

## Consumer price index

3 □ 1987 Monthly

**PRICES: Moderate increase in March for the Community (+0.3%), but a slight rise in the 12-monthly rate (+3.1%).**

The consumer price index (CPI) for the Community as a whole rose by 0.3% between February and March 1987, reaching 162.8 points (1980=100). The indices for the United States and Japan went up by 0.4% and 0.2% (e) respectively.

In March 1987, the CPI remained unchanged over February in the Federal Republic of Germany and Luxembourg. Increases below the EUR 12 average were recorded in Belgium (0.1%), France (+0.1% or 0.2%), the United Kingdom (+0.2%) and in the Netherlands (+0.2%).

Higher increases were reported from Italy (+0.4%), Spain (+0.6%), Denmark (0.9%) but especially from Portugal (1.4%) and Greece (+3.2%).

The 12-monthly rate of inflation (March 1987/March 1986) was 3.1% for EUR 12 compared with 3.0% in the United States and -0.8% in Japan.

However, the difference in inflation between the Community (EUR 12) and the United States continues to diminish. Comparing the 12-monthly rates, the difference was cut to 0.1 point in March 1987 compared with 1.8 points a year previously.

In contrast, the difference in inflation between the Community and Japan widened from 2.8 points in March 1986 to 3.9 points in March 1987.

The 12-monthly rates recorded for the Member States are as follows:

Netherlands	-0.7%	United Kingdom	+4.0%
F.R. of Germany	-0.2%	Italy	+4.2%
Luxembourg	0.0%	Denmark	+5.3%
Belgium	+1.3%	Spain	+6.2%
France	+3.4%	Portugal	+9.8%
Ireland	+3.4%	Greece	+16.8%

The figures show that the year-on-year rate for EUR 12 has risen very slightly (2.9% in January, 3.0% in February and 3.1% in March) and that differences in inflation are diminishing within the Community. Nevertheless Greece has a 12-monthly rate of inflation more than five times higher than that of the Community average.



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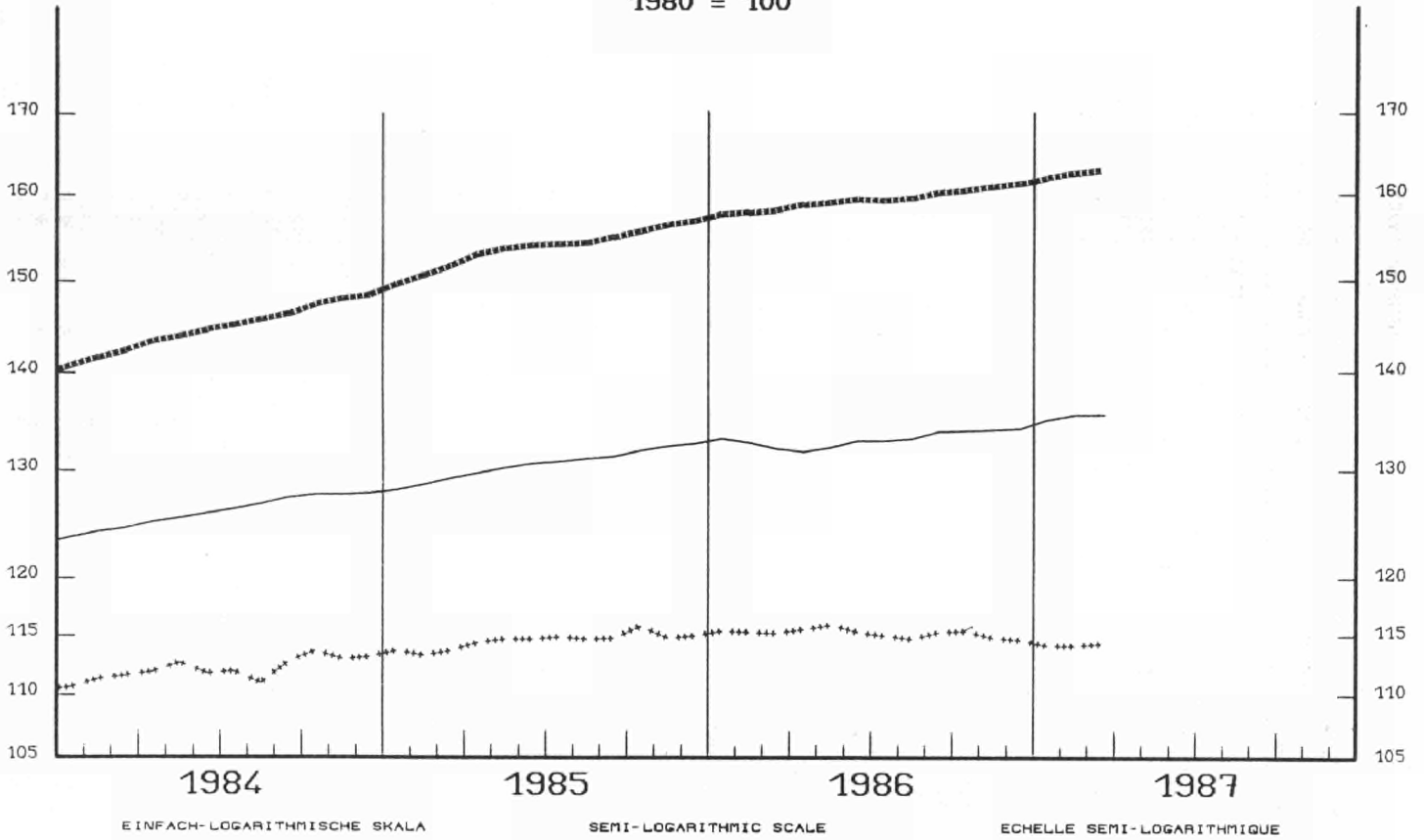
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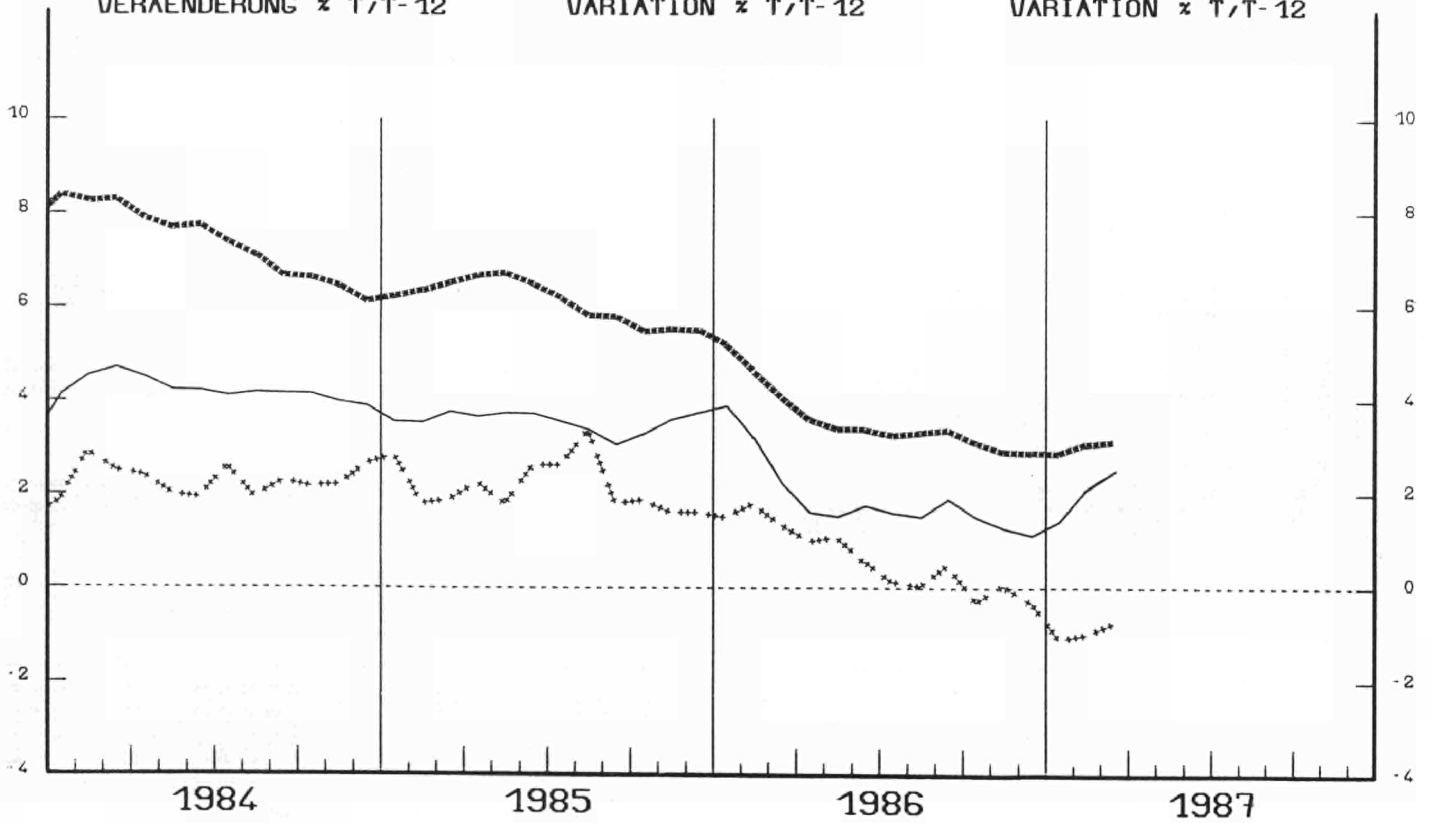
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	EUR 10	BR DEUTSCH LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER= LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIE	LUXEM= BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK	ELLAS	ESPANA	PORTUGAL	EUR 12	USA	JAPAN
PRICE INDICES																
1980 = 100																
1981 O	111.7	106.3	113.4	117.8	106.7	107.6	108.1	111.9	120.4	111.7	124.5	114.6	120.0	112.1	110.3	104.9
1982 O	123.0	111.9	126.8	137.2	112.8	117.0	118.2	121.5	141.1	123.0	150.5	131.1	147.3	124.2	117.1	107.7
1983 O	132.7	115.6	139.0	157.3	115.9	126.0	128.4	127.1	155.8	131.5	181.4	147.0	184.3	134.8	120.9	109.7
1984 O	141.2	118.4	149.2	174.3	119.6	134.0	136.7	133.4	169.2	139.8	214.6	163.5	237.5	144.8	126.1	112.3
1985 O	149.1	121.0	158.0	190.3	122.3	140.5	142.3	141.5	178.4	146.4	256.3	178.0	284.1	153.7	130.5	114.5
1986 OP	153.4	120.7	162.2	201.4	122.7	142.3	142.7	146.3	185.2	151.7	315.5	193.6	317.6	159.2	133.0	115.3
1986 M	152.4	121.0	160.4	199.6	122.7	141.9	142.9	144.7	:	148.0	302.8	190.1	312.7	157.9	132.1	115.2
1986 A	153.0	120.9	161.0	200.0	123.2	142.4	142.7	146.1	:	151.8	307.3	190.5	316.8	158.5	131.8	115.5
1986 M	153.3	120.9	161.4	201.0	123.2	142.0	142.7	146.4	185.5	152.9	309.0	191.0	315.3	158.8	132.2	115.9
1986 J	153.5	121.1	161.9	201.3	122.7	142.2	142.6	146.3	:	152.7	314.3	192.7	316.3	159.2	132.9	115.3
1986 J	153.2	120.5	162.1	201.3	121.6	142.2	142.3	145.9	:	151.7	312.6	194.7	316.2	159.1	132.9	115.0
1986 A	153.3	120.2	162.3	201.9	121.8	142.3	141.9	146.3	185.8	152.5	312.5	195.3	319.3	159.3	133.1	114.7
1986 S	154.0	120.4	162.9	202.5	122.3	142.8	142.3	147.1	:	153.7	324.4	197.3	320.5	160.0	133.8	115.3
1986 O	154.2	120.0	163.3	203.4	123.2	142.7	142.5	147.3	:	154.0	332.6	198.1	322.7	160.3	133.9	115.4
1986 N	154.7	119.9	163.5	204.4	123.3	142.6	142.5	148.5	186.2	154.4	334.9	197.6	325.5	160.7	134.0	114.8
1986 D	155.0	120.1	163.7	205.1	123.0	142.7	142.4	149.0	:	154.3	337.8	198.5	331.1	161.1	134.1	114.6
1987 J	155.7	120.6	165.2	206.3	121.3	143.3	142.6	149.6	:	154.6	341.5	199.9	335.1	161.9	135.0	114.1
1987 F	156.1	120.7	165.5	207.2P	121.6	143.6	142.8	150.2	189.6	154.5	342.7	200.7	338.5	162.4	135.5	114.1
1987 M	156.5P	120.7	165.8P	208.0P	121.9	143.7	142.8	150.5	:	155.9	353.6	201.9	343.2	162.8P	136.0	114.3
RATE OF INCREASE OVER ONE MONTH (IRELAND 3 MONTHS)																
(T/T-1)																
86 M/F	0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	:	0.4	3.2	0.4	1.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.1
86 A/M	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1	1.0	:	2.6	1.5	0.2	1.3	0.4	-0.2	0.3
86 M/A	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
86 J/M	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	:	-0.1	1.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.5
86 J/J	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	:	-0.7	-0.5	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.3
86 A/J	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	-0.3
86 S/A	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	:	0.8	3.8	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
86 O/S	0.2	-0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.2	:	0.2	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1
86 N/O	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.7	-0.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	-0.5
86 D/M	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	:	-0.1	0.9	0.5	1.7	0.3	0.1	-0.2
87J/86D	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	-1.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	:	0.2	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.6	-0.4
87 F/J	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4P	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	1.8	-0.1	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.0
87 M/F	0.2P	0.0	0.2P	0.4P	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	:	0.9	3.2	0.6	1.4	0.3P	0.4	0.2
RATE OF INCREASE OVER 12 MONTHS																
(T/T-12)																
86/85 M	3.4	0.1	3.0	7.0	0.7	1.5	1.5	4.2	:	1.7	24.8	8.7	12.2	4.1	2.3	1.3
86/85 A	3.0	-0.2	2.6	6.4	0.7	1.4	0.5	3.0	:	4.0	24.7	7.8	12.3	3.6	1.6	1.0
86/85 M	2.8	-0.2	2.3	6.1	0.5	1.1	0.4	2.8	4.4	4.0	24.5	7.7	11.5	3.4	1.6	1.1
86/85 J	2.6	-0.2	2.3	6.0	0.2	1.2	0.1	2.5	:	3.9	24.4	8.9	11.7	3.4	1.7	0.6
86/85 J	2.4	-0.5	2.0	5.5	-0.4	0.7	-0.6	2.4	:	3.6	24.6	9.3	11.2	3.2	1.6	0.2
86/85 A	2.4	-0.4	2.0	5.5	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	2.4	3.1	4.3	24.2	9.5	11.5	3.2	1.6	0.1
86/85 S	2.5	-0.4	2.3	5.3	-0.3	0.9	-0.3	3.0	:	4.6	22.8	9.5	11.8	3.3	1.8	0.5
86/85 O	2.3	-0.9	2.2	4.7	0.0	0.8	-1.0	3.0	:	4.5	21.9	9.4	11.4	3.1	1.5	-0.3
86/85 N	2.2	-1.2	2.1	4.4	0.1	0.5	-1.2	3.5	3.2	4.3	19.8	8.3	10.6	2.9	1.3	0.0
86/85 D	2.1	-1.1	2.1	4.2	0.1	0.6	-1.4	3.7	:	4.3	16.9	8.3	10.6	2.9	1.1	-0.3
87/86 J	2.4	-0.8	3.0	4.2	-0.9	0.9	-1.1	3.9	:	4.8	15.5	6.1	9.8	2.9	1.4	-1.1
87/86 F	2.6	-0.5	3.4	4.3P	-0.8	1.0	-0.5	3.9	3.4	4.8	16.8	6.0	9.5	3.0	2.1	-1.0
87/86 M	2.7P	-0.2	3.4P	4.2P	-0.7	1.3	0.0	4.0	:	5.3	16.8	6.2	9.8	3.1P	3.0	-0.8

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	SWITZERLAND SCHWEIZ	AUSTRIA OESTERREICH	NORWAY NORGE	SWEDEN SVERIGE	FINLAND SUOMI	CANADA CANADA
PRICE INDICES				1980 = 100		
1981 O	106.5	106.8	113.6	112.1	111.9	112.5
1982 O	112.5	112.6	126.5	121.7	122.6	124.6
1983 O	115.8	116.3	137.2	132.5	132.8	131.8
1984 O	119.2	122.9	145.7	143.2	142.2	137.6
1985 O	123.3	126.9	154.0	153.7	150.5	143.1
1986 OP	124.2	129.0	165.1	160.3	156.0	148.9
1986 M	124.7	128.9	160.5	158.7	154.5	147.2
1986 A	124.6	128.6	161.6	159.7	155.1	147.5
1986 M	124.2	128.5	161.8	159.7	155.6	148.1
1986 J	124.2	128.9	164.6	159.7	156.4	148.4
1986 J	123.6	129.0	166.3	160.1	156.5	149.5
1986 A	123.8	129.3	166.9	159.9	156.8	149.9
1986 S	124.1	129.4	169.3	161.3	156.9	149.9
1986 O	124.0	129.3	170.0	161.9	157.3	150.7
1986 N	124.3	129.0	170.4	161.9	157.3	151.5
1986 D	124.6	129.2	171.2	162.3	157.5	151.7
1987 J	125.3	129.5	173.9	164.4	159.1	152.1
1987 F	125.7	129.5	175.5	164.0	159.6	152.8
1987 M	125.9	:	:	164.7	160.5	153.3
RATE OF INCREASE OVER ONE MONTH				(T/T-1)		
86 M/F	0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.2
86 A/M	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2
86 M/A	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.5
86 J/M	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.0	0.5	0.2
86 J/J	-0.5	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.8
86 A/J	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.3
86 S/A	0.2	0.1	1.5	0.9	0.1	0.0
86 O/S	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
86 N/O	0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
86 D/N	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1
87J/86D	0.6	0.2	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.2
87 F/J	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.4
87 M/F	0.1	:	:	0.2	0.5	0.4
RATE OF INCREASE OVER 12 MONTHS				(T/T-12)		
86/85 M	1.0	1.8	5.5	4.3	3.8	4.1
86/85 A	1.0	1.4	5.8	4.6	3.7	3.9
86/85 M	0.7	1.5	5.6	3.4	3.0	4.1
86/85 J	0.8	1.5	6.7	3.8	3.3	3.7
86/85 J	0.5	1.5	7.4	4.1	3.4	4.2
86/85 A	0.7	1.7	8.1	4.0	3.4	4.3
86/85 S	0.7	1.7	8.6	4.4	3.3	4.1
86/85 O	0.3	1.6	8.8	4.1	3.4	4.4
86/85 N	-0.1	1.2	8.7	3.5	3.4	4.5
86/85 D	0.0	1.1	8.9	3.3	3.4	4.2
87/86 J	0.7	0.4	9.5	3.5	3.7	3.9
87/86 F	1.0	0.3	10.0	3.4	3.5	4.0
87/86 M	1.0	:	:	3.8	3.9	4.2

## METHODOLOGY

The consumer price indices given here are the national indices which have different names in the different countries. As far as trends are concerned, the general index published by EUROSTAT always corresponds to the general index published by the country concerned. The component items of this general index are groups of national indices aggregated according to a harmonized classification conforming to the ESA (European System of Integrated Economic Accounts). For these groups, the price trends correspond to the trends noted by the national indices for the same classification field.

The field covered by the general index varies according to country: as regards the population concerned (specific income bracket, certain socio-professional categories or total households), the geographical areas used (capital, urban areas, country as a whole, etc.) or differences in treatment of expenditure on rent, health care etc. Finally, there is no uniform method for seasonal adjustments.

A fixed base system is used in some countries, whereas in others a chain system is used (variable weightings). The reference years used at national level for the indices vary according to country. For ease of comparison, EUROSTAT has chosen 1980 as the common year for the presentation of these indices.

### CALCULATION OF EUR-10 AND EUR-12 INDICES

The EUR-10 and EUR-12 indices calculated by EUROSTAT are weighted indices.

The weighting used is the proportion of each country in the total consumption of EUR-10 and EUR-12 respectively. The values of this consumption in national currency are converted in purchasing power standards. For this purpose the purchasing power parities of the G.D.P. are used.

The index calculated is of the chain Laspeyres type.

However, the weighting is displaced by three years since the national accounts data become available with a delay of approximately three years. For example: the weighting used for 1986 is that of 1983, for 1980, that of 1977.

Moreover, the national accounts data are often modified, leading to revisions.

In order to avoid continuous corrections in the EUR-10 and EUR-12 indices, EUROSTAT has decided to "freeze" the historical data.

When Member States carry out major revisions in price series for past years, EUR-10 and EUR-12 data will be calculated using the new series.

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