

Key events in EMEA next week

For Hungary's rates-setting meeting next week, we expect no changes to be made. In the Czech Republic, we think the GDP report will confirm the previously-published flash estimate, and that the economy has continued to decline, entering into a mild recession



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Turkey: Risks to outlook are on the upside

We expect February inflation to be 1.7% month-on-month, leading to a further decline in the annual figure down to 53% from 57.7% a month ago due to a supportive base and stability in the currency. However, given deeply negative real interest rates, further disinflation would be quite challenging, while risks to the outlook this year are on the upside with a potential policy mix of larger fiscal stimulus and looser monetary policy following the devastating earthquakes.

Regarding GDP growth, we expect further moderation to 3% for the final quarter of 2022, mainly due to weakness in the external demand, with growth for the full year 2022 will be around 5.3% due to a strong performance in the first half.

Czech Republic: two quarters of continuous decline in GDP

The Czech GDP report will likely confirm the previously-published flash estimate that the economy declined in the fourth quarter of last year, making it two consecutive quarters of decline, entering

the Czech economy into a mild recession. The recession has mainly been driven by a continuous strong decline in consumer spending as households are facing the burden of high energy prices on their purchasing power.

Nevertheless, investment and exports likely recovered, despite lingering restrictive monetary policy in terms of high interest rates and strong currency. This seems to be a promising sign that the recession will be shallow, without a significant impact on the labour market, and the economy should return to soft growth in the second half of the year, driven by a gradual improvement in external demand.

Hungary: No changes from the policymakers yet

The main event in Hungary is the February rate-setting meeting. We have seen glimmers of hope that the economic picture in Hungary is about to improve. However, it is early days and therefore we expect the central bank to remain patient and [see no change from the policymakers](#) yet. While we are still waiting for January activity data, we are going to see another manufacturing PMI where we expect the reading to suggest optimism based on the still high level of orders. After that, we will look back again to try and understand the factors behind the late-2022 technical recession. As the Statistical Office reminded us in its press release after the flash GDP estimate, data quality has worsened so we might see some non-negligible revisions in the GDP data.

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Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 27 February					
Turkey	0700	Jan Trade Balance	-13.9		-9.7
Brazil	1200	Feb IGP-M Inflation Index	-		0.21
	1730	Jan Central Government Balance	-		4.427
Mexico	1200	Jan Trade Balance SA	-		-1.828
Tuesday 28 February					
Turkey	0700	Q4 GDP Quarterly (YoY%)	3.0		3.9
Poland	0900	Q4 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		-2.4/2
Hungary	1300	Feb Hungary Base Rate	13.00		13.00
South Africa	0600	Jan M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-		8.66
	0600	Jan Private Sector Credit Ext.	-		7.73
	1200	Jan Trade Balance (Incl. Region)	-		5.43
Wednesday 1 March					
Russia	0600	Feb S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		52.6
	1600	Jan Retail Sales (YoY%)	-11.4	-8.6	-10.5
	1600	Jan Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	3.7
Turkey	0700	Feb Manufacturing PMI	-		50.1
	1100	Jan Bank NPL Ratio	-		2.1
Poland	0800	Feb S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		47.5
Czech Rep	0830	Feb S&P Global PMI	-		44.6
Hungary	0800	Feb Manufacturing PMI	53.5		55
Brazil	1300	Feb S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		47.5
Mexico	1530	Feb S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		48.9
Thursday 2 March					
Hungary	0730	Q4 GDP Final (YoY%)	0.4		0.4
Brazil	0800	Feb IPC-Fipe Inflation Idx	-		0.63
	1200	Q4 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		0.4/3.6
Mexico	1200	Jan Jobless Rate	-		2.8
Friday 3 March					
Russia	0600	Feb S&P Global Services PMI	-		48.7
Turkey	0700	Feb CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	1.7/53.0		6.65/57.68
Czech Rep	0800	Q4 Final GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-0.3/0.4		-0.3/0.4
Hungary	0730	Dec Trade Balance Final	-154		-154
South Africa	0715	Feb Std Bank Whole Econ PMI	-		48.7
Brazil	1300	Feb S&P Global Services PMI	-		50.7
	1300	Feb S&P Global Composite PMI	-		49.9

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