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First Eurostat estimates

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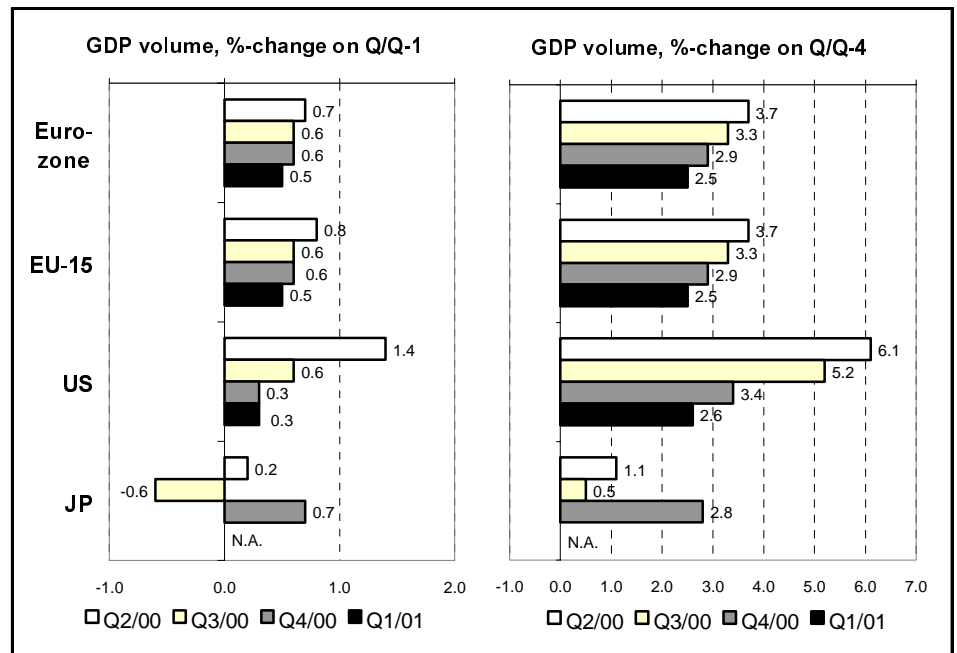
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According to Eurostat's first estimates ⁽¹⁾, the GDP of the **euro-zone** ⁽²⁾ and of the **EU15** both increased by 0.5 % during the first quarter of 2001. These figures follow a 0.6 % growth for both areas in the fourth quarter of 2000.

In comparison with the first quarter of 2000, the GDP of the **euro-zone** and of the **EU15** recorded a 2.5 % growth in the first quarter of 2001, compared to 2.9 % in both areas in the previous quarter.

The data for the **euro-zone** until the end of 2000 cover the eleven Member States; with the entry of Greece in the **euro-zone** at the beginning of 2001, they cover the twelve Member States. The **euro-zone** is regarded as an entity without considering its composition.

The GDP of the **United States** increased by 0.3 % during the first quarter of 2001, confirming the results of the fourth quarter of 2000. In comparison with the first quarter of 2000, the US GDP increased by 2.6 %, after a figure of 3.4 % that had been observed in the fourth quarter of 2000.

⁽¹⁾ Methodological note: data for euro-zone and EU15 are calculated within a coherent and consistent statistical framework using as indicators the available data from the Member States. Given that certain Member States have not published their quarterly accounts yet, and that certain data are provisional, euro-zone and EU15 data must also be considered as provisional. Revisions are likely in the coming weeks.

⁽²⁾ The euro-zone consists of the following countries: Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal and Finland.

DEVELOPMENT OF GDP AND ITS COMPONENTS

Expenditure components of the GDP Euro-zone, EU15 and United States

With regard to the expenditure components of GDP, the increase of the households' final consumption expenditure slightly accelerated in the first quarter of 2001, reaching 0.3 % in the **euro-zone** (compared to + 0.2 % in the fourth quarter of 2000) and 0.4 % in the **EU15** (compared to + 0.3 %). Investments fell, for their part, by 0.9 % in the **euro-zone** and by 0.7 % in the **EU15** after growing by respectively 0.3 % and 0.5 % in the fourth quarter of 2000. Exports growth in the first quarter of 2001 recorded a clear downturn in the **euro-zone** as well as in the **EU15** (respectively + 0.1 % and + 0.2 %, compared to + 3.0 % and + 2.7 % in the previous quarter), while imports fell respectively by 1.5 % and by 0.9 % (after + 2.7 % and + 2.4 %).

The greatest contributions to the growth of GDP were those of household final consumption expenditure (+ 0.2 of the GDP variation both for the **euro-zone** and the **EU15**) and of the downturn in imports (+ 0.6 and + 0.4 of the GDP variation, respectively).

In the **United States**, the increase in the households' final consumption expenditure kept stable (+ 0.7 %), while investments recorded acceleration (+ 0.6 % compared with + 0.4 % in the fourth quarter of 2000). Exports and imports, for their part, continued

decreasing, the fall being more important for imports (– 2.3 %) than for exports (– 0.4 %).

Output components of the GDP Euro-zone and EU15

During the first quarter of 2001, the growth of the total gross value added remained stable at 0.7 % both in the **euro-zone** and in the **EU15**. Compared to the first quarter of 2000, total gross value added grew by 2.8 % in the **euro-zone** and by 2.9 % in the **EU15**.

With regard to the production branches, in relation to the previous quarter, *Industry (including energy)* recorded the highest growth among all the branches in the first quarter of 2001, with 1.5 % for the **euro-zone** and 1.3 % for the **EU15**. The *Trade, transport and communication* branch grew by respectively 0.9 % and 0.8 % whilst the *Financial and business services* branch was up by respectively 0.7 % and 0.9 %. The branch of *Construction* recorded the poorest result of all branches, falling by 1.3 % in the **euro-zone** and by 1.5 % in the **EU15**.

Due to its strong growth, the *Industry* branch contributed the highest share to GDP growth (0.3 of the GDP variation both for the **euro-zone** and for the **EU15**), closely followed by *Trade, transport and communication* and by the *Financial and business services* (0.2 of the GDP variation for both zones each).

GDP and main components - first quarter 2001			
GDP	1st Quarter 2001	growth compared to 4th quarter 2000	growth compared to 1st quarter 2000
Euro-zone	1 549 665.1	0.5	2.5
EU-15	1 894 108.3	0.5	2.5
US	1 766 681.8	0.3	2.6
JP	:	:	:
Domestic Demand	1st Quarter 2001	growth compared to 4th quarter 2000	growth compared to 1st quarter 2000
Euro-zone	1 507 458.0	0.0	1.5
EU-15	1 858 620.2	0.1	1.8
US	1 848 334.9	0.0	2.9
JP	:	:	:
External Balance	1st Quarter 2001	Percentage of GDP (seasonally adjusted)	
Euro-zone	42 207.1	2.7	
EU-15	35 488.1	1.9	
US	- 81 653.1	-4.6	
JP	:	:	
Gross Value Added	1st Quarter 2001	growth compared to 4th quarter 2000	growth compared to 1st quarter 2000
Euro-zone	1 456 127.5	0.7	2.8
EU-15	1 775 890.1	0.7	2.9
US	:	:	:
JP	:	:	:

: Data not available.

T1 GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS

t/t-1 Percentage change over previous quarter - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Household final consumption expenditure				Government final consumption expenditure				Gross Fixed Capital Formation				Change in Inventories (1)				Domestic Demand				Exports				Imports				External Balance (1)			
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Euro-zone	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.3	-0.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.0	2.4	2.9	3.0	0.1	2.6	2.4	2.7	-1.5	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.7
EU-15	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.5	-0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.1	2.6	2.7	2.7	0.2	2.8	2.2	2.4	-0.9	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.9
US	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.9	-0.6	0.3	1.3	2.1	0.6	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.3	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.0	3.3	3.2	-1.7	-0.4	4.4	3.9	-0.3	-2.3	-4.6	-4.8	-5.0	-4.6
JP	0.2	-0.6	0.7	:	0.1	0.0	-0.6	:	1.2	0.5	0.9	:	-0.7	-2.2	4.8	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	:	0.1	-0.5	1.1	:	4.0	0.2	0.8	:	3.9	1.3	5.1	:	2.6	2.6	2.2	:

(1) Percentage of GDP.
: Data not available.

T2 GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS

t/t-4 Percentage change over the same quarter of the previous year - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Household final consumption expenditure				Government final consumption expenditure				Gross Fixed Capital Formation				Domestic Demand				Exports				Imports						
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Euro-zone	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.4	4.8	3.9	3.5	1.0	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.5	11.9	11.7	11.6	8.7	11.0	10.7	10.5	6.2			
EU-15	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.6	4.7	4.1	3.7	1.6	3.5	3.0	2.4	1.8	11.6	11.0	11.0	8.6	11.2	10.4	10.1	6.6			
US	6.1	5.2	3.4	2.6	5.4	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.6	1.9	0.6	2.9	10.1	8.7	6.7	3.7	6.9	6.0	4.3	2.9	10.2	11.2	6.4	4.4	14.4	14.5	11.3	5.8			
JP	1.1	0.5	2.8	:	0.0	-1.3	1.5	:	3.8	3.1	3.7	:	-0.9	0.6	3.9	:	0.4	0.1	2.7	:	14.6	11.9	9.8	:	10.4	9.5	11.1	:			

: Data not available.

T3 GDP AND EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS

levels First quarter 2001 - millions of euro - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP	Household final consumption expenditure				Government final consumption expenditure				Gross Fixed Capital Formation				Change in Inventories				Domestic Demand				Exports				Imports				External Balance			
		Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Euro-zone	1 549 665.1	868 516.9				299 565.7				332 557.8				6 817.6				1 507 458.0				598 628.1				556 420.9				42 207.1			
EU-15	1 894 108.3	1 083 682.4				368 522.0				399 518.9				6 896.9				1 858 620.2				729 875.5				694 387.4				35 488.1			
US	1 766 681.8	1 200 345.3				237 879.9				405 590.5				4 519.3				1 848 334.9				218 687.6				300 340.8				- 81 653.1			
JP	:	:				:				:				:				:				:				:				:			

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T4 GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY**t/t-1** Percentage change over previous quarter - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. Energy				Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Financial services and business activities				Other services				Total Gross Value Added (A6)			
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
EURO-ZONE	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.6	1.8	-0.4	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.5	-1.0	-0.4	0.2	-1.3	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
EU-15	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.3	1.2	-0.5	-0.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	1.3	-1.1	-0.7	0.2	-1.5	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

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T5 GROWTH RATE OF GDP AND GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY**t/t-4** Percentage change over the same quarter of the previous year - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. Energy				Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Financial services and business activities				Other services				Total Gross Value Added (A6)			
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
EURO-ZONE	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.9	4.6	4.3	4.0	3.6	1.3	0.2	-0.2	-2.5	4.2	3.8	4.0	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.7	3.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	3.7	3.5	3.3	2.8
EU-15	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	0.2	0.5	-0.7	0.2	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.4	1.9	0.2	-0.2	-3.0	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.7	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	3.6	3.4	3.2	2.9

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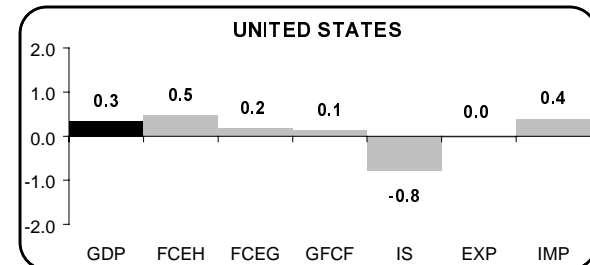
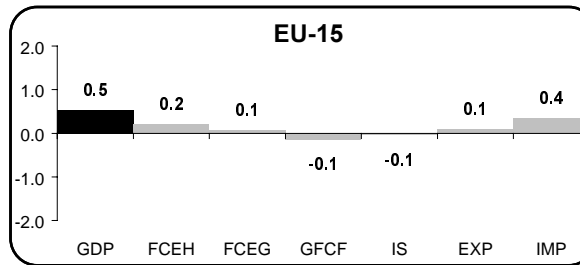
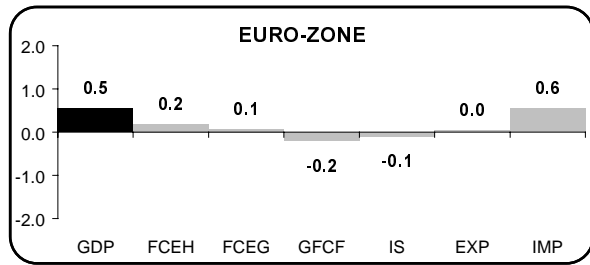
T6 GDP AND GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY**levels** First quarter 2001 - millions of euro - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

	GDP	GDP				Trade, transport and communication services	Financial services and business activities	Other services	Total Gross Value Added (A6)	Taxes less subsidies on products	FISIM
		Agriculture, hunting and fishing	Industry, incl. Energy	Construction							
EURO-ZONE	1 549 665.1	38 858.2	342 751.0	75 691.3	311 869.3	391 871.1	295 086.6	1 456 127.5	153 222.3	59 684.7	
EU-15	1 894 108.3	44 476.3	416 916.1	89 388.1	385 309.4	477 451.0	362 349.2	1 775 890.1	191 391.0	73 172.8	

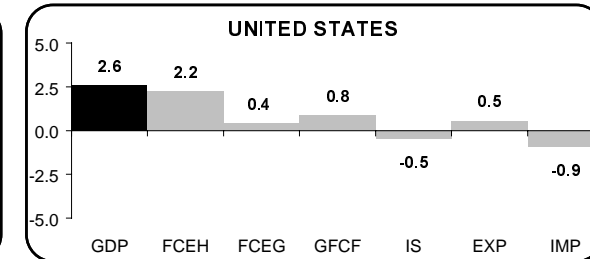
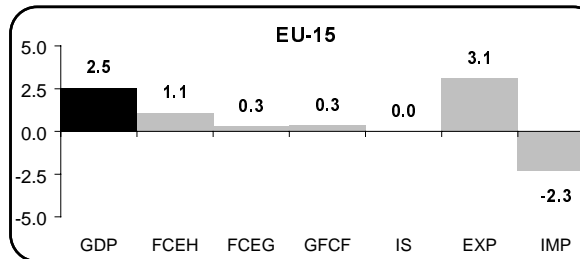
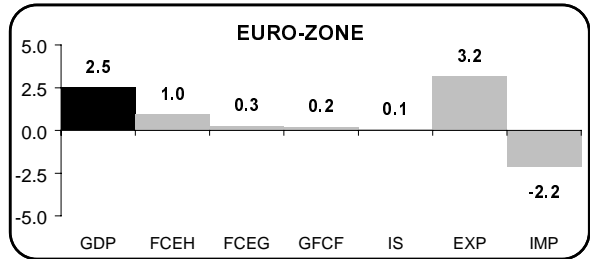
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FISIM: Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured.

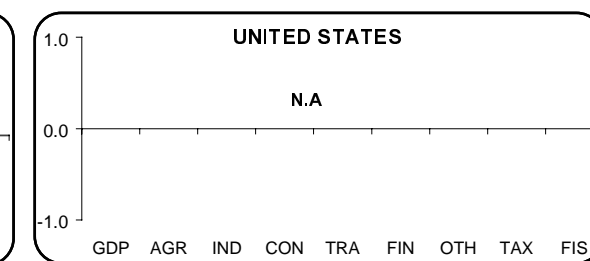
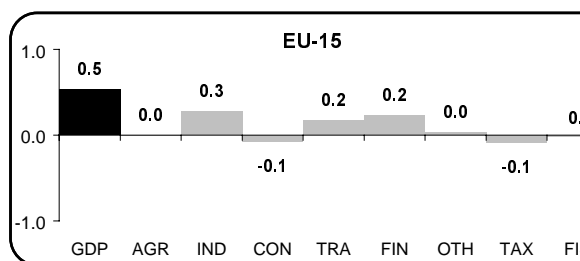
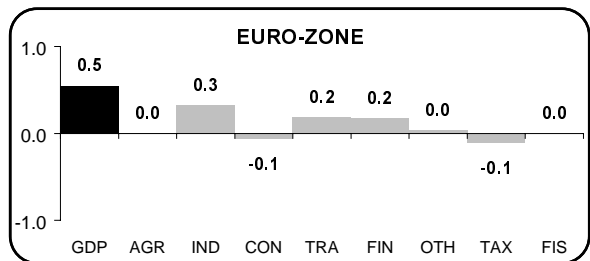
Contribution ⁽³⁾ of expenditure components to variation in GDP
Q/Q-1 - First Quarter 2001



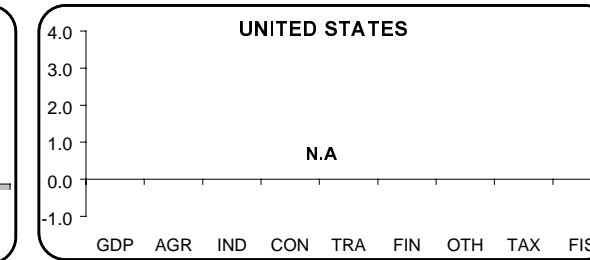
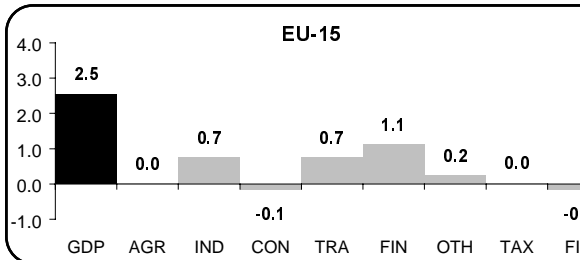
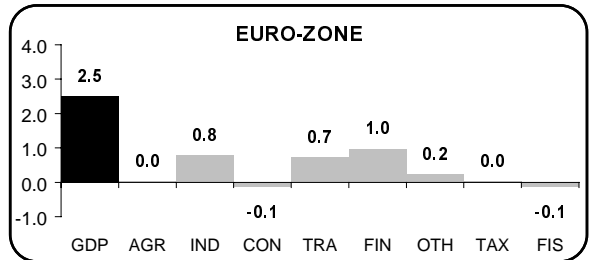
Q/Q-4 - First Quarter 2001



Contribution ⁽³⁾ of output components to GDP change
Q/Q-1 - First Quarter 2001



Q/Q-4 - First Quarter 2001



⁽³⁾ Contributions to change in GDP are calculated by expressing absolute changes in components as a percentage of the GDP in the period referenced (q-1 or q-4, respectively). See the legend on page 7 for an explanation of the abbreviations used in the graphs.

T7 CONTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE COMPONENTS TO VARIATION IN GDP**t/t-1 GDP variation over previous quarter - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)**

	GDP				Household final consumption expenditure				Government final consumption expenditure				Gross Fixed Capital Formation				Change in Inventories				Exports				Imports						
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000						
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Euro-zone	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.0	-0.9	-0.8	-1.0	0.6			
EU-15	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.9	0.4			
US	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.2	-0.8	0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	0.0	0.4			
JP	0.2	-0.6	0.7	:	0.1	0.0	-0.3	:	0.2	0.1	0.1	:	-0.2	-0.6	1.3	:	0.1	0.0	0.0	:	0.4	0.0	0.1	:	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	:			

t/t-4 GDP variation over the same quarter of the previous year - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

Euro-zone	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.2	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-2.2
EU-15	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.0	3.9	4.0	3.1	-3.8	-3.6	-3.5	-2.3
US	6.1	5.2	3.4	2.6	3.6	3.5	3.0	2.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	2.2	1.9	1.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.5	-2.3	-2.3	-1.8	-0.9
JP	1.1	0.5	2.8	:	0.0	-0.7	0.8	:	0.6	0.5	0.6	:	-0.2	0.2	1.1	:	0.0	0.1	0.2	:	1.4	1.2	1.0	:	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	:

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T8 CONTRIBUTION OF GROSS VALUE ADDED BY INDUSTRY TO VARIATION IN GDP**t/t-1 GDP variation over previous quarter - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)**

	GDP				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. Energy				Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Financial services and business activities				Other services				Taxes less subsidies on products				FISIM			
	2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000				2000							
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Euro-zone	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
EU-15	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0

t/t-4 GDP variation over the same quarter of the previous year - seasonally adjusted - at constant prices (1995)

Euro-zone	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
EU-15	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

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FISIM: Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured.

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Data are compiled in accordance with ESA 1995 (European System of Accounts) which is described in Council Regulation No 2223/96 of 25. June 1995.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at market prices is the final result of the production activity of resident producer units. It may be compiled from different sources relating to different approaches:

Using the **expenditure approach**, GDP is obtained from the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GDP} = & \text{Household final consumption expenditure} \\ & + \text{Government final consumption expenditure} \\ & + \text{Gross fixed capital formation} \\ & + \text{Change in inventories} \\ & + \text{Exports} \\ & - \text{Imports.} \end{aligned}$$

The first four components constitute **domestic demand**, the balance of the latter two, i.e. exports minus imports, is the **external balance**.

Final consumption expenditure (ESA 1995 3.75) is defined as expenditure on goods and services that are used for the direct satisfaction of individual or collective needs. The consumption expenditure may take place on the economic territory or abroad. **Household final consumption expenditure** entails the expenditure of non-profit institutions serving households (NPISHs). **Government final consumption expenditure** includes the value of goods and services produced by general government itself other than own-account capital formation, and purchases by general government of goods and services produced by market producers that are supplied to households — without any transformation — as social transfers in kind.

Gross fixed capital formation (ESA 1995, 3.102) consists of acquisitions, less disposals, of fixed tangible or intangible assets.

Changes in inventories (ESA 1995, 3.117) are measured by the value of the entries into inventories less the value of withdrawals and recurrent losses. Inventories include materials and supplies as well as work-in-progress and growing crops.

Exports and imports (ESA 1995, 3.128 f.) of goods and services are transactions between residents and non-residents. They consist of sales, barter, gifts and grants. Imports and exports of goods are valued free on board at the border of the exporting country (f.o.b.).

Using the **output approach**, GDP is obtained from the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GDP} = & \text{Total Gross value added (A6)} \\ & + \text{Taxes less subsidies on products} \\ & - \text{FISIM.} \end{aligned}$$

Gross value added (GVA) (ESA 1995, 8.11) is defined as the value of all newly generated goods and services less the value of all goods and services consumed as intermediate consumption. The depreciation of fixed assets is not taken into account. Gross value added is compiled by industry that creates it. Here, the A6 breakdown of the NACE Rev. 1 is used. This is the European classification of economic activities governed by Council Regulation 3037/90 of 9 October 1990. It should be noted that total gross value added, i.e. the sum of industries' GVA, still contains some intermediate consumption (FISIM, see below). GVA of a whole economy is therefore to be calculated as Total GVA minus FISIM.

When calculating value added, output is valued at basic prices and intermediate consumption at purchaser's prices, and thus the difference between taxes and subsidies on products has to be added to value added.

Taxes less subsidies on products (ESA 1995, 9.47) are, in fact, a part of value added measured in the government accounts because of the different prices used. The GDP resulting from the above equation will then be valued at market prices.

FISIM (Financial Intermediation Services Indirectly Measured, ESA 1995, 8.14) is a kind of intermediate consumption paid to financial service providers via the interest margin, which cannot be allocated directly to individual customers as intermediate consumption, so value added is overestimated for the branches. FISIM is therefore normally considered to be intermediate consumption at the national economy level.

Legend:

GDP:	Gross Domestic Product
FCEH:	Household final consumption expenditure
FCEG:	Government final consumption expenditure
GFCF:	Gross fixed capital formation
IS:	Changes in inventories
IMP:	Imports
EXP:	Exports
EB:	External balance

GVA:	Gross Value Added
AGR:	Agriculture, hunting and fishing
IND:	Industry, including energy
CON:	Construction
TRA:	Trade, transport and communication services
FIN:	Business activities and financial services
OTH:	Other services
TAX:	Taxes less subsidies on products
FIS:	FISIM

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