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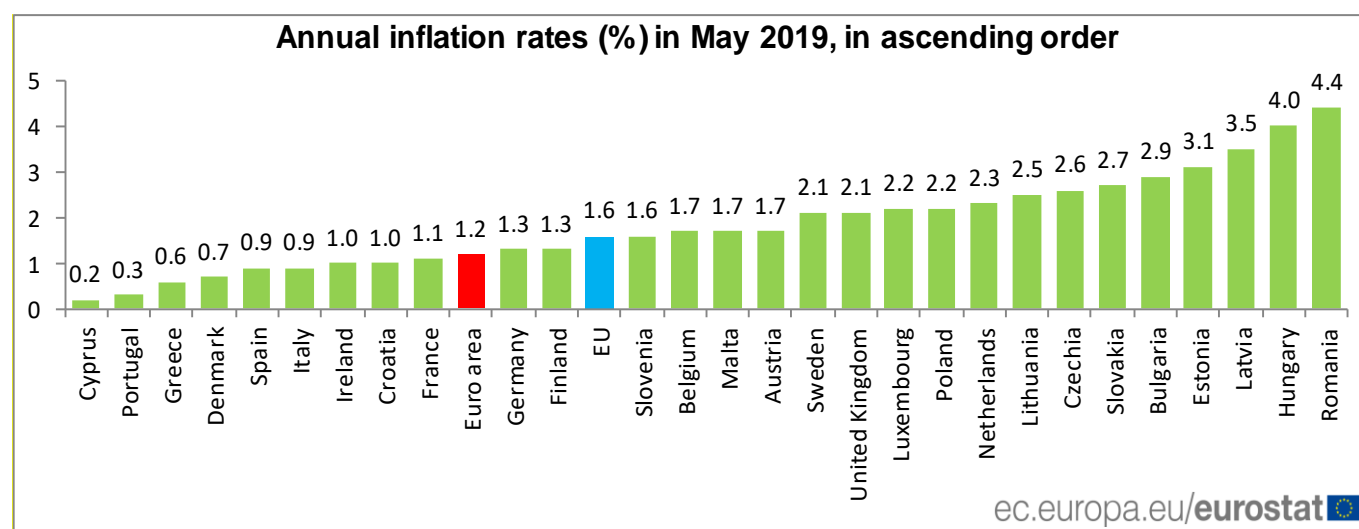
## Annual inflation down to 1.2% in the euro area

### Down to 1.6% in the EU

The **euro area** annual inflation rate was 1.2% in May 2019, down from 1.7% in April 2019. A year earlier, the rate was 2.0%. **European Union** annual inflation was 1.6% in May 2019, down from 1.9% in April 2019. A year earlier, the rate was 2.0%. These figures are published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

The lowest annual rates were registered in **Cyprus** (0.2%), **Portugal** (0.3%) and **Greece** (0.6%). The highest annual rates were recorded in **Romania** (4.4%), **Hungary** (4.0%) and **Latvia** (3.5%). Compared with April 2019, annual inflation fell in sixteen Member States, remained stable in five and rose in six.

In May 2019, the highest contribution to the annual **euro area** inflation rate came from services (+0.47 percentage points, pp), followed by energy (+0.38 pp), food, alcohol & tobacco (+0.29 pp) and non-energy industrial goods (+0.08 pp).



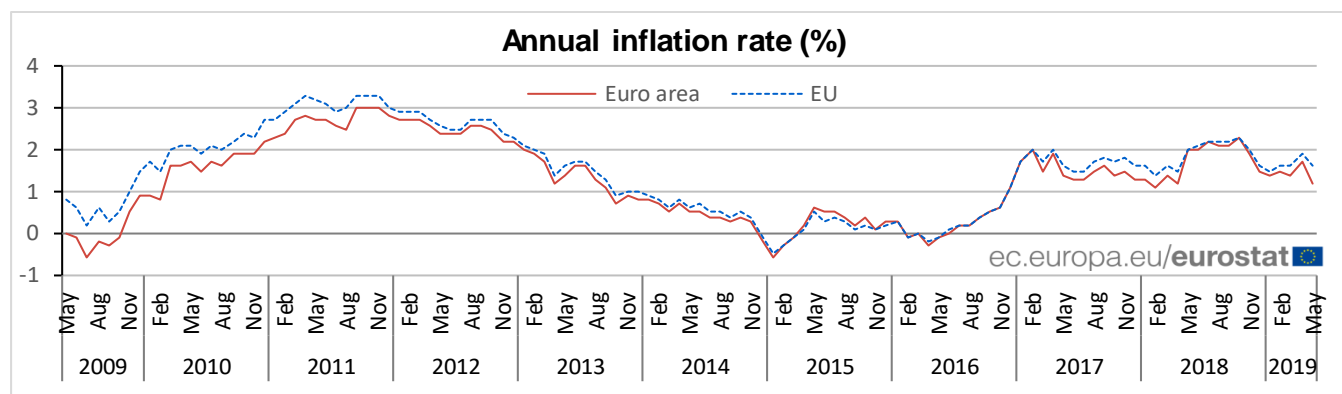
Data for the United Kingdom are for April 2019.

## Inflation rates (%) measured by the HICP

	Annual rate							Monthly rate
	May 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	May 19
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	<b>1.7</b>	0.0
<b>Bulgaria</b>	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	3.1	<b>2.9</b>	0.2
<b>Czechia</b>	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.4	<b>2.6</b>	0.7
<b>Denmark</b>	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.9	<b>0.7</b>	0.0
<b>Germany</b>	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	2.1	<b>1.3</b>	0.3
<b>Estonia</b>	3.1	3.3	2.8	1.9	2.2	3.2	<b>3.1</b>	0.4
<b>Ireland</b>	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.7	<b>1.0</b>	-0.1
<b>Greece</b>	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.4
<b>Spain</b>	2.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.6	<b>0.9</b>	0.2
<b>France</b>	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.5	<b>1.1</b>	0.1
<b>Croatia</b>	1.8	1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.8	<b>1.0</b>	0.4
<b>Italy</b>	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.1
<b>Cyprus</b>	1.0	1.0	2.1	0.8	1.1	1.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.3
<b>Latvia</b>	2.4	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.3	<b>3.5</b>	0.6
<b>Lithuania</b>	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.7	<b>2.5</b>	0.3
<b>Luxembourg</b>	2.1	1.9	1.6	2.1	2.4	2.2	<b>2.2</b>	0.5
<b>Hungary</b>	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.8	3.9	<b>4.0</b>	0.7
<b>Malta</b>	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	1.4
<b>Netherlands</b>	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.0	<b>2.3</b>	-0.3
<b>Austria</b>	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.7	1.7	<b>1.7</b>	0.0
<b>Poland</b>	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.3	1.7	2.1	<b>2.2</b>	0.3
<b>Portugal</b>	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.3
<b>Romania</b>	4.6	3.0	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.4	<b>4.4</b>	0.5
<b>Slovenia</b>	2.2	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.8	<b>1.6</b>	0.8
<b>Slovakia</b>	2.7	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.4	<b>2.7</b>	0.4
<b>Finland</b>	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5	<b>1.3</b>	-0.2
<b>Sweden</b>	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.1	<b>2.1</b>	0.3
<b>United Kingdom</b>	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1	:	:
<b>Iceland</b>	0.0	2.0	1.8	1.0	1.3	3.2	<b>2.9</b>	0.0
<b>Norway</b>	2.3	3.9	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	<b>2.9</b>	-0.3
<b>Switzerland</b>	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.1	<b>0.5</b>	-0.2

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The source dataset is available [here](#).



## Euro area inflation rate (%), selected aggregates

	Weights (%)	Annual rate							Monthly rate
		2019	May 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	
<b>All-items HICP</b>	<b>1000.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
All-items excluding:									
> energy	898.7	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	<b>0.9</b>	0.1
> energy, unprocessed food	854.0	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.0
> energy, food, alcohol & tobacco	708.5	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.3	<b>0.8</b>	-0.1
> energy, seasonal food	873.5	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	0.0
> tobacco	977.4	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.7	<b>1.1</b>	0.1
Food, alcohol & tobacco	190.1	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.8	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	0.4
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	145.4	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.7	<b>1.9</b>	0.2
> unprocessed food	44.7	3.6	1.8	1.8	2.9	1.1	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	1.1
Energy	101.3	6.2	5.5	2.7	3.6	5.3	5.3	<b>3.8</b>	0.9
Non-energy industrial goods	263.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1
Services	444.7	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.9	<b>1.0</b>	-0.1

## Contributions to the euro area annual inflation rate (pp), selected aggregates

	Contributions						
	May 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19
Food, alcohol & tobacco	0.49	0.34	0.36	0.44	0.34	0.29	<b>0.29</b>
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	0.33	0.26	0.27	0.31	0.29	0.25	<b>0.27</b>
> unprocessed food	0.17	0.08	0.08	0.13	0.05	0.04	<b>0.01</b>
Energy	0.58	0.53	0.26	0.35	0.52	0.51	<b>0.38</b>
Non-energy industrial goods	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.04	0.06	<b>0.08</b>
Services	0.83	0.59	0.70	0.61	0.51	0.86	<b>0.47</b>

The full dataset is available in the Eurostat online [database](#).

### Geographical information

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 **European Union** includes Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The euro area and European Union data refer to the respective country compositions at a specific point in time. New Member States are integrated into the aggregates using a chain index formula.

Data for the United Kingdom for May 2019 were not available in time for publication. Due to this fact, the EU totals have been calculated using Eurostat estimates.

### Methods and definitions

The **annual rate** measures the change of the harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP) between a month and the same month of the previous year, and the **monthly rate** compares the indices between the two latest months.

A **contribution** shows how much of the annual inflation rate comes from a particular component of the HICP. The contributions are calculated according to a method which ensures their additivity (allowing for rounding).

### Revisions and timetable

A flash estimate of euro area inflation is issued at the end of each reference month. The euro area flash estimate for May 2019, published on 4 June 2019, was 1.2%.

The next flash estimate of euro area inflation with data for June 2019 is scheduled for 28 June 2019.

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