



8th May 2020
This week's highlights

EUR/\$ Lower	Sterling Weaker vs \$	BOE On hold	US Jobs Down 20.5m
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Euro Area

- The euro reversed course against the dollar, having strengthened to \$1.10 last week, falling to around \$1.08
- Christine Lagarde says the ECB "undeterred" following German Constitutional Court ruling on bond purchases
- The European Commission sees the economy contracting by 7.7% this year, but expanding by 6.3% in 2021

UK

- Bank of England kept policy on hold on Thursday although two members voted to increase bond purchases
- The Bank's illustrative scenario for economy sees GDP falling sharply this year, rebounding strongly in 2021
- Sterling shed over a cent against the dollar, falling to under \$1.24, but little changed against the euro at 87p

US

- The numbers in employment collapsed in April, falling by 20.5 million according to the latest "payrolls" report
- Consistent with recent new jobless claims figures, the unemployment rate surged to 14.7% last month
- Benchmark 10-year yields rise by around 5bps on the week to 0.65%, having traded up to 0.70% at one point

Ireland

- The CSO estimate the COVID-19 adjusted unemployment rate rose to 28.2% in April from 15.5% in March
- Exchequer deficit stood at €7.4m at end-April 2020, up from deficit of €3.2m in same 4-month period in 2019
- European Commission sees economy contracting by 7.9% in GDP terms in 2020, expanding by 6.1% in 2021

Monday	IRL New Vehicle Licenses, Air and Sea Travel Statistics
Tuesday	US CPI, Real Earnings
Wednesday	EA Industrial Production; UK GDP (March & Q1), Industrial Production, Services Index; US PPI
Thursday	US Jobless Claims, Import Prices
Friday	EA GDP & Employment (Q1); US Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence, Industrial Production

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