

# **GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY**

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#### **Global markets**

Oil prices remained in an upward trend earlier today, with Brent crude standing within distance from yesterday's nine-month high of \$91.15/bbl amid mounting supply concerns after both Saudi Arabia and Russia (the largest OPEC+ producers) announced that they will extend oil production cutbacks through the end of the year. Against this backdrop, sovereign bonds from both sides of the Atlantic remained under selling pressure, despite heightened global growth concerns following recent disappointing data from China. Supply jitters had also an impact with the 10-yr UST yield retesting earlier today yesterday's multisession peak of 4.2740% following a flurry of high-grade corporate issuance announcements, more than 20bps higher from Friday's lows in the aftermath of the US non-farm payrolls report. Supported by higher UST yields the USD was broadly firmer, as reflected by the DXY index which moved close to 105, its highest level since mid-March, ahead of today's US ISM services index for August and the latest Fed Beige Book.

#### Greece

The new bill incorporating, among others, the EU Directive 2021/514 "on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation" that aims to improve the collaboration on taxation issues and enhance tax transparency in the EU's digital economy, passed in Parliament on September 4th, 2023. The bill introduces new reporting obligations on digital platform operators who offer goods and services. The new legislation, by standardizing reporting requirements across member states, aims to minimize the related tax evasion and facilitate more effective collaboration among tax authorities. In addition, the said bill included new measures aiming to speed up the still ongoing process – and RRF milestone reform – of linking POS terminals and cash registers in retail stores in Greece. In other news, ELSTAT is expected to publish later today the provisional National Accounts data for the 2nd quarter of 2023.

#### CESEE

Hungary issued yesterday a 10-year Eurobond of EUR 1.75bn which will pay a fixed coupon of 5.375% and carries a 5.522% yield. The issuance was three times oversubscribed, based on a statement by the State Debt Management Agency (AKK), and part of its proceeds will be mostly directed to repay forex bonds expiring in 2024 or even used for forex bond buybacks and pre-financing of EU fund programs in case of further delays in EU fund disbursements. Elsewhere in the region, this week's 2-day meeting of the Central Bank of Poland resumes today where some signs or even actions of monetary easing are likely to be adopted while tomorrow another central bank meeting takes place in the region, namely in Serbia. Other important regional news for the remainder of the week pertain to the final Q2-2023 GDP reading in Romania tomorrow while on Friday Hungary CPI print for August is due.

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