

Key things to watch in EMEA this week

ING's view on upcoming key data and events in central and eastern Europe

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING Survey Prev.		
Friday 26th January					
Slovakia	-	Slovakia Sovereign Debt to be rated by S&P			
Estonia	-	Estonia Sovereign Debt to Be Rated by Moody's			
Brazil	1230	Dec C/A Balance (\$mn)	-5000	-4250	-2388
Monday 29th January					
Poland	-	2017 Annual GDP (YoY%)	4.6	4.5	2.9
Croatia	1000	Dec Industrial Production (SA, YoY%)	-	-	-1.7
Tuesday 30th January					
Turkey	0730	Central Bank Inflation Report			
Hungary	1300	Policy Rate (%)	0.9	0.9	0.9
Croatia	1000	Dec P Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	-	5.7
South Africa	0600	Dec M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-	-	6.61
	0600	Dec Private Sector Credit (YoY%)	-	-	6.45
	1200	Dec National Budget Balance (ZARbn)	-	-	-15.33
Wednesday 31st January					
Turkey	0700	Dec Trade Balance (US\$m)	-9.6	-	-6.32
	0800	Dec Foreign Tourist Arrivals (YoY%)	-	-	22.1
Hungary	0800	Dec PPI (MoM/YoY%)	1.1/5.0	-/-	1/4.5
Romania	0700	Dec Unemp Rate Total 15 - 74 Years Old SA	-	-	4.7
Serbia	1100	Dec Industrial Production (YoY%)	-	-	5.5
	1100	4Q P GDP (YoY%)	-	-	2.1
	1100	Dec Trade Balance (€m)	-	-	-467.7
	1100	Dec Retail Sales (YoY%)	-	-	2.9
Croatia	-	Nov Real Wages (YoY%)	-	-	3.8
	-	Dec M1 Money Supply (HRKmn)	-	-	94833
South Africa	1200	Dec Trade Balance (ZARbn)	-	-	13.02
	-	4Q Consumer Confidence	-	-	-9.2
Israel	1100	Dec Monthly Unemployment Rate (%)	-	-	4.3
Thursday 1st February					
Russia	0600	Jan Markit Manufacturing PMI	-	-	52
Turkey	0700	Jan Markit/ISO Manufacturing PMI	-	-	54.9
Poland	0800	Jan Markit Manufacturing PMI	-	-	55
Czech Rep	0800	Jan Budget Balance (CZKbn)	-	-	-6.15
	0830	Jan Markit Manufacturing PMI	58.7	-	59.8
	1200	Repo Rate	0.75	-	0.5
Romania	-	Jan FX Reserves (€bn, Net)	-	-	37107
South Africa	0900	Jan Kagiso PMI	-	-	44.9
	1100	Dec Electricity Production (YoY%)	-	-	1.7
	1100	Dec Electricity Consumption (YoY%)	-	-	0.9
	-	Jan NAAMSA Vehicle Sales (YoY%)	-	-	-2.4
Friday 2nd February					
Hungary	0800	Nov F Trade Balance (€mn)	718	-	718
Romania	0700	Dec PPI (MoM/YoY%)	-/-	-/-	0.5/4.4
Slovakia	-	Slovakia Sovereign Debt to be rated by Fitch			

Source: ING, Bloomberg

What to expect in the Czech Republic

The Czech National Bank (CNB) decided not to distort the Christmas festive period and kept rates on hold in December. However, economic activity continues to be favourable and in line with the CNB forecast, which means that a February hike looks like a done deal in our view. The CNB will start to publish its EUR/CZK projection again to guide the market, and new interest rate forecasts will most likely continue to show just two hikes in 2018, though we think it is more reasonable to expect at least three hikes.

3 2018 interest rate hikes

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What about the National Bank of Hungary?

The National Bank of Hungary (NBH) will provide the excitement for next week, but not necessarily because of the rate-setting meeting. We don't expect any shift in monetary policy, thus no change in rates and/or communication is our base case scenario. However, the NBH will keep its second MIRS tender, possibly based on new rules (see: [FX Focus – NBH to anchor the curve \(for now\)](#)), which might be triggered by the highly disappointing results and experience of the first tender.

Expect strong Polish GDP

In Poland, we expect an above-consensus 2017 GDP reading (4.6%YoY), reflecting the strong economic performance in 4Q17. Based on monthly data, we estimate that growth exceeded 5% year-on-year in the previous quarter.

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