

DG ECFIN - Directorate A - Policy strategy and co-ordination

| | LTA ⁽¹⁾ | 2013 | 2014 | 14Q4 | 15Q1 | 15Q2 | 15Q3 | Jun-15 | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Sep-15 | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | |
|--|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1. Output | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic Sentiment | indicator | 100.0 | 93.8 | 101.6 | 100.8 | 102.6 | 103.7 | 104.6 | 103.5 | 104.0 | 104.1 | 105.6 | 105.9 | -- |
| Industrial confidence | balance | -6.7 | -9.1 | -3.9 | -4.5 | -4.0 | -3.2 | -3.0 | -3.4 | -2.9 | -3.7 | -2.3 | -2.0 | -- |
| Services confidence | balance | 9.1 | -5.4 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 10.5 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 10.1 | 12.4 | 11.9 | -- |
| Industrial production (excluding construction) | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.5 | 1.0 | -0.1 | | -0.3 | 0.8 | -0.5 | -- | -- | -- |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 0.8 | -0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.9 | -- | -- | -- |
| Gross domestic product | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 1.4 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Labour productivity | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2. Private consumption | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer confidence | balance | -12.9 | -18.7 | -10.1 | -11.3 | -6.3 | -5.3 | -7.1 | -5.6 | -7.2 | -6.9 | -7.1 | -7.7 | -- |
| Retail confidence | balance | -8.6 | -12.2 | -3.2 | -5.1 | -1.6 | -0.2 | 2.9 | -1.3 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 6.5 | -- |
| Private consumption | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 1.2 | -0.6 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.9 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Retail sales | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -- | -- |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 0.4 | -0.8 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 3.0 | -- |
| 3. Investment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capacity utilisation | level (%) | 81.2 | 78.4 | 80.4 | 80.5 | 81.0 | 81.2 | 81.1 | -- | 81.1 | -- | -- | 81.5 | -- |
| Production expectations (manuf.) | balance | 5.8 | 3.3 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 10.8 | 9.9 | -- |
| Gross fixed capital formation | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.6 | 1.4 | -0.5 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 1.2 | -2.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| - equipment investment | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.4 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | -2.2 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 4.3 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| - construction investment | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.6 | 1.9 | -1.1 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | -3.6 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Change in stocks | contrib. to GDP (pp.) | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -- | | | | | | |
| 4. Labour market | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment expectations (manuf.) | balance | -10.3 | -9.4 | -5.1 | -6.1 | -3.3 | -2.2 | -2.8 | -2.2 | -3.2 | -3.0 | -2.2 | -3.0 | -- |
| Employment expectations (services) | balance | 5.1 | -4.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 3.9 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.1 | -- |
| Employment | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 0.4 | -0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Employment (000) | abs. ch. on prev. period | | -979 | 908 | 169 | 288 | 493 | -- | | | | | | |
| Compensation of employees per head (nominal) | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Unemployment expectations | balance | 27.0 | 34.4 | 21.3 | 23.7 | 13.4 | 9.8 | 14.4 | 8.7 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 20.1 | -- |
| Unemployment rate | % of lab. force | | 12.0 | 11.6 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | -- | -- |
| Unemployment (000) | abs. ch. on prev. period | | 1,043 | -604 | -132 | -433 | -233 | -327 | 3 | -240 | -43 | -131 | -- | -- |
| 5. International transactions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| World trade | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 1.4 | -1.0 | -0.8 | -- | 3.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -- | -- | -- |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 1.3 | -- | 3.4 | 1.5 | 0.9 | -- | -- |
| Export order books | balance | -18.8 | -21.3 | -13.5 | -13.3 | -12.4 | -11.1 | -11.6 | -11.6 | -10.1 | -12.1 | -12.5 | -11.3 | -- |
| Trade balance (merchandise) | billion EUR | | 156.5 | 194.0 | 62.4 | 58.9 | 64.3 | 42.2 | 21.6 | 22.4 | 19.8 | -- | -- | -- |
| Exports of goods and services | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 4.9 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 5.2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Imports of goods and services | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.0 | -- | | | | | | |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 4.5 | 1.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 5.2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Current-account balance | billion EUR | | 191.7 | 245.6 | 69.8 | 81.1 | 79.0 | 43.3 | 26.9 | 25.6 | 17.7 | -- | -- | -- |
| Direct investment | billion EUR | | -69.6 | 44.3 | -10.9 | 107.5 | -40.4 | 33.0 | -19.8 | 30.1 | 2.9 | -- | -- | -- |
| Portfolio investment | billion EUR | | -9.6 | 72.8 | 91.2 | -113.6 | 126.2 | 92.6 | 56.7 | 62.9 | 29.7 | -- | -- | -- |
| 6. Prices | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer inflation expectations | balance | 19.7 | 16.9 | 8.2 | 4.7 | -2.2 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.7 | -- |
| Headline inflation (HICP) | % ch. on prev. year | | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -- |
| Core HICP | % ch. on prev. year | | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | -- |
| Domestic producer prices | % ch. on prev. year | | -0.2 | -1.5 | -1.9 | -2.9 | -2.1 | -2.6 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -2.6 | -3.1 | -- | -- |
| Import prices | % ch. on prev. year | | -1.4 | -1.4 | -1.0 | -0.4 | 0.8 | -0.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.7 | -1.5 | -- | -- |
| Oil (Brent) in USD | level | | 108.7 | 99.7 | 77.8 | 54.9 | 62.9 | 51.2 | 63.4 | 57.1 | 47.8 | 48.4 | 49.0 | 48.9 |
| | % ch. on prev. period | | | | -24.9 | -29.4 | 14.6 | -18.5 | -3.1 | -9.9 | -16.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | -0.3 |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | -2.7 | -8.3 | -28.8 | -49.2 | -42.7 | -43.4 | -47.3 | -53.7 | -51.0 | -44.6 | -39.2 |
| Oil (Brent) in EUR | level | | 81.9 | 74.8 | 62.4 | 48.8 | 57.0 | 46.1 | 56.5 | 51.9 | 43.0 | 43.1 | 43.6 | 44.8 |
| | % ch. on prev. period | | | | -20.1 | -21.7 | 16.6 | -19.0 | -3.6 | -8.2 | -17.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 2.3 |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | -5.8 | -8.6 | -22.3 | -38.1 | -28.8 | -31.3 | -35.2 | -44.6 | -43.7 | -37.5 | -30.7 |
| Non-energy commodity prices (EUR) | % ch. on prev. period | | | | 0.4 | 1.1 | -1.3 | -7.2 | -2.4 | -1.0 | -5.6 | -1.6 | -1.0 | -- |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | -8.3 | -4.4 | 0.9 | 2.3 | -0.5 | -1.6 | -2.4 | -9.0 | -9.6 | -10.7 | -- |
| 7. Monetary and financial indicators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nominal interest rates (3 month) | level | | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.08 | 0.05 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.04 | -0.05 | -0.07 |
| Nominal interest rates (10 year) | level | | 1.59 | 1.22 | 0.78 | 0.34 | 0.54 | 0.69 | 0.83 | 0.73 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.55 | 0.59 |
| ECB repo rate | level | | 0.55 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Stock market (Eurostoxx) | % ch. on prev. period | | | | -2.2 | 10.9 | 5.2 | -6.5 | -2.7 | 0.7 | -2.8 | -8.1 | 3.5 | 5.1 |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | 15.8 | 12.6 | 2.8 | 11.4 | 12.7 | 6.7 | 7.6 | 11.1 | 11.5 | -2.1 | 8.1 | 10.1 |
| Money demand (M3) | % ch. on prev. year | | 2.3 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.9 | -- | -- |
| Loans to households | % ch. on prev. year | | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | -- | -- |
| Loans to non-financial corporations | % ch. on prev. year | | -2.9 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -- | -- |
| Bilateral exchange rate EUR/USD | level | | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.25 | 1.13 | 1.11 | 1.11 | 1.12 | 1.10 | 1.11 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.09 |
| | % ch. on prev. period | | | | -5.7 | -9.9 | -1.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | -1.9 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | -2.5 |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | 3.4 | 0.0 | -8.2 | -17.8 | -19.4 | -17.5 | -18.8 | -16.3 | -13.0 | -11.3 | -12.4 |
| Nominal effective exchange rate | % ch. on prev. period | | | | -2.2 | -6.1 | -1.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 | -1.1 | 1.8 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| | % ch. on prev. year | | | 3.7 | 0.6 | -3.6 | -10.2 | -11.9 | -10.2 | -10.7 | -8.4 | -6.2 | -5.5 | -7.2 |

(1) LTA=Long-Term Average

(2) Data available until the date of update



1. Output

Real GDP in the euro area continued growing in the second quarter of 2015 mainly driven by stronger net exports. According to Eurostat's second estimate, it increased by 0.4% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). As compared to 2014-Q2, real GDP increased by 1.5% year-on-year (y-o-y). According to the **Commission's autumn 2015 forecast**, released on 5 November, euro-area GDP is expected to increase by 1.6% in 2015, 1.8% in 2016, and 1.9% in 2017. While the recovery this year has enjoyed a boost from tailwinds such as a weaker euro, low oil prices and very accommodative monetary policies, headwinds emerge from slower growth in emerging markets and world trade. The recovery in the years ahead is expected to be facilitated by factors such as better credit conditions, leading to more investment in 2016 and 2017 (3.0% and 4.4% y-o-y respectively).

In October, the **Commission's Economic Sentiment Indicator** was broadly unchanged in the euro area (+0.3 points compared to September). The stabilisation of euro-area sentiment resulted from increases in confidence in retail trade and construction which were partly outweighed by the deterioration in services and consumer confidence, while industry confidence remained broadly flat.

Industry confidence (+0.3 points) remained close to its September level due to managers' improved assessment of the adequacy of the stock of finished products and the current level of overall order books on the one hand and their worsened production expectations on the other.

The **PMI Composite Output Index** in October was at 53.9, which is 0.3 points higher than the September level. In October, the index signalled growth for the twenty-eighth consecutive month. Output increased in both the manufacturing and service sectors, signalling a broad-based upturn, with rates of growth ticking higher in both cases.

In August, **industrial production** fell by 0.5% month-on-month (m-o-m), partly offsetting the increase registered in July. The decrease was due to production of energy falling by 3.0%, capital goods by 1.0% and non-durable consumer goods by 0.1%, while production of intermediate goods rose by 0.2% and durable consumer goods by 2.3%.

2. Private consumption

In 2015-Q2, **private consumption** increased by 0.4% q-o-q. With respect to the same period of the previous year, private consumption was up by 1.9%, which was the highest rate since 2007-Q2.

In October, **consumer confidence** edged down (-0.6 points compared to September), owing to an important worsening of consumers' unemployment expectations which was only partly offset by their more positive assessment of the future general economic situation; by contrast, consumers' expectations of their financial situation and future savings remained broadly unchanged.

In September, the volume of **retail trade** decreased in the euro area by 0.1% compared to August. In September 2015 compared with September 2014 the retail sales index increased by 2.9%. In October, **retail trade confidence** stepped up (+2.3 points) reflecting managers' more positive appraisals of the adequacy of the volume of stocks, the present business situation and the expected business situation.

3. Investment

In 2015-Q2, **gross fixed capital formation** decreased by 0.5% q-o-q (+1.4% in 2015-Q1). Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, investment increased by 1.9%. The rate of **capacity utilisation** (data collected in October) improved slightly to 81.5% (0.4 points higher than in July).

4. Labour market

In September, the **unemployment rate** was 10.8% in September 2015, down from 10.9% in August 2015, and from 11.5% in September 2014. This is the lowest rate recorded in the euro area since January 2012.

In 2015-Q2, seasonally-adjusted **employment** was 0.3% higher than in 2015-Q1 and 0.8% higher than in 2014-Q2. According to the Commission's survey results, in October **employment expectations** saw an important upward revision in construction and retail trade, while they deteriorated somewhat in industry and services.

5. International transactions

In August, the **world trade volume** (goods) decreased by 0.5% m-o-m, following a 0.4% decline in July. In October, views on **export order books in manufacturing** were less negative (-11.3 points) than in September (-12.5 points), and remained above the long-term average of -18.8.

In August, the seasonally adjusted **trade balance** was in surplus at €19.8 bn, compared with €22.4 bn in July 2015. The seasonally adjusted **current-account balance** also recorded a surplus in August (€17.7 bn). This reflected surpluses for goods (€21.2 billion), services (€4.3 billion) and primary income (€3.8 billion), which were partly offset by a deficit in secondary income



(€11.6 billion). The **financial account** in August (combined direct and portfolio investment) recorded increases of €9 billion in assets and a decrease of €24 billion in liabilities.

6. Prices

In October, annual **HICP inflation** was 0.0% according to Eurostat's flash estimate, up from -0.1% in September. Looking at the main components of euro area inflation, food, alcohol & tobacco is expected to have the highest annual rate in October (1.5%, compared with 1.4% in September), followed by services (1.3%, compared with 1.2% in September), non-energy industrial goods (0.4%, compared with 0.3% in September) and energy (-8.7%, compared with -8.9% in September).

In October, **core inflation** (all items excl. energy and unprocessed food) was at 0.9% (up from 0.8% in September).

The **Commission's autumn 2015 forecast** projects HICP inflation at 0.1% in 2015, 1.0% in 2016, and 1.6% in 2017. According to the Commission surveys, **consumer price expectations** were revised significantly downwards in October 2015.

In September, **industrial producer prices**, compared with August 2015, fell by 0.3% in the euro area. Compared with September 2014, industrial producer prices fell by 3.1%.

Brent crude **oil prices** have reached a 2015 low on 25 August (42.81 USD/bbl.), which is slightly below the level they were at after their sharp fall that started in June 2014. On 5 November, Brent crude traded at 49.27 USD/bbl. (corresponding to 45.27 EUR/bbl.).

7. Monetary and financial indicators

Money market interest rates have declined further in an environment of excess liquidity. On 5 November, the 3-month EURIBOR was at the same rate as it was in October 2015 (-0.1%).

At its meeting on 22 October, the ECB Governing Council kept **policy interest rates** on the main refinancing operations, on the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility unchanged (at 0.05%, 0.30%, and -0.20% respectively). Regarding non-standard monetary policy measures, the Governing Council decided to continue to fully implement the monthly asset purchases of €60 billion.

Benchmark sovereign bond yields in the euro area have increased between May and mid-June as inflation expectations increased. Since then they started to decrease, with a sharp drop in early July. On 5

November, the benchmark yield of ten-year sovereign bonds stood at 0.61%.

The October 2015 **Bank Lending Survey** confirmed a further net easing of credit standards on loans to enterprises in the third quarter of 2015. While credit standards on loans to households for house purchase tightened measurably, standards on consumer credit and other lending to households continued to ease. For the fourth quarter of 2015, banks expect a further net easing in credit standards on loans to enterprises. For households, credit standards on housing loans are expected to be broadly unchanged and a slight net easing is expected for consumer credit.

The annual rate of change of **M3** in September was at 4.9%, stable since August. The annual growth in loans to the private sector (adjusted for sales and securitisation) stood at 0.4% (down from 0.8% in August). The annual growth in loans to households slightly increased to 1.1% (from 1.0% in August), and the annual growth rate of loans to non-financial corporations (adjusted) decreased to 0.1% (from 0.4% in August).

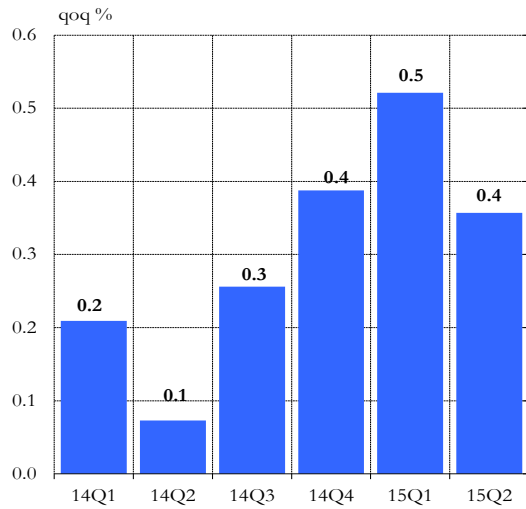
In its statement of 28 October, the **FOMC** reaffirmed its view that the current 0 to ¼% target range for the federal funds rate remains appropriate. The Committee will assess progress -both realised and expected- toward its objectives of maximum employment and 2 percent inflation. On 5 November, the US 3-month Libor rate stood at 0.344%.

After reaching a 2015 low of 1.0552 in mid-April the **EUR/USD exchange rate** has rebounded to around 1.12 in October. On 5 November the EUR/USD exchange rate stood at 1.0883. Among the key factors at play are the market uncertainty, expectations of diverging monetary policies, and the impact of the ECB's quantitative easing. On 5 November, the JPY/EUR foreign exchange reference rate stood at 132.65.

Stock market indices in the US (Dow Jones and S&P500) have fully recovered in October from the losses they took end of August. On 5 November Dow Jones and S&P500 noted around their respective 2015 highs in mid-May. In Japan, the index has only partially recovered from the 12% drop it experienced in August, but has steadily been going up in the course of October (around 10%). On 5 November the index stood around 10% lower than its 2015 high in mid-June. In Europe, stock markets have lost over 10% in the course of August and have only partially recovered from this drop during the last two months. In October the index went around 12% higher, but on 5 November the Euro Stoxx 50 still noted around 10% lower than its 2015 peak in mid-April.

1. OUTPUT

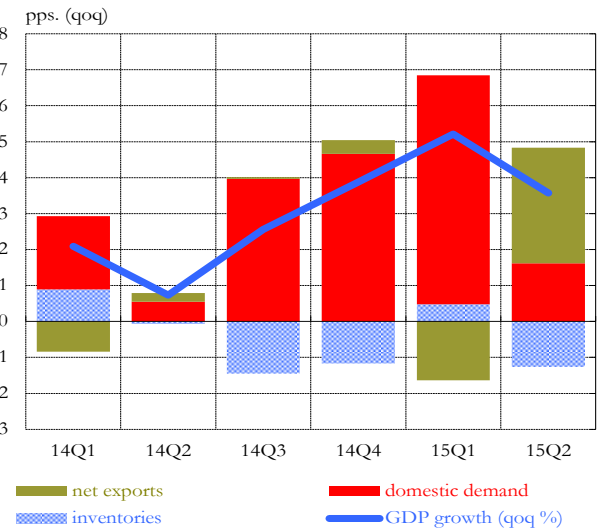
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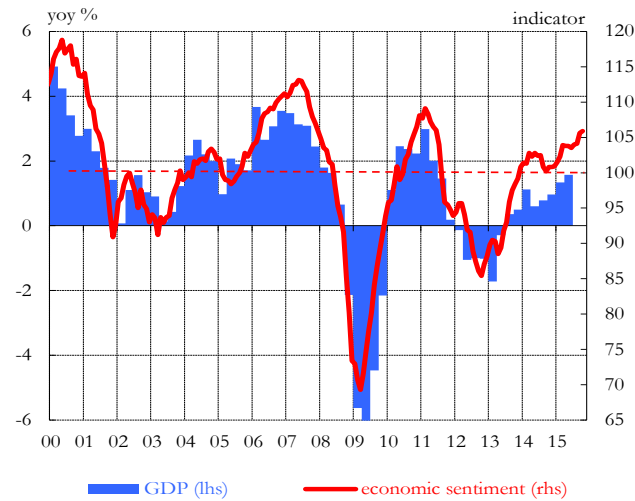
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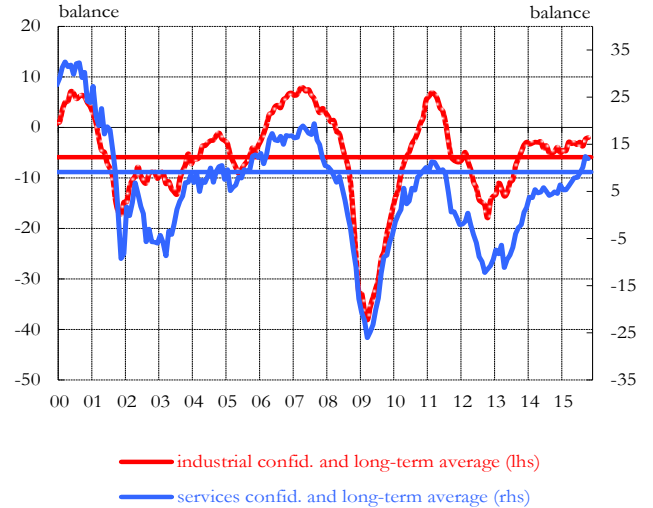
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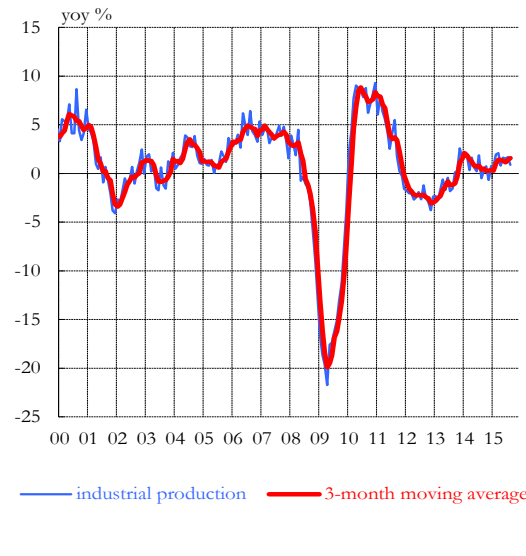
GDP and Economic Sentiment Indicator



Industrial and services confidence



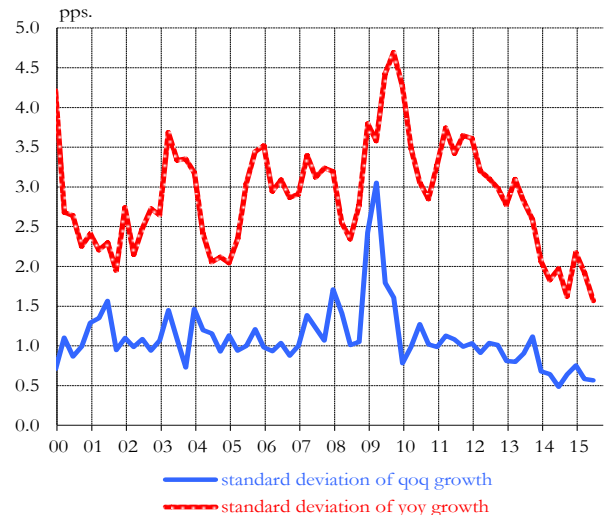
Industrial production



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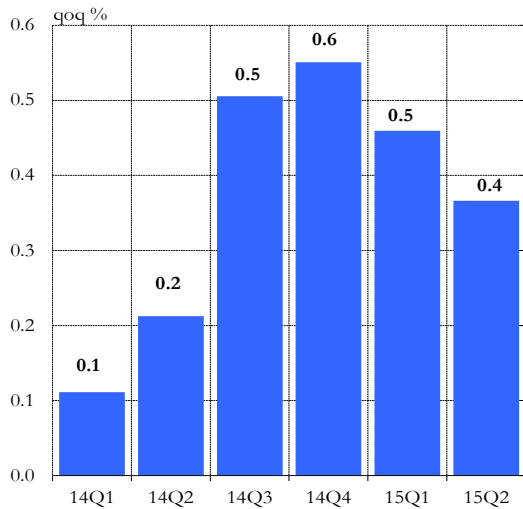
GDP growth divergence, euro area



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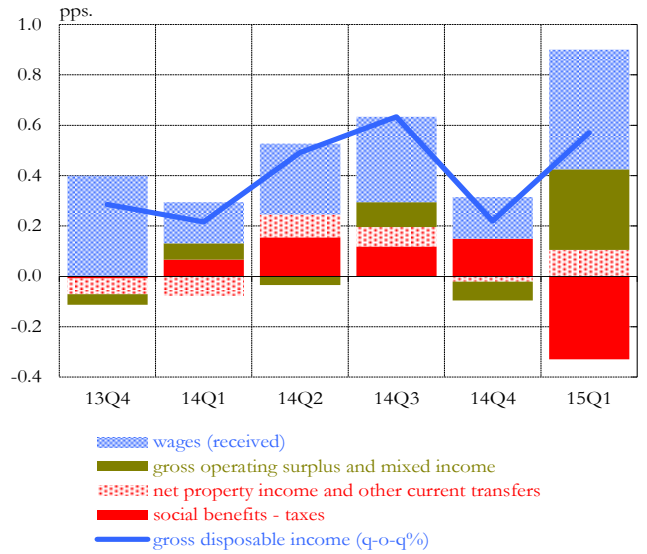
Private consumption

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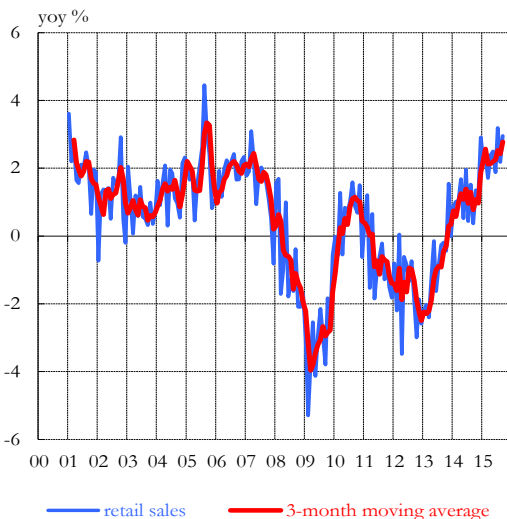
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Household adjusted gross disposable income



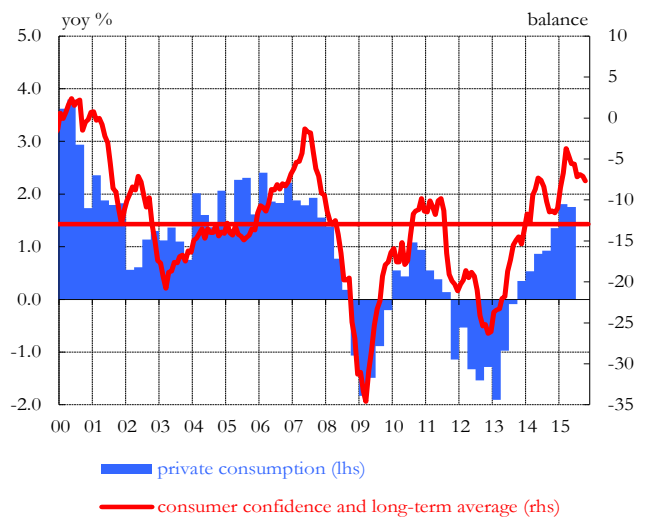
Retail sales

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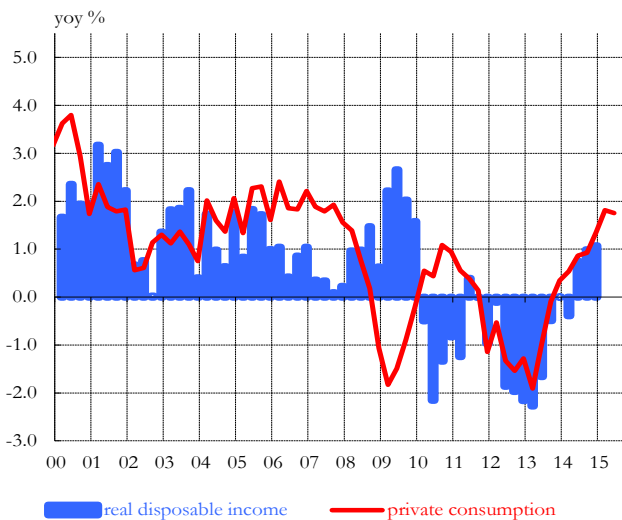


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|----|-------|
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| FR | 3.6 |
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| CY | -- |
| LV | 4.4 |
| LT | 5.4 |
| LU | -11.8 |
| MT | 4.3 |
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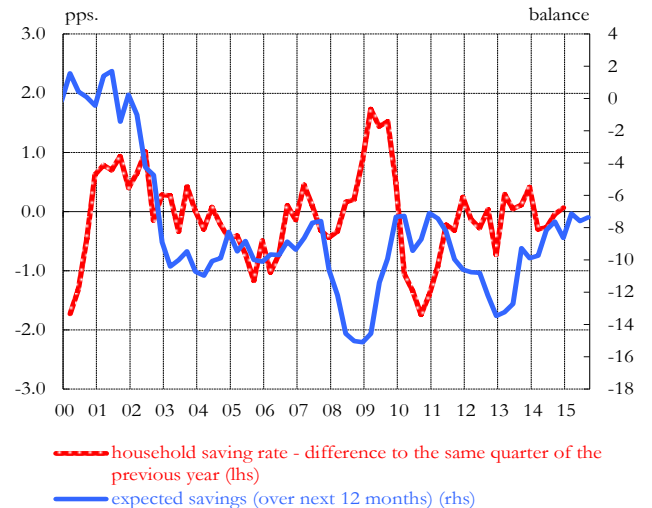
Consumer confidence and private consumption



Households: real disposable income and consumption



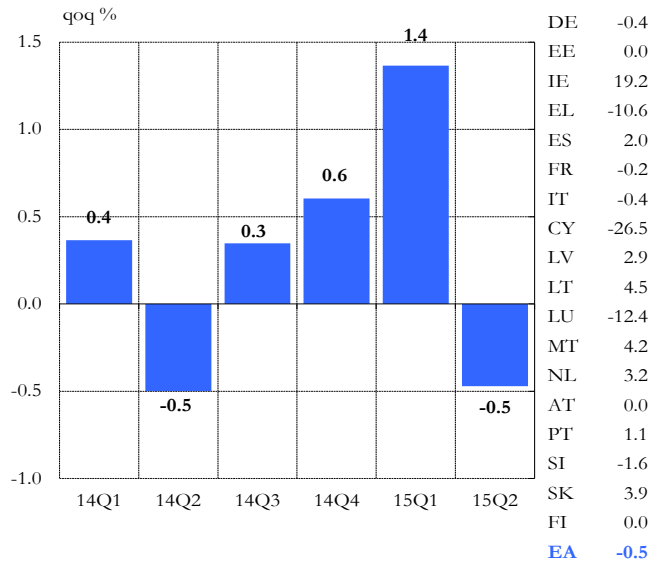
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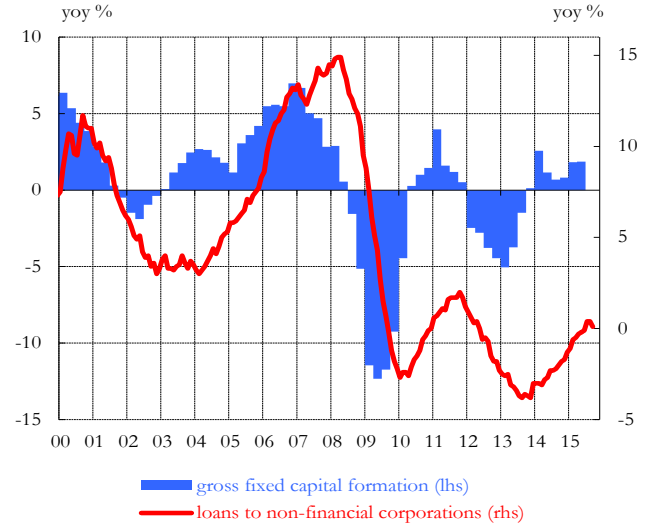
3. INVESTMENT

Gross fixed capital formation

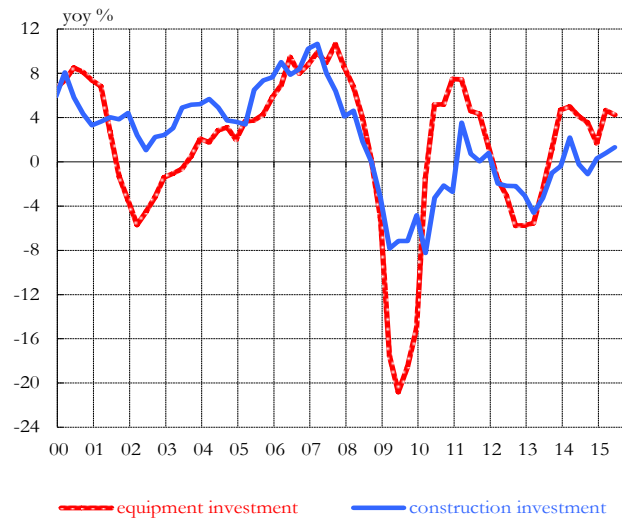
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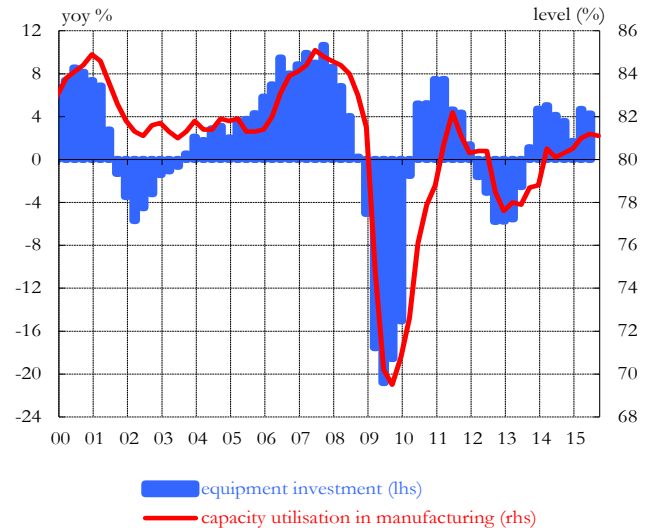
Gross fixed capital formation and corporate loans



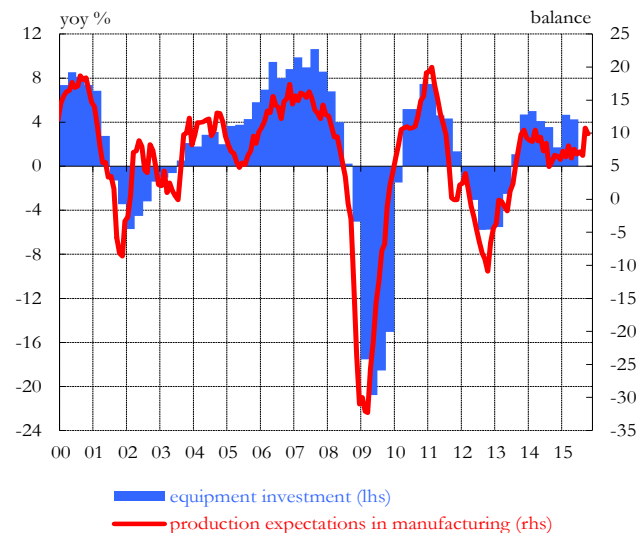
Equipment and construction investment



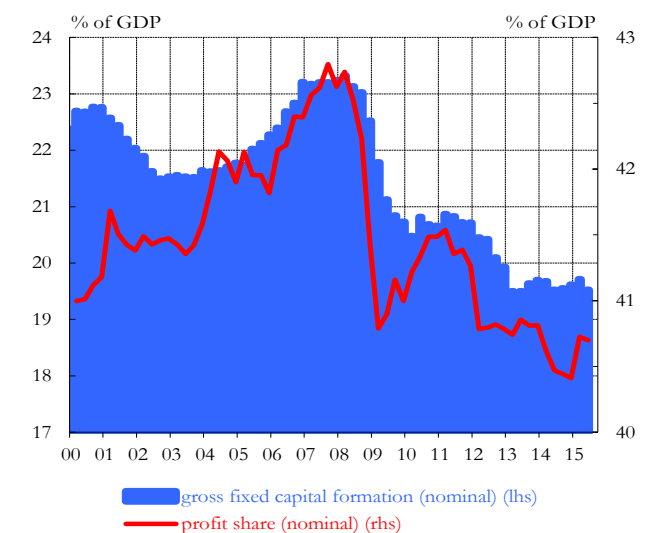
Equipment investment and capacity utilisation



Equipment investment and production expectations



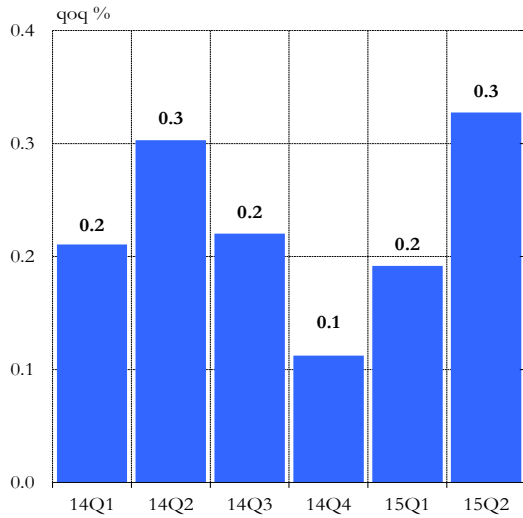
Gross fixed capital formation and profit share



4. LABOUR MARKET

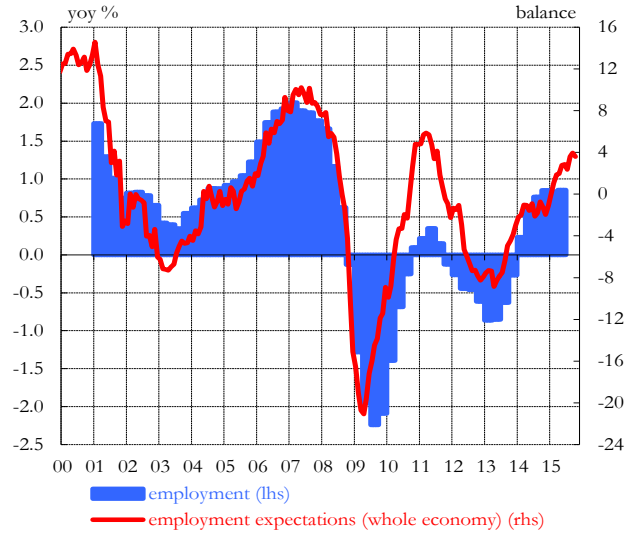
Employment

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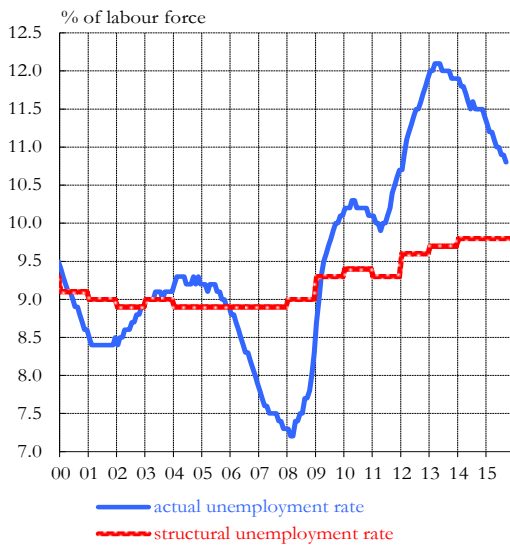
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| LV | 0.1 |
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| LU | 0.7 |
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| NL | -- |
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Employment and employment expectations



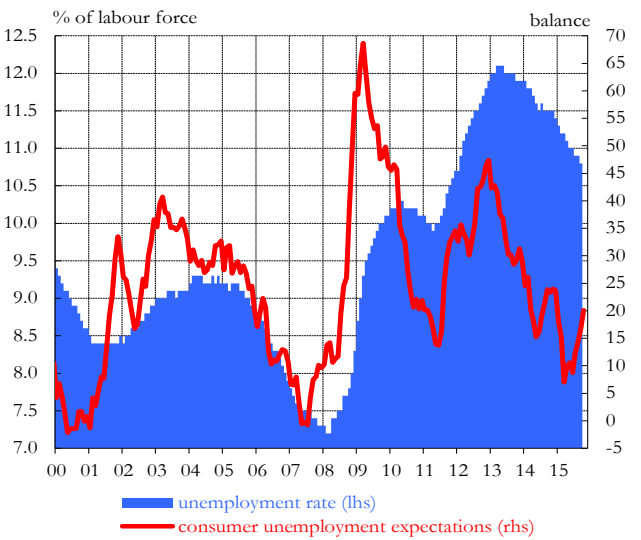
Actual and structural unemployment rate

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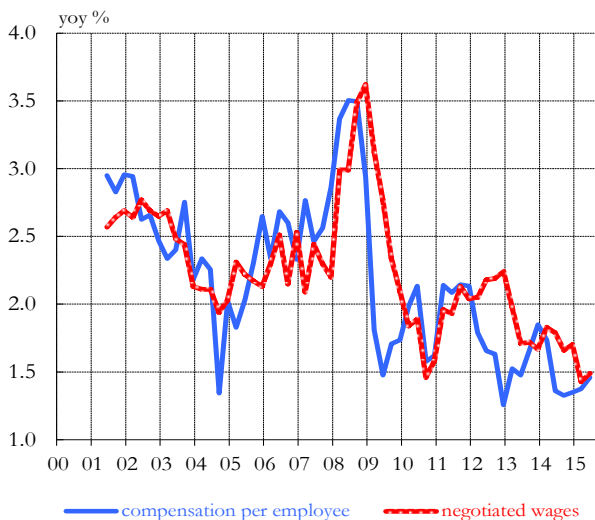


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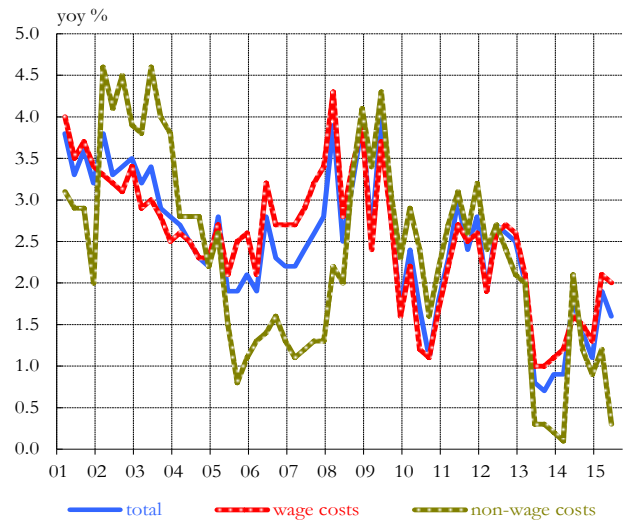
Unemployment rate and unemployment expectations



Compensation per head and negotiated wages (nominal)

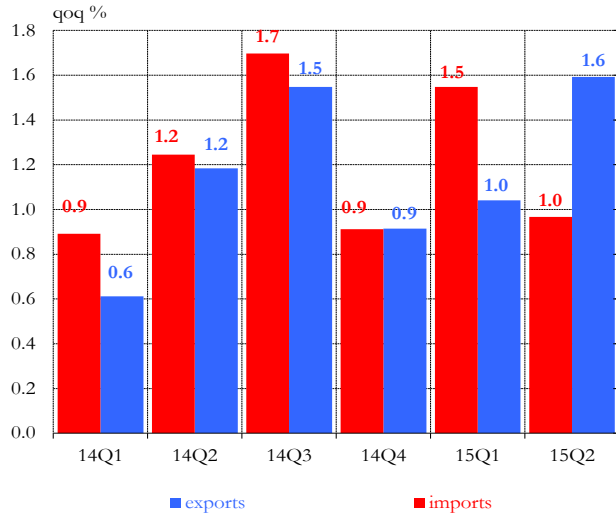


Labour costs in the private business sector (nominal)

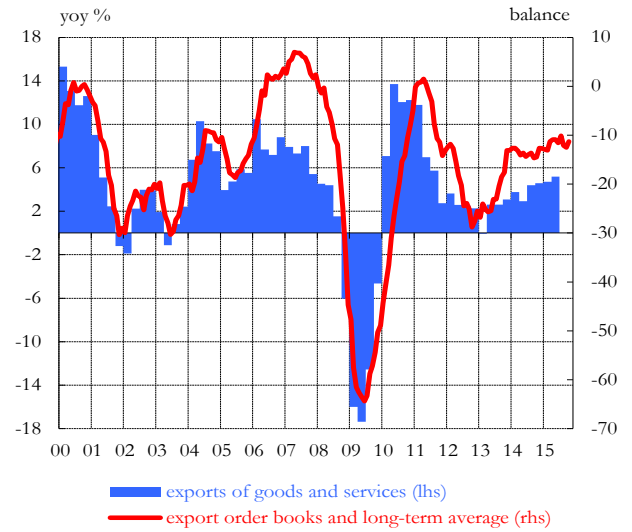


5. INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS

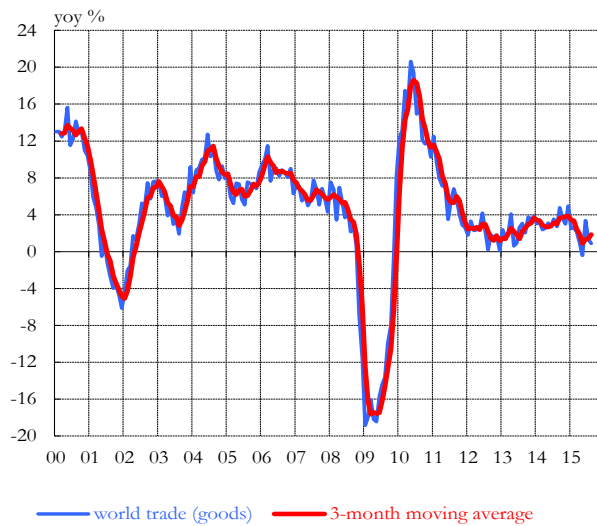
Exports and imports of goods and services



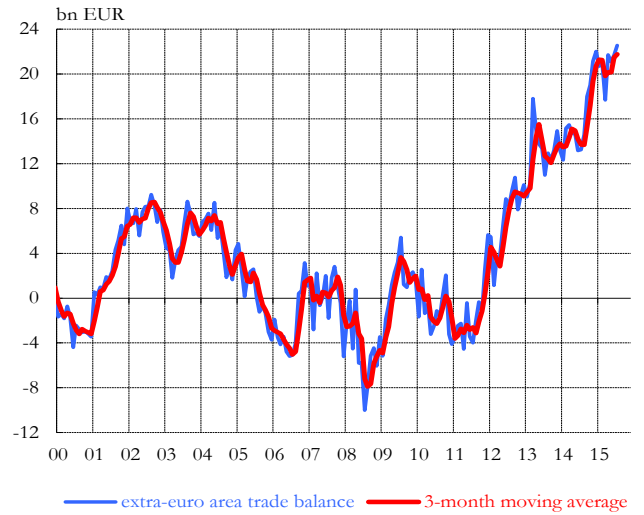
Exports and export order books



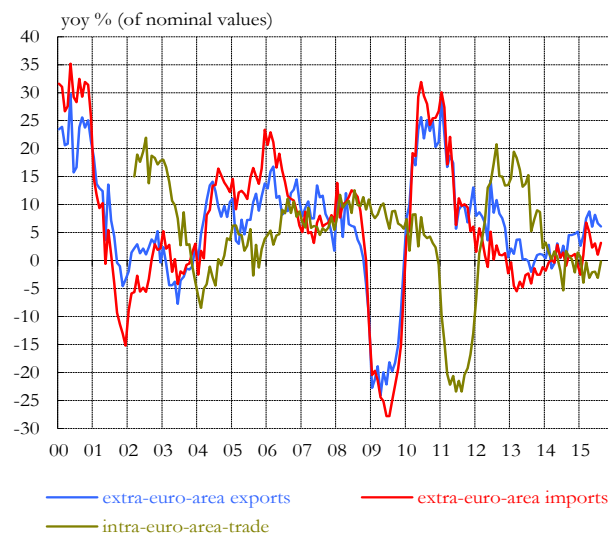
World trade



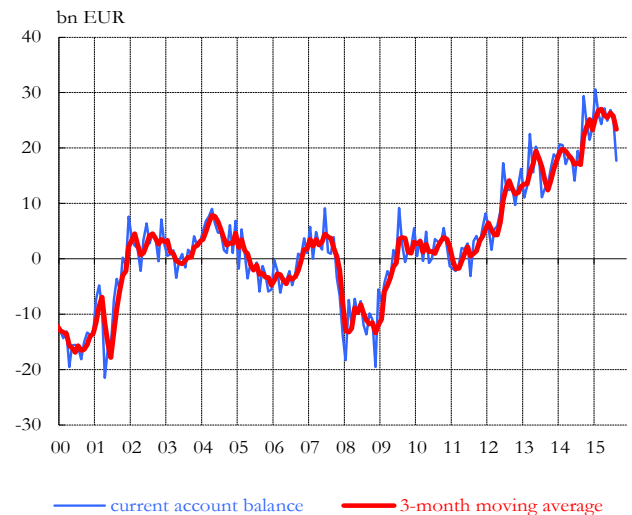
Extra euro-area trade balance



Extra- and intra-euro-area trade



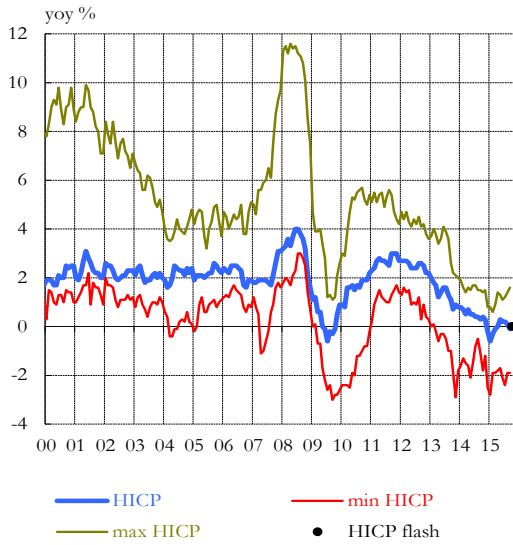
Current-account balance



6. PRICES

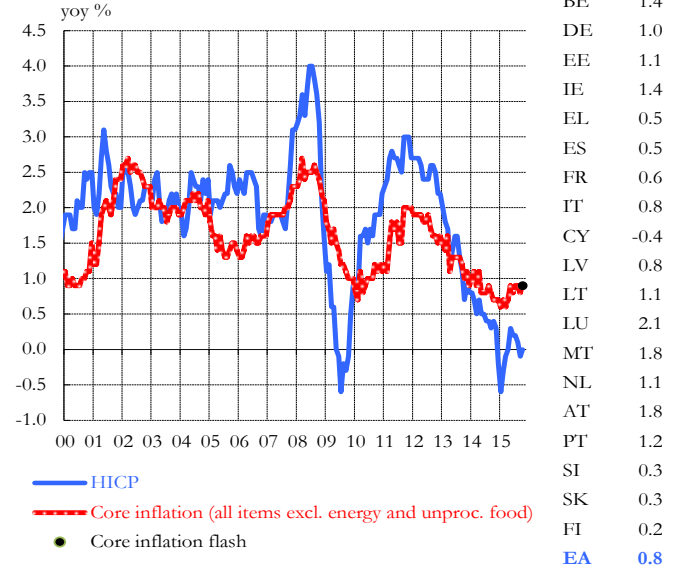
Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP)

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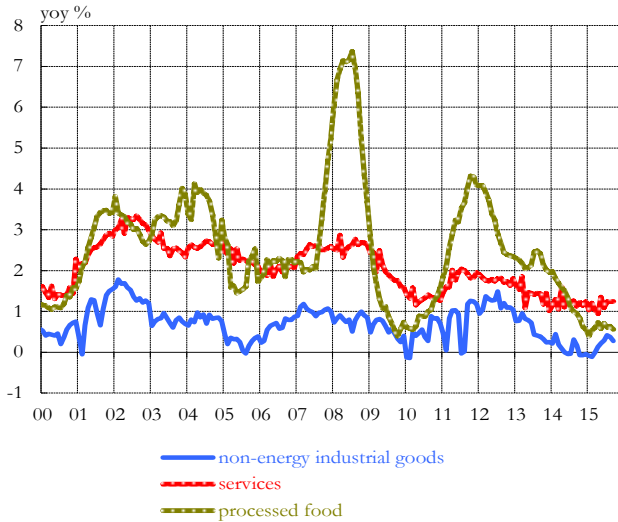


HICP headline and core inflation

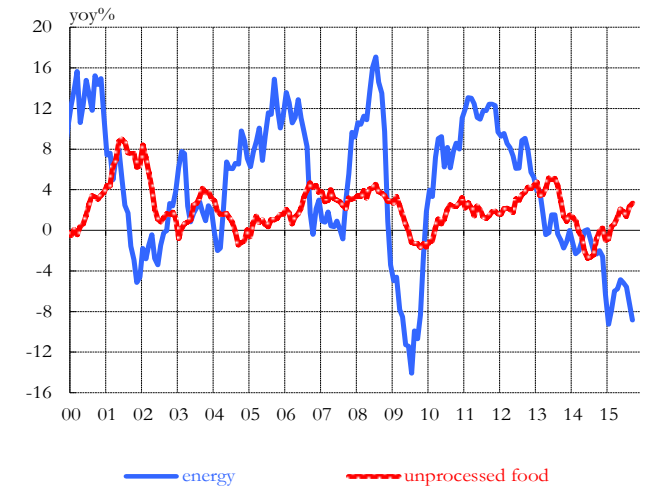
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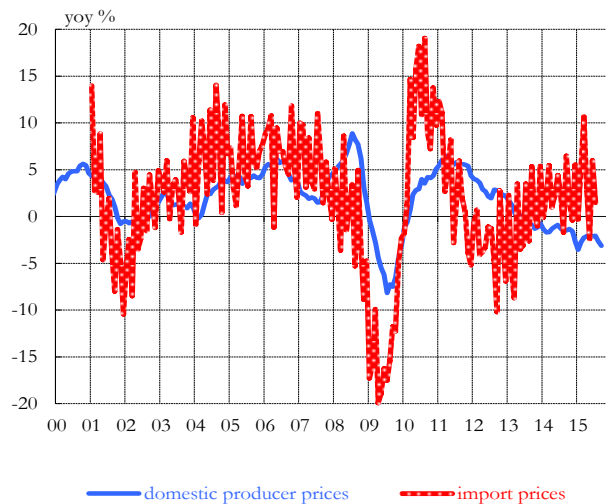
Breakdown of core inflation



Energy and unprocessed food



Domestic producer prices and import prices

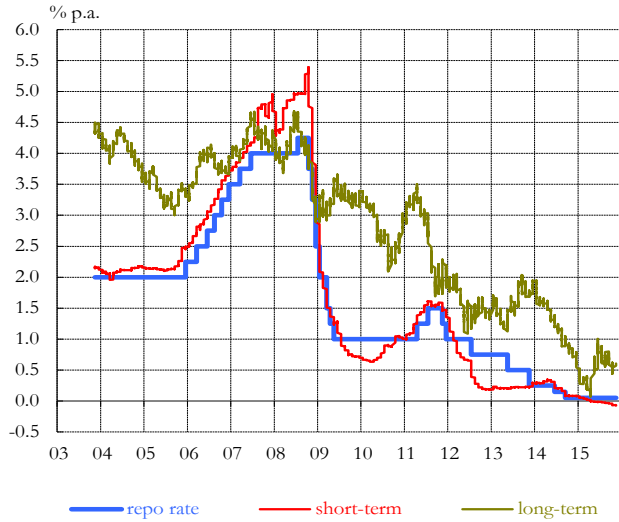


Oil prices

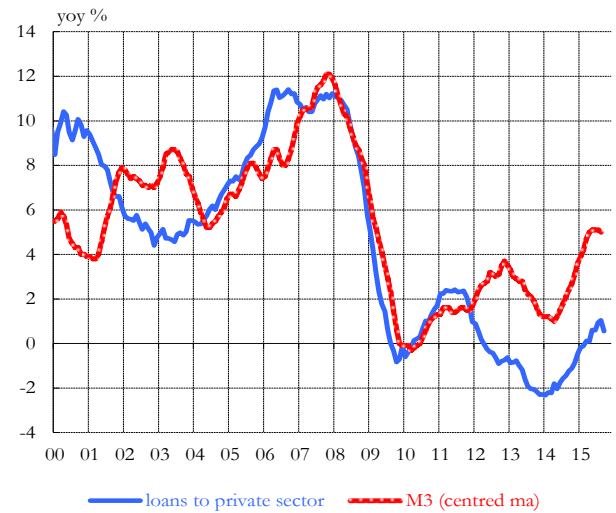


7. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

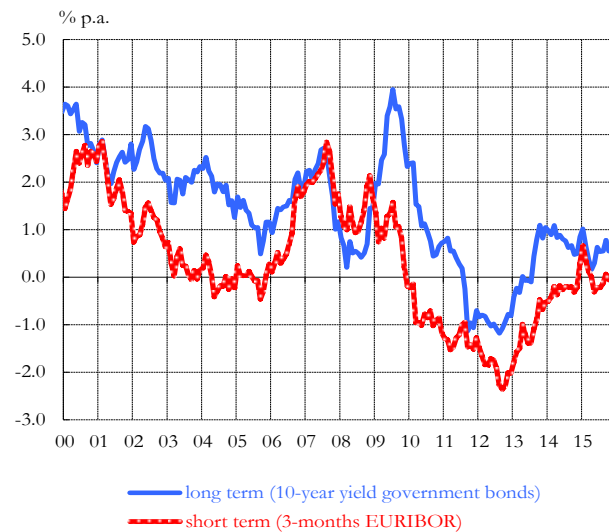
Nominal interest rates



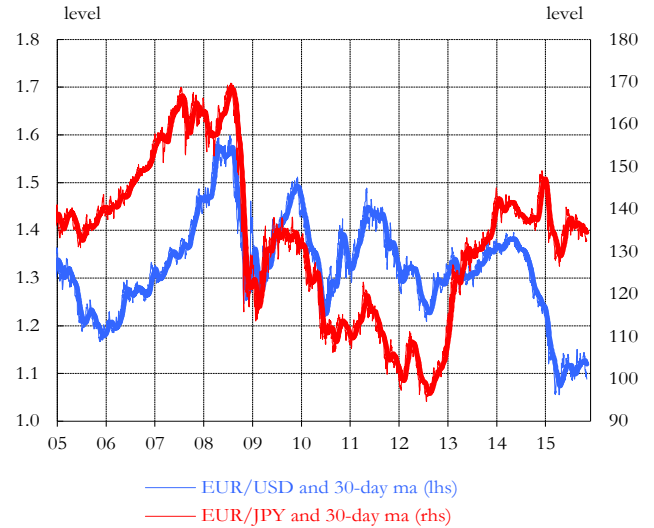
Loans to private sector and money supply



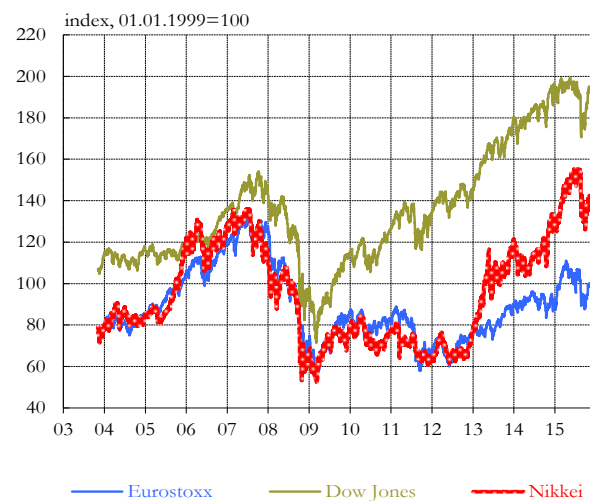
Real interest rates



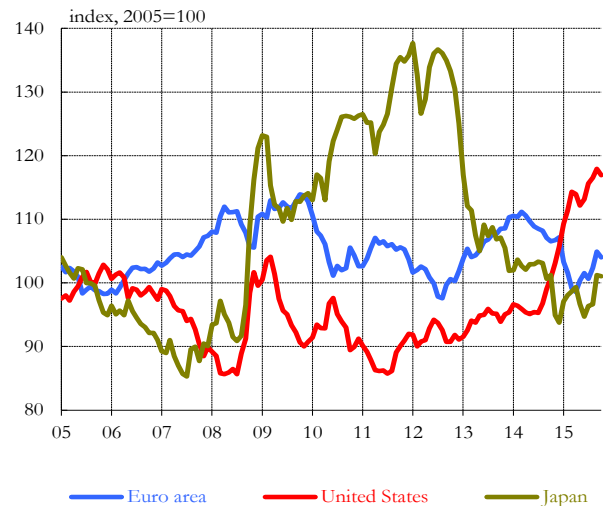
Euro vis-à-vis US dollar and JP yen



Stock market indices



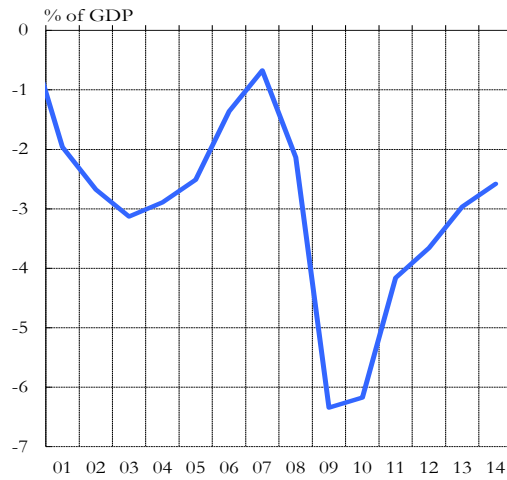
Nominal effective exchange rates



8. PUBLIC FINANCES

General government balance

2014

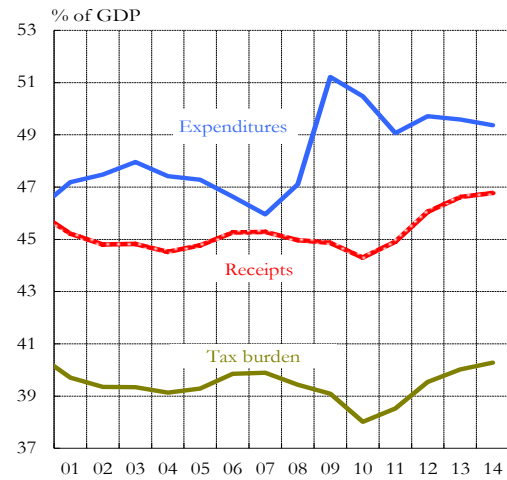


| | |
|-----------|-------------|
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| EE | 0.7 |
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| ES | -5.9 |
| FR | -3.9 |
| IT | -3.0 |
| CY | -8.9 |
| LV | -1.5 |
| LT | -0.7 |
| LU | 1.4 |
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| NL | -2.4 |
| AT | -2.7 |
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General government expenditure and receipts

tax burden

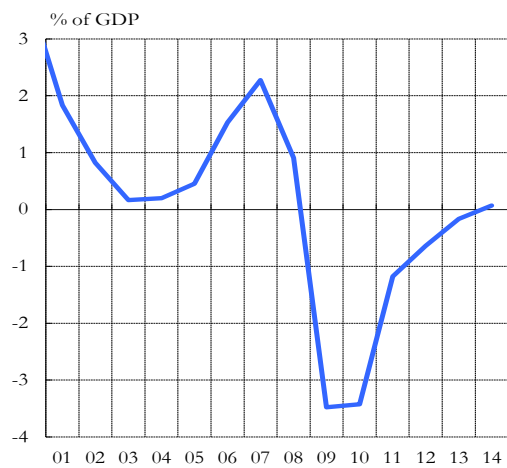
2014



| | |
|-----------|-------------|
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| DE | 38.2 |
| EE | 32.1 |
| IE | 29.6 |
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| ES | 33.9 |
| FR | 46.1 |
| IT | 43.3 |
| CY | 34.1 |
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| LT | 24.7 |
| LU | 38.2 |
| MT | 34.4 |
| NL | 37.1 |
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| SK | 30.8 |
| FI | 43.9 |
| EA | 40.3 |

Primary balance

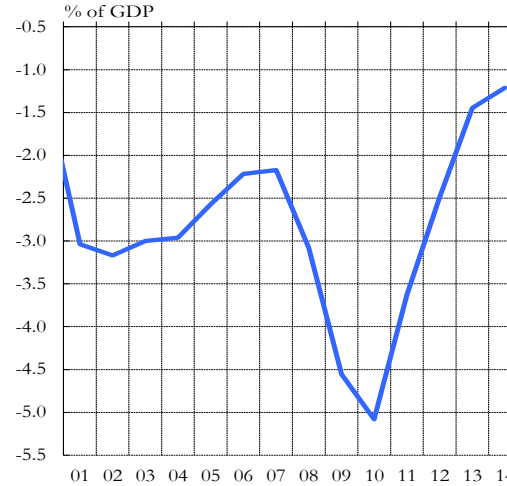
2014



| | |
|-----------|------------|
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| DE | 2.1 |
| EE | 0.8 |
| IE | 0.1 |
| EL | 0.4 |
| ES | -2.5 |
| FR | -1.8 |
| IT | 1.6 |
| CY | -6.0 |
| LV | -0.1 |
| LT | 0.9 |
| LU | 1.8 |
| MT | 0.8 |
| NL | -0.9 |
| AT | -0.2 |
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| EA | 0.1 |

Cyclically adjusted balance

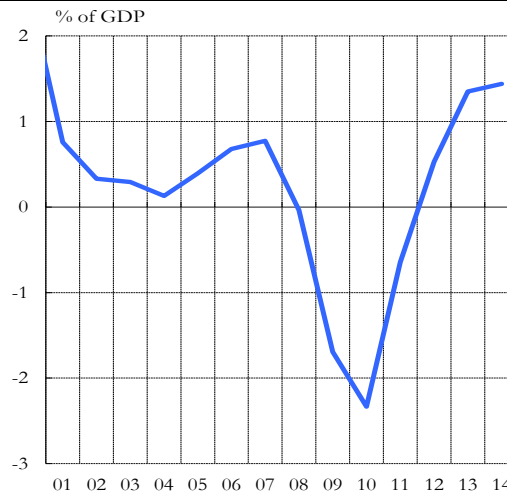
2014



| | |
|-----------|-------------|
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| IE | -3.3 |
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| FR | -2.8 |
| IT | -0.9 |
| CY | -5.6 |
| LV | -2.1 |
| LT | -1.1 |
| LU | 2.3 |
| MT | -2.1 |
| NL | -0.6 |
| AT | -2.2 |
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| EA | -1.2 |

Cyclically adjusted primary balance

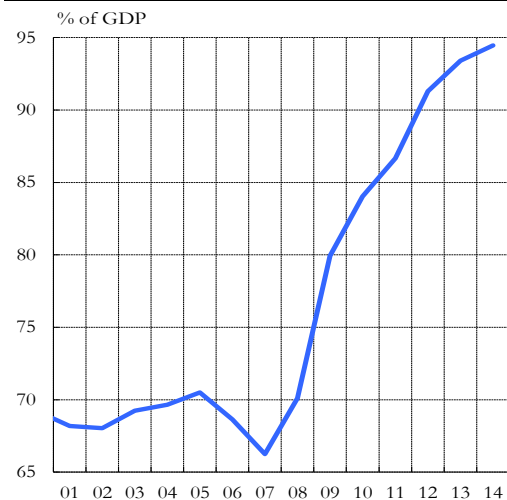
2014



| | |
|-----------|------------|
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| ES | 1.2 |
| FR | -0.6 |
| IT | 3.8 |
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| LT | 0.4 |
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| SI | -0.7 |
| SK | -0.1 |
| FI | -0.4 |
| EA | 1.4 |

General government debt

2014



| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| BE | 106.7 |
| DE | 74.9 |
| EE | 10.4 |
| IE | 107.5 |
| EL | 178.6 |
| ES | 99.3 |
| FR | 95.6 |
| IT | 132.3 |
| CY | 108.2 |
| LV | 40.6 |
| LT | 40.7 |
| LU | 23.0 |
| MT | 68.3 |
| NL | 68.2 |
| AT | 84.2 |
| PT | 130.2 |
| SI | 80.8 |
| SK | 53.5 |
| FI | 59.3 |
| EA | 94.5 |

* Figures are from the Commission's autumn 2015 forecast

KEY INDICATORS FOR THE EURO AREA



| Euro area | Indicators as from 2011 refer to Belgium (BE), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (GR), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Portugal (PT), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK) and Finland (FI). | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Indicator | Note | Source |
| 1. Output | | |
| 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 Industry Production Index (2010=100), NACE Rev.2, Total industry (excluding construction). Mom% and qoq% ch. are seasonally and working day adjusted, yoy% ch. are working-day adjusted. | Eurostat |
| Gross domestic product | Real gross domestic product at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes (2010), ESA 2010), 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 rates of the euro-area Member States. | 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 | Real household & NPISH final consumption expenditure at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes (2010), ESA 2010), 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 utilisation | 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 | Real gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes (2010), ESA 2010), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted. | Eurostat |
| Equipment investment | Gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year (2010), ESA 2010), EUR, real machinery and equipment and weapons systems. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted. | Eurostat |
| Construction investment | Gross fixed capital formation at constant market prices (chain-linked volumes, reference year (2010), ESA 2010), EUR, dwellings and other buildings and structures. 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 |

KEY INDICATORS FOR THE EURO AREA



| 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 adjusted for Ireland, Greece, France, Cyprus, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal and Slovakia, and seasonally and working day adjusted data for the remaining Member States. | 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 | Harmonised 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. | DG ECFIN |
| 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 remuneration, bonuses, and allowances, payments to employees saving schemes, payments for days not worked and remuneration 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, 2005=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 2010), 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 2010), EUR. Data are seasonally and working-day adjusted. | Eurostat |
| 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 euro-area residents less nominal transactions/positions in euro-area securities (including equities) by non-residents. To be regarded as a portfolio investment, ownership in an enterprise must be equivalent to less than 10% of the ordinary shares or voting power. | ECB |

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| 6. Prices | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| HICP | Harmonised index of consumer prices (index 2005=100) | Eurostat |
| Core HICP | HICP excluding energy and unprocessed food (index 2005=100) | Eurostat |
| Producer prices | Domestic producer price index, total industry excluding construction (index 2010=100) | Eurostat |
| Selling price expectation | Managers' selling-price expectations in the manufacturing sector. Data are seasonally adjusted. | DG ECFIN |
| Import prices | Import price index, manufacturing (index 2010=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 2010=100) | HWWI |
| 7. Monetary and financial indicators | | |
| Nominal interest rate (3-month) | 3-month EURIBOR interbank rate (360 days) | ECB/ Global Insight |
| Nominal interest rate (10-year) | 10-year interest rate on government bonds for euro area (based upon the 10-year German government bond) | ECB/ Global Insight |
| ECB repo rate | Minimum bid rate of main refinancing operations, end of period. | ECB/ Global Insight |
| Money demand (M3) | Monetary aggregate including currency in circulation (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) | Global Insight |
| Exchange rates | EUR/USD and EUR/JPY reference rates | ECB |
| Nominal effective exchange rate | Graph – Monthly Nominal Effective Exch. Rates vs. rest of IC36 (index 2005 = 100) Table - ECB Nominal effective exch. rate, based on weighted averages of bilateral euro exchange rates (EA19) against the currencies of the EER-18 group. | DG ECFIN/ ECB |
| 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 |