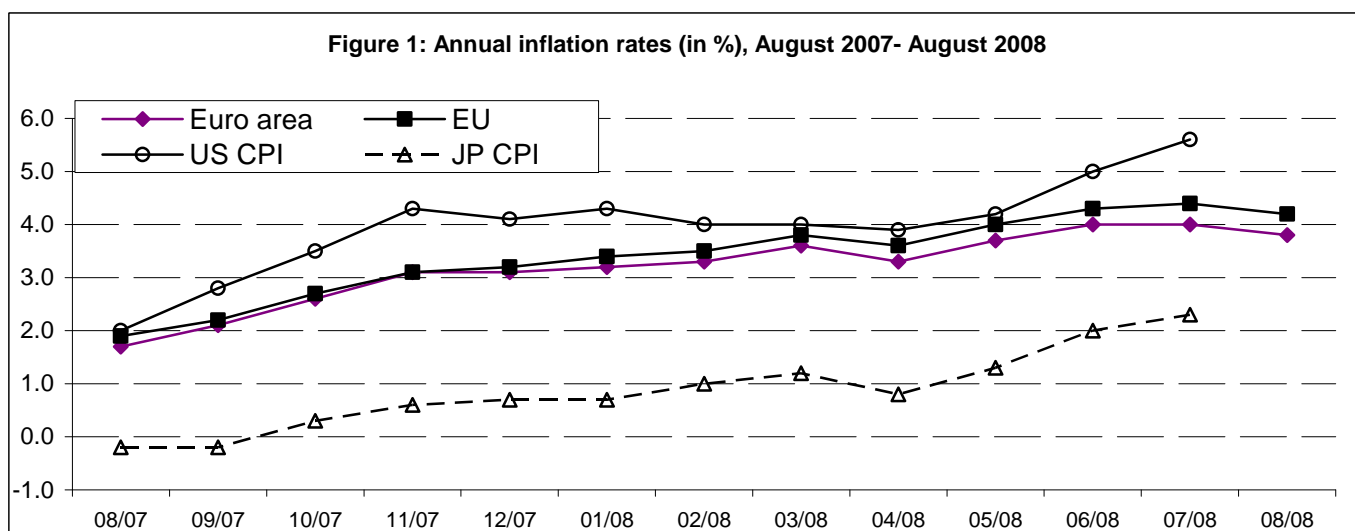


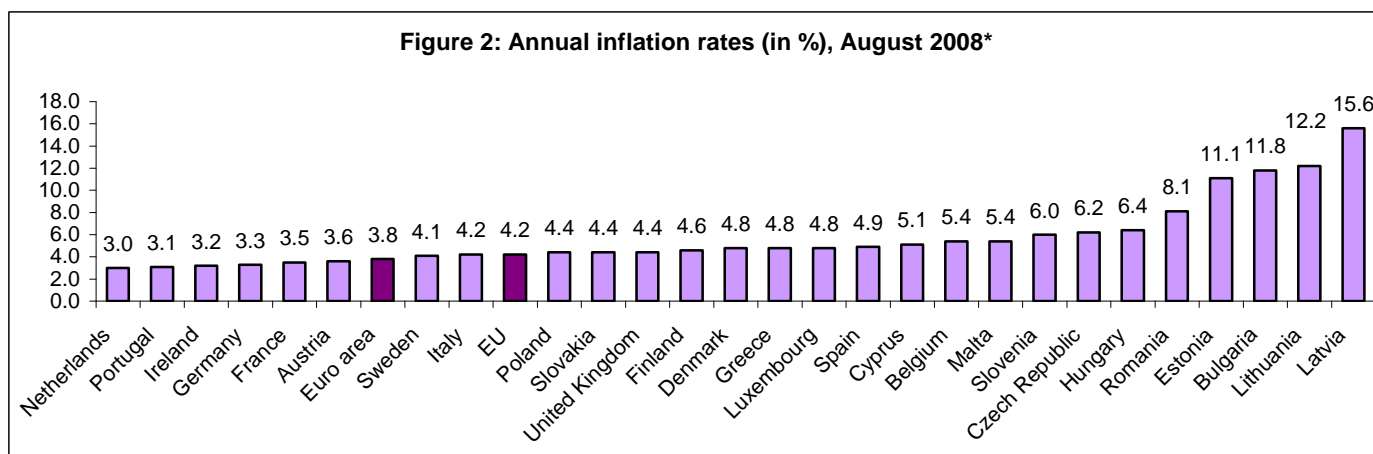
HARMONISED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES AUGUST 2008

**EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 3.8% IN AUGUST 2008,
DOWN FROM 4.0% IN JULY**

**EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 4.2% IN AUGUST 2008,
DOWN FROM 4.4% IN JULY**



Sources: Eurostat, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Statistics Bureau of Japan



Source: Eurostat

* Data for the Netherlands and Austria are provisional. Data for the United Kingdom are for July 2008.

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

	Annual average index 2007	Monthly Indices											
		Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008
		Belgium	104.19	104.46	104.95	105.85	106.23	104.86	107.44	108.23	108.45	109.39	110.15
Germany ³⁾	104.1	104.5	104.7	105.2	105.9	105.5	106.1	106.6	106.3	107.0	107.4	108.1	107.7
Ireland	105.6	106.4	106.5	107.0	107.1	106.4	107.7	108.7	108.8	109.5	110.0	109.5	109.5
Greece	106.40	107.11	107.86	108.67	109.22	108.85	107.80	110.29	111.21	111.96	111.91	111.06	109.82
Spain	106.51	106.63	108.02	108.79	109.26	108.56	108.71	109.70	110.90	111.66	112.30	111.79	111.57
France	103.55	103.91	104.20	104.83	105.26	105.24	105.47	106.32	106.72	107.34	107.79	107.49	107.43
Italy	104.3	104.7	105.5	105.9	106.2	105.4	105.5	107.2	107.8	108.4	108.9	108.3	108.3
Cyprus	104.46	105.67	106.61	107.02	107.30	105.80	106.16	107.28	108.53	109.38	109.94	109.33	109.62
Luxembourg	105.69	106.24	106.81	107.33	107.73	107.26	108.34	109.30	109.81	110.91	111.70	111.29	111.28
Malta	103.29	105.81	105.92	103.62	103.69	103.28	103.66	104.83	107.24	108.00	108.55	110.58	110.94
Netherlands	103.26	103.60	103.76	103.92	103.35	103.32	104.20	105.44	105.81	106.25	105.94	105.82r	105.96p
Austria	103.93	104.05	104.73	105.23	105.89	105.58	105.90	106.86	107.15	107.72	108.02	107.70	107.49p
Portugal	105.54	105.75	106.30	106.65	106.77	106.62	106.63	108.18	108.53	109.04	109.60	109.04	108.56
Slovenia	106.39	107.38	108.17	109.16	109.58	109.69	109.56	111.00	111.82	113.12	114.15	114.13	113.34
Finland	102.88	103.19	103.49	103.85	103.61	104.81	105.31	106.37	106.54	107.10	107.46	107.16	107.46
Euro area	104.36	104.71	105.22	105.78	106.20	105.80	106.17	107.21	107.55	108.23	108.64	108.47	108.32p
Bulgaria	115.55	118.63	119.02	121.14	122.42	124.31	125.60	126.76	127.68	128.77	129.35	131.21	131.07
Czech Republic	105.1	105.4	106.1	107.0	107.6	111.1	111.2	111.0	111.4	111.9	112.0	112.6	112.3
Denmark	103.5	103.6	104.1	104.9	104.8	105.1	106.2	106.7	107.1	107.5	107.9	107.6	107.8
Estonia	111.49	113.37	114.54	115.98	116.82	119.26	119.70	120.68	121.91	122.65	123.45	124.34	124.66
Latvia	117.32	120.05	122.41	124.10	124.85	128.36	130.07	131.95	134.05	135.43	136.36	136.84	136.23
Lithuania	109.83	111.40	113.04	114.24	114.77	116.69	118.09	119.33	120.85	121.85	122.61	123.12	123.32
Hungary	112.28	113.18	114.13	114.73	115.11	117.05	117.33	118.04	118.71	119.80	119.94	120.31	119.59
Poland	103.9	104.5	105.0	105.6	105.9	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.7	108.4	108.6	108.6	108.4
Romania	111.84	113.33	114.43	115.50	116.25	117.24	118.07	118.87	119.50	120.08	120.42	121.27	121.17
Slovakia	106.23	106.17	106.91	107.33	107.63	108.88	109.20	109.53	109.86	110.27	110.66	110.65	110.57
Sweden ⁴⁾	103.20	103.57	104.09	104.66	104.73	104.73r	105.12r	106.05r	106.44r	106.88r	107.28r	106.76r	106.87
United Kingdom ⁵⁾	104.7	104.8	105.3	105.6	106.2	105.5	106.3	106.7	107.6	108.3	109.0	109.0	:
EU	104.59	104.95	105.49	106.03	106.48	106.25	106.70	107.60	108.05	108.72	109.17	109.08	108.95p
Iceland	108.45	109.24	109.63	110.03	110.79	110.71	112.34	114.07	118.53	120.76	122.07	123.21	124.58
Norway	103.2	103.5	103.5	104.6	105.0	104.6	105.4	105.8	105.8	106.1	106.2	106.9	107.0
EEA⁶⁾	104.58	104.94	105.47	106.02	106.47	106.23	106.69	107.58	108.03	108.70	109.14r	109.06r	108.94p
Switzerland ⁷⁾	101.8	101.6	102.4	102.8	103.1	103.0	103.0	103.3	104.2	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6

Source: Eurostat

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2007	Aug 2008	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008
	Belgium	1.8	4.0	1.2	1.4	2.2	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.6	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.8	5.9
Germany	2.3	3.1	2.0	2.7	2.7	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3
Ireland	2.9	3.4	2.3	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.2
Greece	3.0	4.2	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8
Spain	2.8	4.4	2.2	2.7	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.9
France	1.6	3.1	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5
Italy	2.0	3.2	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2
Cyprus	2.2	4.2	2.2	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.1
Luxembourg	2.7	4.4	1.9	2.5	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8	4.8
Malta	0.7	3.7	0.6	0.9	1.6	2.9	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	5.6	5.4
Netherlands	1.6	2.0p	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.0p
Austria	2.2	3.3p	1.7	2.1	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6p
Portugal	2.4	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.1
Slovenia	3.8	6.0	3.4	3.6	5.1	5.7	5.7	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.0
Finland	1.6	3.2	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.2	1.9	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6
Euro area	2.1	3.3p	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8p
Bulgaria	7.6	12.5	9.3	11.0	10.6	11.4	11.6	11.7	12.2	13.2	13.4	14.0	14.7	14.4	11.8
Czech Republic	3.0	6.1	2.6	2.8	4.0	5.1	5.5	7.9	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.2
Denmark	1.7	3.2	0.9	1.2	1.8	2.5	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.8
Estonia	6.7	10.5	6.1	7.5	8.7	9.3	9.7	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.2	11.1
Latvia	10.1	15.5	10.2	11.5	13.2	13.7	14.0	15.6	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.7	17.5	16.5	15.6
Lithuania	5.8	10.4	5.6	7.1	7.6	7.9	8.2	10.0	10.9	11.4	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.4	12.2
Hungary	7.9	6.9	7.1	6.4	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.4
Poland	2.6	4.1	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4
Romania	4.9	7.8	5.0	6.1	6.9	6.8	6.7	7.3	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	8.1
Slovakia	1.9	3.3	1.2	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.4
Sweden	1.7	3.0	1.2	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.3r	3.2	3.7r	4.0r	3.8r	4.1
United Kingdom	2.3	:	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	:
EU	2.3	3.5p	1.9	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.2p
Iceland	3.6	7.4	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.1	4.5	6.8	10.7	11.7	12.5	13.6	15.3
Norway	0.7	2.3	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.0	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.9	4.1
EEA	2.3	3.5p	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2r	4.4r	4.2p
Switzerland	0.8	2.3	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.1

Source: Eurostat

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

Aug 2008	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	5.4	7.2	3.3	0.9	14.0	1.8	-0.8	6.0	-1.8	1.3	2.0	4.7	2.8
Germany	3.3	5.9	2.2	0.7	5.3	1.6	1.9	4.6	-3.0	1.4	1.6	2.3	1.8
Ireland	3.2	6.5	4.4	-5.1	7.2	-1.9	6.3	3.7	-0.3	1.3	6.4	2.5	3.0
Greece	4.8	4.5	2.3	3.3	12.6	2.7	3.8	6.3	-4.0	2.0	4.6	5.1	3.9
Spain	4.9	6.8	4.0	0.4	7.9	2.5	0.5	8.9	-0.2	0.2	3.9	4.9	3.6
France	3.5	5.4	2.4	0.3	5.5	1.8	3.3	6.6	-0.6	-1.4	3.4	3.2	2.1
Italy	4.2	6.2	5.2	0.7	8.3	2.7	1.9	7.5	-4.0	1.4	3.2	2.4	2.7
Cyprus	5.1	5.3	-1.4	0.5	12.8	1.8	3.9	7.9	0.3	3.5	4.8	6.1	3.1
Luxembourg	4.8	6.2	6.3	0.8	9.7	2.2	-0.2	6.4	-0.8	0.7	1.8	4.5	3.1
Malta	5.4	6.7	1.5	6.0	11.0	0.3	1.6	4.6	2.9	-0.2	5.6	10.0	1.5
Netherlands	3.0p	6.9p	3.6p	-0.4p	4.1p	2.1p	-1.1p	6.0p	-4.8p	-1.4p	1.7p	5.3p	3.1p
Austria	3.6p	6.5p	4.7p	0.0p	2.9p	2.4p	2.3p	8.0p	-9.5p	1.0p	2.3p	3.7p	3.6p
Portugal	3.1	4.9	7.0	1.6	3.6	1.8	0.6	3.2	-3.0	1.1	4.5	3.5	2.7
Slovenia	6.0	9.9	0.6	1.5	11.5	6.2	5.5	4.3	-0.3	3.7	4.4	9.4	4.0
Finland	4.6	9.5	5.3	1.4	7.1	1.7	2.4	3.3	-0.9	1.4	3.0	6.2	4.0
Euro area	3.8p	6.2p	3.3p	0.4p	6.3p	2.1p	2.0p	6.3p	-2.5p	0.5p	3.0p	3.6p	2.5p
Bulgaria	11.8	9.4	14.9	11.2	13.6	5.6	6.4	19.3	-1.1	3.3	11.3	17.3	12.5
Czech Republic	6.2	8.6	6.4	-1.2	13.3	0.8	31.2	2.9	-2.0	0.7	2.4	6.5	5.6
Denmark	4.8	10.4	5.6	2.0	6.3	2.2	-0.2	5.1	-0.7	0.2	4.0	5.2	3.4
Estonia	11.1	15.9	19.1	3.0	12.9	4.4	8.5	15.2	-0.9	4.2	8.9	11.1	8.0
Latvia	15.6	19.6	30.8	-0.6	30.0	3.4	14.4	12.2	-5.1	6.7	20.1	17.0	13.0
Lithuania	12.2	17.5	15.2	-3.3	19.4	5.1	10.7	16.1	0.0	1.9	9.1	15.4	8.3
Hungary	6.4	10.9	6.1	-0.6	13.7	1.0	-2.5	6.3	-0.9	1.9	6.1	7.4	3.9
Poland	4.4	6.6	7.3	-7.2	7.7	2.0	3.6	4.0	0.5	-0.5	3.0	6.8	3.3
Romania	8.1	9.0	9.2	2.9	11.4	2.1	-0.2	13.0	6.6	2.8	4.2	5.4	4.7
Slovakia	4.4	9.5	2.9	1.4	3.8	1.1	9.7	4.0	-1.0	1.6	2.5	5.9	3.7
Sweden	4.1	7.5	8.7	2.4	7.7	1.7	-3.0	5.6	-5.4	-0.9	3.6	4.7	1.2
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EU	4.2p	7.1p	4.5p	-0.9p	7.0p	2.2p	2.5p	6.5p	-2.2p	0.3p	5.9p	4.1p	2.8p
Iceland	15.3	20.6	7.3	17.1	16.0	14.4	5.9	25.8	4.3	7.2	2.4	12.4	9.9
Norway	4.1	3.9	4.6	-4.9	8.9	3.7	3.1	4.6	8.1	1.2	1.3	4.6	3.8
EEA	4.2p	7.1p	4.5p	-0.9p	7.0p	2.2p	2.5p	6.5p	-2.1p	0.3p	5.9p	4.1p	2.8p
Switzerland	3.1	3.4	2.6	3.7	7.1	0.1	-0.5	4.8	-1.8	3.5	1.4	3.0	0.8

Source: Eurostat

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

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		Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008
	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008				
Belgium	105.70	107.63	103.34	106.04	105.12	107.47	105.27	107.52	109.01	110.18	139.82	133.93	113.95	113.18
Germany	105.3	105.4	104.2	104.3	105.1	105.2	105.1	105.3	108.0	107.6	130.6	126.6	110.5	110.3
Ireland	107.4	107.5	106.3	106.5	107.3	107.5	107.4	107.6	108.9	109.0	131.4	130.6	111.5	111.3
Greece	109.09	107.97	108.62	107.14	109.64	108.35	109.66	108.43	110.83	109.55	138.03	135.21	110.57	110.67
Spain	109.40	109.70	107.52	107.87	108.87	109.20	109.18	109.52	111.75	111.53	134.77	129.52	114.60	114.75
France	105.56	105.85	104.63	105.31	105.02	105.65	105.23	105.86	107.48	107.41	128.40	124.32	108.95	107.82
Italy	106.6	106.8	105.2	105.5	106.3	106.6	106.5	106.7	108.1	108.1	128.9	125.9	111.4	111.6
Cyprus	106.02	106.66	103.88	104.14	104.95	105.11	105.37	105.55	109.49	109.78	137.07	134.23	112.82	114.77
Luxembourg	107.74	108.77	105.40	106.77	107.60	108.64	107.67	108.70	110.45	110.45	139.36	131.18	113.95	114.03
Malta	109.29	109.67	109.00	109.36	109.42	109.79	109.41	109.77	110.91	111.28	133.97	133.97	110.25	110.73
Netherlands	103.84r	104.24p	102.61	103.16p	103.44r	103.92p	103.46r	103.94p	105.72r	105.86p	123.74	121.40p	109.24	109.03p
Austria	105.62r	105.76p	104.44r	104.60p	105.38	105.57p	105.48r	105.67p	107.67r	107.46p	131.48	127.17p	111.46r	111.57p
Portugal	107.30	107.09	105.68	105.49	107.11	106.96	106.99	106.86	108.55	108.05	126.14	122.89	112.55	112.30
Slovenia	111.02	110.97	108.04	108.41	110.20	110.52	110.34	110.60	113.99	113.17	135.81	129.79	119.96	118.62
Finland	105.13	105.84	103.25	104.23	104.65	105.47	104.85	105.63	107.12	107.42	133.06	128.06	111.45	111.28
Euro area	106.25	106.47p	104.92	105.28p	105.88	106.22p	106.03	106.38p	108.38	108.22p	130.53	126.61p	111.20	110.90p
Bulgaria	130.56	131.00	124.37	125.31	132.40	133.32	131.77	132.72	129.26	129.08	134.84	131.39	144.13	143.39
Czech Republic	110.1	110.0	107.2	107.3	110.4	110.7	110.1	110.4	111.5	111.0	127.8	126.7	116.5	115.9
Denmark	106.3	106.8	104.0	104.7	105.6	106.2	105.7	106.3	107.6	107.8	118.5	115.8	114.3	114.4
Estonia	120.90	121.67	116.94	117.68	120.02	121.22	120.16	121.30	124.51	124.41	151.11	147.76	129.39	130.23
Latvia	133.42	133.00	122.52	122.95	131.52	131.95	132.04	132.48	134.25	133.62	164.97	162.78	154.50	152.24
Lithuania	120.64	121.00	112.50	113.03	118.25	118.78	119.72	120.47	122.86	123.07	139.66	138.80	134.39	134.41
Hungary	117.17	116.62	111.35	111.23	115.42	115.47	115.99	116.06	120.37	119.61	142.00	140.04	130.46	128.88
Poland	106.6	106.3	104.2	104.2	106.5	106.7	106.5	106.8	108.2	107.7	120.9	120.7	111.5	110.8
Romania	118.30	118.26	114.52	114.07	119.88	119.93	118.23	118.31	119.49	119.33	134.82	134.41	121.71	122.07
Slovakia	108.53	108.44	106.47	106.71	108.05	108.27	107.74	107.96	110.66	110.58	120.15	120.10	114.08	113.13
Sweden	104.61r	104.91	102.45r	102.95	103.99r	104.44	104.22r	104.67	106.12r	106.23	123.14	121.70	112.54	112.10
United Kingdom	106.4	:	104.6	:	105.8	:	106.1	:	108.7	:	145.7	:	116.3	:
EU	106.78r	106.96p	105.08	105.41p	106.34	106.67p	106.51r	106.85p	108.90	108.74p	131.37	128.09p	112.95	112.58p
Iceland	120.95	122.81	120.62	122.44	120.57	122.35	120.46	122.22	123.42	124.81	146.65	142.45	122.16	124.19
Norway	105.5	105.5	104.6	104.6	105.5	105.4	105.6	105.5	106.9	106.9	121.3	122.5	109.7	109.1
EEA	106.78	106.95p	105.08r	105.41p	106.34r	106.66p	106.51r	106.85p	108.89	108.73p	131.29	128.05p	112.93	112.56p
Switzerland	102.6	102.8	102.3	102.6	102.4	102.6	102.4	102.7	104.9	104.6	136.1	129.7	104.2	104.0

Source: Eurostat

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 1 January 2001, Slovenia from 1 January 2007 and Cyprus and Malta from 1 January 2008. 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 30 April 2004, 25 Member States from 1 May 2004 until 31 December 2006 and 27 Member States from 1 January 2007. New Member States are integrated into the EICP using a chain index formula.
3. Price collection periods for the German HICP have been adjusted from January 2008 onwards to be in line with the temporal coverage regulation. Further information on the impact can be found on the DESTATIS website at: <http://www.destatis.de>
4. Sweden has revised its HICP for the period from January to July 2008. The revisions to the all-items annual inflation rate vary from -0.3 percentage points for July 2008 to +0.1 for March 2008. Further information can be found on the website of Statistics Sweden at: http://www.scb.se/templates/pressinfo_246074.asp
5. Data for the United Kingdom for August 2008 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, EU and EEA totals were calculated using Eurostat estimates
6. *EEA inflation* is measured by the EEAICP ('European Economic Area Index of Consumer Prices' as defined in Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995) which is the official EEA aggregate. It is computed using data for Iceland and Norway in addition to the EU Member States.
7. Switzerland started producing HICPs from January 2008. HICP estimates for 2005-2007 are not fully compliant with HICP methodology.

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 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 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 34 special aggregates with corresponding weights and inflation rates are available in Eurostat's database :

<http://Estat.Website/HICP/data>

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

<http://Estat.Website/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/>