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EUROPEAN ECONOMIC FORECAST

Autumn 2024

#ECForecast



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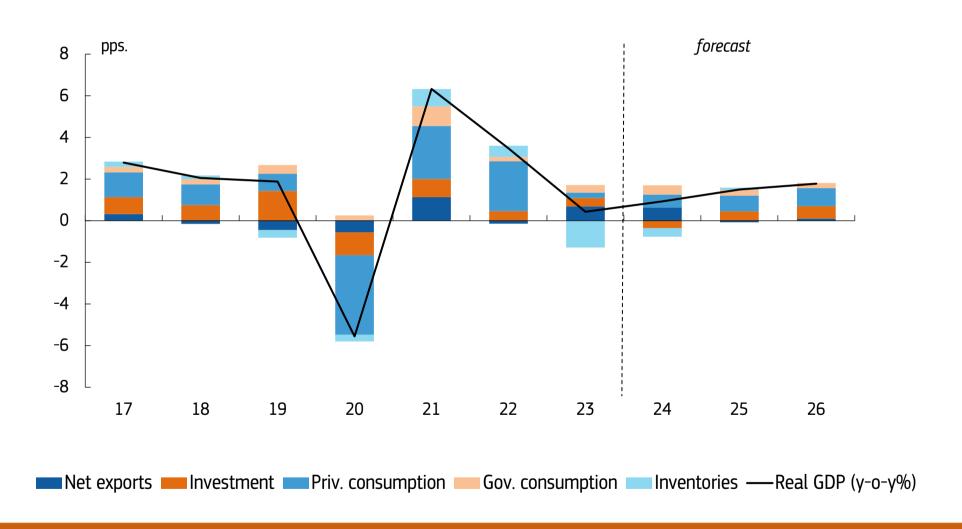
Key messages from the 2024 Autumn Forecast

- The EU resumed growth in an increasingly challenging context
- Service inflation is set to drive the disinflation process ahead
- Labour market expected to cool but to remain strong
- Government deficits improve but debt ratios edge up
- Uncertainty and downside risks have increased



Economic rebound led by domestic demand

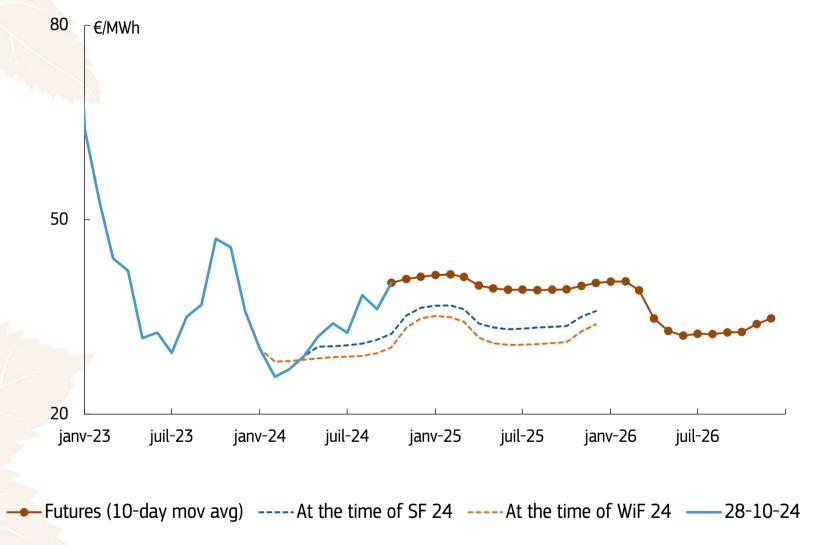
GDP and contributions



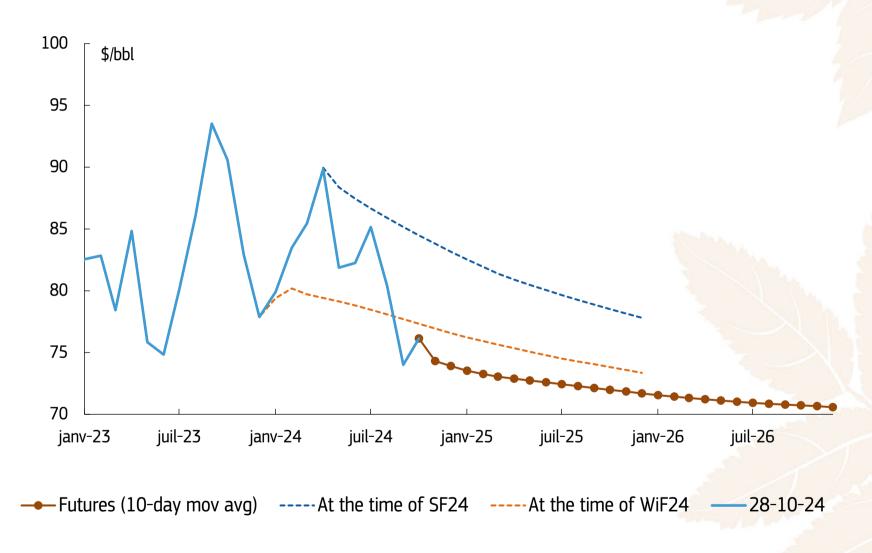


Commodity prices since Spring: higher for gas, lower for oil

Natural gas, price assumptions



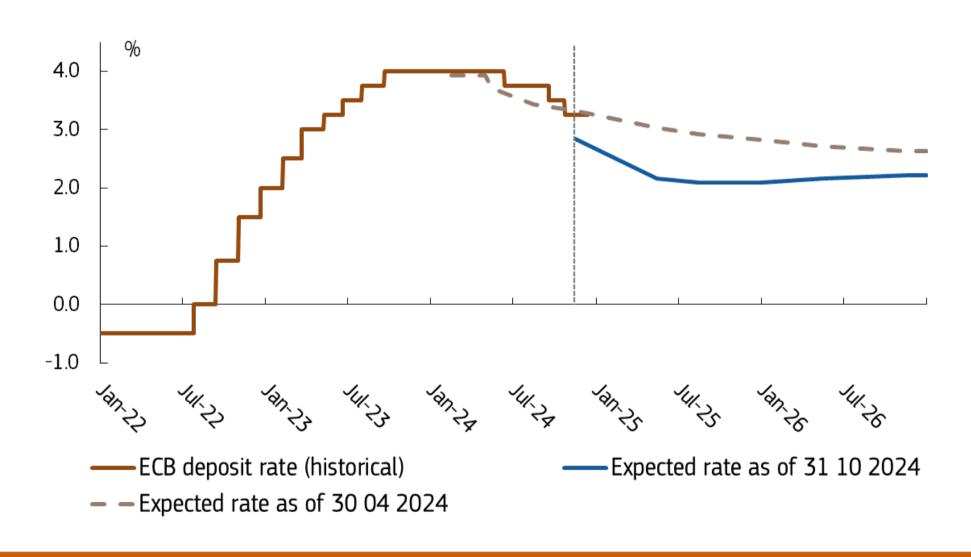
Crude oil, price assumptions





ECB expected to cut policy rates faster than in spring

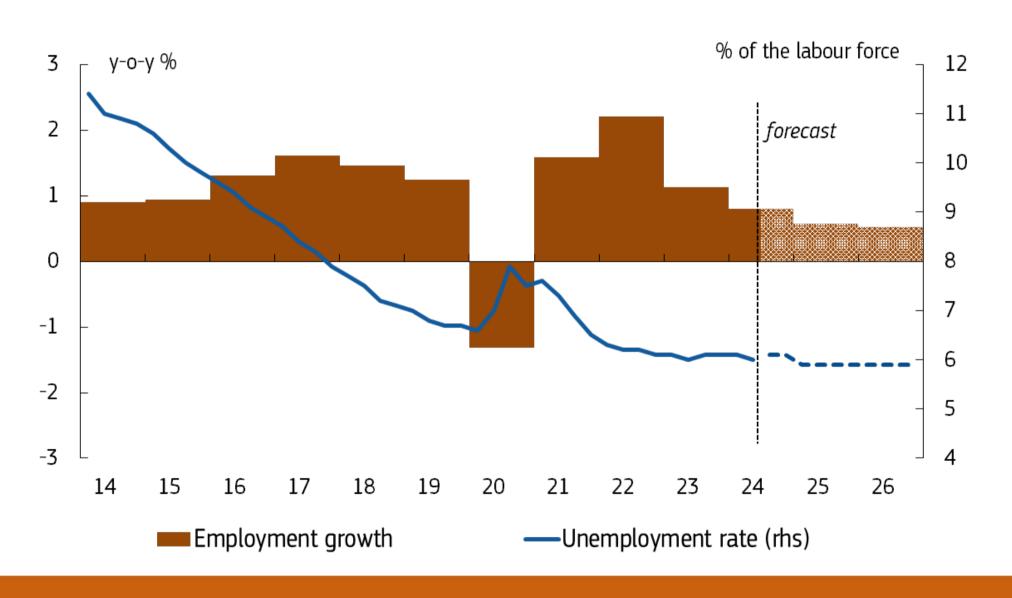
Short-term euro interest rate expectations





Employment growth to continue though at a slower pace

Employment growth and unemployment rate, EU

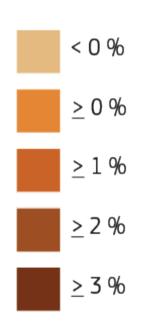






EU growth map 2024 & 2025

Real GDP growth, %

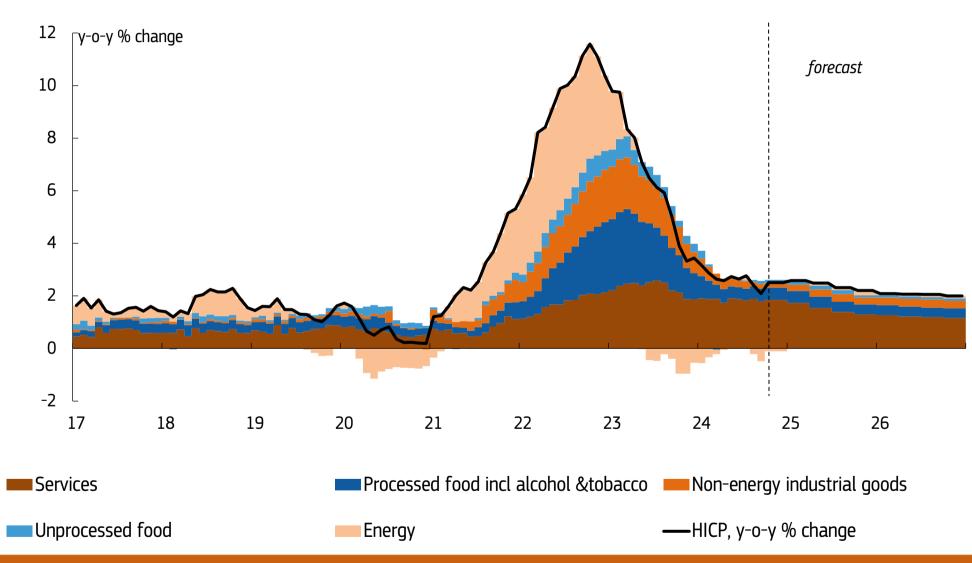






Inflation to ease further thanks to services



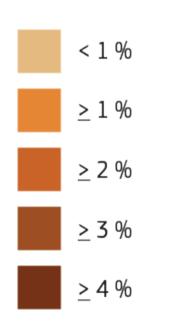


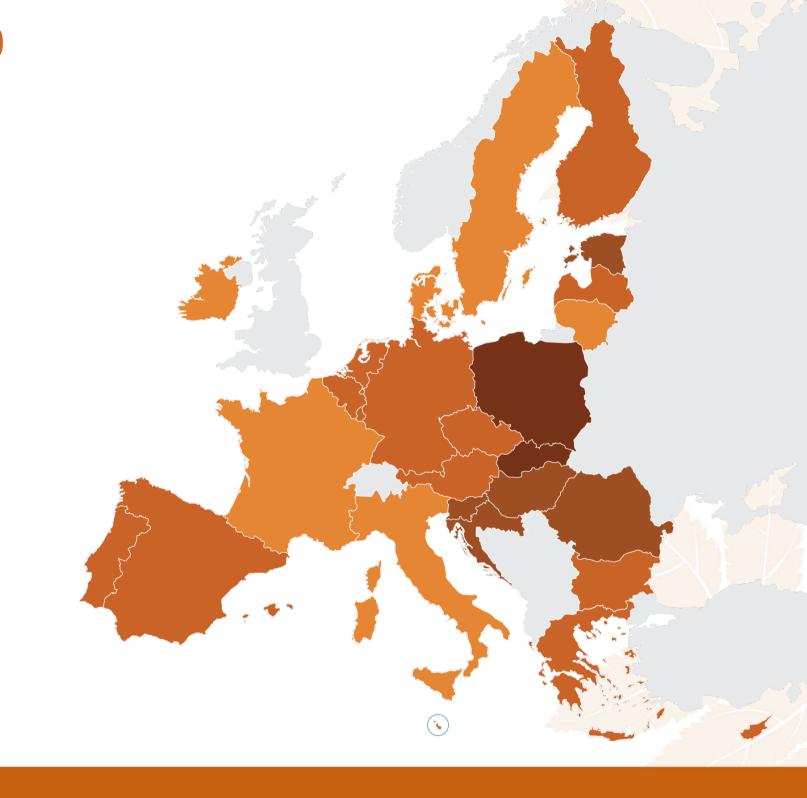




EU inflation map 2024 & 2025

Annual HICP inflation, %

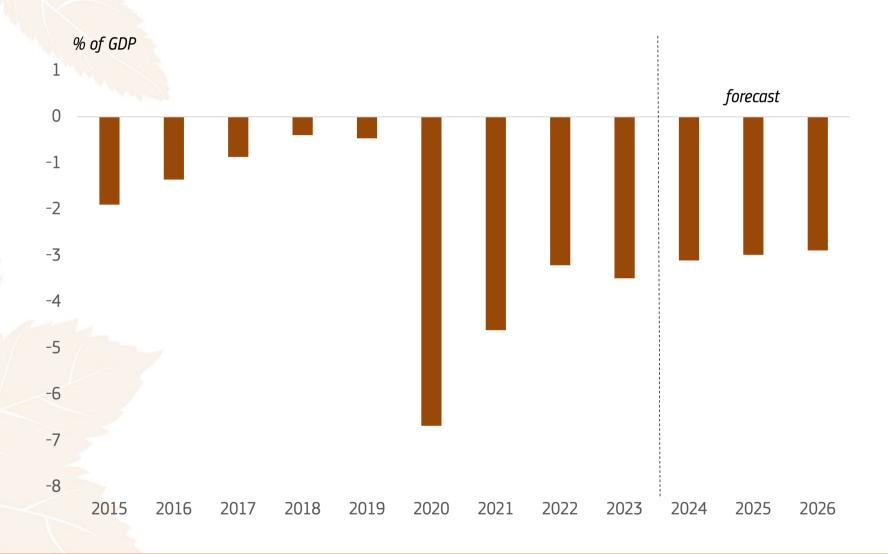




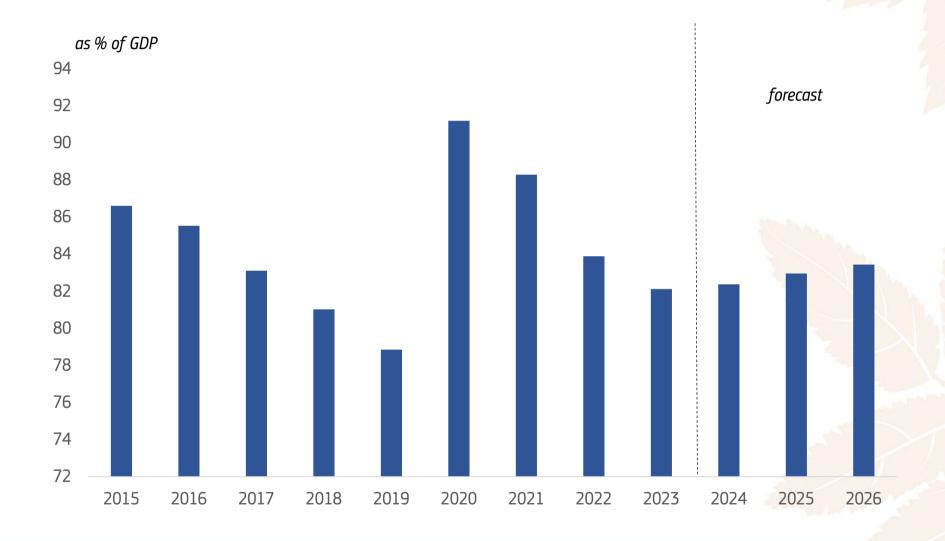


Government deficits edging down, debt ratios creeping up

General government budget balance, EU



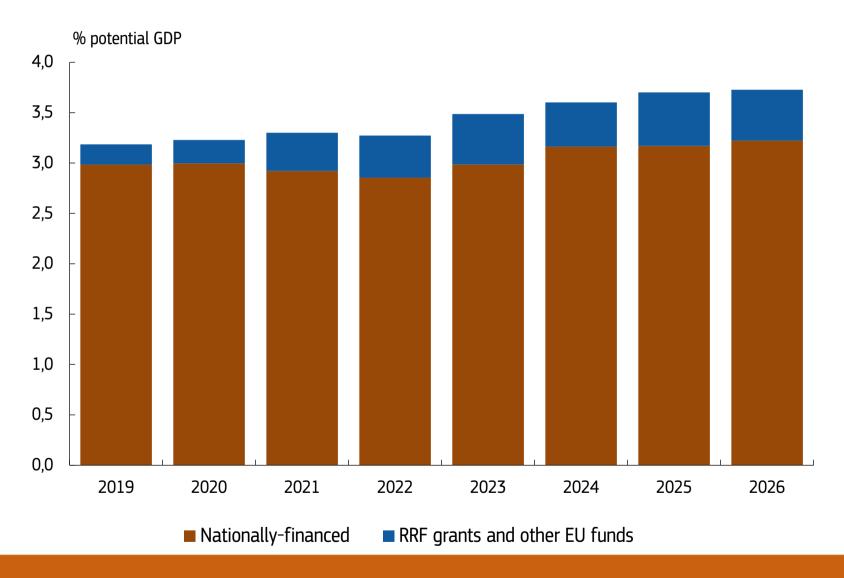
General government debt-to-GDP ratio, EU





EU funds lift public investment in the EU

Public investment, EU

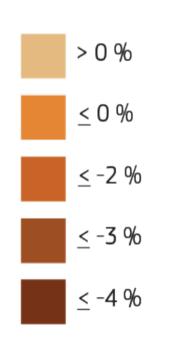


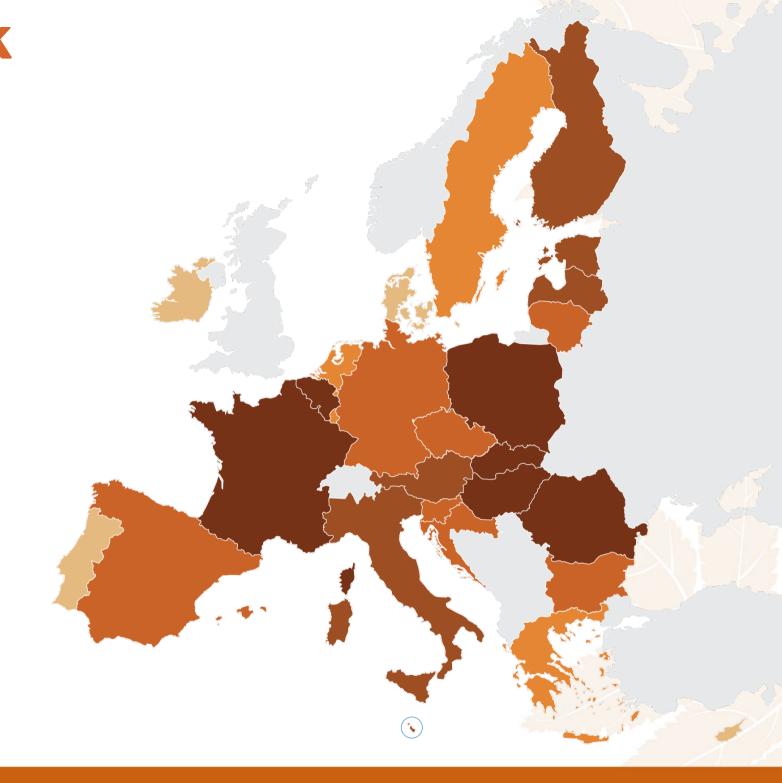




Budgetary outlook 2024 & 2025

Public deficits as % of GDP





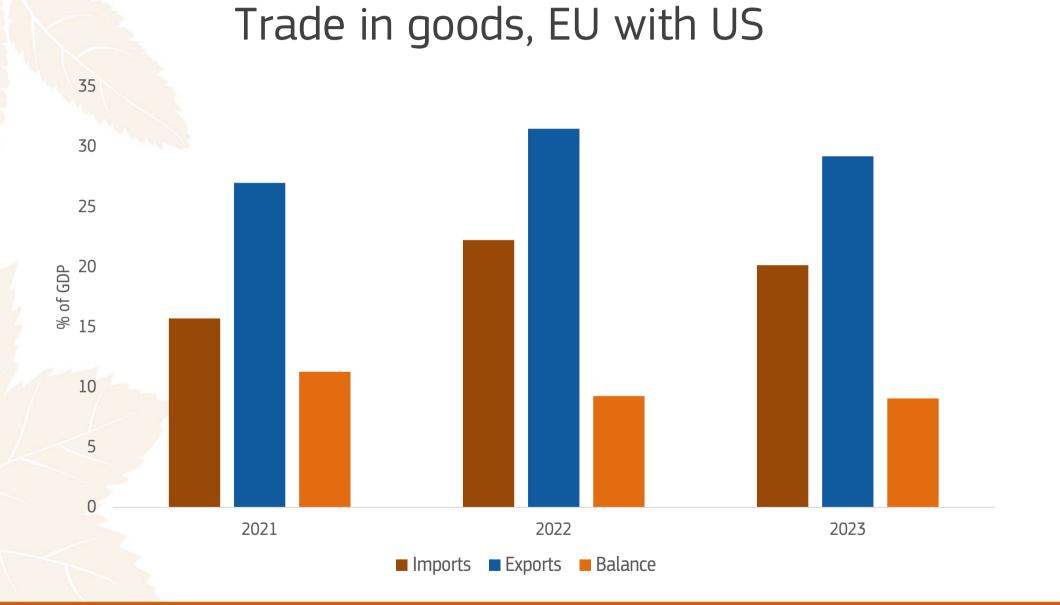


Downside risks and uncertainty have increased

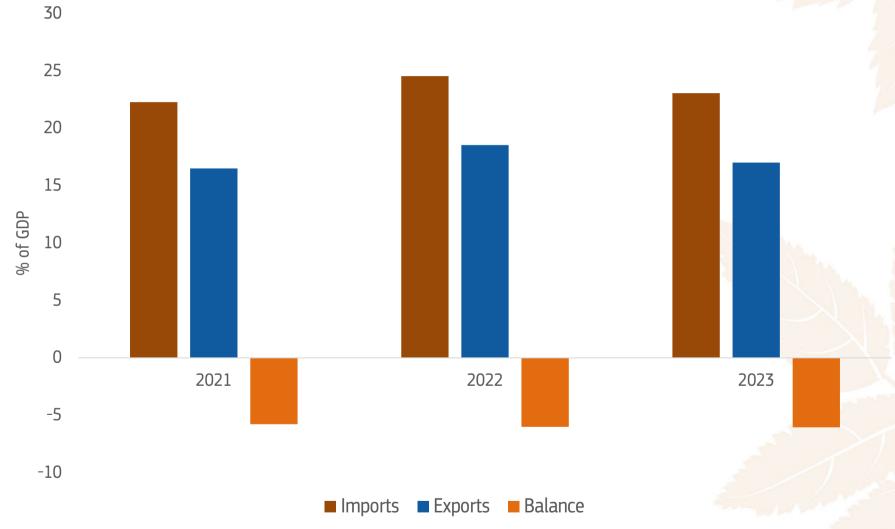
- Heightened geopolitical risks
- More restrictive fiscal stance
- Increased exposure to environmental risks
- +/- Broadly balanced risks on inflation



EU and US: key trade partners



Trade in services, EU with US







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Real GDP growth, %

