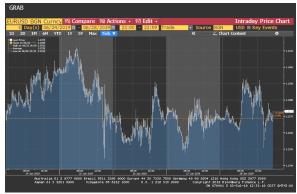


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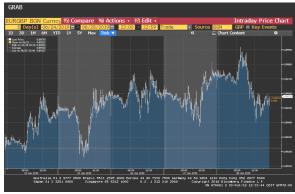
### **EUR/USD**



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/USD exchange rate recorded a slight increase at the beginning of this reporting week as there were expectations that the Fed would reduce the interest rate more than once this year. The following day the exchange rate fell as one of the Fed members stated he believed it was too early to reduce the interest rate by 50 basis points. The exchange rate did not record a major changes in the rest of the week as the Group 20 meeting was approaching as well as the expectations regarding the outcome of a meeting between the US and Chinese presidents.

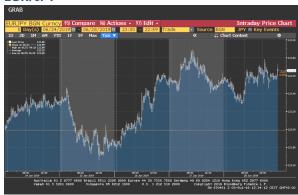
**EUR/GBP** 



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/GBP exchange rate had almost constant slight growth trend this week. The strengthening of the exchange rate came mainly due to the fact that the new British Prime Minister is expected to be Eurosceptic Boris Johnson, who stated that the UK will leave the EU with or without the reached agreement.

### **EUR/JPY**



Source: Bloomberg LP

The EUR/JPY exchange rate weakened slightly this week, to grow from Tuesday to the end of the week. Strengthening of the EUR/JPY exchange rate in the second half of the week came as a result of a growing optimism that China and the United States could make progress in trade negotiations. At the same time, the Bank of Japan announced it is ready to further ease the monetary policy in order to prevent and reduce the risks that exist in terms of inflation.

Table 1 - Exchange rates of the most important currencies

	24 June 2019 <sup>1</sup>	28 June 2019 <sup>2</sup>	% Change
EUR/USD	1.1369	1.1373	0.04
EUR/GBP	0.89223	0.89578	0.40
EUR/JPY	121.99	122.66	0.55
EUR/AUD	1.64131	1.62007	-1.29
EUR/CHF	1.11024	1.11039	0.01
USD/JPY	107.32	107.85	0.49
GBP/USD	1.2737	1.2696	-0.32

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

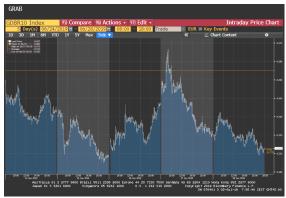
Central Bank	Reference interest rate	Reference interest rate level	Next meeting	
		Tate level		
European Central	ECB Main	0.000/	25 July 2019	
Bank	Refinancing Rate	0.00%		
Federal Reserves	Federal Funds	2.500/	31 July 2019	
	Target Rate	2.50%		
Bank of Japan	Overnight Call	0.100/	20 1-1- 2010	
·	Rate	-0.10%	30 July 2019	
Bank of England	Official Bank Rate	0.75%	1 Aug 2019	
Swiss National	Libor Target Rate	0.750/	19 Sept 2019	
Bank	Ü	-0.75%		
Bank of Canada	Target Overnight	1 750/	10 July 2010	
	Rate	1.75%	10 July 2019	
Reserve Bank of	Cash Rate Target	1.25%	2 July 2019	
Australia		1.25%		

Table 3 - Eonia and **Euribor** 

	24 June 2019 <sup>1</sup>	28 June 2019 <sup>2</sup>	Change in basis points	
Eonia	-0.368	-0.360	0.80	
Euribor 1W	-0.400	-0.403	-0.30	
Euribor 1M	-0.398	-0.388	1.00	
Euribor 3M	-0.344	-0.345	-0.10	
Euribor 6M	-0.308	-0.311	-0.30	
Euribor 12M	-0.212	-0.214	-0.20	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Opening market value on Monday <sup>2</sup>Closing market value on Friday

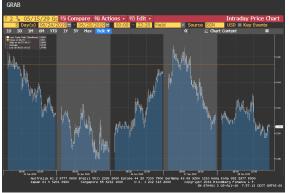
# EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET



Source: Bloomberg LP

The yields on German government bonds did not record significant fluctuations this week (ranging between -0.33% and -0.27%). The demand for safe assets increased over most of the week due to geopolitical tensions as well as the announcement that the economic confidence of the euro area slightly slowed down in June. The yields on 10-year German bonds ranged around -0.327% at the end of the week.

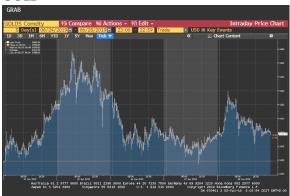
## **US GOVERNMENT BONDS MARKET**



Source: Bloomberg LP

The yields on US bonds were declining for the first two days, mostly due to the rising tensions between the US and Iran (US announced that new sanctions against Iran shut the doors of diplomacy, that is to diplomatic negotiations). The yields on the mentioned bonds ranged mostly around 2% in the rest of the week with no major deviations, as investors were patiently waiting for the outcome of the G20 summit to be held for the weekend in Japan.

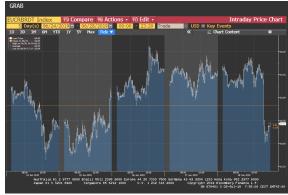
### **GOLD**



Source: Bloomberg LP

The price of gold was on an uptrend on Monday as a result of the Iran-US tensions. Donald Trump said the US could not allow Iran to make nuclear weapons ever, accusing Iran of being a "terrorist sponsor" (the tensions between Tehran and Washington rose sharply over the past period as Iran breached the limit of low-enriched uranium stockpile set by international nuclear agreement signed in 2015 with the world powers, which the United States abandoned a year ago, as well as due to shooting down of the US drone in the Persian Gulf). For the next two days, the strengthening of the dollar and the signs that the FED will not aggressively lower the interest rates in July were the reasons for the weaker demand for this precious metal. The price of gold did not record significant trend fluctuations over the past two days as the outcome of the US - China negotiations at the G20 summit concerning future trade relations between the two countries was expected.

### OIL



Source: Bloomberg LP

Increased tensions over US - Iran relations led to a weakening of oil demand at the beginning of the week. The price of oil recovered and ranged around \$ 62.45 per barrel afterwards as the US oil supply dropped last week by about 12.8 million barrels to 470 million barrels (the largest decline since September 2016). The oil prices weakened at the very end of the week as a result of increased production on oil wells in the United States.

Table 4 - Economic indicators (24 - 28 June 2019)

Country	Indicator	Period	Expected value	Current value	Previous value
Germany	Consumer price index (CPI) 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.	June MoM%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
USA	Initial Jobless Claims Measures the number of people receiving unemployment allowances.	22 June K=1,000	220 K	227 K	216 K
Japan	Retail Sales Measures changes in retail sales.	May MoM%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
Italy	Consumer Confidence Index Consumer expectations. This household survey, designed to assess the individual's propensity for spending, is an attempt to measure consumer optimism.	June	111.4	109.6	111.8

Source: Bloomberg