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Poland: Weekly Macroeconomic Update

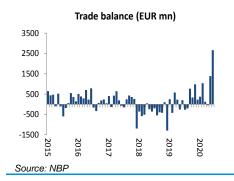
LAST WEEK:

In June the current account surplus widened to EUR2.8bn what stemmed primarily from big trade surplus of EUR2.7bn. Higher than expected trade surplus in June was a result of 3.0% y/y rise in exports coupled with 10.7% y/y decline in imports. Trade data show that demand for Poland's exports is recovering fast while domestic demand is still weak. In June services account was positive at EUR1.4bn while deficit in primary income account widened to -EUR1.2bn that suggests that foreign investors started to repatriate profits that were retained during the crisis.

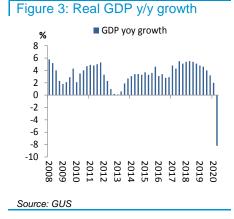
In July inflation amounted to -0.2% m/m and 3.0% y/y. The main factor behind decline of inflation was 1.4% m/m decline in prices of food that reduced monthly inflation by 0.37 perc. points. The decline in food prices was seasonal character and stemmed from a fall in prices of vegetables and fruits. Seasonal decline was also reported in prices of footwear and clothing (down 2.3% m/m). In July prices of fuels rose what resulted in 1.1% m/m increase in transport prices. An increase in prices was also reported in telecommunication (up 0.6% m/m) and hotels and restaurants (up 0.5% m/m).

In Q2 2020 real GDP declined by 8.9% q/q and fell by 8.2% y/y, above market consensus view of 9.0% y/y fall and above our forecast of 8.7% y/y decline. Better than expected data on Q2 GDP resulted from faster recovery in exports than imports and recovery in services' sector after lifting-off covid-related restrictions. Fast return of activity indicators to only moderately lower than pre-covid levels points to (1) flexibility of companies and ability to accommodate short-term shocks and to (2) recovery in personal demand supported by help programmes and moderate decline in employment. Q3 2020 will be crucial for economy, since companies are likely to operate in environment characterized by lower demand, lowered or exhausted liquidity reserves, higher operating costs, risk of local sanitary restrictions and higher uncertainty on general economic conditions. Stabilising factors in Q3 will be moderate appreciation of the zloty and sustained demand from households stemming from moderate decline in employment and limited decline in disposable income.

Figure 1. Trade balance (EURmn)







DIARY (this week)

Date	GMT	Release/Event	DB Expected	Actual	Consensus
Aug-17	12:00	Core inflation (Jul)	0.2% (4.2%)	0.2% (4.3%)	0.2% (4.2%)
Aug-19	8:00	Average wage (Jul)	1.2% (3.2%)		0.9% (2.9%)
Aug-19	8:00	Average employment (Jul)	0.2% (-3.5%)		0.3% (-3.0%)
Aug-20	8:00	Industrial output (Jul)	3.2% (0.8%)		1.1% (1.2%)
Aug-20	8:00	PPI (Jul)	0.3% (-0.6%)		0.3% (-0.6%)
Aug-21	8:00	Construction output (Jul)	(-3.0%)		(-4.8%)
Aug-21	8:00	Retail sales (Jul)	4.0% (0.4%)		3.0% (-0.4%)
Aug-21	8:00	Real retail sales (Jul)	(0.4%)		-0.7%

Source: Deutsche Bank Estimates., Reuters and Bloomberg Finance LP

FX and interest rate forecasts

	EUR/PLN	USD/PLN	CHF/PLN	GBP/PLN	EUR/USD	WIBOR 3M	WIBOR 6M	EURIBOR 3M	LIBOR USD 3M	CPI (Poland)	Yield on 10Y POLGB	
(end of period)												
Aug-20	4.400	3.761	4.074	4.851	1.170	0.23	0.28	-0.48	0.25	3.1	1.35	
Sep-20	4.392	3.738	4.105	4.861	1.175	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.5	1.38	
Oct-20	4.387	3.724	4.139	4.883	1.178	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.4	1.40	
Nov-20	4.380	3.712	4.171	4.906	1.180	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.4	1.45	
Dec-20	4.370	3.703	4.202	4.888	1.180	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.5	1.48	
Jan-21	4.360	3.677	4.192	4.862	1.186	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.4	1.50	
Feb-21	4.350	3.650	4.183	4.837	1.192	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.1	1.55	
Mar-21	4.340	3.624	4.173	4.811	1.198	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.2	1.60	
Apr-21	4.330	3.598	4.163	4.786	1.203	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.8	1.65	
May-21	4.320	3.573	4.154	4.761	1.209	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	4.2	1.65	
Jun-21	4.310	3.547	4.144	4.736	1.215	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.9	1.70	
Jul-21	4.300	3.522	4.135	4.711	1.221	0.23	0.28	-0.45	0.25	3.9	1.75	

Note: Due to Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 the way of calculation of WIBOR rates and their values may be subject to change.

Note 2: Due to increased market variability and changes in monetary and fiscal policies, forecasts are subject to higher than usual uncertainty.

Source: Deutsche Bank Polska S.A.



Appendix 1

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