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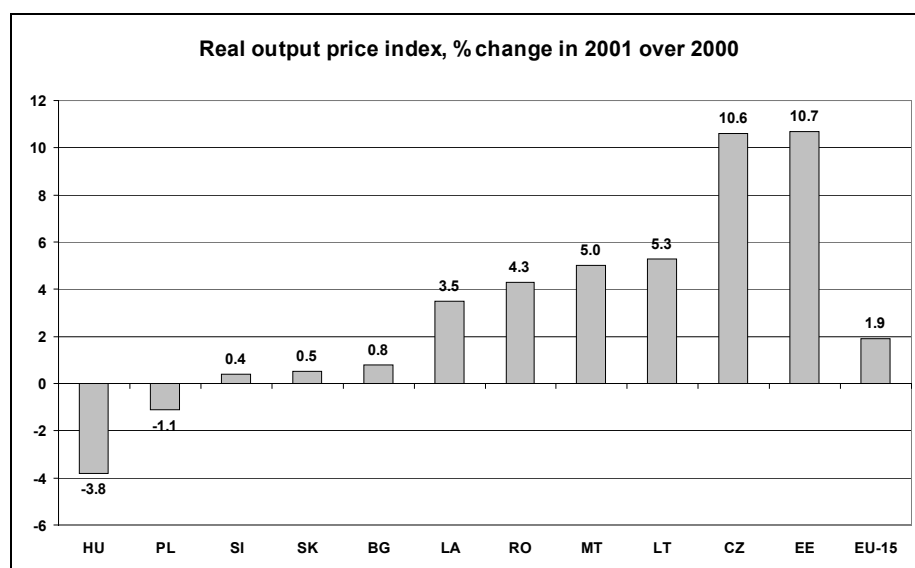
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Agricultural Price trends of eleven Candidate Countries as a whole keep pace with the EU Member States

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From the provisional data available to Eurostat, most Candidate Countries (CC's) had a series of years with negative price trends, which came to a halt in the year 2000. In the year 2001 this trend became more positive, for both output price indices and input price indices in real terms (i.e. corrected for often quite high inflation). Apart from Hungary and Poland with respectively -3.8 and -1.1%, the index of producer prices for all CC's showed positive results.

The rise of the overall producer price was mainly due to the prices of animals and animal products for which all but three countries (Malta, Slovak Republic and Slovenia) faced considerable price increases for the last two years in a row. By contrast, with the exception of a few countries (Czech Republic, Malta and Slovak Republic), the tendencies of the prices of crop products remained negative.

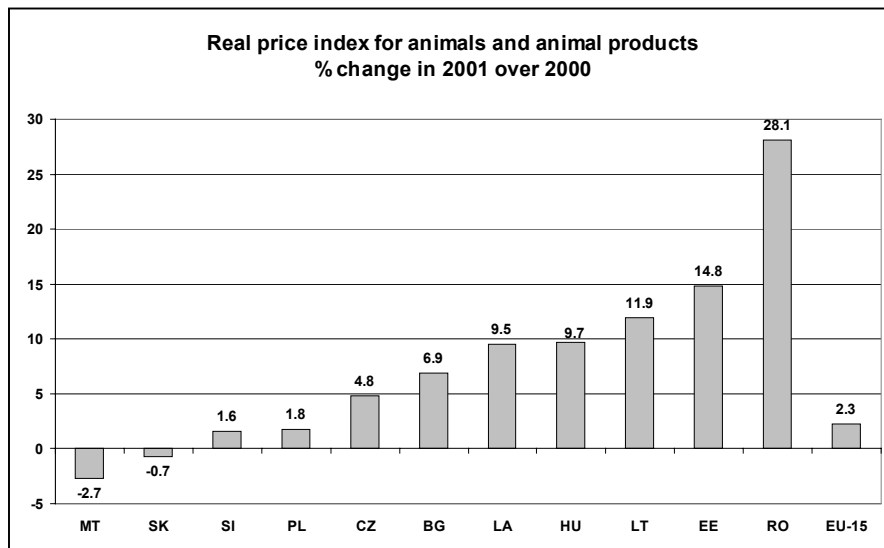
The strong parallel with the EU's annual rate of change is interesting. Provisional estimates of the CC's overall output total show a series of three consecutive years (1997-1999) with downwards figures followed by two years with marked increase (2000 and 2001) which is very much in line with the EU total in direction and to a lesser extent in magnitude.

Over the last five years a similar tendency for the prices of the total of means of production can be seen, which is equally striking. Again three years of declining prices was followed by two years of price increases for many commodities.



Output Prices increase for animals, decrease for crops

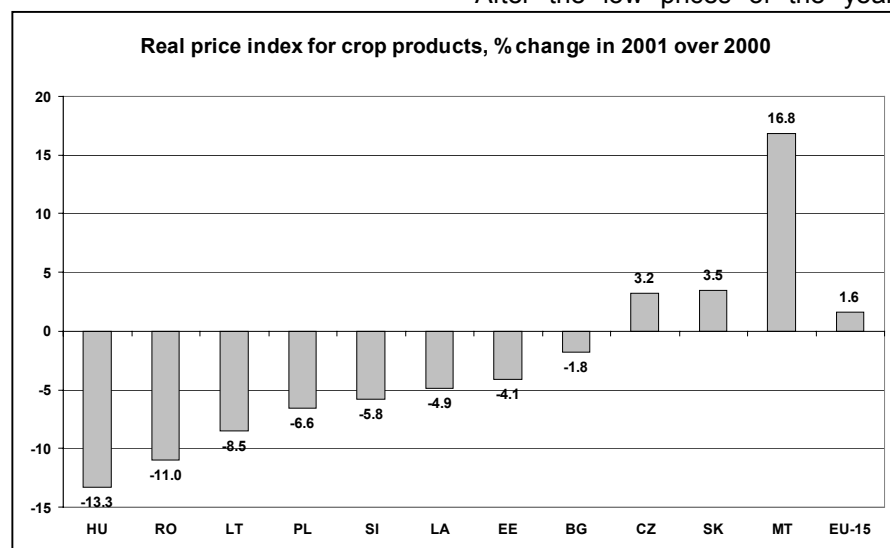
As already noted, a clear division in price trends can be made between crop products and animals and animal products. For crop products geographical and national circumstances and differences caused strong changing price trends over time and across countries. Cereal prices decreased strongly over a long period for most countries, and were also influenced by developments on the world market (and the EU). Price fluctuations for potatoes and vegetables are much more bound to national or local supply and demand and show across CC's over the years a scattered pattern with strong increases (more than 60%) and decreases (-40%).



The recuperation in the animal sector is mainly due to pig prices. After the low prices of the years

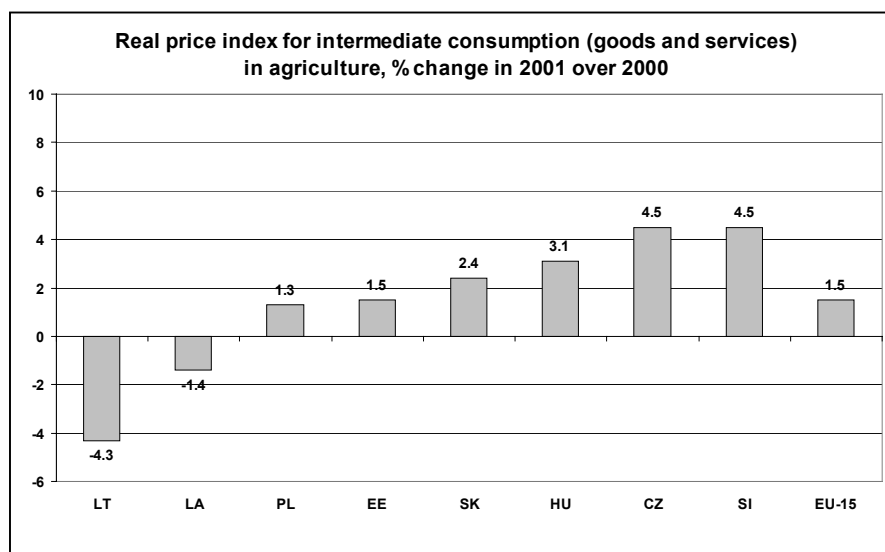
1998 and 1999, which were affected by classical swine fever in Europe, a strong recovery of pig prices can be seen in almost all CC's. In contrast, cattle prices recovered in the year 2001 after suffering from continuing concern over BSE and to a lesser extent foot and mouth disease, but certainly not for all countries (Malta -13.3%, Hungary -6.8%, Poland -5.7% and Slovak Republic -4.9%).

The price of milk, by far the most important animal product in the CC's (and the EU) recovered in most CC's after 2001 but not nearly enough to compensate for the losses of former years. Here too a parallel can be made with the development in the EU, where stabilisation in 2000 was followed by a strong recovery in 2001.



Input Prices: from -4.3 in LT to +4.5 in CZ and SL

Price trends over the last two reporting years (2000-2001) for means of production showed a rise similar to producer prices. Notably the prices of animal feeding-stuffs, with a share of roughly 45% of total intermediate consumption, showed a structural increase as well as prices for fertilisers and soil improvers. Energy prices however, strongly linked to and dependant on the development on the world market, decreased slightly in 2001 (as they did in the EU) after a series of years with increases, most strongly in the year 2000 (EU +20.7% against CC's +15.6%).



Terms of trade

The agricultural terms of trade are calculated by dividing the output price index by the input price index. Decreasing prices of means of production generally have a positive effect on income (lower cost). However, this is only if not overtaken by a higher decrease of output prices (and vice versa). By the year 2001 for the first time in a long time a positive term of trade was recorded (+0.9%) for the EU-

15, which is in line with the income trend measured in the Economic Accounts for Agriculture. Terms of trade calculation for the CC's as a whole is not possible since at the moment no complete set of prices for means of production is available for a number of CC's. Those countries which have transmitted both sets of indices show a varying picture with a notable -6.5% for Hungary and -2.5% for Poland, and

+5.8% for the Czech Republic. A provisional overall estimate for those countries that send in their input price series shows for the years 2000 and 2001 a negligible rate of change. For the years 1997-1999 however, this varied between -5% and -15%, which mirrored the trend in the EU, although the size of the changes in the Candidate Countries was much larger.

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Type of index: The price indices received from the different Candidate Countries are usually Laspeyre's type indices with various base years or chain indices. To enable comparisons to be made, Eurostat has re-referenced all the indices to 1995=100. However, because of the methodological differences, the indices from different countries are not fully comparable.

Deflation: The rate of inflation can be quite different from one country to another. Thus, to improve comparability, Eurostat has deflated each agricultural price index using the consumer price index for the country in question. The terms "deflated" and "real" are used synonymously in this report.

Overall total: In contrast with the EU Member States no overall total for the eleven Candidate Countries exists. However, on an experimental basis and for internal use only, Eurostat has calculated overall figures to which this publication refers.

Table 1 - Real index of producer prices of agricultural products

	Deflated index 1995=100							Annual rate of change %		
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	99/98	00/99	01/00
Total	100.0	121.7	105.1	89.3	80.3	81.9	82.6	-10.2	2.1	0.8
Bulgaria	100.0	121.7	105.1	89.3	80.3	81.9	82.6	-10.2	2.1	0.8
Cyprus	100.0									
Czech Republic	100.0	99.6	94.5	87.3	75.5	79.3	87.7	-13.5	5.1	10.6
Estonia								-19.7	15.6	10.7
Hungary	100.0	108.3	99.8	89.8	83.8	93.3	89.7	-6.7	11.4	-3.8
Latvia	100.0	95.9	84.3	75.3	62.4	65.2	67.5	-17.1	4.4	3.5
Lithuania	100.0	96.2	83.4	74.2	68.3	64.3	67.8	-7.9	-5.9	5.3
Malta								-5.9	-5.5	5.0
Poland	100.0	101.8	97.3	85.7	75.6	79.9	79.1	-11.7	5.7	-1.1
Romania	100.0	99.8	92.0	80.2	63.9	64.8	67.5	-20.3	1.3	4.3
Slovak Republic	100.0	99.6	99.2	92.7	82.3	78.8	79.2	-11.2	-4.2	0.5
Slovenia	100.0	102.3	102.5	95.3	89.4	87.3	87.6	-6.2	-2.4	0.4
European Union	100.0	98.9	96.3	91.5	86.5	87.6	89.3	-5.5	1.3	1.9
Crop Products										
Bulgaria	100.0	150.3	122.1	100.4	96.0	96.1	94.4	-4.4	0.1	-1.8
Cyprus	100.0									
Czech Republic	100.0	107.3	102.1	87.3	72.7	78.8	81.3	-16.8	8.4	3.2
Estonia								-14.5	-0.5	-4.1
Hungary	100.0	117.4	98.9	83.5	83.1	98.8	85.6	-0.6	18.9	-13.3
Latvia	100.0	121.0	95.4	78.5	76.2	69.7	66.3	-2.9	-8.5	-4.9
Lithuania	100.0	105.3	82.7	64.2	65.5	61.8	56.5	2.1	-5.7	-8.5
Malta								-11.1	-11.0	16.8
Poland	100.0	110.4	96.3	86.9	78.3	77.2	72.1	-9.9	-1.4	-6.6
Romania	100.0	97.9	91.3	67.4	61.8	64.0	56.9	-8.3	3.6	-11.0
Slovak Republic	100.0	103.9	104.1	91.5	80.0	76.6	79.3	-12.6	-4.3	3.5
Slovenia	100.0	110.0	101.2	90.8	80.9	78.3	73.7	-10.8	-3.3	-5.8
European Union	100.0	98.4	95.1	93.8	89.2	86.7	88.1	-4.9	-2.8	1.6
Animals and animals products										
Bulgaria	100.0	82.4	90.8	82.9	62.3	67.3	71.9	-24.9	8.1	6.9
Cyprus	100.0									
Czech Republic	100.0	96.6	91.4	87.3	76.6	79.6	83.4	-12.3	3.9	4.8
Estonia								-20.8	20.9	14.8
Hungary	100.0	97.0	100.9	97.7	84.6	86.5	94.9	-13.3	2.2	9.7
Latvia	100.0	90.1	81.7	74.6	59.2	62.3	68.3	-20.6	5.3	9.5
Lithuania	100.0	93.3	83.8	78.2	69.3	65.2	72.9	-11.3	-5.9	11.9
Malta								-1.0	-1.4	-2.7
Poland	100.0	96.9	97.3	84.6	73.9	80.8	82.3	-12.6	9.4	1.8
Romania								-28.2	0.6	28.1
Slovak Republic	100.0	96.5	96.3	93.3	83.3	79.7	79.2	-10.6	-4.4	-0.7
Slovenia	100.0	99.4	100.5	97.0	90.1	88.3	89.6	-7.2	-2.0	1.6
European Union	100.0	99.3	97.5	89.2	83.7	88.5	90.5	-6.2	5.7	2.3

Table 2 - Real index of producer prices of cereals, potatoes and vegetables

	Deflated index 1995=100							Annual rate of change %		
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	99/98	00/99	01/00
Cereals and rice										
Bulgaria	100.0	197.1	160.5	88.4	91.4	106.0	102.7	3.4	16.0	-3.2
Cyprus										
Czech Republic	100.0	125.2	130.8	104.8	83.5	87.8	88.8	-20.3	5.1	1.2
Estonia								-18.6	13.8	-6.8
Hungary	100.0	153.9	107.6	75.2	82.9	112.4	83.4	10.3	35.6	-25.8
Latvia	100.0	127.2	100.8	75.2	73.6	77.0	69.3	-2.0	4.6	-10.0
Lithuania	100.0	114.6	87.7	56.9	66.3	58.2	53.8	16.6	-12.2	-7.6
Malta										
Poland	100.0	133.4	105.4	85.7	74.8	80.5	75.2	-12.8	7.7	-6.6
Romania								12.4	44.6	1.8
Slovak Republic	100.0	110.0	113.2	99.2	84.8	82.4	86.5	-14.5	-2.8	4.9
Slovenia	100.0	116.9	102.5	92.4	72.7	85.4	74.2	-21.3	17.3	-13.1
European Union	100.0	94.5	83.9	76.1	74.7	72.2	72.3	-1.8	-3.3	0.1
Potatoes for consumption										
Bulgaria	100.0	102.6	127.0	142.2	112.8	87.1	55.2	-20.6	-22.8	-36.6
Cyprus										
Czech Republic	100.0	59.3	31.8	47.6	35.9	36.2	24.6	-24.5	0.9	-32.2
Estonia								-0.3	-39.2	10.1
Hungary	100.0	55.5	45.3	66.9	59.8	58.5	51.7	-10.6	-2.2	-11.6
Latvia	100.0	67.7	42.6	43.3	47.8	32.5	52.0	10.4	-31.9	60.0
Lithuania	100.0	37.2	38.5	61.1	38.1	27.1	51.3	-37.6	-28.8	89.2
Malta								-7.9	-19.7	37.4
Poland	100.0	62.3	65.2	55.3	63.0	63.5	56.2	14.1	0.7	-11.5
Romania	100.0	82.0	47.6	55.9	40.4	36.7	27.1	-27.8	-9.1	-26.2
Slovak Republic	100.0	53.0	46.6	52.8	54.4	47.5	38.5	3.1	-12.7	-19.0
Slovenia										
European Union	100.0	76.9	74.6	84.1	78.9	70.3	79.2	-6.2	-10.9	12.7
Fresh vegetables										
Bulgaria	100.0	131.0	161.3	67.4	72.8	69.5	59.9	8.1	-4.6	-13.8
Cyprus										
Czech Republic	100.0	77.7	80.5	75.3	70.8	71.7	101.6	-6.0	1.3	41.8
Estonia										
Hungary	100.0	106.7	109.0	96.3	87.8	103.7	90.2	-8.8	18.1	-13.0
Latvia	100.0	130.4	118.5	110.7	111.3	97.8	76.0	0.6	-12.1	-22.4
Lithuania	100.0	89.9	93.3	141.7	111.1	106.3	100.0	-21.6	-4.3	-5.9
Malta								-13.4	-9.3	9.5
Poland	100.0	106.8	105.0	89.4	86.8	81.6	83.2	-2.9	-6.0	2.0
Romania	100.0	105.6	118.5	72.3	63.3	69.2	60.0	-12.4	9.2	-13.2
Slovak Republic	100.0	97.6	104.1	103.5	85.7	78.2	75.4	-17.2	-8.8	-3.5
Slovenia	100.0	88.4	79.9	114.7	113.6	93.3	99.7	-0.9	-17.9	6.9
European Union	100.0	104.6	107.7	107.6	102.4	106.3	103.4	-4.8	3.8	-2.7

Table 3 - Real index of producer prices of cattle, milk and pigs

	Deflated index 1995=100							Annual rate of change %		
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	99/98	00/99	01/00
Cattle excluding calves										
Bulgaria	100.0	62.1	85.6	69.5	51.5	47.7	51.2	-25.9	-7.3	7.4
Cyprus										
Czech Republic										
Estonia										
Hungary	100.0	83.8	75.1	83.8	72.0	67.8	63.2	-14.0	-5.8	-6.8
Latvia	100.0	91.2	82.4	99.1	69.9	68.3	87.7	-29.5	-2.2	28.3
Lithuania	100.0	95.0	82.4	82.4	70.4	57.3	85.7	-14.6	-18.6	49.7
Malta								-3.8	-1.7	-13.3
Poland	100.0	94.5	79.9	70.0	68.2	68.5	64.6	-2.6	0.5	-5.7
Romania	100.0	96.6	79.1	112.1	68.2	56.5	93.7	-39.2	-17.1	65.7
Slovak Republic	100.0	92.1	87.6	85.2	79.0	72.3	68.7	-7.3	-8.6	-4.9
Slovenia										
European Union	100.0	85.6	85.0	85.7	82.3	82.1	70.1	-4.0	-0.2	-14.6
Milk										
Bulgaria	100.0	78.0	79.4	85.6	64.5	73.9	73.2	-24.7	14.7	-1.0
Cyprus										
Czech Republic	100.0	97.7	93.4	92.5	83.2	81.5	82.7	-10.1	-2.0	1.4
Estonia								-27.0	31.0	11.8
Hungary	100.0	100.4	107.3	116.2	113.5	111.3	112.1	-2.3	-2.0	0.7
Latvia	100.0	99.0	91.1	68.3	65.7	69.3	70.2	-3.8	5.5	1.3
Lithuania	100.0	91.1	81.1	78.2	71.1	64.1	71.6	-9.0	-9.9	11.7
Malta								-0.7	0.2	-1.8
Poland	100.0	96.4	95.9	88.7	82.8	96.9	92.2	-6.6	17.0	-4.8
Romania	100.0	119.2	93.2	85.4	73.0	68.8	74.7	-14.6	-5.7	8.5
Slovak Republic	100.0	94.1	96.2	95.1	86.3	82.8	79.8	-9.3	-4.1	-3.6
Slovenia										
European Union	100.0	97.5	94.4	93.5	88.8	89.0	92.6	-5.0	0.2	4.0
Pigs										
Bulgaria	100.0	75.1	119.3	86.5	58.8	68.5	94.4	-32.1	16.6	37.8
Cyprus										
Czech Republic	100.0	92.4	82.1	84.0	65.4	74.9	102.9	-22.2	14.6	37.4
Estonia								-21.6	20.0	22.0
Hungary	100.0	82.3	89.8	82.2	62.9	70.0	90.2	-23.4	11.2	28.9
Latvia	100.0	79.3	72.6	61.5	41.2	49.1	57.6	-33.0	19.1	17.4
Lithuania	100.0	95.8	94.1	77.4	60.1	70.0	73.0	-22.4	16.6	4.3
Malta										
Poland	100.0	97.3	106.6	87.0	71.2	78.6	88.0	-18.2	10.4	12.1
Romania	100.0	98.8	86.7	79.4	48.2	60.8	89.3	-39.3	26.2	46.8
Slovak Republic	100.0	96.6	97.8	94.2	83.7	79.7	84.9	-11.1	-4.8	6.4
Slovenia										
European Union	100.0	108.9	109.3	78.8	71.5	87.5	100.4	-9.3	22.4	14.7

Table 4 - Real index of purchase prices of the means of agricultural production

Intermediate consumption	Deflated index 1995=100							Annual rate of change %		
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	99/98	00/99	01/00
Bulgaria										
Cyprus										
Czech Republic								6.1	0.9	4.5
Estonia	100.0	106.8	112.8	117.2	104.4	108.3	110.0	-10.9	3.8	1.5
Hungary	100.0	109.0	107.0	100.7	99.7	104.5	107.7	-1.0	4.8	3.1
Latvia	100.0	108.7	113.4	110.6	110.9	111.1	109.6	0.3	0.2	-1.4
Lithuania	100.0	101.7	94.9	84.8	90.1	105.9	101.3	6.3	17.4	-4.3
Malta										
Poland	100.0	99.3	99.6	99.1	101.9	106.0	107.4	2.9	4.0	1.3
Romania										
Slovak Republic	100.0	98.6	105.0	101.6	94.8	93.2	95.5	-6.7	-1.7	2.4
Slovenia								-2.2	3.8	4.5
European Union	100.0	102.1	101.0	95.3	92.1	95.0	96.4	-3.4	3.1	1.5
Animal feedingstuffs										
Bulgaria										
Cyprus	100.0	103.5	106.9	99.9	81.3					
Czech Republic	100.0	105.8	118.5	106.5	90.0	87.6	95.9	-15.5	-2.7	9.6
Estonia	100.0	111.9	111.1	110.3	94.7	100.3	100.7	-14.2	5.9	0.4
Hungary	100.0	109.4	105.5	98.0	88.4	94.9	98.4	-9.8	7.3	3.7
Latvia	100.0	121.5	116.8	113.6	105.4	101.8	99.6	-7.2	-3.3	-2.2
Lithuania								-1.6	17.3	-5.1
Malta										
Poland	100.0	109.6	105.7	96.5	89.9	90.0	92.4	-6.8	0.1	2.7
Romania										
Slovak Republic	100.0	96.3	118.4	103.6	90.2	84.0	89.6	-12.9	-6.9	6.7
Slovenia	100.0	124.5	124.6	109.6	103.0	107.7	112.6	-6.0	4.6	4.5
European Union	100.0	105.0	103.6	92.9	85.1	86.5	89.6	-8.4	1.6	3.6
Fertilizers and soil improvers										
Bulgaria										
Cyprus	100.0	100.2	103.2	99.6	100.3					
Czech Republic	100.0	101.7	103.9	96.4	93.4	90.7	81.4	-3.1	-2.9	-10.3
Estonia	100.0	107.2	114.3	109.3	97.0	94.2	96.6	-11.2	-2.9	2.5
Hungary	100.0	110.5	101.6	92.9	86.9	84.4	96.9	-6.5	-2.9	14.8
Latvia	100.0	116.4	112.0	99.5	87.4	80.2	81.0	-12.1	-8.2	0.9
Lithuania	100.0	103.6	87.0	64.5	58.9	58.8	69.1	-8.6	-0.2	17.6
Malta										
Poland	100.0	93.9	90.4	87.0	85.3	83.2	85.9	-1.9	-2.5	3.3
Romania										
Slovak Republic	100.0	95.8	97.0	94.5	88.3	81.6	84.9	-6.5	-7.6	4.1
Slovenia	100.0	98.5	90.0	83.9	79.4	85.5	113.8	-5.4	7.6	33.1
European Union	100.0	101.8	96.7	91.7	87.2	90.9	97.5	-4.9	4.2	7.3
Energy and lubricants										
Bulgaria										
Cyprus	100.0	99.4	105.6	100.4	102.8					
Czech Republic								11.0	43.6	-15.7
Estonia	100.0	100.42	117.46	122.35	114.04	122.93	126.52	-6.8	7.8	2.9
Hungary	100.0	105.47	110.78	111.11	111.63	110.41	108.19	0.5	-1.1	-2.0
Latvia	100.0	105.78	119.15	120.4	131.22	138.13	136.36	9.0	5.3	-1.3
Lithuania								26.6	33.4	-7.8
Malta										
Poland	100.0	98.73	100.74	99.7	107.31	121.25	124.13	7.6	13.0	2.4
Romania										
Slovak Republic	100.0	95.18	97.1	97.68	97.15	112.42	114.01	-0.5	15.7	1.4
Slovenia	100.0	98.54	106.73	114.74	122.19	136.89	133.36	6.5	12.0	-2.6
European Union	100.0	104	104.6	97.7	101.1	122	117.8	3.5	20.7	-3.4

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