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### Research economists devote more working time to own projects

Central banks’ research economists tend to spend more working time on own research works than policy economist colleagues. In a typical month, research economists of the 27 institutions that provided data spend an average of 45% of working time on own research. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 25/11/22)

### Alternative data used at most central bank

The majority of central banks that responded to the Economics Benchmarks 2022 said they use alternative data sources in aspects of their work. Slightly over four-fifths of the 32 respondents said they use Google search data to support their research. Scanner data emerged as the least-used alternative source. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 28/11/22)

### ECB hits bnp, deutsche bank with leveraged-loan capital charges

The ECB is imposing higher capital requirements on lenders including BNP Paribas SA and Deutsche Bank AG, arguing that they have ignored warnings to cut risk in the lucrative business of leveraged finance, according to people familiar with the matter. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 25/11/22)

### ECB's Makhoul sees smaller interest rate hikes in 2023, if needed

The ECB will likely increase interest rates by smaller increments next year if further hikes are needed, governing council member Gabriel Makhoul was quoted as saying. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 27/11/22)

### ECB's knot says ‘protracted period’ needed to tame inflation

ECB Governing Council member Klaas Knot signaled that the cycle of interest-rate increases targeting record inflation isn’t close to ending. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 28/11/22)

### Powell to set stage for slowing fed rate hikes amid hawkish tone

Chair Jerome Powell is expected to this week cement expectations that the Federal Reserve will slow its pace of interest-rates increases next month, while reminding Americans that its fight against inflation will run into 2023. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 28/11/22)

### China cuts reserve requirement ratio for banks

The People’s Bank of China cut the amount of cash that banks must hold in reserve for the second time this year, it announced. The PBoC reduced the reserve requirement ratio for most banks by 25 basis points to around 7.8%. It said the measure would not apply to banks which are already implementing a 5% reserve ratio. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 25/11/22)

### PBoC pushes big techs to hand over user data, report says

China’s central bank is pushing tech firms to share their clients’ personal data with state-backed credit-scoring firms by early December, says a report in the Financial Times. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 25/11/22)

### China's central bank conducts reverse repos to boost liquidity

China's central bank conducted 55bn yuan of reverse repos to maintain liquidity in the banking system. The interest rate for the seven-day reverse repos was set at 2%. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 28/11/22)

### German GDP growth accelerates more than estimated

Germany's economy expanded more than initially estimated in the third quarter, despite weaker global growth, delivery bottlenecks and rising inflation, official data showed. Gross domestic product grew 0.4% sequentially in Q3. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 25/11/22)

### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2080	(1.2140)	1.2082	(1.2142)
+USD/EUR	1.0401	(1.0409)	1.0402	(1.0410)
*GHS/USD	13.0985	(13.0987)	13.1117	(13.1119)
*GHS/GBP	15.8230	(15.9019)	15.8415	(15.9204)
*GHS/EUR	13.6241	(13.6356)	13.6377	(13.6515)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 28/11/22 (Rates for 25/11/22 in brackets)

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### **RBA governor apologises over forward guidance**

Australian central bank governor Philip Lowe has apologised to people who took out mortgages based on the bank's initial guidance that interest rates were likely to stay unchanged until 2024. "I'm sorry that people listened to what we've said and acted on that, and now find themselves in a position they don't want to be in," Lowe said. ([www.centralbanking.com.com](http://www.centralbanking.com.com) 28/11/22)

### **Polish central banker flags rate cuts even as inflation soars**

Poland's central bank is likely to begin cutting interest rates late next year, with borrowing costs now at a sufficient level to bring inflation under control, policy maker Ireneusz Dabrowski said. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 28/11/22)

### **Israeli finance panel chief suggests law to shield mortgages from rate hikes**

The head of the Israeli parliament's powerful finance committee criticized a wave of central bank interest hikes and said he would propose legislation to minimise their impact on mortgage holders. In a bid to fight rising inflation, the Bank of Israel last week raised its benchmark interest rate by a half-point. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 28/11/22)

### **Turkey's economy grew 4% in Q3; 2022 growth seen at 5%**

Turkey's economy is expected to have expanded 4% in the third quarter and will grow 5% overall in 2022, a Reuters poll showed, after the central bank embarked on an easing cycle to counter an economic slowdown despite soaring inflation. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 28/11/22)

### **India's economy likely slowed to annual 6.2% in July-Sept**

The Indian economy likely returned to a more normal 6.2% annual growth rate in July-September after double-digit expansion in the previous quarter, but weaker exports and investment will curb future activity, a Reuters poll showed. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 28/11/22)

### **European stocks seen opening weak**

On Friday, reaction to the ECB's minutes which showed a commitment to raising rates even in case of a recession had led to lackluster performance by the European benchmarks. UK's FTSE 100 had gained 0.27%; Switzerland's SMI had increased 0.09% and France's CAC 40 had moved up 0.08%. Germany's DAX had edged up 0.01%. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 28/11/22)

### **Global oil market signals short-term weakness ahead of EU ban on Russian oil**

The global oil market is signaling a potential shift, as traders and analysts worry about reduced crude demand and an oversupplied market in the coming months. After months of strength, crude futures are flirting with lows not seen all year as top oil consumer China enters additional COVID-19 lockdowns while central banks hike interest rates to combat inflation. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 28/11/22)

### **Gold dips as dollar ticks up on China COVID risks**

Gold prices slipped, as investors preferred the safe-haven dollar amid protests in several Chinese cities over the country's strict COVID-19 restrictions. Spot gold was down 0.3% at \$1,750.20 per ounce. US gold futures fell 0.2%. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 28/11/22)

### **African central banks expect CBDC to boost policy transmission**

Central banks in Africa are more focused on the potential benefits of central bank digital currency for monetary transmission than their peers on other continents, a new survey finds. Almost all of the 19 African central banks that responded to the BIS' survey said they expected CBDC to boost policy transmission ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 25/11/22)

### **Nigeria debt service load to soar as local borrowing costs spike**

Nigerian government borrowing costs on local bonds have jumped to a five-year high, adding pressure to a debt service burden that consumes more than two-thirds of revenue in Nigeria. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 25/11/22)

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