

Consumer price index

4 1994 Monthly

Prices : EU annual inflation slightly down to 3.2% in March.

The annual inflation rate for the EU as measured by the CPI continues its slowing down at a low pace and fell from 3.3% in February to 3.2% in March; a year ago this rate was 3.5%.

In ascending order of current inflation the annual rates of the individual EU Member States for March 1994 - and those for the corresponding period a year ago - are as follows:

	<u>March.'94</u> March '93	<u>March'93</u> March'92		<u>March'94</u> March'93	<u>March'93</u> March'92
France	1.5% p	2.2%	Netherlands	2.9% p	2.6%
Ireland**	1.7%	1.9%	Germany *	3.2%	4.2%
Denmark	1.7%	1.1%	Italy	4.3% p	4.3%
Belgique	2.3%	2.9%	Spain	5.0%	4.1%
Luxembourg	2.3%	3.7%	Portugal	6.0%	7.3%
United Kingdom	2.3%	1.9%	Greece	10.2%	16.4%

Inflation rates for the applicant Member States are : Finland 0.4% (2.7%), Norway 1.0% (2.5%), Sweden 1.8% (4.9%) and Austria 3.1% (3.9%); corresponding rates for major non-EU countries are: USA 2.5% (3.1%), Japan 1.1% (1.2%), Canada 0.2% (1.9%) and Switzerland 1.3% (3.7%).

The monthly EUR-12 index rose by 0.3% between February and March. Most of the Member States contributed to this good result with low to moderate increases : zero in Belgium and Luxembourg, 0.1% in Denmark, 0.2% in Germany, France, Italy and Portugal, 0.3% in Spain and the UK.

However, there was a marked increase in the index of the Netherlands (0.6%) and a sharp rise in the Greek index, which surged by 2.9%, mainly caused by the usual introduction in March of new models after the winter sales for clothing and durable goods.

* The CPI for the Federal Republic of Germany continues to reflect borders prior to 3 October 1990.

** February '94/February '93 and February '93/February '92

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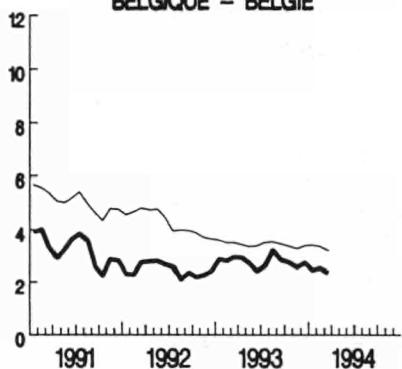
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VEARENDERUNG % T/T-12

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GENERAL INDEX

VARIATION % T/T-12

DANMARK

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~5.5	~3.0
1992	~4.5	~2.0
1993	~3.5	~1.5
1994	~3.0	~1.5

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VARIATION % T/T-12

BR DEUTSCHLAND

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~3.0	~3.0
1992	~4.5	~4.0
1993	~4.5	~4.0
1994	~4.0	~3.5

ELLADA

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~23.0	~6.0
1992	~15.0	~3.5
1993	~16.0	~3.5
1994	~12.0	~3.5

ESPAÑA

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~6.5	~5.5
1992	~5.5	~4.5
1993	~4.5	~4.0
1994	~4.0	~3.5

FRANCE

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~3.5	~3.5
1992	~2.5	~2.5
1993	~2.0	~2.0
1994	~2.0	~2.0

IRELAND

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~3.0	~2.5
1992	~4.0	~3.0
1993	~2.0	~2.5
1994	~2.0	~2.5

ITALIA

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~6.5	~5.5
1992	~5.5	~4.5
1993	~4.5	~4.0
1994	~4.0	~3.5

LUXEMBOURG

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~3.5	~3.5
1992	~3.0	~3.0
1993	~2.5	~2.5
1994	~2.0	~2.0

NEDERLAND

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~4.0	~3.5
1992	~4.5	~3.5
1993	~3.5	~3.0
1994	~3.5	~3.0

PORTUGAL

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~13.5	~5.5
1992	~9.5	~4.5
1993	~6.5	~4.0
1994	~6.5	~3.5

UNITED KINGDOM

Jahr	Gesamtindex (solid)	Variation % T/T-12 (dashed)
1991	~9.0	~5.5
1992	~4.5	~4.0
1993	~2.5	~3.5
1994	~3.0	~3.5


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TABLE I

	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
Price indices													
Annual average													
1990	122.9	111.0	121.2	107.0	222.6	136.8	116.5	117.6	131.8	109.0	104.2	170.9	133.3
1991	129.1	114.6	124.1	110.7	265.9	145.0	120.2	121.3	140.2	112.4	108.4	189.5	141.1
1992	134.5	117.3	126.7	115.1	308.1	153.5	123.0	125.1	147.3	115.9	112.5	206.7	146.4
1993	139.1	120.6	128.3	119.8	352.6	160.6	125.6	126.9	153.8	120.1	114.9	220.0	148.7
1993													
March	137.8	119.8	127.6	119.0	345.9	158.4	125.3	:	151.8	119.2	113.9	216.4	147.3
April	138.5	119.9	127.7	119.4	350.4	159.0	125.4	:	152.5	119.5	114.3	217.5	148.6
May	138.9	120.1	128.5	119.8	351.2	159.5	125.7	126.1	153.2	119.7	114.2	218.6	149.2
June	139.1	120.1	128.4	120.0	355.1	159.9	125.5	:	153.9	119.8	113.8	219.1	149.0
July	139.2	120.9	128.2	120.2	348.3	160.5	125.7	:	154.3	120.2	114.6	220.6	148.7
August	139.6	121.4	128.4	120.2	349.8	161.5	125.7	127.3	154.6	120.6	115.3	221.5	149.4
September	140.0	121.2	128.8	120.3	358.5	162.4	126.1	:	154.9	120.7	116.0	222.2	150.0
October	140.4	121.4	129.2	120.6	365.4	163.0	126.4	:	155.8	121.1	116.0	223.5	149.9
November	140.6	121.5	129.4	120.9	368.3	163.3	126.5	127.7	156.3	121.5	116.0	225.0	149.7
December	140.8	121.7	129.1	121.1	371.9	164.0	126.4	:	156.4	121.6	115.5	225.6	150.0
1994													
January	141.3P	122.2	129.2	122.2	369.3	165.6	126.6	:	157.4P	121.6	115.9	227.4	149.4
February	141.8P	122.6	129.6	122.6	370.1	165.7	126.9	128.5	158.0P	122.0	116.5	228.8	150.3
March	142.2P	122.6	129.7	122.8	381.0	166.2	127.2P	:	158.3P	122.0	117.2P	229.3	150.7
Rates of increase over one month (IRL 3 months)													
1993													
March/Feb.	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	3.7	0.4	0.5	:	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.4
April/March	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.1	:	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.9
May/April	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.4
June/May	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	-0.1	:	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
July/June	0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.2	-1.9	0.4	0.1	:	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	-0.2
August/July	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4
Sept./August	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.1	2.5	0.6	0.4	:	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.4
Oct./Sept.	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	1.9	0.4	0.2	:	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.1
Nov./Oct.	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	-0.1
Dec./Nov.	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	-0.1	:	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.3	0.2
1994													
Jan./Dec.	0.4P	0.4	0.1	0.9	-0.7	1.0	0.2	:	0.6P	0.0	0.4	0.8	-0.4
Feb./Jan.	0.4P	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.4P	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6
March/Febr.	0.3P	0.0	0.1	0.2	2.9	0.3	0.2P	:	0.2P	0.0	0.6P	0.2	0.3
Rates of increase over 12 months													
1993/92													
March	3.5	2.9	1.1	4.2	16.4	4.1	2.2	:	4.3	3.7	2.6	7.3	1.9
April	3.4	2.9	1.1	4.3	16.2	4.5	2.1	:	4.4	3.8	2.4	6.2	1.3
May	3.3	2.7	1.0	4.2	16.4	4.6	2.0	1.0	4.3	3.5	2.4	5.7	1.3
June	3.3	2.4	0.9	4.2	15.8	4.9	1.9	:	4.6	3.3	2.3	5.5	1.2
July	3.5	2.6	1.2	4.3	15.7	4.9	2.1	:	4.6	3.5	2.5	5.7	1.4
August	3.5	3.2	1.2	4.2	14.6	4.6	2.2	1.3	4.5	3.7	3.0	5.6	1.7
September	3.4	2.8	1.2	4.0	12.8	4.3	2.3	:	4.5	3.7	2.8	5.9	1.8
October	3.3	2.7	1.5	3.9	12.3	4.6	2.2	:	4.6	3.5	2.8	6.3	1.4
November	3.2	2.5	1.5	3.6	12.3	4.8	2.2	1.5	4.3	3.5	2.8	6.6	1.4
December	3.4	2.7	1.5	3.7	12.1	4.9	2.1	:	4.3	3.6	2.6	6.4	1.9
1994/93													
January	3.4P	2.4	1.8	3.5	11.1	5.0	1.9	:	4.4P	2.6	3.0	6.4	2.5
February	3.3P	2.5	1.8	3.4	11.0	5.0	1.8	1.7	4.4P	2.6	3.0	6.1	2.4
March	3.2P	2.3	1.7	3.2	10.2	5.0	1.5P	:	4.3P	2.3	2.9P	6.0	2.3

TABLE II

CONSUMER PRICES

GENERAL INDEX

	U.S.A	Japan	Switzerland	Austria	Norway	Sweden	Finland	Canada
Price indices								
1985=100								
Annual average								
1990	121.5	106.9	113.2	111.3	135.4	135.1	127.4	124.4
1991	126.6	110.4	119.8	115.0	140.0	147.8	132.8	131.4
1992	130.5	112.3	124.6	119.7	143.3	151.1	136.7	133.4
1993	134.3	113.8	128.7	124.0	146.5	158.2	139.7	135.8
1993								
March	133.5	113.0	128.4	123.3	146.4	157.9	139.5	135.3
April	133.9	113.8	128.8	123.3	146.8	158.5	140.1	135.3
May	134.1	113.9	128.9	123.5	146.8	158.1	140.2	135.5
June	134.3	113.8	128.9	123.8	146.9	157.6	140.0	135.6
July	134.3	114.1	128.7	125.2	146.8	157.3	139.7	135.9
August	134.6	114.4	129.3	125.6	146.4	158.2	139.4	136.0
September	134.9	114.5	129.2	124.7	147.1	159.0	139.7	136.1
October	135.5	114.4	129.3	124.6	147.2	159.5	139.9	136.3
November	135.6	113.8	129.2	124.7	147.1	159.5	139.7	137.0
December	135.6	113.9	129.3	124.9	147.0	158.9	139.6	136.7
1994								
January	136.0	114.0	129.5	125.8	146.7	159.7	139.3	136.7
February	136.4	114.0	130.0	126.6	147.2	160.2	139.8	135.7
March	136.8	114.3P	130.0	127.0	147.9	160.8	140.1	135.5
1993								
Rates of increase over one month (IRL 3 months)								
(T/T-1)								
1993								
March/Feb.	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.1	-0.1
April/March	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
May/April	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.2
June/May	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
July/June	0.0	0.3	-0.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
August/July	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.1
Sept/August	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1
Oct./Sept.	0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Nov./Oct.	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Dec./Nov.	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
1994								
Jan./Dec.	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.0
Feb./Jan.	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.8
March/Febr.	0.3	0.3P	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.2
1993/92								
Rates of increase over 12 months								
(T/T-12)								
March	3.1	1.2	3.7	3.9	2.5	4.9	2.7	1.9
April	3.2	0.9	3.8	3.9	2.6	5.1	2.6	1.8
May	3.2	0.9	3.6	3.7	2.5	4.8	2.6	1.8
June	3.0	0.9	3.2	3.6	2.3	4.7	2.0	1.6
July	2.8	1.9	3.4	3.5	2.2	4.6	2.1	1.6
August	2.8	1.9	3.6	3.4	2.2	5.2	2.1	1.7
September	2.7	1.5	3.4	3.4	2.2	4.2	1.7	1.9
October	2.8	1.3	3.3	3.5	2.0	4.3	1.6	1.9
November	2.7	0.9	2.3	3.5	1.9	4.8	1.4	1.9
December	2.7	1.0	2.5	3.5	1.8	4.0	1.6	1.7
1994/93								
January	2.5	1.2	2.1	3.1	1.4	1.9	0.2	1.3
February	2.5	1.1	1.8	3.1	1.4	1.9	0.3	0.2
March	2.5	1.1P	1.3	3.1	1.0	1.5	0.4	0.2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

METHODOLOGY

The consumer price indices given here are the national indices which have different names in each country. As far as trends are concerned, the general index published by EUROSTAT always corresponds to the general index published by the country. 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 treatments of expenditure on rent, health care, etc... Finally, there is no uniform method for seasonal adjustements. A fixed 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 1985 as the common year for the presentation of these indices.

THE CALCULATION OF THE EUR-12 INDEX

The EUR-12 index as calculated by EUROSTAT is a weighted average of national price indices. The weight used is the proportion of each country in the final consumption of households for EUR-12. The values of this consumption in national currency are converted into purchasing power standard (PPS); for this purpose the purchasing power parities of the G.D.P. are used. Up to 1987 purchasing power parities are those which result from the 1980 enquiry, from 1988 onwards they are those from the 1985 enquiry. The index calculated is a chain index of the "Laspeyres" type with weights changing each year. However, the weights are lagged by three years since the national accounts data needed become available only after three years. For example: the weights used for 1991 are those of 1988, for 1990 those of 1987. Moreover, national accounts data are often revised leading to revisions of the consumption weights. In order to avoid continuous modifications in the EUR-12 index for previous periods, EUROSTAT has decided to "freeze" the weights which are used. Thus the EUR-12 index will not be affected by revisions of the national accounts. However when Member States carry out major revisions in the price series for past years, EUR-12 data will be calculated using these new series.

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