

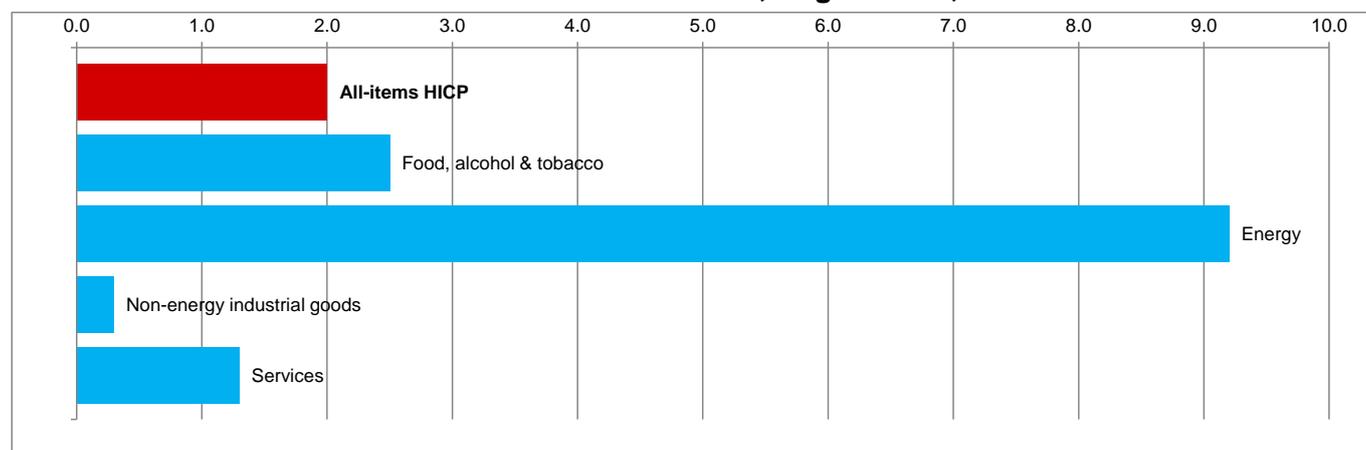
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Flash estimate - August 2018

Euro area annual inflation down to 2.0%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 2.0% in August 2018, down from 2.1% in July 2018, according to a flash estimate from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Looking at the main components of euro area inflation, energy is expected to have the highest annual rate in August (9.2%, compared with 9.5% in July), followed by food, alcohol & tobacco (2.5%, stable compared with July), services (1.3%, compared with 1.4% in July) and non-energy industrial goods (0.3%, compared with 0.5% in July).

Euro area annual inflation, August 2018, %**Euro area annual inflation and its components, %**

	Weight (%) 2018	Aug 2017	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018
All-items HICP	1000.0	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0e
All-items excluding:								
> energy	903.0	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3e
> energy, unprocessed food	828.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2e
> energy, food, alcohol & tobacco	707.3	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0e
Food, alcohol & tobacco	195.7	1.4	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5e
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	121.0	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4e
> unprocessed food	74.8	0.6	0.8	1.5	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.5e
Energy	97.0	4.0	2.0	2.6	6.1	8.0	9.5	9.2e
Non-energy industrial goods	263.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3e
Services	443.9	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.3e

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Geographical coverage

The **euro area** consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, 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. New Member States are integrated into the aggregate using a chain index formula.

Methods and definitions

Annual inflation is the change of the price level between the current month and the same month of the previous year.

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 August 2018 is scheduled for 17 September 2018.

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