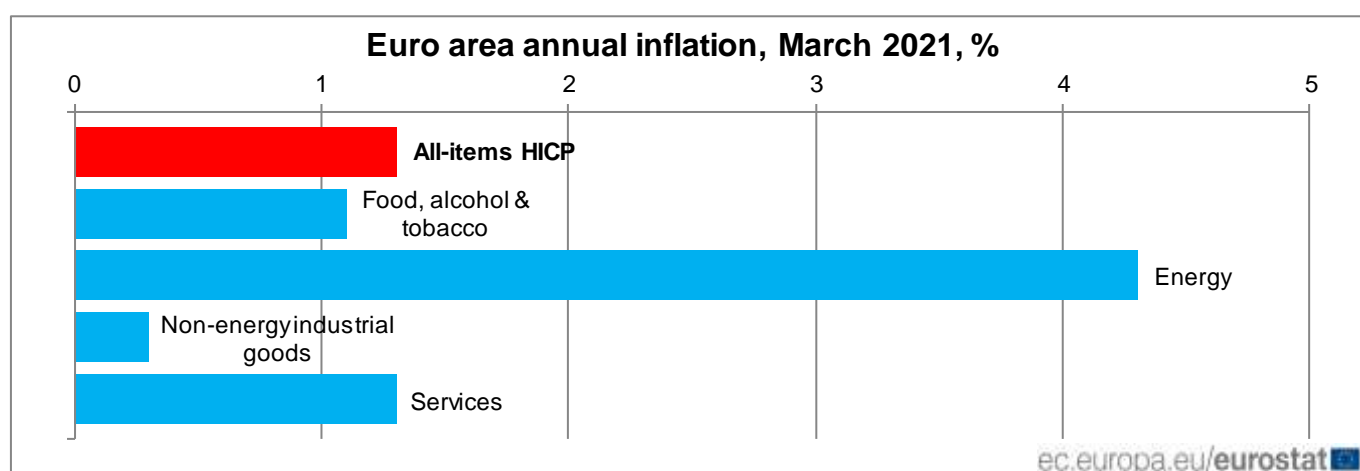


Flash estimate - March 2021

Euro area annual inflation up to 1.3%

Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 1.3% in March 2021, up from 0.9% in February 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 March (4.3%, compared with -1.7% in February), followed by services (1.3%, compared with 1.2% in February), food, alcohol & tobacco (1.1%, compared with 1.3% in February) and non-energy industrial goods (0.3%, compared with 1.0% in February).



Euro area annual inflation and its components, %

	Weights (%)	Annual rate							Monthly rate
	2021	Mar 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Mar 21
All-items HICP	1000.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	0.9	1.3e	0.9e
All-items excluding:									
> energy	905.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.2	1.0e	0.8e
> energy, unprocessed food	854.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.2	1.0e	0.8e
> energy, food, alcohol & tobacco	687.4	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.1	0.9e	1.0e
Food, alcohol & tobacco	217.6	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.1e	0.1e
> processed food, alcohol & tobacco	167.1	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.0e	0.2e
> unprocessed food	50.5	3.6	4.3	4.2	2.1	2.0	1.5	1.5e	-0.4e
Energy	95.0	-4.5	-8.2	-8.3	-6.9	-4.2	-1.7	4.3e	2.6e
Non-energy industrial goods	269.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	1.5	1.0	0.3e	2.2e
Services	418.3	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.3e	0.2e

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Inflation rates (%) measured by the HICP

	Annual rate							Monthly rate
	Mar 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Mar 21
Belgium	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.6e	0.9e
Germany	1.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	1.6	1.6	2.0e	0.5e
Estonia	1.0	-1.7	-1.2	-0.9	0.3	0.5	0.8e	-0.3e
Ireland	0.5	-1.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.1e	0.9e
Greece	0.2	-2.0	-2.1	-2.4	-2.4	-1.9	-2.0e	1.0e
Spain	0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	0.4	-0.1	1.2e	1.9e
France	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.4e	0.7e
Italy	0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6e	1.8e
Cyprus	0.1	-1.4	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	0.1e	1.2e
Latvia	1.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.3e	0.8e
Lithuania	1.7	0.5	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4	1.6e	1.0e
Luxembourg	0.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	1.1	-0.5	2.4e	1.8e
Malta	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1e	1.1e
Netherlands	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.9	1.9e	0.3e
Austria	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.0e	1.2e
Portugal	0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1e	1.5e
Slovenia	0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.2	-0.9	-1.1	0.1e	0.6e
Slovakia	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.9	1.4e	0.5e
Finland	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.9	1.4e	0.4e

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.

Data collection for HICP has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis in all euro area countries. Eurostat and the Member States' national statistical institutes have agreed a set of procedures to estimate prices that could not be collected due to mobility restrictions or closures of outlets. All information about these procedures is available on the [Eurostat website section on inflation](#).

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 March 2021 is scheduled for 16 April 2021.

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) on inflation

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