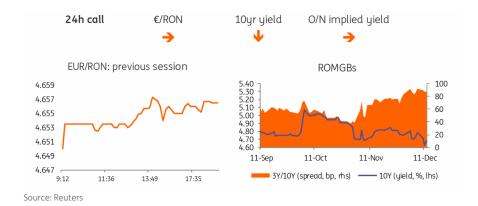


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Briefing Romania

Carry at deposit facility earlier than expected





EUR/RON

The EUR/RON returned above 4.6500 yesterday, possibly on the back of lower carry which incentivizes buyers. We maintain our call for a gradual move to the 4.6700 area towards the yearend.

Government bonds

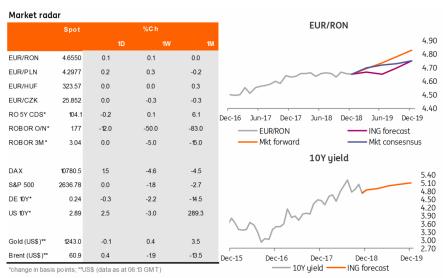
The better than expected inflation numbers reignited a buying spree for ROMGBs yesterday. The back-end of the curve had most to gain as yields dropped by as much as 15 basis points in some ISINs. Front-end bids were also supportive, pushing the curve c.4-5 basis points lower. The five-year

euro-denominated auction came in as expected, as demand was broadly in line with the 6 November auction, when all bids were rejected. This time, the Ministry of Finance allocated EUR251.5 million at a 0.95% average and 0.96% maximum versus the initial EUR200 million target.

Money Market

The overnight implied yield dropped again and is now trading at the 1.50% deposit facility as liquidity conditions are overly supportive. Tenors above 1M remained unchanged, possibly on expectations that the current soft stance in cash rates won't last too long.

EUR/RON forecasts and forwards					
	4Q18	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19
ING forecast	4.67	4.67	4.65	4.70	4.75
Forward rate	4.68	4.69	4.74	4.78	4.83
Source: Reuters, IN	G estimates				



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