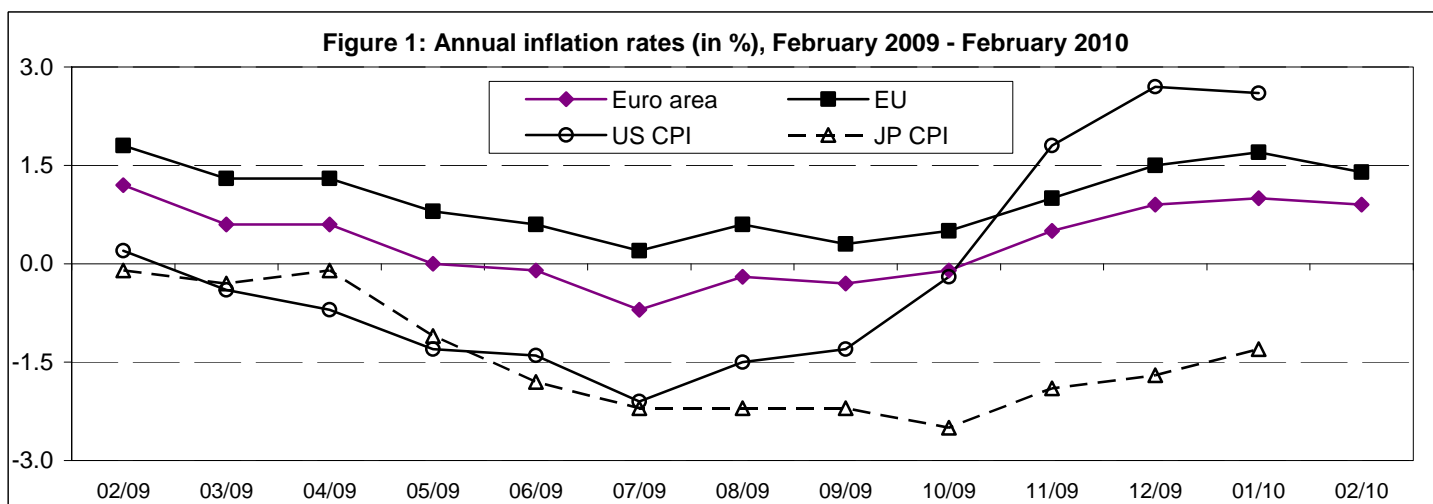


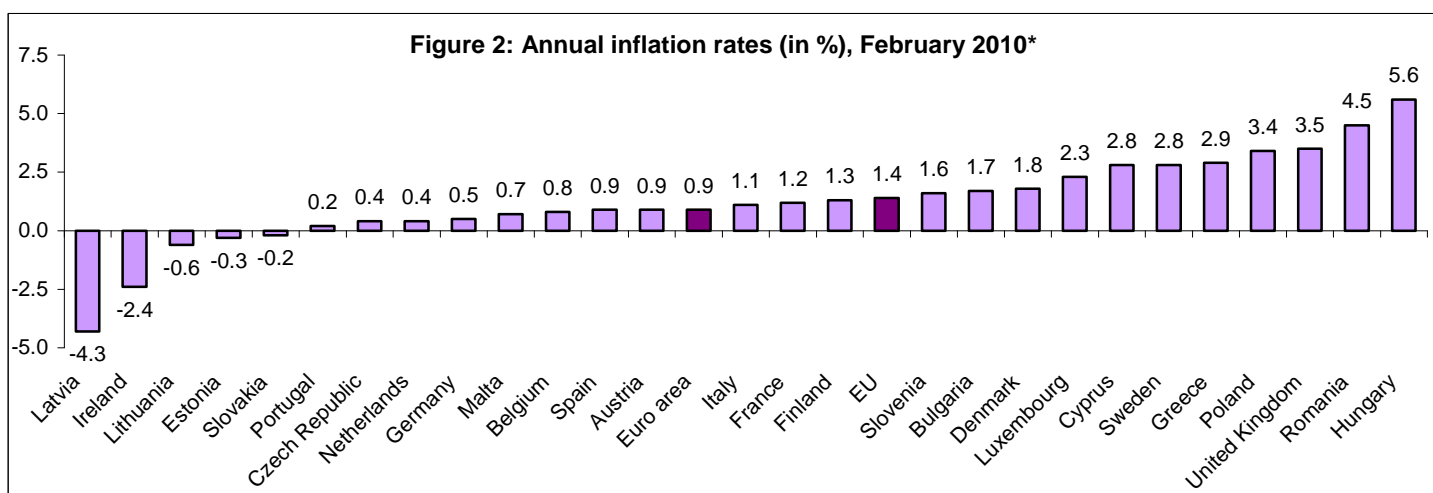
HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES FEBRUARY 2010

**EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 0.9% IN FEBRUARY 2010,
DOWN FROM 1.0% IN JANUARY**

**EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.4% IN FEBRUARY 2010,
DOWN FROM 1.7% IN JANUARY**



Sources: Eurostat ([prc_hicp_manr](#)), US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Statistics Bureau of Japan



* Data for the Netherlands and Austria are provisional. Data for France and the United Kingdom are of January 2010.
Source: Eurostat ([prc_hicp_manr](#))

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

	Annual average index 2009	Monthly Indices											
		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
		2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010
Belgium	108.86	108.92	109.24	109.12	109.00	107.23	109.49	109.04	109.02	109.23	109.46	107.90	110.42
Germany	107.2	107.0	107.1	107.0	107.4	107.3	107.6	107.1	107.2	107.0	108.0	107.3	107.7
Ireland	107.1	107.9	108.0	107.6	107.6	106.7	106.9	106.5	106.3	106.2	105.7	105.0	105.2
Greece	112.40	111.98	112.48	112.76	112.68	111.84	110.90	112.99	113.59	114.31	114.47	113.59	112.91
Spain	110.62	109.64	110.73	110.68	111.20	110.27	110.72	110.45	111.23	111.83	111.81	110.63	110.42
France ³⁾	106.93	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	108.4	109.1	109.3	109.5	108.2	108.4	109.2	109.6	109.7	109.9	108.3	108.3
Cyprus	109.22	108.21	109.18	109.97	110.06	108.48	108.68	109.56	110.60	111.42	110.96	109.40	109.71
Luxembourg	110.02	109.00	109.53	109.86	110.61	109.63	111.07	110.91	110.71	111.33	111.21	110.49	111.66
Malta	110.12	108.97	111.48	111.72	111.63	111.47	112.09	111.88	111.46	108.57	108.38	107.79	108.13
Netherlands	106.57	107.38	107.75	107.87	107.39	105.67	105.89	106.46	106.75	106.59	105.82	105.56r	106.55p
Austria	107.71	107.52	107.71	107.79	107.68	107.24	107.69	107.90	108.02	108.24	108.57	108.12r	108.32p
Portugal	107.36	107.54	107.92	107.68	107.87	107.46	107.24	107.15	107.17	107.33	107.52	106.84	106.89
Slovenia	113.25	112.77	113.02	113.74	114.34	113.42	113.48	113.37	113.51	114.37	113.88	113.24	113.61
Slovakia	111.43	111.50	111.38	111.45	111.46	111.33	111.11	111.05	111.24	111.56	111.49	111.63	111.64
Finland	108.66	108.54	108.78	108.71	109.17	108.41	108.87	109.22	108.68	108.88	109.05	109.13	109.53
Euro area	108.09	107.82	108.21	108.27	108.48	107.76	108.13	108.16	108.41	108.54	108.88	108.05	108.39p
Bulgaria	132.56	131.88	132.58	132.58	132.74	132.55	132.72	132.48	132.70	132.94	133.37	134.15r	134.54
Czech Republic	112.4	112.9	112.8	112.9	112.9	112.5	112.3	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.7	113.0	113.1
Denmark	108.4	108.4	108.3	108.7	108.9	108.3	108.6	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.9
Estonia	123.56	123.75	123.01	123.05	122.81	123.85	123.74	123.52	123.42	123.11	123.26	123.61	123.93
Latvia	139.62	142.41	141.91	141.34	140.61	139.71	138.32	137.92	137.56	136.60	135.94	136.16	136.12
Lithuania	127.09	128.13	128.02	127.79	127.37	126.37	126.08	126.81	126.29	126.35	125.94	127.42	127.31
Hungary	123.85	121.39	122.46	124.34	124.40	126.18	125.51	125.20	125.00	125.65	125.40	127.25	127.54
Poland	112.6	111.6	112.3	113.0	113.2	113.5	113.1	113.1	113.3	113.6	113.6	114.1	114.5
Romania	127.43	126.86	127.21	127.22	127.47	127.39	127.15	127.64	128.20	129.06	129.47	131.66	131.91
Sweden	108.72	108.04	108.35	108.72	108.95	108.69	108.89	109.36	109.66	109.69	109.96	109.77r	110.44
United Kingdom ³⁾	110.8	109.8	110.1	110.7	111.0	110.9	111.4	111.5	111.7	112.0	112.6	112.4	:
EU	109.49	109.05	109.43	109.62	109.85	109.34	109.65	109.69	109.91	110.09	110.44	109.94	110.24p
Iceland	142.18	136.80	137.81	139.77	142.49	143.53	144.52	145.30	147.04	148.10	149.24	149.27	151.18
Norway	109.2	108.5	108.9	109.2	109.9	109.2	108.9	110.0	109.7	110.1	110.3	110.2	111.8
EEA⁴⁾	109.51	109.07	109.44	109.64	109.87	109.36	109.67	109.71	109.93	110.12	110.46	109.97	110.28p
Switzerland	103.4	102.6	103.6	103.6	103.8	103.4	103.6	103.3	104.0	103.9	103.6	103.8	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 2009	Feb 2010	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
Belgium	0.0	-0.2	1.9	0.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.9	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.8
Germany	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.5
Ireland	-1.7	-2.2	0.1	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-2.2	-2.6	-2.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.8	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4
Greece	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.9
Spain	-0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.4	-0.8	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.9
France	0.1	:	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	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.1
Cyprus	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.8
Luxembourg	0.0	0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.3
Malta	1.8	1.5	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.4	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.7
Netherlands	1.0	0.7p	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4p
Austria	0.4	0.4p	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.9p
Portugal	-0.9	-0.9	0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Slovenia	0.9	0.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6
Slovakia	0.9	0.5	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Finland	1.6	1.4	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.3
Euro area	0.3	0.3p	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.9p
Bulgaria	2.5	1.8	5.4	4.0	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.7
Czech Republic	0.6	0.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
Denmark	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.9	1.8
Estonia	0.2	-0.6	3.9	2.5	0.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.9	-1.0	-0.3
Latvia	3.3	1.1	9.4	7.9	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4	-3.3	-4.3
Lithuania	4.2	2.6	8.5	7.4	5.9	4.9	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.2	-0.3	-0.6
Hungary	4.0	4.6	2.9	2.8	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	5.6
Poland	4.0	4.0	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.4
Romania	5.6	5.3	6.9	6.7	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.5
Sweden	1.9	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	2.8
United Kingdom	2.2	:	3.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.9	3.5	:
EU	1.0	0.9p	1.8	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.4p
Iceland	16.3	14.5	21.6	19.9	16.3	15.7	16.7	16.5	16.0	15.3	13.8	12.4	11.3	10.6	10.7
Norway	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.8	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.1
EEA	1.0	1.0p	1.9	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.5p
Switzerland	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9

Source: Eurostat ([prc_hicp_mv12r](#), [prc_hicp_manr](#))

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

Feb 2010	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	0.8	0.6	2.6	1.0	-2.6	1.9	-2.0	4.6	-3.9	1.3	4.5	2.5	1.3
Germany	0.5	-1.2	3.5	0.6	-0.9	0.7	0.9	3.4	-1.8	0.2	-1.4	0.8	0.8
Ireland	-2.4	-8.1	-0.8	-11.4	-6.0	-4.8	-0.3	4.1	-0.3	-1.4	10.7	-3.0	-0.3
Greece	2.9	-1.3	6.4	-1.8	6.9	-0.2	2.9	11.9	-0.1	0.5	2.7	2.1	1.7
Spain	0.9	-2.8	12.3	-1.2	0.8	0.5	-1.4	6.7	-0.5	-2.1	2.6	1.0	1.5
France	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	1.1	0.1	3.3	-0.6	-1.3	1.1	2.0	3.6	0.0	0.6	1.9	1.2	2.7
Cyprus	2.8	0.7	2.0	-0.1	12.2	1.9	5.6	4.3	0.0	1.1	4.9	0.1	2.8
Luxembourg	2.3	0.1	4.3	-1.1	1.8	2.0	1.4	5.8	-0.2	1.2	2.1	1.6	-0.1
Malta	0.7	-1.9	3.7	-0.5	7.5	1.6	2.7	0.3	-6.9	-0.1	8.6	0.1	2.8
Netherlands	0.4p	-1.4p	2.2p	-1.1p	-4.5p	1.5p	2.0p	4.9p	1.2p	0.3p	2.6p	2.5p	2.2p
Austria	0.9p	-1.9p	0.9p	-1.9p	2.2p	1.9p	1.9p	2.9p	0.4p	0.4p	-13.7p	0.8p	3.2p
Portugal	0.2	-4.3	4.7	-2.3	3.1	1.8	-2.2	3.1	-0.5	-2.9	3.1	1.8	0.7
Slovenia	1.6	-0.9	7.7	-7.2	9.2	1.1	-1.7	2.6	0.2	0.4	1.7	2.0	2.5
Slovakia	-0.2	-2.7	7.0	-2.2	-1.3	-4.1	5.7	-1.0	1.2	0.5	4.7	1.5	1.0
Finland	1.3	-6.2	5.3	1.6	3.3	1.6	1.4	4.3	-1.7	1.0	5.1	3.0	3.8
Euro area	0.9p	-1.1p	4.3p	-0.1p	-0.2p	0.8p	0.8p	4.3p	-0.6p	-0.3p	1.5p	1.0p	1.8p
Bulgaria	1.7	-2.2	18.3	-2.0	-2.1	0.8	4.2	3.2	-1.0	3.9	8.0	2.2	7.8
Czech Republic	0.4	-2.0	4.0	-2.8	0.4	-0.6	0.9	4.0	-3.2	-1.7	1.4	0.9	1.1
Denmark	1.8	-2.1	5.3	3.8	3.4	2.0	2.6	3.5	-1.3	-1.7	4.1	1.2	3.7
Estonia	-0.3	-4.5	1.8	2.8	-3.8	0.1	0.9	8.5	-0.6	-2.4	1.0	-3.6	2.7
Latvia	-4.3	-6.7	4.8	-8.6	-13.1	-6.1	9.8	3.0	-5.6	-5.5	7.9	-9.2	-3.9
Lithuania	-0.6	-5.2	17.9	-8.5	-2.1	-3.0	3.2	3.8	-3.5	-2.6	13.0	-3.8	-0.3
Hungary	5.6	1.1	11.8	1.0	5.2	4.3	7.6	13.2	2.8	3.6	0.2	5.5	3.9
Poland	3.4	3.0	8.6	-4.8	2.6	1.8	3.1	7.6	-1.2	1.0	2.0	3.7	5.3
Romania	4.5	-0.1	43.3	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.9	10.3	-3.7	3.4	7.3	4.4	6.1
Sweden	2.8	0.9	3.2	5.2	3.7	1.5	3.1	6.4	-1.5	0.9	2.6	3.2	0.7
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EU	1.4p	-0.6p	6.3p	-0.8p	0.2p	1.3p	1.5p	5.4p	-0.3p	0.3p	2.8p	1.3p	2.0p
Iceland	10.7	6.1	20.4	13.6	6.1	12.5	5.6	19.6	6.5	13.3	4.2	5.0	7.1
Norway	3.1	0.5	3.6	-3.1	8.5	-0.5	3.2	3.4	-2.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.7
EEA	1.5p	-0.6p	6.3p	-0.8p	0.3p	1.2p	1.5p	5.4p	-0.3p	0.4p	2.8p	1.3p	2.0p
Switzerland	0.9	-1.6	2.4	1.4	2.2	-0.1	0.6	2.9	-1.7	-1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2

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		Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2010				
Belgium	107.14	110.01	104.79	108.39	106.61	109.72	106.81	109.78	107.70	110.27	114.00	113.66	115.25	115.65
Germany	106.0	106.6	105.0	105.7	105.8	106.4	105.9	106.5	107.0	107.5	118.2	117.2	110.4	110.6
Ireland	103.5	103.9	102.5	103.0	103.9	104.3	103.8	104.1	103.8	104.0	119.7	118.5	107.4	107.0
Greece	112.63	111.43	111.98	110.14	112.81	111.25	112.83	111.34	113.16	112.46	123.02	129.31	114.71	115.55
Spain	109.59	109.35	107.76	107.62	109.30	109.17	109.53	109.36	110.16	109.90	119.04	119.04	114.67	114.14
France	106.82	:	106.08	:	106.49	:	106.68	:	107.20	:	112.04	:	109.55	:
Italy	108.1	108.0	106.7	106.6	107.8r	107.8	108.0	108.0	108.0	107.9	110.7	110.9	113.3	113.2
Cyprus	108.40	108.60	104.88	104.70	106.18	106.10	107.07	107.00	109.50	109.82	116.05	117.35	120.03	121.53
Luxembourg	110.38	111.82	107.84	109.66	110.41	111.93	110.43	111.91	109.04	110.27	111.06	110.15	117.38	117.56
Malta	106.00	106.24	102.26	102.57	104.52	104.81	105.07	105.34	107.69	108.04	140.27	142.42	119.07	119.03
Netherlands	105.08r	106.14p	103.80r	104.86p	104.81r	105.86p	104.82r	105.86p	105.13r	106.13p	109.54	109.87p	110.66	111.75p
Austria	107.63r	107.96p	106.72r	107.16p	107.38r	107.70p	107.46r	107.78p	108.10r	108.28p	113.59r	112.26p	112.18	111.90p
Portugal	105.66	105.68	105.12	105.17	106.30	106.35	106.07	106.10	106.18	106.23	115.52	115.88	107.43	107.33
Slovenia	111.41	111.67	108.12	108.30	110.98	111.03	111.14	111.23	112.77	113.15	126.26	127.44	121.45	121.99
Slovakia	110.08	110.25	108.78	108.78	110.52	110.58	109.66	109.70	110.84	110.85	117.72	116.76	113.61	114.25
Finland	108.42	108.88	106.89	107.39	108.29	108.69	108.34	108.70	108.80	109.21	117.89	117.40	113.57	113.94
Euro area	107.28	107.61p	106.04	106.45p	107.03	107.38p	107.17	107.51p	107.75	108.02p	115.42	115.08p	111.86	111.91p
Bulgaria	136.47	136.81	130.77r	130.49	137.93r	137.80	137.26r	137.09	131.22r	131.51	120.85	121.45	148.75r	150.76
Czech Republic	110.4	110.4	106.9	106.8	110.9	110.9	110.4	110.4	111.0	111.1	130.0	130.3	117.9	118.3
Denmark	108.2	109.2	106.4	107.5	108.0	109.0	107.8	108.8	108.7	109.8	114.6	116.3	114.3	114.5
Estonia	120.33	120.60	116.33	116.67	120.29	120.45	120.30	120.39	122.68	123.00	149.02	149.70	128.83	128.94
Latvia	133.09	132.85	121.58	120.88	132.38	131.90	132.72	132.23	132.33	132.27	160.97	162.45	155.74	156.52
Lithuania	123.67	123.22	113.78	113.08	121.91	121.54	123.55	123.12	125.41	125.26	153.71	156.09	140.77	140.79
Hungary	124.12	124.45	117.63	117.96	122.55	122.68	123.06	123.14	126.91	127.19	148.74	148.76	138.82	139.17
Poland	111.7r	111.9	107.3	107.4	111.1	111.2	111.3	111.3	112.9r	113.1	129.6	131.0	120.7r	121.1
Romania	129.62	129.89	123.65	123.79	133.13	133.37	130.66	130.89	126.11	126.31	140.72	140.87	135.17	135.58
Sweden	108.12r	108.52	105.91	106.35	107.46	107.85	107.67r	108.04	109.06	109.75	122.33	125.43	116.23	116.49
United Kingdom	109.7	:	107.3	:	108.9	:	109.2	:	111.8	:	147.8	:	122.8	:
EU	108.66	108.94p	106.76	107.07p	108.29	108.57p	108.47	108.73p	109.41	109.65p	121.72	121.68p	115.61r	115.76p
Iceland	147.83	149.72	146.21	148.43	148.10	150.07	147.16	149.08	149.13	151.07	163.75	165.88	153.94	154.56
Norway	108.4	109.1	107.4	108.1	108.6	109.4	108.4	109.2	110.1	111.6	129.3	139.5	113.0	113.7
EEA	108.69	108.97p	106.79r	107.11p	108.33	108.61p	108.50	108.76p	109.45	109.70p	121.83	121.89p	115.61r	115.77p
Switzerland	103.2	103.3	103.2	103.2	103.2	103.3	103.2	103.2	103.7	103.7	111.2	110.0	103.4	103.8

 Source: Eurostat ([prc_hicp_midx](#))

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 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. Data for France and for the United Kingdom for February 2010 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, euro area, EU and EEA totals were calculated using Eurostat estimates.
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	:	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 the Treaty on the Functioning of the 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

European Statistical Data Support:

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

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