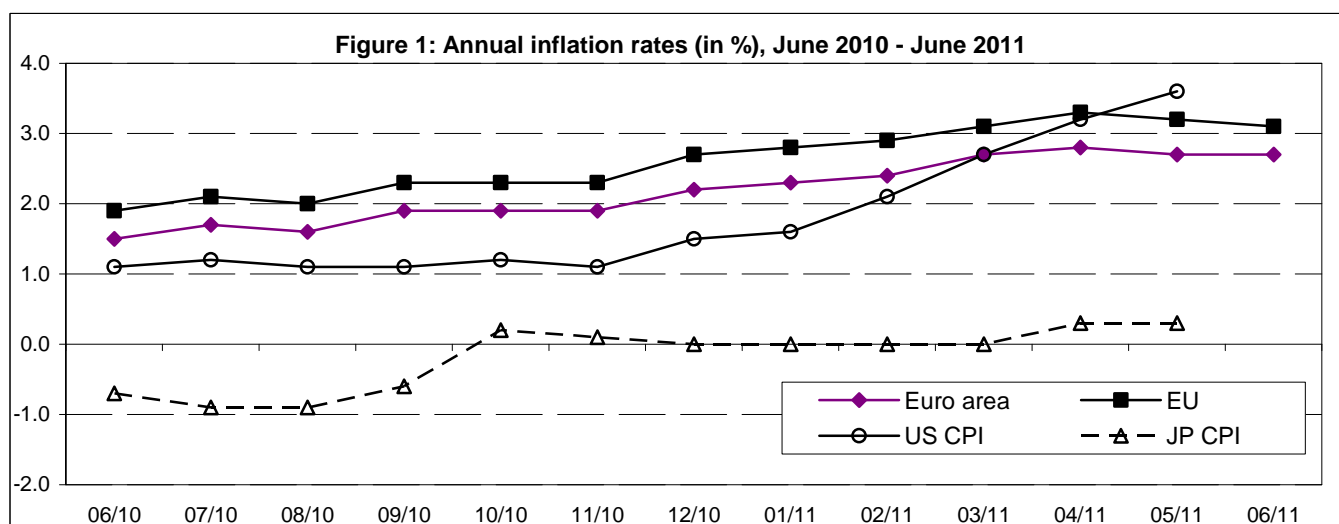


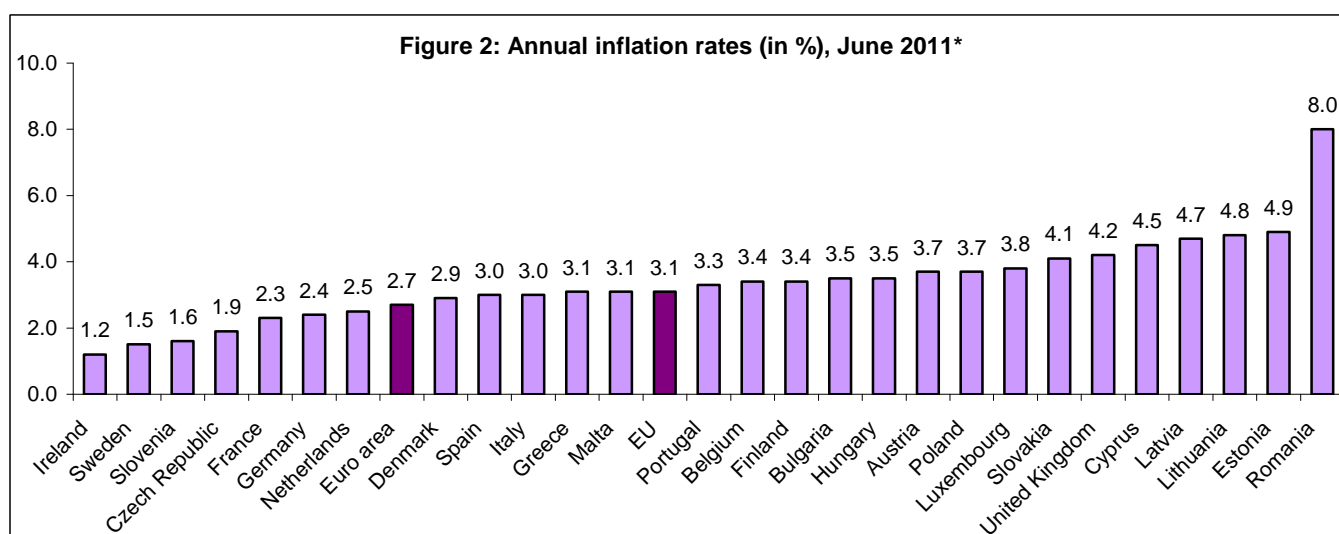
HARMONISED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES JUNE 2011

**EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 2.7% IN JUNE 2011,
UNCHANGED FROM MAY**

**EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 3.1% IN JUNE 2011,
DOWN FROM 3.2% IN MAY**



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



* Data for the Netherlands and Austria are provisional. Data for Ireland are of May 2011.

Source: Eurostat (online data code: [prc_hicp_manr](#))

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

	Annual average index 2010	Monthly Indices											
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
		2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011
Belgium	111.40	109.85	112.10	112.24	112.39	112.52	113.16	111.84	114.33	114.82	115.20	115.40	115.74
Germany	108.4	108.6	108.7	108.5	108.6	108.7	110.0	109.4	110.1	110.8	111.1	110.9	110.9
Estonia	126.95	127.26	127.22	128.21	128.92	129.32	129.94	129.91	130.78	131.84	132.90	133.42	133.22
Ireland ³⁾	105.4	105.4	105.6	105.4	105.5	105.3	105.5	105.2	106.1	106.6	106.9	106.9	:
Greece	117.68	118.02	117.15	119.38	119.54	119.78	120.37	119.19	117.60	121.37	122.17	122.44	122.19
Spain	112.90	112.26	112.51	113.54	114.05	114.41	115.04	113.54	113.65	116.33	117.35	117.21	116.99
France	108.79	108.68	108.95	108.91	109.07	109.22	109.75	109.44	109.97	110.93	111.33	111.41	111.50
Italy	110.6	110.1	110.3	111.0	111.8	111.8	112.2	110.4	110.6	113.0	114.1	114.3	114.4
Cyprus	112.02	111.44	112.42	113.55	114.19	113.35	113.12	112.72	113.16	114.33	115.91	116.64	117.50
Luxembourg	113.10	112.76	113.85	113.84	113.97	114.13	114.67	114.27	116.02	117.00	117.42	117.56	117.48
Malta	112.37	114.29	115.41	114.57	113.89	112.21	112.76	111.31	111.01	112.69	115.11	116.57	117.14
Netherlands	107.56	107.01	107.16	107.96	108.22	108.06	107.77	107.68	108.67	110.21	110.82	110.99r	110.30p
Austria	109.53	109.07	109.36	109.78	110.18	110.18	110.93	110.86	111.75	113.11	113.78	113.68r	113.64p
Portugal	108.85	109.51	109.37	109.27	109.65	109.73	110.15	110.68	110.62	112.41	113.03	112.92	112.71
Slovenia	115.62	116.08	116.23	115.71	115.88	116.22	116.39	115.88	115.92	117.51	118.37	119.35	118.58
Slovakia	112.21	112.40	112.28	112.27	112.30	112.62	112.90	115.23	115.56	116.02	116.57	116.95	116.89
Finland	110.49	109.85	110.28	110.77	111.23	111.48	112.07	112.51	113.36	114.02	114.23	114.06	114.35
Euro area	109.84	109.63	109.85	110.19	110.52	110.62	111.29	110.50	110.96	112.47	113.10	113.11r	113.10p
Bulgaria	136.58	136.74	136.96	137.25	137.50	138.24	139.30	139.94	140.71	141.27	141.14	141.29	140.85
Czech Republic	113.7	114.3	114.0	113.8	113.5	113.7	114.3	115.2	115.2	115.4	115.6	116.3	116.2
Denmark	110.8	110.6	111.1	111.5	111.4	111.5	111.6	111.7	112.8	113.5	114.0	114.2	113.9
Latvia	137.91	138.70	137.72	138.31	138.75	138.99	139.20	140.96	141.35	142.31	143.87	144.49	144.85
Lithuania	128.60	128.58	128.29	129.06	129.57	129.52	130.51	131.05	131.15	132.44	133.81	134.86	134.73
Hungary	129.70	130.66	130.04	129.86	130.37	130.64	131.18	132.35	132.87	134.25	135.21	135.46	135.15
Poland	115.6	115.7	115.3	115.9	116.3	116.5	116.9	118.1	118.3	119.4	120.0	120.6	120.2
Romania	135.17	136.45	136.76	137.53	138.29	139.02	139.76	140.85	141.94	142.80	143.75	144.06	143.64
Sweden	110.80	110.18	110.12	111.02	111.38	111.59	112.27	111.27	111.81	112.25	112.63	112.66	112.30
United Kingdom	114.5	114.3	114.9	114.9	115.2	115.6	116.8	116.9	117.8	118.1	119.3	119.5	119.4
EU	111.77	111.63	111.85	112.16	112.49	112.66	113.39	112.93	113.44	114.69	115.39	115.49	115.43p
Iceland	152.79	152.43	153.02	152.76	153.84	153.78	154.44	152.55	154.68	156.11	157.78	160.28	160.75
Norway	111.8	111.2	110.7	111.5	111.6	111.8	113.3	112.4	113.0	113.4	114.1	113.8	113.3
EEA⁴⁾	111.80	111.66	111.87	112.18	112.51	112.68	113.42	112.95	113.47	114.71	115.41	115.50	115.43p
Switzerland	104.1	103.8	103.8	103.6	104.2	104.1	104.0	104.0	104.3	105.0	105.0	104.9	104.9

Source: Eurostat (online data codes: [prc_hicp_aind](#), [prc_hicp_midx](#))

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2010	Jun 2011	Jun 2010	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011
	Belgium	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.1
Germany	1.2	1.9	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.4	2.4
Estonia	2.7	4.7	3.4	2.8	2.8	3.8	4.5	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.5	5.1	5.4	5.5	4.9
Ireland	-1.6	:	-2.0	-1.2	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.2	:
Greece	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.1
Spain	2.0	2.8	2.1	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.9	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.0
France	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Italy	1.6	2.2	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0
Cyprus	2.6	3.2	2.1	2.7	3.4	3.6	3.2	1.7	1.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.1	4.5
Luxembourg	2.8	3.3	2.3	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8
Malta	2.0	2.8	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.2	3.4	4.0	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.5	3.1
Netherlands	0.9	1.8p	0.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5p
Austria	1.7	2.6p	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7p
Portugal	1.4	2.9	1.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.4	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.3
Slovenia	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.6	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.0	2.4	1.6
Slovakia	0.7	2.4	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.3	3.2	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.1
Finland	1.7	2.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
Euro area	1.6	2.3p	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7p
Bulgaria	3.0	3.8	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6	3.3	3.4	3.5
Czech Republic	1.2	1.8	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.9
Denmark	2.2	2.6	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.9
Latvia	-1.2	2.4	-1.6	-0.7	-0.4	0.3	0.9	1.7	2.4	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.7
Lithuania	1.2	3.2	0.9	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.5	3.6	2.8	3.0	3.7	4.4	5.0	4.8
Hungary	4.7	4.0	5.0	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.6	4.4	3.9	3.5
Poland	2.7	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.5	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.7
Romania	6.1	7.8	4.3	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.5	8.0
Sweden	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.7	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.5
United Kingdom	3.3	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.4	4.0	4.5	4.5	4.2
EU	2.1	2.7p	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1p
Iceland	7.5	4.0	7.6	6.2	5.9	5.1	4.6	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	3.1	4.3	4.8
Norway	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.7	2.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.3
EEA	2.1	2.7p	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1p
Switzerland	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.6

Source: Eurostat (online data codes: [prc_hicp_mv12r](#), [prc_hicp_manr](#))

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

Jun 2011	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	3.4	2.5	0.4	1.1	9.9	1.1	0.1	6.2	0.6	0.1	-0.5	3.0	2.7
Germany	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.6	3.8	0.5	0.9	3.9	-2.5	1.7	2.3	1.0	2.1
Estonia	4.9	11.5	7.9	3.4	4.7	0.4	0.2	3.7	-5.9	1.3	2.0	4.2	2.4
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	3.1	4.1	1.9	3.0	8.9	1.0	1.9	4.6	1.6	0.5	-0.1	0.8	2.2
Spain	3.0	2.1	4.0	0.4	7.6	1.5	-0.6	8.0	0.3	-0.8	2.2	1.7	2.9
France	2.3	1.8	3.4	-0.1	4.6	1.0	0.8	4.8	-3.6	-1.1	2.4	2.0	2.6
Italy	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.5	4.7	1.6	3.1	6.0	-1.6	0.2	1.8	2.6	2.6
Cyprus	4.5	8.5	10.0	11.3	7.0	1.3	3.4	4.9	2.5	0.2	3.3	0.6	1.0
Luxembourg	3.8	2.2	2.9	0.9	7.6	1.7	12.3	6.0	0.4	0.9	8.0	2.8	3.2
Malta	3.1	5.6	3.4	2.7	4.0	1.3	1.3	7.8	-9.8	0.8	4.4	3.0	3.7
Netherlands	2.5p	3.0p	2.7p	1.0p	3.3p	1.3p	4.9p	4.4p	1.0p	-0.6p	2.2p	2.8p	2.6p
Austria	3.7p	4.4p	3.5p	3.0p	3.3p	1.2p	2.1p	6.2p	1.6p	2.6p	3.4p	4.1p	3.4p
Portugal	3.3	1.6	9.7	-2.6	5.3	1.4	2.6	9.0	3.3	1.7	2.2	0.4	2.0
Slovenia	1.6	4.8	6.4	-3.5	5.0	2.6	2.5	1.3	0.5	-1.3	1.0	-4.8	2.1
Slovakia	4.1	7.1	4.2	2.6	6.2	-1.1	3.4	6.1	0.4	0.6	4.6	2.2	3.9
Finland	3.4	7.2	0.9	-0.4	6.9	2.1	0.8	4.8	-2.2	1.0	4.0	1.4	3.5
Euro area	2.7p	2.7p	2.6p	1.0p	4.8p	1.1p	1.5p	5.3p	-1.2p	0.4p	1.8p	1.9p	2.6p
Bulgaria	3.5	9.4	0.6	2.6	2.0	0.3	4.1	5.4	-1.6	-2.3	2.3	1.5	2.5
Czech Republic	1.9	5.3	3.1	-2.6	5.0	-1.9	2.1	1.7	-0.9	-1.8	2.4	0.4	1.3
Denmark	2.9	5.5	6.7	2.0	4.2	1.5	2.6	3.5	4.2	-1.2	4.6	2.4	2.1
Latvia	4.7	10.6	3.3	5.4	5.9	-1.0	-3.3	7.4	-1.8	-3.0	1.4	2.2	0.2
Lithuania	4.8	10.2	1.3	2.2	7.7	-0.1	1.9	7.5	-3.7	-1.2	2.3	2.1	1.0
Hungary	3.5	7.4	-1.3	4.9	4.1	0.4	3.1	5.8	-0.1	0.6	-0.8	1.7	1.3
Poland	3.7	5.4	4.6	0.8	4.8	2.1	4.3	5.6	-4.3	-0.3	1.8	4.5	2.4
Romania	8.0	10.0	13.5	2.3	9.0	2.5	2.1	12.5	3.0	3.5	4.1	3.2	2.8
Sweden	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	3.0	-1.1	1.1	3.3	-0.2	-1.1	2.5	2.4	1.7
United Kingdom	4.2	6.9	9.6	1.5	4.3	4.0	3.6	7.9	1.7	-0.5	5.3	4.5	1.9
EU	3.1p	4.0p	4.1p	1.1p	4.8p	1.5p	1.9p	5.7p	-0.8p	0.1p	2.7p	2.5p	2.4p
Iceland	4.8	4.5	3.3	-0.6	11.0	0.6	1.0	11.8	8.4	-2.2	5.6	2.9	2.1
Norway	1.3	-0.4	6.0	-4.7	0.7	-0.7	2.5	2.3	-2.2	-0.6	2.4	2.6	3.5
EEA	3.1p	3.9p	4.1p	1.0p	4.8p	1.4p	1.9p	5.7p	-0.8p	0.1p	2.7p	2.5p	2.4p
Switzerland	0.6	-2.1	3.4	2.8	2.2	-1.7	0.3	2.3	-0.5	-2.7	1.4	1.7	0.5

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 (online data code : [prc_hicp_manr](#))

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		May 2011	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011
	May 2011	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011				
Belgium	112.11	112.33	110.35	110.50	111.99	112.20	112.06	112.27	115.31	115.64	143.43	144.76	118.23	118.69
Germany	108.2	108.3	106.8	107.0	107.8	108.1	107.9	108.2	110.7	110.7	133.7	133.1	114.3	114.1
Estonia	129.36	129.02	120.94	120.89	128.19	128.22	128.02	128.08	132.06	131.85	164.87	165.75	147.13	146.20
Ireland	103.9	:	102.9	:	104.3	:	104.1	:	105.8	:	139.8	:	107.4	:
Greece	118.45	118.30	116.65	116.69	118.32	118.37	118.22	118.27	121.32	121.07	171.84	170.35	124.27	123.49
Spain	114.05	113.88	112.22	112.21	113.90	113.71	113.95	113.79	116.34	116.28	145.45	144.72	119.12	118.41
France	109.58	109.75	108.78	108.92	109.18	109.36	109.39	109.57	111.22	111.32	130.68	130.06	112.49	112.75
Italy	113.2	113.4	112.2	112.5	113.0	113.3	113.1	113.3	114.0	114.1	126.9	125.8	116.6	116.7
Cyprus	112.82	113.80	109.44	109.83	110.93	111.41	111.76	112.26	116.57	117.39	150.76	149.80	124.48	127.92
Luxembourg	115.37	115.43	112.79	112.87	115.41	115.57	115.41	115.55	116.11	115.94	134.78	133.53	122.41	122.42
Malta	113.87	114.45	110.36	111.33	112.38	113.23	112.80	113.67	116.52	117.11	165.95	166.23	125.78	124.78
Netherlands	109.80r	109.13p	108.46	107.59p	109.48r	108.78p	109.43r	108.75p	110.43r	109.73p	121.35	120.45p	115.66r	115.83p
Austria	112.12r	112.14p	110.99r	111.09p	111.80r	111.91p	111.83r	111.95p	113.59r	113.55p	131.74r	131.08p	117.79r	117.38p
Portugal	110.01	109.96	109.49	109.42	110.53	110.52	110.15	110.15	112.04	111.83	135.38	133.88	111.69	111.72
Slovenia	115.58	115.09	110.08	109.97	114.05	113.97	114.16	114.15	118.47	117.68	145.86	143.04	132.72	131.02
Slovakia	114.17	114.13	110.63	110.75	113.41	113.63	112.66	112.89	116.08	116.02	130.18	129.98	123.81	123.31
Finland	111.80	112.10	109.85	110.14	111.66	111.95	111.73	112.03	113.79	114.08	144.03	144.05	118.39	118.74
Euro area	110.90	110.96p	109.56	109.66p	110.58	110.70p	110.68r	110.80p	112.74	112.75p	134.69	133.98p	115.86r	115.78p
Bulgaria	141.54	141.24	131.25	131.57	143.10	143.36	142.12	142.39	136.81	136.35	139.45	138.04	165.28	163.60
Czech Republic	112.5	112.3	106.8	106.9	112.7	112.7	112.2	112.2	114.0	114.0	141.5	143.2	125.6	124.5
Denmark	112.2	112.0	109.9	109.5	112.2	111.9	111.9	111.7	113.9	113.6	131.2	130.2	120.7	121.4
Latvia	137.71	137.76	120.91	120.77	135.67	135.89	135.93	136.20	140.38	140.70	196.67	199.28	172.24	172.74
Lithuania	128.58	128.46	113.73	114.04	125.41	125.83	127.24	127.51	132.82	132.67	179.64	179.42	154.97	154.04
Hungary	130.51	130.22	121.10	121.24	127.41	127.53	127.80	127.99	135.50	135.16	169.30	168.84	151.78	150.53
Poland	117.0	116.5	109.9	110.0	115.3	115.5	115.5	115.6	118.8	118.3	144.7	144.3	131.9	130.4
Romania	140.94	140.34	129.47	129.97	142.22	142.58	139.10	139.43	137.35	136.90	158.66	159.16	151.86	150.20
Sweden	110.37	110.16	108.26	108.04	110.04	109.92	110.13	110.05	111.93	111.54	130.84	129.08	118.11	117.96
United Kingdom	115.7	115.5	112.4	112.2	114.7	114.6	115.1	114.9	118.3	118.2	166.5	165.9	133.5	134.2
EU	112.85	112.83p	110.42	110.45p	112.30	112.37p	112.43	112.51p	114.78	114.72p	140.30	139.70p	121.73	121.54p
Iceland	156.39	157.04	156.03	156.47	157.01	157.42	155.99	156.73	160.17	160.64	202.57	201.00	157.70	159.15
Norway	110.8	110.5	109.7	109.5	111.4	111.1	110.8	110.5	113.5	113.0	142.8	139.5	115.3	114.8
EEA	112.86r	112.84p	110.44	110.47p	112.32	112.38p	112.45	112.52p	114.80	114.73p	140.43	139.80p	121.69	121.50p
Switzerland	103.5	103.6	103.8	103.9	103.8	103.8	103.7	103.7	104.8	104.7	123.6	121.6	101.8	102.2

Source: Eurostat (online data code : [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, Slovakia from January 2009 and Estonia from January 2011. 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 Ireland for June 2011 were under embargo at the time of publication.
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.

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Methodology

Measures of inflation

An *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.

A *12-month average rate* overcomes this volatility by comparing average Harmonised 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

Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) are harmonised inflation figures required under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. They are designed for international comparison of consumer price inflation.

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. HICPs are computed as annual chain indices 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 total of the country group. 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>

Starting with the index of January 2011 a new regulation that defines how seasonal products are to be treated in the HICP has come into force, and may have an effect on the continuity of the affected HICP series. At the level of the all-items index for the euro area, the EU and most Member States, the impact of the implementation of this new regulation is not significant. For further information on the change in the method and its impact please see:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/hicp/documents_pub/HICP_SP_info_note_annex_2011.pdf

Further information

European Statistical Data Support:

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

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