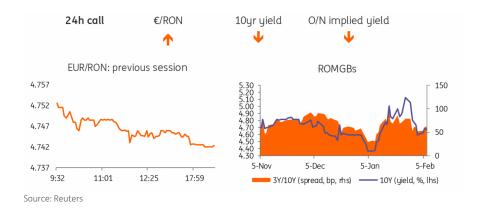
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# **Briefing Romania**

### Carry remains expensive





# EUR/RON

EUR/RON turnover continues to decrease suggesting that, at current levels, the market has found a temporary equilibrium. Yesterday, the currency pair traded to the downside, in line with regional developments. We look for a rather calm day ahead and a 4.7400-4.7500 range in the EUR/RON.

# Government bonds

It was a rather quiet day for Romanian government bonds with some price readjustments along the curve in a mild bear steepening move. The release of the February auction calendar didn't seem to have much impact either. Parliamentary debates regarding the 2019 budget bill are still

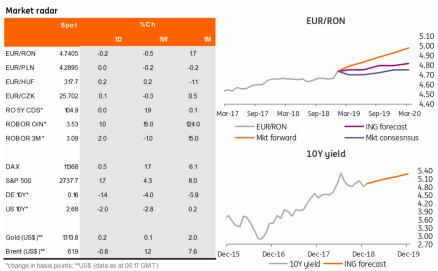
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expected but there is no clear schedule ahead.

# Money Market

Carry stays abnormally high, trading again around 6.00% and proportionally dragging upwards the entire curve to 1Y. With 1M now trading around 4.60%, the market doesn't seem to be pricing in any easing in liquidity conditions.

EUR/RON forecasts					
	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20
ING forecast	4.75	4.75	4.80	4.80	4.82
FX Forward	4.79	4.84	4.88	4.93	4.98



Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ING

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