

	LTA ⁽¹⁾	2006	2007	07Q3	07Q4	08Q1	08Q2	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	
1. Output														
Economic Sentiment	<i>indicator</i>	100.6	106.3	108.4	108.7	104.3	100.5	96.5	97.1	97.6	94.8	89.5	88.8	--
Industrial confidence	<i>balance</i>	-6.1	2.2	4.4	4.0	2.0	0.5	-2.9	-2.0	-1.7	-4.9	-7.8	-9.8	--
Services confidence	<i>balance</i>	17.8	18.0	19.3	19.7	14.9	10.3	8.1	6.8	8.3	9.3	1.2	2.7	--
Industrial production (excluding construction)	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				1.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	0.9	-1.9	-0.2	--	--	--
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.7	3.4	3.9	3.0	2.5	0.9	4.0	-0.5	-0.9	--	--	--
Gross domestic product	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.6	0.4	0.7	-0.2						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		2.2	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.4						
Labour productivity	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.2	0.0	0.4	--						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		0.9	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.5	--						
2. Private consumption														
Consumer confidence	<i>balance</i>	-11.1	-9.1	-4.9	-3.9	-7.7	-11.9	-14.6	-12.4	-14.6	-16.7	-19.7	-19.2	--
Retail confidence	<i>balance</i>	-6.0	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.4	-0.6	-3.5	-5.2	-0.9	-4.3	-8.9	-11.0	--
Private consumption	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		2.0	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.2	0.4						
Retail sales	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.5	-0.9	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	--	--
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.5	0.9	1.2	-0.3	-0.2	-1.5	-1.7	0.3	-3.2	-2.8	--	--
3. Investment														
Capacity utilisation	<i>level (%)</i>	81.9	83.0	84.2	84.1	84.0	83.9	83.8	83.8	--	--	82.9	--	--
Production expectations (manuf.)	<i>balance</i>	6.5	12.8	13.1	12.8	11.4	9.8	6.5	7.8	7.3	4.5	0.7	-4.2	--
Gross fixed capital formation	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.9	1.1	1.5	-1.2						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		3.0	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.7	2.4						
- equipment investment	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.4	1.5	1.5	--						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		4.6	5.9	5.6	5.3	4.9	--						
- construction investment	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.7	0.7	2.0	--						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.8	3.6	2.5	1.5	2.3	--						
Change in stocks	<i>contrib. to GDP (pp.)</i>	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.4	0.4	0.0						
4. Labour market														
Employment expectations (manuf.)	<i>balance</i>	-12.3	-5.2	1.9	2.1	1.4	-0.5	-3.0	-1.8	-2.9	-4.3	-6.6	-8.3	--
Employment expectations (services)	<i>balance</i>	9.6	10.7	13.5	14.3	13.8	10.4	8.2	7.5	9.7	7.3	3.4	5.2	--
Employment	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.4	0.3	0.3	--						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.3	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.6	--						
Employment (000)	<i>abs. ch. on prev. period</i>		2 226	2 542	600	456	441	--						
Compensation of employees per head (nominal)	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.2	1.0	1.0	--						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.9	2.4	2.2	2.8	2.9	--						
Unemployment rate	<i>% of lab. force</i>		8.3	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	--	--
Unemployment (000)	<i>abs. ch. on prev. period</i>		-772	-1 142	-133	-97	-52	169	106	87	39	25	--	--
5. International transactions														
World trade	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				2.6	0.4	1.7	0.2	2.9	-0.6	-1.3	--	--	--
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		7.4	7.1	7.8	5.5	5.7	4.9	7.0	5.0	2.9	--	--	--
Export order books	<i>balance</i>	-17.8	-1.1	3.5	3.6	1.3	-2.0	-6.6	-4.6	-6.2	-9.1	-12.4	-13.6	--
Trade balance (merchandise)	<i>billion EUR</i>		-1.0	2.2	2.0	0.6	0.0	-0.9	1.4	-1.0	-3.0	--	--	--
Exports of goods and services	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				1.8	0.4	1.8	-0.4						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		6.1	6.1	7.3	4.1	5.4	3.6						
Imports of goods and services	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				2.2	-0.4	1.9	-0.4						
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		6.1	5.5	6.5	4.0	4.7	3.4						
Current account balance	<i>billion EUR</i>		-0.3	2.1	3.3	-1.4	-4.3	-4.1	1.5	-5.5	-8.2	--	--	--
Direct investment	<i>billion EUR</i>		-12.1	-9.8	-13.6	-1.4	-34.9	-17.7	-22.4	-8.8	-22.0	--	--	--
Portfolio investment	<i>billion EUR</i>		22.2	19.6	21.7	-20.8	24.5	24.2	-3.7	22.2	54.2	--	--	--
6. Prices														
Consumer inflation expectations	<i>balance</i>	22.7	21.9	22.5	24.1	27.4	27.4	28.7	27.7	27.8	30.6	30.0	22.3	--
Headline inflation (HICP)	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		2.2	2.1	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	--
Core HICP	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		1.5	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	--	--
Domestic producer prices	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		5.1	2.8	2.1	4.0	5.4	7.1	6.2	7.1	8.0	9.0	--	--
Import prices	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		7.4	1.4	0.9	5.6	10.5	--	10.0	12.5	--	--	--	--
Oil (Brent) in USD	<i>level</i>		66.2	72.5	74.3	88.3	96.1	121.9	109.7	123.6	132.8	135.7	115.8	110.1
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		20.0	9.5	4.5	45.5	64.6	77.5	61.8	81.8	89.2	79.9	61.9	44.5
Oil (Brent) in EUR	<i>level</i>		52.7	52.6	54.0	60.9	64.1	78.0	69.6	79.4	85.3	86.1	77.4	76.1
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		18.3	-0.1	-3.1	29.5	43.9	53.2	38.8	57.8	63.1	56.6	47.4	39.0
Non-energy commodity prices (EUR)	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				-3.3	-3.2	13.3	1.1	-1.3	1.3	1.7	-1.2	-2.2	--
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		25.2	8.0	6.5	0.3	10.2	7.2	5.8	6.4	9.5	9.4	9.8	--
7. Monetary and financial indicators														
Nominal interest rates (3 month)	<i>level</i>		3.08	4.28	4.49	4.72	4.48	4.86	4.78	4.86	4.94	4.96	4.97	4.96
Nominal interest rates (10 year)	<i>level</i>		3.78	4.23	4.36	4.22	3.94	4.27	4.06	4.21	4.56	4.50	4.22	4.12
ECB repo rate	<i>level</i>		2.76	3.84	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.18	4.25	4.25
Stock market (Eurostoxx)	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				-2.3	1.4	-13.0	-2.7	4.8	1.2	-7.5	-6.5	1.4	0.3
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		18.3	13.8	15.9	8.6	-8.2	-16.2	-13.1	-14.2	-21.1	-25.9	-20.7	-21.7
Money demand (M3)	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		8.5	11.1	11.5	12.0	10.9	9.9	10.3	10.0	9.5	9.3	--	--
Loans to households	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		9.2	7.2	6.9	6.5	5.8	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.2	4.1	--	--
Loans to companies	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		11.5	13.4	13.9	14.1	14.7	14.2	14.9	14.2	13.6	13.2	--	--
Bilateral exchange rate EUR/USD	<i>level</i>		1.26	1.37	1.37	1.45	1.50	1.56	1.58	1.56	1.56	1.58	1.50	1.45
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		0.9	9.1	7.8	12.4	14.3	15.9	16.5	15.1	15.9	15.0	9.9	4.5
Nominal effective exchange rate	<i>% ch. on prev. period</i>				0.5	2.7	2.0	2.6	1.3	-0.5	0.0	0.3	-2.0	-0.7
	<i>% ch. on prev. year</i>		0.3	3.9	3.0	5.7	6.8	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.9	7.6	6.0	5.2

(1) LTA=Long-Term Average

(2) Data available until date of update



1. Output

Slovakia will join the euro area from January 1st on.

During the last couple of months, sentiment in the manufacturing has steadily deteriorated. In August, the **industrial confidence indicator** reached its lowest level since May 2005. The high level of both oil prices and the euro, tightening monetary conditions and the slowing global economy are all factors that have been weighing on business conditions. The decline of the indicator in August was mainly caused by managers' negative assessment of their production expectations and partly their order books, while the level of stocks of finished products is increasingly seen as being on the high side.

In June 2008, **industrial production** remained unchanged month-on-month (mom). However, this followed a significant decline of 1.8% in May. Compared with June 2007, industrial production decreased by 0.5%. In June, production of intermediate goods, capital goods and durable consumer goods decreased (mom), while output rose in energy and non-durable consumer goods. The highest annual increases were registered in Ireland (+6.1%) and Slovenia (+1.8%), while the largest decreases were recorded in Spain (-9.0%) and Portugal (-4.0%).

GDP in 08Q2 decreased by 0.2% quarter-on-quarter (qoq), after the strong expansion of 0.7% in 08Q1. This was the first contraction since the early 90's. GDP contracted in the largest economies (Germany: -0.5%; France and Italy: -0.3%) with the exception of Spain (+0.1%). On a year-on-year (yoy) basis, euro-area growth was 1.4%, decelerating from 2.1% in 08Q1. Due to the weakness of consumption and investment, domestic demand was a significant drag on economic activity, subtracting 0.2 pp. from GDP growth.

2. Private consumption

In 08Q2, **private consumption** contracted by 0.2% (qoq), after a negative reading in 08Q1. Household spending decreased in Germany (for the third quarter in a row) and was very weak or flat in other major countries (France and Spain).

Consumer confidence stabilised in August, after reaching (in July) the lowest value since early 1994 and remained below its long-term average of -10 since February 2008. Concerns about the general economic outlook and unemployment fears are behind the decline, contributing to the record low willingness to make major purchases.

In July, the **volume of retail trade** fell by 0.4% mom and by 2.8% yoy. At the same time, confidence in the **retail sector** deteriorated further in August, mainly due to a sharp worsening of the present business situation.

3. Investment

Gross fixed capital formation, which was the main engine of domestic demand until recently, declined by 1.2% qoq in the second quarter 2008. Among the Member States, investment dropped by 3.1% (qoq) in Finland and contractions between 1.5% and 2% were observed in Germany, Spain and France. In Q2, Belgium and Austria recorded growth in investment of 1.1% and 0.8% respectively.

According to the DG ECFIN's quarterly survey, **capacity utilisation** decreased further between April and July (currently at 82.9%), remaining nevertheless above its long-term average.

4. Labour market

In July, the **unemployment** rate stood at 7.3%, unchanged since April. It was 7.4% in July 2007. Sharp divergences across the region are seen. Since July 2007, the unemployment rate has declined by about 1 pp. in Germany and France, while it increased by 2.8 pps. in Spain.

In 08Q1, the number of persons employed in the **euro area** rose by 0.3% (446 000 persons) compared with the previous quarter, unchanged from 07Q4. Compared with first quarter of 2007, the increase in employment was 1.6% in 08Q1, down from 1.8% in 07Q4.

While the **employment expectations** in manufacturing shifted down in August, they have recovered somewhat in the services sector. **Consumers' unemployment expectations** worsened somewhat.

The level of recorded **labour shortages in manufacturing** decreased in 08Q3, with 6.7% of firms (7.3% in 08Q2) reporting that unfilled job openings were constraining production.

5. International transactions

The assessment of **export order books** in manufacturing continued its gradual slowdown in August, but remains still above its long-term average of -18. The seasonally adjusted **euro-area trade balance** with the rest of the world recorded a 3.0bn Euro deficit in June. Both **exports and imports of goods and services** in volume terms were down by 0.4% qoq in 08Q2, after a robust growth of 1.9% in Q1.



In June, the working-day and seasonally adjusted **current account** of the euro area recorded a deficit of EUR 8.2 billion. This reflected deficits in current transfers, goods and income components, which were only partly offset by a surplus in services. In the **financial account**, combined direct and portfolio investment recorded net inflows of EUR 32 billion in June 2008, reflecting net inflows in portfolio investment (EUR 54 billion) and net outflows in direct investment (EUR 22 billion).

6. Prices

HICP in July stood at 4.0%, unchanged compared to June. According to the flash estimate, euro-area inflation softened to 3.8% in August. This was mainly due to lower oil prices after the record-high levels of July. **Core inflation** was 2.5% in July, stable compared to June.

The price of **crude oil** reached its highest level ever in mid-July 2008 (the World ICE crude oil Index reached 145.65 USD on 4 July). Since the second half of July, oil prices have receded substantially and stood at 104.7 USD on 8 September, a decline of about 28% from the peak. The correction has been mainly the result of an unexpected increase in US inventories. Other influences were signs of weakness in oil demand from advanced economies and IEA optimism about higher supply in coming years.

In August, **industrial producer prices** rose by 1.1% mom and by 9.0% yoy. These are the highest growth rates in 25 years due to very high energy and food prices.

7. Monetary and financial indicators

The ECB hiked its key interest rate to 4.25% on 3 July, as widely expected. The **3-month interbank interest rate** in the euro area has been practically stable during the course of the summer, reflecting stable expectations on the future of the ECB interest rates. However, interbank rates remain at elevated levels reaching 4.96% on 8 September. This is around 90 bps above 3-month overnight interest rates swaps, while the historical average is around 10 bps, implying persistent concerns of counterparty risk between commercial banks. On 30 April, the Fed lowered its target interest rate by 25 bps to 2.0%, the seventh cut since last September. On 8 September, the US 3-month interest rate was at 2.82% with only slight moves recorded during summer months, and in contrast to the significant easing in the first half of the year.

The **bond yields** in both the euro area and the US were on the rise since mid-March on the back of increasing inflation and possible second-round effects. However, this upward trend was reversed around mid-June due to weaker economic data and volatile and declining stock markets leading to stronger demand for safer assets. On 8 September, the ten-year interest rate was 3.68% in the US (compared with 4.27%, the most recent high, on June 16) and 4.06% in the euro area (4.61% on June 18).

According to the ECB, the annual rate of **growth of M3** declined to 9.3% in July 2008. The 3-month moving average declined to 9.6%, from 9.9% recorded last month. The annual rate of growth of **loans to the private sector** decreased to 9.4% in July, after 9.9% in June. The annual growth rate of **loans to non-financial corporations** decreased to 13.2% in July, after 13.6% in June. The growth rate of **loans to households** stood at 4.1% in July, down from 4.2% in June.

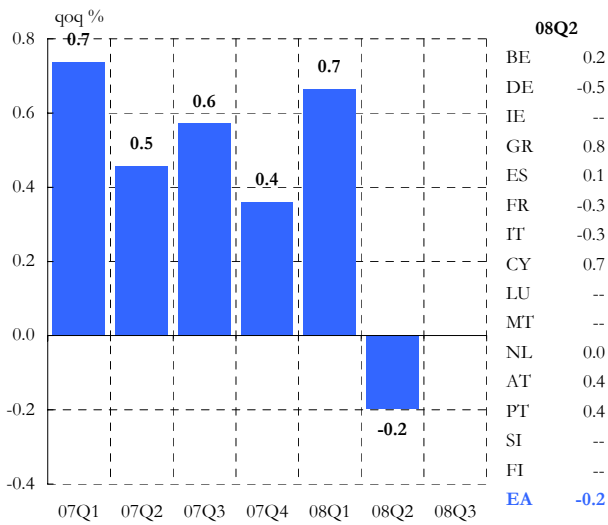
The **euro** has depreciated significantly over the summer, falling by about 8% against the US dollar since the beginning of August, to 1.42 on 8 September. The decline, over the same period, against the yen was somewhat larger: -9% (to 153 on 8 September). The respective highs reached mid-July were 1.60 and 169.3. Interest rates in the euro area have declined relative to corresponding US rates. The widespread perception of a weakening growth outlook for the euro area has led to a change in interest-rate expectations and reinforced the downward pressure on the euro.

Stock market developments were somewhat volatile over summer. At the beginning of September, US and euro-area stock markets were about their end-June level, while the Japanese Nikkei index was some 5% lower. Compared to one year ago, the US Dow Jones is about 14% lower, against losses around 24% for Japanese and euro-area stock markets.

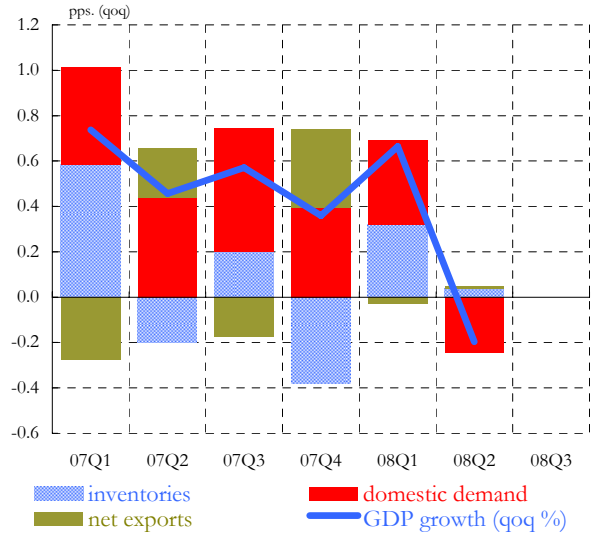


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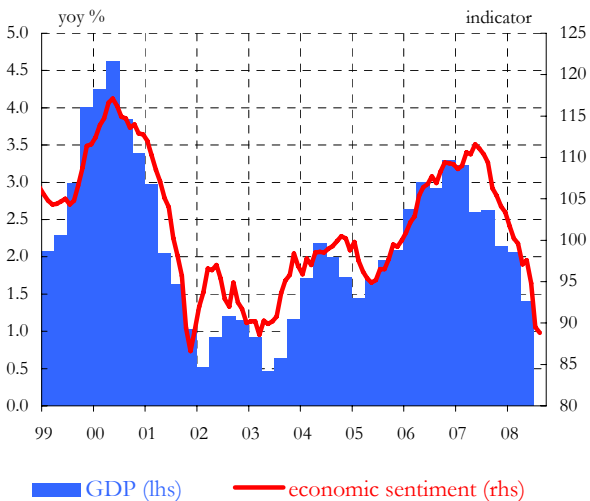
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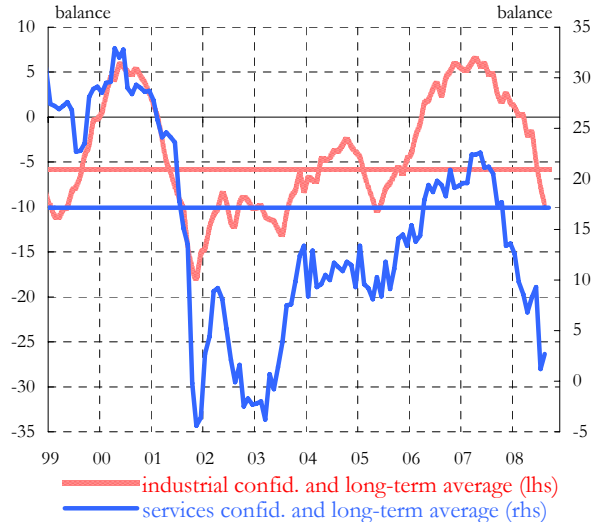
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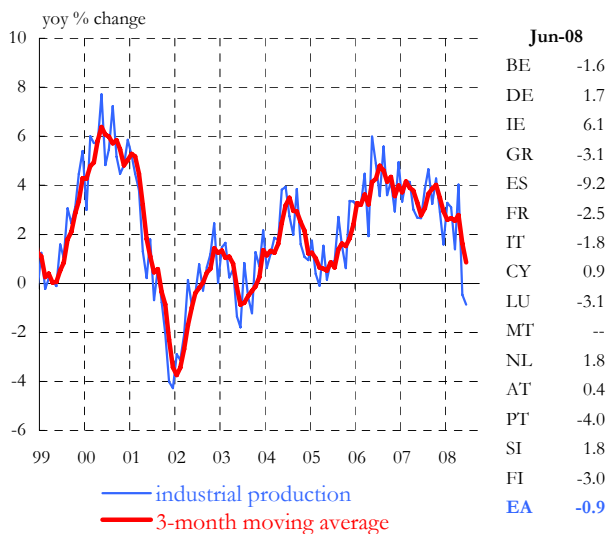
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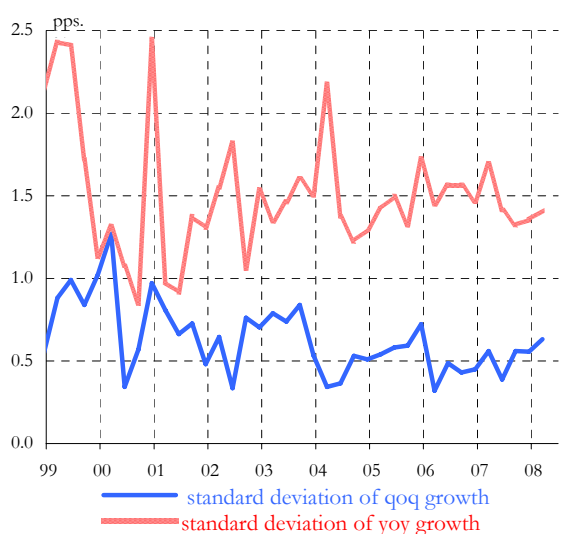
Industrial and services confidence



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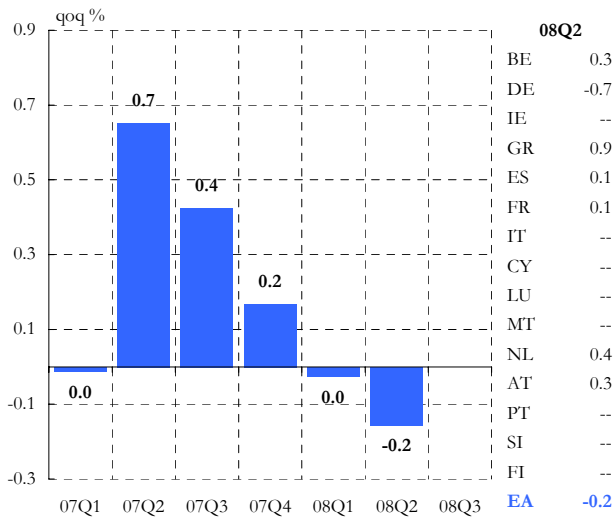
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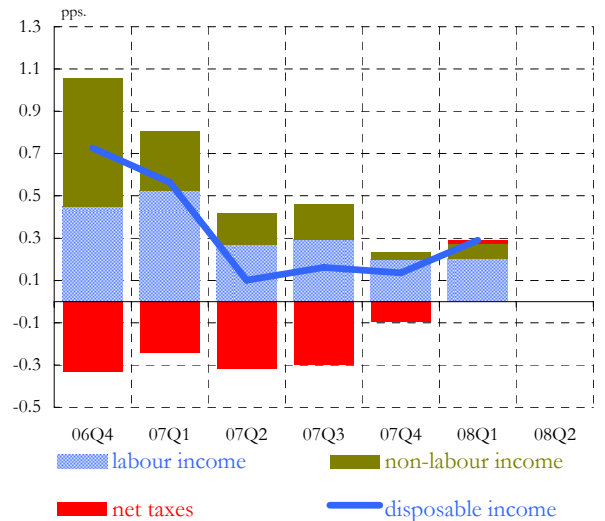


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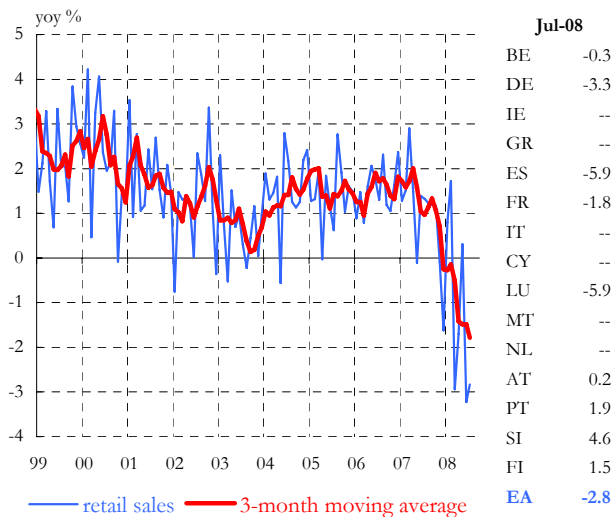
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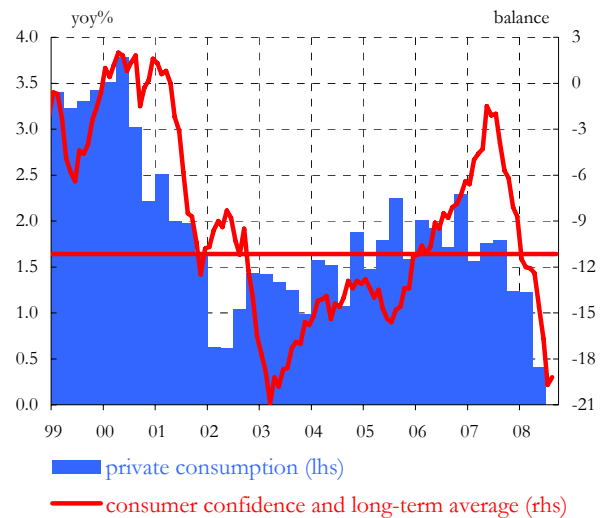
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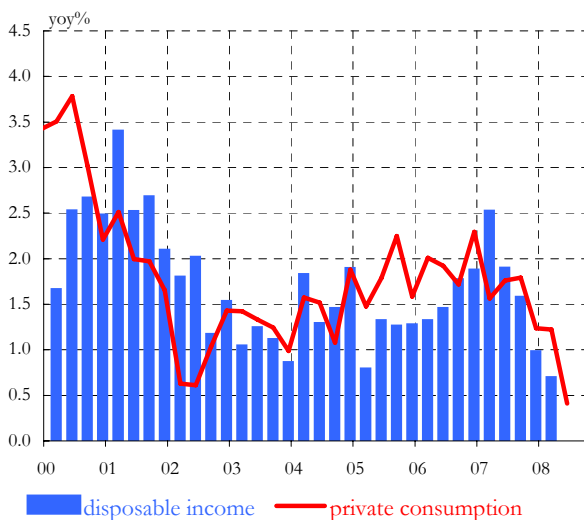
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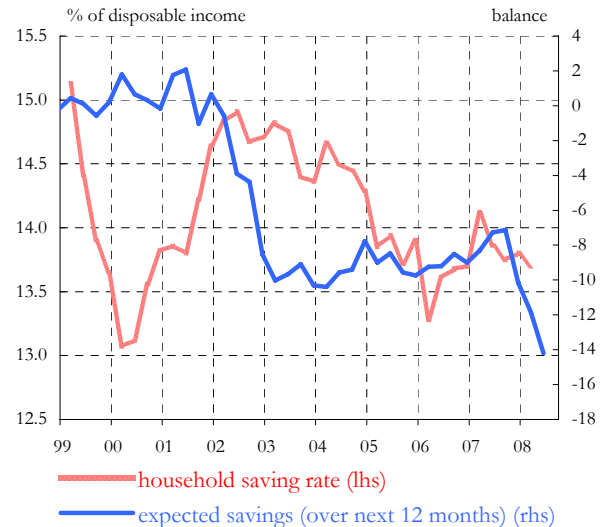
Consumer confidence and private consumption



Households: disposable income and consumption



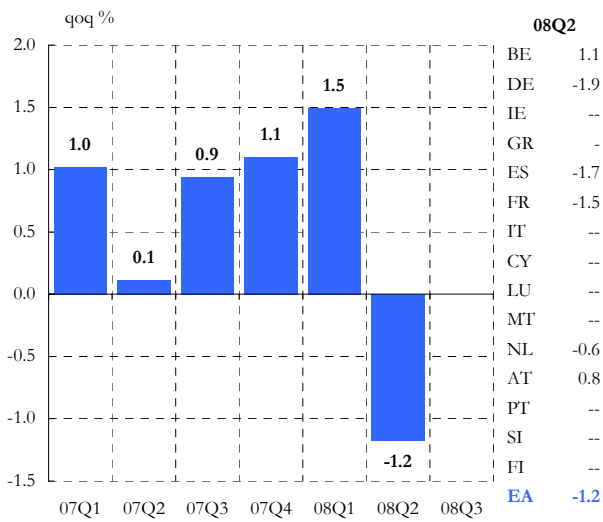
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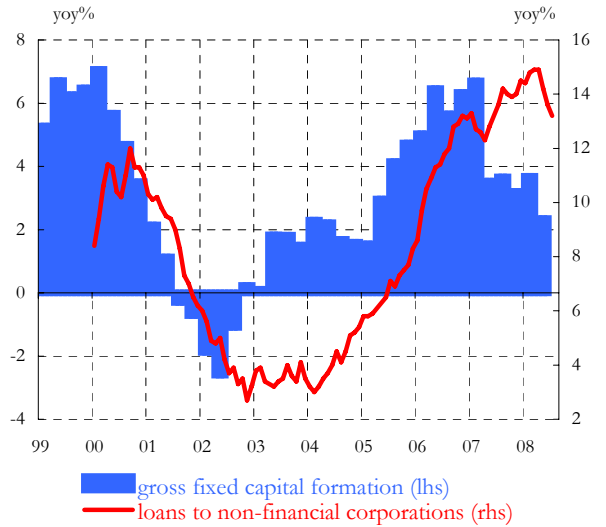


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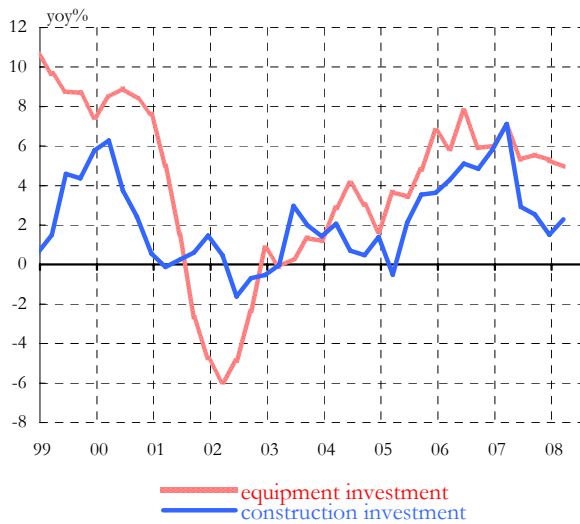
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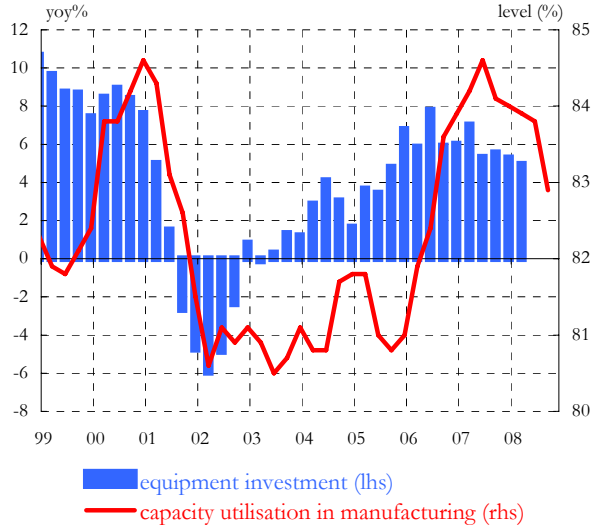
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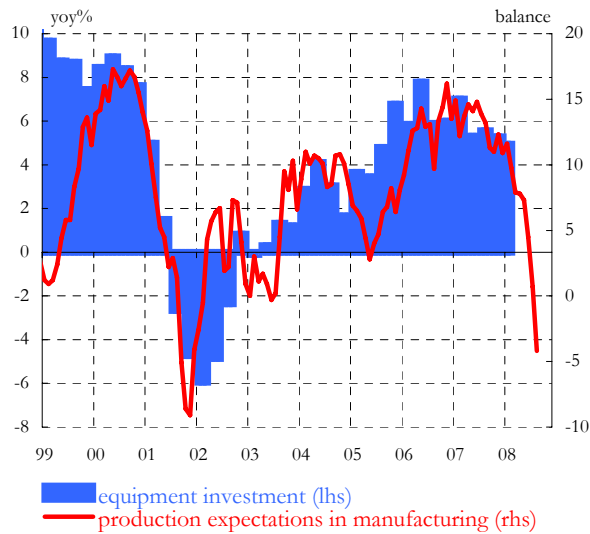
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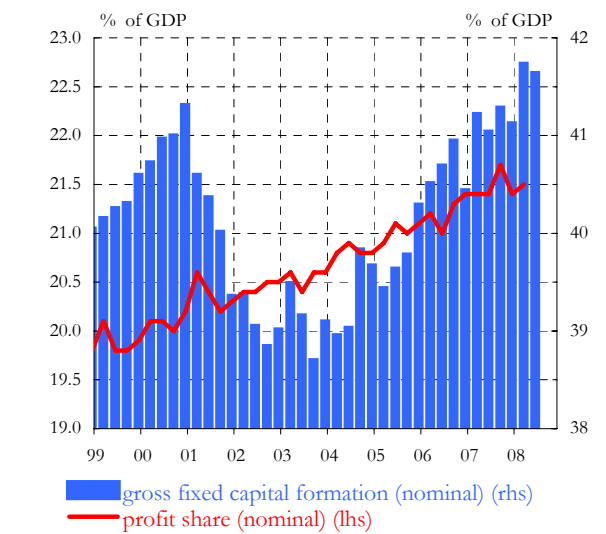
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Equipment investment and production expectations



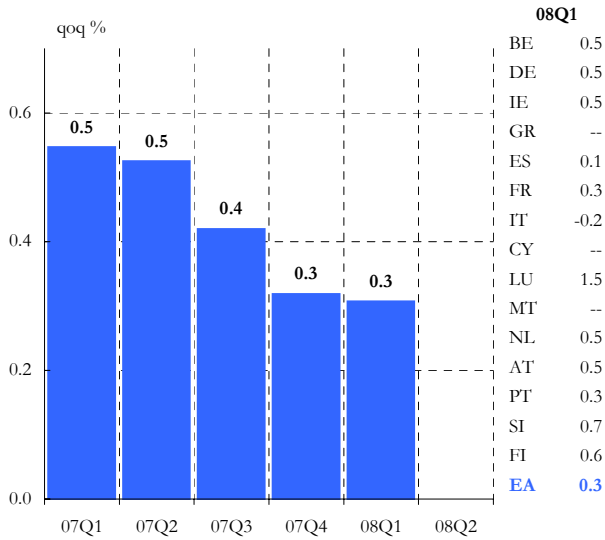
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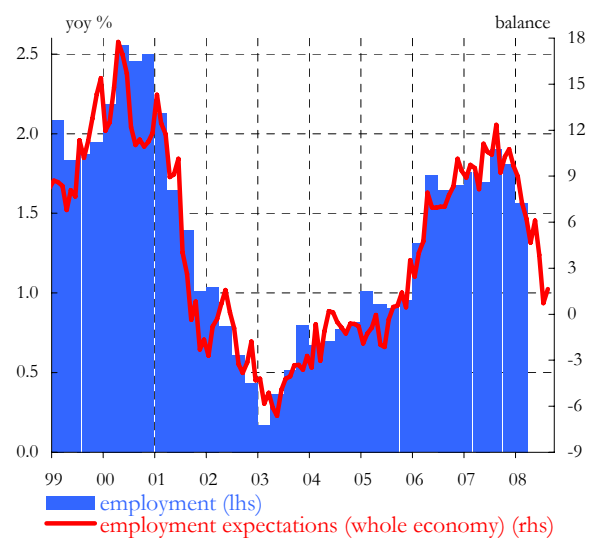


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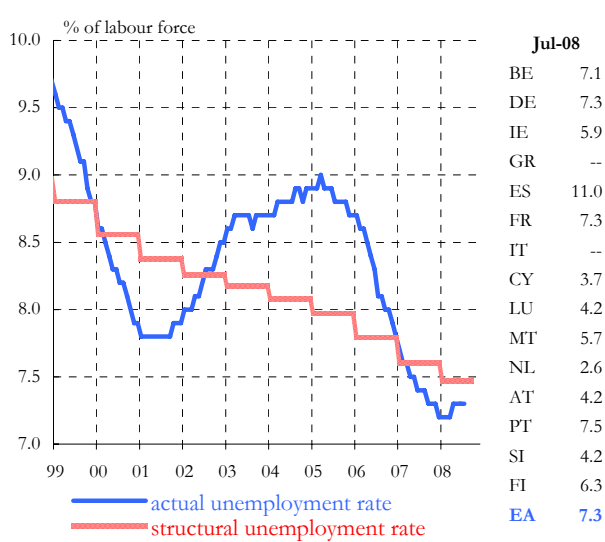
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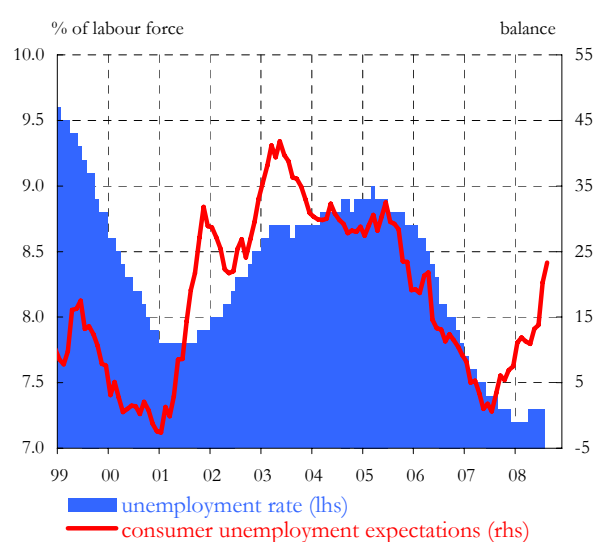
Employment and employment expectations



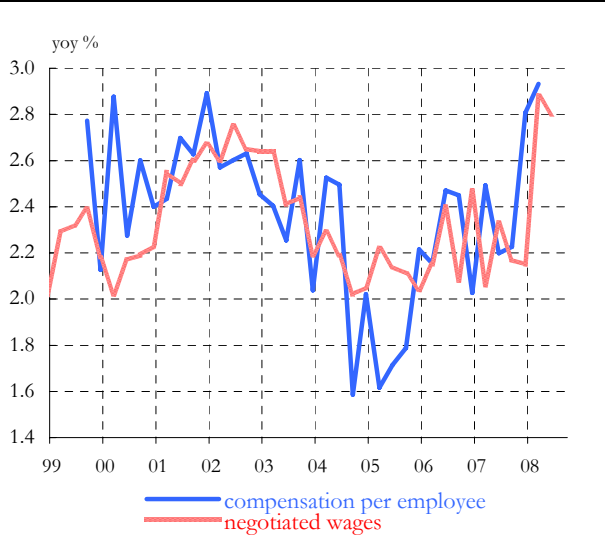
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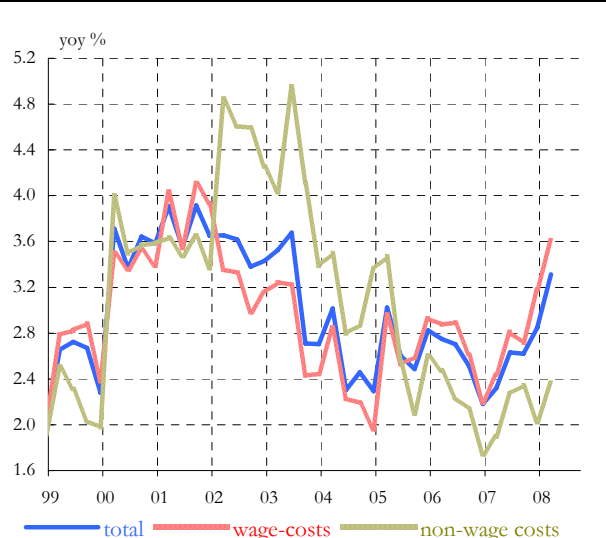
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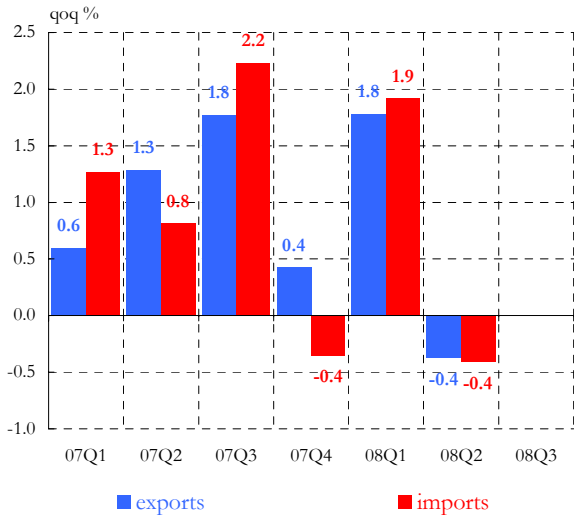
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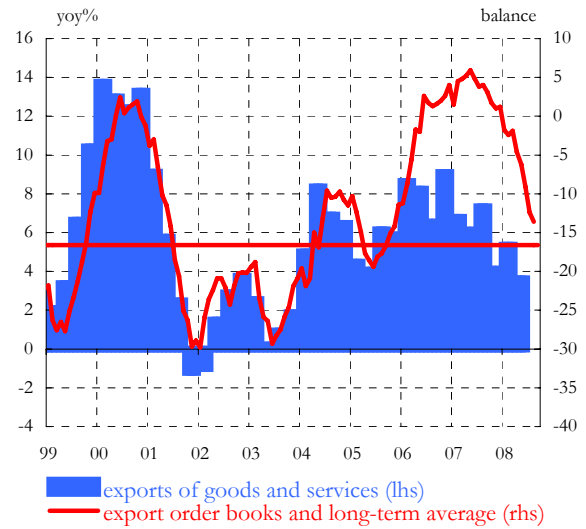


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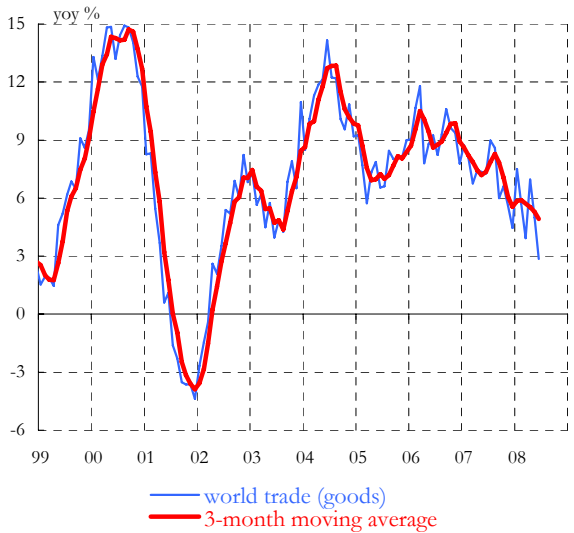
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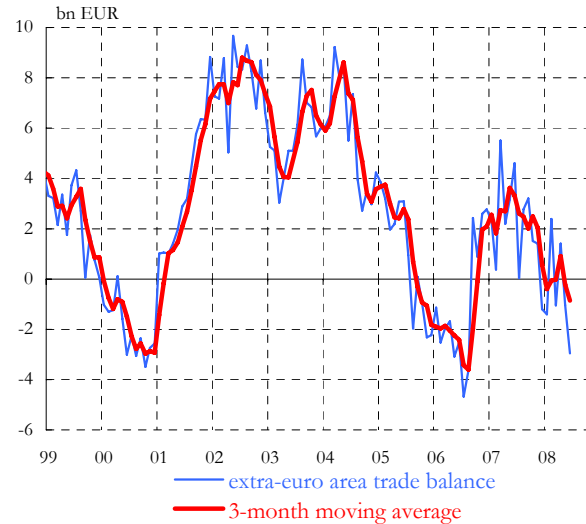
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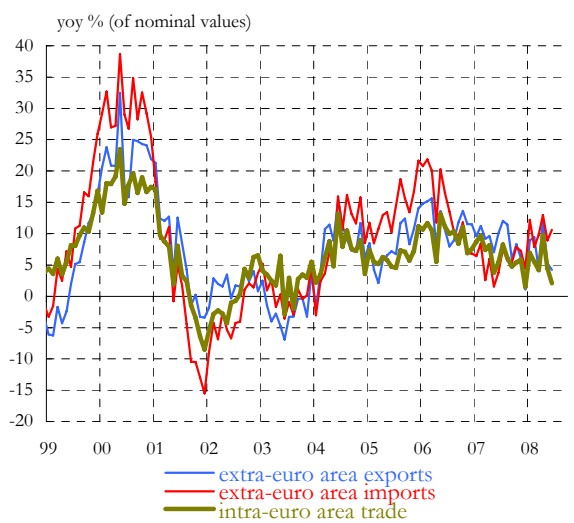
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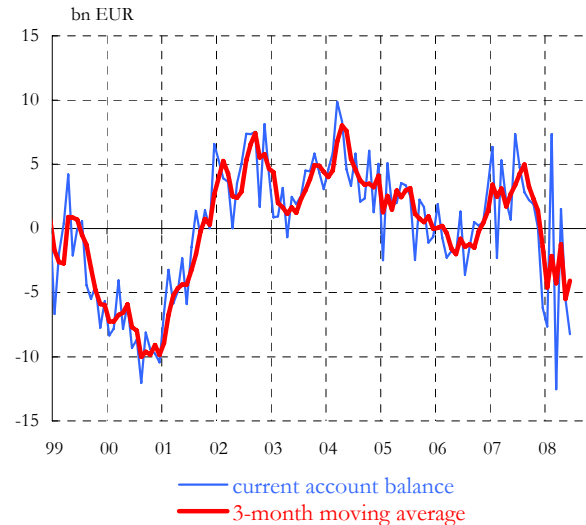
Extra euro-area trade balance



Extra- and intra-euro area trade



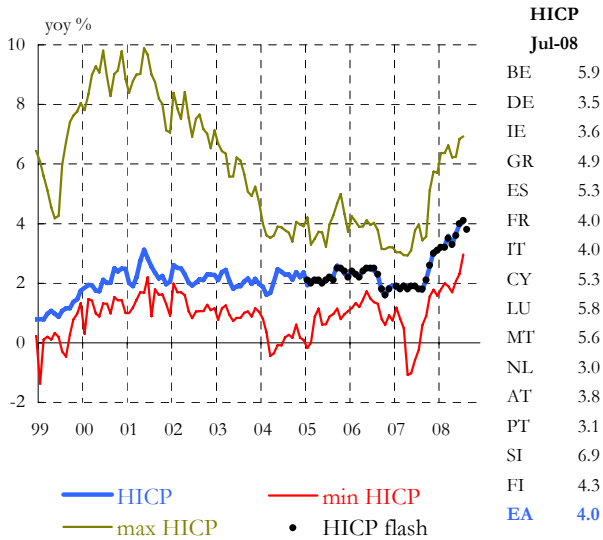
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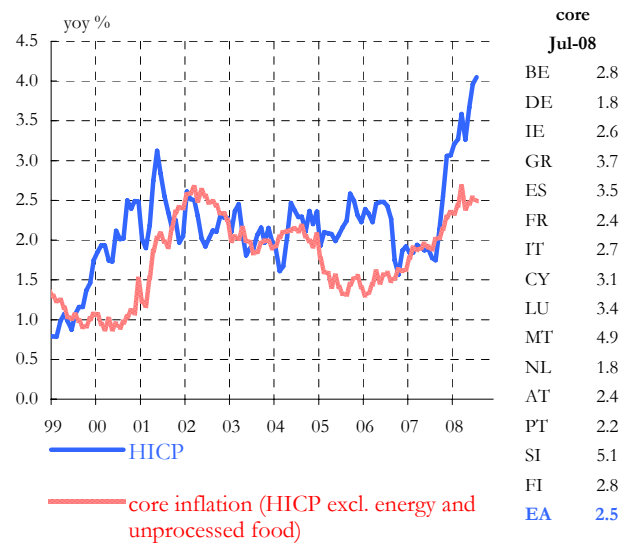


6. PRICES

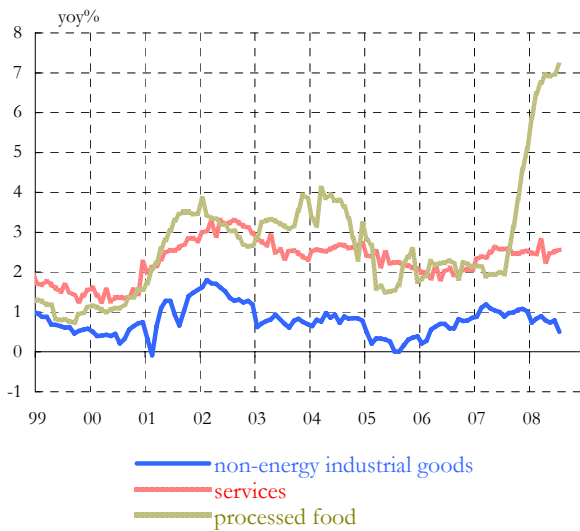
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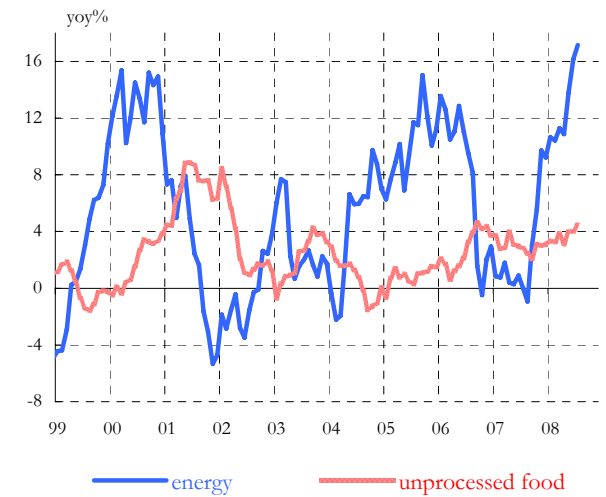
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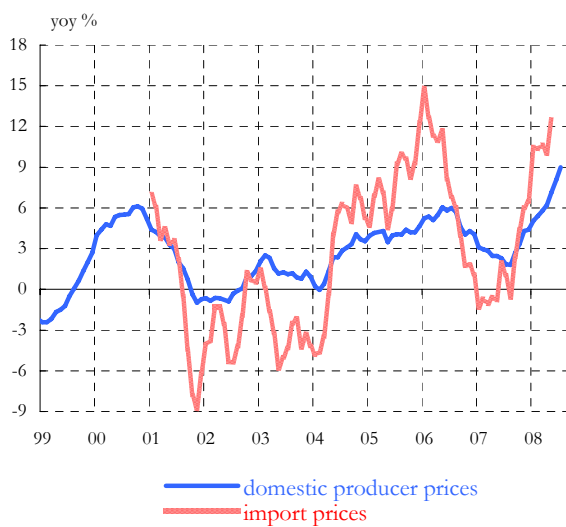
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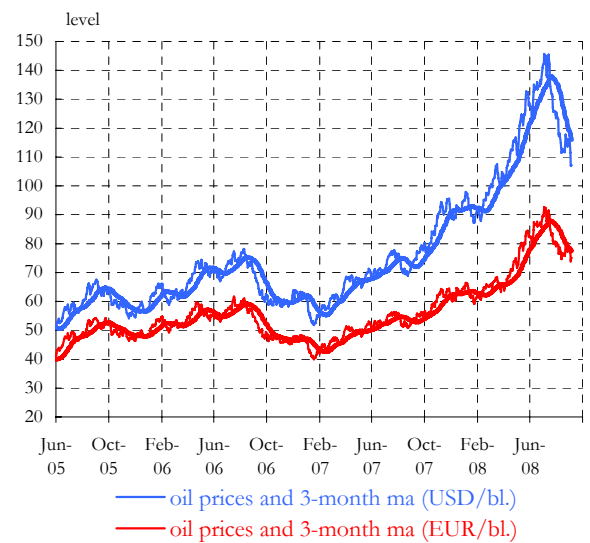
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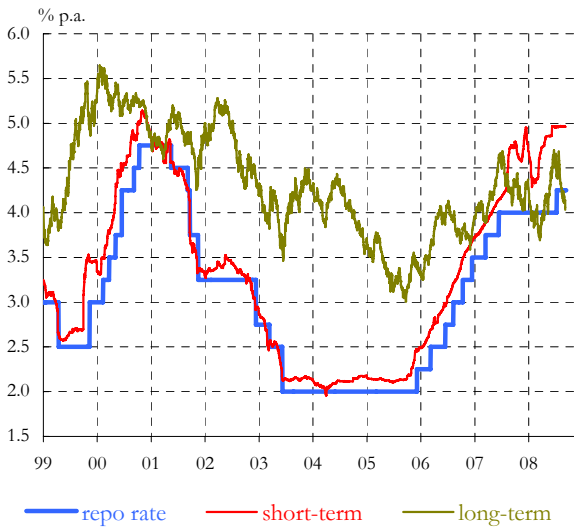
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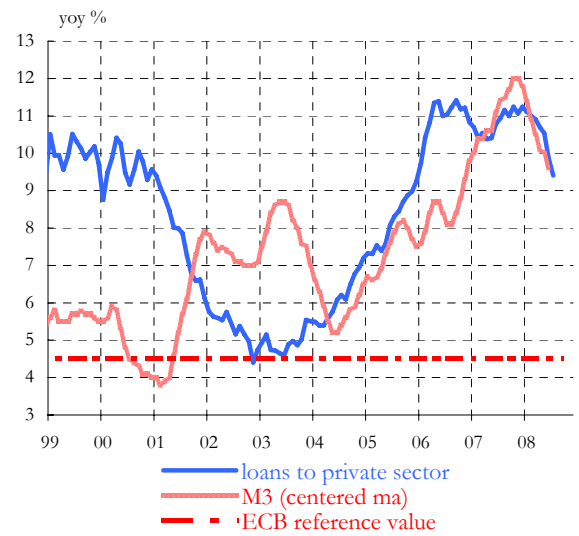


7. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

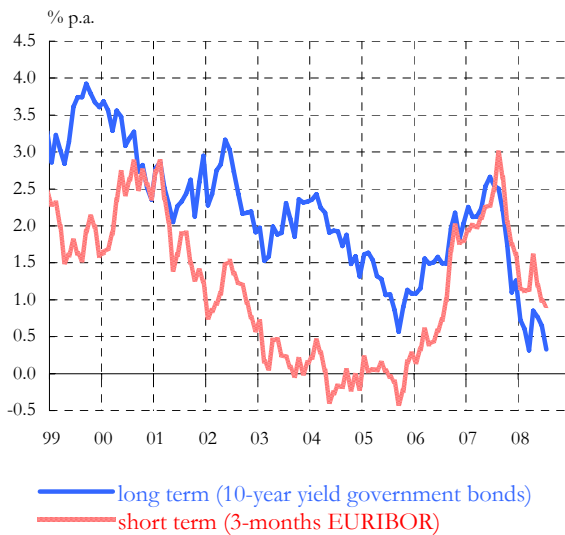
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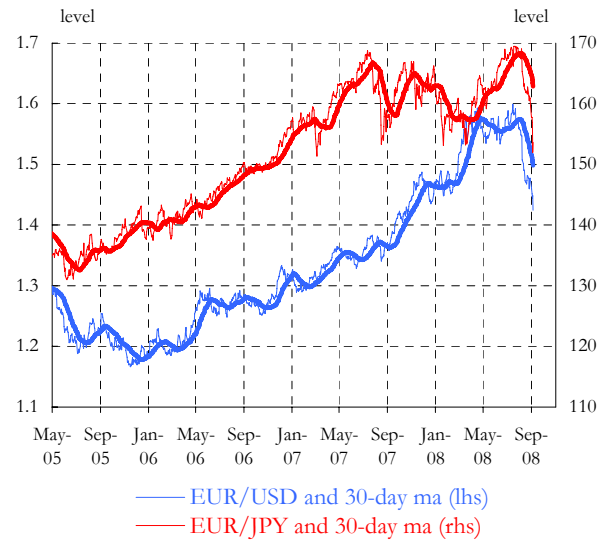
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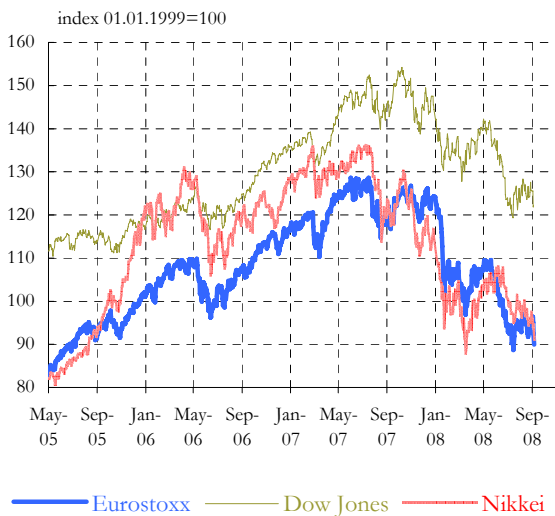
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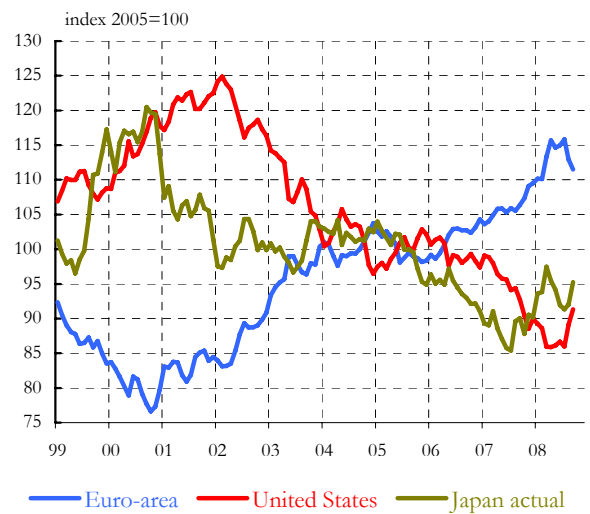
Euro vis-à-vis US dollar and JP yen



Stock market indices



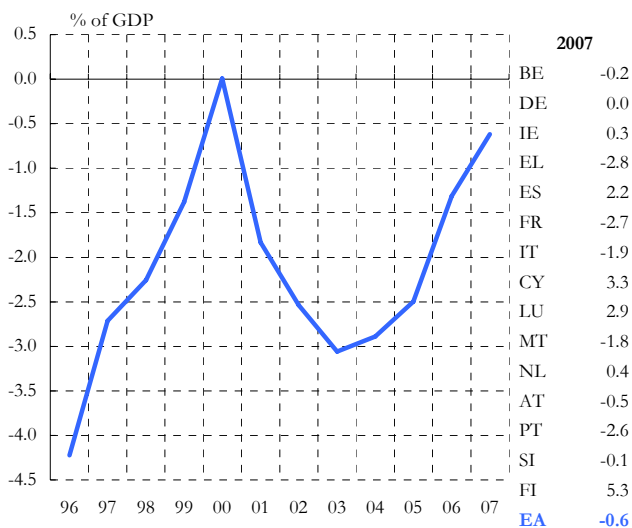
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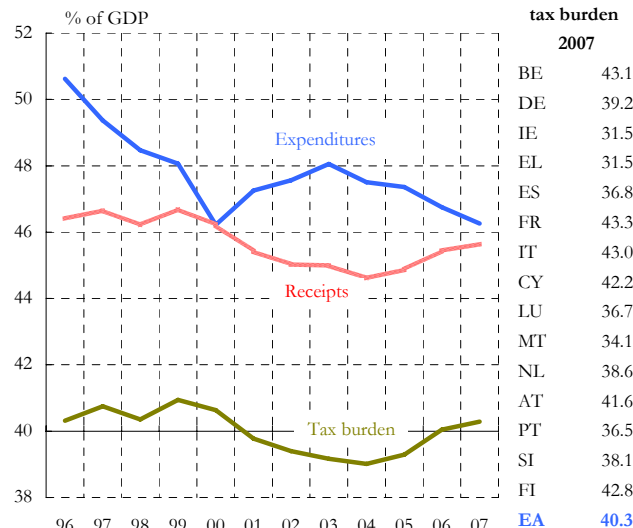


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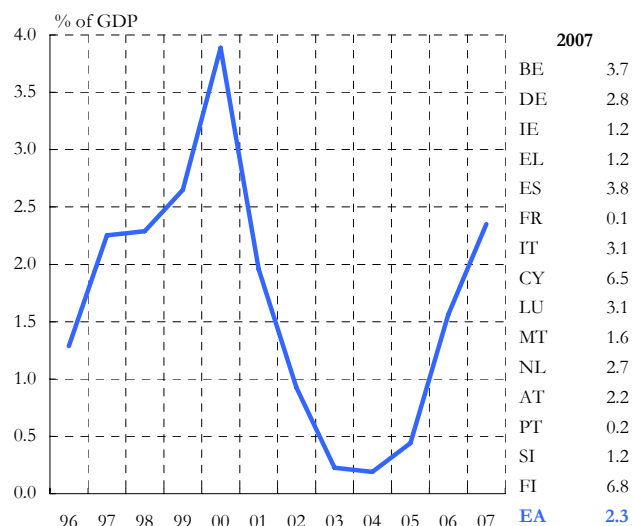
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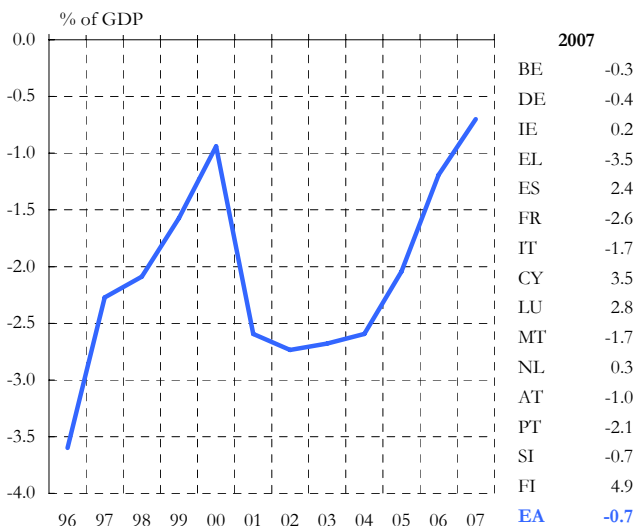
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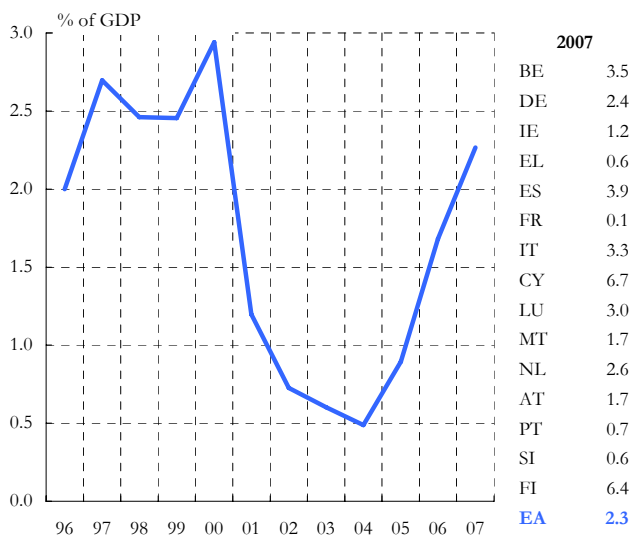
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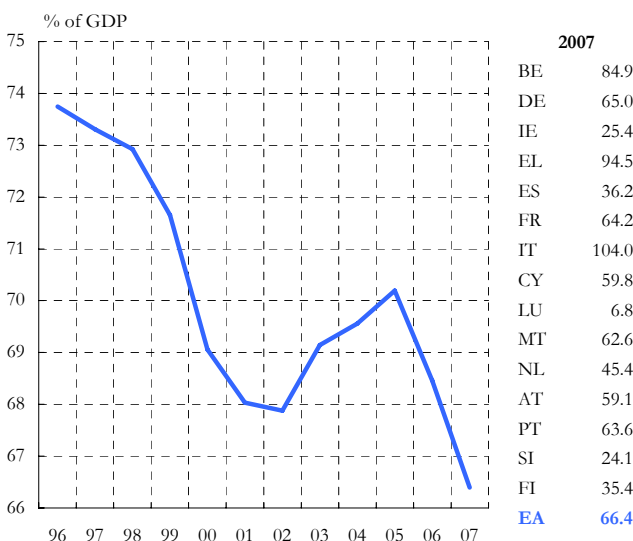
Cyclically adjusted balance



Cyclically adjusted primary balance



General government debt



* Figures are from the Commission's spring 2008 forecast

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Euro-area	As from 1.1.2008 the figures refer to Belgium (BE), Germany (DE), Ireland (IE), Greece (GR), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Portugal (PT), Slovenia (SI), Finland (FI).	
Indicator	Note	Source
1. Output		
Economic Sentiment Indicator	The economic sentiment indicator is the weighted average (of the industrial confidence indicator (40%), the services confidence indicator (30%), the consumer confidence indicator (20%), the construction confidence indicator (5%) and the retail trade confidence indicator (5%)). Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Industrial confidence indicator	The industrial confidence indicator is the arithmetic average of the balances (%) referring to the questions on production expectations, order books and stocks (the latter with inverted sign) from the survey of manufacturing industry. The long-term average refers to the period as from publishing of the indicator up to now. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Services confidence indicator	The services confidence indicator is the arithmetic average of the balances (%) referring to the questions on business situation and recent and expected evolution of demand from the survey of services. The long-term average refers to the period as from publishing of the indicator up to now. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Industrial production	Monthly Production Index (2000=100), NACE Rev.1 C-D-E, Total industry (excluding construction). Mom % ch. and qoq% ch. are seasonally adjusted, yoy% ch. are working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Gross domestic product	Gross domestic product at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Labour productivity	Labour productivity defined as the difference between GDP growth and employment growth.	Eurostat
GDP divergence	Standard deviation of GDP growth of the following countries: BE, DE, ES, FR, IT, CY, LU, NL, AT, PT, SI, FI.	Eurostat
2. Private consumption		
Consumer confidence indicator	The consumer confidence indicator is the arithmetic average of the balances (%) referring to the questions on the financial situation of households, general economic situation, unemployment expectations (with inverted sign) and savings; all over next 12 months. The long-term average refers to the period as from publishing of the indicator up to now. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Retail confidence indicator	The retail confidence indicator is the arithmetic average of the balances (%) referring to the questions on the present and the future business situation and the volume of stocks (with inverted sign). The long-term average refers to the period from publishing of the indicator up to now. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Private consumption	Household & NPISH final consumption expenditure at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Retail sales	Retail trade (NACE Rev.1 52) excluding motor vehicles, motorcycles; Deflated turnover, mom % ch. and qoq% ch. are seasonally adjusted, yoy% ch. are working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
3. Investment		
Capacity utilization	In percent of full capacity in the manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted (collected in January, April, July and October).	DG ECFIN
Production expectations	Production expectations in manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Gross fixed capital formation	Gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Equipment investment	Gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR, metal products, machinery and transport equipment. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Construction investment	Gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR, construction work and housing. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Change in stocks	Changes in inventories and acquisitions less disposals of valuables (at prices of previous year).	Eurostat
Profit share	Ratio of nominal gross operating surplus and gross mixed income to nominal GDP	Eurostat

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4. Labour market		
Employment expectations (manufacturing)	Managers' employment expectations over the next three months in the manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Employment expectations (services)	Managers' employment expectations over the next three months in the services sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Employment expectations (whole economy)	Weighted average of managers' employment expectations over the next three months in the manufacturing (19%), services (65%), construction (6%) and retail sectors (10%). Weights in brackets according to value-added share on GDP of the respective sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Employment	Total domestic employment (number of persons). Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Compensation of employees per head	Nominal compensation of employees divided by the number of employees. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Unemployment expectations	Consumers' unemployment expectations over the next twelve months. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Unemployment rate	Harmonized unemployment rate (in percent of labour force), ILO definition. Data are seasonally adjusted.	Eurostat
Structural unemployment rate	Non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment. Data are seasonally adjusted.	OECD
Total labour costs	Nominal wage- and non-wage costs less subsidies in the private business sector. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Wage costs	Nominal wage and salary costs include direct remunerations, bonuses, and allowances, payments to employees saving schemes, payments for days not worked and remunerations in kind. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Non-wage costs	Nominal non-wage costs include the employers' social contributions plus employment taxes less subsidies. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Labour productivity	Ratio between GDP and employment. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	DG ECFIN
5. International transactions		
World trade	Volume, 1998=100, seasonally adjusted	CPB
Export order books	Managers' export order expectations in the manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Extra-euro area exports	Nominal extra-euro area exports of goods, fob. Data are seasonally adjusted.	Eurostat
Extra-euro area imports	Nominal extra-euro area imports of goods, cif. Data are seasonally adjusted.	Eurostat
Extra-euro area trade balance	Difference between extra-euro area exports and extra-euro area imports. Data are seasonally adjusted.	Eurostat
Intra-euro area trade	Nominal intra-euro area trade in goods, fob. Data are seasonally adjusted.	Eurostat
Current account balance	Transactions in goods and services plus income and current transfers between residents and non-residents of the euro area. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	ECB
Exports of goods and services	Exports of goods and services at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Imports of goods and services	Imports of goods and services at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year 2000), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted.	Eurostat
Direct investment	Nominal transactions/positions in assets abroad by euro-area residents less nominal transactions/positions in euro-area assets by non-residents. To be regarded as a direct investment, ownership in an enterprise must be equivalent to more than 10% of the ordinary shares or voting power.	ECB
Portfolio investment	Nominal transactions/positions in securities (including equities) abroad by euro-area residents less nominal transactions/positions in euro-area securities (including equities) by non-residents. To be regarded as a portfolio investment, ownership in an enterprise must be equivalent to less than 10% of the ordinary shares or voting power.	ECB

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6. Prices		
HICP	Harmonized index of consumer prices (index 2005=100)	Eurostat
Core HICP	HICP excluding energy and unprocessed food (index 2005=100)	Eurostat
Producer prices	Domestic producer price index, total industry excluding construction (index 2000=100)	Eurostat
Selling price expectation	Managers' selling-price expectations in the manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted.	DG ECFIN
Import prices	Unit value index of imports, Current Prices (index 2000=100)	Eurostat
Oil prices	Price of north sea Brent in USD/barrel and EUR/barrel	ICE
Non-energy commodity prices	Market price for non-fuel commodities in EUR terms (index 2000c=100)	HWWI
7. Monetary and financial indicators		
Nominal interest rate (3-month)	3-month EURIBOR interbank rate (360 day)	ECB/Ec owin
Nominal interest rate (10-year)	10-year interest rate on government bonds for euro area (based upon the 10-year German government bond)	ECB/Ec owin
ECB repo rate	Minimum bid rate of main refinancing operations, end of period.	ECB/Ec owin
Money demand (M3)	Monetary aggregate including currency in circulating (banknotes and coins), operational deposits in central bank, money in current accounts, saving accounts, money market deposits, certificates of deposit, all other deposits and repurchase agreements. Data are seasonally adjusted.	ECB
Loans to private sector	Loans by MFI (monetary and financial institutions) to euro area residents (excl government). Data are seasonally adjusted.	ECB
Real long-term interest rates	Nominal interest rate (10-year) deflated by HICP index	DG ECFIN
Real short-term interest rates	Nominal interest rate (3-month) deflated by HICP index	DG ECFIN
Stock markets	Eurostoxx50, Dow Jones and Nikkei indices (1.1.1999=100)	Ecwin
Exchange rates	EUR/USD and EUR/JPY reference rates	ECB
Nominal effective exchange rate	Monthly Nominal Effective Exch. Rates vs rest of IC24 (index 2005 = 100)	DG ECFIN
8. Public finance		
General government balance	Net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) of general government	DG ECFIN
Primary government balance	Net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) of general government minus interest payment	DG ECFIN
Cyclically adjusted balance	Net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) of general government corrected for the influence of the business cycle	DG ECFIN
Cyclically adjusted primary balance	Primary government balance corrected for the influence of the business cycle	DG ECFIN
General government expenditures and receipts	Nominal expenditures and receipts; tax burden includes taxes on production and imports (incl. taxed paid to EU), current taxes on income and wealth (direct taxes) and actual social contributions	DG ECFIN
General government debt	Cumulative sum of net lending (+) or net borrowing (-) positions of general government	DG ECFIN