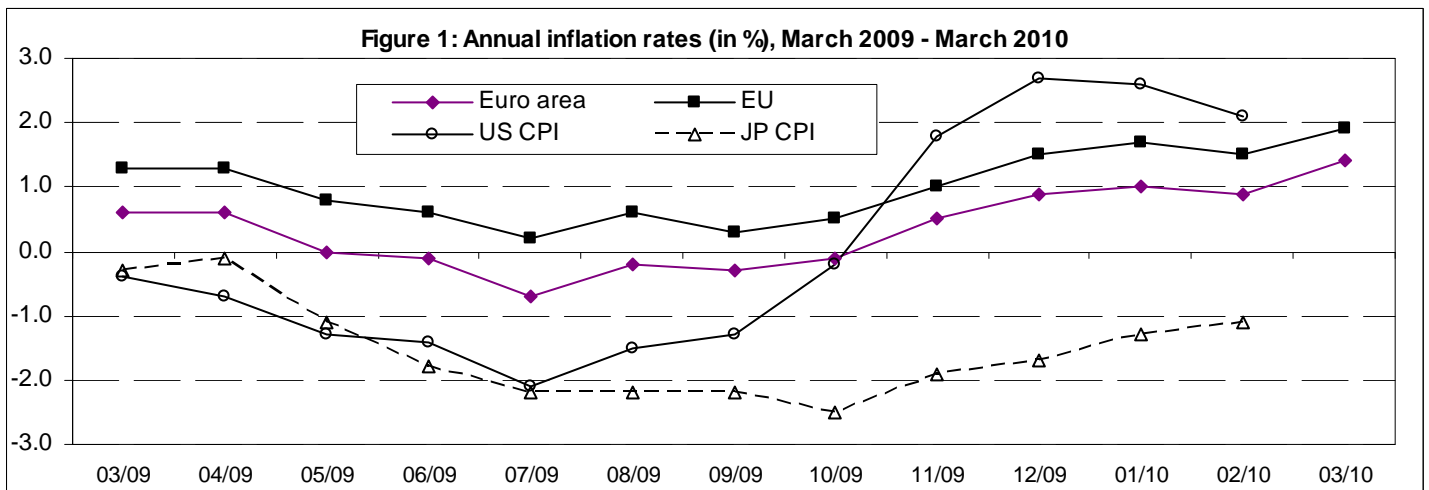


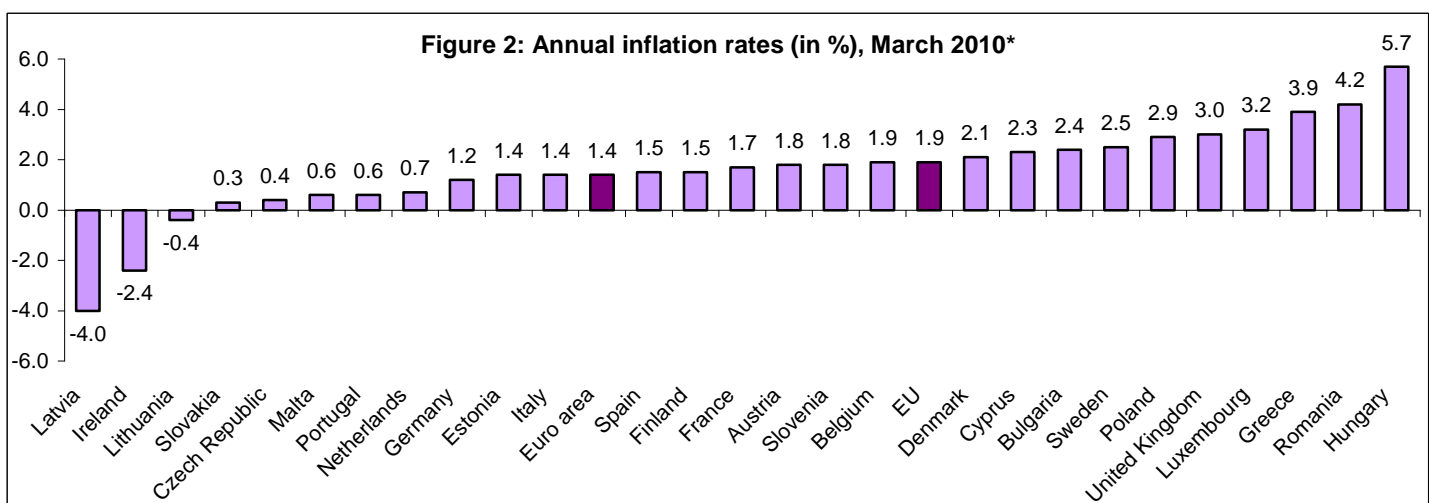
# HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES MARCH 2010

**EURO AREA<sup>1)</sup> ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.4% IN MARCH 2010,  
UP FROM 0.9% IN FEBRUARY**

**EU<sup>2)</sup> ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.9% IN MARCH 2010,  
UP FROM 1.5% IN FEBRUARY**



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 the United Kingdom are of February 2010.

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

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

	Annual average index 2009	Monthly Indices											
		Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
		Belgium	108.86	109.24	109.12	109.00	107.23	109.49	109.04	109.02	109.23	109.46	107.90
Germany	107.2	107.1	107.0	107.4	107.3	107.6	107.1	107.2	107.0	108.0	107.3	107.7	108.3
Ireland	107.1	108.0	107.6	107.6	106.7	106.9	106.5	106.3	106.2	105.7	105.0	105.2	105.3
Greece	112.40	112.48	112.76	112.68	111.84	110.90	112.99	113.59	114.31	114.47	113.59	112.91	116.37
Spain	110.62	110.73	110.68	111.20	110.27	110.72	110.45	111.23	111.83	111.81	110.63	110.42	111.23
France	106.93	106.87	107.03	107.18	106.64	107.23	106.99	107.11	107.28	107.60	107.34	107.99	108.57
Italy	108.8	109.1	109.3	109.5	108.2	108.4	109.2	109.6	109.7	109.9	108.3	108.3	109.9
Cyprus	109.22	109.18	109.97	110.06	108.48	108.68	109.56	110.60	111.42	110.96	109.40	109.71	110.74
Luxembourg	110.02	109.53	109.86	110.61	109.63	111.07	110.91	110.71	111.33	111.21	110.49	111.66	112.46
Malta	110.12	111.48	111.72	111.63	111.47	112.09	111.88	111.46	108.57	108.38	107.79	108.13	109.60
Netherlands <sup>3)</sup>	106.57	107.75	107.87	107.39	105.67	105.89	106.46	106.75	106.59	105.82	105.52r	106.51r	108.08p
Austria	107.71	107.71	107.79	107.68	107.24	107.69	107.90	108.02	108.24	108.57	108.12	108.34r	109.47p
Portugal	107.36	107.92	107.68	107.87	107.46	107.24	107.15	107.17	107.33	107.52	106.84	106.89	108.20
Slovenia	113.25	113.02	113.74	114.34	113.42	113.48	113.37	113.51	114.37	113.88	113.24	113.61	114.78
Slovakia	111.43	111.38	111.45	111.46	111.33	111.11	111.05	111.24	111.56	111.49	111.63	111.64	111.79
Finland	108.66	108.78	108.71	109.17	108.41	108.87	109.22	108.68	108.88	109.05	109.13	109.53	110.19
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>108.09</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>108.05</b>	<b>108.39</b>	<b>109.37p</b>
Bulgaria	132.56	132.58	132.58	132.74	132.55	132.72	132.48	132.70	132.94	133.37	134.15	134.54	135.04
Czech Republic	112.4	112.8	112.9	112.9	112.5	112.3	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.7	113.0	113.1	113.3
Denmark	108.4	108.3	108.7	108.9	108.3	108.6	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.9	110.7
Estonia	123.56	123.01	123.05	122.81	123.85	123.74	123.52	123.42	123.11	123.26	123.61	123.93	125.46
Latvia	139.62	141.91	141.34	140.61	139.71	138.32	137.92	137.56	136.60	135.94	136.16	136.12	136.75
Lithuania	127.09	128.02	127.79	127.37	126.37	126.08	126.81	126.29	126.35	125.94	127.42	127.31	127.67
Hungary	123.85	122.46	124.34	124.40	126.18	125.51	125.20	125.00	125.65	125.40	127.25	127.54	128.36
Poland	112.6	112.3	113.0	113.2	113.5	113.1	113.1	113.3	113.6	113.6	114.1	114.5	114.8
Romania	127.43	127.21	127.22	127.47	127.39	127.15	127.64	128.20	129.06	129.47	131.66	131.91	132.20
Sweden	108.72	108.35	108.72	108.95	108.69	108.89	109.36	109.66	109.69	109.96	109.77	110.44	110.72
United Kingdom <sup>4)</sup>	110.8	110.1	110.7	111.0	110.9	111.4	111.5	111.7	112.0	112.6	112.4	112.9	:
<b>EU<sup>5)</sup></b>	<b>109.49</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>110.44</b>	<b>109.94</b>	<b>110.29r</b>	<b>111.11p</b>
Iceland	142.18	137.81	139.77	142.49	143.53	144.52	145.30	147.04	148.10	149.24	149.27	151.18	152.63
Norway	109.2	108.9	109.2	109.9	109.2	108.9	110.0	109.7	110.1	110.3	110.2	111.8	112.4
<b>EEA<sup>5), 6)</sup></b>	<b>109.51</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>110.46</b>	<b>109.97</b>	<b>110.34r</b>	<b>111.15p</b>
Switzerland	103.4	103.6	103.6	103.8	103.4	103.6	103.3	104.0	103.9	103.6	103.8	103.8	104.0

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

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
	Belgium	0.0	-0.1	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	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.2
Ireland	-1.7	-2.3	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7	-2.2	-2.6	-2.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.8	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
Greece	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.9	3.9
Spain	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	-1.4	-0.8	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.5
France	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7
Italy	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.4
Cyprus	0.2	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	2.3
Luxembourg	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	2.3	3.2
Malta	1.8	1.2	3.9	4.0	3.4	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.7	0.6
Netherlands	1.0	0.6p	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.3r	0.7p
Austria	0.4	0.5p	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.8p
Portugal	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6
Slovenia	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.8
Slovakia	0.9	0.3	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.3
Finland	1.6	1.4	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.5
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3p</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>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.4p</b>
Bulgaria	2.5	1.7	4.0	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.4
Czech Republic	0.6	0.3	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Denmark	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.9	1.8	2.1
Estonia	0.2	-0.7	2.5	0.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.9	-1.0	-0.3	1.4
Latvia	3.3	0.1	7.9	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4	-3.3	-4.3	-4.0
Lithuania	4.2	2.0	7.4	5.9	4.9	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4
Hungary	4.0	4.8	2.8	3.2	3.8	3.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.7
Poland	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.4	2.9
Romania	5.6	5.0	6.7	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.5	4.2
Sweden	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.5
United Kingdom	2.2	:	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.9	3.5	3.0	:
<b>EU</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0p</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>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5r</b>	<b>1.9p</b>
Iceland	16.3	13.8	19.9	16.3	15.7	16.7	16.5	16.0	15.3	13.8	12.4	11.3	10.6	10.7	11.6
Norway	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.8	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.6
<b>EEA</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0p</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>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9p</b>
Switzerland	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9	1.4

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

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

Mar 2010	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	1.9	1.5	2.4	0.8	1.6	1.8	-1.6	6.3	-3.9	1.4	4.5	2.4	1.1
Germany	1.2	0.2	3.3	0.8	-0.2	0.6	0.8	5.5	-1.6	1.0	-1.0	2.0	0.6
Ireland	-2.4	-7.8	-1.1	-13.7	-5.2	-5.6	-0.3	5.3	-0.3	-1.4	8.8	-2.3	-3.0
Greece	3.9	-1.5	4.9	1.1	9.8	0.9	2.8	15.6	1.6	0.6	2.7	2.8	2.4
Spain	1.5	-2.1	12.1	-1.0	1.2	0.4	-1.4	9.1	-0.5	-1.0	2.6	1.0	1.4
France	1.7	0.5	3.9	0.5	2.4	0.2	1.2	5.0	1.2	-1.3	3.5	0.2	2.7
Italy	1.4	0.0	2.2	-0.3	-0.8	1.2	1.7	5.1	-0.4	0.9	2.0	1.3	2.9
Cyprus	2.3	-2.1	1.1	1.4	15.1	0.2	2.9	6.1	0.0	0.2	4.9	-0.6	2.4
Luxembourg	3.2	-0.1	4.6	0.3	3.4	1.7	0.7	8.1	-0.4	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.3
Malta	0.6	-3.1	3.7	-2.6	7.6	1.5	2.8	1.6	-6.9	-1.0	8.6	1.6	2.7
Netherlands	0.7p	-1.4p	2.2p	-0.6p	-4.4p	1.0p	1.9p	6.4p	1.6p	0.6p	2.6p	3.1p	2.1p
Austria	1.8p	-0.5p	1.2p	1.1p	2.8p	2.1p	1.6p	5.2p	0.9p	0.7p	-5.4p	1.0p	2.9p
Portugal	0.6	-3.6	3.2	-1.9	3.8	1.6	-2.0	5.3	-3.1	-2.2	3.1	1.8	0.4
Slovenia	1.8	-0.7	6.3	-4.7	10.7	0.2	-1.6	3.1	0.3	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.8
Slovakia	0.3	-1.5	7.6	-2.2	-1.4	-4.1	5.7	0.6	1.7	0.6	4.6	1.4	1.2
Finland	1.5	-5.9	5.2	0.5	3.7	1.9	1.4	5.5	-3.5	1.6	5.1	2.8	3.8
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>1.4p</b>	<b>-0.6p</b>	<b>4.0p</b>	<b>-0.1p</b>	<b>0.5p</b>	<b>0.7p</b>	<b>0.8p</b>	<b>6.1p</b>	<b>-0.3p</b>	<b>0.2p</b>	<b>1.8p</b>	<b>1.2p</b>	<b>1.8p</b>
Bulgaria	2.4	-2.3	17.9	-1.6	-1.1	0.1	4.3	7.2	-0.8	3.8	7.8	1.4	8.5
Czech Republic	0.4	-1.1	3.2	-2.8	0.4	-0.8	0.9	4.0	-3.0	-1.7	1.4	0.8	1.1
Denmark	2.1	-0.5	5.2	1.3	3.7	1.2	2.3	4.7	-2.5	0.0	4.1	1.3	2.6
Estonia	1.4	-2.1	2.2	3.8	0.3	0.4	1.1	9.7	3.9	-3.1	1.0	-1.8	2.8
Latvia	-4.0	-4.7	4.7	-8.2	-12.6	-5.2	0.0	3.8	-5.4	-5.5	7.7	-7.4	-4.1
Lithuania	-0.4	-4.7	17.7	-8.1	-1.3	-3.3	2.6	5.0	-5.0	-2.4	13.1	-3.9	-0.1
Hungary	5.7	1.4	11.7	1.5	5.0	4.1	7.4	15.1	2.2	2.9	0.3	5.2	3.7
Poland	2.9	1.3	9.6	-4.4	2.7	1.4	3.1	7.4	-1.5	0.1	2.0	3.6	4.1
Romania	4.2	-0.3	39.3	1.8	2.2	1.7	2.7	11.9	-4.4	2.8	7.2	4.3	6.2
Sweden	2.5	1.0	3.2	3.2	2.3	1.3	3.2	6.4	-0.7	1.2	2.4	3.2	0.5
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>EU</b>	<b>1.9p</b>	<b>-0.2p</b>	<b>6.0p</b>	<b>-0.7p</b>	<b>0.7p</b>	<b>1.1p</b>	<b>1.4p</b>	<b>7.1p</b>	<b>-0.1p</b>	<b>0.6p</b>	<b>2.8p</b>	<b>1.5p</b>	<b>2.0p</b>
Iceland	11.6	6.8	20.5	15.4	5.3	12.5	7.6	24.3	4.3	13.3	4.2	4.8	7.1
Norway	3.6	0.4	3.6	-5.2	11.7	0.0	3.2	4.2	-2.4	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.5
<b>EEA</b>	<b>1.9p</b>	<b>-0.2p</b>	<b>6.0p</b>	<b>-0.7p</b>	<b>0.8p</b>	<b>1.1p</b>	<b>1.4p</b>	<b>7.1p</b>	<b>-0.1p</b>	<b>0.7p</b>	<b>2.9p</b>	<b>1.6p</b>	<b>2.0p</b>
Switzerland	1.4	-1.2	-0.6	1.4	4.0	0.0	0.6	4.6	-1.7	-1.1	1.2	0.9	1.4

**COICOP/HICP code of main categories**

00	HICP (all-items index)	06	Health
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	07	Transports
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	08	Communications
03	Clothing and footwear	09	Recreation and culture
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	10	Education
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	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		Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010				
Belgium	110.01	110.06	108.39	108.25	109.72	109.60	109.78	109.68	110.27	110.85	113.66	118.32	115.65	116.36
Germany	106.6	106.9	105.7	105.9	106.4	106.6	106.5	106.7	107.5	108.1	117.2	120.3	110.6	111.3
Ireland	103.9	103.8	103.0	103.0	104.3	104.2	104.1	104.0	104.0	104.1	118.5	120.7	107.0	106.7
Greece	111.43	114.31	110.14	113.85	111.25	114.34	111.34	114.32	112.46	116.04	129.31	140.33	115.55	115.76
Spain	109.35	109.93	107.62	108.36	109.17	109.79	109.36	109.94	109.90	110.72	119.04	121.99	114.14	114.16
France	107.53	107.95	106.95	107.40	107.25	107.63	107.42	107.77	107.86	108.44	112.07	114.34	109.62	109.97
Italy	108.0	109.6	106.6	108.6	107.8	109.5	108.0	109.6	107.9	109.6	110.9	112.8	113.2	113.2
Cyprus	108.60	109.43	104.70	105.97	106.10	107.07	107.00	107.95	109.82	110.86	117.35	120.01	121.53	120.83
Luxembourg	111.82	112.10	109.66	109.94	111.93	112.21	111.91	112.19	110.27	111.09	110.15	114.92	117.56	117.81
Malta	106.24	107.82	102.57	104.39	104.81	106.54	105.34	107.01	108.04	109.53	142.42	141.96	119.03	119.56
Netherlands	106.14	107.68p	104.86	106.67p	105.86	107.44p	105.86	107.37p	106.10r	107.65p	109.61r	111.43p	111.74r	112.08p
Austria	107.98r	108.90p	107.19r	108.15p	107.72r	108.64p	107.80r	108.67p	108.30r	109.44p	112.26	116.01p	111.89r	112.63p
Portugal	105.68	106.82	105.17	106.63	106.35	107.59	106.10	107.27	106.23	107.56	115.88	118.60	107.33	107.41
Slovenia	111.67	112.72	108.30	109.66	111.03	112.27	111.23	112.34	113.15	114.36	127.44	129.35	121.99	122.02
Slovakia	110.25	110.29	108.78	108.68	110.58	110.44	109.70	109.52	110.85	111.00	116.76	117.56	114.25	114.66
Finland	108.88	109.23	107.39	107.80	108.69	108.95	108.70	108.95	109.21	109.88	117.40	122.10	113.94	114.09
<b>Euro area<sup>5)</sup></b>	<b>107.67r</b>	<b>108.45p</b>	<b>106.52r</b>	<b>107.42p</b>	<b>107.44r</b>	<b>108.22p</b>	<b>107.57r</b>	<b>108.30p</b>	<b>108.09r</b>	<b>109.09p</b>	<b>115.26r</b>	<b>118.21p</b>	<b>111.93r</b>	<b>112.24p</b>
Bulgaria	136.81	136.80	130.49	130.33	137.80	137.94	137.09	137.24	131.51	131.90	121.45	124.66	150.76	151.15
Czech Republic	110.4	110.6	106.8	106.8	110.9	110.7	110.4	110.2	111.1	111.4	130.3	131.4	118.3	118.9
Denmark	109.2	109.7	107.5	108.1	109.0	109.6	108.8	109.3	109.8	110.5	116.3	118.5	114.5	115.4
Estonia	120.60	121.90	116.67	117.58	120.45	121.28	120.39	121.17	123.00	124.54	149.70	152.99	128.94	131.07
Latvia	132.85	133.35	120.88	121.15	131.90	132.06	132.23	132.34	132.27	132.89	162.45	164.07	156.52	157.51
Lithuania	123.22	123.44	113.08	113.15	121.54	121.67	123.12	123.17	125.26	125.62	156.09	157.45	140.79	141.31
Hungary	124.45	125.11	117.96	118.39	122.68	123.00	123.14	123.43	127.19	128.00	148.76	150.65	139.17	140.35
Poland	111.9	112.2	107.4	107.4	111.2	111.4	111.3	111.5	113.1	113.3	131.0	131.6	121.1	121.9
Romania	129.89	130.00	123.79	123.80	133.37	133.31	130.89	130.91	126.31	126.61	140.87	142.15	135.58	135.76
Sweden	108.52	109.01	106.35	106.88	107.85	108.32	108.04	108.49	109.75	110.02	125.43	123.76	116.49	116.86
United Kingdom	110.2	:	107.7	:	109.3	:	109.7	:	112.2	:	146.8	:	123.6	:
<b>EU</b>	<b>109.06r</b>	<b>109.70p</b>	<b>107.20r</b>	<b>107.92p</b>	<b>108.68r</b>	<b>109.31p</b>	<b>108.84r</b>	<b>109.43p</b>	<b>109.76r</b>	<b>110.58p</b>	<b>121.69r</b>	<b>124.21p</b>	<b>115.84r</b>	<b>116.17p</b>
Iceland	149.72	150.89	148.43	150.02	150.07	151.45	149.08	150.45	151.07	152.54	165.88	170.54	154.56	154.15
Norway	109.1	109.3	108.1	108.3	109.4	109.6	109.2	109.4	111.6	112.3	139.5	145.5	113.7	113.8
<b>EEA</b>	<b>109.09r</b>	<b>109.72p</b>	<b>107.24r</b>	<b>107.95p</b>	<b>108.72r</b>	<b>109.34p</b>	<b>108.87r</b>	<b>109.46p</b>	<b>109.81r</b>	<b>110.63p</b>	<b>121.90r</b>	<b>124.46p</b>	<b>115.85r</b>	<b>116.18p</b>
Switzerland	103.3	103.3	103.2	103.3	103.3	103.3	103.2	103.2	103.7	104.0	110.0	113.2	103.8	103.7

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. The Netherlands revised its HICP weights for 2010. The most significant changes were reductions in the weights for fuels for transport and gas. As a result of the change, some Dutch HICP data for February 2010 were revised. The weights of the components for euro area totals for 2010 have also been revised as a result of this revision.
4. Data for the United Kingdom for March 2010 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, EU and EEA totals were calculated using Eurostat estimates.
5. Figures for February 2010 have been revised as Eurostat estimates have been replaced by actual data (France and the United Kingdom) and due to revisions by the countries (Austria and the Netherlands).
6. 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	r	revised
:	not available	EEA	European Economic area

## 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 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

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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/>