OTP Weekly Outlook

Next week's spotlight:

- April inflation from the USA
- Business confidence from the euro area

This week:

- Rate setting meetings of the Fed and the ECB, the euro area April CPI and the latest US job report were in investors' focus this week
- The Fed hiked by 25 bips as expected, ruled out interest rate cuts in the near future 210.95
- The April US job report suggests a still resilient labor market
- The ECB also hiked by 25 bips but suggested more ground to cover
- Euro area core inflation edged down but the underlying rate is still far from the 2% target
- LT yields were on track for a modest weekly decline, but much higher-than-expected NFP data brought certain reversal
- The dollar gained; the EUR/USD dropped below 1.10
 Recession fears weighed on the equity and the crude oil markets, and disturbing news from some regional US banks rattled investors. Major US stock indices dropped w/w though Apple's upbeat report on Friday limited the declines. In Europe, the declining trend turned around on Friday.
- Crude prices decline for the third week in a row, the TTF gas futures fell to 36 EUR/MWh.





Next week's spotlight: April inflation from the USA; business confidence from the euro area

Date*		Cd.	Event/ Data	Period	Cons.	Prev.
2023 5.8.	8 :00	DE	Industrial production M oM , %)	Mar	-10	2.0
	10:30	ΕZ	Sentix Investor confidence points)	М ау	-8 D	-8.7
9.	5:00	CN	Export (YoY,%)	Apr	Q 8	14.8
10.	14 :30	US	CPI (Voy, %)	Apr	5.0	5 D
	14 :30	US	core-CPIMoM,SA,%)	Apr	0.4	0.4
	14 :30	US	CPIMOM,SA,%)	Apr	0.4	01
	14 :30	US	core-CPI (¥oY,%)	Apr	55	5.6
	20 :00	US	Federalbudgetbalance (JSDbn)	Apr		-378
11.	14 :30	US	Initial jobless claim s (000 s)	weekly	243	242
	14 :30	US	Continuing jobless claim s (000s)	weekly		1805
	14 :30	US	Producer Prices (YoY,%)	Apr	25	2.7
12.	14 :30	US	Producer Prizes (M oM , %)	Apr	03	-0.5
	16 :00	US	M ichigan Consum er confidence prelin inary,points)	M ay	63.D	635

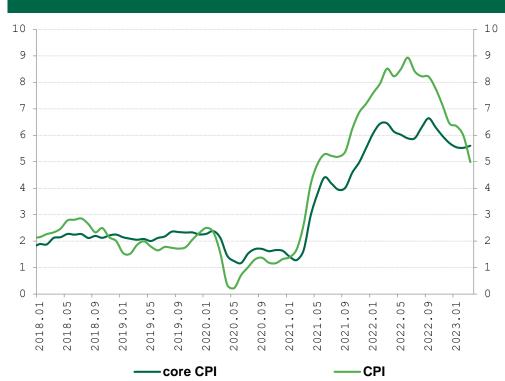


USA: April's CPI will be in the spotlight

Date		Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Cons.	Prev.
20230510	14:30	US	CPI(VoY,%)	Apr	5 D	5 D
	14:30	US	core-CPIMOM,SA,%)	Apr	0.4	0.4
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	14:30	US	Producer Prices (M oM , %)	Apr	03	-0 5
12.	16:00	US	Michigan Consumer confidence (preliminary, points)	M ay	63	635

Key highlights

- After a sharp drop in March, caused by base effects, **headline inflation** probably stagnated YoY in April. Meanwhile, core CPI is expected to have fallen slightly.
- Beside the base effects from energy prices, a positive development in March was the stop in the rise of food prices and the moderation in the increase in shelter costs, which altogether makes up about one-third of CPI, so it will be worth checking, to see whether this trend continues.
- The FOMC left the door open for further rate hikes after its latest meeting, when Jerome Powell spoke about data-driven approach. So, a stronger-than-expected data could put investors back on the fence regarding the end of the rate hike cycle.
- April's **producer price indices** are also coming in. The market expects a minimal rise following the month-on-month decline seen in March, but the year-on-year index is still expected to fall., which will soon spill over into CPI.



CPI (YoY, %)



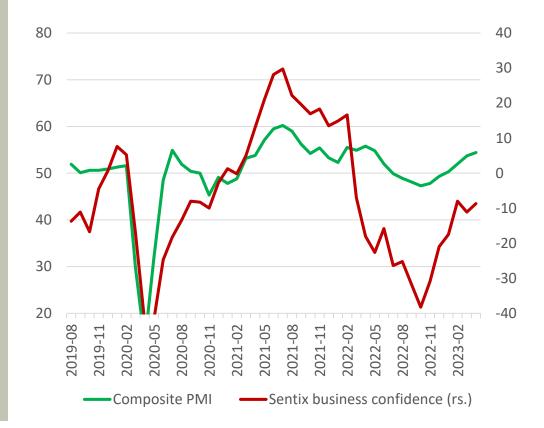
In the spotlight in the euro area: May business confidence

	Date		Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Cons.	Prev.
2023 5.	8.	8:00	DE	Industrial production M oM ,%)	Mar	-1.0	2,0
		10:30	ΕZ	Sentix Investor confidence points)	M ay	Q. 8–	-8.7

Key highlights

- The very limited data releases next week will include the first May business confidence index, **Sentix**, which has improved consistently with PMIs since last October, but had a small dip in March, when fears about the health of the global banking sector had emerged. Sentix is an indicator based on responses from financial investors, hence is even a step further away from hard data than PMIs, which contain the responses of company managers. Nevertheless, the correlation is obvious in general, and the April value suggested improvement in both, with PMIs well exceeding the expansion mark. If Sentix improves further in May , it is even more likely that the euro area will avoid a recession also in Q2.
- March data on German industrial production deserves less interest, as we already know the first release of Q1 GDP for both Germany and the euro area. Nevertheless, Germany's weaker-than expected GDP release points to subdued industrial activity in March.

Euro area inflation rate and the ECB policy rate





This week's data so far: The Fed hiked by 25 bips as expected, ruled out interest rate cuts in

the near future; the ECB also hiked by 25 bips but suggested more ground to cover

Date*		Cd.	Event/ Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.
2023 5.1.	16 :00	US	Construction spending M oM ,%)	M ar	0.3	01	-0.1
	16 :00	US	ISM Manufacturing PM I (points)	Apr	471	46 8	46.3
2.	8:00	DE	Retailsales M oM , %)	M ar	-2.4	0.4	-1.3
	11 :00	EZ	CPI(flash,YoY,%)	Apr	7 . 0	7 . 0	6.9
	11:00	EZ	Core CPI (flash, YoY, %)	Apr	5.6	5.7	5.7
	16:00	US	Factory orders M oM , %)	M ar	0,9	1,1	-0.7
	16:00	US	Job Openings (million)	M ar	9.6	98	9.9
3.	11:00	ΕZ	Unem ploym entrate 🗞)	M ar	6.5	6.6	6.6
	14 :15	US	ADP non-farm em ploym ent M oM , 000s)	Apr	296	148	142
	16:00	US	ISM non-Manufacturing PM I (points)	Apr	519	51.7	512
	20:00	US	Interestrate decision (%)	-	5.0-5.25	5 D -5 25	4.75-5.0
4.	11:00	ΕZ	Producer Prices M oM , %)	M ar	-1.6	-1.7	-0.4
	11:00	EZ	Producer Prices (404,8)	M ar	59	59	13.3
	14 :15	EZ	Interest rate decision (lending rate, %)	-	3.75	3.75	3.5
	14 :15	EZ	Interest rate decision (deposit rate, %)	-	3 25	3 25	ЗĴ
	14 :30	US	Non-fam UnitLaborCosts prelin inary,QoQ,%)	Q1	63	5.5	3.3
	14 :30	US	Non-farm productivity grow th prelin inary,QoQ,%)	Q1	-2.7	-1.8	1.6
5.	3:45	CN	Caixin Services PM I	Apr	56.4		57.8
	8:00	DE	Industrialorders M oM , %)	M ar	-10.7	-2.2	4.5
	8:45	FR	Industrial production M oM , %)	M ar	-1.1	-0.3	1.4
	11:00	EZ	Retailsales M oM ,%)	M ar	-12	-01	-02
	14 : 30	US	Non-farm payroll M oM , 000s)	Apr	253	18 0	165
	14 :30	US	Unem ploym entrate (%)	Apr	3.4	3.6	35
	14 :30	US	Average earnings [M oM , %)	Apr	0.5	0.3	0.3
	14 : 30	US	Average earnings (¥oY,%)	Apr	4.4	42	4.3

Key highlights

- In the **USA**, the **Fed** hiked by 25 bips, as expected. At the press conference Chair Powell said it was possible that further hikes would come; however, these will be fully data-dependent and contain the assessment of incoming macroeconomic and financial conditions, and the effect of past monetary tightening. Powell seemed confident that the US banking system is sound and resilient, but said that credit tightening might have a stronger effect on inflation than anticipated. The Chair ruled out rate cuts soon, as the inflation's decline is expected to be slow. There was a 253,000 gain in April non-farm payrolls suggesting that the labour market remains resilient. Nevertheless, that stronger-than-expected gain was offset by sharp downward revisions to previous months. Unemployment edged further down, and wage growth has accelerated somewhat.
- In the euro area, inflation data were in line with the consensus, while core inflation was a touch lower than expected. However, as the annualized seasonally adjusted rate is also 5.6%, the underlying inflation is still far from the 2% target. The ECB also hiked in line with the consensus, by 25 bips. The policy statement and the press conference suggested "there is more ground to cover", however President Lagarde did not go into details, and stressed data dependency.

Order Global Markets

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Indices	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)	Interest rates	Last price	1week change (bps)	YTD (bps)	FX rates	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)	Commodity	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)
S& P50 0	4 112	-1.4	71	US2year	3.90	-11,1	-53,1	Dollarindex	10 1.61	Q 0	-1,8	Brent	75.4	-52	-12.3
NasdaqComp.	12114	-0.9	15.7	US10 year	3.44	21	-432	EURUSD	10993	-0 2	2.7	W TI	71,5	-6.8	-10,9
Dow Jones	33533	-1.7	12	DE 2 year	2.54	-13.3	-19.5	USDJPY	134 & 4	-1,1	-2.8	NatGas (TTF, front-m onth)*	36 D	-5.3	-51.4
Russel2000	1752	-1.0	-0.5	DE 10 Year	2.28	-2.7	-28 2	GBPU SD	12593	02	42	Gold	2004.7	0.7	9.9
Stoxx 600	464	-0.7	91	FR 10 year	2.87	& O-	-23.D	AUDUSD	0.6732	1.8	-12	Silver	25.3	09	5.5
DAX	15911	0.7	14.3	SP 10 year	3.37	1.7	-27.7	USDCAD	1.3455	0.7	0.7	Palladium	14825	-1.6	-17.3
CAC40	7413	-1.0	14.5	IT 10 year	4.19	2.6	-50 2	U SDCH F	0.8942	Q 0	3.4	Copper	3863	-0.2	1.4
FTSE100	7760	-0.9	4.1	UK 10 year	3.77	55	10.5	NZDUSD	0.629	1.7	-0,9	Steel	11000	29	47,8
FTSE M IB	27204	02	14.8	CH 10 year	1.05	4.0	-53.2	CNHUSD	6.9248	Q 0	Q 0	W heat	631.5	2.7	-20.3
Nikkei225	29158	1,9	11.7	JP 10 year	0.41	-5.B	0.1	USDTRY	19.4974	-0.2	-4 0	Com	652 D	2.5	-3.9
CSI300	40169	1.4	3.8	CN 10 year	2.76	-52	-11.2	USDBRL	4,974	0.3	62	Electricity (APX)*	95.7	62.8	427.5
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Source:Bbom berg

*In EUR/MWh



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• After the takeover of First Republic by JPMorgan, investors focused this week on rate decisions of major central banks, the euro area April CPI and the latest US labour market report along with corporate earnings releases. However, further disquieting news from some US regional banks weighed on the market sentiment. **LT bond yields** steadily came down till Thursday, though none of the monetary policy makers ruled out any further rate hike this year if macro data make it necessary. Christine Lagarde even said that the "ECB has more ground to cover" in fighting inflation. US 10Y yields fell slightly below 3.3% - almost to the lowest in one month - on Thursday. Friday brought a reversal, as higher-than-expected NFP led LT yields even higher with the US 10Y yields in the eurozone periphery inching higher by Friday afternoon. UK 10Y yields also rose this week after several turnaround ahead of the Bank of England's monetary policy meeting next week.

• The euro steadily strengthened against the **US dollar** in the first few days of the week, but after peaking at 1.11 on Thursday morning the EUR/USD fell slightly below 1.10 by afternoon after the ECB's rate decision meeting and the following press conference. In a weekly horizon, the EUR/USD remains near 1.10 with the US dollar gaining 0.2%. The EUR/JPY that hit 9-year high already last week and rose further over 151 on Monday later reversed and the yen strengthened more than 1% w/w vs. the euro.

• We're still not over the Q1 corporate earnings season with AMD, Apple, Pfizer and Starbucks surprising the US market with over-estimate earnings and sales figures but facing with very different market reactions. A regional banking turmoil taking shape recently after unsettling news from PacWest Bancorp. and West Alliance weighed on the sentiment in the equity markets. Major US **stock indices** were edging down during the week though Friday's session seems to bring some correction after Apple's upbeat results. The Dow, the S&P and the Nasdaq Composite is on track for 1-2% weekly decline. In Europe, the sentiment was similarly subdued, though not every trading day brought losses in the holiday-shortened week. The Stoxx600 is on route of less than 1% weekly loss, while the DAX and the FTSE/MIB seem to overperform with modest gains but the FTSE and the IBEX is on track for over 1% weekly decline. In terms of US sector performances, energy, telco and financials suffered the biggest decline in a week that started with the overnight buy-out of the first Republic Bank by JPMorgan Chase. None of S&P500 sector indices are in the green. In Europe, sectors show mixed performance with media (-6%), oil & gas, real estate and insurance (-2% each) losing the most while food & beverages being the top gainer with modest 0.7% rise.

• Crude oils are set to decline for the third week in a row as global growth concerns weighed on the energy market. WTI and the Brent are on track for around 5-7% weekly decline. The TTF natural gas prices fell further 5% to 36 EUR/MWh the lowest since July 2021 following an about 25% plunge in April. Demand is still subdued though demand from the power sector is expected to rise in the summer.



Stock market and sector performance

Performance of US sectors										
Sector	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)							
S& P500	4112	-1.4	71							
Ш	2644	-0 2	21.7							
Health care	1549	-0.4	-23							
Financials	533	-33	-6.4							
Telco	191	-3.6	20 D							
Consum erdiscretionary	1136	-1.4	13 D							
Industrials	8 38	-09	08							
Consum er staples	802	. 0-	29							
U tilities	350	-0 2	-25							
Energy	619	-5.6	Q 8-							
Realestate	233	-1.4	05							
Materials	50 0	-1.4	21							
Key US Tech companies										

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Company	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)
Alphabet	10 5	-25	18.7
Am azon	10 4	-12	241
Apple	173	21	33.4
M eta	231	-3.8	92.D
M icrosoft	30 6	-0 5	275
Tesla	166	13	351

Source:Bloom berg

Performance of Europe's sectors											
Sector	Last price	1week change (%)	YTD (%)								
Stoxx 600	464	-0.7	91								
Health care	1082	03	8 5								
Industrialgoods & services	713	-0 9	121								
Banks	148	-0 5	5.7								
Personal& householdsgoods	1132	-0.3	179								
Insurance	329	-21	31								
Food and beverages	821	0.7	10 1								
Technology	665	Q 0	151								
Utilities	399	02	108								
Oil&gas	341	-22	-11								
Chem icals	1243	01	89								
Construction & m aterials	588	-0 5	15.5								
Telco	214	-1.6	13.2								
Retail	359	-13	19.7								
Financialservices	599	-12	63								
Basic resources	555	-1D	-11.4								
Realestate	114	-21	-2.7								
Auto & parts	603	Q 0	14.3								
Media	344	-62	52								
Travel& leisure	242	-18	22.4								

Source:Bloom berg



Summary of regional stock markets' performance

	Name		Performance					Valuation**				Fundamentals			
Country	Index	Last Price	1M change (%)	3M change (%)	6M change (%) (12M change (%)	P/ E*	P/ B	P/ S	ROE (%)	Current Ratio	Debt to equity (%)	Change in EPS growth in the last 4 week (%)	Change in EPS growth in the last 3 month (%)	
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Europe	SXXP Index	464	15	a . 0	112	5.8	13,9	2.0	13	11.9	11	156.4	-0 1	1,1	
Germ any	DAX Index	15911	25	28	18 2	14 .4	13.3	1.7	1.0	10.8	12	110.7	26.6	81	
France	CAC Index	7413	13	2.5	15.5	16.4	12.6	1.8	12	11,3	1,1	178 .8	-1.8	0.3	
Poland	W IG20 Index	1905	8.4	Q 0	19 D	79	7.7	1,1	0.7	15.7		492	11.9	18 2	
Czechia	PX Index	138 7	15	2.4	13.5	52	7.5	12	09	16.0		151,5	73	8.7	
Hungary	BUX Index	46202	53	1.8	8.4	8.7	5.7	09	0.5	15.4		53.7	-99.8	Q 0	
Rom an <i>i</i> a	BET Index	12187	-12	-0.7	11.9	-21	4.5	11	09	23.7		58 <i>B</i>	-42.4	-19.3	
Bulgaria	SOFX Index	613	0.4	0.3	32	1.3	4.7	0.7	0.4	14.7		44.4			
Russia	MOEX Index	2532	12	12.6	17.4	53	33	0.4	0.6	20 5	13	642	0.0	10	
Ukraine	PFTS Index	50 7	Q 0	Q 0	-2.3	-2.3									
Slovenia	SBIIO P Index	1231	29	59	22.6	5.9	91	11	0.4	14 2		32,9			
Croatia	CRO Index	2238	-0 5	59	17.4	51	98.1	7,8	5.D	7.D	1.6	34.9			
Serbia	BELEX 15 Index	906	25	4.6	16 2	10.6	377.1	60 5	43.0	13.5	18	16.7	۵.0	1155.9	
M ontenegro	MNSE10 Index	10 0 2	-4.4	-3.6	12.4	25.7	14.7	0.3	0.7	2.0	22	6.6			

*Price to earnings (P/E) ratio is calculated with the 12M trailing EPS in the denominator.

**Some of the country indices could be sector heavy (only a handful industry comprise the majority of the indices),

**therefore direct comparison of valuation metrics alone could be misleading.



FX outlook

FX pair	2021.Q4	2022.Q1	2022.Q2	2022.Q3	2022.Q4	2023.Q4	2024.Q4
EURUSD	1.14	1.12	1.06	1.01	1.0	1.12	1.15
EURGBP	0.84	0 8 3	0.85	025	0 88	0.89	089
EURCHF	106	1.05	1.03	0.97	0.98	101	1.05
USDJPY	130	129.5	136	136	1445	140	138

Source: Bloomberg

Country	FX pair	2022.Q4	2023.Q1	2023.Q2	2023.Q3	2023.Q4	2024.Q1	2024.Q2	2024.Q3	2024.Q4
Hungary	EURHUF (eop)	400	380	386	389	393	396	398	397	398
Rom an ia	EURRON (eop)	4.95	4.95	5	5.02	5.01	51	5.11	5.11	5.02
Russia	USDRUB (eop)	73.0	77.7	74.5	76.4	78.6	80	791	80.5	823
Ukraine	USDUAH (eop)	36.9	36.9	35.3	37.3	38 2	371	37.2	37.4	35.7
Serbia	EURRSD (eop)	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117

No forecast available for Moldova and Albania

Source: Focus Econom ics



Macro outlook in the region

			GDP (yoy, %		
Countries		0	TP	Focus Ec	conomics
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024
Hungary	4.6	0.6	3.7	01	3.0
Romania	4.7	2.8	3.5	2.4	3.6
Bulgaria	3.4	15	2.6	1.4	2.6
Russia	-2.1	11	12	-1.8	1.0
Ukraine	-291	1.0	3.9	22	73
Slovenia	5.4	1.0	2.6	1.0	2.5
Croatia	63	3.0	33	12	2.6
Serbia	23	1.4	3.0	19	32
Montenegro	61	1.8	2.7	29	31
Albania	4.8	2.7	3.7	2.4	3.7
Moldova	-5.9	1.6	61	1.8	42

	Inflation (average (yoy), %)				
Countries		O	TP	Focus Economics	
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024
Hungary	14.5	19.0	55	18 2	55
Rom an ia	13.7	10.4	4.8	10.3	52
Bulgaria	15.3	11.0	39	9.8	41
Russia	13.8	4.9	4.0	6.5	5.4
Ukraine	15.3	11.0	39	18.7	12.6
Slovenia	93	6.7	2.6	6.7	3.6
Croatia	10.7	7.8	3.3	72	32
Serbia	11.9	11.9	5.0	10.9	52
Montenegro	13.0	8.8	25	9.7	4.0
Albania	6.7	4.5	3.0	4.5	3.0
Moldova	28 .8	13.6	61	12.5	5.9

	Fiscal balance (%of GDP)				
Countries		OTP		Focus Economics	
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024
Hungary	-6.3	-39	-4.7	-4.3	-3.6
Romania	-62	-5.0	-4.0	-4.9	-4.1
Bulgaria	-2.8	-3.4	-2.9	-3.3	-2.6
Russia	-2.3	-3.8	-2.8	-3.3	-2.2
Ukraine	-17.6	-15.0	-15.0	-18.7	-13.8
Slovenia	-3.0	-4.2	-3.0	-4.3	-2.7
Croatia	0.4	-2.0	-1.5	-2.4	-2.0
Serbia	-3,3	-3.3	-3.3	-29	-2.2
M onteneg <i>r</i> o	-4.3	-51	-4.6	-4.8	-3.9
Albania	-3.8	-3.0	-3.0	-3.4	-2.4
Moldova	-3,3	-4.0	-3.5	-49	-3.9

	Unemployment (%)				
Countries		OTP		Focus Economics	
	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024
Hungary	3.6	41	4 . 0	42	4 O
Romania	5.6	5.8	55	5.6	5.5
Bulgaria	4.3	4.4	42	4.5	4.7
Russia	39	3.7	4 . 0	41	43
Ukraine	24.5	27.6	16 2	21,9	20 2
Slovenia	4.8	31	29	42	42
Croatia	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.6
Serbia	9.4	10.0	9.5	9.5	91
M onteneg <i>r</i> o	15.0	16.3	16.0	15.6	14.9
Albania	11.3	10 5	9.8	10.7	10.5
Moldova	31	4.7	4.4	3.7	3.6

Source: Focus Econom ics, OTP Research Center





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