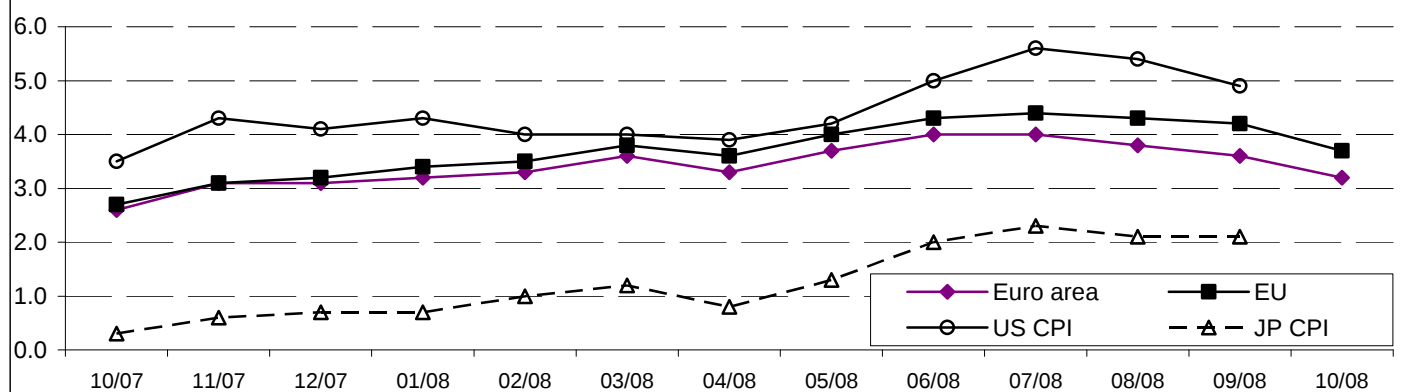


HARMONISED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES OCTOBER 2008

**EURO AREA¹⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 3.2% IN OCTOBER 2008,
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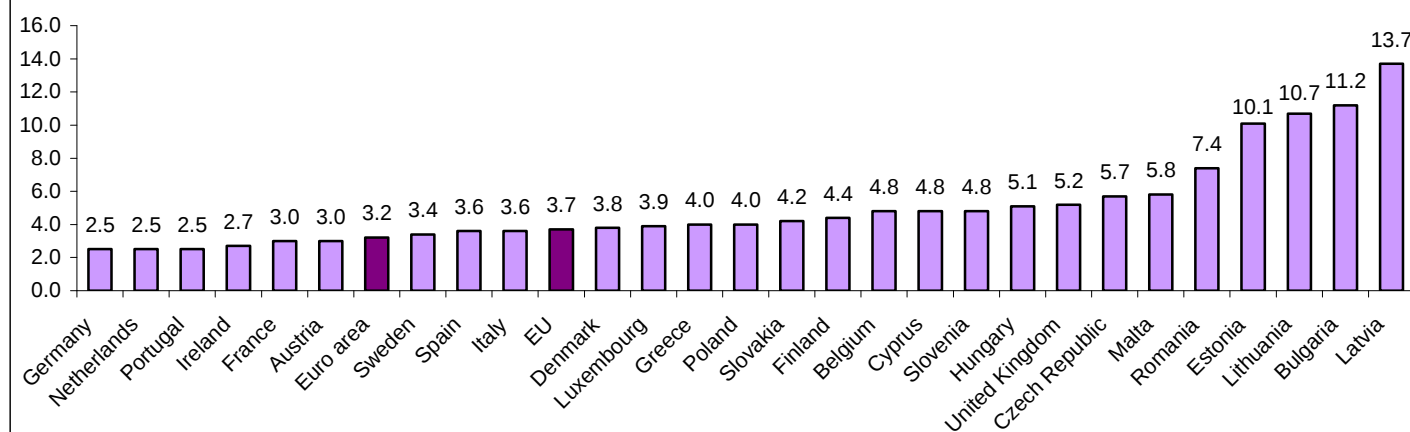
**EU²⁾ ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 3.7% IN OCTOBER 2008,
DOWN FROM 4.2% IN SEPTEMBER**

Figure 1: Annual inflation rates (in %), October 2007- October 2008



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

Figure 2: Annual inflation rates (in %), October 2008*



Source: Eurostat

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

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

	Annual average index 2007	Monthly Indices											
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
		2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
Belgium	104.19	105.85	106.23	104.86	107.44	108.23	108.45	109.39	110.15	109.13	110.28	110.17	109.99
Germany ³⁾	104.1	105.2	105.9	105.5	106.1	106.6	106.3	107.0	107.4	108.1	107.7	107.6	107.3
Ireland	105.6	107.0	107.1	106.4	107.7	108.7	108.8	109.5	110.0	109.5	109.5	109.8	109.4
Greece	106.40	108.67	109.22	108.85	107.80	110.29	111.21	111.96	111.91	111.06	109.82	112.16	112.20
Spain	106.51	108.79	109.26	108.56	108.71	109.70	110.90	111.66	112.30	111.79	111.57	111.52	111.90
France	103.55	104.83	105.26	105.24	105.47	106.32	106.72	107.34	107.79	107.49	107.43	107.39	107.33
Italy	104.3	105.9	106.2	105.4	105.5	107.2	107.8	108.4	108.9	108.3	108.3	108.8	109.3
Cyprus	104.46	107.02	107.30	105.80	106.16	107.28	108.53	109.38	109.94	109.33	109.62	110.94	111.77
Luxembourg	105.69	107.33	107.73	107.26	108.34	109.30	109.81	110.91	111.70	111.29	111.28	111.38	110.93
Malta	103.29	103.62	103.69	103.28	103.66	104.83	107.24	108.00	108.55	110.58	110.94	110.98	112.05
Netherlands	103.26	103.92	103.35	103.32	104.20	105.44	105.81	106.25	105.94	105.82	105.96	106.49	106.32p
Austria	103.93	105.23	105.89	105.58	105.90	106.86	107.15	107.72	108.02	107.70	107.51	107.93r	107.88p
Portugal	105.54	106.65	106.77	106.62	106.63	108.18	108.53	109.04	109.60	109.04	108.56	109.11	108.91
Slovenia	106.39	109.16	109.58	109.69	109.56	111.00	111.82	113.12	114.15	114.13	113.34	113.34	113.33
Finland	102.88	103.85	103.61	104.81	105.31	106.37	106.54	107.10	107.46	107.16	107.46	108.06	108.03
Euro area	104.36	105.78	106.20	105.80	106.17	107.21	107.55	108.23	108.64	108.47	108.32	108.52	108.55p
Bulgaria	115.55	121.14	122.42	124.31	125.60	126.76	127.68	128.77	129.35	131.21	131.07	132.21	132.34
Czech Republic	105.1	107.0	107.6	111.1	111.2	111.0	111.4	111.9	112.0	112.6	112.3	112.1	112.2
Denmark	103.5	104.9	104.8	105.1	106.2	106.7	107.1	107.5	107.9	107.6	107.8	108.3	108.1
Estonia	111.49	115.98	116.82	119.26	119.70	120.68	121.91	122.65	123.45	124.34	124.66	125.62	126.08
Latvia	117.32	124.10	124.85	128.36	130.07	131.95	134.05	135.43	136.36	136.84	136.23	137.75	139.18
Lithuania	109.83	114.24	114.77	116.69	118.09	119.33	120.85	121.85	122.61	123.12	123.32	123.94	125.09
Hungary	112.28	114.73	115.11	117.05	117.33	118.04	118.71	119.80	119.94	120.31	119.59	119.52	119.96
Poland	103.9	105.6	105.9	106.4	106.9	107.3	107.7	108.4	108.6	108.6	108.4	108.8	109.2
Romania	111.84	115.50	116.25	117.24	118.07	118.87	119.50	120.08	120.42	121.27	121.17	121.65	122.95
Slovakia	106.23	107.33	107.63	108.88	109.20	109.53	109.86	110.27	110.66	110.65	110.57	111.00	111.38
Sweden	103.20	104.66	104.73	104.73	105.12	106.05	106.44	106.88	107.28	106.76	106.87	107.90	107.68
United Kingdom ⁴⁾	104.7	105.6	106.2	105.5	106.3	106.7	107.6	108.3	109.0	109.0	109.7	110.3	:
EU	104.59	106.03	106.48	106.25	106.70	107.60	108.05	108.72	109.17	109.08	109.04	109.34	109.39p
Iceland	108.45	110.03	110.79	110.71	112.34	114.07	118.53	120.76	122.07	123.21	124.58	126.06	129.26
Norway	103.2	104.6	105.0	104.6	105.4	105.8	105.8	106.1	106.2	106.9	107.0	108.5	108.8
EEA⁵⁾	104.58	106.02	106.47	106.23	106.69	107.58	108.03	108.70	109.14	109.06	109.03	109.34	109.40p
Switzerland ⁶⁾	101.8	102.8	103.1	103.0	103.0	103.3	104.2	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6	104.4	105.1

Source: Eurostat

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

	12-month average rates		Annual rates												
	Dec 2007	Oct 2008	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008
Belgium	1.8	4.5	2.2	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.6	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.5	4.8
Germany	2.3	3.1	2.7	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.5
Ireland	2.9	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.7
Greece	3.0	4.5	3.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.0
Spain	2.8	4.5	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.7	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.6	3.6
France	1.6	3.4	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.0
Italy	2.0	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.6
Cyprus	2.2	4.6	2.7	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.8
Luxembourg	2.7	4.6	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.3	5.8	4.8	4.8	3.9
Malta	0.7	4.4	1.6	2.9	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.8
Netherlands	1.6	2.2p	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.5p
Austria	2.2	3.5p	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.0p
Portugal	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.5	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.5
Slovenia	3.8	6.1	5.1	5.7	5.7	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.0	5.6	4.8
Finland	1.6	3.7	1.8	2.2	1.9	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.4
Euro area	2.1	3.5p	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2p
Bulgaria	7.6	12.6	10.6	11.4	11.6	11.7	12.2	13.2	13.4	14.0	14.7	14.4	11.8	11.4	11.2
Czech Republic	3.0	6.5	4.0	5.1	5.5	7.9	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.2	6.4	5.7
Denmark	1.7	3.6	1.8	2.5	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.5	3.8
Estonia	6.7	10.9	8.7	9.3	9.7	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.6	11.4	11.5	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.1
Latvia	10.1	15.8	13.2	13.7	14.0	15.6	16.5	16.6	17.4	17.7	17.5	16.5	15.6	14.7	13.7
Lithuania	5.8	11.0	7.6	7.9	8.2	10.0	10.9	11.4	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.4	12.2	11.3	10.7
Hungary	7.9	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.0	6.4	5.6	5.1
Poland	2.6	4.3	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.0
Romania	4.9	7.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	7.3	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	8.1	7.3	7.4
Slovakia	1.9	3.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2
Sweden	1.7	3.4	1.9	2.4	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	3.4
United Kingdom	2.3	:	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.3	3.8	4.4	4.7	5.2	:
EU	2.3	3.8p	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7p
Iceland	3.6	9.9	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.1	4.5	6.8	10.7	11.7	12.5	13.6	15.3	15.4	17.9
Norway	0.7	3.2	-0.3	1.0	1.9	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.1
EEA	2.3	3.8p	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7p
Switzerland	0.8	2.5	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.6

Source: Eurostat

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

Oct 2008	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	4.8	5.7	3.6	1.4	13.1	2.2	-0.7	2.6	-0.6	1.8	1.7	6.2	3.2
Germany	2.5	3.9	2.3	1.2	5.3	1.4	1.9	2.2	-3.3	0.7	-3.9	2.0	1.8
Ireland	2.7	4.5	4.8	-6.8	7.5	-1.7	5.5	2.6	0.9	1.4	6.3	2.9	2.3
Greece	4.0	4.2	2.3	3.2	8.8	2.6	4.4	3.1	-1.0	1.8	4.5	5.2	4.0
Spain	3.6	4.0	4.0	0.7	7.4	2.7	0.5	4.2	0.0	0.4	4.6	4.6	3.7
France	3.0	4.8	2.2	0.5	4.8	1.8	3.4	5.0	-0.9	-1.4	4.0	3.0	2.1
Italy	3.6	5.0	5.1	1.7	7.6	3.1	2.6	5.1	-3.6	0.6	2.8	2.3	3.1
Cyprus	4.8	9.4	0.6	-2.3	14.8	1.6	3.5	3.2	0.2	3.0	4.6	5.9	2.3
Luxembourg	3.9	4.6	5.8	0.5	7.6	2.6	0.1	3.9	-1.0	1.3	2.1	4.1	2.8
Malta	5.8	8.9	1.1	2.3	17.1	0.6	2.1	4.8	2.9	0.3	9.3	8.2	1.7
Netherlands	2.5p	6.2p	3.7p	-0.2p	4.2p	2.4p	-0.7p	2.1p	-2.5p	-1.0p	1.9p	4.2p	3.0p
Austria	3.0p	4.9p	4.6p	2.0p	2.6p	2.3p	2.4p	4.5p	-5.7p	1.4p	-1.0p	3.6p	3.9p
Portugal	2.5	3.5	6.9	1.3	4.1	1.8	0.5	0.7	-2.7	1.5	3.3	4.2	3.0
Slovenia	4.8	5.3	1.5	5.5	8.9	6.6	5.8	3.0	-1.6	2.0	5.9	9.3	3.4
Finland	4.4	10.1	5.6	1.4	5.8	2.0	3.2	3.0	-5.0	1.6	4.1	6.6	3.9
Euro area	3.2p	4.7p	3.3p	1.0p	5.9p	2.2p	2.2p	3.7p	-2.2p	0.2p	1.5p	3.6p	2.6p
Bulgaria	11.2	10.1	15.0	10.6	13.9	5.3	6.3	15.2	-1.0	5.2	19.4	15.8	12.9
Czech Republic	5.7	5.4	9.3	-0.4	14.6	0.4	31.7	-0.6	-2.9	1.1	3.4	6.3	5.2
Denmark	3.8	6.3	4.7	1.2	6.6	2.1	2.7	3.1	-1.0	-0.1	4.2	5.5	3.4
Estonia	10.1	9.3	26.2	4.2	18.7	5.2	6.9	9.6	-1.1	2.1	8.8	9.6	7.0
Latvia	13.7	15.2	29.7	-1.1	31.5	3.8	12.6	9.5	-5.4	6.8	22.7	14.4	9.8
Lithuania	10.7	12.4	14.6	-3.9	21.3	5.9	12.2	10.8	-1.1	3.4	9.2	15.9	9.1
Hungary	5.1	5.8	6.0	0.1	14.9	1.3	-4.4	5.0	-2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	4.2
Poland	4.0	3.6	8.9	-5.8	8.9	2.0	3.6	1.4	0.6	0.1	3.5	6.5	2.4
Romania	7.4	7.0	10.4	3.2	11.2	2.2	0.7	10.5	7.5	3.0	10.1	8.1	5.0
Slovakia	4.2	4.7	5.2	1.6	5.9	0.6	8.9	2.2	-0.9	1.6	3.9	7.5	3.8
Sweden	3.4	7.1	8.3	-0.4	8.3	1.6	-3.0	2.2	-6.2	-0.1	3.9	5.7	1.5
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EU	3.7p	5.5p	4.9p	-0.3p	7.7p	2.3p	2.6p	4.0p	-1.8p	0.2p	3.8p	4.1p	2.8p
Iceland	17.9	24.4	8.2	15.6	18.0	26.5	7.9	24.8	6.4	12.4	3.7	13.2	12.1
Norway	5.1	5.6	4.7	-3.9	12.9	3.6	3.1	4.8	7.6	1.9	4.7	5.4	4.0
EEA	3.7p	5.5p	4.9p	-0.3p	7.8p	2.3p	2.6p	4.0p	-1.7p	0.3p	3.8p	4.1p	2.8p
Switzerland	2.6	4.0	2.8	2.1	5.7	1.1	-0.3	3.2	-2.7	2.6	1.8	2.7	0.8

Source: Eurostat

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

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		Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008
	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008				
Belgium	107.35	107.71	105.67	106.02	107.17	107.51	107.24	107.57	110.06	109.88	135.34	130.28	113.22	113.63
Germany	105.2	105.2	104.1	104.1	105.1	105.1	105.2	105.2	107.5	107.2	127.4	124.5	110.1	110.3
Ireland	107.8	107.8	106.9	106.9	107.8	107.8	107.9	107.9	109.2	108.9	130.7	126.4	111.3	111.2
Greece	110.54	111.24	110.26	110.69	111.00	111.39	110.97	111.37	111.97	112.01	134.29	124.88	111.37	112.99
Spain	109.88	110.80	108.02	109.27	109.35	110.42	109.72	110.73	111.47	111.86	127.17	122.32	115.00	114.90
France	105.85	106.08	105.28	105.44	105.63	105.77	105.83	105.97	107.37	107.31	123.91	120.54	107.92	108.39
Italy	107.5	108.2	106.3	107.2	107.3	108.1	107.4	108.2	108.6	109.1	124.4	122.4	111.8	112.0
Cyprus	107.93	109.48	104.75	106.53	105.71	107.41	106.16	107.86	111.13	111.97	136.04	130.50	118.26	119.02
Luxembourg	108.99	109.14	106.98	107.12	108.87	109.00	108.93	109.08	110.55	110.06	130.29	125.11	114.25	114.43
Malta	109.71	110.48	108.75	108.80	109.30	109.38	109.34	109.47	111.32	112.43	133.97	140.60	112.96	116.15
Netherlands	104.90	105.22p	103.91	104.24p	104.60	104.95p	104.63	104.99p	106.41	106.22p	120.86	116.13p	109.26	109.55p
Austria	106.41r	106.82p	105.40r	105.76p	106.25r	106.64p	106.37r	106.76p	107.90r	107.85p	125.11r	119.87p	111.46r	112.07p
Portugal	107.82	108.06	106.62	107.07	107.96	108.32	107.77	108.08	108.62	108.42	121.73	117.10	111.72	111.29
Slovenia	111.36	111.90	108.77	109.32	110.91	111.39	111.00	111.56	113.17	113.14	127.14	123.25	119.08	119.63
Finland	106.51	106.98	104.78	105.32	106.05	106.56	106.27	106.78	108.01	107.98	127.65	121.22	112.37	112.58
Euro area	106.74	107.14p	105.59r	106.01p	106.50	106.89p	106.66	107.05p	108.42	108.45p	126.16	122.54p	111.01r	111.29p
Bulgaria	132.22	133.32	125.95	126.80	133.80	134.37	133.35	134.02	130.25	130.37	132.12	126.75	145.96	147.65
Czech Republic	109.8	109.7	106.8	106.4	110.7	110.5	110.3	110.1	110.5	110.5	126.2	127.7	116.5	117.0
Denmark	107.3	107.3	105.4	105.5	106.9	107.0	106.9	107.0	108.3	108.2	116.2	114.5	114.0	113.6
Estonia	122.85	122.70	118.25	118.12	122.69	122.48	122.71	122.53	124.73	125.19	146.93	152.25	132.74	132.56
Latvia	134.77	135.31	125.49	125.82	133.95	134.22	134.47	134.86	135.19	136.66	162.00	171.28	152.30	153.28
Lithuania	121.74	122.72	113.92	114.88	119.50	120.34	121.27	122.12	123.71	124.88	138.53	140.88	134.88	135.88
Hungary	116.57	117.01	111.15	111.62	115.47	115.86	116.13	116.52	119.48	119.88	139.91	140.29	128.88	129.26
Poland	106.7	107.1	104.3	104.4	107.0	107.2	107.1	107.2	108.0	108.4	120.9	122.0	111.7	112.7
Romania	118.85	120.44	114.88	116.46	120.67	122.25	119.05	120.57	119.82	121.01	134.41	134.32	122.45	124.04
Slovakia	108.64	109.02	107.24	107.57	108.71	109.16	108.41	108.84	111.02	111.28	121.76	122.15	112.45	112.95
Sweden	105.85	106.14	104.08	104.34	105.42	105.65	105.63	105.84	107.27	107.05	123.50	118.98	112.32	112.77
United Kingdom	107.2	:	105.4	:	106.5	:	106.9	:	110.0	:	154.1	:	117.2	:
EU	107.31	107.66p	105.75	106.10p	107.00	107.33p	107.20	107.52p	109.14	109.18p	129.00	126.11p	112.94	113.30p
Iceland	124.40	128.11	124.28	127.73	124.08	127.65	123.88	127.42	126.30	129.55	142.48	139.89	124.81	129.51
Norway	106.6	106.8	105.9	106.1	106.6	106.8	106.6	106.8	108.5	108.8	129.4	130.9	109.7	109.5
EEA	107.31	107.66p	105.77	106.12p	107.01	107.34p	107.20	107.53p	109.14	109.19p	129.02	126.18p	112.92	113.28p
Switzerland	102.7	103.5	102.4	103.3	102.5	103.4	102.6	103.4	104.4	105.1	127.4	125.3	104.9	105.1

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. Data for the United Kingdom for October 2008 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, euro area, EU and EEA totals were calculated using Eurostat estimates.
5. *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.
6. 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
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 Article 121 of the Treaty of Amsterdam (109) 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 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 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/>