

## **Bi-Weekly News Update**

August 25 – September 5, 2025

## FINANCING AND DEBT

♦ On September 3, GMTN Notes due on 21 May, 2030 were offered in a competitive multi-price auction via Primary dealers. Notes were sold in nominal value of EUR 50 million and the total demand reached EUR 331.062 million. The weighted average yield rate was 2.782%. (Sept 3, Treasury)

## **MACROECONOMICS**

- ♦ According to the Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), gross domestic product (GDP) at constant prices increased by 1.7 % in Q2 2025 (seasonally and calendar non-adjusted data). Quarter-on-quarter, GDP at constant prices grew by 0.4 % (seasonally and calendar adjusted data). The largest positive contribution came from manufacturing. (Aug 29, CSB)
- ◆ CSB data show that the average monthly gross wages and salaries stood at 1 808 euro in Q2 2025. Year-on-year, the average monthly earnings before taxes increased by 137 euro or 8.2 %, and hourly earnings went up to 12.69 euro (by 11.2 %). Faster earnings growth was recorded in the private sector. (Aug 28, CSB)
- According to calendar adjusted CSB data at constant prices, compared with July 2024, total retail trade turnover increased by 1.7 % in July 2025. Retail sale of food products dropped by 1.4 %. For non-food products, except automotive fuel, the volume of retail trade rose by 4.4 %, while for automotive fuel it increased by 0.8 %. (Aug 29, <u>CSB</u>)
- ♦ Current account of Latvia's balance of payments ran up a deficit of EUR 749 million in January-June 2025, or 3.8 percent of gross domestic product, the Bank of Latvia said. In the second quarter, the deficit was EUR 479 million, or 4.5 percent of GDP. (Sept 3, BoL)

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