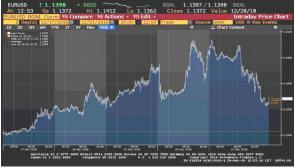


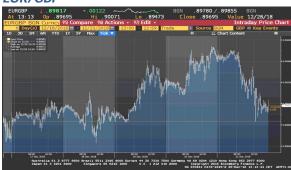
FX NEWS EUR/USD



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/USD exchange rate rose on Monday as investors were worried both about the forecast of the pace of interest rate increase in the US and the economic growth. The US President criticizes the FED on Monday for even considering another increase in the interest rate when, on the one hand, there is a strong dollar and virtually no inflation, and on the other, the "outer world is cracking down," primarily thinking of the situation in Paris and the situation with China. The euro was backed up the following day by making a new proposal for the target budget in Italy, which was expected to receive positive reactions of the European Commission officials, therefore preventing disciplinary measures against Italy to be activated. At the Fed's regular meeting, which ended on Wednesday, the reference interest rate was unanimously increased by 25 basis points to 2.5%, the fourth time this year, which was in line with announcements and expectations. However, due to the announcement that there will be two increases in 2019, instead of three, as it was said earlier, for the reason of a more cautious approach, the dollar was weaker against the euro. In the rest of the week, the markets were worried about the possible partial paralysis of the US Government as there was a problem with the financing of the wall to be built on the border with Mexico. The EUR/USD exchange rate recorded decline on the last day of the week.

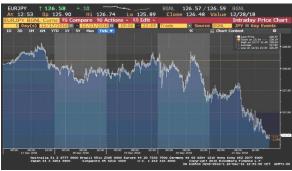
EUR/GBP



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/GBP exchange rate was stable at the beginning of this reporting week, recording no significant changes. The Prime Minister of Great Britain confirmed that the vote in the country's parliament on Brexit will take place around 14 January. The exchange rate recorded an upward trend during Wednesday and Thursday, as officials warned of the uncertainty that could arise over Brexit, as well as they diminished expectations in terms of economic growth for the last quarter this year from 0.3% to 0.2%. The sterling strengthened against the euro on the last day of this reporting week. Sterling was supported by economic data (the volume of the British economy increased by 0.6% in the third quarter).

EUR/JPY



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/JPY exchange rate did not record major changes most of the week, but had a downward trend. The demand for yen was in the spotlight this week as the risk appetite of the investors was reduced due to concerns about global economic growth, a pace of interest rate rises in the US, and weakening of share prices on stock exchanges. The EUR/JPY exchange rate had a more evident decline on the last day of the week, following the Fed's statement that the central bank would adjust the policy according to the data to be published, and accordingly, the bank does not promise in advance instructions on further increases in rates in this country.

Table 1 - Exchange rates of the most important currencies

| | 17 December 2018 ¹ | 21 December 2018 ² | % Change |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| EUR/USD | 1.1306 | 1.1372 | 0.58 |
| EUR/GBP | 0.89835 | 0.89981 | 0.16 |
| EUR/JPY | 128.19 | 126.48 | -1.33 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.5758 | 1.61452 | 2.46 |
| EUR/CHF | 1.12811 | 1.13002 | 0.17 |
| USD/JPY | 113.39 | 111.22 | -1.91 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2583 | 1.2645 | 0.49 |

Table 2 - Overview of the reference interest rates of the leading central banks

| Central Bank | Reference interest Reference | | Next | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|--|
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| | rate | interest rate | meeting | |
| | | level | | |
| European Central | European Central ECB Main 0.00% | | 24 January | |
| Bank | Refinancing Rate | 0.00% | 2019 | |
| Federal Reserves | Federal Funds | 2.50% | 30 January | |
| | Target Rate | 2.30% | 2019 | |
| Bank of Japan | Overnight Call | -0.10% | 23 January | |
| | Rate | -0.1070 | 2019 | |
| Bank of England | Official Bank Rate | 0.75% | 7 February | |
| | | 0.73% | 2018 | |
| Swiss National | Libor Target Rate | -0.75% | 21 March | |
| Bank | | -0.73% | 2019 | |
| Bank of Canada | Target Overnight | 1.75% | 9 January | |
| | Rate | 1./3% | 2019 | |
| Reserve Bank of | Cash Rate Target | 1.50% | 5 February | |
| Australia | | 1.3070 | 2019 | |

At the Fed regular meeting this week, the reference interest rate was unanimously increased by 25 basis points to 2.5%, the fourth time this year, which was in line with announcements and expectations. The Fed's monetary policy makers announced that there will be two increases in 2019 instead of three as announced earlier, as they will be more cautious.

Regular meetings of the Bank of Japan and the Bank of England were held this week, keeping interest rates on the current levels.

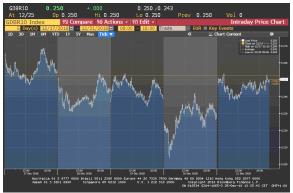
Table 3 - Eonia and Euribor

| | 17.12.2018. ¹ | 21.12.2018. ² | Change in basis points |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Eonia | -0.362 | -0.374 | -1.2 |
| Euribor 1W | -0.378 | -0.376 | 0.2 |
| Euribor 1M | -0.368 | -0.366 | 0.2 |
| Euribor 3M | -0.311 | -0.310 | 0.1 |
| Euribor 6M | -0.238 | -0.238 | 0.0 |
| Euribor 12M | -0.128 | -0.119 | 0.9 |

¹Opening market value on Monday

²Closing market value on Friday

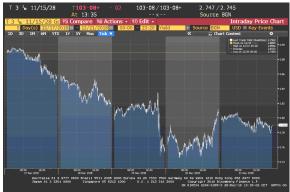
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET



Source: Bloomberg LP

The yields on German 10-year government bonds were relatively stable and ranged between 0.24% and 0.25% for the most of the week. The only major change occurred on Thursday when yields on these bonds first fell by 4 basis points, returning to the previous level soon. This fall came as share prices on the world's leading stock exchanges fell. The yields on German 10-year bonds were at the level of 0.26% at the beginning of the period, standing at 0.25% at the end of the year.

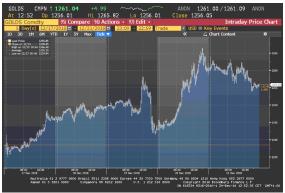
US GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET



Source: Bloomberg LP

The yields on US government bonds fell this week, with decline in yields being more evident in the first half of the reporting period. The decline in yields occurred in this period due to the fall in share prices on the US stock as well as the increasing exchanges, uncertainty in terms of global economic growth. Also, the decline in yields on US bonds continued in the mid-week, as the Fed increased the interest rate by 25 basis points at the regular meeting, but lowered expectations regarding the increase in the interest rate in the upcoming period. At the same time, the FED's decision to raise interest rates prompted a concern with the market participants that monetary policy makers would "suppress" economic growth. The yields on US government bonds recovered slightly over the past two days. The yields on 10-year bonds fell from 2.89% to 2.79% in this reporting period.

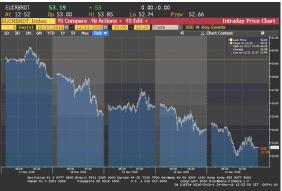
GOLD



Source: Bloomberg LP

Gold prices rose on a weekly basis. At the very beginning of the week, the reason for the rise in gold prices was the weakening of the dollar and share prices on US stock exchanges, as investors were worried about economic growth in the US. The price of gold did not record any major changes on the following day, slightly weakening on Wednesday afternoon, following the Fed two-day session, where it was decided to increase the interest rate by 25 basis points. After that, the price of gold rose again due to the weakening of the US dollar exchange rate, as FED President Jerome Powell said he would be more cautious when it comes to increasing rates (the Fed cut the expected number of interest rates increases in 2019 to two times). The demand for gold weakened at the end of the week.

OIL



Source: Bloomberg LP

The oil prices were on a downward trend in this reporting week. In the first half of the week, oil prices deteriorated as Russia and the US pumped much more oil in the market than expected, and additional pressure on the price was made by announcing that crude oil stocks rose unexpectedly last week. After the FED meeting and another increase in the interest rate, the price of oil fell along with the price of gold, as a result of investors' concern over global economic growth and further market oversupply with this energy generating product. At the beginning of the week, the price of oil was at \$ 59.47 per barrel, and at the end of the week it equalled \$ 52.66 a barrel.

Table 4 - Economic indicators in the period 17 - 21 September 2018

| Country | conomic indicators in the period 17 Indicator | Period | Expected | Current | Previous |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Euro Area CPI | | value | value | value |
| Euro Area | Estimates the changes in the cost of living, by measuring changes in the price level of market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by an average household, therefore representing the key inflation measure in the Euro area. | November MoM% (YoY%) | 2.0% -0.2% | 1.9% -0.2% | 2.0% 0.2% |
| Great Britain | Consumer price index (CPI) It measures changes in the prices of retail products and services (typically used by the British household), including food products and gas. The CPI is a key measure of inflation in the United Kingdom, and the Bank of England uses it to make interest rate decisions. | November MoM% (YoY%) | 0.2% (2.3%) | 0.2% (2.3%) | 0.1% (2.4%) |
| | Gross domestic product (GDP) One of the basic macroeconomic indicators; represents the market value of products and services produced within the country. The following four components are used to calculate GDP: consumption, investments, government expenditure, and net exports. | Q3 QoQ% (YoY%) | 0.6% 1.5% | 0.6% 1.5% | 0.6% 1.5% |
| Germany | IFO Business Climate Monthly survey of companies in Germany (in the area of manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail trade), regarding the current business climate and the outlook for the next 6 months. Since Germany accounts for 1/4 of total euro area GDP, this index serves as a significant indicator of the euro area economic soundness as a whole. | December | 101.7 | 101.0 | 102.0 |
| USA | Durable Goods Orders This is an indicator of consumer certainty that reflects their expectations and the ability to spend money. Its positive growth reflects the condition of the economy, it also helps to strengthen the currency. Its fall leads to the opposite result. Many manufacturers plan their production on the basis of available orders, the decline in the DGO precedes the decline in production and vice versa. | November | 1.6% | 0.8% | -4.3% |

Source: Bloomberg