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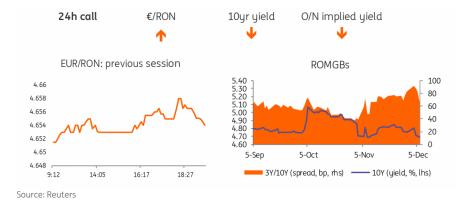


Romania

# **Briefing Romania**

## The Ministry of Finance auctions September 2031 bonds





# EUR/RON

Another quiet day for the EUR/RON closing around 4.6550 on low turnover. With a negative mood prevailing on global stock markets, we could see the currency pair testing the upper bound of the recent 4.6500-4.6600 range today.

## 😍 Government bonds

Selling interest emerged in the ROMGBs market, likely related to profit-taking after the recent rally. As a result, yields closed c.4-7 basis points higher across the curve. The Ministry of Finance auctions RON300 million today in September 2031 bonds. This is a rather illiquid paper, and MinFin could sell less than planned as demand is likely to be limited. Average yields could print near secondary market mid of 5.30%.

## 🔮 Money Market

The funding rates traded below the key rate level of 2.50% yesterday as liquidity is returning from state budget spending. The rest of the money market curve was unchanged.

EUR/RON forecasts and forwards					
	4Q18	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19
ING forecast	4.70	4.67	4.65	4.70	4.75
Forward rate	4.68	4.73	4.78	4.83	4.91

Market radar

Source: Reuters, ING estimates



change in basis points, 03¢ (data as at 00. b c

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ING

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