Ahead of the ECB – money market conditions

• Money market rates have remained somewhat elevated during the past month but still in the range we have gotten used to this year (Fig 1)

- LTRO repayments as well as autonomous factors picked up going into quarter-end (Fig 2) and consequently so did reliance on ECB operations
- Excess liquidity has continued its gradual decline and is hovering around the EUR 100bn level (Fig 3)

• All in all, we don't consider current money market rates as "unwarranted". Instead, the ECB may even be satisfied with how the back-stops in place can selfregulate conditions if liquidity tightens

Fig 2. LTRO repayments pick up going into quarter-end



Fig 1. Money/repo market rates remain in check



Fig 3. Excess liquidity approaching EUR 100bn





Ahead of the ECB – what's priced in

• Only a couple of economists expect a refi and deposit rate cut, including Goldman (Fig 4)

- The 1m EONIA forward curve is still inverted up to six months out (Fig 5), suggesting there is some easing priced in over the coming half year
- The market is pricing in an increasingly different ECB and Fed policy rate path (Fig 6)

Fig 5. Inverted EONIA fwd curve remains in place



Fig 4. Economists' ECB expectations



Fig 6. Market's take on ECB and Fed rate paths



