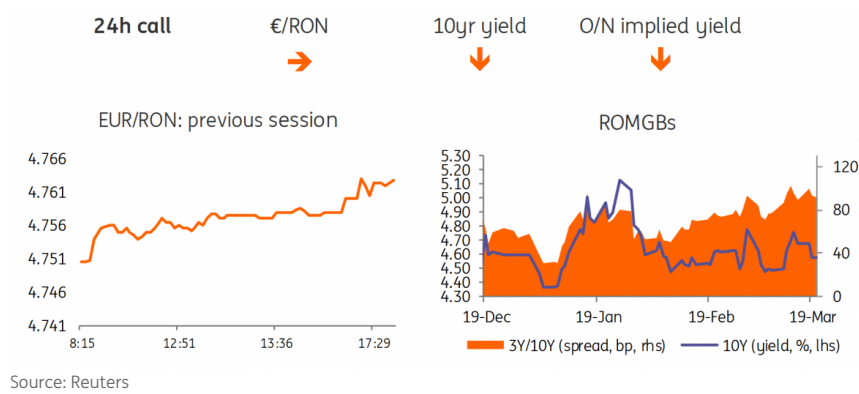


Briefing Romania

Paying interest returns to the money market



➔ EUR/RON

The Romanian leu decoupled from its regional peers, testing the 4.7600 level against the euro. The turnover has been increasing as well, suggesting that the upside pressure is not transitory. We expect a 4.7500-4.7650 trading range for today, as the market is likely aware of official offers around 4.7700.

⬇️ Government bonds

A quiet day in the Romanian government bond market which witnessed slightly better bids across the curve. The market is now likely awaiting the Eurobond retap since the budget bill is now

approved and the S&P review is behind us. The latest Ministry of Finance’s data has shown ROMGBs offshore holdings at 20.7% of the total in December, the largest share since October-2014, suggesting limited incremental demand left in the pipeline.

Money Market

As expected, cash rates are trading close to the deposit facility again as banks didn’t risk placing everything with the central bank at Monday’s deposit auction. In longer tenors, the upside pressure on EUR/RON triggered paying interest across the curve, which shifted by up to 10 basis points higher. The three-month implied yield is now at 4.20%, quite close to the five-year highs seen in February 2019.

EUR/RON forecasts (eop)

	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20
ING forecast	4.77	4.78	4.85	4.87	4.88
FX Forward	4.82	4.87	4.92	4.97	4.99

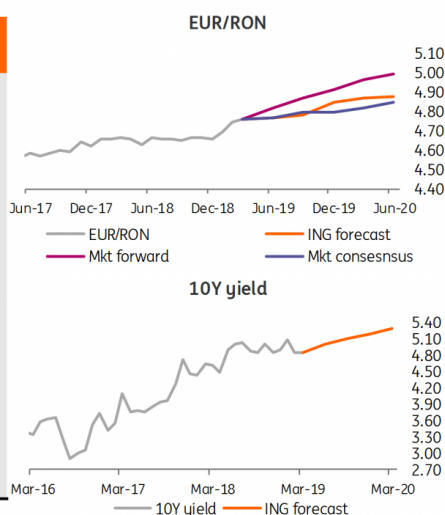
Source: Reuters, ING estimates

Market radar

	Spot	%Ch		
		1D	1W	1M
EUR/RON	4.7591	0.2	-0.4	0.3
EUR/PLN	4.2858	-0.1	-0.3	-10
EUR/HUF	312.9	-0.3	-0.7	-16
EUR/CZK	25.63	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
RO 5Y CDS*	103.8	0.5	-0.1	-2.1
ROBOR O/N*	191	-60.0	24.0	-169.0
ROBOR 3M*	3.12	2.0	7.0	-2.0
DAX	1788.4	1.1	2.6	4.7
S&P 500	2832.57	0.0	2.0	5.0
DE 10Y*	0.10	2.3	4.3	-0.8
US 10Y*	2.60	1.1	-0.2	260.3
Gold (US\$)**	1303.0	0.2	0.1	-17
Brent (US\$)**	67.8	0.1	17	2.0

*change in basis points; **US\$ (data as at 06:21GMT)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ING



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