Developments in Euro and USD money market conditions since COVID-19 emerged



Sars-CoV-2 Development





Source: Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at John Hopkins University, Update from 23rd March 2020 07:55 pm

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US Markets





Funding Squeeze // IBOR - OIS Spread

In USD LOIS spread widened significantly showing the stress in the market and difficulties to fund on term; In EUR this widening so far is only marginal; it seems that additional ECB injections help although it need to be mentioned that term funding nearly stopped





Source: Reuters

Funding Squeeze – XCCY funding



USD funding via swaps also showed significant stress levels

Coordinated announcement of central banks to support market via USD tenders show already positive effects on very short end

1-3Month still at elevated levels but off the highs



USD CP Issuance





Funding and Credit Spreads





While US and German Bills

SUMMARY

- Market impact started with the spread of the virus outside China, especially once the first cases in Italy were spotted
- First reaction by central banks were rate cuts, but they seemed to create more panic than calming down the markets
- Worries on corporate funding caused a huge USD funding squeeze which could be halted by combined central bank action
- In EUR such a funding squeeze was not seen so far in the interbank market although term funding sems to be everywhere on hold
- Significant credit spread widening between different EU member states but especially in the lower rated corporate sector

