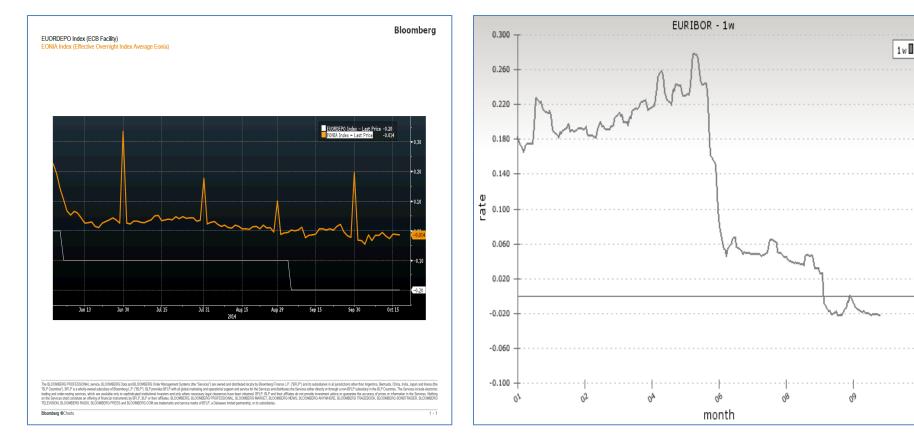
Negative interest rates

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New interest rates scenario: negative rates



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Monetary policy (ECB):

> Interbank deposit market

Legal documentation in international financial markets:

- LMA for international syndicated loans
- > ISDA for derivative transactions
 - > 2006 ISDA definitions
 - > 2013 Best Practices for the OTC Derivatives Collateral Process
 - > 2014 ISDA collateral agreement negative interest protocol



Retail markets (Spain):

- Public Debt. The Spanish Treasury has established that retail bids in Treasury auctions when the average interest rate is negative shall be considered as not made
- > Commercial Loans:
 - Commercial Code loans are deemed to include remuneration by way of interest
 - > Lender should receive the same amount of money lent
 - > Therefore, negative interest may not be claimed from lender
- Situation of loans with an added margin
 - > The negative interest rate decreases the margin?
- > Retail banking deposits :
 - > Obligation of the bank to return the same amount
 - Interest is a remuneration of the deposit. Therefore, negative interest may not be claimed from the depositor

