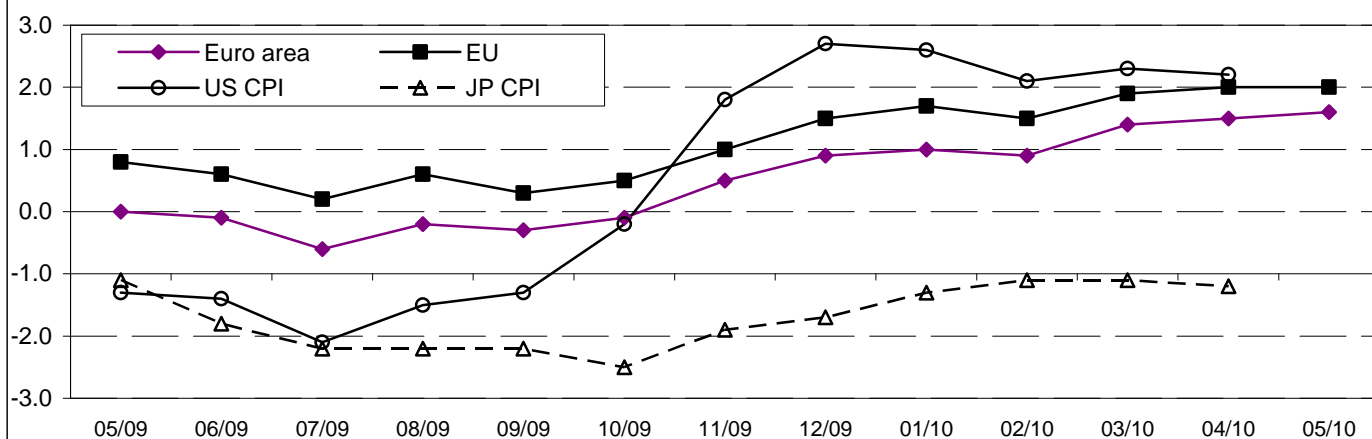


HARMONIZED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES MAY 2010

EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 1.6% IN MAY 2010, UP FROM 1.5% IN APRIL

EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 2% IN MAY 2010, UNCHANGED FROM APRIL

Figure 1: Annual inflation rates (in %), May 2009 - May 2010



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

Figure 2: Annual inflation rates (in %), May 2010*



* Data for 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											
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
		2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010
Belgium	108.86	109.00	107.23	109.49	109.04	109.02	109.23	109.46	107.90	110.42	110.98	111.48	111.88
Germany	107.2	107.4	107.3	107.6	107.1	107.2	107.0	108.0	107.3	107.7	108.3	108.2	108.3
Ireland	107.1	107.6	106.7	106.9	106.5	106.3	106.2	105.7	105.0	105.2	105.3	105.3	105.6
Greece	112.40	112.68	111.84	110.90	112.99	113.59	114.31	114.47	113.59	112.91	116.37	117.82	118.73
Spain	110.64	111.23	110.31	110.76	110.48	111.26	111.87	111.84	110.67	110.46	111.27	112.47	112.68
France	106.93	107.18	106.64	107.23	106.99	107.11	107.28	107.60	107.34	107.99	108.57	108.89	109.04
Italy	108.8	109.5	108.2	108.4	109.2	109.6	109.7	109.9	108.3	108.3	109.9	110.9	111.0
Cyprus	109.22	110.06	108.48	108.68	109.56	110.60	111.42	110.96	109.40	109.71	110.74	111.94	112.00
Luxembourg	110.02	110.61	109.63	111.07	110.91	110.71	111.33	111.21	110.49	111.66	112.46	112.94	113.26
Malta	110.12	111.63	111.47	112.09	111.88	111.46	108.57	108.38	107.79	108.13	109.60	112.40	113.72
Netherlands	106.57	107.39	105.67	105.89	106.46	106.75	106.59	105.82	105.52	106.51	108.08	108.45r	108.35p
Austria	107.71	107.68	107.24	107.69	107.90	108.02	108.24	108.57	108.12	108.34	109.46	109.69	109.63p
Portugal	107.36	107.87	107.46	107.24	107.15	107.17	107.33	107.52	106.84	106.89	108.20	108.66	108.86
Slovenia	113.25	114.34	113.42	113.48	113.37	113.51	114.37	113.88	113.24	113.61	114.78	116.05	116.52
Slovakia	111.43	111.46	111.33	111.11	111.05	111.24	111.56	111.49	111.63	111.64	111.79	112.19	112.26
Finland	108.66	109.17	108.41	108.87	109.22	108.68	108.88	109.05	109.13	109.53	110.19	110.50	110.28
Euro area³⁾	108.09	108.48	107.77	108.14	108.16	108.41	108.54	108.88	108.05	108.39	109.37	109.87	110.01p
Bulgaria	132.56	132.74	132.55	132.72	132.48	132.70	132.94	133.37	134.15	134.54	135.04	136.60	136.62
Czech Republic	112.4	112.9	112.5	112.3	111.8	111.5	111.6	111.7	113.0	113.1	113.3	113.8	114.0
Denmark	108.4	108.9	108.3	108.6	108.8	108.8	108.8	108.6	108.9	109.9	110.7	110.9	110.8
Estonia	123.56	122.81	123.85	123.74	123.52	123.42	123.11	123.26	123.61	123.93	125.46	126.09	126.45
Latvia	139.62	140.61	139.71	138.32	137.92	137.56	136.60	135.94	136.16	136.12	136.75	137.92	137.88
Lithuania	127.09	127.37	126.37	126.08	126.81	126.29	126.35	125.94	127.42	127.31	127.67	128.23	128.49
Hungary	123.85	124.40	126.18	125.51	125.20	125.00	125.65	125.40	127.25	127.54	128.36	129.47	130.38
Poland	112.6	113.2	113.5	113.1	113.1	113.3	113.6	113.6	114.1	114.5	114.8	115.3	115.6
Romania	127.43	127.47	127.39	127.15	127.64	128.20	129.06	129.47	131.66	131.91	132.20	132.61	132.80
Sweden	108.72	108.95	108.69	108.89	109.36	109.66	109.69	109.96	109.77	110.44	110.72	110.64	110.74
United Kingdom	110.8	111.0	110.9	111.4	111.5	111.7	112.0	112.6	112.4	112.9	113.5	114.2	114.4
EU³⁾	109.49	109.85	109.34	109.65	109.69	109.91	110.09	110.44	109.94	110.30	111.15	111.66r	111.84p
Iceland	142.18	142.49	143.53	144.52	145.30	147.04	148.10	149.24	149.27	151.18	152.63	153.10	153.69
Norway	109.2	109.9	109.2	108.9	110.0	109.7	110.1	110.3	110.2	111.8	112.4	112.6	112.0
EEA^{3), 4)}	109.51	109.87	109.37	109.67	109.72	109.93	110.12	110.47	109.97	110.34	111.19	111.70r	111.87p
Switzerland	103.4	103.8	103.4	103.6	103.3	104.0	103.9	103.6	103.8	103.8	104.0	104.9	104.6

Source: Eurostat ([prc_hicp_aind](#), [prc_hicp_midx](#))

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2009	May 2010	May 2009	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010
Belgium	0.0	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-1.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.9	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.8	1.9	2.1	2.5
Germany	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.2
Ireland	-1.7	-2.5	-1.7	-2.2	-2.6	-2.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.8	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.5	-1.9
Greece	1.3	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	2.1	2.6	2.3	2.9	3.9	4.7	5.3
Spain	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	-1.0	-1.3	-0.7	-0.9	-0.6	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.8
France	0.1	0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.9
Italy	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.6
Cyprus	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	1.0	1.6	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.5	1.8
Luxembourg	0.0	1.3	-0.9	-1.0	-1.5	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	1.7	2.5	3.0	2.3	3.2	3.1	3.1
Malta	1.8	0.8	3.4	2.8	0.8	1.0	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.8
Netherlands	1.0	0.4p	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.4p
Austria	0.4	0.7p	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.7p
Portugal	-0.9	-0.5	-1.2	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.8	-1.6	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.1
Slovenia	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.7	2.4
Slovakia	0.9	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.7	0.7
Finland	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.4
Euro area	0.3	0.5p	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.6p
Bulgaria	2.5	1.7	3.0	2.6	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.4	3.0	3.0
Czech Republic	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.0
Denmark	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.9
Estonia	0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.1	-1.9	-1.0	-0.3	1.4	2.5	2.8
Latvia	3.3	-1.2	4.4	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4	-3.3	-4.3	-4.0	-2.8	-2.4
Lithuania	4.2	1.1	4.9	3.9	2.6	2.2	2.3	1.0	1.3	1.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	0.5
Hungary	4.0	5.1	3.8	3.7	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.7	5.7	4.9
Poland	4.0	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.3
Romania	5.6	4.7	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.7	5.2	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.4
Sweden	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.9
United Kingdom	2.2	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.1	1.5	1.9	2.9	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.4
EU	1.0	1.2p	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0p
Iceland	16.3	12.9	15.7	16.7	16.5	16.0	15.3	13.8	12.4	11.3	10.6	10.7	11.6	11.1	10.0
Norway	2.3	2.4	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.8	1.4	0.8	1.9	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.6	3.4	2.6
EEA	1.0	1.2p	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.9	2.1r	2.0p
Switzerland	-0.7	0.0	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.0

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

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

May 2010	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	2.5	1.2	1.8	0.6	4.8	1.7	-1.4	7.5	-4.0	1.7	4.5	2.8	1.0
Germany	1.2	1.1	3.1	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.2	4.1	-1.8	-0.3	-1.4	1.1	0.8
Ireland	-1.9	-6.3	-3.4	-12.6	0.5	-4.5	0.1	5.2	-0.2	-2.0	9.2	-2.9	-2.7
Greece	5.3	-1.1	16.7	2.4	10.6	1.3	2.6	19.1	2.1	0.6	2.7	3.1	3.0
Spain	1.8	-1.4	12.1	-0.5	3.8	0.2	-0.4	8.9	-1.2	-1.6	2.6	1.0	1.5
France	1.9	0.8	3.7	0.6	3.9	0.5	1.4	4.3	-1.1	-1.0	3.5	0.1	2.7
Italy	1.6	-0.4	2.1	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.5	4.9	-2.1	0.9	1.9	1.5	3.1
Cyprus	1.8	-2.7	0.3	-3.2	16.7	-0.2	2.8	5.7	0.0	0.9	4.9	-1.0	2.2
Luxembourg	3.1	0.6	3.0	0.2	4.8	1.7	1.3	7.7	-0.4	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.0
Malta	1.8	-1.8	3.4	-1.5	11.5	1.3	1.8	2.8	-7.2	-1.7	9.7	6.3	3.7
Netherlands	0.4p	-1.1p	3.8p	-0.5p	-4.5p	0.5p	1.8p	5.0p	2.0p	0.2p	2.6p	2.5p	2.2p
Austria	1.7p	-0.3p	2.5p	1.1p	3.2p	1.3p	1.8p	4.2p	0.8p	0.8p	-5.4p	0.6p	2.8p
Portugal	1.1	-1.9	2.9	-1.5	4.4	1.3	-1.3	5.4	-2.5	-1.5	2.9	1.6	0.1
Slovenia	2.4	0.3	5.6	-3.4	13.8	0.4	0.2	2.9	1.4	0.3	1.8	2.3	2.3
Slovakia	0.7	0.7	7.6	-1.7	-1.3	-3.8	4.5	1.1	1.8	0.7	4.5	1.0	1.5
Finland	1.4	-6.0	4.6	0.3	3.8	1.5	1.9	5.0	0.1	0.6	5.1	2.7	3.7
Euro area	1.6p	-0.2p	4.4p	0.4p	2.0p	0.7p	0.8p	5.5p	-1.1p	-0.3p	1.7p	1.1p	2.0p
Bulgaria	3.0	-2.6	26.2	-1.5	-0.7	-0.4	4.5	7.3	-0.7	3.5	7.7	0.0	13.8
Czech Republic	1.0	-0.3	4.4	-1.9	1.2	-0.6	6.4	3.8	-3.0	-1.6	1.3	0.9	0.9
Denmark	1.9	-0.6	5.1	-0.6	4.9	-0.7	1.5	3.7	-2.0	0.2	4.1	1.8	3.0
Estonia	2.8	1.1	3.1	2.5	5.4	-0.2	1.1	9.4	-0.2	-1.0	1.1	-0.1	2.2
Latvia	-2.4	-2.5	3.6	-6.9	-5.0	-6.4	-2.3	4.2	-5.5	-5.4	7.2	-6.9	-3.9
Lithuania	0.5	-2.3	11.9	-5.4	1.1	-2.9	0.5	7.3	-6.9	-2.2	13.5	-2.9	0.7
Hungary	4.9	-2.8	11.9	-1.1	8.4	3.2	5.3	14.4	2.6	2.6	0.7	4.7	2.7
Poland	2.3	0.3	9.2	-4.0	2.6	1.1	3.2	6.7	-1.5	-0.6	2.0	3.2	2.2
Romania	4.4	-0.3	32.0	1.6	3.2	1.4	5.4	11.9	0.2	3.4	7.1	4.2	6.3
Sweden	1.9	1.0	2.2	3.3	1.4	0.3	3.2	4.5	-1.2	0.4	2.5	3.4	0.8
United Kingdom	3.4	1.8	5.1	-0.7	0.6	2.7	2.5	10.1	5.3	2.0	5.2	2.8	2.4
EU	2.0p	0.0p	6.2p	0.1p	1.9p	1.0p	1.4p	6.5p	-0.3p	0.3p	2.9p	1.5p	2.1p
Iceland	10.0	7.1	18.4	10.5	7.0	8.7	8.0	16.4	4.3	12.7	4.2	5.6	7.7
Norway	2.6	0.7	3.5	-3.6	7.6	-0.6	2.7	2.8	-3.0	2.8	3.3	3.5	2.8
EEA	2.0p	0.0p	6.2p	0.0p	2.0p	1.0p	1.4p	6.4p	-0.4p	0.3p	2.9p	1.5p	2.1p
Switzerland	1.0	-1.2	2.2	1.3	3.8	0.5	-0.4	2.5	-1.1	-2.1	1.2	0.8	1.6

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		Apr 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010
	Apr 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010				
Belgium	110.14	110.37	108.36	108.67	109.72	110.02	109.78	110.08	111.34	111.71	122.14	123.87	116.34	116.31
Germany	106.5	106.6	105.3	105.6	106.1	106.3	106.2	106.4	107.9	108.1	121.8	122.2	111.9	111.3
Ireland	103.6	103.6	102.8	102.8	104.0	104.0	103.7	103.8	104.2	104.4	124.0	126.4	106.6	106.8
Greece	115.46	116.08	114.56	114.84	115.50	116.31	115.46	116.21	117.17	117.69	145.69	150.38	118.33	120.09
Spain	110.94	111.07	109.70	109.88	110.88	111.02	110.98	111.11	111.98	112.19	125.32	126.14	114.05	114.02
France	108.04	108.19	107.41	107.52	107.63	107.72	107.78	107.88	108.78	108.93	117.35	117.55	110.35	110.61
Italy	110.6	110.6	109.9	109.9	110.6	110.6	110.7	110.6	110.7	110.7	114.5	115.7	113.2	113.2
Cyprus	110.22	110.11	107.14	107.55	108.05	108.46	108.88	109.28	112.09	112.14	124.73	126.29	120.27	118.29
Luxembourg	112.16	112.34	109.84	109.92	112.24	112.41	112.22	112.41	111.57	111.83	118.65	120.06	118.40	118.92
Malta	110.54	111.87	107.81	109.60	109.51	111.02	109.87	111.29	112.38	113.73	146.22	147.44	119.44	118.87
Netherlands	107.97r	107.93p	106.89r	106.89p	107.70r	107.73p	107.63r	107.67p	107.99r	107.86p	112.50	111.92p	112.71	112.46p
Austria	108.89	108.77p	108.04	108.03p	108.56	108.57p	108.64	108.61p	109.63	109.56p	119.03	119.74p	113.07	112.45p
Portugal	107.06	107.24	106.83	107.04	107.74	107.93	107.43	107.60	108.03	108.22	120.76	121.09	107.80	107.87
Slovenia	113.74	113.99	110.45	110.62	113.27	113.42	113.28	113.39	115.39	115.87	132.39	134.30	123.76	124.29
Slovakia	110.63	110.62	108.72	108.62	110.56	110.48	109.60	109.53	111.42	111.48	118.35	118.87	115.82	116.05
Finland	109.39	109.05	107.93	107.96	109.08	109.08	109.09	109.10	110.20	109.97	124.37	125.76	114.33	112.74
Euro area	108.77r	108.86p	107.72	107.85p	108.49r	108.62p	108.57	108.70p	109.58	109.71p	120.55	121.23p	112.60	112.53p
Bulgaria	138.40	138.05	130.32	130.16	139.83	139.62	139.00	138.74	131.96	131.96	125.97	127.99	157.00	156.13
Czech Republic	110.9	111.0	107.0	107.2	111.0	111.3	110.5	110.8	111.8	111.9	133.1	133.8	119.3	119.2
Denmark	109.8	109.7	108.1	108.1	109.7	109.6	109.4	109.4	110.7	110.7	119.9	120.4	115.3	115.0
Estonia	122.30	122.52	117.47	117.92	121.42	122.12	121.26	121.93	125.18	125.54	155.43	156.91	132.54	132.30
Latvia	133.54	133.28	121.16	120.87	132.10	131.82	132.34	132.01	134.00	133.93	172.35	173.97	158.11	157.93
Lithuania	123.71	123.83	113.07	112.97	121.72	121.74	123.19	123.26	126.18	126.44	160.15	161.39	142.22	142.76
Hungary	125.69	126.31	118.90	119.05	123.44	123.63	123.81	124.03	129.09	129.92	155.32	158.20	141.06	142.73
Poland	112.6	112.8	107.6	107.7	111.6	111.7	111.7	111.8	113.7	114.0	132.4	133.3	122.7	123.4
Romania	130.35	130.52	124.48	124.91	133.66	133.76	131.23	131.28	127.03	127.22	142.84	143.13	135.79	135.70
Sweden	109.11	109.22	107.01	107.25	108.42	108.68	108.58	108.84	109.94	110.04	122.17	122.21	116.83	116.43
United Kingdom	111.3	111.5	108.7	109.0	110.4	110.7	110.7	111.0	113.4	113.7	151.0	151.2	125.1	125.0
EU	110.10r	110.22p	108.27r	108.43p	109.66r	109.82p	109.78r	109.93p	111.11r	111.27p	126.27r	126.95p	116.73r	116.72p
Iceland	151.32	151.97	150.21	151.26	151.61	152.44	150.63	151.36	153.02	153.61	171.56	171.35	155.49	154.62
Norway	109.6	109.8	108.6	108.7	109.8	109.9	109.6	109.7	112.5	111.9	144.1	134.9	114.4	114.5
EEA	110.12r	110.24p	108.31r	108.47p	109.69r	109.85p	109.81r	109.96p	111.16r	111.31p	126.49r	127.06p	116.74r	116.73p
Switzerland	104.1	103.7	104.1	103.7	104.1	103.8	104.1	103.7	104.8	104.5	115.3	116.4	104.2	103.5

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. April 2010 figures have been revised because data for the United Kingdom have been replaced by actual data and the Netherlands revised its provisional data.
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
r	revised
:	not available
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/>