

	LTA ⁽¹⁾	2007	2008	08Q3	08Q4	09Q1	09Q2	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	
1. Output														
Economic Sentiment	indicator	100.6	108.9	91.2	89.9	75.6	65.7	70.2	67.3	70.2	73.2	76.0	80.8	82.8
Industrial confidence	balance	-6.1	4.4	-9.4	-9.7	-25.3	-35.8	-33.3	-35.0	-33.2	-31.7	-29.6	-25.4	-24.3
Services confidence	balance	16.6	19.4	1.8	0.6	-11.9	-23.7	-22.2	-24.2	-22.5	-19.8	-17.5	-10.6	-9.1
Industrial production	% ch. on prev. period				-3.2	-6.2	-7.4	-2.7	-1.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	--	--
(excluding construction)	% ch. on prev. year	1.5	3.7	-1.7	-1.4	-9.0	-18.4	-18.5	-21.3	-17.6	-16.6	-15.9	--	--
Gross domestic product	% ch. on prev. period				-0.3	-1.8	-2.5	-0.1						
	% ch. on prev. year	1.7	2.7	0.7	0.5	-1.7	-4.9	-4.7						
Labour productivity	% ch. on prev. period				-0.1	-1.5	-1.7	0.4						
	% ch. on prev. year	0.9	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	-3.7	-2.9						
2. Private consumption														
Consumer confidence	balance	-11.4	-4.9	-18.0	-19.1	-27.1	-32.5	-27.9	-30.5	-28.1	-25.1	-23.0	-22.0	-19.0
Retail confidence	balance	-6.0	0.7	-7.0	-8.9	-15.3	-18.6	-17.0	-19.8	-14.2	-16.9	-13.2	-14.1	-15.0
Private consumption	% ch. on prev. period				0.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.2						
	% ch. on prev. year	1.7	1.6	0.4	0.0	-0.7	-1.4	-0.8						
Retail sales	% ch. on prev. period				-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	--	--
	% ch. on prev. year	1.4	1.4	-0.7	-1.0	-1.9	-3.2	-2.3	-1.9	-3.1	-1.9	-1.7	--	--
3. Investment														
Capacity utilisation	level (%)	82.0	84.2	83.0	82.8	81.5	74.7	70.3	70.3	--	--	69.5	--	--
Production expectations (manuf.)	balance	6.2	13.2	-1.9	-2.1	-21.8	-31.4	-20.5	-25.2	-20.5	-15.8	-13.4	-7.7	-7.2
Gross fixed capital formation	% ch. on prev. period				-1.4	-3.4	-5.3	-1.3						
	% ch. on prev. year	1.9	4.9	-0.4	-1.0	-5.5	-11.0	-10.9						
- equipment investment	% ch. on prev. period				-1.1	-5.2	-12.6	-2.6						
	% ch. on prev. year	4.5	8.1	0.6	0.7	-6.2	-18.1	-20.2						
- construction investment	% ch. on prev. period				-1.7	-2.5	-1.1	-0.6						
	% ch. on prev. year	1.6	2.9	-1.5	-2.5	-5.5	-7.6	-5.8						
Change in stocks	contrib. to GDP (pp.)	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.9						
4. Labour market														
Employment expectations (manuf.)	balance	-12.0	1.8	-8.7	-8.6	-22.7	-34.7	-35.7	-37.0	-36.1	-34.1	-32.3	-29.5	-30.4
Employment expectations (services)	balance	9.1	13.4	4.3	4.0	-5.1	-15.5	-16.0	-18.1	-17.0	-12.9	-11.4	-12.5	-11.1
Employment	% ch. on prev. period				-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5						
	% ch. on prev. year	1.2	1.8	0.8	0.6	0.0	-1.2	-1.8						
Employment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		2 561	1 160	-402	-453	-1 101	-702						
Compensation of employees per head (nominal)	% ch. on prev. period				0.7	0.5	-0.1	0.5						
	% ch. on prev. year	2.1	2.6	3.3	3.6	3.0	1.8	1.5						
Unemployment rate	% of lab. force		7.5	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.8	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	--	--
Unemployment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		-1 217	233	355	702	1 204	883	301	199	168	167	--	--
5. International transactions														
World trade	% ch. on prev. period				-0.4	-6.7	-11.0	-0.7	-0.4	-1.4	1.6	3.5	--	--
	% ch. on prev. year	6.8	7.3	2.5	3.9	-5.2	-17.9	-17.9	-19.0	-18.8	-15.9	-15.2	--	--
Export order books	balance	-17.5	3.5	-14.8	-14.9	-35.6	-56.7	-64.0	-63.0	-64.2	-64.9	-63.8	-59.0	-57.5
Trade balance (merchandise)	billion EUR		12.1	-47.3	-14.7	-8.2	-9.6	4.2	0.4	1.5	2.3	6.8	--	--
Exports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				-0.9	-7.2	-8.8	-1.1						
	% ch. on prev. year	4.5	5.9	1.2	1.4	-6.7	-16.6	-17.1						
Imports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				0.3	-4.7	-7.8	-2.8						
	% ch. on prev. year	4.7	5.3	1.2	1.1	-3.8	-12.9	-14.4						
Current account balance	billion EUR		13.5	-100.3	-23.5	-43.2	-44.3	-10.5	-6.1	-0.1	-4.3	6.6	--	--
Direct investment	billion EUR		-92.5	-242.3	-35.9	-77.7	-38.5	-8.9	-4.5	4.8	-9.2	5.3	--	--
Portfolio investment	billion EUR		159.7	441.5	121.5	204.2	179.4	94.0	-9.0	58.0	44.9	-23.0	--	--
6. Prices														
Consumer inflation expectations	balance	22.7	23.0	22.9	23.2	12.3	3.5	-6.4	-2.0	-7.8	-9.3	-12.1	-16.2	-13.9
Headline inflation (HICP)	% ch. on prev. year		2.1	3.3	3.8	2.3	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	--
Core HICP	% ch. on prev. year		2.0	2.4	2.5	2.2	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	--
Domestic producer prices	% ch. on prev. year		2.7	6.0	8.4	3.4	-2.0	-5.7	-4.8	-5.9	-6.5	-8.4	--	--
Import prices	% ch. on prev. year		1.4	7.9	11.4	3.2	-7.0	-9.5	-8.3	-9.2	-10.8	--	--	--
Oil (Brent) in USD	level		72.5	98.6	118.0	58.5	45.6	59.3	51.1	57.5	69.0	65.6	72.9	68.9
	% ch. on prev. year		9.5	36.1	58.9	-33.8	-52.6	-51.3	-53.4	-53.5	-48.0	-51.7	-37.1	-32.1
Oil (Brent) in EUR	level		52.6	66.2	78.2	44.3	34.9	43.4	38.7	42.1	49.3	46.6	51.1	47.4
	% ch. on prev. year		-0.1	25.7	44.7	-27.2	-45.5	-44.3	-44.4	-47.0	-42.2	-45.9	-34.0	-33.0
Non-energy commodity prices (EUR)	% ch. on prev. period				-2.2	-19.1	-8.9	5.8	4.3	2.3	1.7	-0.9	5.9	--
	% ch. on prev. year		8.0	4.2	8.4	-9.4	-27.2	-23.8	-24.2	-23.5	-23.5	-23.3	-16.9	--
7. Monetary and financial indicators														
Nominal interest rates (3 month)	level		4.28	4.64	4.98	4.24	2.01	1.31	1.42	1.28	1.23	0.97	0.86	0.78
Nominal interest rates (10 year)	level		4.23	4.01	4.28	3.54	3.10	3.39	3.17	3.43	3.55	3.37	3.34	3.30
ECB repo rate	level		3.84	3.90	4.23	3.37	1.99	1.13	1.31	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stock market (Eurostoxx)	% ch. on prev. period				-11.5	-23.7	-13.6	10.1	13.2	7.5	0.9	0.5	9.8	4.3
	% ch. on prev. year		13.8	-23.1	-24.1	-42.9	-43.3	-35.8	-40.1	-36.4	-30.6	-25.4	-19.2	-11.8
Money demand (M3)	% ch. on prev. year		11.2	9.5	9.0	8.0	5.6	4.1	4.9	3.8	3.6	3.0	2.5	--
Loans to households	% ch. on prev. year		7.2	4.2	3.9	2.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2	--
Loans to companies	% ch. on prev. year		13.5	13.1	12.6	10.9	7.6	4.1	5.2	4.4	2.8	2.9	1.6	--
Bilateral exchange rate EUR/USD	level		1.37	1.47	1.51	1.32	1.30	1.36	1.32	1.37	1.40	1.41	1.43	1.46
	% ch. on prev. year		9.1	7.3	9.5	-9.0	-13.0	-12.7	-16.3	-12.3	-9.9	-10.7	-4.7	1.3
Nominal effective exchange rate	% ch. on prev. period				-1.7	-4.3	2.5	1.2	-0.7	0.5	0.9	-0.2	0.1	1.1
	% ch. on prev. year		4.1	4.8	5.8	-1.4	-0.9	-2.4	-3.3	-2.4	-1.6	-2.1	0.0	2.8

(1) LTA=Long-Term Average

(2) Data available until date of update



1. Output

The recession is coming to an end according to the **Commission's interim September forecast**. The GDP growth is set to turn positive in the second half of the year and is expected to fall by 4.0% in 2009 on average. Signs for an economic recovery are increasingly apparent, largely thanks to strong policy interventions, but the sustainability of the recovery remains to be tested. Inflation rates are projected to increase towards the end of the year, as base effects reverse and commodity prices are on the rise. For the year as a whole, the outlook for consumer-price inflation remains unchanged at 0.4% in the euro area.

In September, **industrial confidence** continued to improve, reaching -24 (+2 points from August). While, this is still significantly below the long-term average (-7), industrial confidence has gained 14 points from the March low. The rise in September goes on account of an important improvement in the assessment of excessive inventories as well as a pick-up in production expectations. The assessment of order books remains unchanged.

In July, **industrial production** fell by 0.3% month-on-month (m-o-m), following a similar decline of 0.2% in June. Recent data suggest that industrial output is stabilising, after dropping sharply in previous quarters (08Q4 -6.2, 09Q1 -7.4, 09Q2 -2.7). Across countries, industrial production in July was close to stable in France (0.1%), rose by 1.0% m-o-m in Italy and fell by -0.8% in both Germany and Spain. As to the product breakdown, capital goods fell most (by -1.8%), followed by energy goods (by -1.2%) and 11th consecutive drop of durable consumer goods (down by -0.8%).

GDP contracted by a mere 0.1% q-o-q (quarter-on-quarter) in 09Q2, after sizable drops of -2.5% in 09Q1 and -1.8% in 08Q4. On a yearly comparison, it fell by a still sharp 4.7%. As to components, consumption (both private and public) proved relatively resilient, while investment and trade flows have been largely affected. Stock liquidation continued, although at a diminished rate. Among the major euro-area economies, growth was increasingly uneven in 09Q2: Germany and France surprised positively with +0.3% GDP growth, while activity continued to fall in Italy (-0.5%), Netherlands (-0.9%) and Spain (-1.1%).

2. Private consumption

Private consumption slightly rebounded in 09Q2 with 0.2% q-o-q growth, after declines of -0.5% in 08Q4 and 09Q1. The relative resilience of private consumption at a time when the saving rate is on the

rise is largely explained by the strong disinflation process supporting real disposable income.

In September, the European Commission's **consumer confidence** indicator rose for the sixth consecutive month to -19 (up from -22 in August and the last trough of -34 in March). Among the indicator's components, financial and economic expectations improved and fears of unemployment diminished, while consumers' savings prospects have decreased slightly.

The volume of **retail trade** seems to be stabilising. It was down by 0.2% m-o-m in July (-1.8% year-o-year) but the pace of contraction broadly halved between 09Q1 and 09Q2. After a marked gain in July, the **retail trade confidence** indicator deteriorated slightly in August and September (both by -1 point).

3. Investment

Gross fixed capital formation declined by -1.3%, after sizable cumulated drop of -8.7% in 08Q4 and 09Q1. Investment has been the main source of weakness during this recession, with the sectoral break-down suggesting that the contraction was mostly due to non-construction investment. On an annual basis, investment still fell by a remarkable -10.9% in 09Q2. The rate of **capacity utilisation** continued to fall sharply, reaching a new historical low of 69.5 in 09Q3.

4. Labour market

In July, the euro-area **unemployment** rate rose to 9.5%, compared with 9.4% in June. It is the highest rate since May 1999. A year ago it was 7.5%. Most Member States reported increases in their unemployment rate. The lowest unemployment rates were recorded in the Netherlands (3.4%) and Austria (4.4%), and the highest rates in Spain (18.5%), in particular, thereafter followed by Ireland (12.5%) and Slovakia (12.0%).

The number of persons employed in the **euro area** decreased by 0.5% q-o-q in 09Q2, after contracting by -0.7% in 09Q1. The highest declines were observed in Slovenia (-1.4%), Spain (-1.3%), Finland (-1.2%) and Portugal (-0.9%). On an annual basis, employment was also negative; down from -1.2% in 09Q1 to -1.8% in 09Q2.

In September, **employment expectations** among managers in industry took a pause, after 5 month of sizable drops. Employment expectations in services sector improved (from -13 to -11) and the households' fears about unemployment diminished (from 53 to 48).

The level of **labour shortages in manufacturing** decreased significantly in 09Q3, with only 0.5% of firms reporting that unfilled job openings were constraining production (compared to 6.8% a year ago).



5. International transactions

In September, the assessment of **export order books** improved further with the index rising to -58 from -59 in August. The current level is however still well below the long-term average (-19). For the fourth month in a row, the **euro-area trade balance** (swda) with the rest of the world showed a surplus in July (EUR 6.8 bn). Exports exceeded imports (both in nominal terms) by a substantial amount in July.

In July 2009, the **current account** recorded a surplus of EUR 6.6 bn. (wdsa). This reflected surpluses in goods and services, which were only partly offset by deficits in current transfers and income. The **financial account** recorded net outflows in July 2009 (EUR 18 billion), as the net outflows in portfolio investment (EUR 23 billion) significantly exceeded the net inflows in direct investment (EUR 5 billion).

6. Prices

In August, annual euro area **HICP inflation** rose to -0.2%, after -0.7% in July. **Energy inflation** was down by a still significant -10.2% on a year earlier. **Core inflation** remained flat at 1.2% in August.

Oil prices have rebounded in 2009 after declining sharply in 08H2. However, in September 2009 the increased uncertainties surrounding the recovery's sustainability dampened the upturn. Also, OPEC's decision in September to leave its production levels unchanged was considered as a see-and-wait strategy. On the other hand, the weak dollar was pushing the oil prices slightly up (on a day-to-day basis). On 28 September, the price of Brent crude oil was 65.1 USD/bl., down from 70USD/bl. at the beginning of the month and almost 73USD/bl. average from August.

In the euro area, **industrial producer prices** fell by 0.8% month-on-month in July. From one year earlier, industrial producer prices dropped by 8.5%.

7. Monetary and financial indicators

The **interbank market rates** continued to ease in the euro area with the 3-month Euribor down to 0.74% (28 Sept.) from above 1.10% at the end of June. In the US, the 3-month rate has also continued to drop. The US Libor stands now at 0.28% compared to 0.60% at the end of June. Behind these trends are the low policy rates, the publication of reassuring results by banks and a further decline in the risk perception on financial institutions. The ECB offered unlimited one-year funds at 1% at the end of June. The Libor-OIS spreads, a barometer of the reluctance of banks to lend, narrowed significantly over the summer.

Bond markets (10 year benchmark government yields) in the euro-area and the US have declined slightly over the summer in spite of renewed risk appetite and record breaking US debt sales. On 28 September, the 10-year German Bund yield stood at 3.27% compared to 3.42% end June. The US 10-year Treasury also declined somewhat to reach 3.28%. On 25 June, it stood at 3.55%. The annual rate of growth of **M3** decreased further to 2.5% in August 2009 from 3.0% in July. **Loan growth to the private sector** decreased to 0.1% (from 0.7% in July), lowest since the introduction of the euro. **Loan growth to households** decreased to -0.2% (from flat 0.0% in July), while **loans to non-financial corporations** declined to 0.7% (1.6% in July). These developments reflect the fall in demand following the deterioration in economic activity as well as the ongoing moderation of house price dynamics. Supply-side factors are putting a downward pressure on lending activity too, although to a diminishing degree

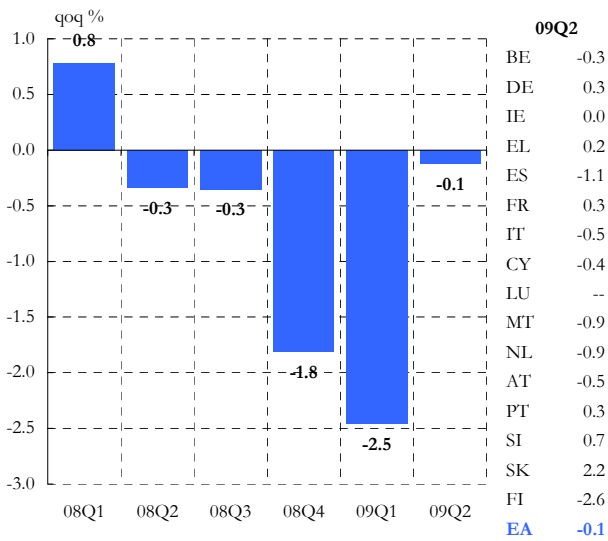
The **euro exchange rate** has steadily appreciated vis-à-vis the US dollar and the Japanese yen from mid-July onwards, as an improvement in the global economic outlook increased investors' risk-appetite. On 28 September, the euro traded at USD 1.46 and JPY 131.6 respectively.

The Eurostoxx 50 **stock price** indices have increased by more than 50% (by 28 September) from the near-decade lows recorded in the beginning of March. The Dow Jones was up 48% and Nikkei 46%. In September, all three indices continued the rally, reaching new 2009 highs on the back of the recovery hopes, whilst Eurostoxx is still almost 40% below its last peak in July 2007. Last days of the month, the indices eased again on the concerns that the rally outpaced the prospects for earnings. Stock markets thus point to still cautious recovery.

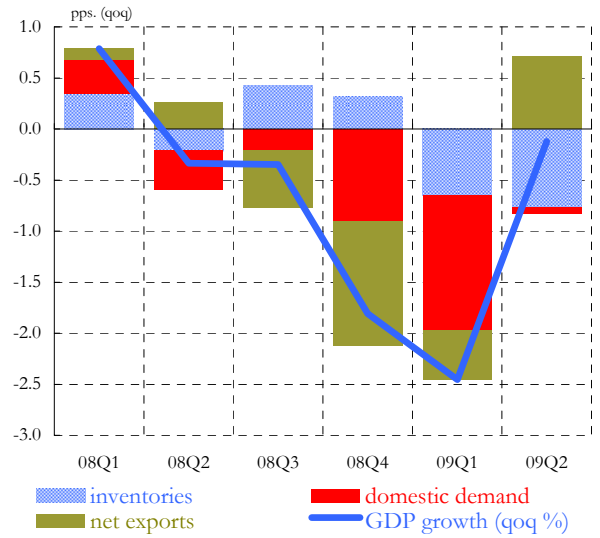


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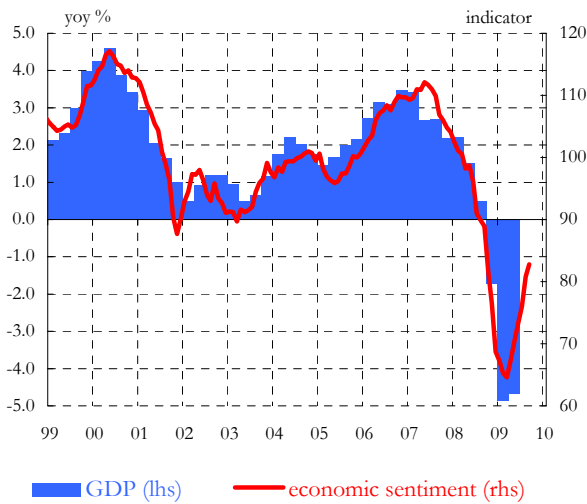
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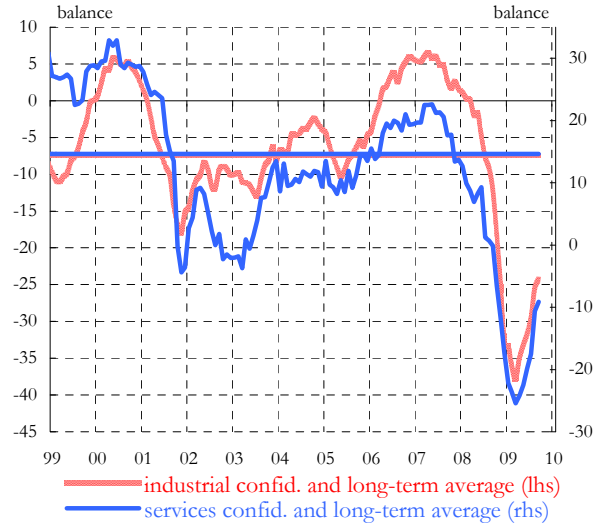
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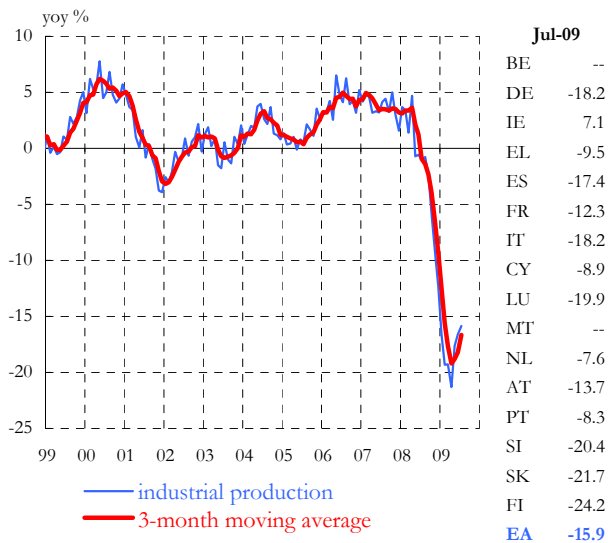
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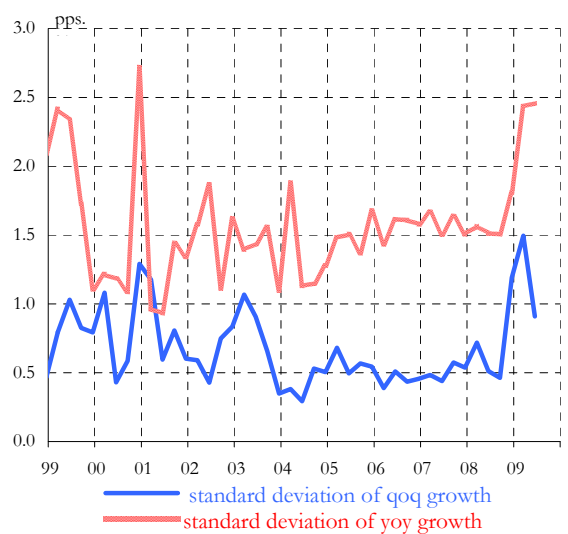
Industrial and services confidence



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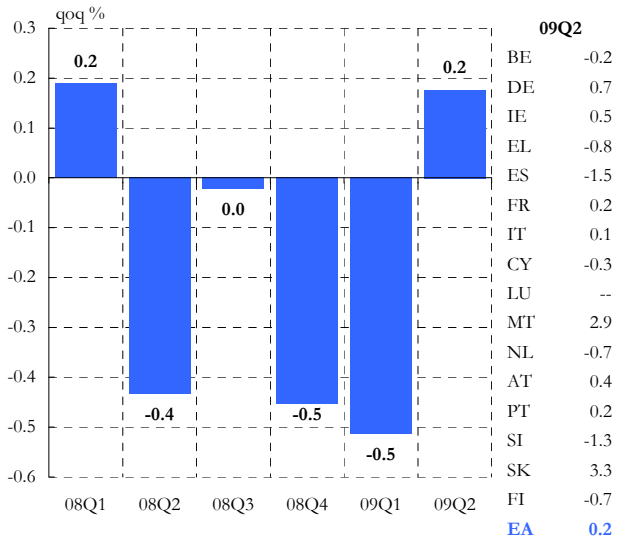
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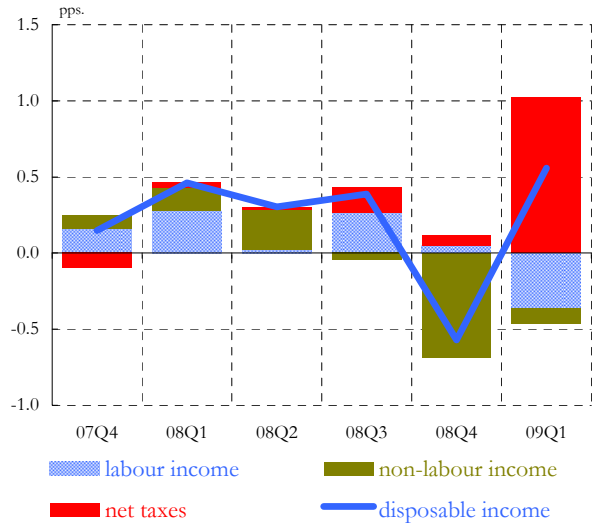


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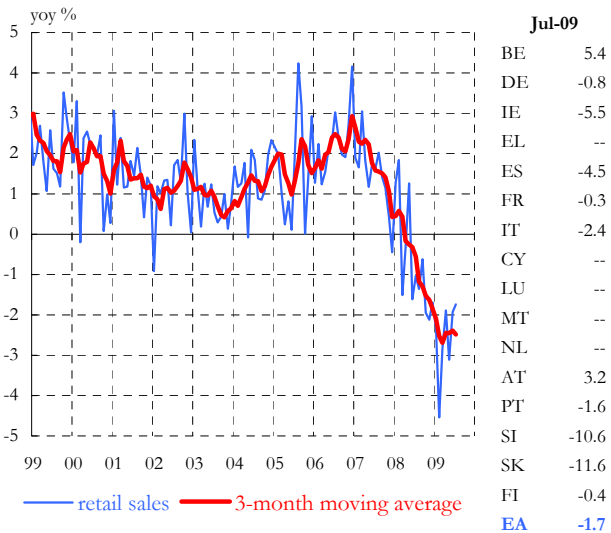
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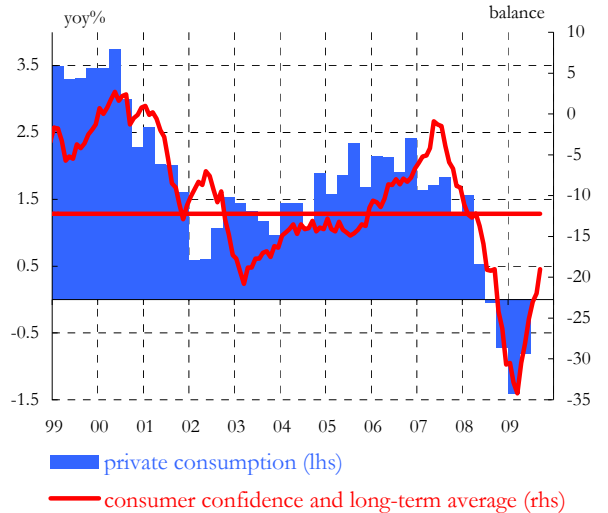
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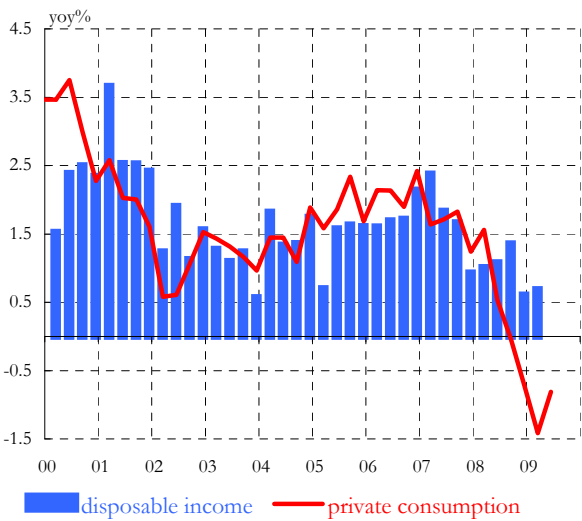
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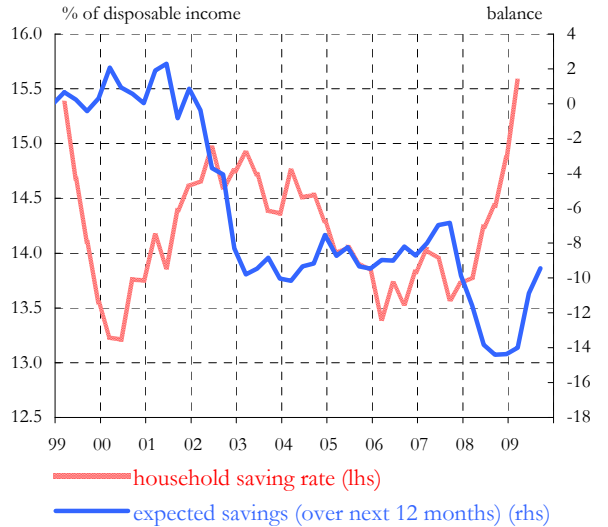
Consumer confidence and private consumption



Households: disposable income and consumption



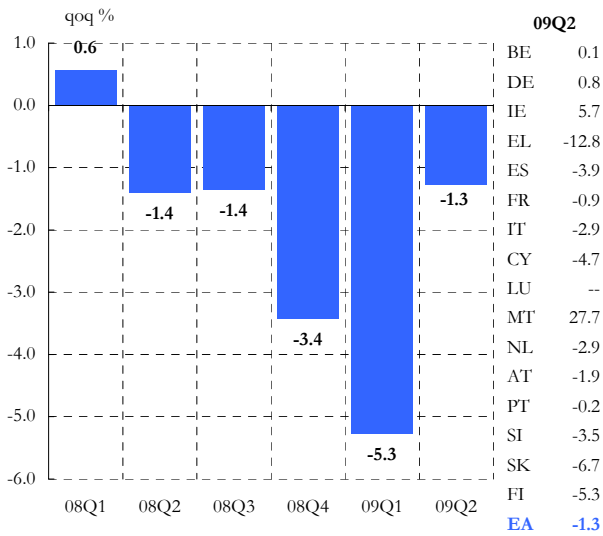
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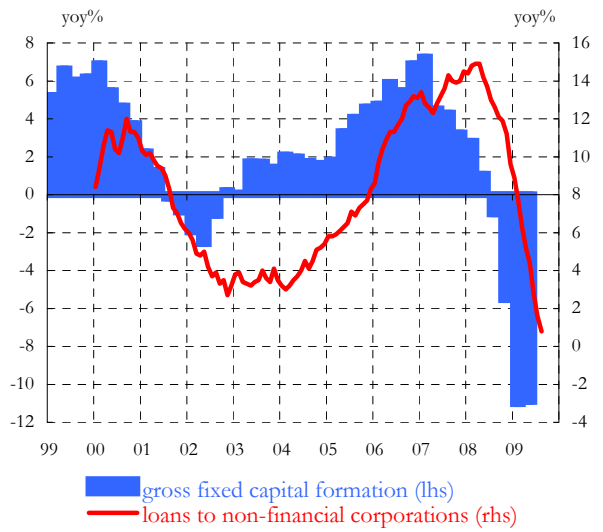


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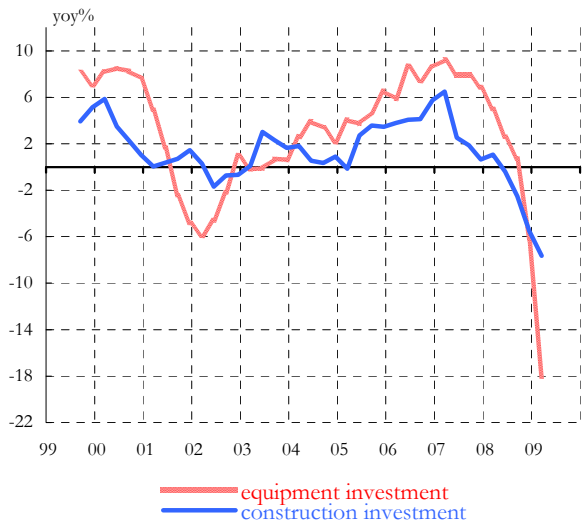
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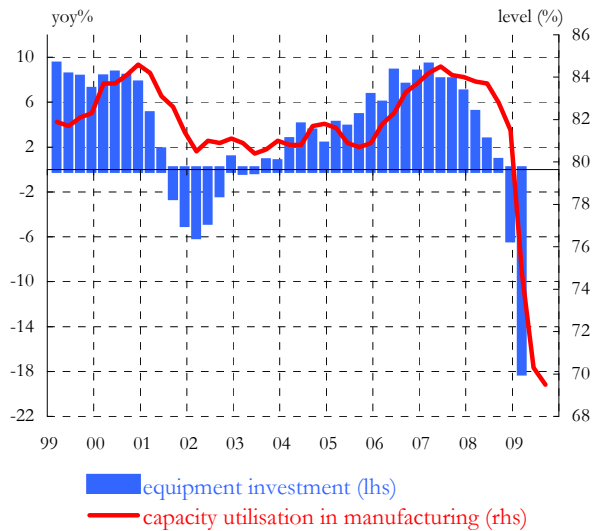
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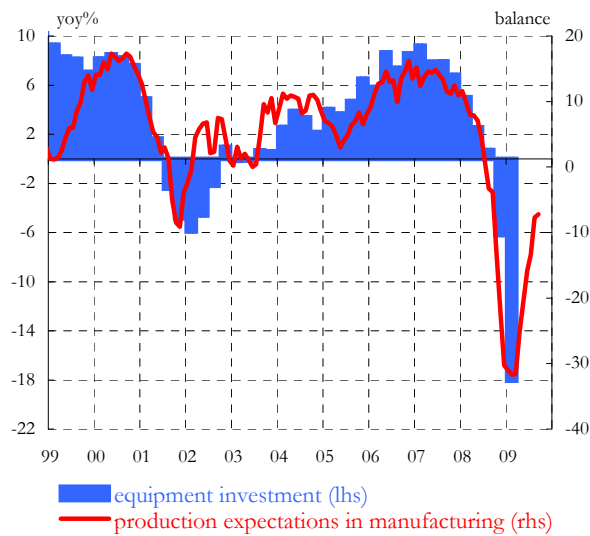
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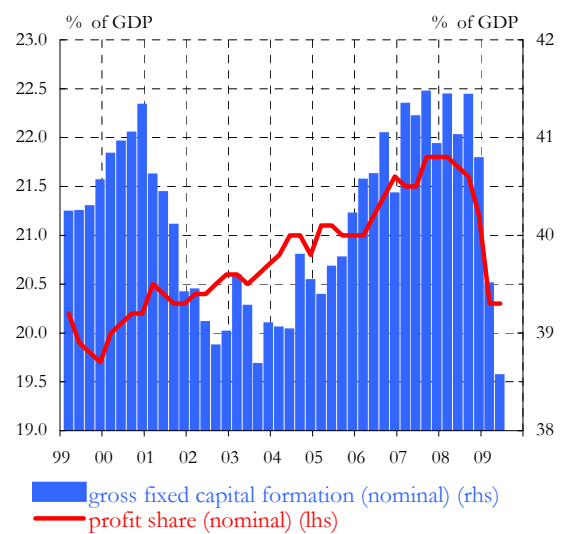
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Equipment investment and production expectations



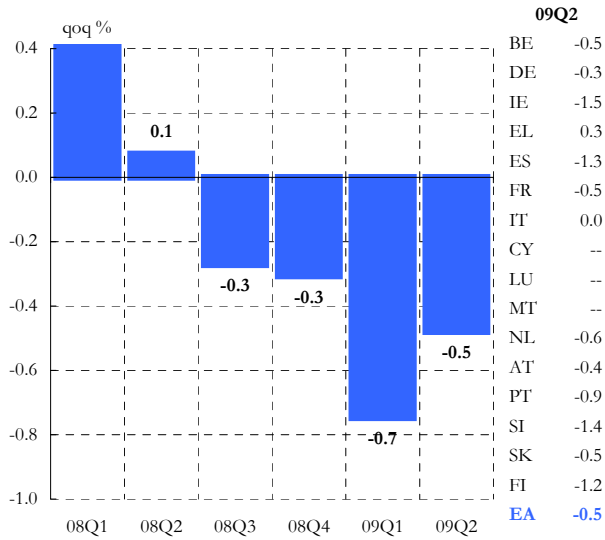
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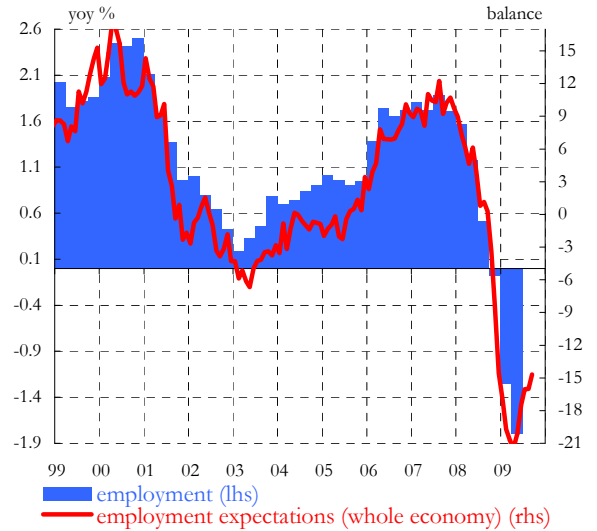


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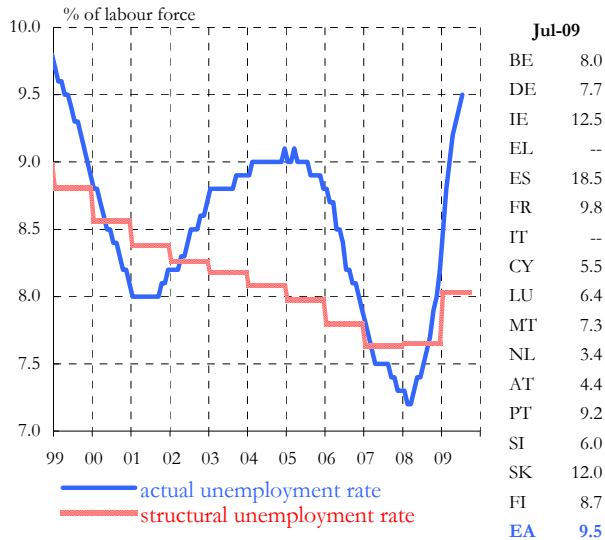
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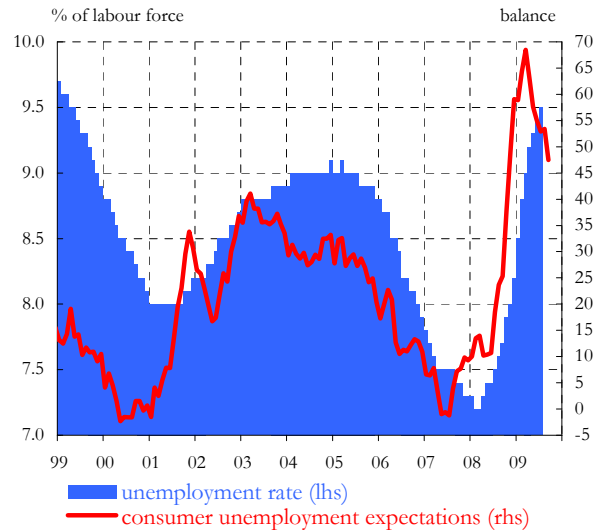
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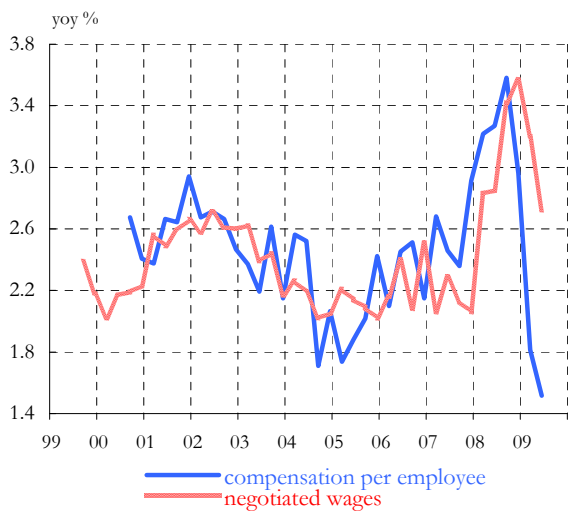
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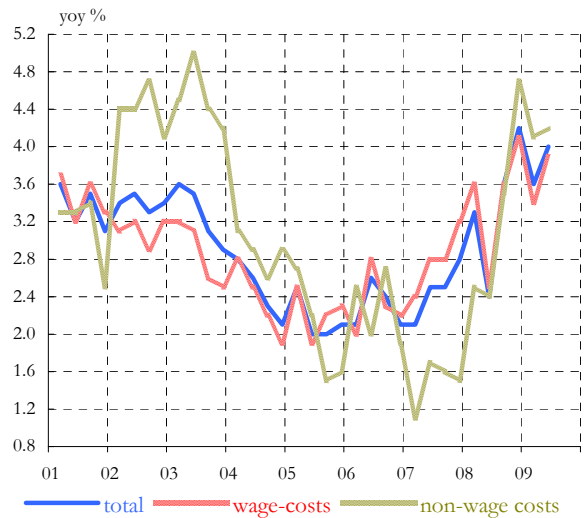
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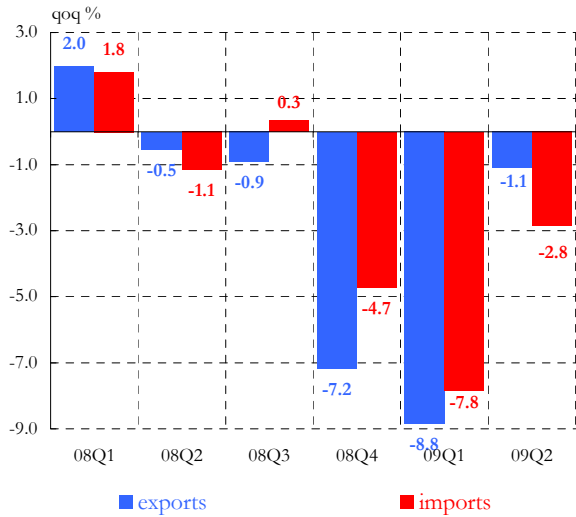
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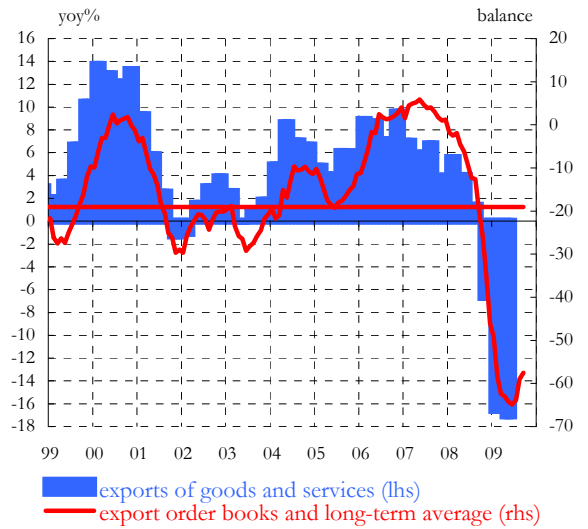


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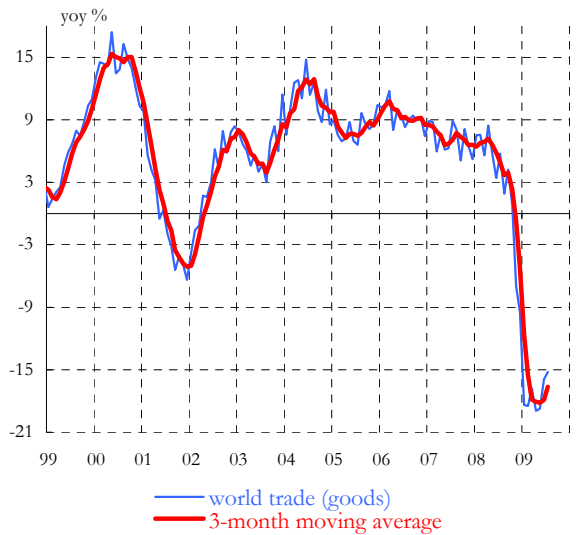
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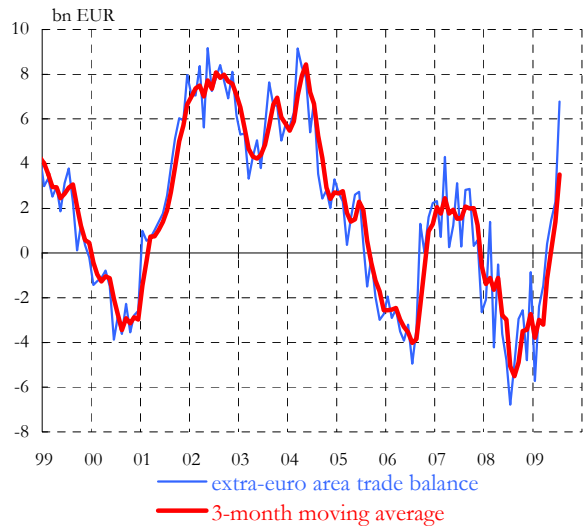
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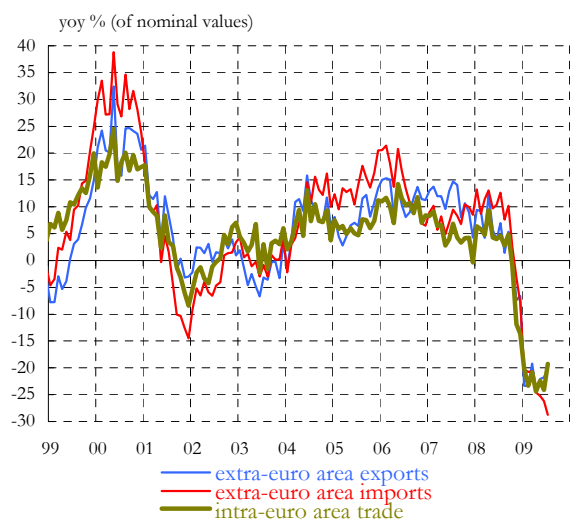
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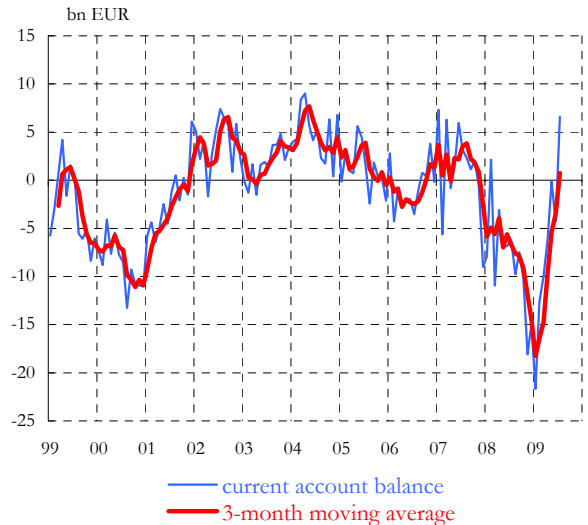
Extra euro-area trade balance



Extra- and intra-euro area trade



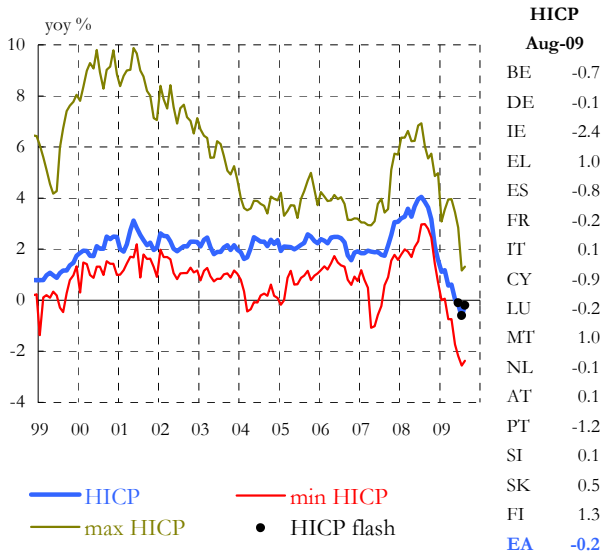
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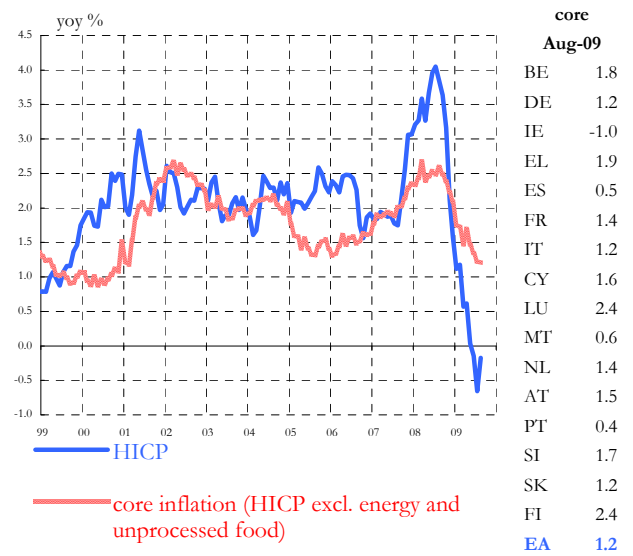


6. PRICES

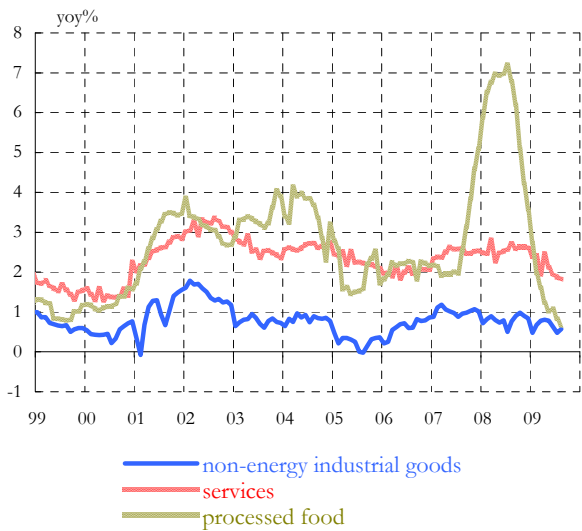
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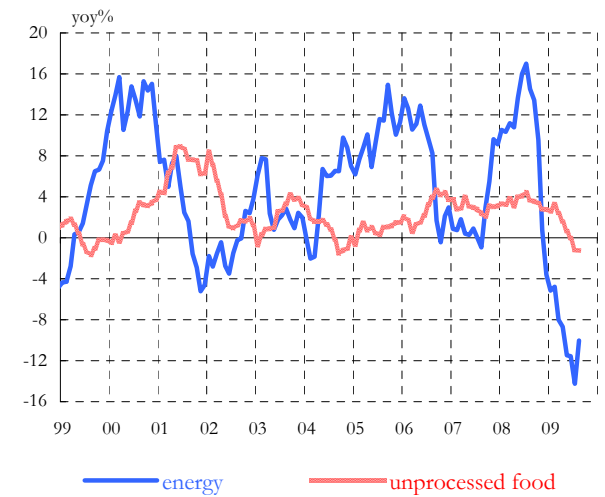
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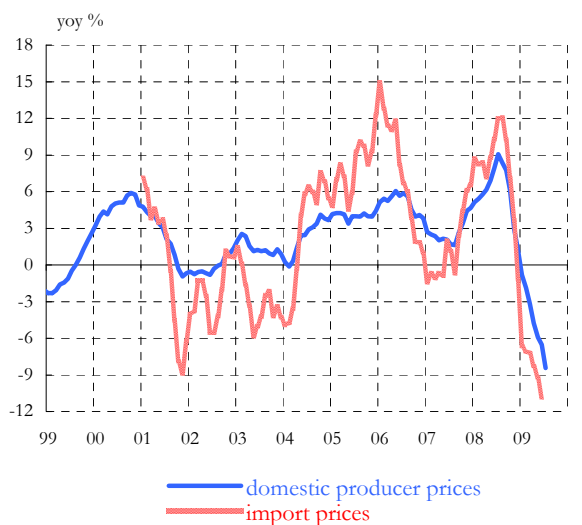
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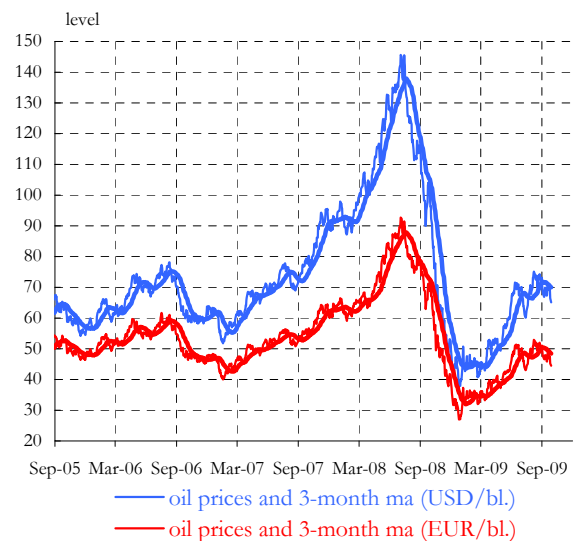
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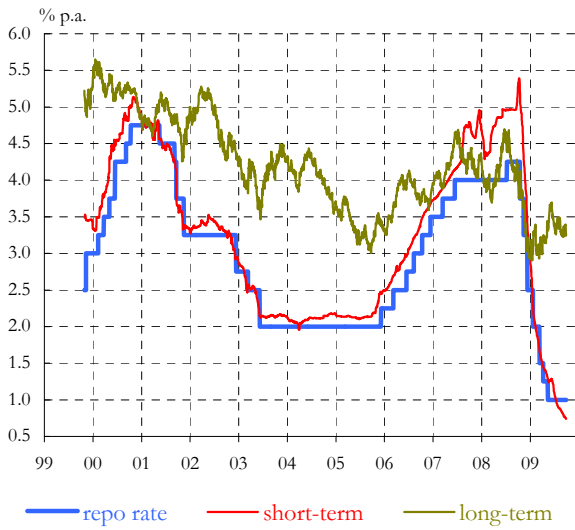
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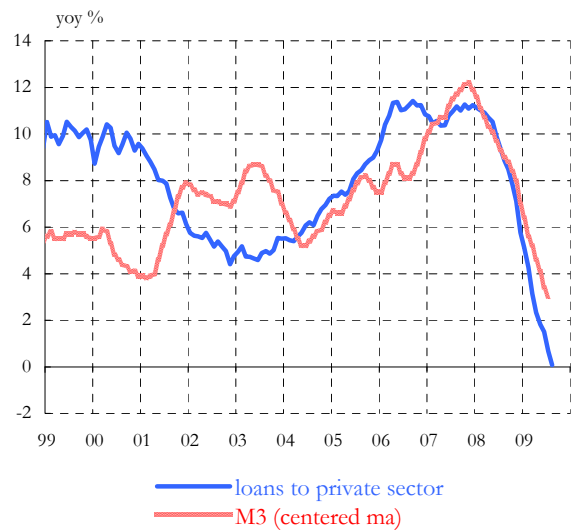


7. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

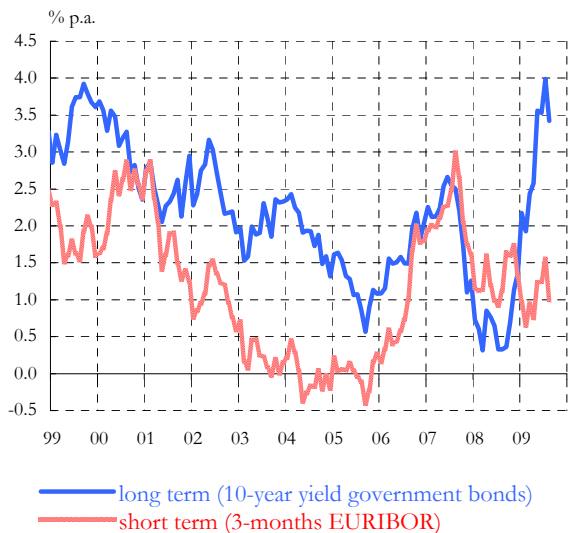
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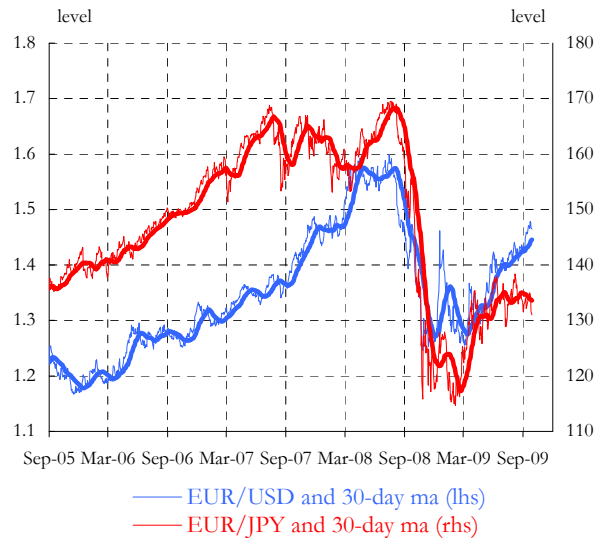
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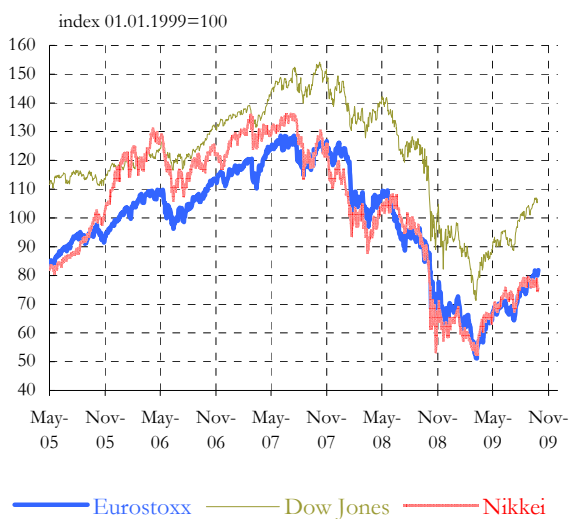
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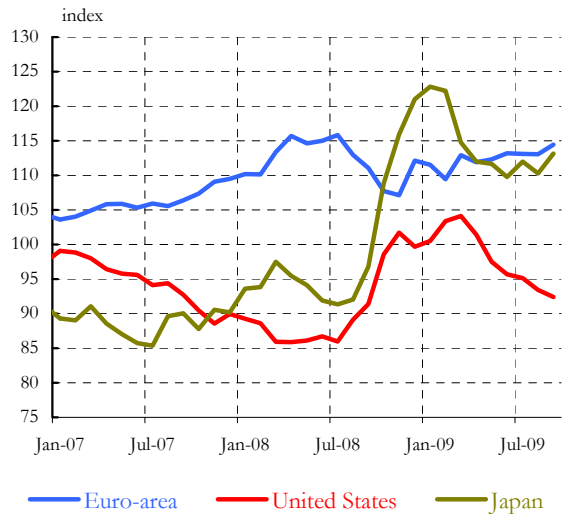
Euro vis-à-vis US dollar and JP yen



Stock market indices



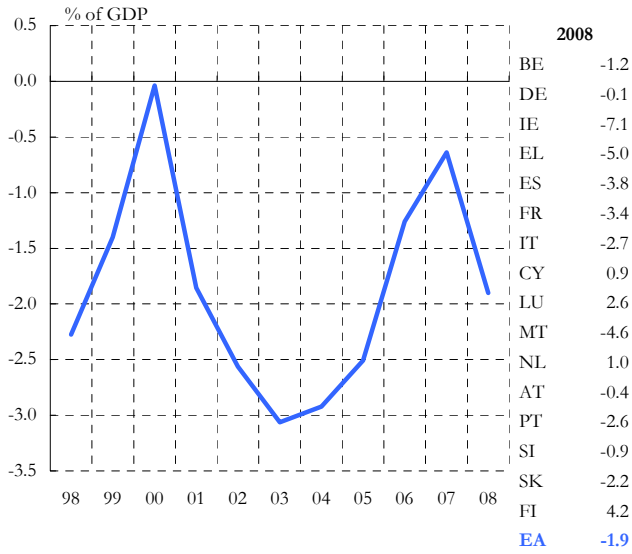
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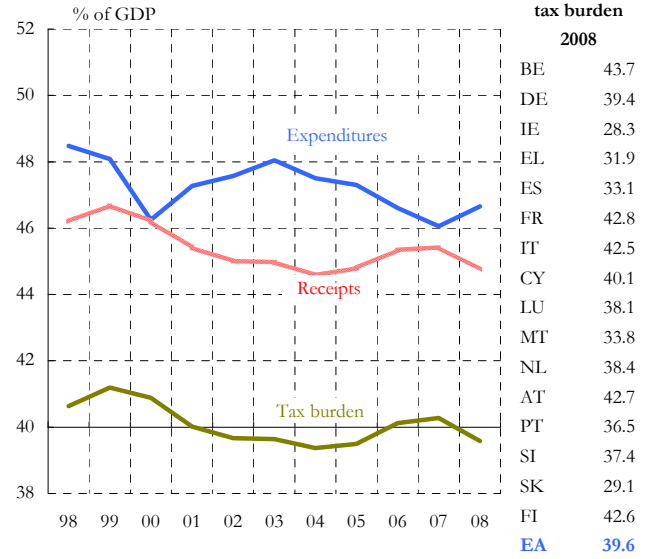


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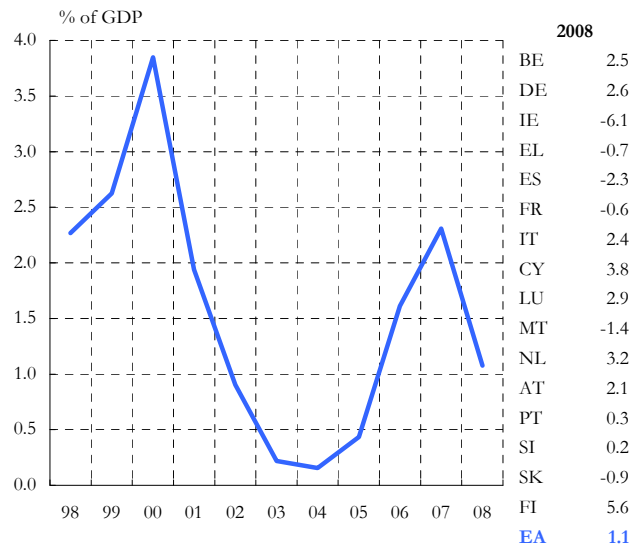
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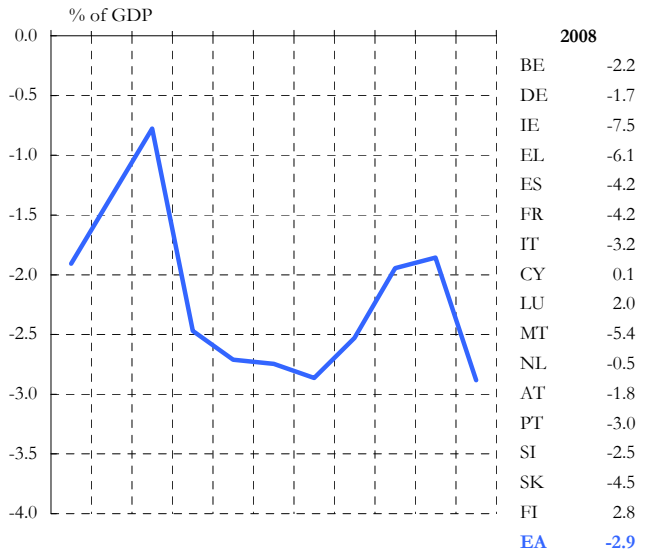
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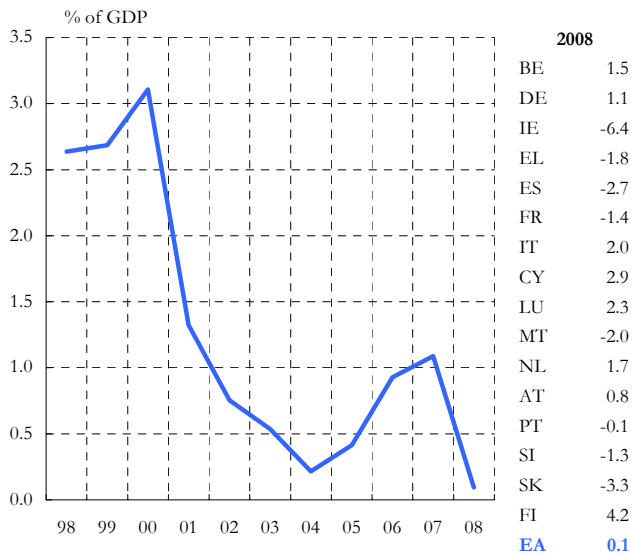
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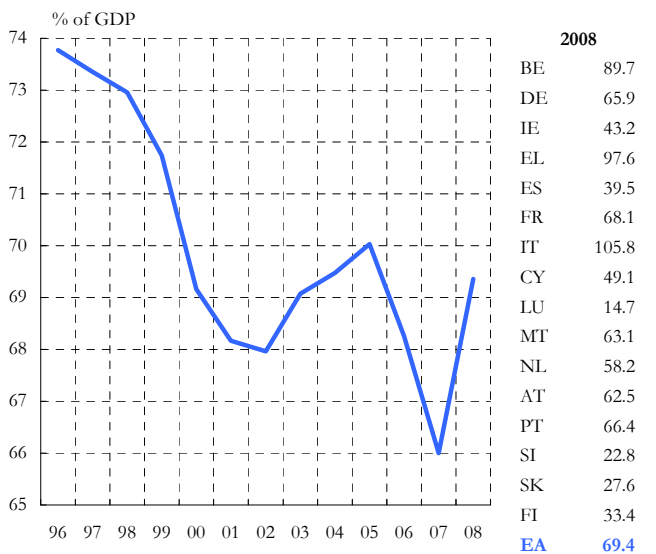
Cyclically adjusted balance



Cyclically adjusted primary balance



General government debt



* Figures are from the Commission's spring 2009 forecast

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Euro-area	Indicators as from 2009 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), Slovakia (SK), 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 (2005=100), NACE Rev.2 B-C-D, 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.2 G47) 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 2005=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