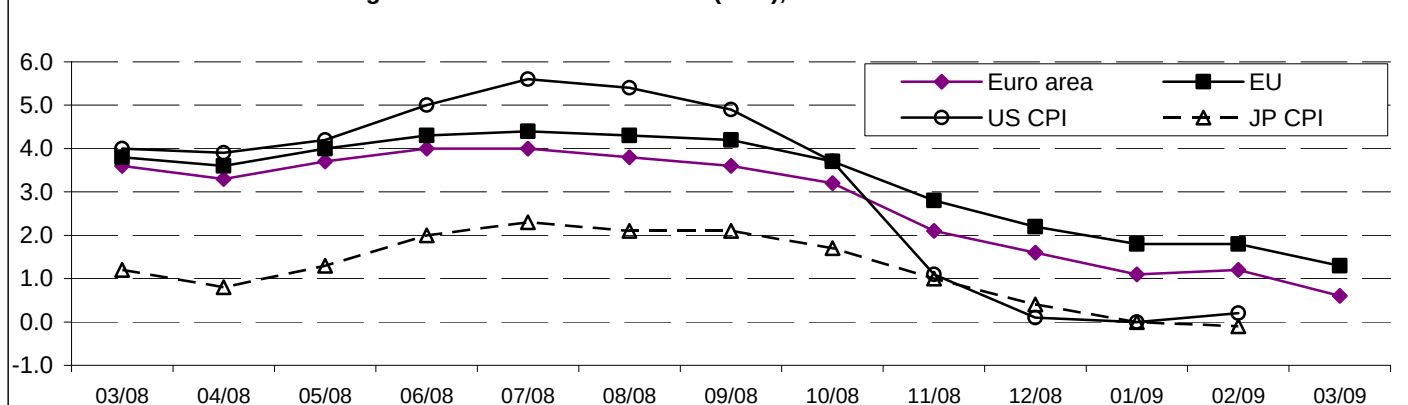


HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES MARCH 2009

**EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 0.6% IN MARCH 2009,
DOWN FROM 1.2% IN FEBRUARY**

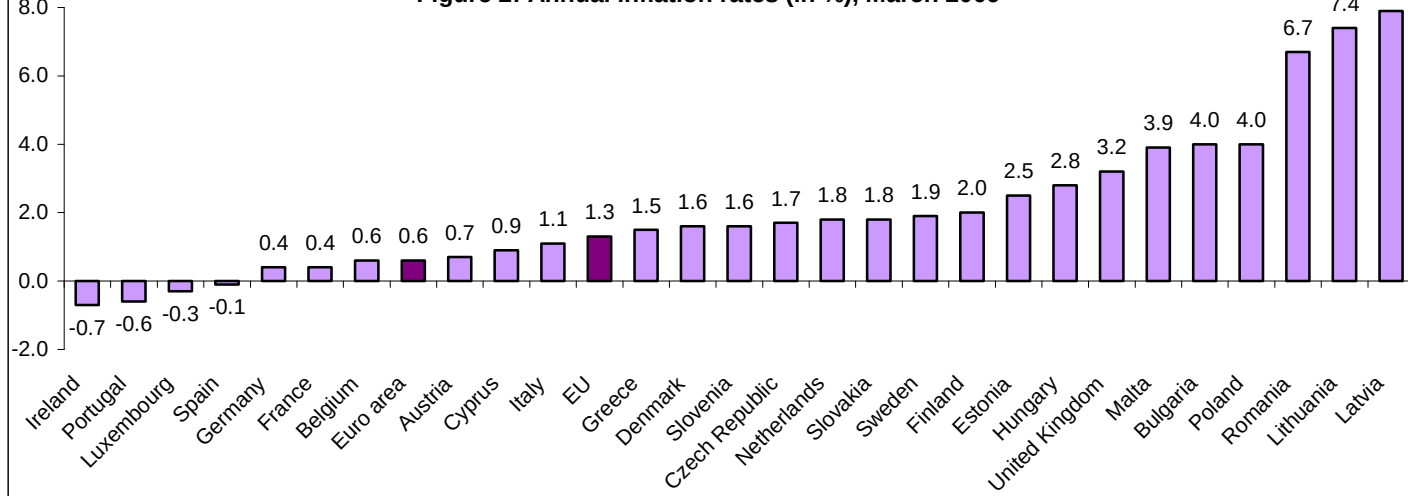
**EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.3% IN MARCH 2009,
DOWN FROM 1.8% IN FEBRUARY**

Figure 1: Annual inflation rates (in %), March 2008 - March 2009



Sources: Eurostat, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Statistics Bureau of Japan

Figure 2: Annual inflation rates (in %), March 2009*



Source: Eurostat

* Data for the Netherlands and Austria are provisional. Data for the United Kingdom are of February 2009.

Table 1: Index levels (2005=100) – HICP all-items

	Annual average index 2008	Monthly Indices											
		Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
Belgium	108.87	108.45	109.39	110.15	109.13	110.28	110.17	109.99	109.26	109.11	107.06	109.53	108.92
Germany	107.0	106.3	107.0	107.4	108.1	107.7	107.6	107.3	106.7	107.1	106.5	107.2	107.0
Ireland	108.9	108.8	109.5	110.0	109.5	109.5	109.8	109.4	109.3	108.5	107.6	107.8	107.9
Greece	110.90	111.21	111.96	111.91	111.06	109.82	112.16	112.20	111.96	111.62	111.02	109.77	111.98
Spain	110.91	110.90	111.66	112.30	111.79	111.57	111.52	111.90	111.41	110.85	109.44	109.46	109.64
France	106.82	106.72	107.34	107.79	107.49	107.43	107.40	107.34	106.79	106.51	106.05	106.49	106.71
Italy	108.0	107.8	108.4	108.9	108.3	108.3	108.8	109.3	108.8	108.7	106.9	107.1	108.4
Cyprus	109.03	108.53	109.38	109.94	109.33	109.62	110.94	111.77	110.37	109.25	106.78	106.75	108.21
Luxembourg	110.01	109.81	110.91	111.70	111.29	111.28	111.38	110.93	109.47	108.49	107.26	109.15	109.00
Malta	108.13	107.24	108.00	108.55	110.58	110.94	110.98	112.00	108.66	108.85	106.46	107.33	108.97
Netherlands	105.54	105.81	106.25	105.94	105.82	105.96	106.49	106.32	105.88	105.07	105.12	106.15r	107.38p
Austria	107.28	107.15	107.72	108.02	107.70	107.51	107.93	107.89	107.61	107.44	106.81	107.33	107.60p
Portugal	108.34	108.53	109.04	109.60	109.04	108.56	109.11	108.91	108.17	107.67	106.74	106.70	107.54
Slovenia	112.28	111.82	113.12	114.15	114.13	113.34	113.34	113.33	112.33	111.51	111.19	111.87	112.77
Slovakia	110.41	109.86	110.27	110.66	110.65	110.57	111.00	111.38	111.52	111.44	111.83	111.81	111.50
Finland	106.91	106.54	107.10	107.46	107.16	107.46	108.06	108.03	107.47	107.12	107.42	108.14	108.54
Euro area	107.78	107.55	108.23	108.64	108.47	108.32	108.52	108.55	108.02	107.88	106.98	107.42	107.82p
Bulgaria	129.36	127.68	128.77	129.35	131.21	131.07	132.21	132.34	131.78	131.22	131.81	132.33	131.88
Czech Republic	111.7	111.4	111.9	112.0	112.6	112.3	112.1	112.2	111.4	111.1	112.6	112.7	112.9
Denmark	107.3	107.1	107.5	107.9	107.6	107.8	108.3	108.1	107.8	107.3	106.9	108.0	108.4
Estonia	123.31	121.91	122.65	123.45	124.34	124.66	125.62	126.08	125.81	125.61	124.85	124.33	123.75
Latvia	135.21	134.05	135.43	136.36	136.84	136.23	137.75	139.18	138.48	137.83	140.79	142.31	142.41
Lithuania	122.01	120.85	121.85	122.61	123.12	123.32	123.94	125.09	124.70	124.48	127.75	128.13	128.13
Hungary ³⁾	119.05	118.71	119.80	119.94	120.31	119.59	119.52	119.96	119.41	118.97	119.84	120.78	121.39
Poland	108.3	107.7	108.4	108.6	108.6	108.4	108.8	109.2	109.4	109.4	109.8	110.7	111.6
Romania	120.69	119.50	120.08	120.42	121.27	121.17	121.65	122.95	123.36	123.66	125.20	126.23	126.86
Sweden	106.65	106.44	106.88	107.28	106.76	106.87	107.90	107.68	107.15	106.97	106.87	107.47	108.04
United Kingdom ⁴⁾	108.5	107.6	108.3	109.0	109.0	109.7	110.3	110.0	109.9	109.5	108.7	109.6	:
EU	108.42	108.05	108.72	109.17	109.08	109.04	109.34	109.37	108.96	108.77	108.11	108.67r	108.98p
Iceland	122.29	118.53	120.76	122.07	123.21	124.58	126.06	129.26	131.79	134.09	134.93	136.58	136.80
Norway	106.7	105.8	106.1	106.2	106.9	107.0	108.5	108.8	108.0	107.7	107.3	108.4	108.5
EEA ⁵⁾	108.41	108.03	108.70	109.14	109.06	109.03	109.34	109.38	108.97	108.78	108.12	108.69r	109.00p
Switzerland	104.2	104.2	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6	104.4	105.1	104.0	103.4	102.9	102.9	102.6

Source: Eurostat

Table 2: Inflation rates (in %) – HICP all-items

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
Belgium	4.5	3.9	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.5	4.8	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.9	0.6
Germany	2.8	2.2	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.5	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.4
Ireland	3.1	2.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.1	0.1	-0.7
Greece	4.2	3.6	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.0	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.5
Spain	4.1	3.1	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.6	3.6	2.4	1.5	0.8	0.7	-0.1
France	3.2	2.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.0	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.4
Italy	3.5	3.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.6	2.7	2.4	1.4	1.5	1.1
Cyprus	4.4	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	3.1	1.8	0.9	0.6	0.9
Luxembourg	4.1	3.1	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8	4.8	4.8	3.9	2.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	-0.3
Malta	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.7	4.9	5.0	3.1	3.5	3.9
Netherlands	2.2	2.2p	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8p
Austria	3.2	2.7p	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.0	2.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.7p
Portugal	2.7	1.9	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.5	1.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.6
Slovenia	5.5	4.3	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.0	5.6	4.8	2.9	1.8	1.4	2.1	1.6
Slovakia	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.5	2.7	2.4	1.8
Finland	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.4	3.5	3.4	2.5	2.7	2.0
Euro area	3.3	2.7p	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.2	0.6p
Bulgaria	12.0	10.1	13.2	13.4	14.0	14.7	14.4	11.8	11.4	11.2	8.8	7.2	6.0	5.4	4.0
Czech Republic	6.3	4.7	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.2	6.4	5.7	4.1	3.3	1.4	1.3	1.7
Denmark	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.5	3.8	2.8	2.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Estonia	10.6	8.6	11.2	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.1	8.5	7.5	4.7	3.9	2.5
Latvia	15.3	13.4	16.6	17.4	17.7	17.5	16.5	15.6	14.7	13.7	11.6	10.4	9.7	9.4	7.9
Lithuania	11.1	10.5	11.4	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.4	12.2	11.3	10.7	9.2	8.5	9.5	8.5	7.4
Hungary	6.0	5.0	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.4	5.6	5.1	4.1	3.4	2.4	2.9	2.8
Poland	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.6	4.0
Romania	7.9	7.6	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	8.1	7.3	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.9	6.7
Sweden	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.2	1.9
United Kingdom	3.6	:	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	:
EU	3.7	3.2p	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.8r	1.3p
Iceland	12.8	16.8	6.8	10.7	11.7	12.5	13.6	15.3	15.4	17.9	19.8	21.0	21.9	21.6	19.9
Norway	3.4	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.1	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.6
EEA	3.7	3.2p	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.8	1.9r	1.3p
Switzerland	2.3	1.7	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7

Source: Eurostat

Table 3: Annual inflation rates (in %) for HICP main categories

Mar 2009	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	0.6	3.0	3.3	1.3	-1.3	2.6	1.1	-5.1	0.0	1.3	1.7	3.2	3.5
Germany	0.4	-0.1	1.9	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	-3.8	-2.9	0.7	-5.0	1.4	1.3
Ireland	-0.7	-0.6	5.9	-8.7	-3.9	-2.0	4.6	-7.4	0.9	-0.2	5.4	1.5	6.3
Greece	1.5	3.7	3.2	3.0	-6.4	2.0	3.4	-1.9	-0.6	0.8	4.5	3.8	3.6
Spain	-0.1	0.6	4.1	-1.8	4.0	2.0	0.9	-8.4	-0.5	-0.8	4.0	2.4	2.7
France	0.4	1.5	2.0	0.8	0.7	2.0	0.9	-2.8	-1.9	-1.6	3.6	2.5	2.5
Italy	1.1	2.7	5.2	0.4	3.5	1.9	3.3	-3.4	-1.7	0.5	3.3	1.3	2.2
Cyprus	0.9	9.1	2.8	-2.9	-8.7	1.6	6.9	-9.6	0.0	3.4	4.6	5.0	2.9
Luxembourg	-0.3	2.4	5.1	0.9	-1.7	2.4	-1.3	-8.4	-1.0	4.3	2.1	3.3	0.5
Malta	3.9	11.3	3.7	0.7	16.0	0.6	2.7	-3.4	0.0	-1.9	8.7	3.8	2.1
Netherlands	1.8p	3.6p	9.4p	0.9p	5.2p	2.7p	0.5p	-3.0p	-1.6p	-0.6p	1.7p	3.2p	2.0p
Austria	0.7p	1.6p	1.7p	2.4p	1.7p	2.1p	2.8p	-6.3p	-3.4p	1.3p	-1.1p	2.8p	3.5p
Portugal	-0.6	-0.5	3.1	-0.5	2.3	2.0	-1.1	-6.2	-1.9	-2.3	3.5	2.2	2.3
Slovenia	1.6	2.8	3.5	2.4	-1.6	4.6	8.6	-4.4	-4.5	3.0	3.1	6.3	4.0
Slovakia	1.8	-1.0	8.4	0.2	4.6	-0.5	7.7	-7.1	-0.7	0.0	5.2	6.7	3.5
Finland	2.0	6.1	7.2	-0.5	3.1	1.4	4.8	-5.2	-5.7	1.3	3.3	5.1	4.9
Euro area	0.6p	1.6p	3.4p	0.4p	1.9p	1.9p	1.8p	-4.3p	-1.8p	0.0p	1.1p	2.2p	2.3p
Bulgaria	4.0	1.2	14.8	8.2	14.2	5.0	2.0	-4.6	-5.6	6.9	18.4	10.6	9.7
Czech Republic	1.7	-0.9	9.6	-1.6	13.2	0.1	-0.8	-8.7	-4.4	-0.8	3.2	2.2	2.1
Denmark	1.6	2.2	3.1	0.4	2.0	3.5	3.4	-2.3	-2.9	0.3	4.2	3.7	3.7
Estonia	2.5	0.2	19.9	1.0	8.0	3.4	5.7	-9.4	-0.8	1.7	6.7	1.5	7.1
Latvia	7.9	6.2	19.2	-3.4	25.0	2.9	20.0	-2.3	0.6	6.7	22.9	4.1	7.5
Lithuania	7.4	7.2	11.9	-6.2	21.0	5.0	20.4	-1.4	-1.5	2.8	9.0	10.4	6.8
Hungary	2.8	5.0	5.6	-0.4	10.4	1.9	-2.8	-4.8	-1.2	2.1	1.0	4.7	2.9
Poland	4.0	5.1	11.0	-7.4	8.8	1.9	3.3	-4.4	0.0	1.5	3.5	5.7	3.2
Romania	6.7	5.8	15.4	2.7	10.3	2.5	4.8	0.9	10.6	4.9	9.6	7.8	5.1
Sweden	1.9	4.6	2.1	1.4	5.1	1.7	-1.9	-1.9	-4.9	1.2	2.9	3.7	2.0
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EU	1.3p	2.9p	5.2p	-1.1p	3.8p	2.1p	2.0p	-4.1p	-1.3p	0.3p	3.4p	2.8p	2.5p
Iceland	19.9	27.1	25.7	26.1	25.3	35.6	14.5	11.3	8.5	18.2	3.6	14.3	14.3
Norway	2.6	5.5	5.6	-3.2	3.7	4.5	2.7	-0.5	5.0	2.6	4.7	4.1	3.8
EEA	1.3p	3.0p	5.3p	-1.1p	3.8p	2.1p	2.0p	-4.0p	-1.2p	0.3p	3.4p	2.8p	2.5p
Switzerland	-0.7	1.8	2.2	3.5	-2.5	0.4	-0.2	-5.5	-4.9	-0.3	1.8	1.9	0.6

Source: Eurostat

COICOP/HICP code of main categories

00 HICP (all-items index)
 01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages
 02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco
 03 Clothing and footwear
 04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels
 05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house

06 Health
 07 Transports
 08 Communications
 09 Recreation and culture
 10 Education
 11 Restaurants and hotels
 12 Miscellaneous goods and services

Table 4: Index levels (2005=100) - some special aggregates

	HICP all-items excluding ...										Energy		Food, alcohol and tobacco	
	... energy		... energy, food, alcohol and tobacco		... energy, unprocessed food		... energy, seasonal food		... tobacco		Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009				
Belgium	108.80	108.71	107.09	107.02	108.52	108.46	108.60	108.54	109.42	108.79	115.92	110.60	114.78	114.65
Germany	106.0	106.0	105.0	105.0	105.7	105.7	105.8	105.8	107.1	106.9	117.1	115.7	110.6	110.2
Ireland	107.4	107.6	105.8	106.2	107.4	107.6	107.4	107.6	106.9	107.1	111.4	110.8	113.3	112.9
Greece	110.11	112.54	108.53	111.47	109.70	112.30	109.80	112.28	109.49	111.71	103.52	103.19	115.18	115.94
Spain	109.50	109.84	107.55	108.17	108.93	109.44	109.31	109.74	109.28	109.46	108.38	107.22	115.13	114.47
France	106.39	106.80	105.70	106.25	106.04	106.52	106.25	106.70	106.46	106.67	106.42	104.39	108.91	108.77
Italy	106.8	108.2	105.2	106.9	106.5	108.0	106.7	108.1	106.8	108.1	110.4	110.1	112.6	112.9
Cyprus	107.49	109.44	103.58	105.41	105.10	106.66	106.05	107.53	106.83	108.29	100.24	98.09	120.42	122.81
Luxembourg	110.15	110.18	108.31	108.30	110.07	110.10	110.13	110.14	108.02	107.86	101.21	99.73	114.93	115.09
Malta	106.34	108.18	102.33	104.22	104.34	106.03	104.75	106.43	107.40	109.09	125.51	123.58	119.88	121.53
Netherlands	105.11	106.55p	103.46	105.12p	104.61	106.12p	104.66	106.14p	105.80	107.03p	115.26	114.70p	112.45	112.83p
Austria	107.31r	107.75p	106.08r	106.74p	106.89r	107.50p	107.00r	107.58p	107.29	107.58p	107.19r	105.47p	113.41	112.81p
Portugal	106.65	107.67	105.42	106.84	106.73	107.96	106.61	107.74	106.16	106.97	106.37	105.80	110.66	110.36
Slovenia	111.87	112.90	108.91	110.21	111.04	112.20	111.27	112.39	111.63	112.56	111.98	111.93	120.82	120.98
Slovakia	110.12	109.76	108.45	108.28	110.26	109.89	109.68	109.20	111.38	111.06	118.88	118.86	114.63	113.78
Finland	108.16	108.60	105.40	105.99	107.23	107.74	107.56	108.05	107.90	108.31	107.41	107.35	117.49	117.43
Euro area	106.98	107.56p	105.62	106.39p	106.57	107.24p	106.76	107.39p	107.26	107.66p	111.57r	110.26p	112.03	111.91p
Bulgaria	135.10	135.11	128.64	128.50	135.35	135.33	135.08	135.05	130.32	129.76	116.54	113.43	149.26	149.66
Czech Republic	110.5	110.6	107.1	107.1	110.9	110.9	110.5	110.6	110.9	111.0	126.8	127.6	118.1	118.3
Denmark	108.0	108.4	106.0	106.6	107.5	108.0	107.5	107.9	108.0	108.4	108.0	107.9	114.8	114.4
Estonia	122.43	122.20	117.73	117.54	122.08	121.70	122.28	121.92	123.46	122.86	138.60	135.28	132.53	132.19
Latvia	139.04	139.08	127.10	127.82	137.50	137.81	138.15	138.31	138.91	138.95	169.14	169.79	162.61	161.05
Lithuania	125.28	125.34	116.49	116.56	122.34	122.54	124.54	124.65	127.96	127.90	148.07	147.54	140.23	140.28
Hungary	118.79r	119.42	112.29r	112.80	116.74	117.22	117.35	117.78	120.70r	121.27	134.41	134.78	133.67	134.59
Poland	108.6	109.6	105.0	105.6	108.0	108.7	108.1	108.9	109.8	110.7	123.6	123.5	116.0	117.8
Romania	124.32	124.99	120.89	121.26	126.22	126.74	124.40	124.95	124.04	124.46	134.72	135.14	127.37	128.34
Sweden	106.37	107.00	104.05	104.78	105.52	106.17	105.75	106.37	106.82	107.40	115.28	115.37	114.84	115.15
United Kingdom	107.4	:	104.9	:	106.5	:	106.8	:	109.2	:	139.2	:	121.1	:
EU	107.78r	108.26p	105.84r	106.46p	107.23r	107.76p	107.46r	107.97p	108.38r	108.69p	116.94r	115.57p	114.83r	114.82p
Iceland	136.73	137.17	135.35	136.17	136.31	137.02	135.94	136.60	136.71	136.91	132.07	129.59	142.14	141.01
Norway	107.4	107.8	106.3	106.7	107.4	107.9	107.4	107.8	108.3	108.5	118.4	115.3	112.5	112.7
EEA	107.80r	108.28p	105.87r	106.49p	107.25r	107.79p	107.48r	107.99p	108.40r	108.70p	116.97r	115.58p	114.83r	114.82p
Switzerland	103.0	103.0	102.7	102.7	102.8	102.8	102.9	102.9	102.8	102.5	100.8	97.2	104.9	104.8

Source: Eurostat

Comments

1. Euro area inflation is measured by the MUICP ('Monetary Union Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) which is the official euro area aggregate. The euro area initially included Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland. Greece was included from 1 January 2001, Slovenia from 1 January 2007, Cyprus and Malta from 1 January 2008 and Slovakia from 1 January 2009. New Member States are integrated into the MUICP using a chain index formula.
2. *EU inflation* is measured by the EICP ('European Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) which is the official EU aggregate. The EU included 15 Member States until 30 April 2004, 25 Member States from 1 May 2004 until 31 December 2006 and 27 Member States from 1 January 2007. New Member States are integrated into the EICP using a chain index formula.
3. Hungary has revised its HICP for February 2009 due to improved information on subsidized pharmaceutical products. The revision had no impact on the all-items HICP. It is however visible in some subindices.
4. Data for the United Kingdom for March 2009 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, EU and EEA totals were calculated using Eurostat estimates.
5. *EEA inflation* is measured by the EEAICP ('European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices'). It is computed using data for Iceland and Norway in addition to the EU Member States.

Statistical symbols and abbreviation

p	provisional	:	not available
r	revised	EEA	European Economic area

Methodology

Measures of inflation

The *annual rate* measures the price change between the current month and the same month of the previous year. This measure is responsive to recent changes in price levels but can be influenced by one-off effects in either month.

The *12-month average rate* overcomes this volatility by comparing average Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) in the latest 12 months to the average of the previous 12 months. This measure is less sensitive to transient changes in prices.

HICPs designed for international comparison

Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) are harmonized inflation figures required under Article 121 of the Treaty of Amsterdam (109j of the Treaty on European Union). They are designed for international comparison of consumer price inflation. The focus is on quality and comparability among the indices of different countries as well as on their relative movements.

The MUICP is used by, among others, the European Central Bank (ECB) as a main indicator for monetary policy management for the euro area (see [ECB press release](#), 8 May 2003).

The Member States' HICPs are supplied by the National Statistical Institutes; the MUICP, EICP and EEAICP are compiled by Eurostat. The HICP is computed as an annual chain index allowing weights to be changed each year. HICP aggregates are calculated as weighted averages of the HICPs using the weights of the countries and sub-indices concerned. The weight of a country is its share of the household final monetary consumption expenditure in the euro area total. For the MUICP this is expressed in euro, for the EICP and the EEAICP it is expressed in purchasing power standards. The MUICP is treated as a single entity within the EICP and EEAICP starting from 1999.

Additional information

About 100 MUICP, EICP, EEAICP and HICP sub-indices and over 30 special aggregates with corresponding weights and inflation rates are available in Eurostat's database :

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/url/page/PGP_QUEEN/PGE_QUEEN_TREE?screen=welcomeref&open=/&product=EU_MASTER_prices&depth=3

More information on methods and data can be found on the HICP section of the Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/url/page/PGP_DS_HICP

Further information

European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on our Internet site:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>