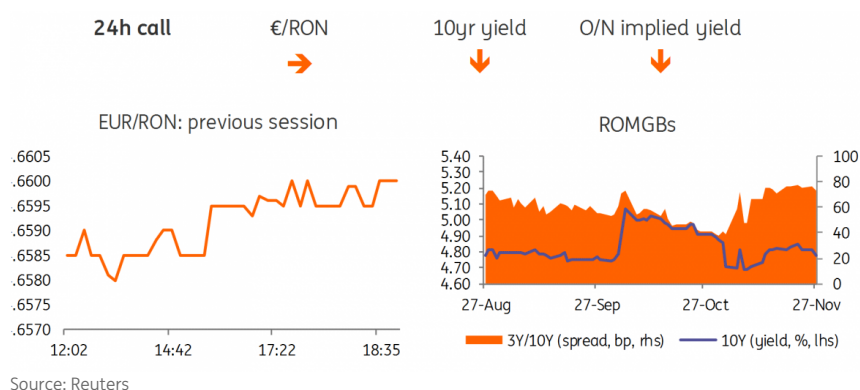


Briefing Romania

Improved liquidity picture



➔ EUR/RON

While still maintaining some upward bias after the central bank's repo auction, the EUR/RON traded in a narrow 30 pips, closing the day at the 4.6600 mark. As the liquidity injection starts to filter through, the slow upward trend could continue into the current reserve period.

↓ Government bonds

We had an overall positive day for Romanian government bonds. The February 2029 auction (new 10-year benchmark) came out quite strong - in line with our expectations. The bid-to-cover stood at 1.8x with the average and maximum yields at 5.01% and 5.04% making it difficult for the

Ministry of Finance to upsize more than the accepted RON 622 million versus the RON 600 million initial targets. The 1-year T-bills auction result was less overwhelming but still decent, at 1.6x bid-to-cover and a somewhat long tail with average yield at 3.32% and maximum 3.38%. Otherwise, the curve shifted lower c.4-5 basis points in the front end helped by the central bank's repo auction.

Money Market

The National Bank of Romania injected RON 10.2 billion in the one week repo which finally calmed the market and triggered selling interest across the FX swap curve. Together with tomorrow's RON 8.08 billion redemption, the liquidity situation should become a bit more comfortable as the year ends, though we don't believe the central bank will allow a significant structural surplus in the market.

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	4.89

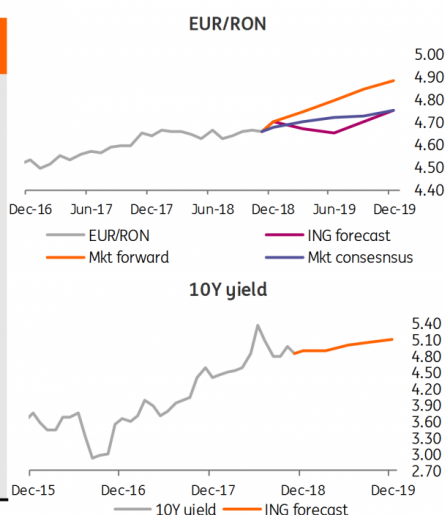
Source: Reuters, ING estimates

Market radar

	Spot		%Ch	
		1D	1W	1M
EUR/RON	4.6609	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
EUR/PLN	4.2923	0.2	-0.9	-0.5
EUR/HUF	324	0.4	0.9	-0.1
EUR/CZK	25.945	-0.1	-0.3	0.5
RO 5Y CDS*	99.2	-0.2	-0.3	15
ROBOR O/N*	2.7	-18.0	110	-96.0
ROBOR 3M*	3.20	-4.0	-3.0	-18.0
DAX	1154.7	-0.1	13	17
S&P 500	2673.45	16	-0.1	11
DE 10Y*	0.34	2.4	-4.1	-15
US 10Y*	3.05	16	-0.7	-2.4
Gold (US\$)**	1219.6	0.0	-0.4	-11
Brent (US\$)**	60.1	2.9	-10.0	-22.6

*change in basis points; **US\$ (data as at 07:29 GMT)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ING



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