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1. Output														
Economic Sentiment	indicator	100.6	108.9	91.2	75.6	65.7	70.2	79.9	73.2	76.0	80.8	82.8	86.1	88.8
Industrial confidence	balance	-6.1	4.4	-9.4	-25.3	-35.8	-33.3	-26.5	-31.7	-29.6	-25.4	-24.4	-20.9	-18.9
Services confidence	balance	16.6	19.4	1.8	-11.9	-23.7	-22.2 -1.1	-12.4	-19.8	-17.5	-10.6 1.2	-9.0	-6.8	-3.9
Industrial production (excluding construction)	% ch. on prev. period % ch. on prev. year	1.5	3.7	-1.7	-8.0 -9.0	-8.6 -18.5	-18.6	-14.6	0.9 -16.7	0.3 -15.9	-15.1	0.2		
	% ch. on prev. period	1.5	- 3.7	-1./	-1.8	-2.5	-0.2	0.4	-10.7	-13.7	-13.1	-13.0		
Gross domestic product	% ch. on prev. year	1.7	2.8	0.7	-1.8	-4.9	-4.8	-4.1						
Labour productivity	% ch. on prev. period				-1.5	-1.7	0.3							
	% ch. on prev. year	0.9	1.0	-0.1	-1.7	-3.7	-3.0							
2. Private consumption														
Consumer confidence	balance	-11.4	-4.9	-18.0	-27.1	-32.5	-27.9	-21.3	-25.1	-23.0	-22.0	-19.0	-17.7	-17.3
Retail confidence	balance % ch. on prev. period	-6.0	0.7	-7.0	-15.3	-18.6 -0.5	-17.0	-14.1	-16.9	-13.2	-14.1	-15.1	-15.3	-10.9
Private consumption	% ch. on prev. year	1.7	1.6	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-0.9							
	% ch. on prev. period		1.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7		
Retail sales	% ch. on prev. year	1.4	1.8	-0.6	-1.7	-3.1	-2.3	-2.4	-1.9	-1.8	-2.2	-3.4		
3. Investment	1													
Capacity utilisation	level (%)	81.5	84.2	83.0	81.5	74.7	70.3	69.6		69.6			70.7	
Production expectations (manuf.)	balance	6.2	13.2	-1.9	-21.8	-31.4	-20.5	-9.4	-15.8	-13.4	-7.7	-7.2	-1.7	1.7
Gross fixed capital formation	% ch. on prev. period				-3.5	-5.4	-1.5							
	% ch. on prev. year	1.9	4.9	-0.3	-5.5	-11.2	-11.4							
- equipment investment	% ch. on prev. period % ch. on prev. year	4.6	8.5	1.2	-5.3 -5.8	-12.8 -18.2	-2.9 -20.8							
	% ch. on prev. period	4.0		1.2	-2.6	-10.2	-0.8							
- construction investment	% ch. on prev. year	1.6	2.6	-1.7	-5.7	-7.8	-6.1							
Change in stocks	contrib. to GDP (pp.)	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.7							
4. Labour market	**													
Employment expectations (manuf.)	balance	-12.0	1.8	-8.7	-22.7	-34.7	-35.7	-30.7	-34.1	-32.3	-29.5	-30.3	-26.3	-24.3
Employment expectations (services)	balance	9.1	13.4	4.3	-5.1	-15.5	-16.0	-11.7	-12.9	-11.4	-12.5	-11.1	-7.6	-7.4
Employment	% ch. on prev. period				-0.3	-0.7	-0.5							
	% ch. on prev. year	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.0	-1.2	-1.8							
Employment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		2 564	1 109	-439	-1 089	-689							
Compensation of employees per head	% ch. on prev. period	2.4	2.6	2.2	0.5	-0.1	0.5							
(nominal) Unemployment rate	% ch. on prev. year % of lah. force	2.1	7.5	7.6	8.0	1.9 8.8	9.3	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7		
Unemployment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		-1 216	232	695	1 192	827	471	148	149	152	183		
5. International transactions	uos. in. on prev. periou		-1 210	232	093	1 192	027	4/1	140	149	132	103		
	% ch. on prev. period				-7.0	-10.7	-0.9		1.0	3.7	-2.0			
World trade	% ch. on prev. year	6.8	7.3	2.5	-5.9	-17.9	-18.4		-16.9	-15.9	-15.5			
Export order books	balance	-17.5	3.5	-14.8	-35.6	-56.7	-64.0	-60.1	-64.9	-63.8	-59.0	-57.5	-54.2	-51.1
Trade balance (merchandise)	billion EUR		12.1	-55.0	-7.6	-10.6	3.2	14.7	1.6	5.6	2.2	6.8		
Exports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				-7.0	-9.2	-1.5							
	% ch. on prev. year	4.5	6.1	1.2	-6.6	-16.8	-17.7							
Imports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				-4.6	-7.9	-2.9							
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Current account balance Direct investment	billion EUR		-72.9	-189.0	-42.8	-58.8	-0.6	-14.4	-11.4	5.1 8.5	0.6 2.8	-5.4 -25.7		
Portfolio investment	billion EUR		151.3	350.5	152.7	129.9	98.1	96.8	42.0	-3.0	46.1	53.7		
6. Prices	5MION 13011		131.5	350.5	13217	127.7	70.1	70.0	12.0	2.0	10.1	5517		
Consumer inflation expectations	balance	22.7	23.0	22.9	12.3	3.5	-6.4	-14.1	-9.3	-12.1	-16.2	-13.9	-13.8	-11.1
Headline inflation (HICP)	% ch. on prev. year		2.1	3.3	2.3	1.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	
Core HICP	% ch. on prev. year		2.0	2.4	2.2	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	
Domestic producer prices	% ch. on prev. year		2.7	6.0	3.4	-2.0	-5.7	-7.8	-6.5	-8.4	-7.5	-7.6		
Import prices	% ch. on prev. year		1.4	7.6	2.4	-7.1	-9.8		-11.5	-13.1	-14.0			
Oil (Brent) in USD	level		72.5	98.6	58.5	45.6	59.3	68.9	69.0	65.6	72.9	68.4	73.3	77.5
	% ch. on prev. year		9.5	36.1	-33.8	-52.6	-51.3	-41.7	-48.0	-51.7	-37.1	-32.6	-2.8	40.1
Oil (Brent) in EUR	level % ch. on prev. year		52.6 -0.1	66.2 25.7	44.3 -27.2	34.9 -45.5	43.4	48.2 -38.4	49.3 -42.2	46.6 -45.9	51.1 -34.0	47.0 -33.5	49.4 -12.6	52.0 19.6
-	% ch. on prev. year		-0.1	23.7	-19.1	-43.3	-44.3 5.8	3.9	1.7	-0.9	5.9	-33.3	1.5	19.0
Non-energy commodity prices (EUR)	% ch. on prev. year		8.0	4.2	-17.1	-27.2	-23.8	-19.0	-23.5	-23.3	-16.9	-16.5	-5.2	
7. Monetary and financial indicators														
Nominal interest rates (3 month)	level		4.28	4.64	4.24	2.01	1.31	0.87	1.23	0.97	0.86	0.77	0.74	0.72
Nominal interest rates (10 year)	level		4.23	4.01	3.54	3.10	3.39	3.33	3.55	3.37	3.34	3.29	3.23	3.30
ECB repo rate	level		3.84	3.90	3.37	1.99	1.13	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Stock market (Eurostoxx)	% ch. on prev. period	_		_	-23.7	-13.6	10.1	11.8	0.9	0.5	9.8	4.6	1.3	-0.6
	% ch. on prev. year		13.8	-23.1	-42.9	-43.3	-35.8	-18.9	-30.6	-25.4	-19.2	-11.5	9.1	16.2
Money demand (M3)	% ch. on prev. year		11.2	9.5	8.0	5.6	4.1	2.5	3.6	3.0	2.6	1.8	0.3	
Loans to households	% ch. on prev. year		7.2	4.2	2.4	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	
Loans to companies	% ch. on prev. year		13.5	13.1	10.8	7.5	4.0	0.7	2.7	1.5	0.7	-0.2	-1.2	1.40
Bilateral exchange rate EUR/USD	level		1.37	1.47	1.32	1.30	1.36	1.43	1.40	1.41	1.43	1.46	1.48	1.49
-	% ch. on prev. year % ch. on prev. period		9.1	7.3	-9.0	-13.0 2.5	-12.7 1.2	-5.0 1.0	-9.9 0.9	-10.7 -0.2	-4.7 0.1	1.3	11.2	-0.3
Nominal effective exchange rate	% ch. on prev. period % ch. on prev. year		4.1	4.8	-4.3 -1.4	-0.9	-2.4	0.2	-1.6	-2.1	0.0	2.9	8.1	-0.5 8.6
(1) LTA=Long-Term Average					,	242			*				ntil date of	



# 1. Output

After contracting for five consecutive quarters, **GDP** in the euro area expanded by 0.4% (q-o-q) in 09Q3, confirming the start of the recovery. On a year-on-year comparison, however, GDP was still down by 4.1% in 09Q3. Among the largest euro-area economies, GDP growth in 09Q3 was relatively strong in Germany (+0.7%) and Italy (+0.6%), more muted in France (+0.3%) and still negative in Spain (-0.3%). Details on the demand components of GDP will be available on December 3 with the first release of QNA for 09Q3.

According to the **Commission's autumn forecast**, the euro-area economy will emerge from recession in the second half of 2009, although GDP is projected to fall by 4% in 2009 on average. A relatively strong temporary pick-up is in the cards for the near term, reflecting improvements in the external environment, better financial conditions, as well as the significant fiscal and monetary stimulus. A more gradual recovery is foreseen in 2010-2011, with GDP growth projected at 0.7% in 2010 and 1.5 % in 2011. Consumer price inflation is expected to rebound from its current very low level, while remaining relatively low (at 1.1% in 2010 and 1.5% in 2011).

Industrial confidence rose in November (+2 points) for the sixth month in a row. While confidence has improved markedly since the March record low (-38), the current level (-19) is still well below the long-term average (-7). In November, production expectations had the largest positive impact on industrial confidence. At the same time, most managers reported only small improvements in order books and in the assessment of stocks compared to the previous month.

Industrial production expanded in 09Q3 (2.1%) after five consecutive quarterly drops. On a monthly frequency, industrial output was up for the fifth consecutive month in September (+0.2% m-o-m). Positive developments were observed in Germany (3.0%), while industrial production contracted in Italy (-5.3%), France (-1.4%) and Spain (-1.4%). Ireland stands out with a gain of 11.0%, after the plunge of 16.0% in August. As to the product breakdown of industrial output at the euro area level, production rose in intermediate goods (0.6%), capital goods (1.7%) and non-durable consumption goods (1.1%) and contracted in energy (2.1%) and durable consumer goods (6%).

In September 2009, **industrial new orders index** rose by 1.5% (m-o-m). New orders for capital goods grew by 3.7%, non-durable consumer goods by 1.5%,

durable consumer goods by 1.5%, while intermediate goods fell by 2.1%.

# 2. Private consumption

**Private consumption** slightly rebounded in 09Q2 (0.1% q-o-q), 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 government measures and the strong disinflation process, both supporting real disposable income.

In November, **consumer confidence** continued its upward trend started in March (-34), but the improvement was marginal compared to October. Among components, general economic expectations rose further, while fears of unemployment intensified, mainly reflecting a significant deterioration of unemployment expectations in Germany. Households' financial economic expectations as well as their perception on savings remained unchanged.

The volume of **retail trade** fell by 0.7% (m-o-m) in September (-3.4% y-o-y). In November, the **retail trade confidence** indicator recorded a marked improvement (+4 points vis-à-vis October).

# 3. Investment

Gross fixed capital formation declined by 1.5% in 09Q2 (q-o-q), after a drop of almost 9% in 08Q4 and 09Q1 combined. Investment has been the main source of weakness during this recession, with the contraction mostly due to non-construction investment. On an annual basis, investment was still down 11.4% in 09Q2.

Firms are utilising their **capacity** at a slightly higher pace than in the summer (the reading in 09Q4 is 70.7% compared to 69.9% in 09Q3), but the current capacity utilisation rate is still far below its average of 81.5%.

# 4. Labour market

In September, the **unemployment** rate rose to 9.7%, compared with 9.6% in August. It is the highest rate since January 1999. A year ago it was 7.7%. Most Member States reported increases in their unemployment rate. The lowest unemployment rates were recorded in the Netherlands (3.6%) and Austria (4.8%), and the highest rates in Spain (19.3%), in particular, thereafter followed by Ireland (13%) and Slovakia (12%).

The number of **persons employed** 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 growth was



also negative; down from -1.2% in 09Q1 to -1.8% in 09Q2.

In November, **employment expectations** improved only slightly in both manufacturing and services, while consumers' **unemployment expectations** worsened.

According to the quarterly manufacturing survey, the level of **labour shortages** is still very low in 09Q4, with only 0.6% of firms reporting that unfilled job openings were constraining production. It was 5.7% a year ago.

#### 5. International transactions

In November, the assessment of **export order books** improved further (+3 points), but the current level (-51) is still well below the long-term average (-19). For the sixth month in a row, the **euro-area trade balance** with the rest of the world showed a surplus in September. In nominal terms, exports exceeded imports by 6.8bn euro, which compares to a 2.2bn surplus in August.

In September 2009, the **current account** recorded a deficit of 5.4 bn euro. This reflected deficits in current transfers and income, which were only partly offset by surpluses in goods and services. In the **financial account**, net inflows were recorded in September 2009.

# 6. Prices

Confirming the flash estimate, **HICP inflation** was still negative in October (-0.1%), but up from -0.3% in September. **Core inflation**, on the other hand, continued to decelerate, down to 1.0% in October from 1.1% in September and 1.2% in August.

Oil prices have rebounded during 2009 after declining sharply in 08H2. In November, oil prices were increasing on the back of a weaker dollar and expectations for an improving global outlook fronted by China. On 26 November, the price of Brent crude oil was 77.3 USD/bl., up by about 40 dollars or more than 100% from the recent low of 26 December 2008. In the Commission's autumn forecast commodity prices are expected to rise moderately over the forecast horizon (up to 2011), in line with the expected mild recovery and some supply constraints.

Euro-area **industrial producer prices** decreased by 0.4% (m-o-m) in September. On a yearly basis, industrial producer prices dropped by 7.7%.

# 7. Monetary and financial indicators

**Interbank market rates** were broadly stable in the course of November. In the US, the Libor 3-month

rate moved in the range of 0.25%-0.28% and stood at 0.25% on 26 November, while the euro-area 3-month was 0.72%, largely unchanged from the beginning of November. The Libor-OIS, a barometer of the reluctance of banks to lend, narrowed further in November to 24 bps., significantly less than 160 bps. observed a year ago. The improving conditions on the interbank markets reflect the sustained loose monetary policy, abundant liquidity in the market and declines in the risk perception of financial institutions.

**Bond markets** (10-year benchmark government yields) in the euro-area and the US were on a rather downward path in November. On 26 November, the euro-area 10-year government bond yield stood at 3.1%, down from the June level of 3.4%. The US 10-year Treasury also declined to stand at 3.1% on 26 November compared to 3.7% in June. Despite declines of the German sovereign bonds, countries' bond spreads widened, particularly for Ireland and Greece.

Despite the vast amount of money provided by central banks and current low interest rates to households and non-financial corporations, the annual rate of growth of M3 decreased further to 0.3% in October 2009 from 1.8% in September. Loan growth to the private sector contracted for a second month at an annual rate of -0.8%, after -0.3% in September. Loan growth to households stood at -0.1% (after -0.3% in September), while growth in loans to non-financial corporations decreased to -1.2% (from -0.2% in September).

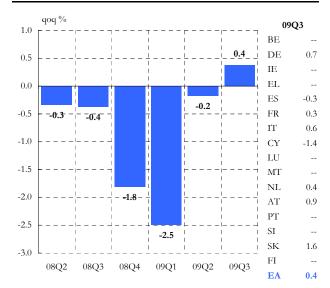
The **euro exchange rate** has steadily appreciated vis-àvis the US dollar and the Japanese yen from March onwards, as the financial market conditions started progressively to improve and signs of the recovering global economic outlook increased investors' risk-appetite. In November, the dollar lost further ground against the euro and was trading 1.51 USD/EUR on 26 November, a 16-month record low. The weakness of the dollar is backed by, at least partially, the low US short-term interest rates (and indications of its continuation) and the high US budget deficit.

On 26 November, **stock markets** were hit by a new wave of volatility, on fears of a Dubai debt default. Markets tumbled as investors escaped from risky assets, with the Eurostoxx50 down by some 3 percent. However, European stocks seemed to recover partly the day after, as many European banks unveiled low Dubai exposure. Compared with the lows recorded in the beginning of March, the stock indices were higher at the end of November (Eurostoxx 50 by some 55%, Dow Jones by almost 60% and Nikkei by some 30%).

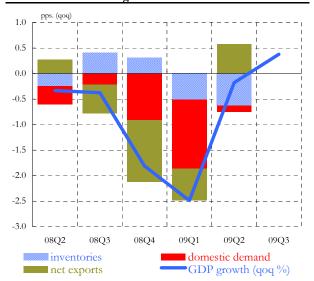


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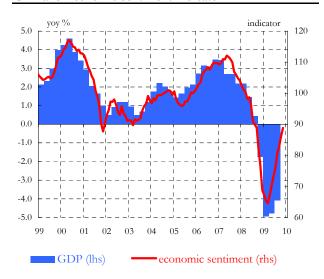
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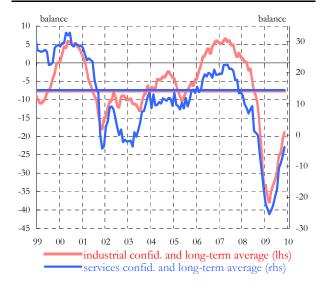
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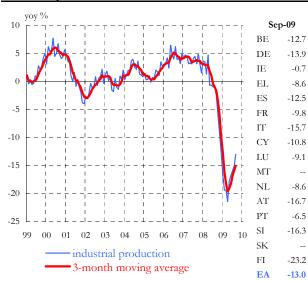
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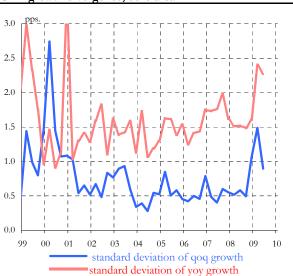
# Industrial and services confidence



# Industrial production



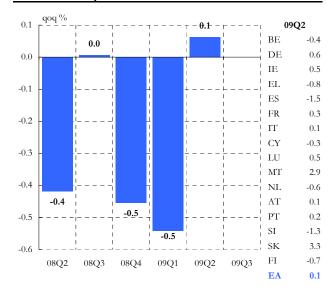
#### GDP growth divergence, euro area



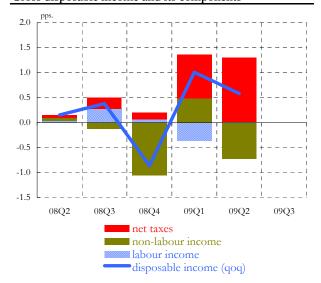


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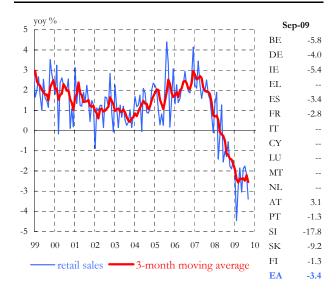
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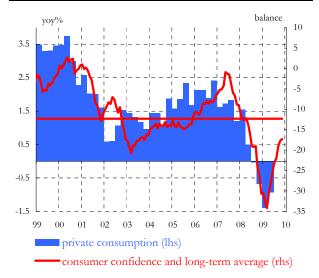
# Gross disposable income and its components



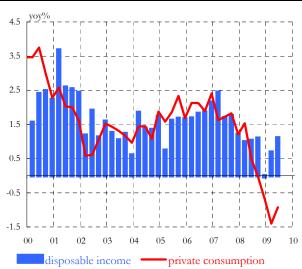
# Retail sales



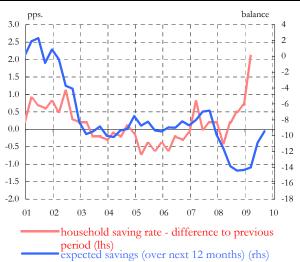
#### Consumer confidence and private consumption



# Households: disposable income and consumption



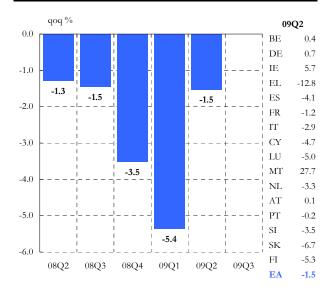
# Households: actual saving rate and expected savings



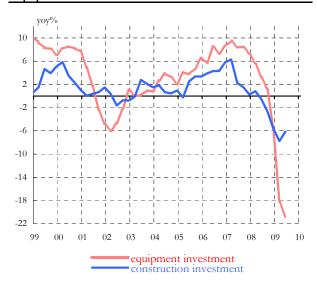


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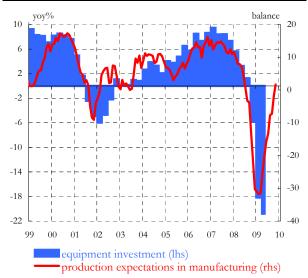
# Gross fixed capital formation



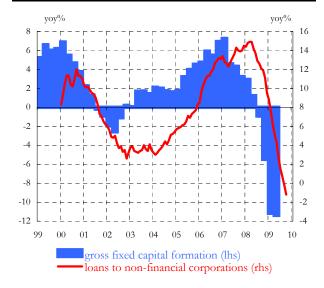
# Equipment and construction investment



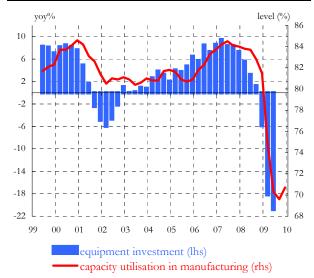
# Equipment investment and production expectations



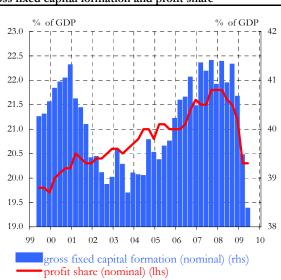
#### Gross fixed capital formation and corporate loans



#### Equipment investment and capacity utilisation

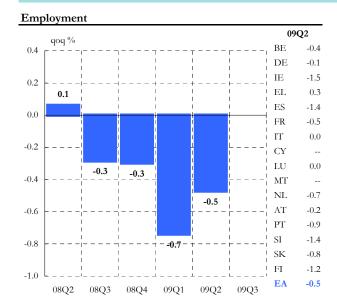


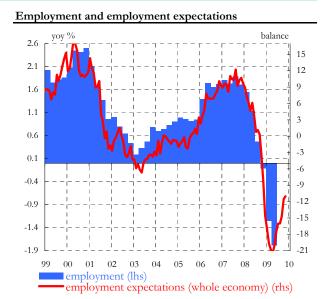
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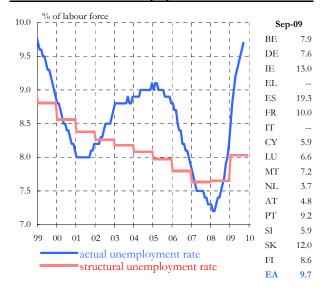




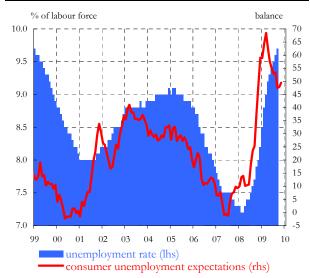




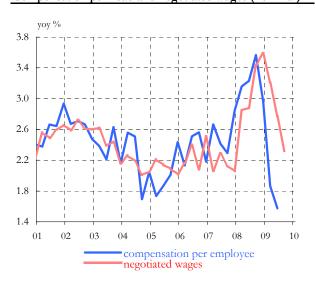
# Actual and structural unemployment rate



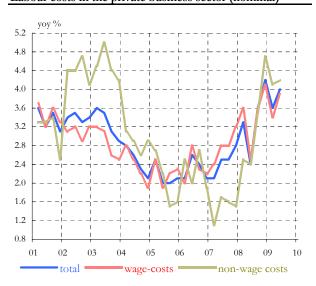
#### Unemployment rate and unemployment expectations



# Compensation per head and negotiated wages (nominal)



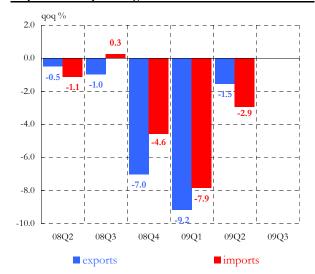
# Labour costs in the private business sector (nominal)



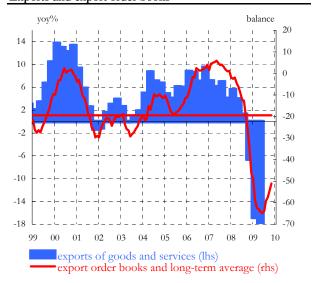


#### 5. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

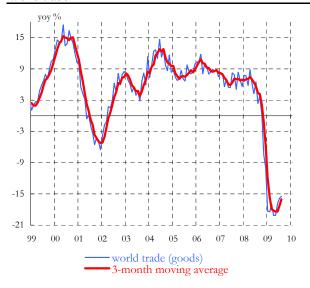
# Exports and imports of goods and services



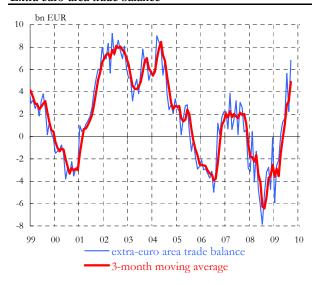
# Exports and export order books



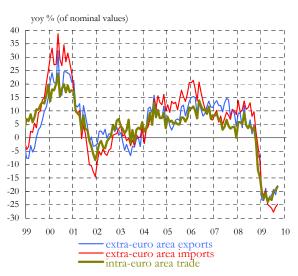
# World trade



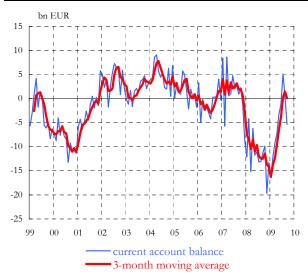
# Extra euro-area trade balance



# Extra- and intra-euro area trade

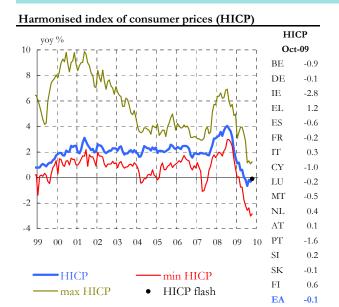


#### Current account balance

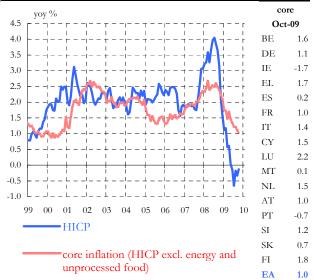




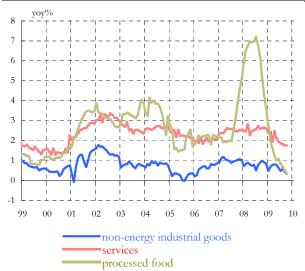
# 6. PRICES



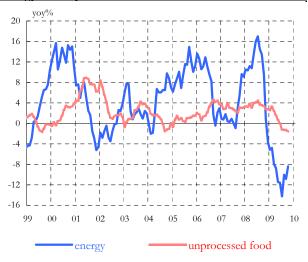
# HICP and core inflation



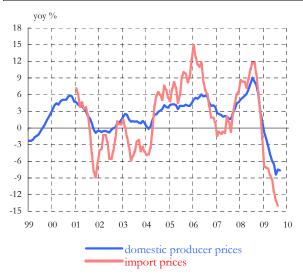
# Breakdown of core inflation



# Energy and unprocessed food



#### Domestic producer prices and import prices



#### Oil prices



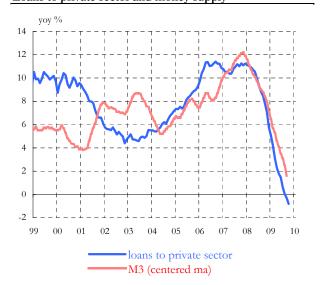


#### 7. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

#### Nominal interest rates



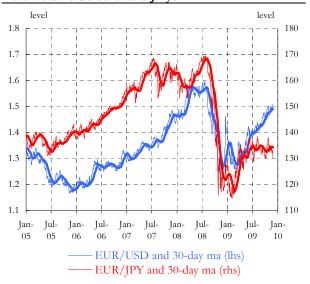
# Loans to private sector and money supply



# Real interest rates



# Euro vis-à-vis US dollar and JP yen



# Stock market indices



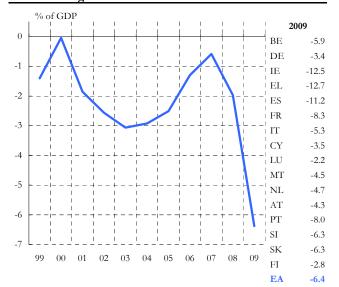
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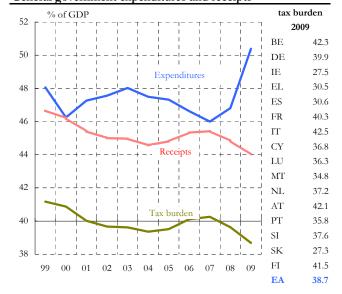


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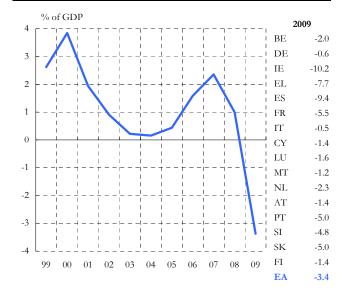
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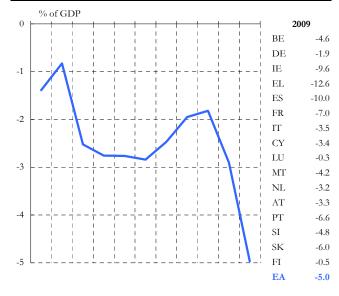
# General government expenditures and receipts



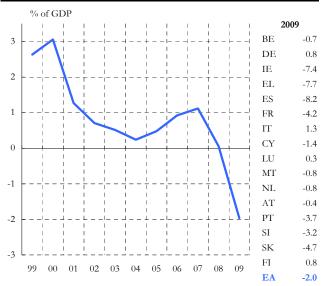
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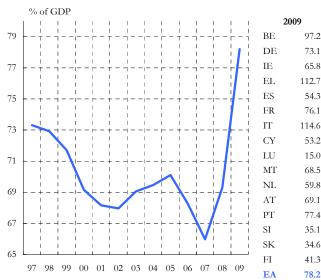
#### Cyclically adjusted balance



# Cyclically adjusted primary balance



# General government debt



<sup>\*</sup> Figures are from the Commission's autumn 2009 forecast



Euro-area  Indicators as from 2009 refer to Belgium (BE), Germany (DE), Ireland (IE), C (GR), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Luxembourg (LU), (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Portugal (PT), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia 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				



	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.	Eurosta
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 euroarea residents less nominal transactions/positions in euro-area securities (including equities) by non-residents. To be regarded as a portfolio investment, ownership in	ECB



	6. Prices				
HICP	Harmonized index of consumer prices (index 2005=100)				
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.				
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)	Ecowin			
Exchange rates	EUR/USD and EUR/JPY reference rates	ECB			
Nominal effective exchange rate	Monthly Nominal Effective Exch. Rates vs. rest of IC36 (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			