## Market Comment | German inflation fuelled the bond sell-off in the EZ

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- Financial markets showed higher volatility during today's session as investors' hawkish bets on monetary policy continued for a third day in a row, reflected mainly in the bond sell-off, mostly in the EZ.
- Sovereign bond yields increased sharply for a third day in a row, as investors continued assessing the ECB's remarks admitting that "reflationary forces are at play", which triggered strong market reaction. In addition, the bond sell-off was accelerated by today's German preliminary inflation data, which were higher than expected for June_(see), underpinning Draghi's remarks. Consequently, EZ inflation expectations also rose appreciably. In line with yields movement, the EUR appreciated for a third day in a row (see), while equities showed a clear underperformance with the sole exception of the banking sector.
- In the US, yields also increased following European yields and fuelled by the upward revision of US Q1 GDP (see). On another front, equities suffered as the slump in the technological sector continued today, while the USD continued to depreciate against its main peers.
- Investors' hawkish bets also continued in the UK, pushing up the GBP, following the BoE's hints at a potential earlier-than-expected removal of monetary policy accommodation (see). UK sovereign bond yields also registered a significant increase.
- The recent upward trend in oil prices continued (see), following yesterday's positive gasoline inventories data. Nonetheless, EM currencies inched down, after the appreciation registered in the last few days.

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