.00
	1330	Apr Foreign Direct Investm't	-		6.864
Mexico	1300	Q1 GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.4/-5.1
Thursday 27 May					
Hungary	0800	Apr Unemployment Rate 3M	4.2		4.5
Brazil	1300	Apr Central Govt Balance	-		2.101
Mexico	1200	Apr Jobless Rate	-		3.9
Friday 28 May					
Turkey	0800	Apr Trade Balance	-3.1		-4.65
Hungary	0800	Mar Average Gross Wages (YoY%)	9.6		9.6
Croatia	1000	Q1 GDP (YoY%)	-5.3		-7.00
Brazil	1200	May IGP-M Inflation Index	-		1.51

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