

# WEEKLY ANALYSIS

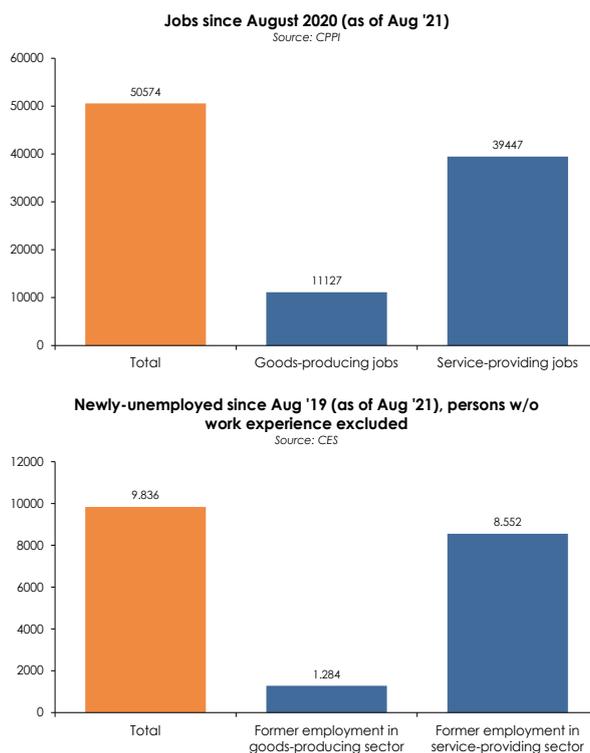
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## Recovery of labour market continued in August

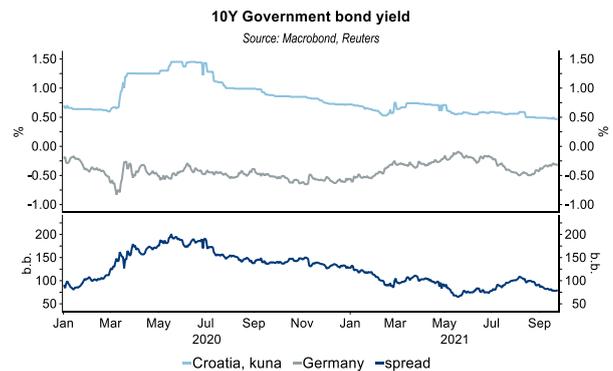
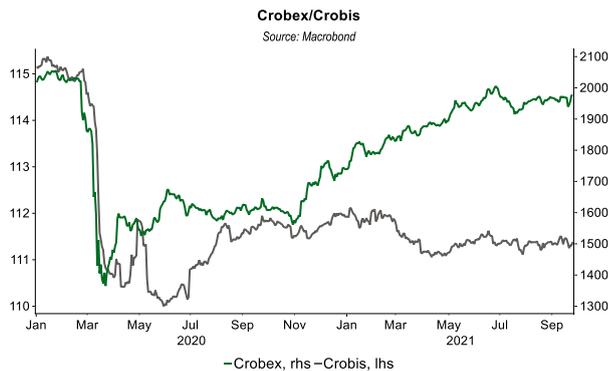
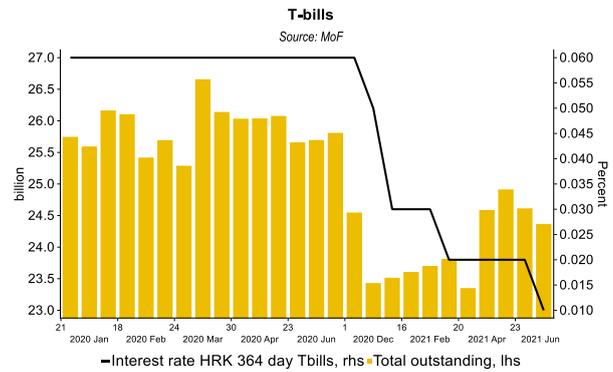
Total number of persons employed in August 2021 reached 1,604 million, advancing by 3.3% or 50.6 thousand compared to August last year (compared with the same month of 2019, the number of persons employed grew by 9 thousand), whereby two strongest contributions to total growth of the number of newly employed came from tourism-related activities (e.g. in Accommodation and food service activities a growth of 7.9% was recorded), in line with exceptionally favourable movements at the peak of the tourist season and in Construction (+5.7%), that has been gaining momentum for quite some time. By observing this year's first eight months, total number of employed was on average higher by 2.0% compared with the same period last year, primarily owing to the growth of newly employed in Construction (+6.0%), then in Accommodation and food service activities (+3.6%),

Information and communication (+6.3%) and Education (+3.3%). Contribution of two activities (out of 19, according to the National Classification of Economic Activities) was simultaneously negative as follows: Mining and quarrying and Financial and insurance activities, that recorded a decrease in the number of persons employed of 3.7% and 1.2% respectively, while in the remaining activities the contribution to the overall increase was insignificant or completely absent. In parallel with good tourism indicators and favourable epidemiological picture, the number of unemployed in August recorded a sharp annual decline of 17.1% (to 126 thousand, at the unemployment rate equal to the one in the previous two months, 7.3%), while a favourable downward trend in unemployment continued also throughout September, thus on September 24 the Croatian Employment Service recorded 119 thousand unemployed people. Despite the favourable trend (OVI index of the Zagreb Institute of Economics reveals a 60% growth in labour demand compared to August last year), the number of unemployed is still higher in this year's August compared with the same month of the pre-pandemic 2019 by approximately 9.8 thousand (without taking into consideration the unemployed persons lacking previous work experience), mostly resulting from an increased inflow of unemployed persons from the service sector (almost 87%), since certain activities are still under the negative impact of epidemiological measures (as for instance Wholesale and retail trade, Accommodation and food service activities and Transportation and storage).

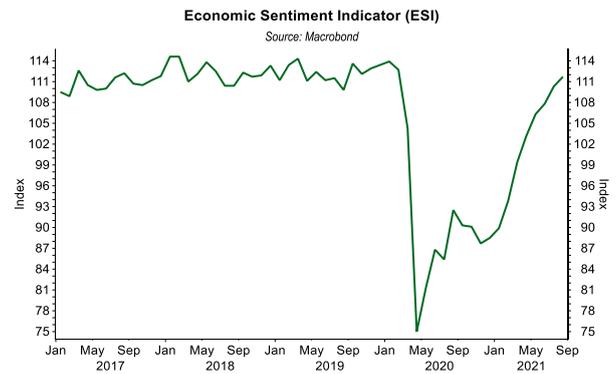
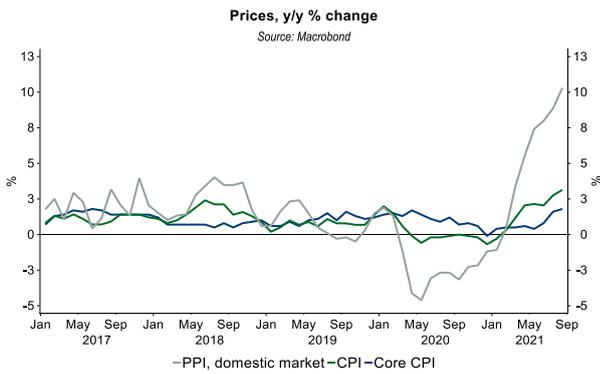
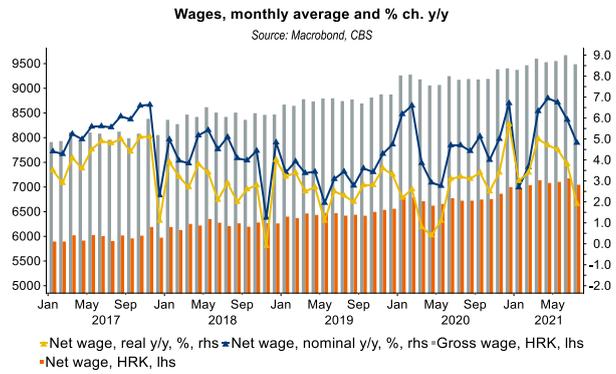
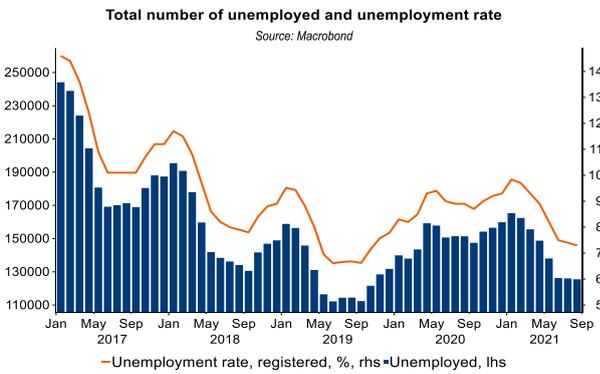
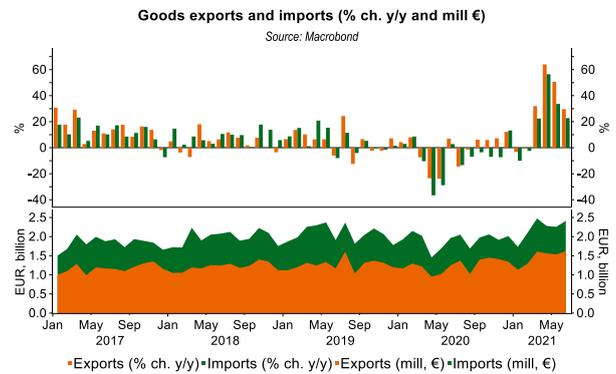
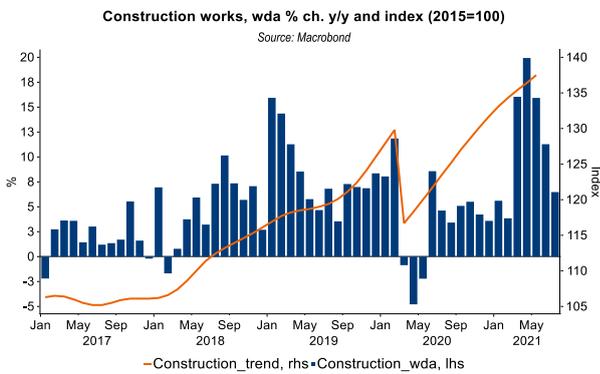
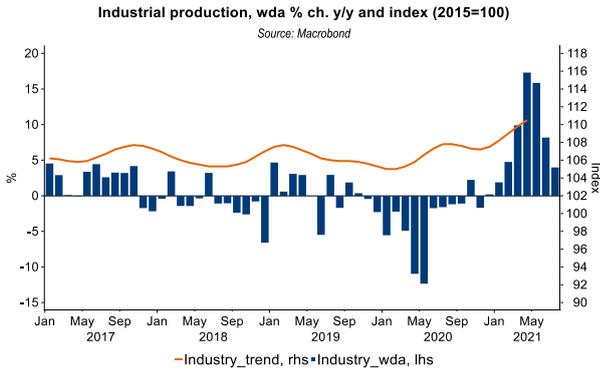


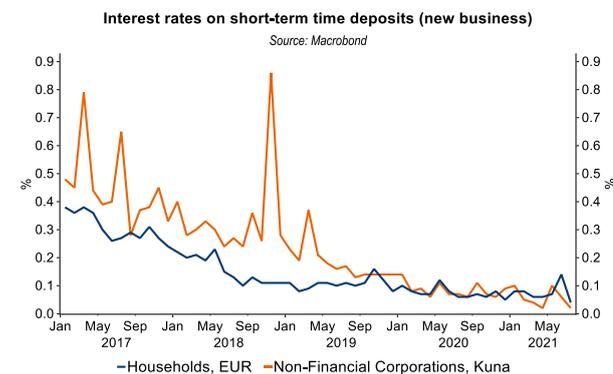
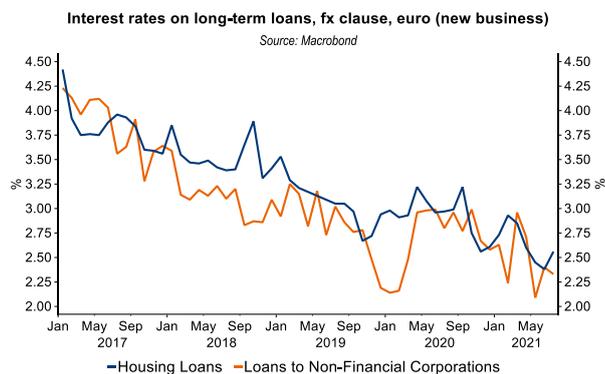
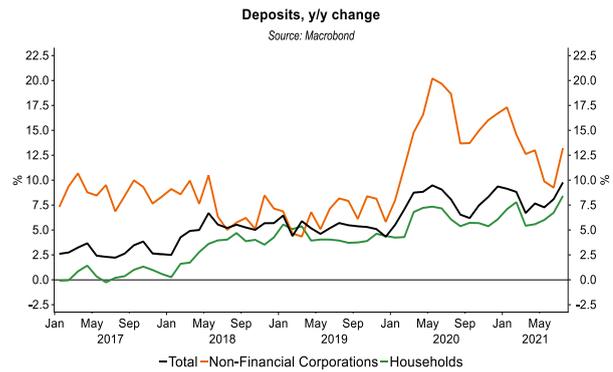
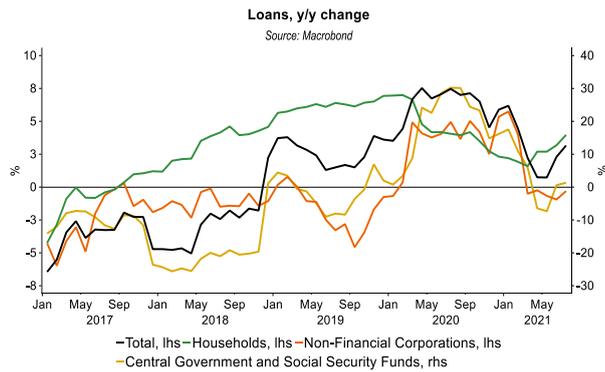
## Weekly overview

- Last week the kuna recorded slight oscillations against the euro, thus on Friday the mid-point exchange rate was slightly lower in w-o-w terms reaching 7.4878 kuna to the euro. The kuna continued to weaken against the dollar and the exchange rate advanced to 6.3818 kuna to the dollar, up by 0.4% w-o-w. This week we expect trading to be in the range of 7.49-7.50 kuna to the euro.
- Excess liquidity in the week behind us rose to 64 billion kuna, there was no interest shown at the CNB's repo auction, and interest rates stagnated in w-o-w terms.
- The Crobex Index closed last Friday at 1,975.21 points, up by 0.3% w-o-w, while Crobis reached 111.82 points, down by 0.1% w-o-w. Sector indices closed on a positive note, whereby CROBEXindustry posted a w-o-w increase of 4.5% (to 1,123.62 points), CROBEXconstruct of 2.2% (444.87), and CROBEXtourist of 0.7% (3,519.69). Total ZSE turnover last week reached 584.3 million kuna, up by 6.6 times w-o-w, owing to 14.3 times higher turnover in bonds (reaching 509.5 million kuna) and 43.5% higher turnover in shares (74.8 million kuna).



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