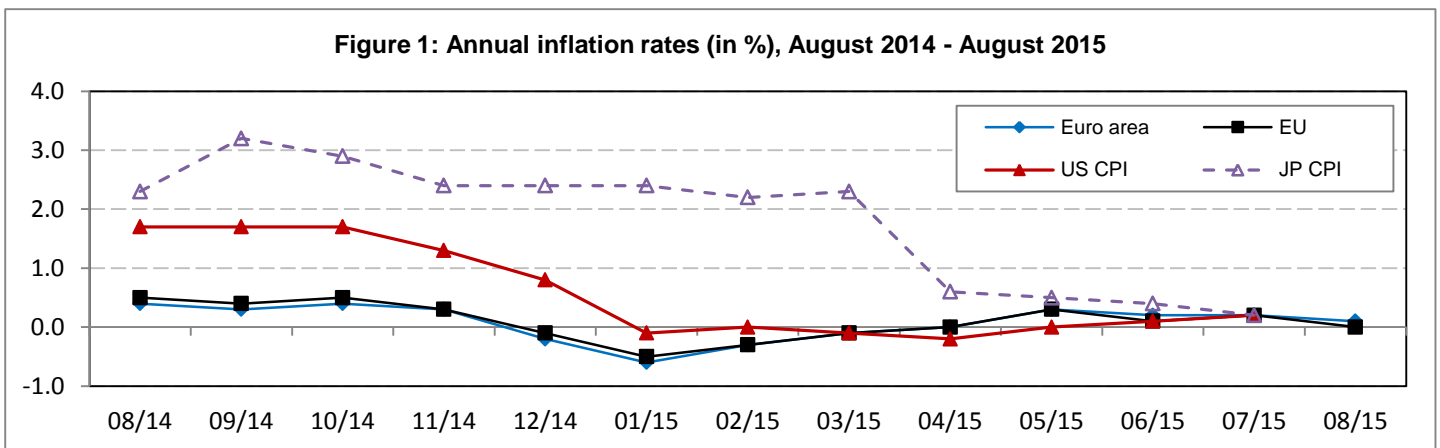


HARMONISED INDICES OF CONSUMER PRICES AUGUST 2015

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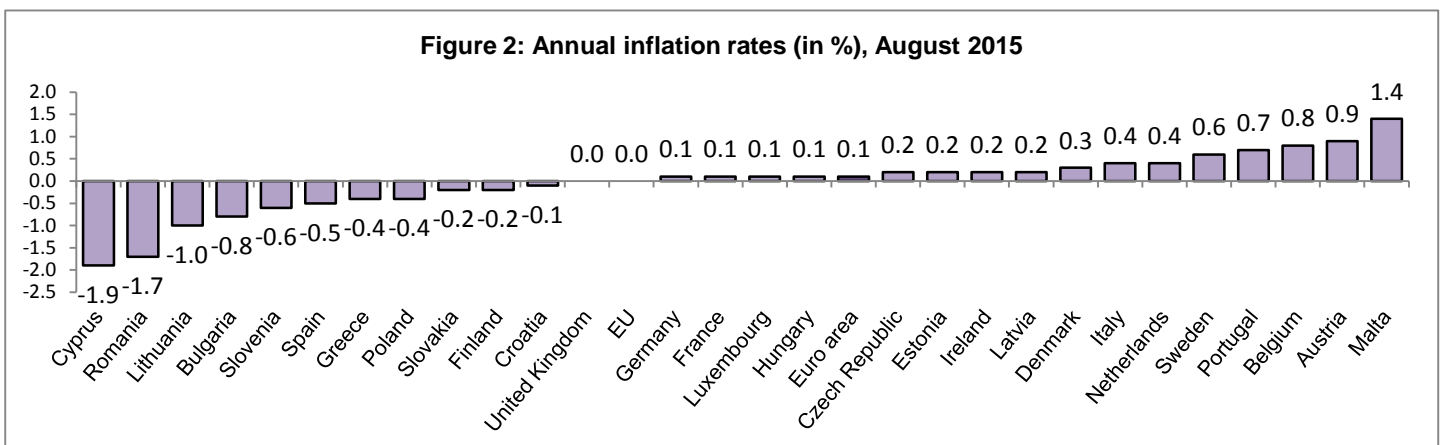
**EU ANNUAL INFLATION WAS 0.0% IN AUGUST 2015,
DOWN FROM 0.2% IN JULY**

Figure 1: Annual inflation rates (in %), August 2014 - August 2015



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

Figure 2: Annual inflation rates (in %), August 2015



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

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

	Annual average index 2014	Monthly Indices											
		Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015
Belgium	120.22	120.32	120.33	120.14	120.13	117.58	120.43	120.76	121.10	121.49	121.70	120.09	121.68
Germany	116.2	116.6	116.2	116.2	116.3	114.8	116.0	116.6	116.5	116.6	116.4	116.7	116.7
Estonia	144.22	144.52	144.43	143.12	143.13	142.55	143.30	144.24	145.08	145.60	145.68	145.20	144.91
Ireland	109.6	109.9	109.6	109.3	108.9	108.1	108.8	109.5	109.4	110.0	110.4	110.1	110.4
Greece	119.87	120.59	119.55	118.70	118.07	116.68	116.43	118.64	119.14	118.89	119.92	118.51	118.26
Spain	120.77	121.27	121.35	121.07	120.27	117.66	117.83	120.20	121.01	121.54	121.77	119.90	119.41
France	115.58	115.55	115.58	115.39	115.47	114.17	115.01	115.87	116.03	116.32	116.24	115.68	116.09
Italy	119.3	119.9	120.3	120.0	120.0	117.0	117.3	119.8	120.3	120.5	120.7	118.3	118.2
Cyprus	119.66	120.98	120.59	118.67	116.90	115.82	116.43	117.23	117.63	118.95	119.36	118.63	119.42
Latvia	148.05	148.39	148.04	147.70	146.71	146.79	147.32	148.49	149.32	150.53	150.36	148.76	148.13
Lithuania	140.08	140.32	140.45	140.36	139.46	137.69	137.49	138.62	139.64	140.45	140.21	139.51	138.30
Luxembourg	123.62	124.25	123.86	123.40	122.24	120.84	123.30	123.83	124.00	124.68	124.95	123.37	124.37
Malta	121.00	122.74	122.00	119.29	119.22	117.87	118.43	119.53	122.85	123.96	125.23	125.27	125.70
Netherlands	116.61	116.99	116.86	116.00	115.74	114.31	115.24	116.72	117.69	117.98	117.33	118.11r	117.53
Austria	120.54	121.13	121.14	121.31	121.36	119.66	119.99	121.68	121.84	122.05	122.00	121.37r	121.18
Portugal	116.18	116.64	116.69	116.27	116.27	114.54	114.56	116.77	117.23	117.86	117.72	116.94	116.81
Slovenia	124.14	124.39	124.53	124.38	123.54	122.06	122.26	123.33	123.45	124.28	124.20	123.29	123.30
Slovakia	122.81	122.81	122.92	122.71	122.37	122.22	122.00	122.22	122.54	122.93	123.06	122.72	122.46
Finland	121.84	122.50	122.29	122.11	121.93	121.03	121.43	121.89	121.91	121.78	121.79	121.43	121.49
Euro area	117.71	118.08	118.01	117.80	117.69	115.86	116.61	117.93	118.21	118.48	118.46	117.71	117.72
Bulgaria	142.81	142.11	142.22	141.50	141.99	141.02	141.10	141.56	142.22	142.29	141.51	141.77	141.88
Czech Republic	122.4	122.5	122.6	122.2	122.2	122.1	122.2	122.5	123.0	123.4	123.6	123.3	123.0
Denmark	117.4	117.6	117.7	117.4	117.1	116.4	117.4	118.0	118.2	118.2	118.1	118.0	117.6
Croatia	125.59	126.36	126.06	125.25	124.38	123.72	123.86	124.91	125.40	126.11	126.48	126.28	126.54
Hungary	144.88	144.78	144.66	144.10	143.11	142.89	143.61	144.54	145.11	146.15	146.41	146.37	145.48
Poland	125.6	125.3	125.3	125.1	124.8	124.4	124.3	124.6	125.1	125.2	125.3	125.2	124.9
Romania	154.71	154.45	154.81	154.50	154.35	154.78	155.37	156.07	156.41	157.42	153.44	152.65	151.68
Sweden	114.10	114.39	114.46	114.37	114.67	113.41	114.37	114.50	114.69	115.20	114.90	115.05	114.85
United Kingdom	128.0	128.4	128.5	128.2	128.2	127.1	127.4	127.6	128.0	128.2	128.2	128.0	128.4
EU	120.72	121.03	121.01	120.76	120.64	119.11	119.74	120.79	121.10	121.37	121.31	120.72r	120.71
Iceland	177.51	176.99	177.35	175.35	176.45	174.45	175.22	177.22	177.57	178.20	179.55	181.10	181.83
Norway	118.0	118.8	118.8	119.0	118.9	118.6	119.1	119.4	119.9	120.2	120.6	120.3	120.1
EEA	120.73	121.04	121.02	120.78	120.66	119.15	119.77	120.82	121.13	121.40	121.34	120.76r	120.75
Switzerland	103.5	103.8	103.8	103.5	103.5	102.9	102.5	103.0	102.8	102.8	103.0	102.8	102.2

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 2014	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015
Belgium	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Germany	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Estonia	0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2
Ireland	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
Greece	-1.4	-1.6	-0.2	-1.1	-1.8	-1.2	-2.5	-2.8	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-1.4	-1.1	-1.3	-0.4
Spain	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-1.1	-1.5	-1.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.5
France	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Italy	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Cyprus	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	-1.0	-0.7	-0.8	-1.4	-1.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.4	-1.9
Latvia	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.7	-0.2	0.2
Lithuania	0.2	-0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-1.4	-1.5	-1.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0
Luxembourg	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.2	-0.9	-1.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
Malta	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.4
Netherlands	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.4
Austria	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9
Portugal	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7
Slovenia	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-0.7	-0.6
Slovakia	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Finland	1.2	0.3	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Euro area	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Bulgaria	-1.6	-1.3	-1.0	-1.4	-1.5	-1.9	-2.0	-2.4	-1.7	-1.1	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-0.8
Czech Republic	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.2
Denmark	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
Croatia	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Hungary	0.0	-0.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.8	-1.4	-1.0	-0.5	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.1
Poland	0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.3	-1.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4
Romania	1.4	0.5	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-1.7
Sweden	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.6
United Kingdom	1.5	0.4	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
EU	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2r	0.0
Iceland	1.0	0.1	2.3	0.4	1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.1
Norway	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.6	1.5	1.8
EEA	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2r	0.1
Switzerland	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-0.8	-1.2

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

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

Aug 2015	Main categories												
	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Belgium	0.8	1.5	3.6	0.3	0.0	1.0	1.6	-3.2	0.5	0.8	1.3	3.5	2.2
Germany	0.1	0.6	3.5	1.2	-1.5	0.7	1.5	-1.3	-1.2	0.8	-1.7	2.7	0.7
Estonia	0.2	0.7	5.7	1.7	-1.5	1.6	3.2	-6.1	1.4	1.9	-18.8	1.5	2.5
Ireland	0.2	-2.2	-0.1	-4.9	5.5	-2.6	0.2	-3.5	2.5	0.0	5.1	1.8	0.9
Greece	-0.4	3.9	2.4	-5.1	-8.0	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	-2.2	-3.1	2.7	-2.5
Spain	-0.5	1.9	1.2	1.1	-1.9	-0.1	0.0	-6.2	-0.6	-0.4	1.2	1.0	1.0
France	0.1	0.8	0.6	-2.2	0.5	0.1	-1.0	-1.9	1.1	0.3	2.3	1.5	1.2
Italy	0.4	1.0	2.9	-0.9	-0.2	0.4	1.0	-3.0	-0.4	1.1	2.0	1.6	0.1
Cyprus	-1.9	-2.0	2.1	-2.2	-10.4	-1.0	-0.4	-2.5	0.5	-1.8	-1.5	-1.1	-0.4
Latvia	0.2	-1.2	2.9	-0.2	2.1	1.3	1.4	-3.5	0.4	0.6	1.5	2.2	2.0
Lithuania	-1.0	-1.7	1.0	-1.3	-3.9	1.5	2.9	-6.9	-0.4	1.6	2.0	5.3	3.4
Luxembourg	0.1	1.1	3.5	0.7	-1.0	1.2	-0.5	-4.4	-1.6	1.4	0.8	4.3	1.2
Malta	1.4	2.4	5.3	2.8	0.5	1.7	1.9	-2.0	-0.5	2.7	6.5	1.4	2.5
Netherlands	0.4	1.6	2.5	-3.4	0.5	0.3	-1.7	-1.6	-2.6	0.9	2.4	2.5	1.8
Austria	0.9	0.8	2.8	0.6	1.0	2.1	1.6	-3.2	-0.3	2.2	2.7	3.1	2.2
Portugal	0.7	1.7	4.3	-2.8	0.0	1.1	0.5	-2.0	5.0	-1.3	0.6	2.7	1.1
Slovenia	-0.6	1.6	1.0	-1.6	-1.8	-0.4	1.7	-4.9	1.4	0.3	1.3	-0.3	1.1
Slovakia	-0.2	0.0	0.7	0.6	-0.9	2.2	0.9	-6.4	0.0	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.0
Finland	-0.2	-2.4	1.0	2.8	2.2	-0.5	2.7	-2.6	-4.2	-1.7	-0.3	1.1	0.7
Euro area	0.1	1.0	2.4	0.2	-0.8	0.5	0.6	-2.6	-0.4	0.6	0.6	1.9	0.9
Bulgaria	-0.8	0.5	0.9	1.2	3.6	0.5	-1.4	-7.8	-1.0	0.2	2.9	1.7	0.5
Czech Republic	0.2	-1.1	5.0	2.8	0.9	0.2	-7.5	-3.7	-0.9	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.0
Denmark	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.9	-1.3	0.7	0.6	-0.9	-4.7	1.2	2.9	0.9	3.3
Croatia	-0.1	0.8	1.9	-1.1	-2.5	-0.1	6.8	-6.7	1.0	1.5	-0.9	3.4	0.6
Hungary	0.1	0.5	4.3	-0.2	-1.0	0.7	3.9	-5.9	0.4	0.8	1.4	3.4	1.8
Poland	-0.4	-0.8	1.3	-4.0	0.6	-0.3	2.8	-6.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	2.4	0.9
Romania	-1.7	-7.0	2.3	2.0	3.5	1.3	-0.1	-4.4	0.0	1.5	2.0	1.1	3.1
Sweden	0.6	2.7	4.1	2.0	-1.6	0.2	0.7	-1.0	-5.1	0.9	5.2	2.6	1.5
United Kingdom	0.0	-2.4	2.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.8	-2.6	1.1	-0.9	10.0	1.8	0.8
EU	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.2	-0.5	0.4	0.8	-2.9	-0.2	0.4	3.0	1.9	0.9
Iceland	1.1	4.1	-0.1	-2.6	4.2	-3.4	1.8	-3.3	2.7	2.1	4.3	5.6	1.4
Norway	1.8	3.2	2.7	4.0	-4.2	6.3	1.2	0.7	0.3	3.6	1.8	2.3	1.8
EEA	0.1	0.2	2.3	0.3	-0.5	0.5	0.8	-2.8	-0.2	0.4	3.0	1.9	1.0
Switzerland	-1.2	-0.9	0.7	2.9	-1.5	-2.6	-0.4	-4.6	-0.5	-1.7	1.1	-0.2	0.0

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 (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		Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015
	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015				
Belgium	118.96	120.92	115.66	118.30	118.48	120.75	118.70	120.84	119.49	121.11	126.32	124.60	130.49	130.02
Germany	114.6	114.9	112.4	112.8	114.1	114.4	114.4	114.7	116.2	116.2	133.5	130.7	124.7	124.6
Estonia	140.86	140.81	130.34	130.88	139.48	139.68	139.42	139.56	143.20	142.91	177.95	175.63	163.53	162.09
Ireland	106.9	107.5	106.0	106.9	107.8	108.5	107.4	108.0	108.3	108.7	142.2	139.3	109.8	109.8
Greece	114.00	113.93	110.31	109.19	113.98	113.43	114.09	113.72	116.70	116.44	183.23	179.85	125.63	128.48
Spain	116.59	116.77	113.16	113.16	115.93	115.95	116.12	116.15	118.61	118.12	149.33	142.98	126.94	127.73
France	114.03	114.69	112.77	113.66	113.44	114.20	113.85	114.59	115.08	115.50	132.89	130.46	118.57	118.47
Italy	117.1	117.1	115.3	115.2	116.9	116.8	117.0	117.0	117.8	117.6	132.5	130.7	123.4	123.6
Cyprus	115.08	116.17	110.94	111.66	113.47	114.10	114.03	114.63	117.83	118.65	147.46	143.59	130.83	133.19
Latvia	141.73	141.61	124.69	124.80	140.20	140.56	140.34	140.79	143.78	143.16	201.78	197.14	176.57	175.88
Lithuania	135.08	134.64	120.07	120.00	132.46	132.47	133.97	133.95	136.59	135.31	168.43	160.94	161.49	160.14
Luxembourg	123.66	125.52	119.29	121.65	123.68	125.63	123.74	125.64	120.52	121.58	124.63	119.64	136.81	136.89
Malta	124.27	124.75	118.66	119.13	121.70	122.14	122.46	122.88	124.76	125.18	147.13	146.59	144.33	144.87
Netherlands	117.42r	117.07	115.74r	115.21	117.28r	116.82	117.17r	116.71	117.04r	116.45	124.03	121.20	124.74	125.17
Austria	120.98r	121.09	119.11r	119.31	120.60r	120.72	120.85r	120.97	121.09r	120.89	127.01	123.54	130.55	130.16
Portugal	113.15	113.26	111.07	111.23	113.34	113.43	112.93	113.02	115.57	115.43	144.14	140.76	119.71	119.70
Slovenia	119.47	119.73	111.24	111.67	117.58	118.01	118.11	118.49	121.32	121.34	149.72	147.83	145.83	145.46
Slovakia	120.86	120.70	117.10	117.12	120.35	120.42	119.57	119.64	121.49	121.22	130.34	129.42	131.01	130.36
Finland	119.87	120.07	116.65	116.94	119.46	119.67	119.75	119.94	120.74	120.80	140.98	139.01	130.65	130.58
Euro area	115.77	116.09	113.62	113.98	115.35	115.67	115.56r	115.87	116.96	116.97	136.13	133.13	123.89	124.04
Bulgaria	142.44	142.75	130.86	130.95	143.96	144.16	143.33	143.53	137.24	137.35	137.39	136.16	169.22	170.10
Czech Republic	119.9	119.6	110.7	110.8	119.3	119.1	119.2	119.0	120.1	119.8	146.3	145.7	141.8	140.6
Denmark	117.0	116.8	113.7	113.7	116.8	116.7	116.5	116.4	117.3	117.0	126.1	123.6	129.3	128.8
Croatia	124.02	124.75	118.05	118.74	124.68	125.27	123.47	124.02	124.18	124.45	141.75	138.84	133.65	134.45
Hungary	145.43	145.19	132.49	132.64	142.10	142.15	142.69	142.74	143.20	142.27	156.37	151.80	175.51	174.36
Poland	121.7	121.5	114.3	114.2	121.1	121.0	121.5	121.4	122.4	122.0	148.6	147.3	137.5	136.9
Romania	147.37	146.83	143.22	143.20	153.50	153.54	148.50	148.54	144.07	143.11	181.26	176.88	149.08	147.76
Sweden	114.33	114.18	110.70	110.47	113.52	113.30	113.77	113.55	113.97	113.76	118.98	118.31	128.03	128.18
United Kingdom	123.7	124.1	120.0	120.5	122.8	123.4	123.2	123.7	125.6	125.9	171.7	169.2	143.8	144.3
EU	118.28r	118.54	115.15r	115.48	117.77r	118.07	117.97r	118.26	119.41r	119.39	142.15r	139.37	129.87r	129.91
Iceland	178.67	179.85	177.32	178.38	178.75	179.92	177.92	179.10	180.65	181.38	205.51	200.56	183.76	185.48
Norway	119.3	119.1	117.0	116.8	119.7	119.5	119.1	118.9	119.6	119.4	119.8	119.8	129.0	128.2
EEA	118.33r	118.59	115.21r	115.53	117.83r	118.13	118.03r	118.31	119.45r	119.44	142.08r	139.32	129.91r	129.93
Switzerland	102.1	101.6	101.9	101.3	102.1	101.6	102.1	101.6	102.4	101.8	110.3	108.3	103.0	103.4

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

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Methodology

HICPs designed for international comparison

The 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 euro area annual inflation rate is used by, among others, the European Central Bank (ECB) as a main indicator for monetary policy management for the euro area.

The Member States' HICPs are supplied by the National Statistical Institutes; the euro area, EU and EEA aggregates 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. The euro area is treated as a single entity within the EU and EEA starting from 1999.

Euro area, EU and EEA aggregates

The euro area, EU and EEA data refer to the respective country compositions at a specific point in time. New Member States are integrated into the aggregates using a chain index formula.

The euro area was originally comprised of 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, Estonia from January 2011, Latvia from January 2014, and Lithuania from January 2015. New Member States are integrated into the aggregates using a chain index formula.

The EU had 15 Member States until April 2004, 25 Member States until December 2006, 27 Member States until June 2013 and 28 Member states from July 2013. New Member States are integrated into the aggregates using a chain index formula.

EEA inflation is computed by using HICP data for Iceland and Norway in addition to the EU Member States.

Measures of inflation

An *annual rate* measures the change of the index level 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 HICPs in the latest 12 months to the average of the previous 12 months. This measure is less sensitive to transient changes in prices.

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://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/hicp/data/database>

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

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

Further information

European Statistical Data Support:

Contact details for this support network can be found on the Eurostat website at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/>.