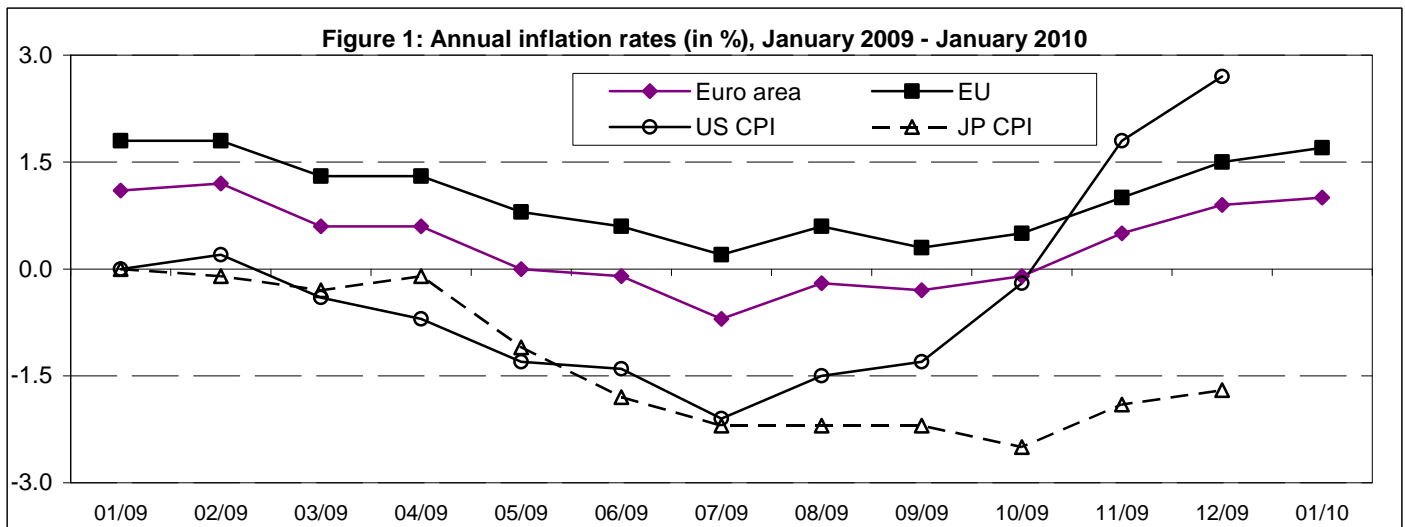


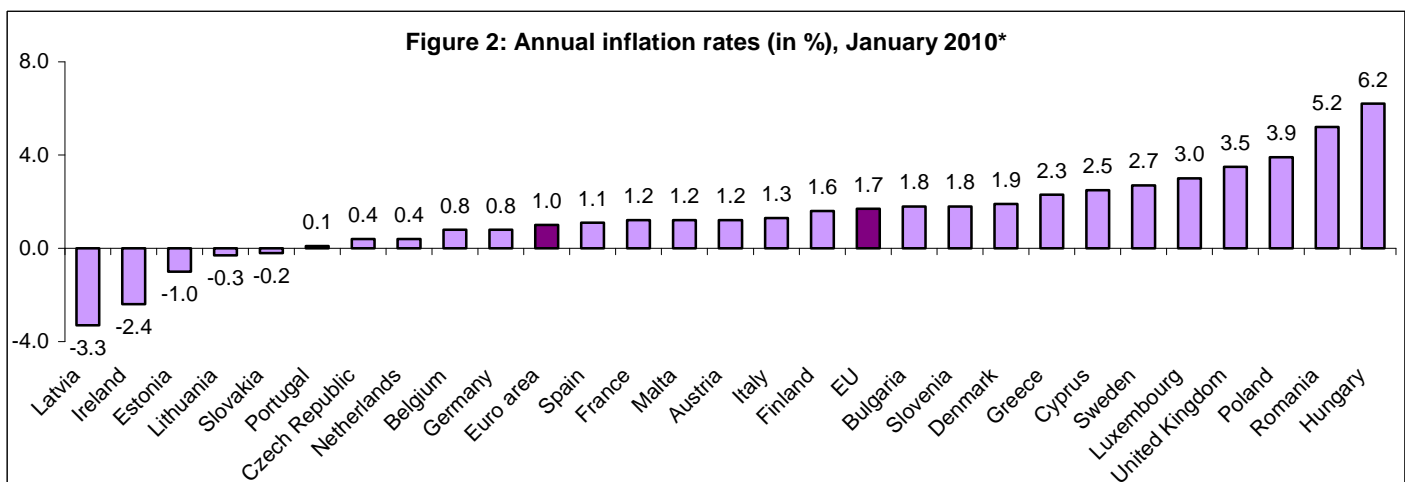
# HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES JANUARY 2010

**EURO AREA<sup>1)</sup> ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.0% IN JANUARY 2010,  
UP FROM 0.9% IN DECEMBER**

**EU<sup>2)</sup> ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.7% IN JANUARY 2010,  
UP FROM 1.5% IN DECEMBER**



Sources: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_manr](#)), US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Statistics Bureau of Japan



\* Data for Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Austria are provisional.

Source: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_manr](#))

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

	Annual average index 2009	Monthly Indices											
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
		2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2010
Belgium	108.86	109.53	108.92	109.24	109.12	109.00	107.23	109.49	109.04	109.02	109.23	109.46	107.90
Germany	107.2	107.2	107.0	107.1	107.0	107.4	107.3	107.6	107.1	107.2	107.0	108.0	107.3
Ireland	107.1	107.8	107.9	108.0	107.6	107.6	106.7	106.9	106.5	106.3	106.2	105.7	105.0
Greece	112.40	109.77	111.98	112.48	112.76	112.68	111.84	110.90	112.99	113.59	114.31	114.47	113.59
Spain	110.62	109.46	109.64	110.73	110.68	111.20	110.27	110.72	110.45	111.23	111.83	111.81	110.63
France	106.93	106.49	106.71	106.87	107.03	107.18	106.64	107.23	106.99	107.11	107.28	107.60	107.34
Italy	108.8	107.1	108.4	109.1	109.3	109.5	108.2	108.4	109.2	109.6	109.7	109.9	108.3
Cyprus	109.22	106.75	108.21	109.18	109.97	110.06	108.48	108.68	109.56	110.60	111.42	110.96	109.40
Luxembourg	110.02	109.15	109.00	109.53	109.86	110.61	109.63	111.07	110.91	110.71	111.33	111.21	110.49
Malta	110.12	107.33	108.97	111.48	111.72	111.63	111.47	112.09	111.88	111.46	108.57	108.38	107.79
Netherlands	106.57	106.15	107.38	107.75	107.87	107.39	105.67	105.89	106.46	106.75	106.59	105.82	105.55p
Austria	107.71	107.33	107.52	107.71	107.79	107.68	107.24	107.69	107.90	108.02	108.24	108.57	108.09p
Portugal	107.36	106.70	107.54	107.92	107.68	107.87	107.46	107.24	107.15	107.17	107.33	107.52	106.84
Slovenia	113.25	111.87	112.77	113.02	113.74	114.34	113.42	113.48	113.37	113.51	114.37	113.88	113.24
Slovakia	111.43	111.81	111.50	111.38	111.45	111.46	111.33	111.11	111.05	111.24	111.56	111.49	111.63
Finland	108.66	108.14	108.54	108.78	108.71	109.17	108.41	108.87	109.22	108.68	108.88	109.05	109.13
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>108.09</b>	<b>107.42</b>	<b>107.82</b>	<b>108.21</b>	<b>108.27</b>	<b>108.48</b>	<b>107.76</b>	<b>108.13</b>	<b>108.16</b>	<b>108.41</b>	<b>108.54</b>	<b>108.88</b>	<b>108.05p</b>
Bulgaria	132.56	132.33	131.88	132.58	132.58	132.74	132.55	132.72	132.48	132.70	132.94	133.37	134.16p
Czech Republic	112.4	112.7	112.9	112.8	112.9	112.9	112.5	112.3	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.7	113.0
Denmark	108.4	108.0	108.4	108.3	108.7	108.9	108.3	108.6	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.6	108.9
Estonia	123.56	124.33	123.75	123.01	123.05	122.81	123.85	123.74	123.52	123.42	123.11	123.26	123.61
Latvia	139.62	142.31	142.41	141.91	141.34	140.61	139.71	138.32	137.92	137.56	136.60	135.94	136.16
Lithuania	127.09	128.13	128.13	128.02	127.79	127.37	126.37	126.08	126.81	126.29	126.35	125.94	127.42
Hungary	123.85	120.78	121.39	122.46	124.34	124.40	126.18	125.51	125.20	125.00	125.65	125.40	127.25
Poland	112.6	110.7	111.6	112.3	113.0	113.2	113.5	113.1	113.1	113.3	113.6	113.6	114.1
Romania	127.43	126.23	126.86	127.21	127.22	127.47	127.39	127.15	127.64	128.20	129.06	129.47	131.66
Sweden	108.72	107.47	108.04	108.35	108.72	108.95	108.69	108.89	109.36	109.66	109.69	109.96	109.76
United Kingdom	110.8	109.6	109.8	110.1	110.7	111.0	110.9	111.4	111.5	111.7	112.0	112.6	112.4
<b>EU<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>109.49r</b>	<b>108.67</b>	<b>109.05</b>	<b>109.43</b>	<b>109.62</b>	<b>109.85</b>	<b>109.34</b>	<b>109.65</b>	<b>109.69</b>	<b>109.91</b>	<b>110.09</b>	<b>110.44r</b>	<b>109.94p</b>
Iceland	142.18	136.58	136.80	137.81	139.77	142.49	143.53	144.52	145.30	147.04	148.10	149.24	149.27
Norway	109.2	108.4	108.5	108.9	109.2	109.9	109.2	108.9	110.0	109.7	110.1	110.3	110.2
<b>EEA<sup>(3), 4)</sup></b>	<b>109.51r</b>	<b>108.69</b>	<b>109.07</b>	<b>109.44</b>	<b>109.64</b>	<b>109.87</b>	<b>109.36</b>	<b>109.67</b>	<b>109.71</b>	<b>109.93</b>	<b>110.12</b>	<b>110.46r</b>	<b>109.97p</b>
Switzerland	103.4	102.9	102.6	103.6	103.6	103.8	103.4	103.6	103.3	104.0	103.9	103.6	103.8

Source: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_aind](#), [prc\\_hicp\\_midx](#))

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec	Jan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
	2009	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
Belgium	0.0	-0.1	2.1	1.9	0.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.9	0.0	0.3	0.8
Germany	0.2	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8
Ireland	-1.7	-2.0	1.1	0.1	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-2.2	-2.6	-2.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.8	-2.6	-2.4
Greece	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.1	2.6	2.3
Spain	-0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.4	-0.8	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1
France	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	1.0	1.2
Italy	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3
Cyprus	0.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	1.0	1.6	2.5
Luxembourg	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	1.7	2.5	3.0
Malta	1.8	1.7	3.1	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.4	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2
Netherlands	1.0	0.9p	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4p
Austria	0.4	0.4p	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.2p
Portugal	-0.9	-0.9	0.1	0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.1
Slovenia	0.9	0.9	1.4	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.8
Slovakia	0.9	0.7	2.7	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Finland	1.6	1.6	2.5	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.8	1.6
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3p</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0p</b>
Bulgaria	2.5	2.1p	6.0	5.4	4.0	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.8p
Czech Republic	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4
Denmark	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.9
Estonia	0.2	-0.3	4.7	3.9	2.5	0.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.9	-1.0
Latvia	3.3	2.2	9.7	9.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4	-3.3
Lithuania	4.2	3.4	9.5	8.5	7.4	5.9	4.9	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.2	-0.3
Hungary	4.0	4.3	2.4	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	5.2	5.4	6.2
Poland	4.0	4.0	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9
Romania	5.6	5.4	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.2
Sweden	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.7
United Kingdom	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.9	3.5
<b>EU</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5r</b>	<b>1.7p</b>
Iceland	16.3	15.3	21.9	21.6	19.9	16.3	15.7	16.7	16.5	16.0	15.3	13.8	12.4	11.3	10.6
Norway	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.8	1.9	2.4	2.7
<b>EEA</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5r</b>	<b>1.7p</b>
Switzerland	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.9

Source: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_mv12r](#), [prc\\_hicp\\_manr](#))

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

Jan 2010	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	0.8	0.0	2.9	5.6	-3.8	2.0	-1.3	5.8	-2.0	1.7	4.5	2.7	1.5
Germany	0.8	-1.3	3.6	0.2	-0.9	1.2	0.9	4.7	-1.9	0.0	-1.5	1.4	1.3
Ireland	-2.4	-8.2	-0.3	-10.7	-7.2	-4.6	1.8	3.7	0.0	-0.6	11.4	-3.7	-0.3
Greece	2.3	-2.0	6.3	0.0	6.0	0.6	3.2	9.8	-0.7	0.4	2.7	0.7	2.0
Spain	1.1	-2.4	11.8	-1.1	1.1	0.6	-1.3	7.2	-0.5	-1.6	2.6	1.1	1.4
France	1.2	-0.2	4.4	-1.8	1.8	0.5	1.0	4.4	-0.3	-1.3	3.4	0.0	1.9
Italy	1.3	0.1	4.4	0.2	-1.5	1.2	2.2	3.7	0.4	0.8	2.5	1.5	3.1
Cyprus	2.5	-1.7	2.4	0.5	9.0	1.4	7.7	6.0	0.0	0.9	4.9	0.3	2.9
Luxembourg	3.0	0.2	4.5	0.7	2.4	1.0	1.3	7.8	-0.2	2.7	2.1	2.1	-0.1
Malta	1.2	0.5	3.5	-0.3	7.7	1.7	4.8	-0.7	-5.1	-1.3	8.6	0.9	2.8
Netherlands	0.4p	-2.0p	2.3p	1.6p	-4.6p	1.7p	1.9p	5.7p	-2.5p	0.2p	2.5p	3.3p	2.2p
Austria	1.2p	-1.6p	0.3p	0.1p	2.4p	2.0p	2.3p	3.7p	0.8p	0.1p	-13.7p	0.9p	3.2p
Portugal	0.1	-4.7	4.5	-1.5	2.6	1.7	-2.6	3.7	-0.4	-3.2	3.1	1.5	0.9
Slovenia	1.8	-2.3	8.0	-6.4	8.4	1.2	-1.5	4.8	-0.6	1.1	2.4	2.2	3.4
Slovakia	-0.2	-3.5	6.8	-2.5	-1.3	-3.7	5.4	-0.1	1.3	0.0	4.9	1.9	1.4
Finland	1.6	-6.0	5.4	1.4	4.3	2.1	1.5	5.7	-4.8	1.4	5.1	2.6	3.8
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>-1.2p</b>	<b>4.6p</b>	<b>-0.3p</b>	<b>-0.3p</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>4.9p</b>	<b>-0.9p</b>	<b>-0.3p</b>	<b>1.6p</b>	<b>1.0p</b>	<b>1.9p</b>
Bulgaria	1.8p	-4.2p	17.2p	-1.2p	-1.9p	1.4p	4.9p	5.2p	-1.0p	3.0p	8.6p	3.4p	8.5p
Czech Republic	0.4	-2.6	3.6	-3.1	0.4	-0.6	-2.4	6.1	-2.7	-1.5	1.3	0.9	1.7
Denmark	1.9	-2.6	6.0	3.7	3.1	0.4	2.4	4.6	-3.8	-0.3	4.1	0.9	3.6
Estonia	-1.0	-5.3	1.7	2.5	-6.4	0.5	0.6	9.0	0.3	-2.1	1.1	-6.3	3.3
Latvia	-3.3	-7.8	15.3	-7.5	-13.9	-5.9	10.5	6.0	-4.7	-2.8	8.3	-9.3	-2.6
Lithuania	-0.3	-5.0	19.9	-7.6	-3.2	-2.2	4.0	3.7	-3.0	-1.9	14.1	-2.9	0.9
Hungary	6.2	2.1	12.3	1.3	5.4	4.7	7.4	15.1	2.4	4.0	0.2	5.5	4.2
Poland	3.9	3.1	8.5	-4.8	3.3	1.9	3.3	10.1	-0.9	1.9	2.2	3.8	6.3
Romania	5.2	0.0	43.4	1.9	2.9	2.0	7.4	14.3	-1.7	4.0	7.4	4.6	6.3
Sweden	2.7	1.3	3.1	5.1	2.0	0.7	3.4	7.5	-1.7	1.4	2.0	2.9	1.1
United Kingdom	3.5	1.9	6.2	-4.5	-0.3	5.1	3.7	11.0	4.1	3.6	5.2	2.2	2.0
<b>EU</b>	<b>1.7p</b>	<b>-0.6p</b>	<b>6.7p</b>	<b>-0.9p</b>	<b>0.1p</b>	<b>1.7p</b>	<b>1.6p</b>	<b>6.3p</b>	<b>-0.4p</b>	<b>0.8p</b>	<b>2.9p</b>	<b>1.4p</b>	<b>2.3p</b>
Iceland	10.6	5.8	20.3	16.3	6.0	9.5	5.4	19.8	5.3	13.9	4.3	5.3	7.7
Norway	2.7	2.4	4.0	1.2	2.9	0.5	2.8	3.0	-0.5	3.6	3.3	2.9	4.1
<b>EEA</b>	<b>1.7p</b>	<b>-0.5p</b>	<b>6.7p</b>	<b>-0.9p</b>	<b>0.1p</b>	<b>1.7p</b>	<b>1.7p</b>	<b>6.3p</b>	<b>-0.4p</b>	<b>0.9p</b>	<b>2.9p</b>	<b>1.4p</b>	<b>2.3p</b>
Switzerland	0.9	-1.8	2.3	1.4	2.1	0.5	0.6	3.1	-1.8	-0.5	1.2	1.0	0.8

**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

Source: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_mant](#))

**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 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2010
	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2010				
Belgium	109.31	107.14	108.11	104.79	109.40	106.61	109.47	106.81	109.30	107.70	110.64	114.00	113.54	115.25
Germany	107.2	106.0	106.6	105.0	107.2	105.8	107.3	105.9	107.8	107.0	115.6	118.2	109.6	110.4
Ireland	104.7	103.5	103.9	102.5	105.1	103.9	105.0	103.8	104.5	103.8	115.7	119.7	107.5	107.4
Greece	113.88	112.63	113.77	111.98	114.29	112.81	114.26	112.83	114.07	113.16	118.86	123.02	114.21	114.71
Spain	111.24	109.59	109.95	107.76	111.18	109.30	111.33	109.53	111.40	110.16	115.83	119.04	114.52	114.67
France	107.34	106.82	106.98	106.08	107.25	106.49	107.41	106.68	107.46	107.20	109.32	112.04	108.60	109.55
Italy	109.9	108.1	109.0	106.7	109.9	107.9	109.9	108.0	109.6	108.0	109.7	110.7	113.1	113.3
Cyprus	110.48	108.40	108.00	104.88	108.74	106.18	109.45	107.07	111.09	109.50	113.14	116.05	118.37	120.03
Luxembourg	111.46	110.38	109.27	107.84	111.53	110.41	111.52	110.43	109.81	109.04	109.05	111.06	117.28	117.38
Malta	107.35	106.00	104.24	102.26	106.23	104.52	106.71	105.07	108.29	107.69	127.44	140.27	117.85	119.07
Netherlands	105.52	105.07p	104.26	103.79p	105.32	104.80p	105.37	104.81p	105.39	105.12p	108.34	109.54p	111.03	110.66p
Austria	108.24	107.61p	107.60	106.69p	108.14	107.35p	108.19	107.43p	108.56	108.08p	112.21	113.61p	111.39	112.18p
Portugal	106.75	105.66	106.88	105.12	107.73	106.30	107.41	106.07	106.93	106.18	112.92	115.52	106.33	107.43
Slovenia	112.60	111.41	109.94	108.12	112.41	110.98	112.51	111.14	113.43	112.77	123.19	126.26	120.58	121.45
Slovakia	109.32	110.08	108.61	108.78	110.12	110.52	109.26	109.66	110.70	110.84	121.28	117.72	111.28	113.61
Finland	108.56	108.42	107.22	106.89	108.42	108.29	108.47	108.34	108.82	108.80	115.00	117.89	113.08	113.57
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>108.44</b>	<b>107.28p</b>	<b>107.66</b>	<b>106.04p</b>	<b>108.41</b>	<b>107.03p</b>	<b>108.50</b>	<b>107.17p</b>	<b>108.61</b>	<b>107.75p</b>	<b>113.06</b>	<b>115.42p</b>	<b>111.24</b>	<b>111.86p</b>
Bulgaria	136.01	136.47p	130.61	130.76p	137.75	137.92p	137.15	137.25p	130.48	131.23p	118.31	120.85p	147.53	148.78p
Czech Republic	109.2	110.4	106.3	106.9	110.0	110.9	109.6	110.4	109.7	111.0	127.7	130.0	115.4	117.9
Denmark	108.3	108.2	107.0	106.4	108.2	108.0	108.1	107.8	108.6	108.7	110.7	114.6	112.2	114.3
Estonia	120.54	120.33	117.43	116.33	120.93	120.29	120.86	120.30	122.32	122.68	144.27	149.02	127.15	128.83
Latvia	133.05	133.09	122.60	121.58	133.04	132.38	133.33	132.72	132.11	132.33	159.41	160.97	153.31	155.74
Lithuania	123.61	123.67	114.50	113.78	122.14	121.91	123.83	123.55	124.02	125.41	141.91	153.71	139.22	140.77
Hungary	122.82	124.12	117.38	117.63	121.69	122.55	122.27	123.06	125.01	126.91	143.19	148.74	135.15	138.82
Poland	111.3	111.6	107.2	107.3	110.9	111.1	111.1	111.3	112.3	112.8	127.8	129.6	119.9	120.5
Romania	127.75	129.62	123.27	123.65	130.94	133.13	128.72	130.66	125.10	126.11	136.92	140.72	131.81	135.17
Sweden	108.85	108.11	107.18	105.91	108.53	107.46	108.69	107.66	109.26	109.06	117.76	122.33	114.99	116.23
United Kingdom	110.1	109.7	107.9	107.3	109.3	108.9	109.6	109.2	112.1	111.8	145.6	147.8	121.8	122.8
<b>EU</b>	<b>109.47r</b>	<b>108.66p</b>	<b>108.03r</b>	<b>106.76p</b>	<b>109.29r</b>	<b>108.29p</b>	<b>109.43r</b>	<b>108.47p</b>	<b>109.97r</b>	<b>109.41p</b>	<b>119.19r</b>	<b>121.72p</b>	<b>114.69r</b>	<b>115.60p</b>
Iceland	148.49	147.83	147.85	146.21	148.95	148.10	147.98	147.16	149.24	149.13	155.64	163.75	150.85	153.94
Norway	109.2	108.4	108.4	107.4	109.4	108.6	109.3	108.4	110.2	110.1	120.8	129.3	113.1	113.0
<b>EEA</b>	<b>109.50r</b>	<b>108.69p</b>	<b>108.07r</b>	<b>106.80p</b>	<b>109.32r</b>	<b>108.33p</b>	<b>109.46r</b>	<b>108.50p</b>	<b>110.00r</b>	<b>109.45p</b>	<b>119.24r</b>	<b>121.83p</b>	<b>114.70r</b>	<b>115.60p</b>
Switzerland	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.2	103.4	103.2	103.4	103.2	103.5	103.7	106.5	111.2	102.9	103.4

Source: Eurostat ([prc\\_hicp\\_midx](#))

## Comments

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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 January 2001, Slovenia from January 2007, Cyprus and Malta from January 2008 and Slovakia from 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 April 2004, 25 Member States from May 2004 until December 2006 and 27 Member States from January 2007. New Member States are integrated into the EICP using a chain index formula.
3. EU and EEA totals have been revised as December 2009 data for the United Kingdom were not available in time for the previous release.
4. 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	EEA	European Economic area
r	revised		

## Methodology

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### 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/portal/page/portal/hicp/data/database>

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

<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/hicp/introduction>

## Further information

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### European Statistical Data Support:

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

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