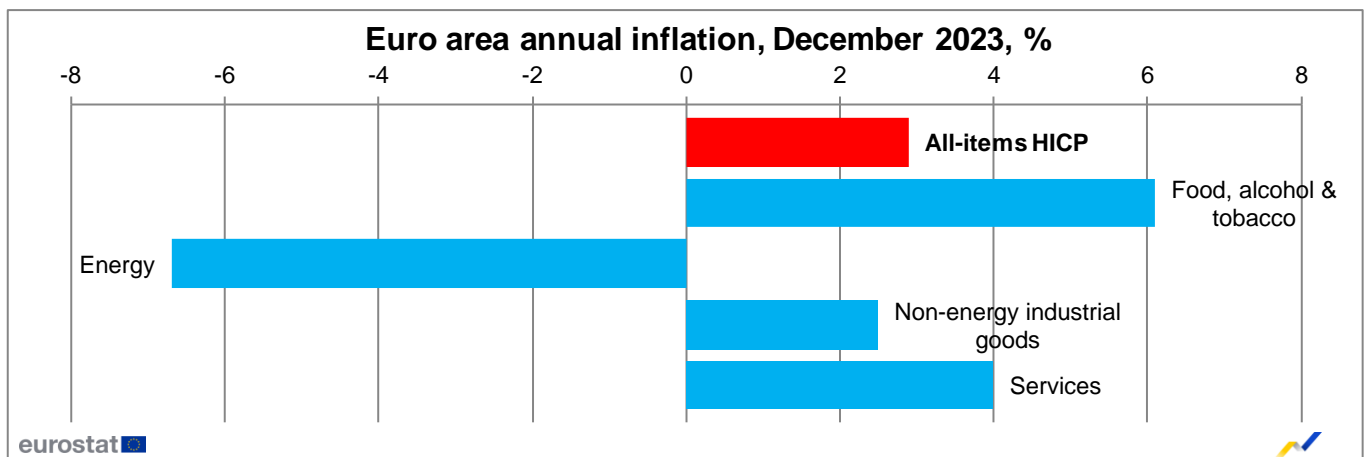


Flash estimate - December 2023

Euro area annual inflation up to 2.9%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 2.9% in December 2023, up from 2.4% in November according to a flash estimate from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Looking at the main components of euro area inflation, food, alcohol & tobacco is expected to have the highest annual rate in December (6.1%, compared with 6.9% in November), followed by services (4.0%, stable compared with November), non-energy industrial goods (2.5%, compared with 2.9% in November) and energy (-6.7%, compared with -11.5% in November).



Euro area annual inflation and its components, %

	Weights (%)	Annual rate							Monthly rate
		2023	Dec 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
All-items HICP	1000.0	9.2	5.3	5.2	4.3	2.9	2.4	2.9e	0.2e
All-items excluding:									
> energy	897.7	7.2	6.7	6.3	5.5	4.9	4.3	4.0e	0.3e
> energy, unprocessed food	852.7	6.9	6.6	6.2	5.5	5.0	4.2	3.9e	0.3e
> energy, food, alcohol & tobacco	697.9	5.2	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.4e	0.4e
Food, alcohol & tobacco	199.8	13.8	10.8	9.7	8.8	7.4	6.9	6.1e	0.0e
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	154.8	14.3	11.3	10.3	9.4	8.4	7.1	5.9e	-0.2e
> unprocessed food	45.0	12.0	9.2	7.8	6.6	4.5	6.3	6.7e	0.4e
Energy	102.3	25.5	-6.1	-3.3	-4.6	-11.2	-11.5	-6.7e	-1.5e
Non-energy industrial goods	262.7	6.4	5.0	4.7	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.5e	0.0e
Services	435.3	4.4	5.6	5.5	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.0e	0.7e

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Inflation rates (%) measured by the HICP

	Annual rate							Monthly rate
	Dec 22	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Dec 23
Belgium	10.2	1.7	2.4	0.7	-1.7	-0.8	0.5e	1.1e
Germany	9.6	6.5	6.4	4.3	3.0	2.3	3.8e	0.2e
Estonia	17.5	6.2	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.1	4.3e	0.0e
Ireland	8.2	4.6	4.9	5.0	3.6	2.5	3.2e	0.4e
Greece	7.6	3.5	3.5	2.4	3.8	2.9	3.7e	0.1e
Spain	5.5	2.1	2.4	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3e	0.0e
France	6.7	5.1	5.7	5.7	4.5	3.9	4.1e	0.1e
Croatia	12.7	8.0	8.4	7.4	6.7	5.5	5.4e	-0.3e
Italy	12.3	6.3	5.5	5.6	1.8	0.6	0.5e	0.2e
Cyprus	7.6	2.4	3.1	4.3	3.6	2.4	1.9e	-1.2e
Latvia	20.7	6.6	5.6	3.6	2.3	1.1	0.9e	-0.7e
Lithuania	20.0	7.2	6.4	4.1	3.1	2.3	1.6e	-0.6e
Luxembourg	6.2	2.0	3.5	3.4	2.1	2.1	3.2e	-0.4e
Malta	7.3	5.6	5.0	4.9	4.2	3.9	3.6e	-0.2e
Netherlands	11.0	5.3	3.4	-0.3	-1.0	1.4	1.0e	0.2e
Austria	10.5	7.0	7.5	5.8	4.9	4.9	5.7e	0.5e
Portugal	9.8	4.3	5.3	4.8	3.2	2.2	1.8e	-0.8e
Slovenia	10.8	5.7	6.1	7.1	6.6	4.5	3.8e	-0.6e
Slovakia	15.0	10.3	9.6	9.0	7.8	6.9	6.6e	-0.1e
Finland	8.8	4.2	3.1	3.0	2.4	0.7	1.6e	0.5e

e estimate Source dataset: [prc_hicp_marr](#)

Geographical information

The **euro area** consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The euro area data refer to the country composition at a specific point in time. Changes in the composition of the euro area are incorporated using a chain index formula.

Methods and definitions

Annual inflation is the change of the price level of consumer goods and services between the current month and the same month of the previous year. **Monthly inflation** is the change of the price level between the current month and the previous month.

Revisions and timetable

The euro area inflation flash estimate is issued at the end of each reference month.

The complete set of harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP) for the euro area, EU and Member States is released around the middle of the month following the reference month. The next release with full data for December 2023 is scheduled for 17 January 2024.

For more information

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