

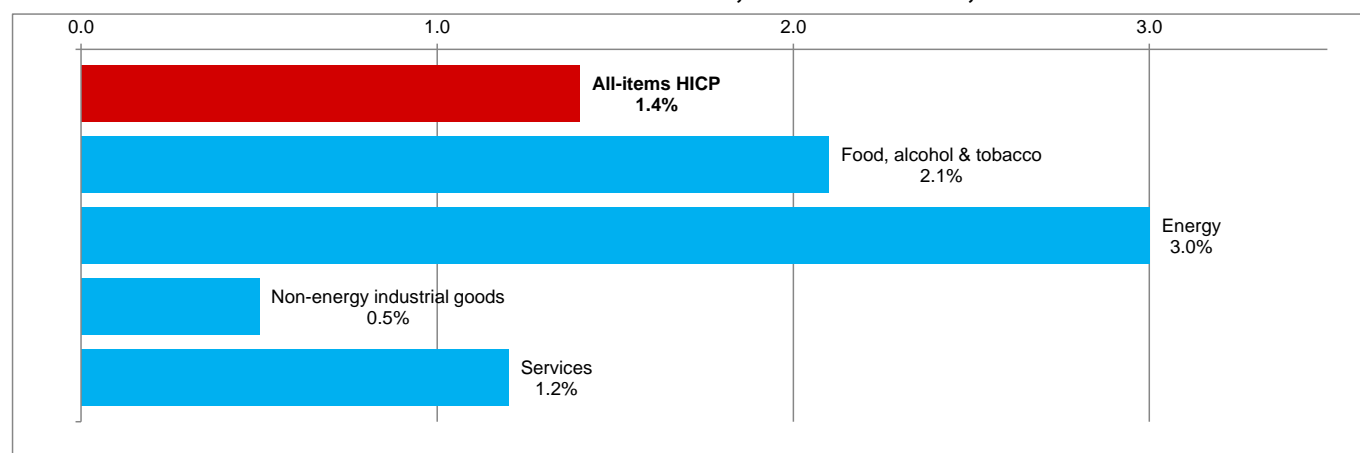
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Flash estimate - December 2017

Euro area annual inflation down to 1.4%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 1.4% in December 2017, down from 1.5% in November 2017, 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 December (3.0%, compared with 4.7% in November), followed by food, alcohol & tobacco (2.1%, compared with 2.2% in November), services (1.2%, stable compared with November) and non-energy industrial goods (0.5%, compared with 0.4% in November).

Euro area annual inflation, December 2017, %**Euro area annual inflation and its components, %**

	Weight (‰) 2017	Dec 2016	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
All-items HICP	1000.0	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4e
All-items excluding: > energy	904.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2e
> energy, unprocessed food	829.5	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1e
> energy, food, alcohol & tobacco	708.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9e
Food, alcohol & tobacco	195.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.1e
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	120.8	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2e
> unprocessed food	75.1	2.1	0.6	0.6	1.5	2.8	2.4	1.9e
Energy	95.3	2.6	2.2	4.0	3.9	3.0	4.7	3.0e
Non-energy industrial goods	263.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5e
Services	445.7	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.2e

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Geographical coverage

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. New Member States are integrated into the aggregate using a chain index formula.

Methods and definitions

Annual inflation is the change of the price level between the current month and the same month of the previous year.

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 December 2017 is scheduled for 17 January 2018.

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