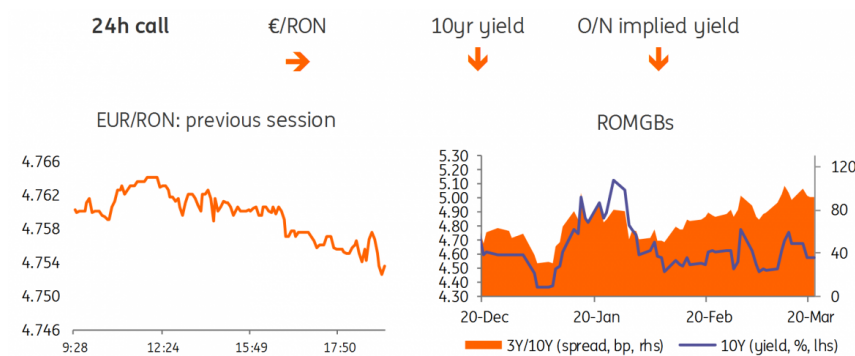


Briefing Romania

RON400 million up for sale in 1-year auction



Source: Reuters

➔ EUR/RON

The Romanian leu traded within the already established 4.7500-4.7600 range, closing the day around 4.7530, 30 pips below the opening level. The [Federal Reserve's dovish signal](#) didn't seem to reverberate too deeply in the emerging markets FX space, but some time might be needed for the markets to readjust. For today, we expect the same 4.7500-4.7650 trading range to hold.

⬇️ Government bonds

Romanian government bond yields seem to have stabilised somewhat in recent days. The market has likely priced in most of the bank tax changes, though the final form of the bill is yet to be

released. Today, the Ministry of Finance auctions RON400 million in 1-year T-bills. FX swap implied yields are trading a bit decoupled from the 1-year Robor (3.80% vs 3.50), with the latter likely being more relevant for the auction bidders. Nevertheless, the asset swap has been consistently negative in these shorter tenors. We expect supportive demand around 3.20%.

Money Market

The money market curve continued to re-price slightly higher, with rates from 1-month to 1-year trading in a quite narrow and inverted 4.00-3.80% range. This might seem unreasonably high, but with FX trading close to historic highs on a regular basis, the paying interest still prevails on forwards.

EUR/RON forecasts (eop)

	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20
ING forecast	4.77	4.78	4.85	4.87	4.88
FX Forward	4.81	4.86	4.91	4.96	4.99

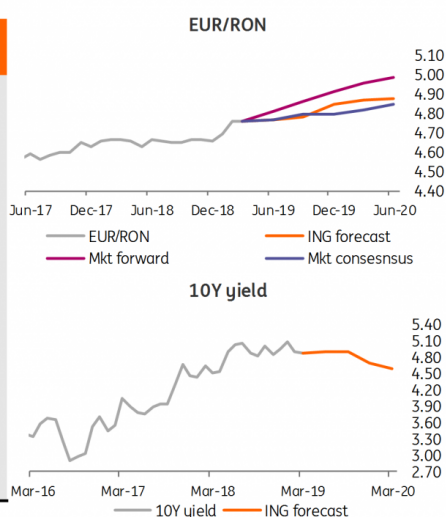
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Market radar

	Spot	%Ch		
		1D	1W	1M
EUR/RON	4.7530	-0.2	-0.5	0.1
EUR/PLN	4.2775	-0.2	-0.5	-12
EUR/HUF	33.82	0.3	-0.3	-11
EUR/CZK	25.635	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
RO 5Y CDS*	104.6	0.8	0.8	-2.0
ROBOR O/N*	174	-17.0	4.0	-14.0
ROBOR 3M*	3.33	10	7.0	-6.0
DAX	1603.9	-0.3	0.6	2.9
S&P 500	2824.23	-16	10	2.2
DE 10Y*	0.07	-2.2	0.2	-3.4
US 10Y*	2.53	-7.5	-8.2	-117
Gold (US\$)**	1319.1	0.5	0.8	-16
Brent (US\$)**	68.5	13	15	3.1

*change in basis points; **US\$ (data as at 06:25 GMT)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ING



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