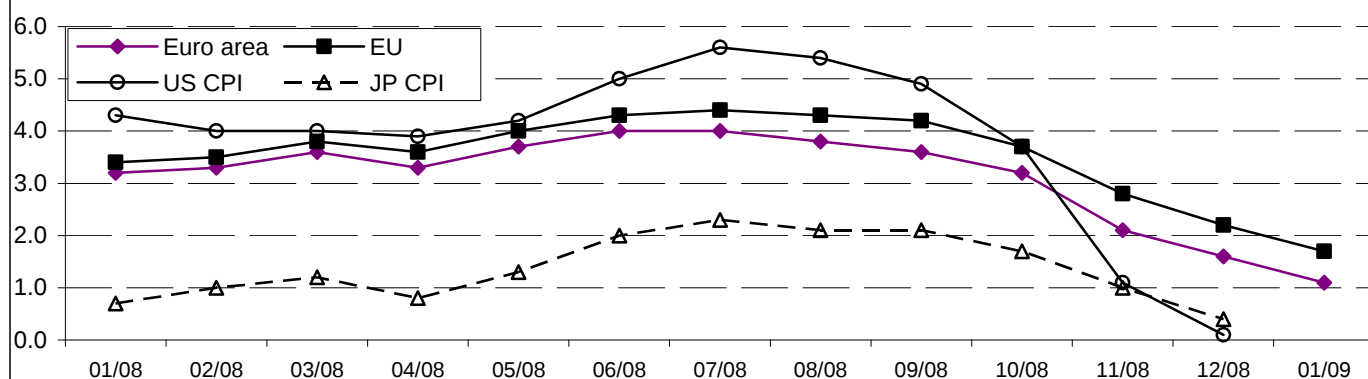


HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES JANUARY 2009

**EURO AREA¹ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.1% IN JANUARY 2009,
DOWN FROM 1.6% IN DECEMBER**

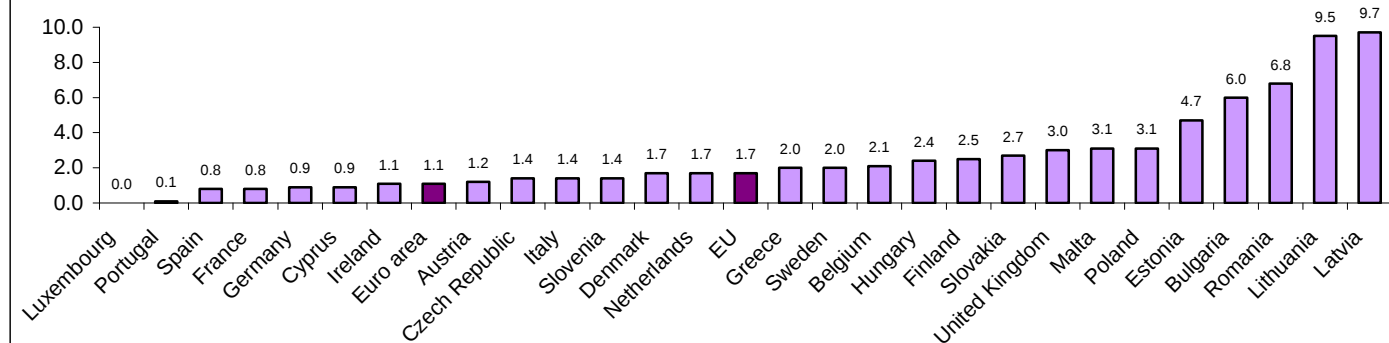
**EU² ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.7% IN JANUARY 2009,
DOWN FROM 2.2% IN DECEMBER**

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



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

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



Source: Eurostat

* Data for Bulgaria, Netherlands, Austria and Slovakia are provisional.

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

	Annual average index 2008	Monthly Indices											
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
		2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2009
Belgium	108.87	107.44	108.23	108.45	109.39	110.15	109.13	110.28	110.17	109.99	109.26	109.11	107.06
Germany	107.0	106.1	106.6	106.3	107.0	107.4	108.1	107.7	107.6	107.3	106.7	107.1	106.5
Ireland	108.9	107.7	108.7	108.8	109.5	110.0	109.5	109.5	109.8	109.4	109.3	108.5	107.6
Greece	110.90	107.80	110.29	111.21	111.96	111.91	111.06	109.82	112.16	112.20	111.96	111.62	111.02
Spain	110.91	108.71	109.70	110.90	111.66	112.30	111.79	111.57	111.52	111.90	111.41	110.85	109.44
France ³⁾	106.82	105.48r	106.32	106.72	107.34	107.79	107.49	107.43	107.40r	107.34r	106.79	106.51r	106.05
Italy	108.0	105.5	107.2	107.8	108.4	108.9	108.3	108.3	108.8	109.3	108.8	108.7	106.9
Cyprus	109.03	106.16	107.28	108.53	109.38	109.94	109.33	109.62	110.94	111.77	110.37	109.25	106.78
Luxembourg	110.01	108.34	109.30	109.81	110.91	111.70	111.29	111.28	111.38	110.93	109.47	108.49	107.26
Malta	108.13	103.66	104.83	107.24	108.00	108.55	110.58	110.94	110.98	112.00	108.66	108.85	106.46
Netherlands	105.54	104.20	105.44	105.81	106.25	105.94	105.82	105.96	106.49	106.32	105.88	105.07	105.10p
Austria	107.28	105.90	106.86	107.15	107.72	108.02	107.70	107.51	107.93	107.89	107.61	107.44	106.81p
Portugal	108.34	106.63	108.18	108.53	109.04	109.60	109.04	108.56	109.11	108.91	108.17	107.67	106.74
Slovenia	112.28	109.56	111.00	111.82	113.12	114.15	114.13	113.34	113.34	113.33	112.33	111.51	111.19
Slovakia ¹⁾	110.41	109.20	109.53	109.86	110.27	110.66	110.65	110.57	111.00	111.38	111.52	111.44	111.82p
Finland	106.91	105.31	106.37	106.54	107.10	107.46	107.16	107.46	108.06	108.03	107.47	107.12	107.42
Euro area	107.78	106.17	107.21	107.55	108.23	108.64	108.47	108.32	108.52	108.55	108.02	107.88	106.98p
Bulgaria	129.36	125.60	126.76	127.68	128.77	129.35	131.21	131.07	132.21	132.34	131.78	131.22	131.83p
Czech Republic	111.7	111.2	111.0	111.4	111.9	112.0	112.6	112.3	112.1	112.2	111.4	111.1	112.6
Denmark	107.3	106.2	106.7	107.1	107.5	107.9	107.6	107.8	108.3	108.1	107.8	107.3	106.9
Estonia	123.31	119.70	120.68	121.91	122.65	123.45	124.34	124.66	125.62	126.08	125.81	125.61	124.85
Latvia	135.21	130.07	131.95	134.05	135.43	136.36	136.84	136.23	137.75	139.18	138.48	137.83	140.79
Lithuania	122.01	118.09	119.33	120.85	121.85	122.61	123.12	123.32	123.94	125.09	124.70	124.48	127.75
Hungary	119.05	117.33	118.04	118.71	119.80	119.94	120.31	119.59	119.52	119.96	119.41	118.97	119.84
Poland	108.3	106.9	107.3	107.7	108.4	108.6	108.6	108.4	108.8	109.2	109.4	109.4	109.7
Romania	120.69	118.07	118.87	119.50	120.08	120.42	121.27	121.17	121.65	122.95	123.36	123.66	125.20
Sweden	106.65	105.12	106.05	106.44	106.88	107.28	106.76	106.87	107.90	107.68	107.15	106.97	106.87
United Kingdom	108.5	106.3	106.7	107.6	108.3	109.0	109.0	109.7	110.3	110.0	109.9	109.5	108.7
EU	108.42r	106.70	107.60	108.05	108.72	109.17	109.08	109.04	109.34	109.37	108.96	108.77r	108.10p
Iceland	122.29	112.34	114.07	118.53	120.76	122.07	123.21	124.58	126.06	129.26	131.79	134.09	134.93
Norway	106.7	105.4	105.8	105.8	106.1	106.2	106.9	107.0	108.5	108.8	108.0	107.7	107.3
EEA⁴⁾	108.41r	106.69	107.58	108.03	108.70	109.14	109.06	109.03	109.34	109.38	108.97	108.78r	108.11p
Switzerland	104.2	103.0	103.3	104.2	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6	104.4	105.1	104.0	103.4	102.9

Source: Eurostat

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009
Belgium	4.5	4.4	3.5	3.6	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.5	4.8	3.2	2.7	2.1
Germany	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.5	1.4	1.1	0.9
Ireland	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.1
Greece	4.2	4.1	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.0	2.2	2.0
Spain	4.1	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.6	3.6	2.4	1.5	0.8
France	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.4r	3.0	1.9	1.2	0.8
Italy	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.6	2.7	2.4	1.4
Cyprus	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8	3.1	1.8	0.9
Luxembourg	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8	4.8	4.8	3.9	2.0	0.7	0.0
Malta	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.7	4.9	5.0	3.1
Netherlands	2.2	2.2p	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.7	1.7p
Austria	3.2	3.1p	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.0	2.3	1.5	1.2p
Portugal	2.7	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.5	1.4	0.8	0.1
Slovenia	5.5	5.1	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.0	5.6	4.8	2.9	1.8	1.4
Slovakia	3.9	3.9p	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.5	2.7p
Finland	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.4	3.5	3.4	2.5
Euro area	3.3	3.1p	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.1p
Bulgaria	12.0	11.4p	11.7	12.2	13.2	13.4	14.0	14.7	14.4	11.8	11.4	11.2	8.8	7.2	6.0p
Czech Republic	6.3	5.7	7.9	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.2	6.4	5.7	4.1	3.3	1.4
Denmark	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.5	3.8	2.8	2.4	1.7
Estonia	10.6	10.0	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.1	8.5	7.5	4.7
Latvia	15.3	14.7	15.6	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.7	17.5	16.5	15.6	14.7	13.7	11.6	10.4	9.7
Lithuania	11.1	11.0	10.0	10.9	11.4	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.4	12.2	11.3	10.7	9.2	8.5	9.5
Hungary	6.0	5.6	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.4	5.6	5.1	4.1	3.4	2.4
Poland	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.1
Romania	7.9	7.9	7.3	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	8.1	7.3	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.8
Sweden	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.0
United Kingdom	3.6	3.7	2.2	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.0
EU	3.7	3.5p	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.7p
Iceland	12.8	14.3	3.1	4.5	6.8	10.7	11.7	12.5	13.6	15.3	15.4	17.9	19.8	21.0	21.9
Norway	3.4	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.1	3.3	2.6	2.6
EEA	3.7	3.5p	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	2.8	2.2	1.8p
Switzerland	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.6	1.2	0.3	-0.1

Source: Eurostat

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

Jan 2009	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	2.1	3.9	3.3	-4.0	7.0	2.1	0.8	-4.7	-1.6	1.7	1.7	4.5	3.3
Germany	0.9	1.0	1.8	1.0	3.1	1.3	0.8	-2.9	-2.9	1.3	-4.1	3.1	1.3
Ireland	1.1	3.0	6.9	-6.9	0.1	-1.1	5.8	-5.2	0.7	0.4	5.6	3.3	5.7
Greece	2.0	3.8	2.3	3.1	-2.4	2.2	3.5	-3.0	-1.0	2.2	4.5	4.9	3.8
Spain	0.8	1.9	4.0	-1.7	4.6	2.1	0.1	-6.5	-0.5	0.3	3.9	3.6	3.3
France	0.8	2.3	2.0	0.6	1.5	1.7	0.4	-1.9	-0.8	-1.8	3.6	2.7	2.4
Italy	1.4	3.7	3.2	-1.7	4.2	2.0	2.9	-1.6	-3.4	0.6	2.7	1.7	2.3
Cyprus	0.9	9.9	2.3	-4.5	-3.6	1.5	1.4	-9.4	0.0	2.6	4.6	4.4	2.4
Luxembourg	0.0	2.9	5.5	-1.7	-0.5	3.0	-1.7	-8.4	-1.3	2.4	2.1	3.8	2.9
Malta	3.1	8.0	4.1	0.4	15.8	0.4	2.4	-2.8	0.0	-0.7	8.7	1.5	1.3
Netherlands	1.7p	4.2p	10.3p	-3.4p	5.7p	2.2p	0.5p	-4.1p	-2.2p	0.6p	1.8p	3.7p	2.1p
Austria	1.2p	2.7p	2.6p	1.5p	1.7p	2.3p	2.7p	-5.0p	2.8p	0.4p	-0.8p	3.5p	3.5p
Portugal	0.1	1.4	7.0	-1.4	2.9	2.5	-0.4	-6.8	-2.8	-0.4	3.4	2.3	2.8
Slovenia	1.4	3.5	2.0	2.1	-1.8	6.1	11.2	-6.3	-3.6	2.3	5.8	6.7	3.2
Slovakia	2.7p	0.9p	9.3p	1.3p	4.9p	0.1p	9.7p	-5.1p	-0.8p	0.8p	4.6p	6.8p	3.5p
Finland	2.5	7.0	7.6	1.7	3.5	1.6	4.5	-5.8	-3.7	1.8	3.3	5.6	5.3
Euro area	1.1p	2.6p	3.2p	-0.6p	3.1p	1.8p	1.4p	-3.2p	-1.9p	0.5p	1.2p	3.0p	2.3p
Bulgaria	6.0p	5.1p	14.9p	8.6p	15.6p	5.2p	4.7p	-2.5p	-6.0p	7.1p	17.4p	12.8p	14.1p
Czech Republic	1.4	-1.8	8.7	-0.8	13.7	0.2	1.5	-10.8	-4.8	-0.6	3.5	3.0	1.8
Denmark	1.7	3.8	3.5	1.9	1.5	3.0	3.1	-2.8	-2.2	0.4	4.2	4.7	3.3
Estonia	4.7	2.6	21.3	1.1	14.2	4.1	7.9	-8.6	-0.8	1.2	7.6	6.6	7.9
Latvia	9.7	10.7	14.9	-1.7	35.9	4.8	11.9	-4.5	-5.5	6.4	23.1	10.1	10.3
Lithuania	9.5	10.7	14.9	-6.0	22.9	5.7	21.5	0.3	1.1	4.1	8.7	13.2	7.9
Hungary	2.4	4.0	5.0	-0.5	10.1	1.5	-2.8	-5.4	-2.3	1.6	0.9	5.5	2.9
Poland	3.1	3.0	9.9	-6.7	9.5	1.7	3.3	-7.3	-0.2	0.1	3.4	6.1	2.5
Romania	6.8	6.0	13.2	2.9	12.3	2.4	-0.1	-0.2	10.1	3.7	9.8	8.3	5.1
Sweden	2.0	5.5	2.9	3.0	5.8	1.9	-2.0	-2.8	-4.4	0.5	3.7	4.1	1.6
United Kingdom	3.0	10.2	5.3	-10.0	13.6	2.2	2.2	-1.9	-2.0	-0.5	8.6	3.6	3.0
EU	1.7p	3.6p	5.0p	-1.9p	5.4p	1.8p	1.7p	-3.3p	-1.5p	0.3p	3.5p	3.5p	2.6p
Iceland	21.9	29.7	28.8	30.6	26.8	37.7	15.4	17.8	7.8	15.7	3.6	15.7	13.8
Norway	2.6	5.1	5.2	-6.9	2.9	4.6	2.6	1.6	4.5	3.1	4.7	5.0	3.9
EEA	1.8p	3.6p	5.0p	-2.0p	5.4p	1.9p	1.7p	-3.2p	-1.5p	0.4p	3.5p	3.5p	2.6p
Switzerland	-0.1	2.1	2.8	3.5	-0.6	0.6	-0.1	-4.5	-4.9	-0.8	1.8	1.9	1.2

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		Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2009
	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Dec 2008	Jan 2009				
Belgium	108.01	105.90	106.43	103.34	107.84	105.26	107.92	105.50	108.99	106.92	118.75	117.35	113.56	114.85
Germany	106.2	105.3	105.4	104.1	106.0	105.0	106.2	105.1	107.0	106.4	114.5	117.0	110.0	110.5
Ireland	108.1	107.4	106.7	105.7	108.1	107.3	108.1	107.4	107.7	106.7	113.0	110.0	113.1	113.6
Greece	112.18	111.55	111.69	110.45	112.24	111.23	112.27	111.30	111.41	110.78	102.72	102.55	113.75	115.05
Spain	111.13	109.65	109.63	107.65	110.72	109.02	111.02	109.42	110.79	109.29	107.84	106.98	115.11	115.42
France	106.26	105.96	105.71	105.16	106.04r	105.58	106.24	105.80	106.47	106.00	108.07	105.81	108.27	108.87
Italy	108.4	106.6	107.4	105.0	108.3	106.3	108.4	106.5	108.5	106.7	112.6	109.7	112.1	112.5
Cyprus	109.34	107.55	106.63	103.39	107.47	104.91	108.12	105.84	109.38	106.86	107.38	100.03	118.03	121.38
Luxembourg	109.23	108.48	107.28	106.21	109.13	108.33	109.20	108.41	107.35	106.00	102.57	97.68	114.35	114.57
Malta	107.35	105.43	104.24	101.80	105.87	103.85	106.19	104.27	108.97	106.50	136.59	125.51	117.83	117.67
Netherlands	104.72	104.10p	103.19	102.36p	104.36	103.60p	104.44	103.69p	104.70	104.74p	107.97	113.91p	111.45	111.87p
Austria	107.32	106.74p	106.20	105.36p	106.99	106.30p	107.13	106.45p	107.40	106.76p	108.55	107.28p	112.88	113.61p
Portugal	107.85	106.88	106.95	105.56	108.15	106.92	107.94	106.87	107.15	106.20	105.51	104.90	110.77	111.20
Slovenia	112.32	111.66	109.89	108.43	111.91	110.75	112.02	110.99	111.26	110.94	105.73	107.93	119.57	121.55
Slovakia	109.45	110.15p	107.87	108.44p	109.71	110.32p	109.28	109.85p	111.04	111.39p	120.22	118.77p	113.75	114.76p
Finland	107.20	107.51	105.24	104.73	106.45	106.66	106.69	106.98	107.05	107.16	105.62	105.73	113.85	116.89
Euro area	107.55r	106.56p	106.49	105.10p	107.29	106.12p	107.45	106.33p	107.75	106.82p	111.01	110.98p	111.43	112.01p
Bulgaria	133.86	134.97p	127.53	128.12p	134.75	135.12p	134.55	134.91p	129.22	129.84p	116.20	113.93p	147.73	150.14p
Czech Republic	109.4	110.6	106.0	107.1	110.1	111.1	109.8	110.7	109.2	110.8	121.5	125.3	116.8	118.4
Denmark	107.4	107.1	105.4	105.0	107.0	106.6	107.0	106.7	107.4	107.0	106.3	104.9	114.6	114.9
Estonia	123.09	122.90	118.37	118.05	122.79	122.48	122.94	122.65	124.74	123.99	144.95	139.58	133.26	133.34
Latvia	134.81	137.99	124.97	126.97	133.44	136.20	134.23	137.01	135.31	138.00	162.48	163.37	153.57	159.44
Lithuania	122.84	124.90	114.65	116.30	120.14	121.91	122.09	124.16	124.22	127.57	135.17	147.67	136.66	139.47
Hungary	117.10	118.22	111.67	112.07	115.85	116.49	116.49	117.11	118.85	119.74	131.74	130.79	129.43	132.26
Poland	107.7	108.1	104.5	104.6	107.4	107.6	107.4	107.8	108.5	108.8	118.9	119.0	114.3	115.2
Romania	121.86	123.49	117.58	119.68	123.69	125.41	122.01	123.60	121.59	123.02	131.59	132.65	125.75	126.91
Sweden	106.23	105.86	104.25	103.55	105.63	105.05	105.83	105.27	106.32	106.22	111.77	113.97	113.46	114.31
United Kingdom	107.2	106.5	105.1	104.2	106.3	105.6	106.7	106.0	109.1	108.3	139.7	137.5	119.0	119.2
EU	108.00r	107.27p	106.40r	105.29p	107.60r	106.71p	107.80r	106.96p	108.52r	107.82p	115.89r	115.82p	113.80r	114.47p
Iceland	134.19	134.91	133.12	133.15	133.69	134.34	133.43	134.03	134.31	135.04	130.15	132.51	138.35	141.87
Norway	106.6	106.1	105.9	105.2	106.6	106.2	106.6	106.1	107.7	107.2	119.2	119.8	109.7	110.0
EEA	108.00r	107.28p	106.41r	105.31p	107.61r	106.73p	107.81r	106.97p	108.53r	107.83p	115.94r	115.87p	113.78r	114.45p
Switzerland	103.3	103.0	103.0	102.7	103.1	102.8	103.2	102.9	103.4	102.9	105.0	101.2	104.9	104.7

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. France has revised its HICP for the period January to December 2008, in order to take into account the end of free ambulance services. This revision had no impact on the all-items HICP annual inflation rate. It is however visible in many subindices due to changed regional weightings used in the computation.
4. *EEA inflation* is measured by the EEAICP ('European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) which is the official EEA aggregate. It is computed using data for Iceland and Norway in addition to the EU Member States.

Statistical symbols and abbreviations

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 (109) 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/>