

DG ECFIN - Directorate A - Policy, strategy, coordination and communication

	LTA ⁽¹⁾	2015	2016	16Q2	16Q3	16Q4	17Q1	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
1. Output													
Economic Sentiment	indicator	100.0	104.2	104.8	104.2	104.2	106.9	108.0	108.0	108.0	109.7	109.2	--
Industrial confidence	balance	-6.4	-3.1	-2.7	-3.4	-2.9	-0.6	1.1	0.8	1.3	1.3	2.6	2.8
Services confidence	balance	9.5	9.2	11.2	11.2	10.3	12.4	13.2	12.9	13.9	12.8	14.2	13.0
Industrial production (excluding construction)	% ch. on prev. period				-0.1	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	--	--
	% ch. on prev. year		0.9	2.1	1.0	0.9	2.3	1.2	0.4	1.4	1.9	--	--
Gross domestic product	% ch. on prev. period				0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6					
	% ch. on prev. year		1.5	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9					
Labour productivity	% ch. on prev. period				0.0	0.2	0.3	--					
	% ch. on prev. year		0.7	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.7	--					
2. Private consumption													
Consumer confidence	balance	-12.6	-6.3	-7.8	-7.9	-8.3	-6.5	-5.5	-4.9	-6.4	-5.1	-3.6	-3.3
Retail confidence	balance	-8.0	1.6	1.5	1.8	0.4	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.8	3.1	2.0
Private consumption	% ch. on prev. period				0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3					
	% ch. on prev. year		1.3	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.6					
Retail sales	% ch. on prev. period				0.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	--
	% ch. on prev. year		0.8	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.4	2.6	1.6	1.9	2.5	2.5	--
3. Investment													
Capacity utilisation	level (%)	80.9	81.3	81.8	81.5	81.6	82.3	82.5	82.5	--	--	82.6	--
Production expectations (manuf.)	balance	6.1	8.0	8.3	7.3	8.0	11.1	13.2	13.9	12.8	12.8	12.9	13.7
Gross fixed capital formation	% ch. on prev. period				1.2	0.0	3.4	1.3					
	% ch. on prev. year		1.4	3.2	3.7	2.5	5.1	6.0					
- equipment investment	% ch. on prev. period				1.0	0.4	-0.4	--					
	% ch. on prev. year			4.6	3.2	6.1	4.8	2.0					
- construction investment	% ch. on prev. period				-0.6	1.5	0.1	--					
	% ch. on prev. year			1.4	2.4	3.1	2.3	--					
Change in stocks	contrib. to GDP (pp.)	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1					
4. Labour market													
Employment expectations (manuf.)	balance	-9.6	-2.3	-1.2	-2.6	-0.9	2.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.6	4.8	5.1
Employment expectations (services)	balance	5.4	6.3	8.4	7.1	8.0	10.7	10.2	9.7	10.6	10.4	11.6	10.6
Employment	% ch. on prev. period				0.4	0.2	0.3	--					
	% ch. on prev. year		0.8	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.1	--					
Employment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		1,538	1,955	557	301	384	--					
Compensation of employees per head (nominal)	% ch. on prev. period				0.1	0.4	0.5	--					
	% ch. on prev. year		2.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	--					
Unemployment expectations	balance	26.3	14.0	15.6	13.8	15.3	15.0	8.7	8.5	10.3	7.2	3.5	2.9
Unemployment rate	% of lab. force		10.9	10.0	10.2	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.3	--
Unemployment (000)	abs. ch. on prev. period		-1,194	-1,219	-144	-379	-336	-373	-93	-183	-58	-233	--
5. International transactions													
World trade	% ch. on prev. period				0.0	0.8	1.7	1.4	0.0	-0.8	1.5	--	--
	% ch. on prev. year		2.0	1.4	1.6	1.2	2.0	3.9	4.0	2.2	5.6	--	--
Export order books	balance	-18.9	-11.6	-11.9	-12.9	-12.4	-9.8	-7.5	-8.4	-7.2	-6.9	-6.3	-5.8
Trade balance (merchandise)	billion EUR		238.3	267.0	71.1	65.7	65.3	57.3	15.4	18.8	23.1	--	--
Exports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				1.2	0.4	1.7	1.2					
	% ch. on prev. year		4.9	6.2	2.7	2.8	3.8	4.6					
Imports of goods and services	% ch. on prev. period				1.6	0.3	3.8	1.3					
	% ch. on prev. year		4.7	6.3	4.2	3.2	5.7	7.1					
Current-account balance	billion EUR		336.2	359.4	101.6	89.6	74.1	98.2	26.3	37.8	34.1	--	--
Direct investment	billion EUR		237.1	165.3	-33.5	115.1	33.4	21.7	9.3	0.3	12.1	--	--
Portfolio investment	billion EUR		122.1	494.2	194.3	121.4	74.2	117.0	12.6	73.5	30.9	--	--
6. Prices													
Consumer inflation expectations	balance	18.7	1.4	4.1	3.6	3.8	6.3	14.6	14.1	14.2	15.5	13.9	12.8
Headline inflation (HICP)	% ch. on prev. year		0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.7	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.4
Core HICP	% ch. on prev. year		0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.0
Domestic producer prices	% ch. on prev. year		-2.7	-2.3	-3.8	-2.0	0.4	4.1	3.9	4.5	3.9	4.3	--
Import prices	% ch. on prev. year		-0.3	-2.1	-3.7	-2.0	0.2	3.4	2.8	3.8	3.7	4.0	--
Oil (Brent) in USD	level		52.6	44.4	45.6	46.6	51.1	54.5	55.4	56.0	52.6	53.8	51.4
	% ch. on prev. period				34.6	2.3	9.6	6.8	0.9	1.1	-6.2	2.4	-4.5
	% ch. on prev. year		-47.2	-15.7	-26.1	-7.5	17.3	61.2	80.5	74.1	37.6	29.5	10.0
Oil (Brent) in EUR	level		47.4	40.2	40.4	41.7	47.4	51.2	52.2	52.6	49.2	50.1	46.5
	% ch. on prev. period				31.7	3.4	13.6	8.0	0.1	0.9	-6.5	1.9	-7.3
	% ch. on prev. year		-36.7	-15.3	-27.8	-8.1	19.3	67.2	84.5	81.3	43.0	36.7	12.5
Non-energy commodity prices (EUR)	% ch. on prev. period				7.6	2.4	10.3	9.3	2.1	2.9	-2.6	-6.1	-6.0
	% ch. on prev. year		-7.5	-0.4	-6.5	2.9	19.2	32.7	34.5	37.7	26.3	16.5	8.3
7. Monetary and financial indicators													
Nominal interest rates (3 month)	level		-0.02	-0.26	-0.26	-0.30	-0.31	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33	-0.33
Nominal interest rates (10 year)	level		0.54	0.12	0.12	-0.12	0.19	0.33	0.32	0.29	0.37	0.24	0.36
ECB repo rate	level		0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stock market (Eurostoxx)	% ch. on prev. period				0.0	0.0	3.9	8.1	2.9	-0.2	4.1	1.9	3.2
	% ch. on prev. year		9.5	-12.8	-17.9	-12.1	-7.3	12.4	8.9	15.0	13.1	15.2	20.7
Money demand (M3)	% ch. on prev. year		4.7	5.0	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.3	4.9	--
Loans to households	% ch. on prev. year		1.4	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	--
Loans to non-financial corporations	% ch. on prev. year		0.5	2.2	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.4	--
Bilateral exchange rate EUR/USD	level		1.11	1.11	1.13	1.12	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.11
	% ch. on prev. period				2.5	-1.1	-3.4	-1.3	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	3.1
	% ch. on prev. year		-16.5	-0.2	2.2	0.4	-1.5	-3.4	-2.3	-4.1	-3.7	-5.4	-2.2
Nominal effective exchange rate	% ch. on prev. period				0.8	0.3	-0.3	-0.7	0.2	-0.5	0.6	-0.3	2.0
	% ch. on prev. year		-9.3	2.6	4.0	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.9	-0.9	0.4	-0.7	1.0

(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 first quarter of 2017. According to Eurostat's estimate (released on 8 June), it increased by 0.6% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q), the third consecutive quarter with increasing GDP growth (0.3% q-o-q, 0.4%, 0.5% and now 0.6%). As compared to 2016-Q1, real GDP increased by 1.9% year-on-year (y-o-y). According to the **Commission's spring 2017 forecast**, released on 11 May, GDP growth is projected at 1.7% in 2017 and 1.8% in 2018. Private consumption is set to remain the main growth driver, though its growth is set to moderate as the pick-up in inflation weighs on households' purchasing power. Investment growth has strengthened last year, but going forward it is expected to be dampened by uncertainty and deleveraging pressures, despite favourable financing conditions.

In May 2017, the **Commission's Economic Sentiment Indicator** softened slightly (by 0.5 pts. to 109.2) after having increased in April to the highest reading since August 2007. The latest moderation resulted from decreases in services and retail trade confidence, while confidence in industry, construction and among consumers remained almost stable at high levels.

Broadly stable **industry confidence** (increase by 0.2 pts.) resulted from managers' more optimistic production expectations and improved assessments of current levels of overall order books being partly offset by worsened appraisals of the stocks of finished products.

The final **PMI Composite Output Index** for the euro area remained unchanged at a 73-month high of 56.8 in May (in April up from 56.4 in March). Output growth momentum strengthened in the manufacturing sector (PMI up by 0.3 pts. to 57.0), and remained broadly unchanged in the services sector (-0.1 pts. to 56.3).

In March, **industrial production** fell again by 0.1% month-on-month (m-o-m), which implied stagnation in the first quarter as compared to the preceding quarter. The sectoral breakdown showed the decrease was due to the production of energy falling by 3.2%, while the production of non-durable consumer goods rose by 2.1%, the durable consumer goods by 0.9%, the intermediate goods by 0.3% and the capital goods by 0.2%.

2. Private consumption

In 2017-Q1, the growth of **private consumption** slowed to 0.3% q-o-q (0.4% in 2016-Q4) and contributed 0.2 pps. to GDP growth. With respect to the same period of the preceding year, private consumption was up by

1.6%. In May, **consumer confidence** increased (by 0.3 pts.), resulting from consumers' more positive assessment of the future general economic situation and future unemployment, while their savings expectations and views on their future financial situation were broadly unchanged.

In April, the volume of **retail trade** rose by 0.1% in the euro area compared to March, mainly driven by the rise of 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco, while non-food products and automotive fuel fell by 0.4% and by 0.8% respectively. In May, **retail trade confidence** decreased (-1.1 pts.) due to managers' lower appraisal of both the present and the expected business situation; their assessment of the adequacy of the volume of stocks remained broadly unchanged.

3. Investment

In 2017-Q1, **gross fixed capital formation** increased by 1.3% (q-o-q) down from 3.4% in the fourth quarter of 2016 which had been mainly associated with strong increases in Ireland. As compared to 2016-Q1, investment increased by 6.0%. In 2017-Q2, the rate of **capacity utilisation** in the manufacturing industry (data collected in April) stood at 82.6% (0.1 pps. higher than in January), whereas capacity utilisation in the services sector remained unchanged at its highest level (89.4) in the history of the series (since 2011).

4. Labour market

In April, the **unemployment rate** was 9.3%, 0.1 pps. down from March and thereby at the lowest level since March 2009. Compared to April 2016, unemployment was down by 0.9 pps.

In 2016-Q4, seasonally-adjusted **employment** was 0.3% higher than in 2016-Q3 and 1.1% higher than in 2015-Q4. According to the Commission's survey results, in May 2017 **employment expectations** saw significant upward revision in construction, while employment plans remained broadly unchanged in industry and worsened in retail trade and in the service sector.

5. International transactions

In March, the **world trade volume** (goods) increased by 1.5% (m-o-m), following a 0.8% decrease in February. In May 2017, views on **export order books in manufacturing** were more positive (-5.8 pts.) than in April (-6.3 pts.), and above the long-term average.

In March, the seasonally adjusted **trade balance** was in surplus at €23.1 bn, from €18.8 bn in February. The seasonally adjusted **current-account balance** also



recorded a surplus in March (€34.1 bn). This reflected surpluses for goods (€29.0 bn), services (€1.6 bn) and primary income (€3.4 bn), which were partly offset by a deficit in secondary income (€9.8 bn).

6. Prices

In May 2017, according to Eurostat's Flash estimate annual **HICP inflation** has fallen to 1.4% (1.9% in April). Looking at the main components, energy is expected to have had the highest annual rate in May (4.6%, down from 7.6% in April), followed by food, alcohol & tobacco (1.5%, unchanged from April), services (1.3%, up from 1.8% in April) and non-energy industrial goods (0.3%, stable compared with April). **Core inflation** (all items except energy and unprocessed food) is expected to have fallen to 1.0% (1.2% in April).

The **Commission's spring 2017 forecast** projects HICP inflation at 1.6% in 2017 and at 1.3% in 2018. According to the Commission surveys, **consumer price expectations** decreased by 1.1 pts. to 12.8 in May.

In April, **industrial producer prices** remained stable compared with March, but they were 4.3% higher than in April 2016.

Brent crude **oil prices** have been volatile over the past months. Since late November, the OPEC agreement on how to implement production cuts had pushed the price, before prices moderated somewhat. After dropping in early May to 48 USD/bbl, the Brent crude oil price reversed losses and moved up by mid-May to about 52.50 USD/bbl on the back of an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Russia to extend their oil production cuts into 2018. On 12 June, Brent crude traded at 48.29 USD/bbl. (corresponding to 43.04 EUR/bbl.).

7. Monetary and financial indicators

Money market interest rates have in recent months remained close to the ECB's deposit facility rate. On 12 June, the 3-month EURIBOR was at -0.331%.

At its meeting on 8 June, the ECB Governing Council decided to keep the key ECB **policy interest rates** unchanged, i.e. the interest rates on the main refinancing operations, the marginal lending facility and the deposit facility will remain at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.40% respectively. Against the background of an updated assessment of the economic situation and outlook, the Governing Council expected these rates to remain at present levels for an extended period of time, and well past the horizon of the Eurosystem's net asset purchases. Monthly asset purchases of €60 bn are intended to run until the end of 2017, or beyond, if necessary, and in any case until the Governing Council sees a sustained

adjustment in the path of inflation consistent with its inflation aim.

Benchmark sovereign bond yields in the euro area had fallen to negative territory between mid-July and mid-September 2016, reflecting the search for safe haven debt as global uncertainty increased and the global growth outlook deteriorated. Since then, benchmark sovereign bond yields in the euro area have picked up, reaching 0.245 on 12 June.

The April 2017 **bank lending survey** showed that loan growth continued to be supported by eased lending conditions and increasing demand across all loan categories. In the first quarter of 2017, credit standards for loans to enterprises and to households eased slightly in net terms. Credit standards on loans to households for house purchase also eased broadly in line with banks' expectation of a further net easing. Credit standards on consumer credit and other lending to households eased further.

The annual rate of change of **M3** in April 2017 decreased to 4.9%, from 5.3% in March. The annual growth of loans to the private sector (adjusted for sales, securitisation and notional cash pooling) stood at 2.6% in April (from 2.7% in March). The annual growth of adjusted loans to households stood at 2.4% in April (unchanged from March), and the annual growth rate of adjusted loans to non-financial corporations stood at 2.4% in April (from 2.3 in March).

At its meeting on 2-3 May, the **FOMC** decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate between 0.75% to 1.0%. It reiterated the strengthening economy would warrant gradual policy tightening over the medium term. On 9 June, the US 3-month Libor rate stood at 1.236%.

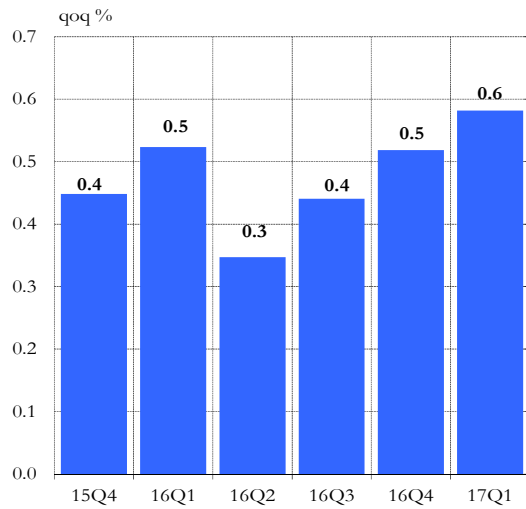
Since the second half of April, the **EUR/USD exchange rate** has risen significantly and reached in mid-May the highest rates since October 2016, supported by market perceptions of the outcome of the French elections and improving sentiment in the euro area. These factors added to others such as prospects for asynchronous monetary policy in the US and in the euro area.

Stock market indices in Europe joined the global rally following the US elections in November, which removed losses observed after the UK referendum. By 12 June, the EuroStoxx50 had gained around 24% since late June 2016. The Dow Jones index has posted strong gains since the US elections, hitting multiple record highs in early March; on 12 June, the index stood about 17% higher than in late October. In Japan, the Nikkei index also posted strong gains in late December; on 12 June, the index was around 33% above the 2016-year low.

1. OUTPUT

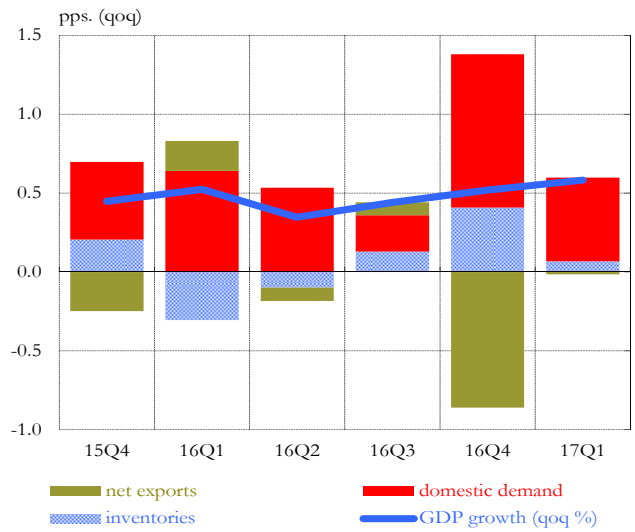
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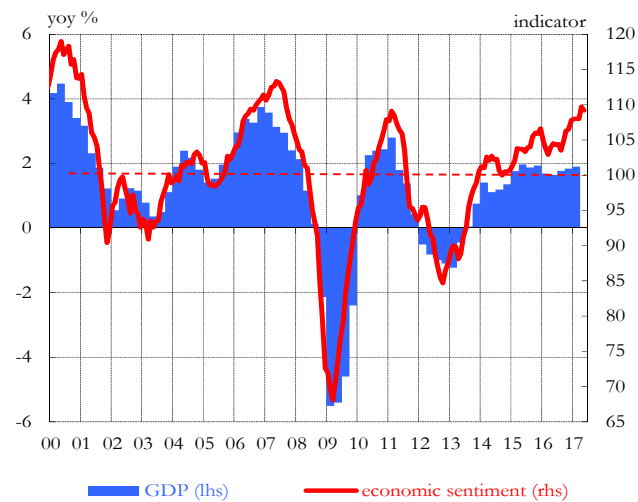


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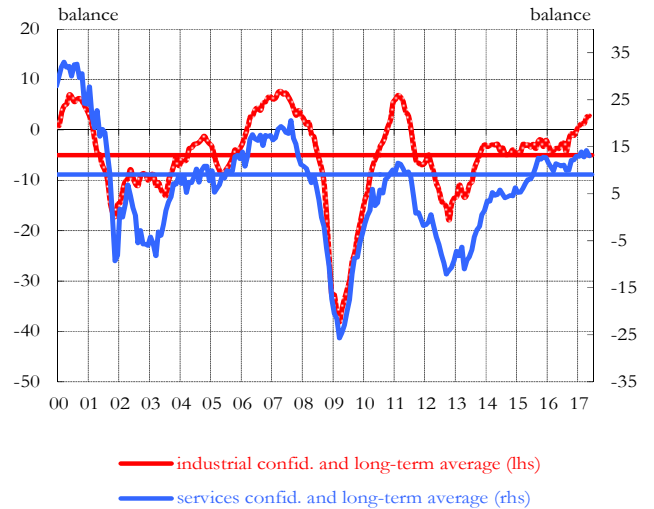
Contributions to GDP growth



GDP and Economic Sentiment Indicator

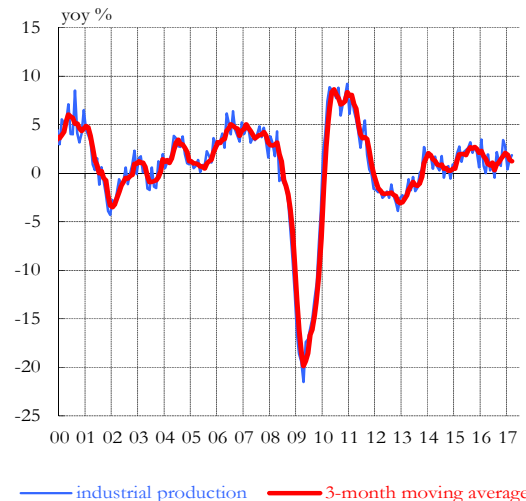


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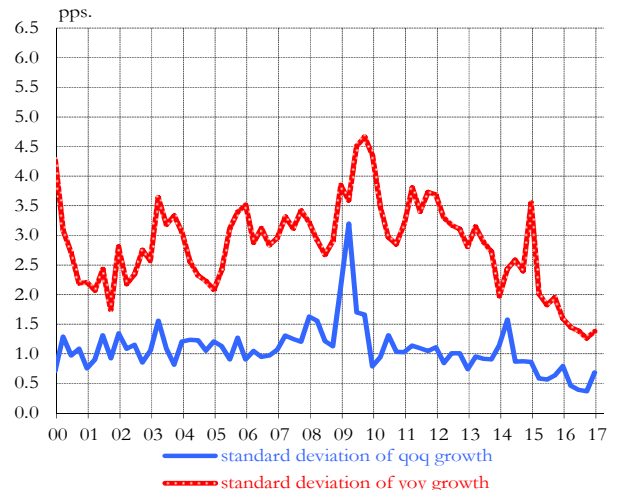
Industrial production

Mar-17



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GDP growth divergence, euro area*

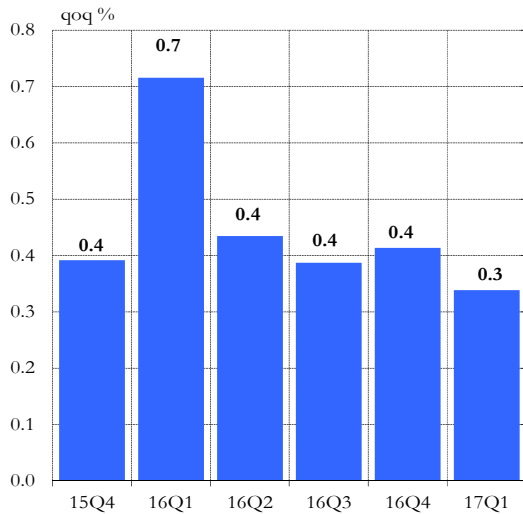


* Calculations since 2015 without Ireland.

2. PRIVATE CONSUMPTION

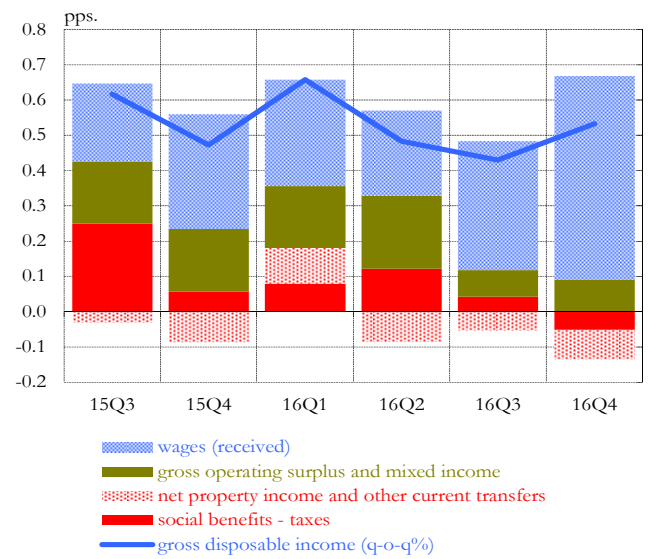
Private consumption

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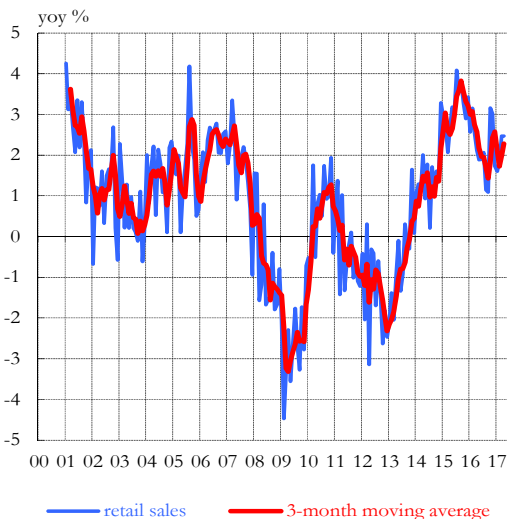
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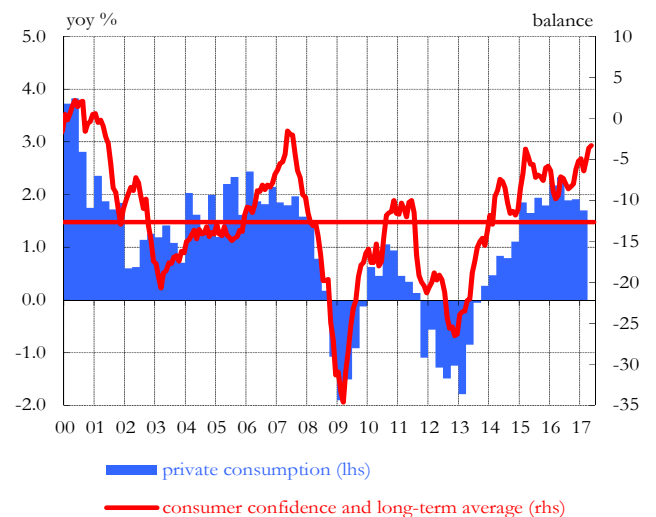
Retail sales

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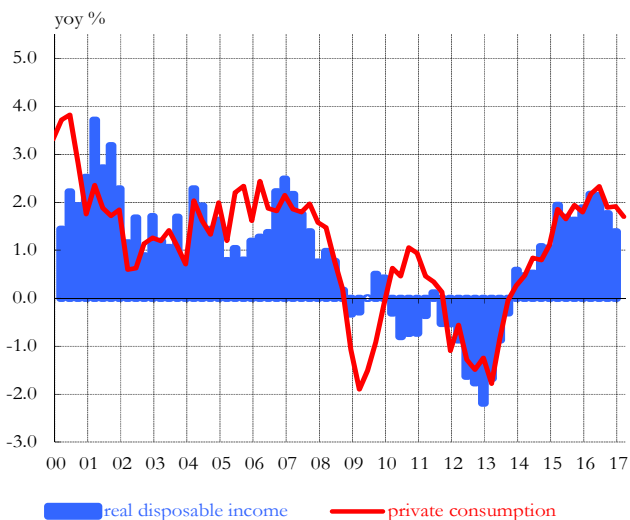


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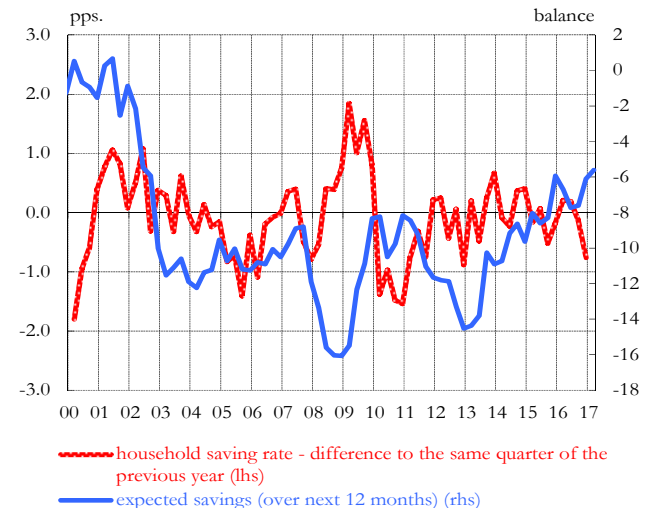
Consumer confidence and private consumption



Households: real disposable income and consumption

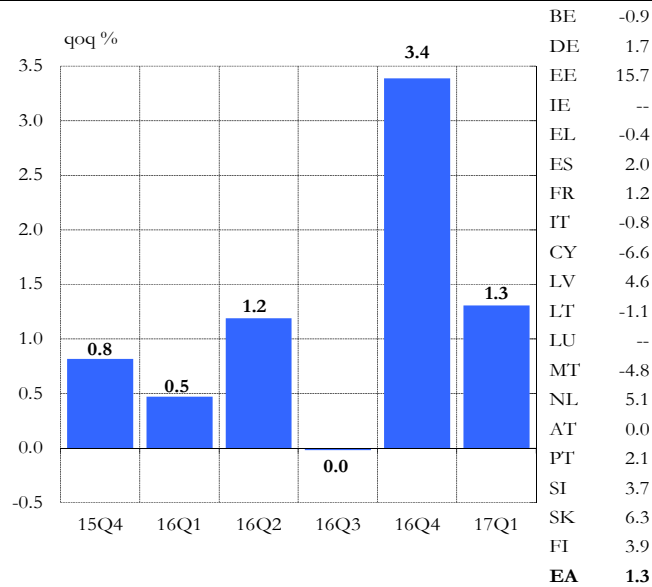


Households: actual saving rate and expected savings

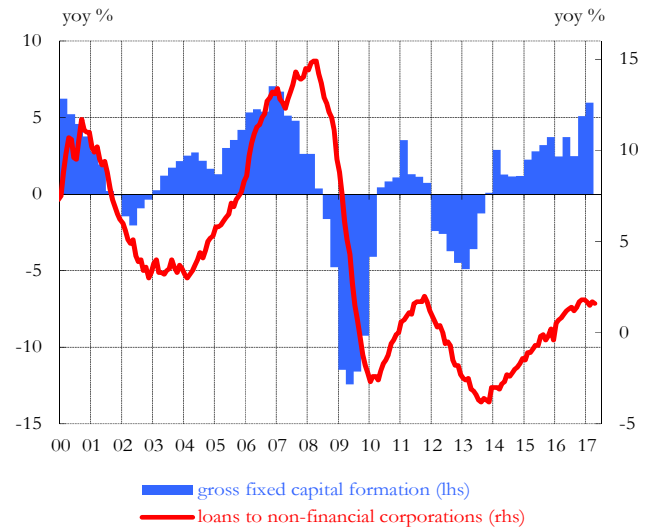


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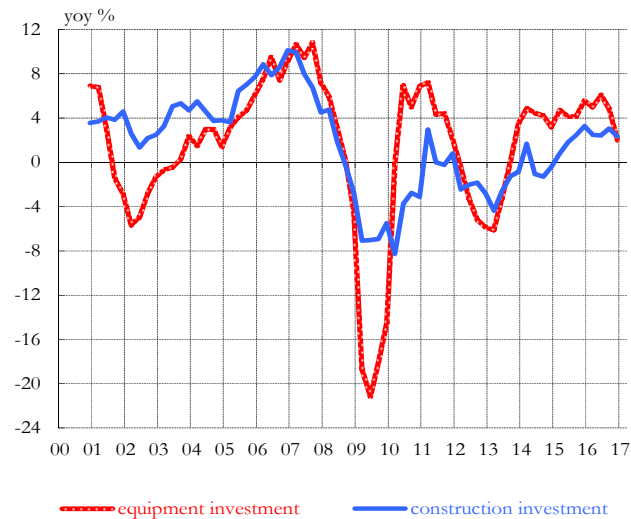
Gross fixed capital formation



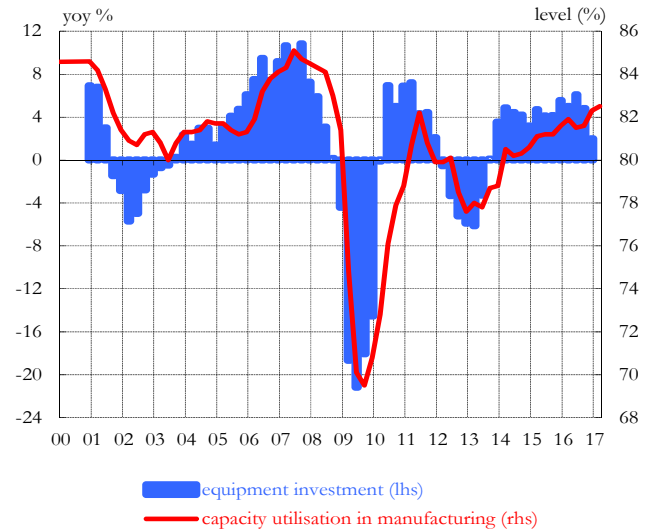
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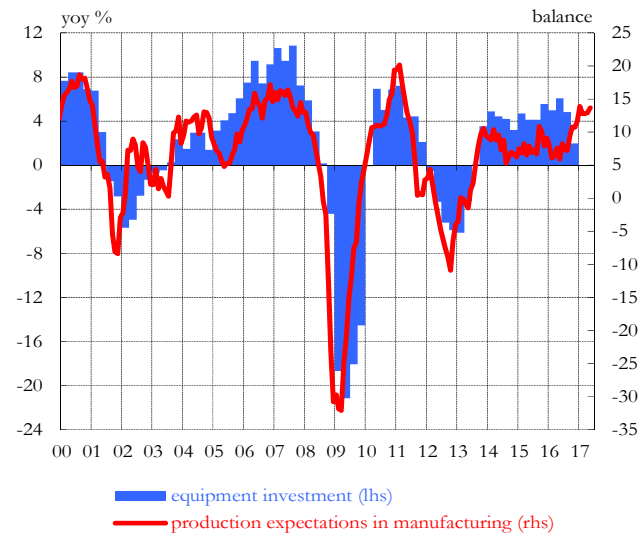
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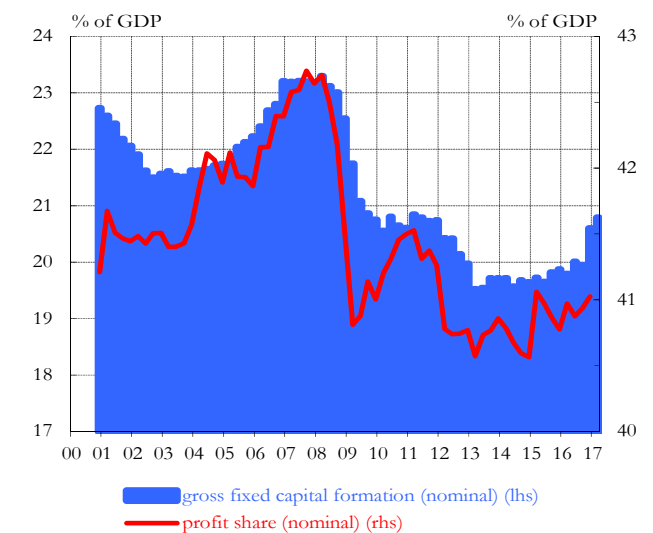
Equipment investment and capacity utilisation



Equipment investment and production expectations

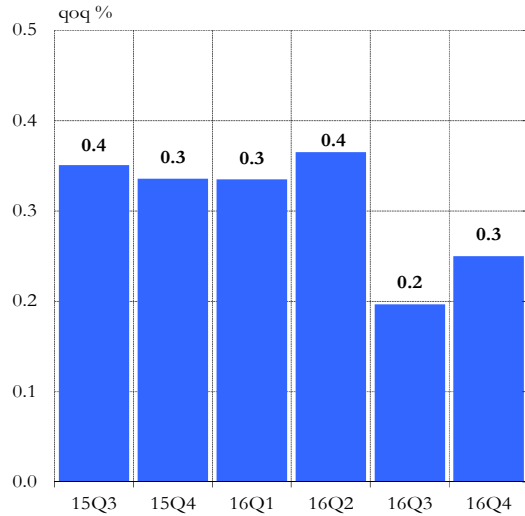


Gross fixed capital formation and profit share



4. LABOUR MARKET

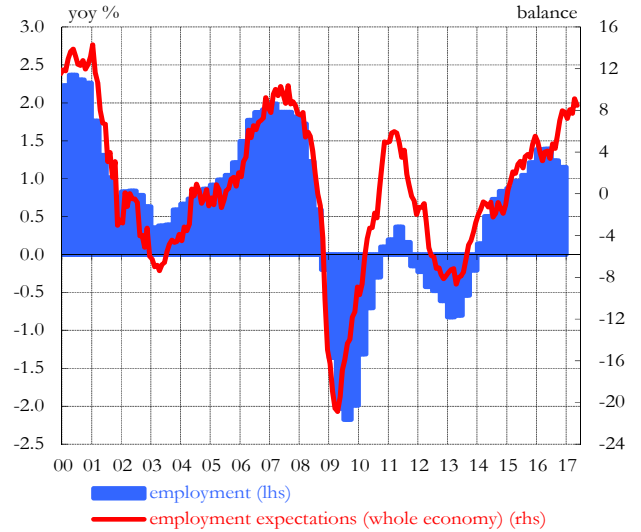
Employment



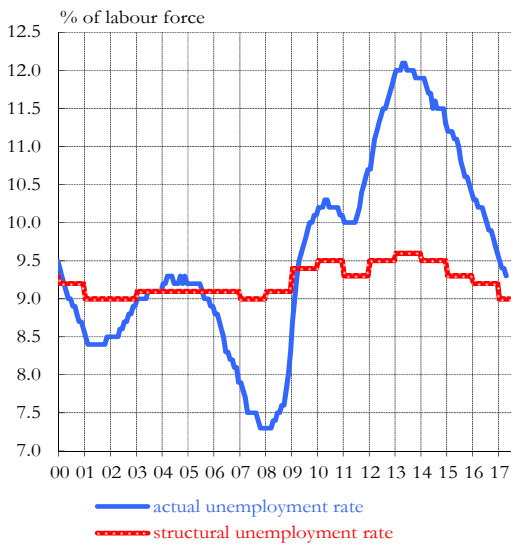
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Employment and employment expectations



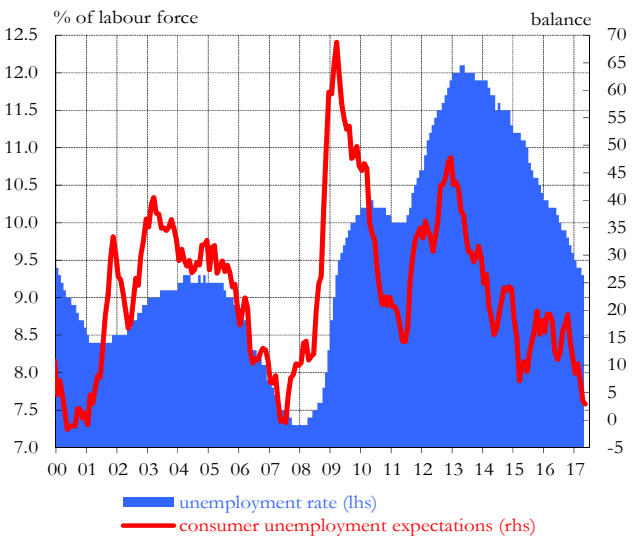
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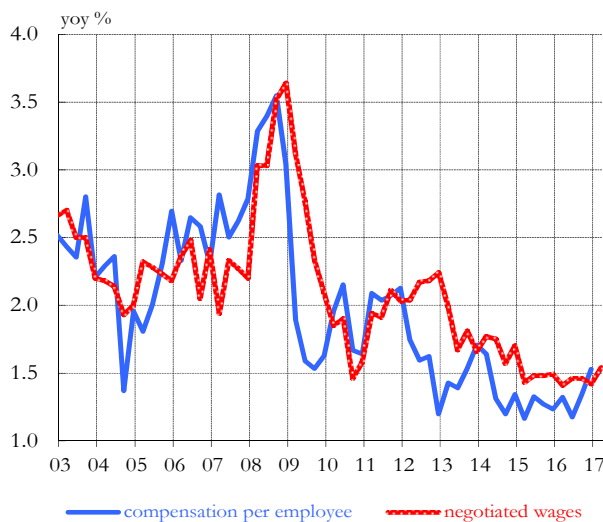
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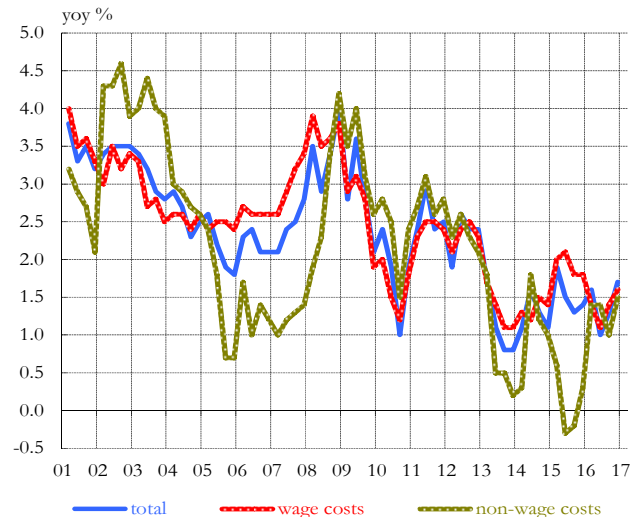
Unemployment rate and unemployment expectations



Compensation per head and negotiated wages (nominal)

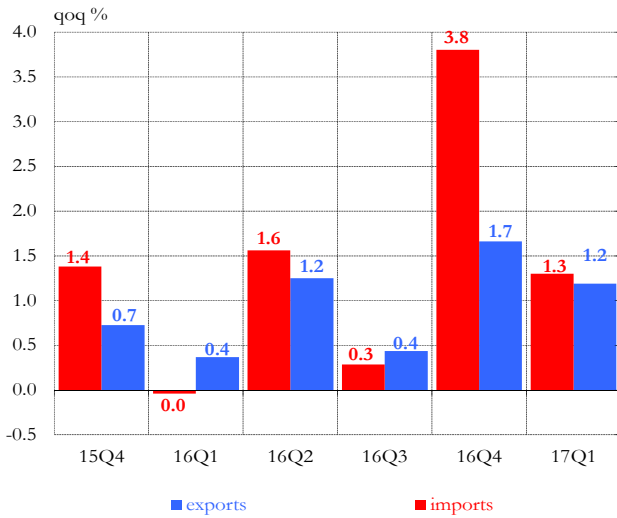


Labour costs in the private business sector (nominal)

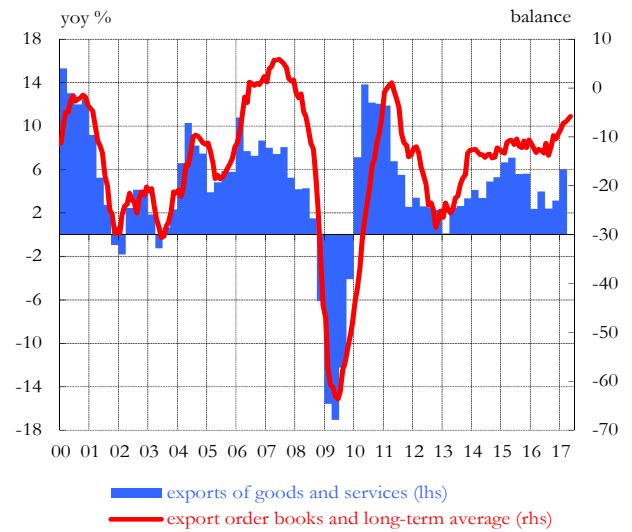


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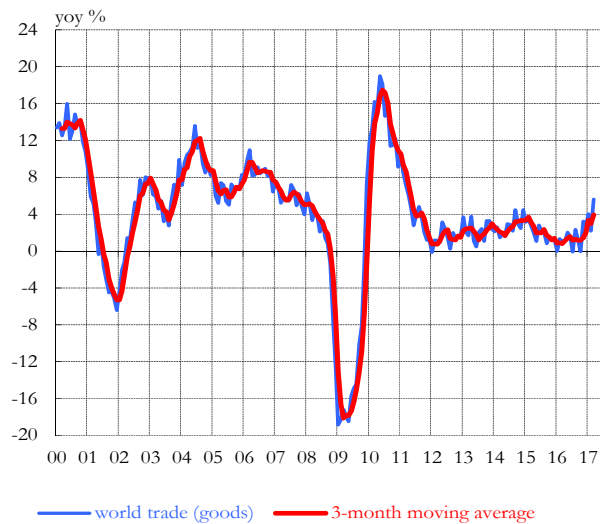
Exports and imports of goods and services



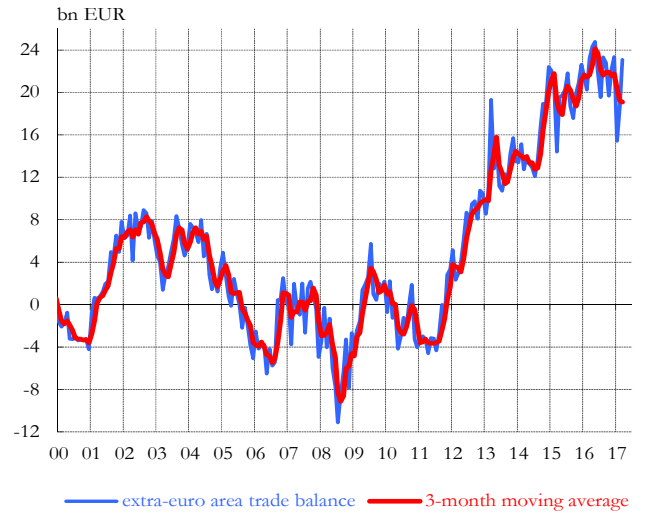
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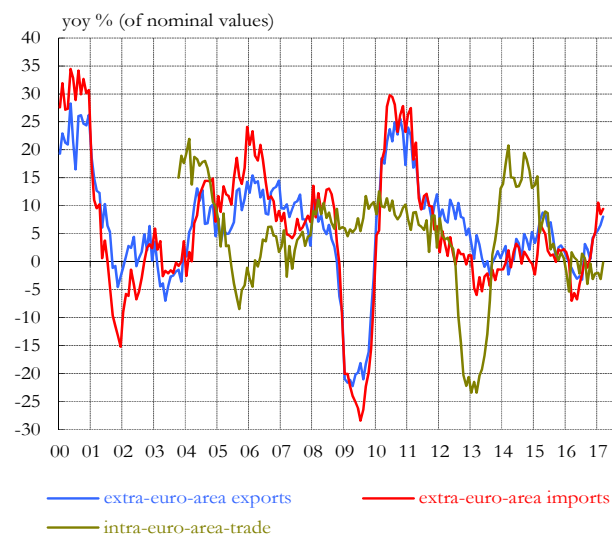
World trade



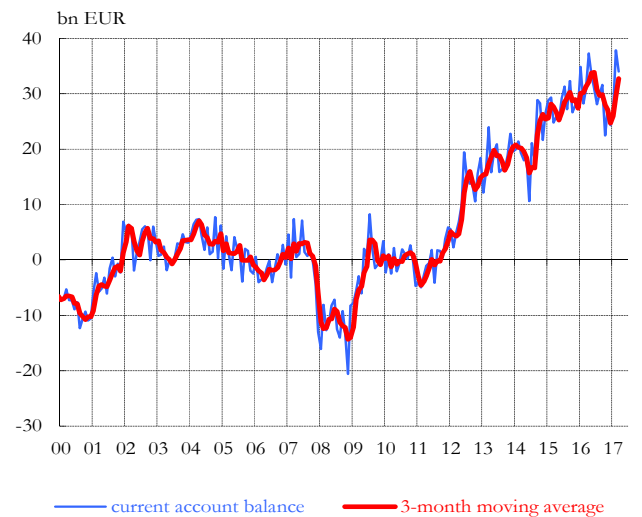
Extra euro-area trade balance



Extra- and intra-euro-area trade



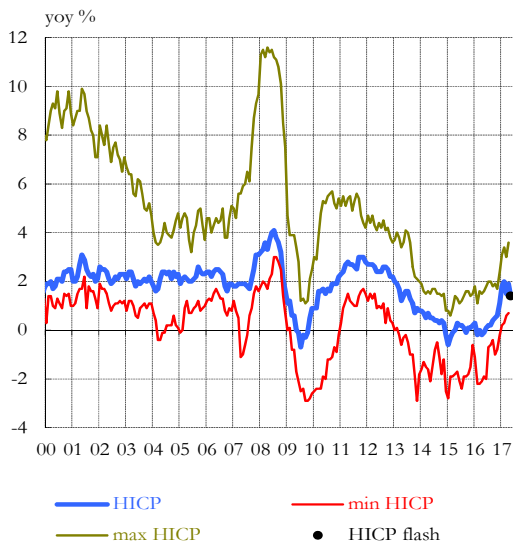
Current-account balance



6. PRICES

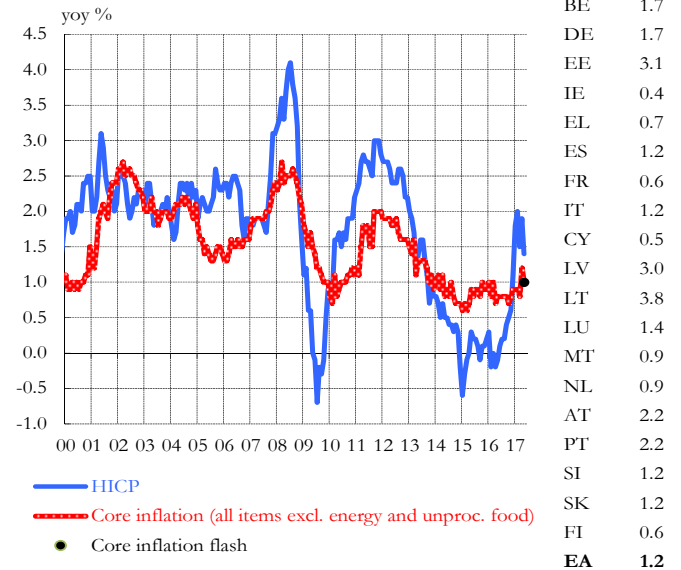
Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP)

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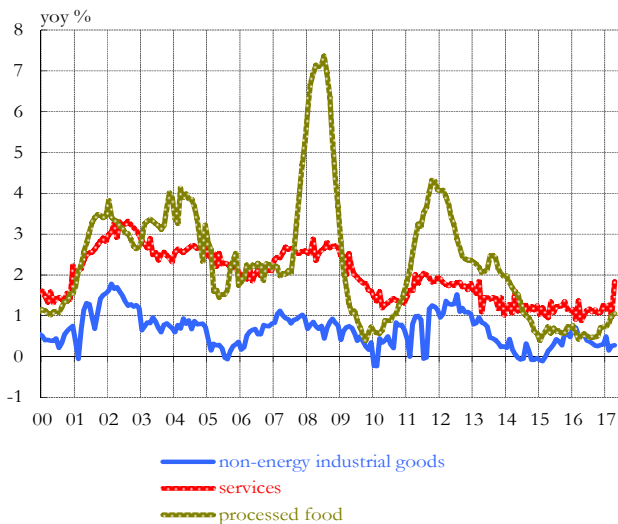


HICP headline and core inflation

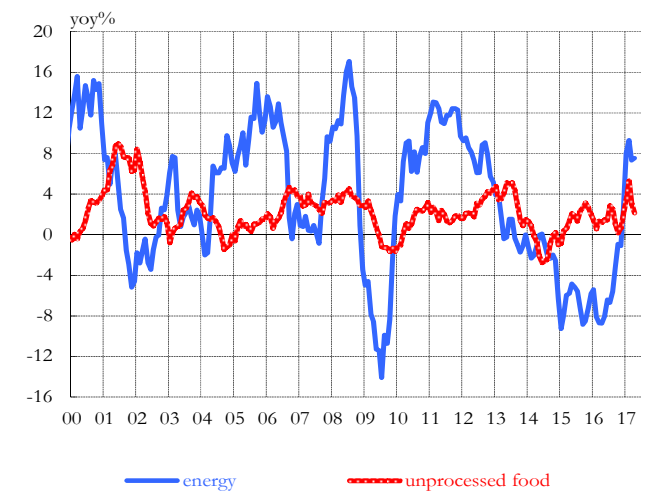
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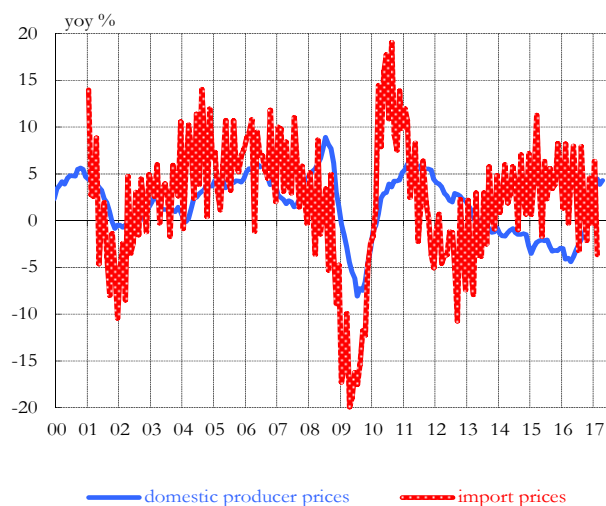
Breakdown of core inflation



Energy and unprocessed food



Domestic producer prices and import prices

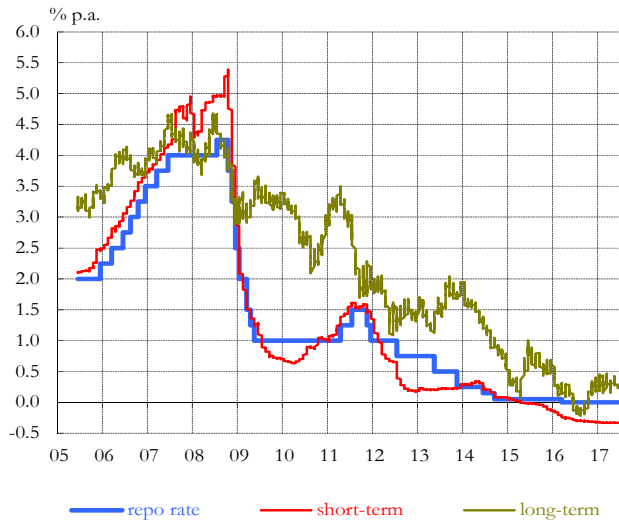


Oil prices

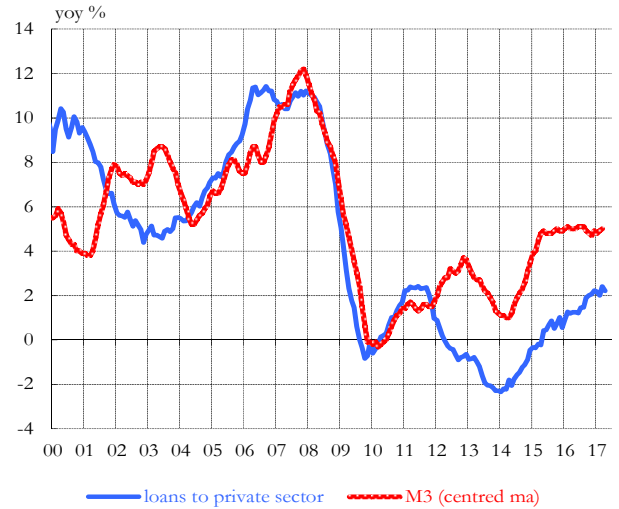


7. MONETARY AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS

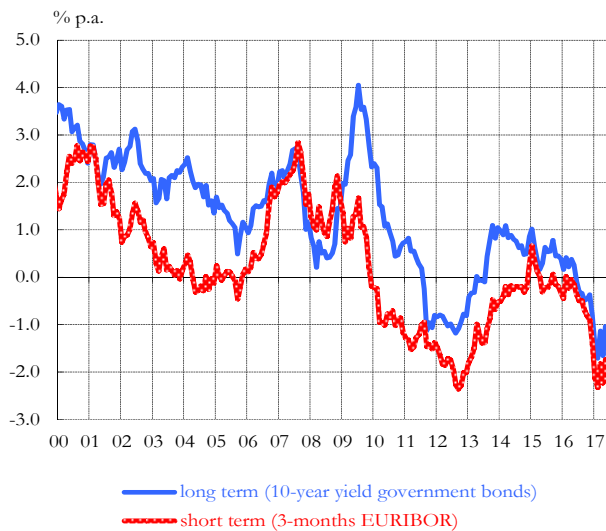
Nominal interest rates



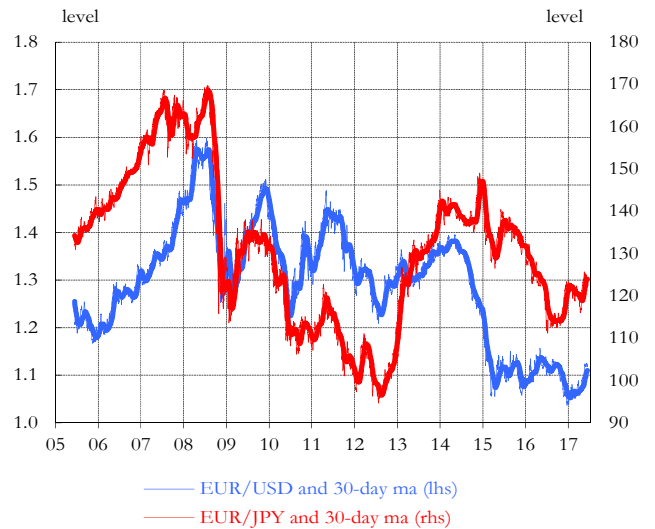
Loans to private sector and money supply



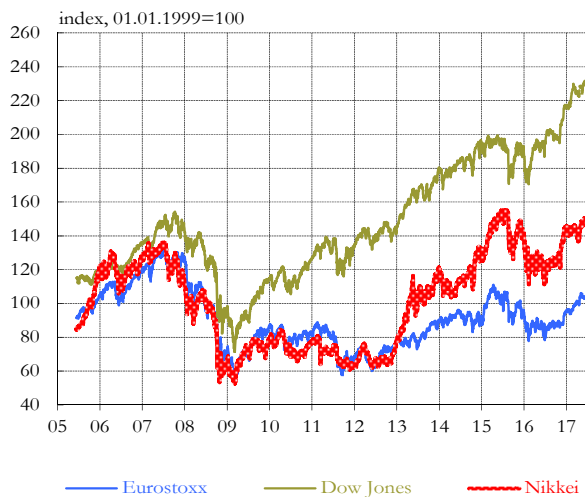
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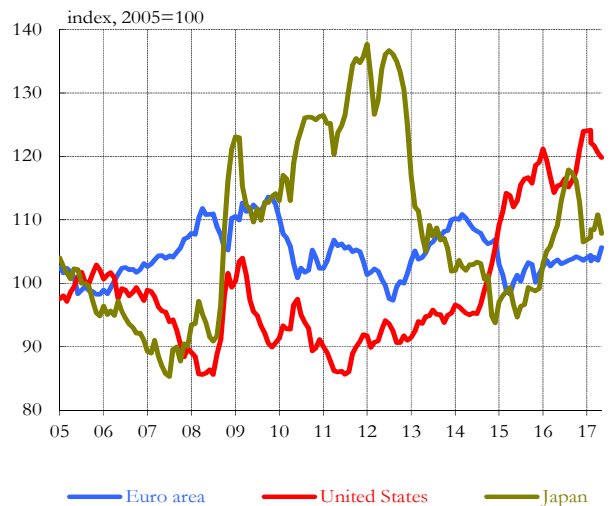
Euro vis-à-vis US dollar and JP yen



Stock market indices



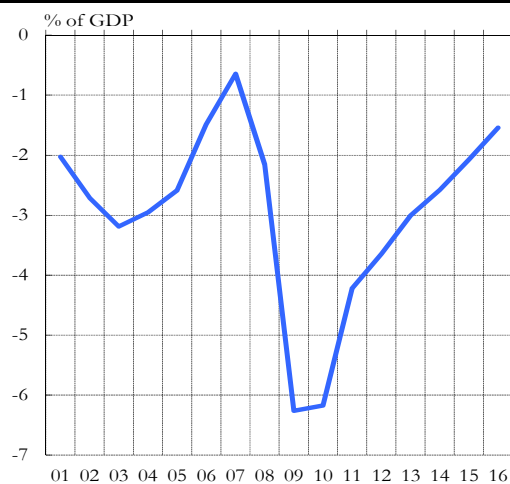
Nominal effective exchange rates



8. PUBLIC FINANCES

General government balance

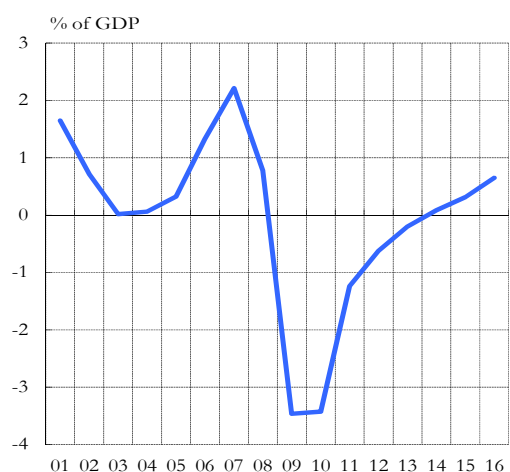
2016



Country	2016
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IE	-0.6
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IT	-2.4
CY	0.4
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LU	1.6
MT	1.0
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Primary balance

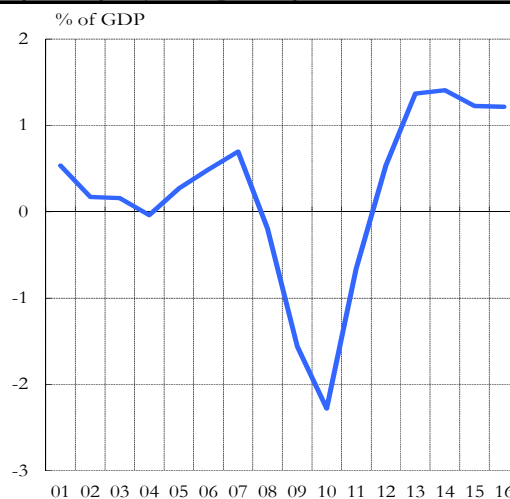
2016



Country	2016
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CY	3.0
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MT	3.2
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Cyclically adjusted primary balance

2016

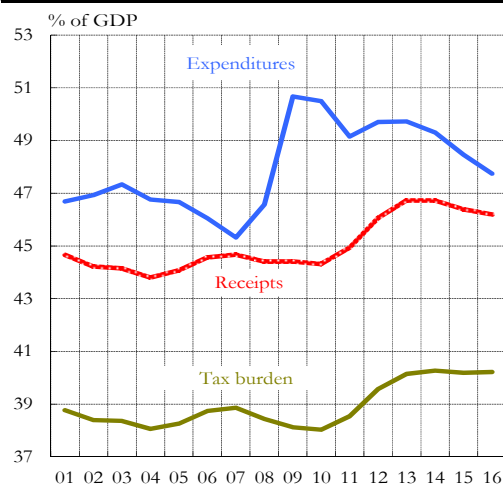


Country	2016
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General government expenditure and receipts

tax burden

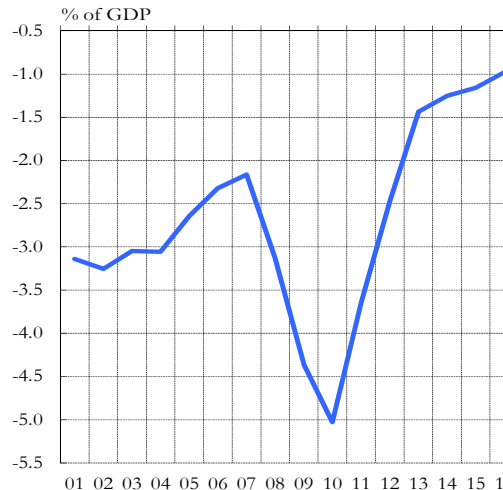
2016



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Cyclically adjusted balance

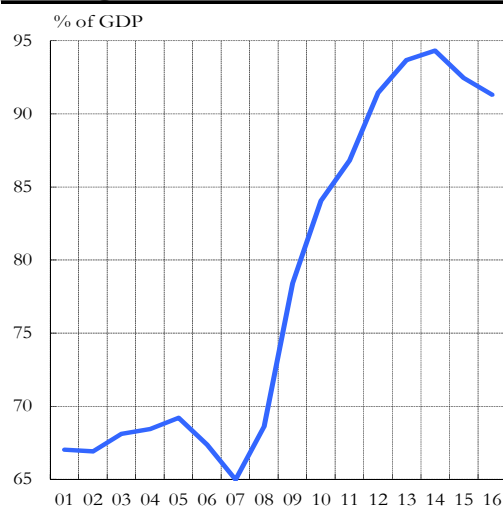
2016



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AT	-1.1
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SK	-1.5
FI	-0.9
EA	-1.0

General government debt

2016



Country	2016
BE	105.9
DE	68.3
EE	9.5
IE	75.4
EL	179.0
ES	99.4
FR	96.0
IT	132.6
CY	107.8
LV	40.1
LT	40.2
LU	20.0
MT	58.3
NL	62.3
AT	84.6
PT	130.4
SI	79.7
SK	51.9
FI	63.6
EA	91.3

* Figures are from the Commission's spring 2017 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

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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, 2010=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 2015=100)	Eurostat
Core HICP	HICP excluding energy and unprocessed food (index 2015=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