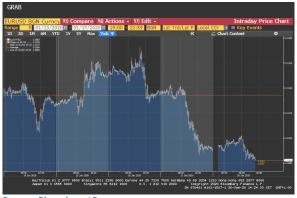


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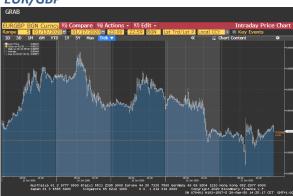
EUR/USD



Source: Bloomberg LP

By mid-reporting week, the EUR/USD exchange rate trended up amid improving US-China as well as amid investors' relations. expectations that after signing of the first phase of the trade agreement, the second round of negotiations would start in a positive direction. During the last two days, the exchange rate depreciated as the German defence minister had confirmed that the US President had threatened Europe to impose 25% tariff on cars if they do not increase pressure on Iran to end its nuclear program.

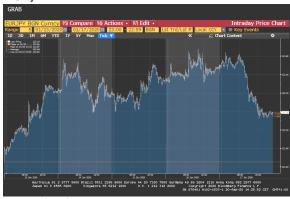
EUR/GBP



Source: Bloomberg LP

The beginning of the week saw the EUR/GBP exchange rate appreciation after a Bank of England member, Silvana Tenreyro, said she would support the interest rate cut if the UK economy failed to pick up. The exchange rate also appreciated following the release of UK economic data for November, which showed a GDP fall. Moreover, following the BoE board member Tenreyro's comments, other Bank of monetary England policymakers also commented, including Mr. Vlieghe's commentary to the Financial Times that he would vote to cut interest rates if key data did not show a bounce in the economy, which had an adverse effect on the UK currency. The EUR/GBP exchange rate depreciated mildly between Tuesday and Wednesday. It recovered on Wednesday, after releasing lower than expected data on the UK inflation. Yet, it depreciated on Thursday after expectations that the UK's Prime Minister would submit the draft contract on Brexit to the Parliament the next week. At the end of the reporting week, the EUR/GBP exchange rate stood at 0.85115.

EUR/JPY



Source: Bloomberg LP

On the first day of this reporting week, the EUR/JPY exchange rate appreciated after the US-Iran tensions eased. Investors' demand for safe assets reduced, expecting the signing of the first phase of the US-China trade agreement. The exchange rate depreciated slightly in the middle of the week, amid concerns that the trade tensions between the USA and China would remain after the planned signing of the trade agreement phase one. The EUR/JPY exchange rate appreciated on the eve and after the signing of the first phase of the USA and China trade agreement. On the last date of the reporting week, this exchange rate depreciated and stood at 121.65.

Table 1 - Exchange rates of the most important currencies

	13.01.2020¹	17.01.2020 ²	% Change
EUR/USD	1.1121	1.1092	-0.26
EUR/GBP	0.85115	0.85201	0.10
EUR/JPY	121.65	122.19	0.44
EUR/AUD	1.61163	1.61210	0.03
EUR/CHF	1.08162	1.07372	-0.73
USD/JPY	109.45	110.14	0.63
GBP/USD	1.3064	1.3016	-0.37

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

Central Bank	Reference	Reference	Next meeting	
	interest rate	interest rate		
		level		
European Central	ECB Main			
Bank	Refinancing	0.00%	23 January 2020	
	Rate			
Federal Reserves	Federal Funds	1.75%	29 January 2020	
	Target Rate	1.75%		
Bank of Japan	Overnight Call	-0.10%	21 January 2020	
	Rate	-0.1076	21 January 2020	
Bank of England	Official Bank	0.75%	30 January 2020	
	Rate	0.7570	30 January 2020	
Swiss National Bank	Libor Target	-0.75%	19 March 2020	
	Rate	-0.7570	13 Watch 2020	
Bank of Canada	Target	1.75%	22 January 2020	
	Overnight Rate	1.75/0	22 January 2020	
Reserve Bank of	Cash Rate	0.750%	4 February 2020	
Australia	Target	0.730/0		

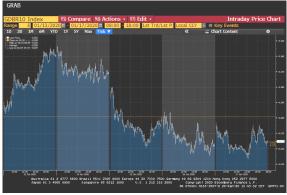
Table 3 – Eonia and **Euribor**

	13.01.2020 ¹	17.01.2020 ²	Change in basis points
Eonia	-0.454	-0.452	0.20
Euribor 1W	-0.514	-0.505	0.90
Euribor 1M	-0.463	-0.462	0.10
Euribor 3M	-0.395	-0.391	0.40
Euribor 6M	-0.334	-0.332	0.20
Euribor 12M	-0.253	-0.242	1.10

¹ Opening market value on Monday

² Closing market value on Friday

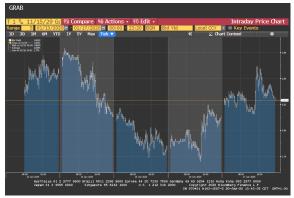
EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET



Source: Bloomberg LP

At the beginning of the week, the yield on German 10-year government bonds rose by some 4 base points, as tensions between China and the US eased and after releasing favourable data on Germany's industrial output. It trended down on Tuesday and Wednesday, after the drop in prices of shares at stock exchange markets. During the week remainder, the yield on long-term German bonds did not change much and averaged to -0.215%.

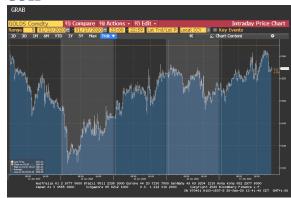
US GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET



Source: Bloomberg LP

During the first half of the week, the yield on US 10-year government bonds declined due to the release of unfavourable inflation data in the USA, as well as due to investors' concerns whether the newly signed US-China trade agreement would provide a significant boost to the global economic growth. Over the second half of the week, the yield on US 10-year bonds recovered amid rising stock prices resulting from optimism at the market after signing of the first phase of a China-US trade agreement. Better-than-expected data from the US real estate market added to the growth in yield on Friday. The yields on 10-year US bonds ended the week at 1.823%, which was almost as at the beginning of the week.

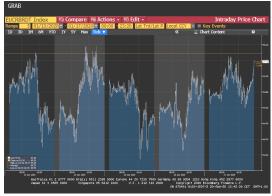
GOLD



Source: Bloomberg LP

The price of gold dropped at the beginning of this reporting period, getting nearer to the moment of signing the first phase of the China-US trade agreement. Over the rest of the week, the price of this precious metal was continually rising. The gold price after releasing unfavourable rose economic data for the USA (the index measuring small business owners' optimism dropped from 104.7 in October to 102.7 in November). The gold price rise resulted from the USD depreciation against the currency basket as the US inflation data supported the rising expectations that interest rates would remain low in the coming period.

OIL



Source: Bloomberg LP

The oil price has been fluctuating significantly this week. At the beginning of the week, it dropped as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continue (the situation in Iran is unstable due to protests that hit that country and relations with the USA). The next day, it rose amid optimism at the market on the eve of signing the Phase I of the US-China trade agreement. In the middle of the week, the price of this energy product declined again, as the first phase of the trade agreement did not cover many issues and those would be revised during the second phase, while the USA would continue to keep tariffs on about two-thirds of imports from China in the coming period. The price of oil has been rising over the last two days, as market participants became optimistic that the USA will have a "reconciliatory" approach to trade, which could accelerate global economic growth.

Table 4 - Economic indicators (13 - 17 January 2020)

Country	Indicator	Period	Expected	Current	Previous
	Industrial production		value	value	value
	It measures the change in the output				
	volume in the manufacturing and	November			
	energy sectors. Industrial output	MoM%	0.3%	0.2%	-0.9%
	accounts for a quarter of the euro	(YoY%)	(-1.0%)	(-1.5%)	(-2.6%)
	area's GDP.				
Euro area	Consumer price index (CPI)				
Lui o ui cu	It estimates the changes in the cost of	December			
	living, by measuring changes in the	MoM%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
	price level of a market basket of	(YoY%)	(1.3%)	(1.3%)	(1.3%)
	consumer goods and services				
	purchased by an average household, therefore representing the primary				
	inflation measure in the Euro area.				
	Gross domestic product (GDP)				
	A basic macroeconomic indicator	November			
	represents the market value of	MoM%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.1%
	products and services produced				
	within the country. The following four				
	components are used to calculate				
	GDP: consumption, investments,				
	government expenditure, and net				
Great	exports.				
Britain	CPI Core				
	Method for measuring core inflation	December	4.70/	4.40/	4.70/
	This is the consumer prices index	YoY%	1.7%	1.4%	1.7%
	excluding the price of energy and food. This method has become the				
	most frequently used method since				
	prices of food and energy may be				
	unstable. Their volatility may affect				
	inflation measurement.				
	(Empire Manufacturing)				
	The survey deals with the business	January	2.6	4.0	2.2
	conditions and expectations of		3.6	4.8	3.3
	production executives in New York and is a useful early indicator of				
	production in the United States. The				
	Fed New York conducts this survey				
USA	once a month.				
	Import Price Index				
	The index shows changes in import				
	prices over a month. This is an	December			
	inflation indicator. Since the CPI	MoM%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%
	calculation takes into account prices	(YoY%)	(0.5%)	(0.5%)	(-1.3%)
	of imported goods and services, this				
	characterises the role of import				
	prices in the overall picture of				
	changes in retail prices in the basket				
	of goods and services.				

Source: Bloomberg