WEEKLY UPDATE

A new impetus for European construction in 2022

Expect a new political balance in 2022

Germany got a new chancellor this week, Olaf Scholz, as well as a new government, backed by a brand new political coalition comprising the Social Democrats, Liberal party and the Greens. Early statements have been clearly pro European construction, continuing the direction taken by Germany since the COVID crisis broke. The new government could well mark a turning point, toward a more global policy positive for Europe, just as Europeans are recovering their confidence in the EU. This new balance will, of course, depend on what happens in the Italian and French elections scheduled for the first half of 2022 and will have to quickly tackle two big medium-term issues; encouraging more sustainable growth and locking in systems to provide international solidarity.

Investing to sustainably boost future growth

While Europe has managed the economics of the health crisis satisfactorily, once the crisis is over it will once again confront its structural issues, most notably the problem of slowing potential growth. One of the first items on the agenda will be finding new ways to invest that can restart productivity growth (notably by investing in digital) and speed up the energy transition. The New Generation EU stimulus package marked a step change in targeting investment on countries with smaller budgets. The upcoming debate on overhauling the Stability and Growth Pact will be key to heading off an economically harmful policy of fiscal austerity while recreating a framework to rein in excessive spending. The new German government is showing itself open to greater flexibility when it comes to the new rules.

Strengthening financial union

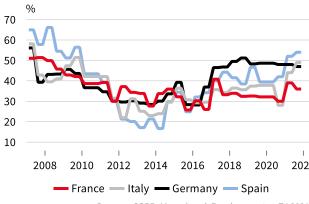
European countries, particularly those in the euro zone, also need to keep working on the projects to strengthen financial union, essential to keep capital flowing smoothly throughout the EU. Early announcements by the German government have been promising on the work that needs doing to complete the Banking Union, proposing a reinsurance system to replace the controversial proposal of a European deposit guarantee scheme. On a parallel track, states need to make progress toward Capital Markets Union to better channel Europe's ample stock of savings into productive investment.

A relief for the ECB from the risk of fragmentation

Europe will see a new political balance emerge in the first half of 2022. It could continue the spirit of greater unity forged in the heat of the COVID crisis in 2020, and pave the way for progress on fiscal and financial union. More political unity would in time relieve the European Central Bank of its ongoing pressure to counter the risks of fragmentation. Since the euro zone crisis of 2011/12, the ECB has maintained its asset purchase programme largely to head off this risk. An easing of pressure on this front would give the bank breathing room to pursue its primary objective, containing inflation.

Trust in the EU has risen during the pandemic

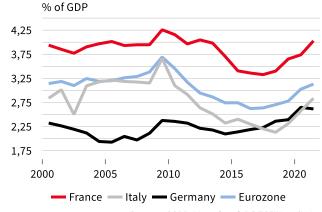
Tend to trust the European Union (% respondents)



Sources: SGPB, Macrobond, Eurobarometre, T4 2021

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Gross fixed capital formation of the general government



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OUR MACRO COMMENTS

Events of the week



Brazil's central bank on Wednesday raised interest rates by 150 basis points and signaled another such hike in February, waging one of the world's most aggressive battles with inflation even as Latin America's largest economy has tipped into recession.



The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly jobless claims fall to 184,000 for the week ended December 4th, the lowest level in more than 52 years.

Figures of the week

		Actua	ı	Forecast	Previous
3 8	• GDP (YoY, October)	4.6%	•	4.9%	5.3%
	• GDP (YoY, Q3)	3.9%	•	3.7%	3.7%
	ZEW survey – Economic sentiment (December)	29.9	•	25.1	31.7
	Inflation (YoY, November)	2.3%	•	2.5%	1.5%
	• GDP (YoY, Q3)	-1.2%	•	-1.1%	-1.1%

The week ahead

Tuesday Unemployment Wednesday FOMC meeting Retail sales Retail sales Inflation Thursday **ECB** meeting PMI Friday **BoJ** meeting

Sources: Refinitiv Eikon, 10 December 2021



MARKETS PERFORMANCE

Interbank rate	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
€STER O/N	-0,58	-0,57	-0,57	-0,57	-0,56
USD SOFR O/N	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,10	0,07
JPY TONAR O/N	-0,02	-0,05	-0,01	-0,02	-0,03
GBP SONIA O/N	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,05
CHF O/N	-0,78	-0,77	-0,79	-0,83	-0,80
	Last	414/	214	VTD	1014
Long term sov. rates	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
10Y OAT	0,04	0,03	-0,04	-0,36	-0,37
10Y Bund	-0,38	-0,32	-0,33	-0,61	-0,60
10Y BTP	1,03	1,01	0,71	0,55	0,58
10Y JGB	0,05	0,06	0,04	0,02	0,02
10Y Bonos	0,41	0,43	0,30	0,03	0,02
10Y Swiss	-0,29	-0,20	-0,27	-0,55	-0,51
10Y Gilt	0,76	0,85	0,73	0,19	0,25
10Y USTnote	1,52	1,43	1,30	0,93	0,92
Credit & EM	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
EUR Corporate Aaa	0,27	0,29	0,09	-0,10	-0,18
EUR Corporate Baa	0,58	0,64	0,38	0,39	0,38
GBP Corporate Baa	1,24	1,34	1,12	0,69	0,77
USD Corporate Aaa	2,18	2,11	1,90	1,66	1,68
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Commodities	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
Brent, USD/BL	75,96	10,3%	6,5%	50,1%	55,5%
Or, USD/oz	1 782	0,0%	-0,7%	-8,2%	-4,7%
Copper, USD/metric ton	9 560	0,5%	1,9%	20,5%	25,0%
Platinium, USD/onz	963	1,0%	-2,0%	-12,5%	-5,8%
Palladium, USD/onz	1 844	5,7%	-18,2%	-23,8%	-20,3%
Silver, USD/onz	22,43	-1,9%	-7,1%	-17,8%	-8,4%
FX rates	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
EUR/USD	1,13	-0,1%	-4,6%	-8,1%	-6,7%
EUR/CHF	1,05	0,3%	-3,7%	-3,1%	-2,9%
USD/GBP	0,76	0,7%	4,8%	2,7%	1,1%
USD/JPY	113,88	0,8%	3,7%	10,4%	9,4%
USD/BRL	5,55	-1,2%	5,3%	6,5%	9,6%
USD/CNY	6,34	-0,4%	-1,7%	-1,8%	-2,9%
USD/RUB	73,68	-0,2%	1,0%	-0,5%	0,5%
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Equity indices	Last.	-1W	-3M	YTD	-12M
MSCI AC World (USD)	1 132	3,3%	1,0%	14,3%	15,2%
Eurostoxx 50	4 233	1,3%	1,3%	18,8%	20,1%
Dax 40	15 687	1,4%	0,4%	14,3%	18,1%
CAC 40	7 015	1,9%	4,9%	25,5%	26,1%
FTSE 100	7 337	2,3%	4,5%	11,6%	11,9%
SMI	12 597	2,7%	4,0%	17,3%	21,2%
SP500	4 701	4,2%	4,6%	27,0%	27,0%
TOPIX	2 002	3,4%	-3,0%	11,6%	13,8%
iBovespa	108 096	7,3%	-6,3%	-9,1%	-5,0%
Hang Seng	23 997	1,4%	-6,7%	-12,7%	-8,8%
Sensex 30	58 650	1,7%	0,6%	21,7%	28,6%
MOEX	3 774	-4,7%	-5,5%	12,6%	18,7%
CSI 300	4 996	3,1%	0,5%	-5,2%	-0,3%

Source: Macrobond, Bloomberg, on 9 December 2021

-1W = 1-week change, -3M = 3-month change, -12M = 12-month change, YTD = year-to-date change



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