MONETARY POLICY AND ITS PERSPECTIVES IN ADVANCED ECONOMIES

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SUMMARY

1. A global synchronized response of monetary policies to the pandemic
   • Global monetary policy measures adopted in 2020
   • Euro area: The forceful response of the ECB
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   • Prospects for activity and inflation
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   • US: FED strategy review and recent decisions
   • Emerging Markets: turn of the cycle and spillovers from advanced economies policies
• The monetary policy response to the pandemic during 2020 was widespread across geographies and with very diverse measures, including policy rate cuts…

(*) For EMU, Deposit facility rate.
Source: Refinitiv.
GLOBAL RESPONSE OF MONETARY POLICIES TO THE PANDEMIC

- ...unconventional policy measures, such as asset purchase programs...

THE RANGE OF MONETARY POLICY AND FINANCIAL MEASURES HAS BEEN VERY BROAD

• ...and other monetary and financial measures across the globe

Sources: BIS WP #934
EURO AREA: ECB ASSET PURCHASES (NOTABLY UNDER PEPP) AND REFINANCING OPERATIONS (NOTABLY TLTRO-III) PREVENTED A TIGHTENING OF EURO AREA FINANCING CONDITIONS


(a) The monthly net purchase target as from June 2021 (dashed blue line) includes, in addition to the €20 bn per month approved on 12 September 2019, the unused portion of the current PEPP envelope (€1.85 tr), assuming, for illustrative purposes, that purchases will be distributed uniformly until March 2022 and that the PEPP envelope will be fully used (in practice, purchases may be distributed flexibly over time and the envelope may not be used in full).
EURO AREA: THE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PEPP PURCHASES OVER TIME AND ACROSS JURISDICTIONS WAS IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS FINANCIAL FRAGMENTATION RISK...

10-YEAR SOVEREIGN YIELDS

Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Latest observation: 18/06/2021
Impact of the PEPP announcement on yields (18-20 March 2020)

Sources: Banco de España and Refinitiv Datastream.

a. The observed impact of the announcement of the PEPP is calculated as the difference between the zero-coupon yield curve as at the close of 20 March and the one as at the close of 18 March 2020 (PEPP was announced at 23:45 on 18 March 2020). The theoretical impact is calculated using Costain, Nuño and Thomas’ (2021) structural yield curve model, assuming that, at the time of the announcement, investors know the volume and the time and country distribution of public sector bond purchases. “Flexible purchases” replicates observed ones, while “fixed purchases” consider the counterfactual case in which the distribution of purchases across countries follows the ECB capital key and is uniform over time.
US: THE FEDERAL RESERVE RESPONDED SWIFTLY AND WITH A RANGE OF POLICY ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THE WIDESPREAD DISRUPTIONS ACROSS FINANCIAL MARKETS

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Unprecedented monetary policy easing -jointly with fiscal expansion, financial-support measures, FX interventions and liquidity and credit support programs – favored also by strong support from advanced economies. In Latin America official interest rates reached historical lows in some countries.
• Many countries made use of asset purchase programs for the first time, which were quite effective in keeping favorable financing conditions
• APPs in EMEs, more modest size than in advanced economies, were adopted before reaching the ELB and basically to reduce market volatility

Note: Chile and Colombia (shaded in the graph) were the only two Latin American countries where APPs with quantified targets were announced. Brazil changed the Central Bank Law to allow asset purchases but finally did not announce any purchase. Mexico increased the amount of CB’s open markets operations.
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• The US and some emerging market regions (Asia, Eastern Europe) will reach 2019-GDP levels by 2021. The euro area and Japan would recover those levels in 2022, and the UK and LATAM in 2023.
• An asynchronous recovery with a faster normalization on economic policies in advanced economies (especially in the US) could adversely impact EMEs.
VACCINATION HAS RECENTLY STEPPED UP, BUT EMES ARE LAGGING BEHIND...

Share of population who received at least one vaccine dose

Share of fully vaccinated population

Source: Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.
FASTER VACCINATION IN ADVANCED ECONOMIES IS IMPROVING ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN 2Q21…

Source: IHS Markit.
...AND WORLD TRADE IS PICKING UP AMID INCREASING SHIPPING COSTS

- In April, the global trade volume rose 0.5% month-on-month, while the ascending trend in shipping costs persists.

**TRADE FLOWS BY AREA**

**MARITIME FREIGHT COST INDICATORS**

Sources: CPB and Datastream.
FISCAL POLICY IN THE US AND THE EURO AREA PROVIDES FURTHER STIMULUS TO ACTIVITY IN 2021

- The fiscal impulse hinges considerably on investment, especially so from 2022 onwards, owing to measures financed by NGEU in the Euro area and the AJP in the US

Sources: Banco de España and Eurosystem with data from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, the Congressional Budget Office, the White House, the Tax Policy Center, the Tax Foundation and the Penn Wharton Budget Model.

(a) The fiscal stimulus for each year is represented. ARP (American Rescue Plan); AJP (American Jobs Plan); AFP (America Families Plan).

(b) In-house estimations. The Euro area impact is estimated using a standard multiplier while the US figures stem from simulations using the NiGEM model.
INFLATION PROJECTIONS HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS

- Inflation forecasts for 2021 have increased worldwide. In advanced economies the revisions are particularly noticeable in the US. This increase is considered as mostly transitory.
INFLATION EXPECTATIONS HAVE ALSO INCREASED BUT REMAIN WELL ANCHORED

• Despite short-term concerns, market expectations remained relatively well anchored in the long run

Sources: Bloomberg, Barclays
EURO AREA: IN DECEMBER 2020, THE ECB ANNOUNCED THAT PEPP PURCHASES WOULD BE CONDUCTED FLEXIBLY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING FAVOURABLE FINANCING CONDITIONS

SOVEREIGN YIELD CURVE. EMU (a)

Sources: Refinitiv Datastream and ECB.
(a) GDP-weighted sovereign yield of Big-4 (Germany, France, Italy, Spain).
EURO AREA: IN MARCH, AMIDST TIGHTER FINANCING CONDITIONS AND NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE MEDIUM-TERM INFLATION OUTLOOK, THE ECB DECIDED TO INCREASE THE PACE OF PEPP PURCHASES

- In June, after jointly analyzing financing conditions and the inflation outlook, the ECB decided to maintain the enhanced pace of PEPP purchases.

**10-YEAR OIS AND SOVEREIGN YIELDS. EMU**

**ECB/EUROSYSTEM PROJECTIONS OF EURO AREA INFLATION**

Sources: Refinitiv Datastream and ECB. Latest observation: 18/06/2021.
(a) GDP-weighted 10y sovereign yield of Big-4 (Germany, France, Italy, Spain).

Source: ECB.
EURO AREA: MARKET-BASED MEASURES OF INFLATION EXPECTATIONS HAVE INCREASED NOTABLY, BUT THIS LARGELY REFLECTS RISING INFLATION RISK PREMIA

- Model-based analysis suggests that “genuine” inflation expectations have increased only moderately
- Some inflationary pressures in the short term, the medium-term inflation outlook remains well below 2 percent

Source: Refinitiv Datastream and own calculations.
Latest observation: May 2021.
(a) Inflation-Linked Swaps two years in two years implicit forward.
(b) Calculated with observed Inflation-Linked Swaps.
(c) Calculated with an affine model of Inflation-Linked Swaps.

Source: ECB.
EURO AREA: ECB MONETARY POLICY IS LIKELY TO REMAIN VERY ACCOMMODATIVE FOR SOME TIME

- The Governing Council expects the key ECB interest rates to remain at their present or lower levels until it has seen the inflation outlook robustly converge to a level sufficiently close to, but below, 2% within its projection horizon, and such convergence has been consistently reflected in underlying inflation dynamics.

- Net purchases under the asset purchase programme (APP) will continue at a monthly pace of €20 billion. The Governing Council continues to expect monthly net asset purchases under the APP to run for as long as necessary to reinforce the accommodative impact of its policy rates, and to end shortly before it starts raising the key ECB interest rates.

- The Governing Council also intends to continue reinvesting, in full, the principal payments from maturing securities purchased under the APP for an extended period of time past the date when it starts raising the key ECB interest rates, and in any case for as long as necessary to maintain favourable liquidity conditions and an ample degree of monetary accommodation.
In August 2020, the Fed announced several changes to its monetary policy strategy. The new monetary policy framework includes significant changes to both operating targets of the Fed’s dual mandate – maximum employment and price stability.

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US: THE FED IS PATIENT ABOUT INFLATION WHILE EMPLOYMENT RECOVERS...

- Fed argues the inflation rise is transitory and concentrates on labor market weaknesses

**FOMC INFLATION PROJECTION (MEDIAN, RANGE AND FORECAST REVISIONS)**

% y-o-y growth, percentage points

Date of FOMC Forecast and Forecast Period

- RANGE FOR PCE
- FORECAST REVISION
- PCE INFLATION
- CORE PCE INFLATION

**EMPLOYMENT DESTRUCTION COVID-19 COMPARED TO GFC**

Employment destruction relative to peak month (%)

Source: Federal Reserve.

Notes: “Range for PCE” refers to the forecast range of FOMC members for PCE inflation.

Source: BLS.

Notes: The peak months for the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) and Covid-19 are respectively, December 2007 and February 2020.
• The Federal Reserve now projects a sooner normalization of policy rates as a result of the spike in inflation in 2021. It has just started to talk about talking about tapering asset purchases.

![FEDERAL FUNDS RATE](chart1.png)

![PROJECTED SOMA DOMESTIC SECURITIES HOLDINGS](chart2.png)

Source: Federal Reserve, Refinitiv.

Notes: Figures are as of year-end. Figures for 2010-20 represent historical data; figures for 2021-30 are shaded and represent projections. The range after 2025 reflects outcomes for the portfolio between full reinvestment and full run-off. Assumptions for SOMA purchases, interest rates, length of the reinvestment phase, and the growth of key liabilities are based on the Survey of Primary Dealers and the Survey of Market Participants conducted by the New York Fed in March 2021. Projected figures are rounded.
• The spike in inflation and inflation expectations (and the rise in US 10y rates) led to halt the easing cycle in EMEs. Brazil, Mexico, Russia, Hungary, Czech Rep. have already raised policy rates
• Markets expect policy rate increases in almost all EMEs during this year
Since February 2021 financial conditions have tightened in EMEs as a result of higher US long-term yields, with an increase in sovereign yields particularly in local currency.
Main vulnerabilities of EMEs are related to the fiscal position and elevated (public and private) debt levels. The external situation is in general more solid (with some exceptions: e.g. Turkey).
Widespread bold initial monetary policy reaction, tailored to each jurisdiction's singularities

Yet the initial condition, the impact of the crisis and the prospects down the road differ:

- **US:**
  
  Pre-crisis period: normalization of monetary policy, with inflation outlook in line with objective
  
  Near/medium term: Fast recovery and rising inflation; Fed narrative: inflation rise is transitory, focus on labor market weaknesses
  
  Yet conditions could be conducive to a relatively early normalization of monetary policy

- **EMU:**
  
  Pre-crisis: long period of subdued inflation, persistently low inflation expectations
  
  Near term/medium: Deeper impact of crisis, more gradual recovery, relatively muted inflation expectations

- **EMEs:**
  
  Heterogeneity in initial conditions, and uneven recovery (with Latam lagging)
  
  External constraints and inflation expectations leading to partial normalization
  
  Rebuilding policy space; risks of potential spillovers arising from eventual normalization of (mainly) US mon. policy
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
Inflation forecasts for the UK in 2021 and in 2022 have increased slightly in the last months. However, inflation forecast for Japan have barely moved since the beginning of the year.
ANNEX: AN ASYNCHRONOUS RECOVERY IN EMES WITH LATAM LAGGING BEHIND

GDP LEVEL BY AREA

GDP LEVEL IN THE SIX MAIN LATIN AMERICA ECONOMIES

LATIN AMERICA
EMERGING ECONOMIES EXCL. LATIN AMERICA AND CHINA
ADVANCED ECONOMIES
EMERGING ASIA
EMERGING EUROPE
CHINA

ARGENTINA
BRAZIL
CHILE
COLOMBIA
MEXICO
PERU
• Estimated effects on Brazil and Mexico of a tightening of financial conditions:

GDP GROWTH CUMMULATIVE CHANGE IN THE FINANCIAL STRESS SCENARIO (DEVIATIONS FROM BASELINE)

Source: Banco de España
ANNEX: VULNERABILITY HEAT MAPS FOR THE MAIN EMES

Source: Banco de España
• Are EMEs in a better or worse vulnerability position in comparison with past turbulence times?
• In general, they show a better external position, lower exchange rate overvaluations and inflation. However, private and public debt levels are higher than in previous episodes.

Source: Banco de España