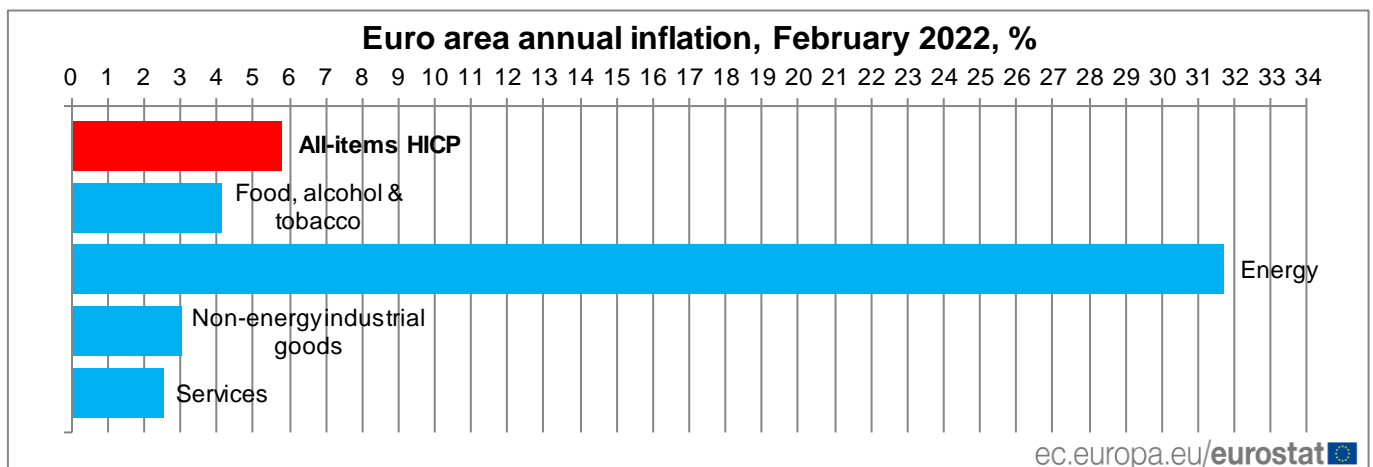


Flash estimate - February 2022

Euro area annual inflation up to 5.8%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 5.8% in February 2022, up from 5.1% in January according to a flash estimate from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Looking at the main components of euro area inflation, energy is expected to have the highest annual rate in February (31.7%, compared with 28.8% in January), followed by food, alcohol & tobacco (4.1%, compared with 3.5% in January), non-energy industrial goods (3.0%, compared with 2.1% in January) and services (2.5%, compared with 2.3% in January).



Euro area annual inflation and its components, %

| | Weights (%) | Annual rate | | | | | | | Monthly rate |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 2022 | Feb 21 | Sep 21 | Oct 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 21 | Jan 22 | Feb 22 |
| All-items HICP | 1000.0 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.8e | 0.9e |
| All-items excluding: | | | | | | | | | |
| > energy | 890.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0e | 0.6e |
| > energy, unprocessed food | 841.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.9e | 0.6e |
| > energy, food, alcohol & tobacco | 681.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.7e | 0.5e |
| Food, alcohol & tobacco | 208.9 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.1e | 0.8e |
| > processed food, alcohol & tobacco | 159.4 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.5e | 0.7e |
| > unprocessed food | 49.5 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 6.1e | 1.2e |
| Energy | 109.3 | -1.7 | 17.6 | 23.7 | 27.5 | 25.9 | 28.8 | 31.7e | 3.3e |
| Non-energy industrial goods | 265.2 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 3.0e | 0.7e |
| Services | 416.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5e | 0.4e |

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Inflation rates (%) measured by the HICP

| | Annual rate | | | | | | | Monthly rate |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| | Feb 21 | Sep 21 | Oct 21 | Nov 21 | Dec 21 | Jan 22 | Feb 22 | Feb 22 |
| Belgium | 0.3 | 3.8 | 5.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 8.5 | 9.6e | 2.2e |
| Germany | 1.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.5e | 0.9e |
| Estonia | 0.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 12.4e | 2.1e |
| Ireland | -0.4 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 5.7e | 0.9e |
| Greece | -1.9 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.5 | 6.3e | 0.9e |
| Spain | -0.1 | 4.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 7.5e | 0.7e |
| France | 0.8 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 4.1e | 0.8e |
| Italy | 1.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 6.2e | 0.8e |
| Cyprus | -0.9 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.9e | 0.9e |
| Latvia | -0.2 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 8.9e | 1.8e |
| Lithuania | 0.4 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 9.3 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 13.9e | 1.7e |
| Luxembourg | -0.5 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 7.8e | 2.4e |
| Malta | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 4.3e | 0.7e |
| Netherlands | 1.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 7.2e | 0.8e |
| Austria | 1.4 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 5.5e | 1.3e |
| Portugal | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.4e | 0.5e |
| Slovenia | -1.1 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 7.0e | 1.1e |
| Slovakia | 0.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 8.2e | 0.7e |
| Finland | 0.9 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 4.3e | 0.5e |

e estimate Source dataset: [prc_hicp_manr](#)

Geographical information

The **euro area** consists of Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The euro area data refer to the country composition at a specific point in time. Changes in the composition of the euro area are incorporated using a chain index formula.

Methods and definitions

Annual inflation is the change of the price level of consumer goods and services between the current month and the same month of the previous year. **Monthly inflation** is the change of the price level between the current month and the previous month.

Revisions and timetable

The euro area inflation flash estimate is issued at the end of each reference month.

The complete set of harmonised indices of consumer prices (HICP) for the euro area, EU and Member States is released around the middle of the month following the reference month. The next release with full data for February 2022 is scheduled for 17 March 2022.

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