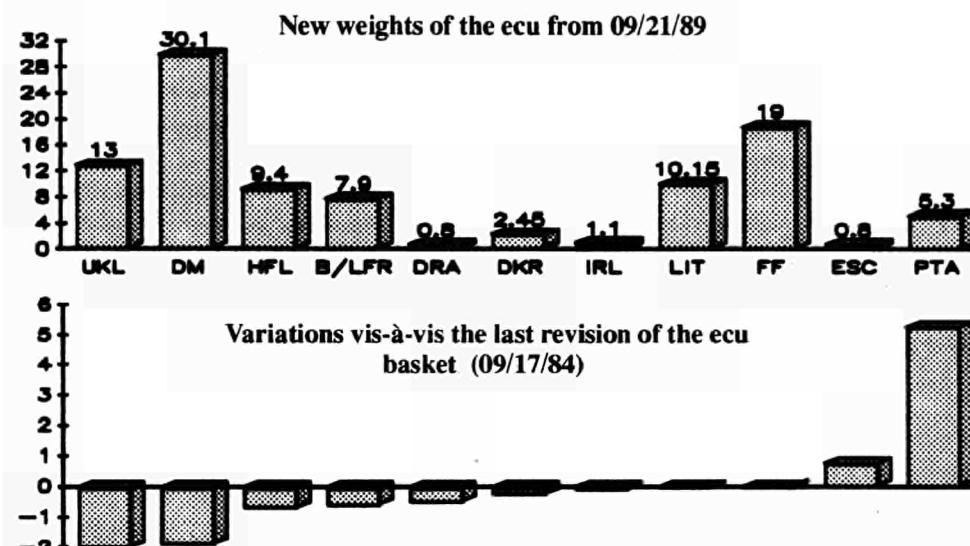


ECU-EMS information

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Ecu basket revision and Peseta joins the exchange rate mechanism



With effect of the 21 September 1989, the ecu basket will be revised to include also the Peseta and the Escudo. The underlying rationale of the new weight structure has been the following:

- to avoid a disruption of the private ecu market,
- to preserve the ecu's strong currency profile,
- to maintain the ecu's stability characteristics.

The Spanish government has decided to let the Peseta participate in the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS from Monday the 19. June onwards. The maximum margin of fluctuation will be +- 6% as for the Italian lira. This leaves only three EC currencies, the Pound Sterling, the Drachma and the Escudo without full EMS membership.

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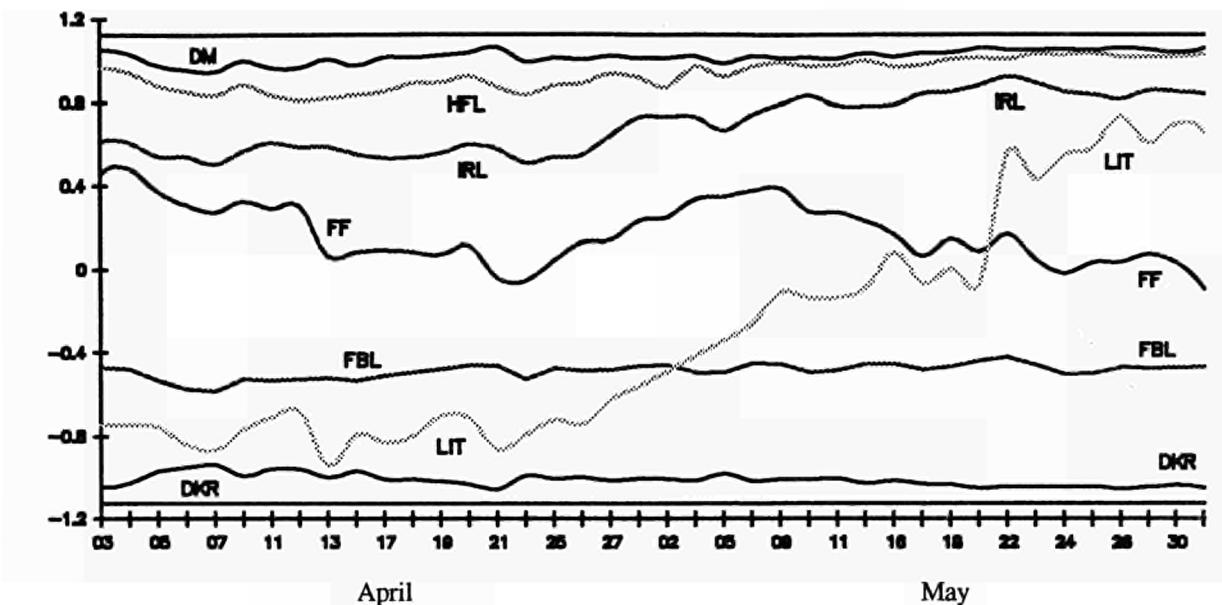
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TABLE I
BILATERAL FLUCTUATIONS OF THE EMS CURRENCIES



How to read the graph

1. The various curves should be compared in pairs. To find the differential between two currencies, subtract the (positive or negative) values along the y-axis corresponding to each currency.
2. The graph is drawn with the curve of the strongest currency above that of the weakest. It shows therefore the relative position of each currency vis-à-vis the other currencies.
3. When two curves intersect or merge over a period of time there is no differential between the two currencies and their market exchange rate equals their bilateral central rate.

Construction of the graph

1. The graph is drawn within a horizontal band corresponding to the maximum 2.25% margin of fluctuation applying at any given moment to market exchange rates and the bilateral central rates of the EMS currencies, with the exception of the LIT, which has a maximum authorized fluctuation of 6%. This band is divided symmetrically by a horizontal axis along which the points would be plotted if all currencies were at their bilateral central rate and there were therefore no fluctuations.
2. The daily market exchange rates of all currencies are compared with the relevant bilateral central rates and the differentials between the two calculated.
3. The maximum fluctuation between two currencies (with the exception of the LIT) is shown within the band, symmetrical with the horizontal axis. The fluctuations of the other currencies in relation to either of the two currencies in question are shown within the maximum permissible fluctuation.
4. The curves are drawn by linking daily the points showing the relative positions of each currency.

TABLE II

ECU BOND ISSUES (Mio ECU) *

	TOTAL	European Community				Non-European Community			
		Total	Business sector	Governments	Institutions	Total	Business sector	Governments	Organizations
1983	2 515	1 980	740	690	550	535	300	50	185
1984	4 997	3 798	1 223	1 625	950	1 199	784	140	275
1985	12 295	8 134	3 454	3 540	1 140	4 161	3 401	200	560
1986	8 544	5 830	2 362	2 158	1 310	2 714	2 304	350	60
1987	8 236	5 303	2 058	1 900	1 345	2 933	2 180	453	300
1988	9 248	5 335	3 390	250	1 845	3 913	3 138	575	200
1987									
II	2 620	2 215	770	1 200	245	405	355	50	0
III	1 203	350	50	100	200	853	650	53	150
IV	980	500	250	0	250	480	480	0	0
1988									
I	1 055	755	555	0	200	300	175	125	0
II	1 848	1 075	750	100	225	773	773	0	0
III	2 560	1 570	950	0	620	990	890	0	100
IV	3 785	1 935	1 135	150	800	1 850	1 300	450	100
1989									
I	1 956	1 105	570	150	385	851	851	0	0
March	710	385	225	0	160	325	325	0	0
April	710	560	360	0	200	150	150	0	0
May	1 110	860	335	200	325	250	200	50	0

(*) Recording based on the payment date

TABLE III

INTEREST RATES AND YIELDS OF ECU INVESTMENTS (%)

	Deposits				Bonds		
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	< 5 years	5-7 years	> 7 years
1985	9.09	9.20	9.27	9.33	8.88	9.49	9.65
1986	8.04	7.95	7.81	7.66	7.71	8.22	8.34
1987	7.00	7.10	7.16	7.27	7.85	8.24	8.51
1988	6.67	6.88	7.05	7.18	7.70	7.89	8.18
1988							
May	5.91	6.23	6.45	6.69	7.47	7.93	8.16
June	5.84	6.16	6.42	6.73	7.41	7.76	8.08
July	6.70	7.01	7.24	7.38	7.67	7.80	8.20
August	7.11	7.42	7.69	7.84	7.81	7.92	8.23
September	7.44	7.57	7.78	7.84	7.83	7.89	8.12
October	7.30	7.42	7.47	7.52	7.68	7.81	8.03
November	7.45	7.61	7.64	7.64	7.63	7.81	7.92
December	7.93	7.96	8.00	8.01	7.75	7.92	8.05
1989							
January	7.92	8.17	8.25	8.34	7.87	8.00	8.21
February	8.25	8.53	8.75	8.97	8.23	8.37	8.44
March	8.42	8.77	8.98	9.28	8.71	8.69	8.83
April	8.19	8.50	8.76	9.05	8.62	8.70	8.79
May	8.41	8.73	8.97	9.17	8.77	8.79	8.83

TABLE IV

LAST MONTH ECU BONDS ISSUES

Issue Payment Date	Borrower (country)	Issued (Mio ECU)	Issue Price	Coupon	Term (years)	Maturity	Yields %	Lead Manager	Listing	Notice
02/05/89 08/06/89	General Motors Acceptance Corp. (U.S.A.)	100	101.500	9	3	08/06/92	8.41	Paribas	LN	
05/05/89 02/06/89	General Electric Cap. Corp. (U.S.A.)	200	101.875	8 3/4	5 1/2	02/12/94	8.69	Paribas	LX	
08/05/89 15/06/89	IBM Int. Fin. (U.S.A.)	125	101.500	8 3/4	3	15/06/92	8.17	Crédit Suisse First Boston	LX	
09/05/89 19/06/89	Abbey National Building Society (U.K.)	75	101.375	9	3	19/06/92	8.46	Daiwa Europe LTD	LX	Swap
11/05/89 31/05/89	E.I.B. B.E.I.	75	103.000	9	10	20/04/99	8.54	I.B.J. Int. LTD	LX	
12/05/89 19/06/89	Petrofina (U.S.A.)	75	101.650	9 1/2	1 1/2	19/12/90	8.32	Bankers Trust Int.	LX	Swap
17/05/89 21/06/89	Republic of AUSTRIA	100	101.625	8 7/8	4	22/06/93	8.38	Crédit Suisse First Boston	LX	
18/05/89 06/06/89	Hydro Quebec (CANADA)	125	102.000	9 1/4	10	06/06/99	8.94	Merril Lynch	LN	Swap
18/05/89 15/06/89	Crédit Local de FRANCE	100	101.625	9	6	12/08/95	8.64	C.C.F.	LX-PA	Swap
24/05/89 05/06/89	Nationale NEDERLANDEN	100	101.750	9	5	05/06/94	8.56	Bankers Trust Int.	LX	Swap
24/05/89 05/06/89	Volvo Group Finance Europe (SWEDEN)	75	101.450	9 1/4	2	05/06/91	8.43	Sumitomo Finance Int.	LX	Swap
25/05/89 22/06/89	Federal Business Development Bank (CANADA)	100	101.800	9	5	22/06/94	8.54	Paribas	LN	Swap
26/05/89 05/07/89	Crédit Foncier de FRANCE	100	101.875	9	7	05/07/96	8.63	U.B.S. Phillips and Drew	LX	
26/05/89 14/06/89	E.C.S.C. C.E.C.A.	41	96.625	8	7 1/2	15/01/97	8.63	SBC	LX	Swap

Listing : LX = Luxembourg
 PA = Paris
 LN = London

TABLE V
CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN NATIONAL CURRENCY
1985=100

	1970	1980	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1988				1989			
									10	11	12	01	02	03	04	
B	34.9	71.2	89.7	95.4	100.0	101.3	102.9	104.1	104.7	104.6	105.0	105.4	105.9	106.1	106.8	
DK	26.8	68.3	89.8	95.5	100.0	103.6	107.8	112.7	113.9	114.7	114.7	115.2	115.9	116.7	117.4	
D	50.4	82.6	95.5	97.9	100.0	99.7	100.0	101.2	101.4	101.7	101.9	103.0	103.3	103.5	104.0	
ELL	10.3	39.1	70.8	83.8	100.0	123.0	143.2	162.5	171.0	172.2	174.1	173.6	172.8	177.5	180.4	
E	13.5	56.2	82.6	91.9	100.0	108.8	114.5	120.0	122.5	122.5	123.5	124.7	125.0	125.7	126.1	
F	25.3	63.3	87.8	94.5	100.0	102.7	105.9	108.7	109.8	109.9	110.1	110.5	110.9	111.2	111.9	
IRL	15.6	56.1	87.3	94.8	100.0	103.8	107.1	109.4	109.8	110.5	110.5	110.5	111.9	111.9	111.9	
I	14.2	52.5	82.7	91.6	100.0	105.8	110.9	116.5	118.3	119.2	119.5	120.5	121.5	121.9	122.8	
L	37.0	70.3	90.2	96.1	100.0	100.3	100.2	101.7	102.3	102.6	102.6	103.4	103.7	104.0	104.3	
NL	40.0	81.8	94.8	97.8	100.0	100.2	99.8	100.6	101.3	101.4	101.3	100.4	100.7	101.1	101.6	
P	6.4	35.2	64.9	83.6	100.0	111.8	122.2	133.9	137.8	139.9	141.5	143.4	145.4	146.7	148.2	
UK	19.6	70.7	89.8	94.3	100.0	103.4	107.7	113.0	115.8	116.3	116.6	117.3	118.2	118.7	120.8	
EUR 12	25.4	65.1	87.7	94.2	100.0	103.6	106.5	110.0	111.5	111.8	112.3	113.8	114.3	114.8	115.8	
EMS	29.8	66.7	88.9	94.9	100.0	102.7	105.4	108.9	109.5	109.9	110.2	109.5	109.5	109.5	109.5	

	61-70	71-80	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1988				1989			
									10	11	12	01	02	03	04	
B	3.0	7.4	7.7	6.3	4.9	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.6	
DK	6.0	9.8	6.9	6.3	4.7	3.6	4.0	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.6	3.7	3.3	3.0	
D	2.7	5.1	3.3	2.4	2.2	-0.2	0.3	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.0	
ELL	2.1	14.5	20.5	18.3	19.4	23.1	16.1	13.5	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.8	14.3	11.0	8.8	
E	6.1	15.4	12.1	11.2	8.9	8.8	5.3	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.9	6.3	6.0	5.2	5.6	
F	4.1	9.7	9.6	7.3	5.9	2.7	3.0	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.2	
IRL	4.8	13.7	10.4	8.6	5.4	3.8	3.1	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	
I	4.0	14.1	14.7	10.8	9.2	5.8	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.5	
L	2.6	6.7	8.6	6.5	4.1	0.3	-0.1	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	
NL	4.2	7.4	2.7	3.2	2.3	0.3	-0.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.0	-0.4	
P	4.5	18.7	25.1	28.9	19.6	11.8	9.4	9.7	10.7	11.9	11.7	12.2	10.5	9.7	9.3	
UK	4.1	13.8	4.6	5.0	6.1	3.4	4.2	4.9	6.4	6.4	6.8	7.5	7.0	6.6	4.9	
EUR 12	3.7	9.9	8.5	7.4	6.1	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.4	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.4	
EMS	3.3	8.4	8.4	6.7	5.4	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.6	

	Average deviation around the mean											
	EUR 12	EMS	61-70	71-80	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Average deviation vis-à-vis the minimum
EUR 12	0.8	3.5	4.2	3.3	2.4	2.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
EMS	1.0	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	2.1

EUR 12	EMS	61-70	71-80	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Average deviation vis-à-vis the minimum	
1.7	4.8	5.8	5.0	4.0	3.8	3.4	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.9
1.2	3.3	5.7	4.2	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	1.6	4.9

TABLE VI

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES IN ECU

1985=100

	1970	1980	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1988	1989	1989	1989	1989
									10	11	12	01	02
B	30.9	78.7	88.7	94.3	100.0	103.9	107.4	107.6	108.2	108.1	108.3	108.4	108.9
DK	28.0	70.0	88.7	94.1	100.0	104.8	109.7	113.7	114.3	115.0	114.6	114.5	114.7
D	30.0	72.9	93.7	97.3	100.0	104.3	107.5	108.6	108.9	109.2	109.2	110.0	110.4
ELL	35.2	69.7	95.0	99.4	100.0	93.8	96.1	102.5	104.9	104.3	104.8	104.4	103.4
E	24.5	72.8	83.6	93.7	100.0	102.1	103.9	112.6	115.3	115.7	118.3	123.1	123.8
F	30.1	73.1	88.1	93.5	100.0	102.5	103.8	105.0	105.5	105.5	105.4	105.8	106.2
IRL	16.4	58.5	87.0	93.3	100.0	101.5	98.9	100.6	101.6	101.6	101.7	101.9	102.1
I	32.2	63.9	88.6	96.0	100.0	104.8	107.3	109.7	110.7	111.8	112.7	113.8	115.0
L	32.5	77.7	89.3	95.0	100.0	102.9	104.6	105.2	105.7	106.1	105.8	106.4	106.6
NL	27.1	74.4	93.8	97.2	100.0	104.9	107.7	108.3	108.8	108.9	108.5	107.2	107.5
P	28.3	65.9	85.8	93.9	100.0	98.9	97.8	102.5	104.6	105.6	106.9	109.0	110.4
UK	27.0	69.8	90.1	93.9	100.0	90.9	90.0	100.2	103.8	104.4	105.9	107.8	108.4
EUR 12	29.4	70.9	89.9	95.2	100.0	101.3	103.1	106.8	108.2	108.6	109.1	110.2	110.7
EMS	30.3	71.2	90.5	95.6	100.0	103.9	106.4	107.9	108.5	108.8	109.0	109.5	110.1
ECU	30.2	71.7	91.0	95.6	100.0	102.0	104.2	106.8	107.8	108.1	108.3	108.9	109.7

Annual rate of increase (%)

	61-70	71-80	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1988	1989	1989	1989	1989
									10	11	12	01	02
B	3.8	9.8	5.8	6.3	6.1	3.9	3.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4
DK	5.4	9.6	7.3	6.1	6.3	4.8	4.8	3.6	4.0	4.1	3.7	2.8	1.7
D	4.5	9.3	8.1	3.9	2.8	4.3	3.1	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.6	1.7
ELL	1.3	7.0	0.7	4.6	0.6	-6.2	2.4	5.8	7.5	7.9	7.8	8.2	8.0
E	3.7	11.5	-5.4	12.1	6.7	2.1	1.8	8.3	4.9	7.2	10.0	14.1	13.6
F	3.3	9.3	3.9	6.1	7.0	2.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.7
IRL	4.7	13.8	6.7	7.3	7.1	1.5	-2.5	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.5
I	4.3	7.1	12.5	8.3	4.2	4.8	2.5	2.2	1.9	3.9	4.6	4.9	5.7
L	2.9	9.1	6.9	6.4	5.2	2.9	1.7	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.5
NL	5.1	10.6	5.9	3.7	2.8	4.9	2.7	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.4
P	3.7	8.8	-1.3	9.5	6.5	-1.1	-1.1	4.9	6.3	8.6	9.4	10.9	10.7
UK	2.8	9.9	0.0	4.2	6.5	-9.1	-0.7	11.3	12.4	12.2	13.8	16.3	16.4
EUR 12	3.7	9.2	5.2	5.8	5.1	1.3	1.8	3.4	3.6	4.2	4.7	5.5	5.7
EMS	4.1	8.9	7.4	5.6	4.6	3.9	2.4	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.5
ECU	3.8	9.0	6.1	5.0	4.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.6	3.8

TABLE VII

ECU EXCHANGE RATES

	B/LFR	DM	HFL	DKR	FF	LIT	IRL	UKL	DRA	PTA	ESC	USD	YEN
Yearly averages													
1980	40.5979	2.52421	2.76027	7.82736	5.86895	1189.21	0.675997	0.598488	59.323	99.702	69.552	1.392330	315.044
1981	41.2946	2.51390	2.77510	7.92255	6.03992	1263.18	0.691021	0.553110	61.624	102.676	68.495	1.116450	245.379
1982	44.7115	2.37599	2.61390	8.15687	6.43117	1323.78	0.689605	0.560454	65.342	107.558	78.007	0.979710	243.545
1983	45.4380	2.27052	2.53720	8.13188	6.77078	1349.92	0.714956	0.587014	78.088	127.503	98.689	0.890220	211.354
1984	45.4420	2.23811	2.52334	8.14647	6.87165	1381.38	0.725942	0.590626	88.340	126.569	115.680	0.789030	187.089
1985	44.9136	2.22632	2.51101	8.01876	6.79502	1447.99	0.715167	0.588977	105.739	129.165	130.252	0.763090	180.559
1986	43.7978	2.12819	2.40089	7.93565	6.79976	1461.87	0.733526	0.671542	137.425	137.456	147.088	0.984170	164.997
1987	43.0392	2.07159	2.33428	7.88413	6.92848	1494.71	0.775443	0.704679	156.220	142.191	162.581	1.153870	166.602
1988	43.4284	2.07440	2.33479	7.95152	7.03643	1537.33	0.775671	0.664434	167.576	137.600	170.059	1.182480	151.459
Monthly averages													
88/05	43.4419	2.07994	2.33047	7.96536	7.04184	1545.69	0.778265	0.657169	166.741	137.590	169.847	1.228336	153.210
88/06	43.4527	2.07709	2.33513	7.89805	7.00860	1542.35	0.774772	0.664982	166.195	137.350	169.550	1.184238	150.680
88/07	43.5228	2.07889	2.34459	7.90377	7.00712	1539.98	0.773912	0.661412	166.494	137.720	169.065	1.127356	150.046
88/08	43.6246	2.08194	2.35050	7.95976	7.04704	1541.08	0.775555	0.649858	167.104	136.858	169.432	1.103909	147.524
88/09	43.4650	2.07285	2.33871	7.95858	7.05084	1546.03	0.773081	0.659567	168.054	137.976	170.701	1.110651	149.291
88/10	43.4625	2.07317	2.33760	7.97771	7.07306	1544.76	0.774705	0.656151	169.648	136.987	171.118	1.140309	146.843
88/11	43.4516	2.07316	2.33806	7.99901	7.08148	1541.01	0.775857	0.655489	171.712	136.415	171.986	1.185352	145.968
88/12	43.5587	2.07798	2.34524	8.02339	7.09923	1532.70	0.776960	0.648350	172.963	134.584	171.999	1.184370	146.261
89/01	43.6532	2.08414	2.35264	8.06948	7.10357	1528.55	0.779032	0.640736	173.102	130.563	170.903	1.138174	144.661
89/02	43.6811	2.08391	2.35260	8.10659	7.09531	1525.35	0.781016	0.641721	173.974	130.167	171.063	1.125167	143.681
89/03	43.5856	2.08088	2.34781	8.11090	7.05286	1528.38	0.779561	0.650256	175.240	129.654	171.522	1.115265	145.364
89/04	43.5558	2.08049	2.34705	8.09474	7.03374	1525.80	0.779877	0.654132	177.075	129.222	172.007	1.112107	146.907
89/05	43.5705	2.08127	2.34603	8.10266	7.04064	1513.26	0.778562	0.656410	177.014	130.083	172.001	1.066785	147.472
Daily rates: May													
05/02	43.5481	2.08083	2.34779	8.09757	7.03159	1522.12	0.778867	0.655122	177.189	128.887	172.111	1.101780	147.606
05/03	43.5899	2.08198	2.34698	8.10313	7.02991	1521.90	0.779365	0.654121	177.191	129.106	172.145	1.101870	147.705
05/05	43.5765	2.08205	2.34736	8.09816	7.02693	1520.36	0.779645	0.655013	177.139	129.195	172.105	1.098130	147.314
05/08	43.5759	2.08216	2.34724	8.10407	7.02777	1519.77	0.779389	0.654935	177.211	129.189	172.081	1.097150	147.643
05/09	43.5894	2.08289	2.34744	8.10574	7.02893	1517.87	0.779205	0.654579	177.154	129.152	171.933	1.088240	146.727
05/10	43.5905	2.08214	2.34701	8.10291	7.03425	1517.76	0.778609	0.654703	177.148	129.354	172.049	1.092700	146.859
05/11	43.5949	2.08261	2.34730	8.10405	7.03581	1518.01	0.779137	0.653876	177.188	129.408	171.967	1.088380	146.898
05/12	43.5919	2.08263	2.34739	8.10782	7.04043	1517.70	0.779342	0.653279	177.236	130.151	172.213	1.086400	147.664
05/16	43.5836	2.08255	2.34762	8.10513	7.04331	1514.74	0.779118	0.653986	177.013	129.764	172.118	1.075810	147.224
05/17	43.5741	2.08117	2.34628	8.10261	7.04731	1516.38	0.778334	0.654610	176.876	130.275	172.208	1.070290	147.272
05/18	43.5965	2.08249	2.34719	8.10828	7.04611	1516.28	0.778775	0.653203	176.742	129.932	171.799	1.051660	146.601
05/19	43.5807	2.08193	2.34680	8.10898	7.04961	1517.23	0.778470	0.653155	176.862	130.034	171.977	1.057790	146.736
05/22	43.5802	2.08234	2.34723	8.10963	7.04469	1507.83	0.778269	0.656256	176.461	130.017	171.624	1.033930	147.232
05/23	43.5733	2.08127	2.34555	8.10539	7.04995	1509.15	0.778084	0.656525	176.745	129.967	171.780	1.038820	146.941
05/24	43.5710	2.08022	2.34450	8.10166	7.05109	1506.63	0.778028	0.658331	176.738	130.097	171.759	1.035550	147.463
05/25	43.5611	2.07988	2.34376	8.09978	7.04582	1505.83	0.777969	0.659829	176.852	130.018	171.678	1.038900	147.887
05/26	43.5559	2.07999	2.34460	8.10201	7.04687	1503.78	0.778270	0.659911	177.509	130.923	172.215	1.063120	148.730
05/29	43.5594	2.08023	2.34467	8.10151	7.04436	1505.79	0.777972	0.659492	177.023	131.393	171.913	1.035400	147.752
05/30	43.5475	2.07995	2.34409	8.09881	7.04564	1503.99	0.777829	0.660450	176.829	132.487	172.073	1.035060	148.241
05/31	43.4703	2.07604	2.33973	8.08604	7.04238	1501.98	0.776561	0.666821	177.172	132.312	172.264	1.044710	148.944

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Ecu exchange rates.

The exchange rates for the ecu against the national currencies of the Member States of the Community, the United States (USD) and Japan (YEN) are shown as monthly averages and daily rates for the latest available month.

The ecu basket, dating from 17 September 1984, is currently made up as follows:

DM	FF	HFL	BFR	LFR	LIT	DKR	IRL	UKL *	DRA *
1 ecu = 0,719 +	1,31 +	0,256 +	3,71 +	0,14 +	140 +	0,219 +	0,00871 +	0,0878 +	1,15

Ecu central rates since 12 January 1987

DM	FF	HFL	B/LFR	LIT	DKR	IRL	UKL *	DRA *
2,05853	6,90403	2,31943	42,4582	1483,58	7,85212	0,768411	0,739615	150,792

Weights of currencies in the ecu basket (based on new central rates from 12 January 1987), in %.

DM	FF	HFL	B/LFR	LIT	DKR	IRL	UKL *	DRA *
100 = 34,93	18,97	11,04	9,07	9,44	2,79	1,13	11,87	0,76

* = Does not participate in the exchange rate mechanism

Consumer price indices in national currency

The consumer price indices in the national currency of each country measure changes in the purchasing power of one unit of national currency spent in the country concerned.

Two composite indices are calculated, covering all the Member States of the Community (EUR 12) and the eight Member States with currencies participating in the European Monetary System exchange rate mechanism (EMS).

These indices are calculated as weighted arithmetic means (chain indices) of the national indices, the weighting for each Member State being its relative share in the final consumption of households of the group of countries in question (EUR 12, EMS), expressed in purchasing power standards, at current prices and purchasing power parities.

At the foot of the table, the average weighted fluctuations around the mean and the minimum are given for the same groups of countries, with the same weightings. (These are calculated as weighted averages of the absolute fluctuations in relation to the mean and the minimum respectively). They show the degree to which price movements in the Member States in the Community converge.

Consumer price indices in ecus

For each country the index of consumer prices in ecus is calculated by dividing the national consumer price index by the average movement of the national currency in relation to the ecu during the month. It measures the change in the purchasing power of one ecu in the country concerned.

Three composite indices are calculated, covering all the Member States of the Community (EUR 12), the eight Member States participating in the European Monetary System exchange rate mechanism (EMS) and the ten Member States whose currencies go to make up the ecu (ECU). These indices are calculated as weighted arithmetic means (chain indices) of the consumer price indices expressed in ecus as mentioned above.

The weightings are defined as follows:

- for the EUR 12 and EMS indices, the relative share of each Member State in the final consumption of households for the group of countries in question (EUR 12 or EMS), expressed in ecus at current prices and exchange rates (annual weighting).
- for the ecu index, the relative share of each Member State's currency in the calculation of the ecu (monthly weighting).

Ecu bond issues

All ecu-denominated bond issues, both national and international, are covered, together with ecu issues offering the option of conversion into other currencies. Main source: International Financing Review

Table II shows, under the headings:

- Business sector and Governments: national issuers, both private and public.
- Institutions: the European Investment Bank and the Commission of the European Communities (EEC, ECSC, Euratom).
- Organizations: the specialist institutions of the United Nations, the World Bank, the Council of Europe, etc.....

The issues are recorded as at the payment date.

Interest rates and yields on ecu investments

The interest rates for 1, 3 and 6 month and 1 year deposits are calculated on the basis of the Friday London market rates (source: Financial Times).

The bonds are classified according to three types of terms: under 5 years, from 5 to 7 years and more than 7 years. The redemption yields of ecu bonds are calculated each Wednesday from a sample of fixed interest bonds, denominated in ecus and listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. These yields are weighted by amounts in circulation. (source: Luxembourg Stock Exchange).

The monthly and yearly averages are the arithmetic means of these weekly interest rates and bond yields.

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