

Key events in EMEA next week

We expect the National Bank of Hungary to cut the effective rate again next week by 100bp while giving hawkish forward guidance to manage market expectations. All eyes are on Poland as slowing growth in food and energy prices is expected to ease up CPI dynamics in August



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Hungary: Expectation for central bank to cut the effective rate by 100bp

Next week the National Bank of Hungary (NBH) will hold its August meeting, in which we expect it to cut the effective rate by 100bp. But what the central bank changes in its forward guidance will be more interesting than the rate decision itself. We see the NBH using the meeting to manage market expectations for monetary policy in the fourth quarter and we expect a lot of hawkish flavour.

After a few days of rest, events pile up on the last day of the week. We expect the Statistical Office to reveal in its detailed data release that weaker-than-expected second-quarter GDP growth was due to a disappointing performance in services and a weaker positive contribution from agriculture. The August manufacturing PMI will be [in line with the disappointing European figures](#), in our view, suggesting further weakness in industry during the third quarter.

Last but not least, Moody's scheduled sovereign rating review comes on 1 September. As the rating agency skipped the past two occasions to release a review note, we expect one this time in parallel with an outlook downgrade from stable to negative, but affirming the Baa2 grade.

Poland: CPI dynamics expected to slow further in August

We expect the Central Statistics Office to confirm the flash second-quarter GDP print of -0.5% year-on-year, following -0.3% in the first quarter. Data available since the flash reading show that investments likely came even stronger than in the first quarter. Large companies reported robust capital outlays in the second quarter, which is usually a very good proxy for private investment.

At the same time, public investment was likely strong as well, driven by the completion of EU-backed infrastructure projects in the final year of the 'old' EU budget. This in turn suggests that other parts of internal demand became weak, particularly private consumption. A lacklustre global environment (i.e. dismal German industry performance), as well as signs of weakening in the Polish labour market suggest that the GDP recovery will be slow later this year and we will not see a markedly better economic performance before the final quarter of the year.

We expect CPI dynamics to slow further in August, to around 10% YoY from 10.8% a month earlier. This mainly reflects slowing growth in food and energy prices. Even if August inflation remains in double digits, we believe that the Monetary Policy Council will decide to cut rates in September. CPI is set to slow further in the following months, given strong base effects, PPI deflation (driven by lower energy prices and trends in global supply chains), as well as still lacklustre household consumption.

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Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Tuesday 29 August					
Turkey	0800	Jul Trade Balance	-		-5.16
	1200	Jul Bank NPL Ratio	-		1.64
Czech Rep	0800	Q2 Final GDP (YoY%)	-		-0.6
	0800	Q2 Final GDP (QoQ%)	-		0.1
Hungary	1300	Aug Hungary Base Rate	13.00		13.00
Wednesday 30 August					
Russia	1700	Jul Retail Sales (YoY%)	9.4	9.3	10
	1700	Jul Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.1
South Africa	0700	Jul M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-		11.15
	0700	Jul Pvt Sector Credit Ext.	-		6.25
Thursday 31 August					
Russia	-	Jul GDP (YoY%) Monthly	-	4.5	5.3
Turkey	0800	Q2 GDP Quarterly (YoY%)	-		4
Poland	0900	Q2 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-	/	-3.7/-0.5
South Africa	1030	Jul PPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	-0.3/4.8
	1300	Jul Trade Balance (Incl. Region)	-		-3.54
Friday 1 September					
Russia	0700	Aug S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		52.1
Turkey	0800	Aug Manufacturing PMI	-		49.9
Poland	0800	Aug S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-		43.5
Czech Rep	0830	Aug S&P Global PMI	-		41.4
	1300	Aug Budget Balance	-		-214.1
Hungary	0730	Q2 GDP Final (YoY%)	-2.4		-2.4
	0730	Jun Trade Balance Final	1500		1500
	0800	Aug Manufacturing PMI	44.1		45.7

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