# Rates markets and BTPs: how they have fared through the pandemic

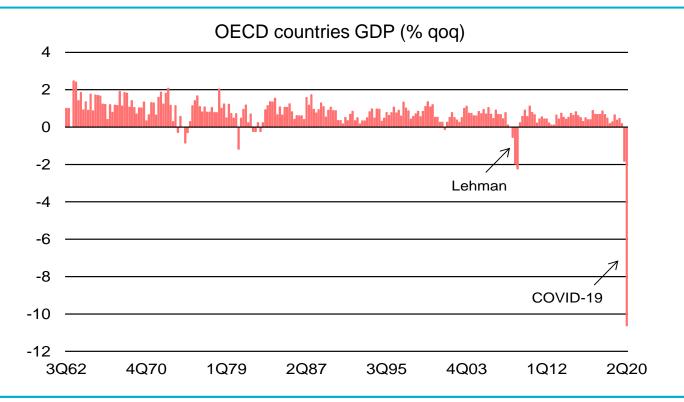
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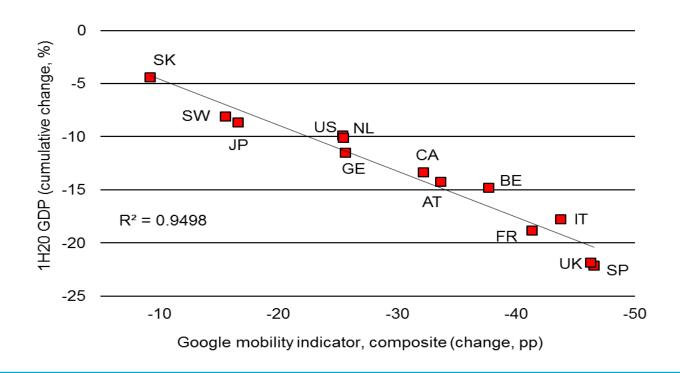


# A global recession like no other – in terms of magnitude...



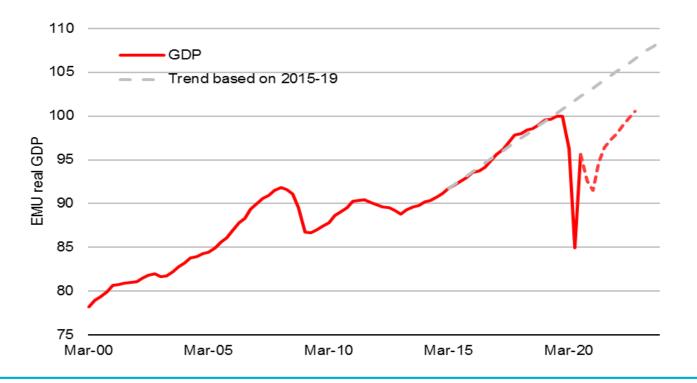


### ...and drivers. It's been totally "self-inflicted" as mobility was curbed



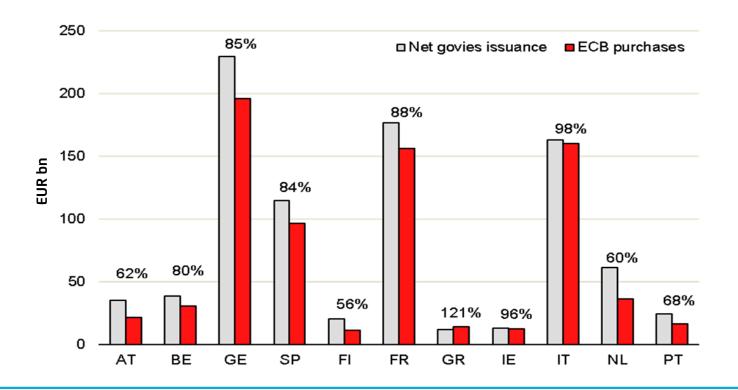


# How we see GDP developing



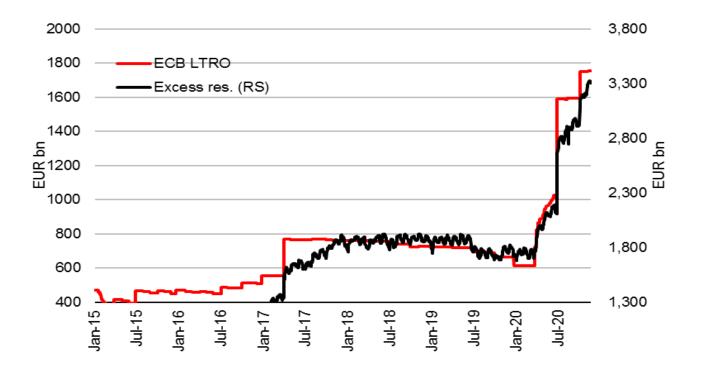


### A combined response by fiscal and monetary policy...



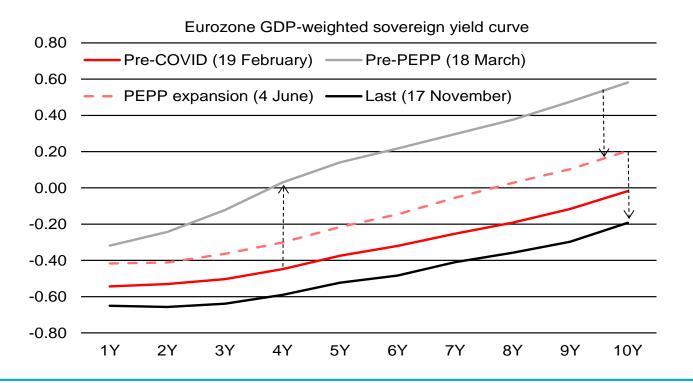


## ...and plenty of liquidity in the euro area...



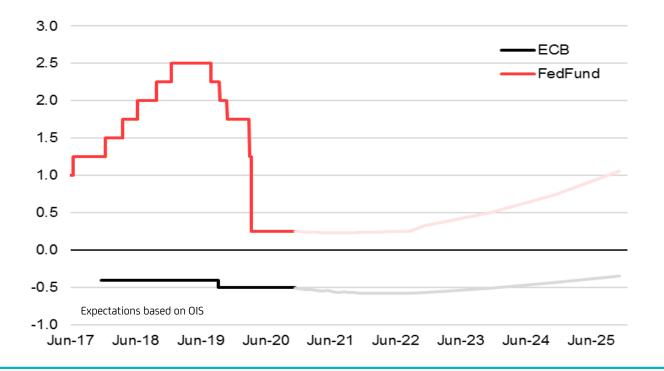


### ...have stabilized the sovereign yield curve



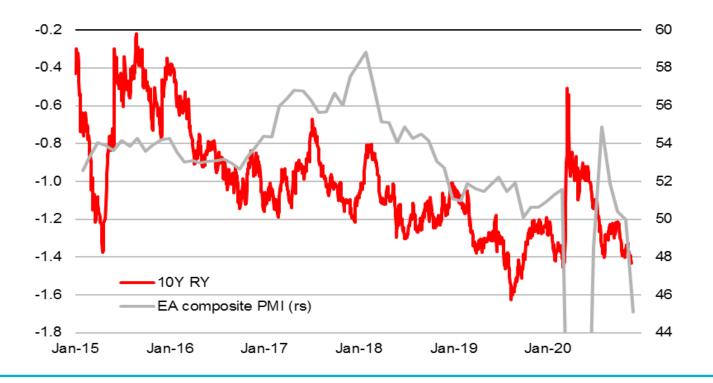


## Policy rates are going to stay low ... indefinitely?



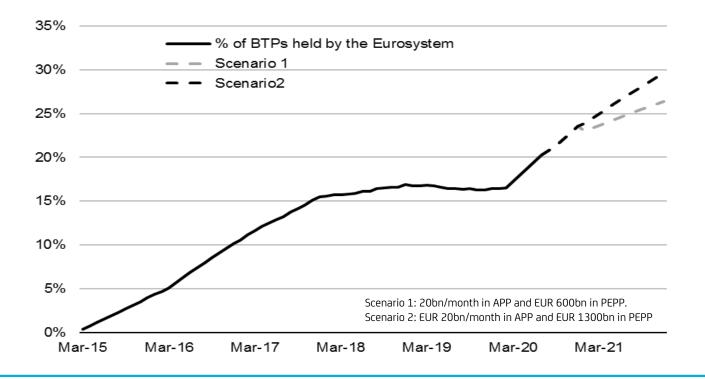


# Real (Bund) yields are bound to stay negative



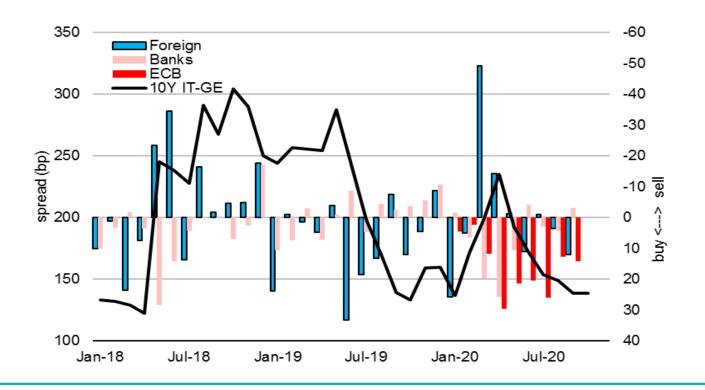


# BTPs key facts: #1: increasing share of the market held by the ECB



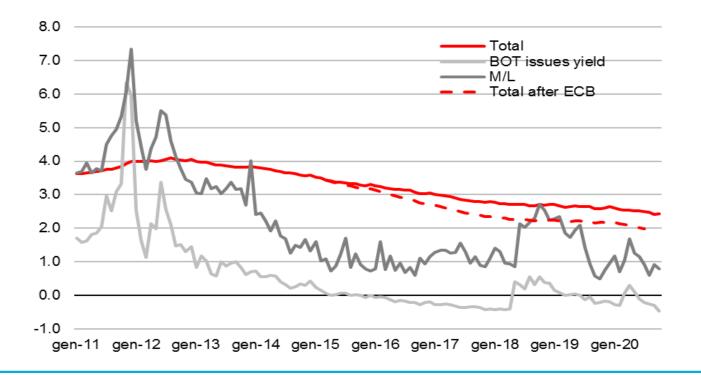


### BTPs key facts: #2: foreign investors are likely to be underweight



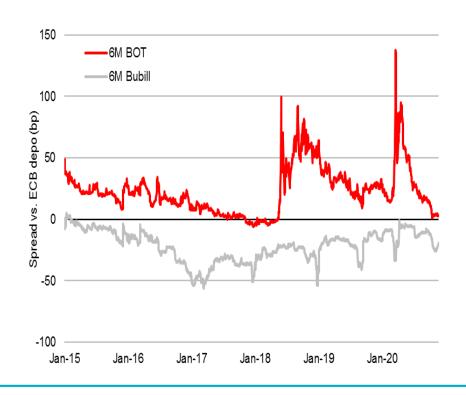


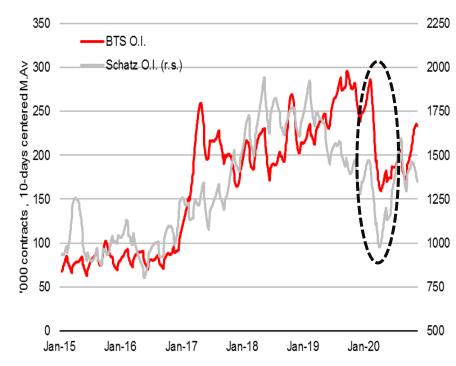
## BTPs key facts: #3: funding cost is well behaved





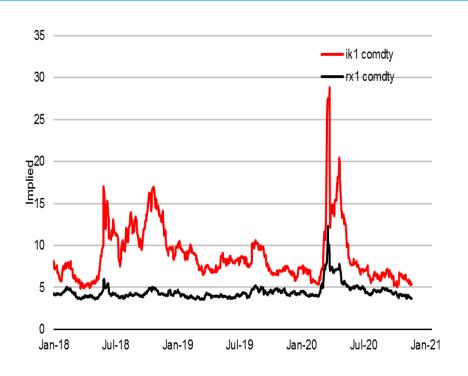
## BTPs key facts #4: the short end has been highly supported

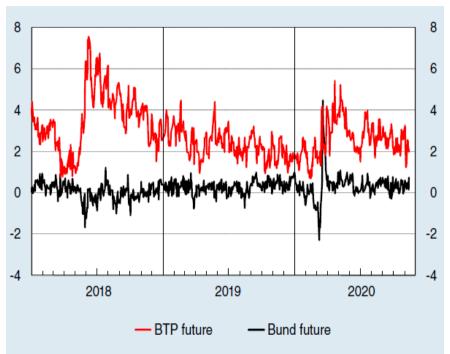






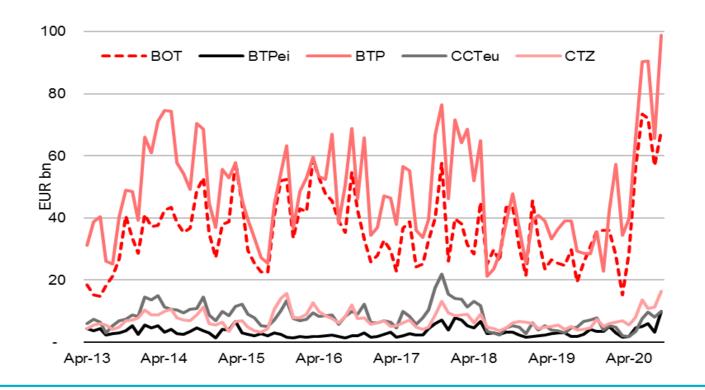
# BTPs key facts: #5: volatility spike has been short lived





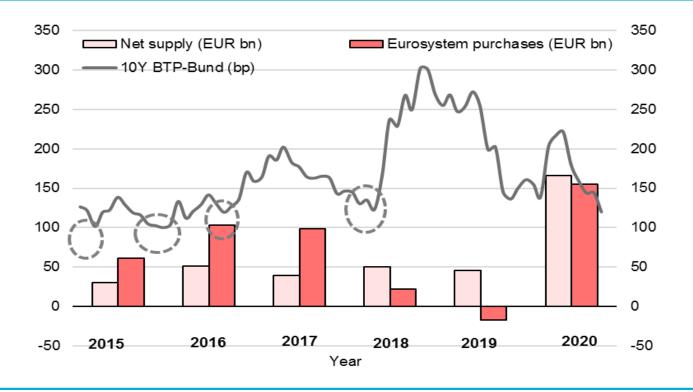


### BTPs key facts #6: trading activity has increased substantially





## BTPs: where do we go from here?





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