



## FLASH CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR FOR EU AND EURO AREA

**January 2011**

Final results for January, including the country breakdowns, will be published in the ESI press release of 27 January 2011

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In January 2011, the DG ECFIN flash estimate<sup>1</sup> of the consumer confidence indicator<sup>2</sup> declined slightly in both the euro area (to -11.4 from -11.0 in December 2010) and the EU (to -12.8 from -12.1 in December 2010).

### Computation of Flash CCI

To compute the flash consumer confidence indicator for the EU and euro area, DG ECFIN uses the data available on the cut-off date. The estimation procedure combines historical data with information from those Member States for which data are available in the reference month. Experience has shown this procedure to be statistically reliable.

Further information on the computation procedure can be found in the [European Business Cycle Indicators](#) of January 2010.

### Scheduled publication dates

Consumer confidence for	Flash estimate	Final release EU, euro area and Member States
February 2011	17 February 2011	24 February 2011
March 2011	23 March 2011	30 March 2011
April 2011	18 April 2011	29 April 2011

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<sup>1</sup> The Flash CCI for the EU aggregate is computed on the basis of consumer survey data from 18 EU countries, covering about 91% of the total weight for the construction of the EU consumer confidence indicator. For the euro area indicator, the 13 countries included represent 94% of the total.

<sup>2</sup> The consumer confidence indicator is built on selected questions addressed to consumers according to the Joint Harmonised EU Business and Consumer Surveys. More details on the consumer confidence indicator as well as long time series can be found via the following link:

[http://ec.europa.eu/economy\\_finance/db\\_indicators/surveys/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/index_en.htm)