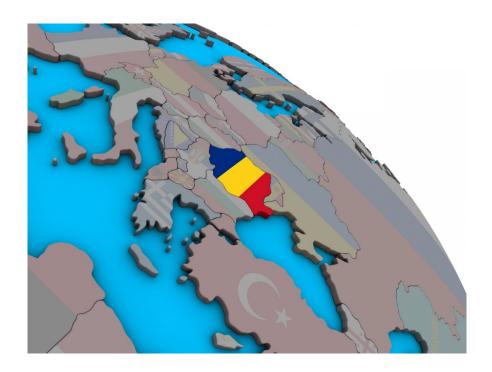
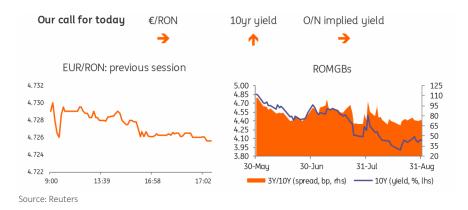


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# **Briefing Romania**

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## **EUR/RON**

The Romanian leu continued to slightly outperform its regional peers on Friday, trading in the 4.7250-4.7300 range. The week ahead looks less eventful for the local currency which should trade between 4.7200 and 4.7400 against the euro.

Speaking of FX stability, on Friday the S&P affirmed Romania's rating at 'BBB-' with a stable

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outlook. Among its main assumptions for the base-line scenario, the agency envisages "real exchange rates remaining relatively firm". This is in line with our view of a controlled depreciation of the local currency, but not exceeding the inflation differential between Romania and its main trading partners.

### Government bonds

Romanian government bonds recoupled with their regional peers to some extent, inching 4-5 basis points higher at the longer end. The September auctions will start this Thursday, leaving a few days for market players to position.

## Money market

We should see a higher interest from local players at today's NBR deposit auction as front rates declined towards the 2.50% key rate on Friday. This will likely keep cash rates around 2.50% in the days to come.





\*change in basis points; \*\*US\$ (data as at 06:22 GMT)

Source: Reuters, ING estimates

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