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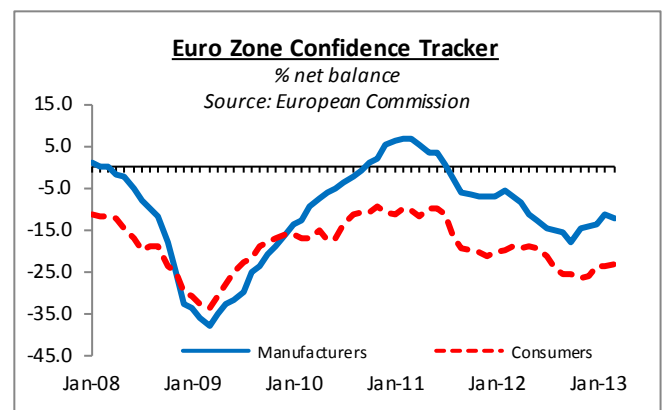
Recent Developments

- This month's survey comes at a time of **heightened tensions** over the euro zone's plight, as yet another country – tiny Cyprus – has succumbed to a predictable bailout and others such as Slovenia are struggling to avoid a similar fate.
- The manner in which the Cyprus resolution was handled created as much fear as the problems underlying its bankruptcy, by raising the prospect of **bail-in conditions** for insured depositors.
- But while a bailout was secured, given the fact that deep recessions are still permeating many participating countries, and meaningful economic growth is still absent from others, the **euro zone crisis is far from an effective resolution**; this, in spite of the calming effect of the ECB's Outright Monetary Transactions programme announced last year, which kept a lid on rising borrowing costs for the debt-riddled euro zone periphery.
- Italy and Spain's crises are now well-documented, but, as our survey highlights, France and the Netherlands seem to be **storing up problems** of their own, highlighting the fractious nature of the ill-fated single currency project, which is still being defined by its economic, political and structural dimensions.
- Moreover, **long term forecasts**, re-evaluated this month by our contributing experts, hardly paint a picture of future prosperity. The consensus prediction depicts average growth falling well short of 2% per annum through to 2017.

**Next Month's Survey Deadline:
May 13th, 2013**

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Outlook for 2013-14

- *As the crisis mutates, the euro zone's economic prospects deteriorate. This month, forecasters have downgraded their projections for real GDP, and several of its components, including private consumption (with a knock-on effect for retail sales), investment (alarmingly) and exports, though in the latter case only for this year.*
- *Unemployment rate projections are unchanged, but were already painting a dire picture, particularly for young Greeks and Spaniards.*
- *With oil prices stabilizing, and considerable spare capacity limiting increases in prices and wages, inflation is receding. The spectre of deflation is also emerging – certainly in Greece – and, overall, inflation expectations have moderated.*
- *Although deficit-reduction programmes will evidently continue to make inroads into the euro zone's average imbalance, weakened growth prospects and political difficulties have seen the forecast for 2014 edge higher this month.*

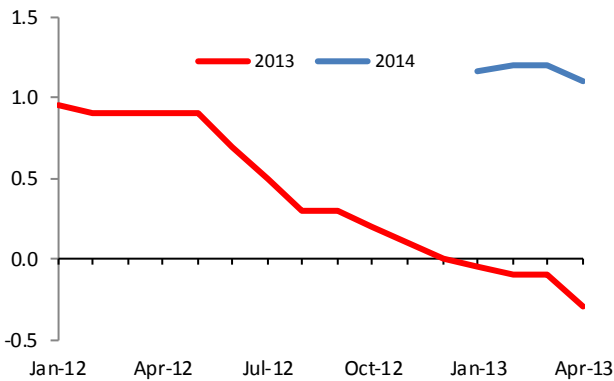
Six Year Summary: Historical Data and Consensus Forecasts

(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)

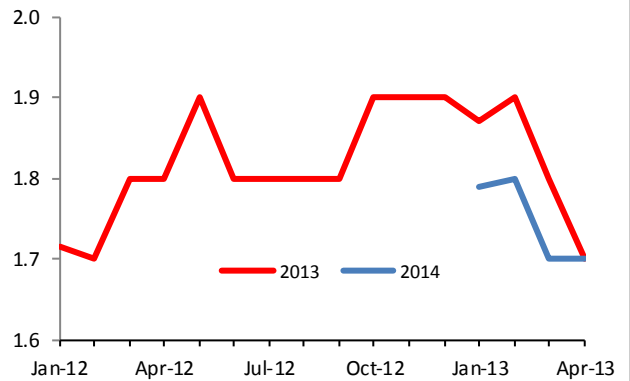
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013f</u>	<u>2014f</u>
Gross Domestic Product	-4.4	2.0	1.4	-0.6	-0.3	1.1
Private Consumption	-1.0	0.9	0.1	-1.3	-0.6	0.6
Government Consumption	2.6	0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1
Gross Fixed Investment	-12.7	-0.1	1.5	-4.1	-2.1	1.9
Change in Stocks (Inventories)¹	-0.9	0.6	0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.1
Goods and Services Exports	-12.4	11.2	6.3	2.6	2.4	3.9
Goods and Services Imports	-11.1	9.6	4.2	-1.0	1.1	3.4
Net Exports²	-0.7	0.7	0.9	1.6	0.7	0.2
Industrial Production (ex. construction)	-14.9	7.2	3.1	-2.4	-0.7	2.0
Retail Sales Volume	-2.4	0.8	-0.2	-1.8	-0.4	0.9
Unemployment Rate, % of labour force	9.6	10.1	10.2	11.4	12.1	12.0
Money Supply, M3, end period, % change	-0.6	1.1	1.5	2.9	3.0	3.1
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	0.3	1.6	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.7
Producer Prices	-5.0	2.8	5.9	2.6	1.9	2.4
Nominal Labour Costs	2.9	1.5	2.2	1.6	2.1	2.1
Current Account Balance, annual total, €bn	-13.3	3.1	12.5	112.8	135.9	143.4
Current Account Balance, % of GDP	-0.1	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.5	1.6
General Govt Budget Balance, % of GDP	-6.3	-6.2	-4.1	-3.3	-2.7	-2.3
<u>Financial Indicators (end period)</u>						
3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum	0.70	1.01	1.36	0.19	0.33	0.75
10 Year German Bond Yield, % per annum	3.40	2.92	1.83	1.32	1.88	2.17
US\$ per € Exchange Rate	1.441	1.336	1.294	1.318	1.285	1.263

Notes: f = consensus (mean average) forecast. For other notes, sources and definitions see page 23.

Changes in the GDP Growth Forecasts
consensus (mean average), % change, year-on-year
Source: MJE



Changes in the HICP (Inflation) Forecasts
consensus (mean average), % change, year-on-year
Source: MJE



Euro Zone: Election Timetable

Date	Country	Type
May 2013	Italy	Presidential
September, 2013	Austria	Legislative
September 2013	Germany	Parliamentary
April 2014	Malta	Presidential
June 2014	EU	Parliamentary
2014	EU	Presidential
2014	Slovakia	Presidential
2014	Belgium	Parliamentary
2014	Luxembourg	Parliamentary
February 2015	Greece	Presidential
March 2015	Estonia	Parliamentary
2015	Portugal	Parliamentary
2015	Spain	Parliamentary
2015	Slovenia	Parliamentary
January 2016	Portugal	Presidential
April 2016	Austria	Presidential
July 2016	Ireland	Parliamentary
2016	Cyprus	Legislative
2017	Germany	Presidential

Sources: IFES Election Guide; MJE

Euro Zone: Background Information

Member Countries	Area (sq km)	Popn (m)	Capital
Austria	83,855	8.1	Vienna
Belgium	30,520	10.1	Brussels
Cyprus	9,251	0.8	Nicosia
Estonia	45,200	1.4	Tallinn
Finland	338,145	5.2	Helsinki
France	543,965	58.7	Paris
Germany	357,028	82.1	Berlin
Greece	131,957	10.6	Athens
Ireland	70,282	3.7	Dublin
Italy	301,245	57.4	Rome
Luxembourg	2,586	0.4	Lux. City
Malta	316	0.4	Valletta
Netherlands	41,526	15.7	The Hague
Portugal	88,940	9.9	Lisbon
Slovakia	49,035	5.4	Bratislava
Slovenia	20,251	2.0	Ljubljana
Spain	504,782	39.6	Madrid

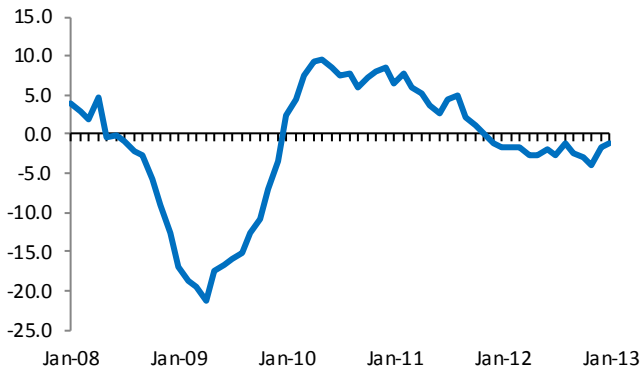
Other Euro Users

Andorra, Kosovo, Monaco, Montenegro, San Marino, Vatican City

Sources: The Times; MJE

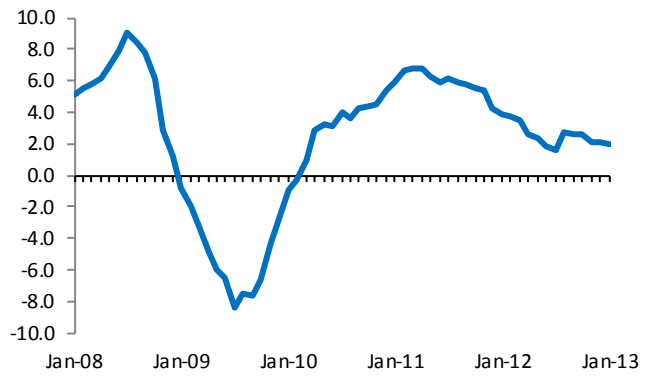
Industrial Production

excluding construction, % change, year-on-year, s.a.
Source: ECB



Producer Prices

domestic market, % change, year-on-year
Source: ECB



Euro Zone - Forecasts for 2013

National Accounts (constant prices) <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
Panellists								
Allianz SE	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	na	2.5	1.5	na
BBVA	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-1.3	0.0	3.3	1.8	0.8
BNP Paribas	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4	-2.0	-0.2	2.0	0.8	na
Commerzbank	0.3	-0.4	0.3	-1.2	0.3	2.5	-0.5	0.4
Danske Bank	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-4.5	-0.1	2.0	-0.2	na
DZ Bank	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-1.8	na	1.7	1.4	0.2
Econ Intelligence Unit	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-1.7	na	2.1	1.0	0.6
ETLA	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-2.5	na	2.5	1.0	na
G&P Institutional Mgmt	-0.5	-1.1	0.3	-5.1	-0.2	2.1	-0.4	1.1
HSBC	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-2.5	-0.4	2.4	1.1	na
IHS Global Insight	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-1.7	na	1.7	0.4	0.7
Intesa Sanpaulo	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-1.8	-0.2	2.3	1.2	0.6
J P Morgan Chase	-0.6	-0.9	-0.5	-3.0	na	2.5	0.9	0.8
Moody's Analytics	0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-1.9	na	2.4	1.2	na
Morgan Stanley	-0.7	-0.7	-0.2	-2.3	na	2.7	2.0	0.4
Oxford Economics	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-1.8	-0.2	2.0	0.6	0.7
Raiffeisen Bank International	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-2.5	na	3.6	2.5	na
Santander	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-2.1	na	2.6	1.8	0.6
SEB	-0.2	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	3.1	2.4	na
Societe Generale	-0.6	-1.2	0.2	-2.2	0.1	1.3	0.5	na
UBS	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	2.8	1.2	0.8
UniCredit Bank	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.0	-0.1	2.9	1.1	0.8
Consensus (Mean)	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-2.1	-0.1	2.4	1.1	0.7
Last Month	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-1.5	-0.1	2.5	1.3	0.6
2 Months Ago	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	0.0	2.7	1.7	0.5
Median	-0.4	-0.7	-0.4	-2.0	-0.2	2.5	1.1	0.7
High	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.3	3.6	2.5	1.1
Low	-0.7	-1.2	-0.8	-5.1	-0.5	1.3	-0.5	0.2
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.2
Number of Forecasts	22	22	22	22	12	22	22	13

Euro Zone - Forecasts for 2013

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Produc- tion <i>(excl. construc- tion)</i>	Retail Sales Volume	Unem- ploy- ment Rate <i>(% of labour force)</i>	Money Supply, M3 <i>(end period, %)</i>	Con- sumer Prices <i>(HICP)</i>	Pro- ducer Prices <i>(indust., excl, con- struction)</i>	Labour Costs <i>(business sector, ex pub adm, education & health)</i>	Current Account Balance <i>(annual total, €bn)</i>	Current Account Balance <i>(% of GDP)</i>	General Govt. Balance <i>(% of GDP)</i>
Panellists										
Allianz SE	-0.5	na	12.2	na	1.7	1.8	na	145.0	1.5	-2.5
BBVA	na	na	11.8	na	1.6	na	na	na	1.3	-2.3
BNP Paribas	-0.1	na	12.7	na	1.7	na	na	127.0	1.3	-2.7
Commerzbank	-1.1	na	12.2	3.0	1.7	1.6	2.3	80.0	0.8	-2.6
Danske Bank	na	na	12.1	na	1.7	na	na	na	2.4	-3.1
DZ Bank	na	na	11.9	na	2.1	na	na	na	1.9	-2.8
Econ Intelligence Unit	-1.1	na	12.0	na	1.7	1.8	na	191.2	2.0	-2.7
ETLA	-1.3	na	12.2	na	1.8	na	na	na	na	-2.9
G&P Institutional Mgmt	na	na	12.1	na	1.8	na	na	na	na	-3.2
HSBC	-0.9	na	12.3	na	1.7	na	na	na	1.3	-3.0
IHS Global Insight	-0.8	-0.4	12.1	3.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	148.0	1.5	-2.7
Intesa Sanpaulo	-1.3	0.5	11.9	4.2	1.7	1.5	2.0	118.0	na	-2.8
J P Morgan Chase	-1.6	na	12.1	na	1.6	1.3	na	178.4	1.9	-2.8
Moody's Analytics	0.9	-0.1	12.1	2.8	2.0	2.3	na	-5.6	-0.1	na
Morgan Stanley	na	na	12.0	na	1.5	na	na	148.6	1.7	-3.1
Oxford Economics	-1.5	-1.6	12.4	na	1.6	1.6	na	148.8	1.6	-2.7
Raiffeisen Bank International	-0.9	na	12.0	na	1.7	na	na	130.1	1.4	-2.8
Santander	na	na	12.0	na	1.9	na	na	73.1	0.8	-2.6
SEB	0.4	na	12.0	na	1.5	na	na	na	na	-2.5
Societe Generale	na	na	na	na	1.8	na	na	219.3	2.3	-2.9
UBS	-0.6	na	11.8	1.4	2.1	3.7	na	200.7	2.1	-2.0
UniCredit Bank	na	na	12.0	na	1.8	1.6	na	na	1.3	-2.8
Consensus (Mean)	-0.7	-0.4	12.1	3.0	1.7	1.9	2.1	135.9	1.5	-2.7
Last Month	-0.7	-0.3	12.1	3.1	1.8	1.9	2.0	112.9	1.2	-2.7
2 Months Ago	-0.4	-0.1	12.0	3.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	101.5	1.1	-2.7
Median	-0.9	-0.3	12.1	3.0	1.7	1.7	2.0	146.5	1.5	-2.8
High	0.9	0.5	12.7	4.2	2.1	3.7	2.3	219.3	2.4	-2.0
Low	-1.6	-1.6	11.8	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.9	-5.6	-0.1	-3.2
Standard Deviation	0.7	0.9	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.2	58.2	0.6	0.3
Number of Forecasts	14	4	21	5	22	10	3	14	18	21

Euro Zone - Forecasts for 2014

National Accounts (constant prices) <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Govern- ment Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribu- tion to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribu- tion to GDP growth
Panellists								
Allianz SE	1.5	0.9	0.0	2.0	na	4.4	3.7	na
BBVA	1.3	0.9	0.2	3.3	0.0	3.8	3.8	0.2
BNP Paribas	0.8	0.4	-0.2	0.8	0.1	4.8	4.4	na
Commerzbank	1.5	0.7	0.5	3.5	0.1	2.9	0.0	0.3
Danske Bank	1.2	0.1	-0.2	1.0	0.1	4.4	2.8	na
DZ Bank	1.1	0.9	0.2	2.8	na	4.5	4.8	-1.1
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.0	0.5	0.2	2.9	na	2.9	2.7	0.2
ETLA	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.9	na	3.0	4.0	na
G&P Institutional Mgmt	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	3.6	2.9	0.5
HSBC	0.8	0.3	-0.3	1.0	0.0	4.1	3.0	na
IHS Global Insight	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.1	na	2.5	2.5	0.1
Intesa Sanpaulo	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.8	-0.1	4.5	4.1	0.4
J P Morgan Chase	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.9	na	4.0	3.7	0.3
Moody's Analytics	1.5	1.2	-0.2	3.3	na	3.5	3.3	na
Morgan Stanley	0.9	0.4	0.0	1.0	na	1.6	1.2	0.4
Oxford Economics	1.1	0.6	-0.3	2.0	0.2	3.8	3.6	0.3
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.5	0.6	0.4	2.0	na	6.1	5.2	na
Santander	1.3	0.8	0.0	3.0	na	4.8	4.7	0.2
SEB	0.8	0.5	0.2	2.1	0.0	4.1	3.6	na
Societe Generale	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	3.3	2.7	na
UBS	0.9	0.6	-0.1	2.2	-0.1	3.1	2.7	0.3
UniCredit Bank	1.2	0.4	-0.3	1.7	0.2	5.0	4.4	0.5
Consensus (Mean)	1.1	0.6	0.1	1.9	0.1	3.9	3.4	0.2
Last Month	1.2	0.7	0.1	2.1	0.0	3.8	3.4	0.3
2 Months Ago	1.2	0.7	0.1	2.1	0.3	4.0	3.5	0.3
Median	1.1	0.6	0.0	2.0	0.1	3.9	3.6	0.3
High	1.5	1.2	0.7	3.5	0.2	6.1	5.2	0.5
Low	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	0.0	-1.1
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.2	0.4
Number of Forecasts	22	22	22	22	12	22	22	13

Euro Zone - Forecasts for 2014

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Panellists										
Allianz SE	2.5	na	11.8	na	1.6	2.3	na	150.0	1.5	-2.0
BBVA	na	na	11.4	na	1.5	na	na	na	1.4	-1.8
BNP Paribas	3.2	na	12.9	na	1.3	na	na	140.0	1.4	-2.2
Commerzbank	2.1	na	12.0	4.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	50.0	0.5	-2.0
Danske Bank	na	na	12.2	na	1.6	na	na	na	2.5	-2.9
DZ Bank	na	na	11.7	na	2.3	na	na	na	2.1	-2.7
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.2	na	12.0	na	1.7	2.3	na	196.4	2.0	-2.2
ETLA	1.2	na	12.3	na	1.7	na	na	na	na	-2.6
G&P Institutional Mgmt	na	na	11.9	na	1.7	na	na	na	na	-2.5
HSBC	2.3	na	12.4	na	1.6	na	na	na	1.5	-2.8
IHS Global Insight	1.2	0.6	12.2	3.4	1.7	2.0	2.1	163.0	1.7	-2.1
Intesa Sanpaulo	1.5	1.0	11.8	4.4	1.7	1.9	2.3	103.8	na	-2.6
J P Morgan Chase	2.0	na	12.3	na	1.5	na	na	191.9	2.0	-2.2
Moody's Analytics	3.3	1.3	11.4	3.6	2.1	2.8	na	-9.2	-0.1	na
Morgan Stanley	na	na	12.3	na	1.6	na	na	164.5	1.8	-3.0
Oxford Economics	1.6	0.6	12.5	na	1.6	2.1	na	132.6	1.4	-2.1
Raiffeisen Bank International	3.0	na	12.1	na	1.8	na	na	139.4	1.4	-2.7
Santander	na	na	12.0	na	1.8	na	na	60.0	0.6	-2.1
SEB	1.0	na	12.4	na	1.5	na	na	na	na	-2.0
Societe Generale	na	na	na	na	1.7	na	na	250.5	2.6	-2.4
UBS	2.2	na	11.0	0.2	1.8	4.0	na	274.0	2.8	-1.3
UniCredit Bank	na	na	11.9	na	1.7	2.3	na	na	1.4	-2.6
Consensus (Mean)	2.0	0.9	12.0	3.1	1.7	2.4	2.1	143.4	1.6	-2.3
Last Month	2.1	0.9	12.0	3.2	1.7	2.2	2.0	108.9	1.3	-2.2
2 Months Ago	2.2	0.9	11.9	3.3	1.8	2.0	2.0	100.3	1.1	-2.2
Median	2.1	0.8	12.0	3.6	1.7	2.3	2.1	145.0	1.5	-2.2
High	3.3	1.3	12.9	4.4	2.3	4.0	2.3	274.0	2.8	-1.3
Low	1.0	0.6	11.0	0.2	1.3	1.9	2.0	-9.2	-0.1	-3.0
Standard Deviation	0.8	0.3	0.4	1.7	0.2	0.7	0.2	76.1	0.7	0.4
Number of Forecasts	14	4	21	5	22	9	3	14	18	21

Other (Comparison) Forecasts

<i>Average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For notes, sources and definitions, see p.23. NB: ECB forecasts are mid-points of ranges.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Stock (inventory) Building <i>(% contrib. to GDP growth)</i>	Net Exports <i>(% contrib. to GDP growth)</i>	Unemployment Rate <i>(% of labour force)</i>	Consumer Prices <i>(HICP)</i>	General Govt. Balance <i>(% of GDP)</i>
<u>2012</u>									
ECB	-0.5	-1.2	0.0	-4.0	na	na	na	2.5	na
EC	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-3.5	-0.5	1.3	11.3	2.5	-3.3
IMF	-0.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD	-0.4	-1.0	-0.1	-3.6	-0.5	1.4	11.1	2.4	-3.3
World Bank	-0.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<u>2013</u>									
ECB	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-2.4	na	na	na	1.6	na
EC	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1	0.6	11.8	1.8	-2.6
IMF	-0.2	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-1.9	-0.1	0.5	11.9	1.6	-2.8
World Bank	-0.1	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<u>2014</u>									
ECB	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.3	na	na	na	1.3	na
EC	1.4	1.0	0.6	2.5	0.0	0.2	11.7	1.6	-2.5
IMF	1.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD	1.3	0.9	0.4	2.1	0.0	0.3	12.0	1.2	-2.6
World Bank	0.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Sources: ECB - European Central Bank (March 2013)
 EC - European Commission (November 2012)
 IMF - International Monetary Fund (January 2013)
 OECD - Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (November 2012)
 WB - World Bank (January 2013)

Quarterly Forecasts and Historical Data

% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated

(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)	<u>Q1'12</u>	<u>Q2'12</u>	<u>Q3'12</u>	<u>Q4'12</u>
Gross Domestic Product	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9
Private Consumption	-1.1	-1.1	-1.5	-1.2
Industrial Production	-2.0	-2.3	-2.1	-3.0
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.3
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.78	0.65	0.22	0.19
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.82	2.69	1.46	1.32
	<u>Q1'13</u>	<u>Q2'13</u>	<u>Q3'13</u>	<u>Q4'13</u>
Gross Domestic Product	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2	0.6
Private Consumption	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1
Industrial Production	-2.3	-1.5	-1.3	1.3
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.21	0.25	0.27	0.33
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.29	1.63	1.78	1.88
	<u>Q1'14</u>	<u>Q2'14</u>	<u>Q3'14</u>	<u>Q4'14</u>
Gross Domestic Product	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.3
Private Consumption	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.9
Industrial Production	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.7
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.40	0.53	0.61	0.75
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.97	1.99	2.05	2.17

Note: consensus (mean average) forecasts from our latest survey are shown in bold

Financial Forecasts		2013	2014
<i>All forecasts are for end year</i>			
3-month Euribor Interest Rate, %	Mean Average	0.32	0.70
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="0.27"/>	High	0.55	1.75
	Low	0.10	0.30
	Standard deviation	0.14	0.41
	Number of Forecasts	17	14
10-year Benchmark German Bond Yield, %	Mean Average	1.88	2.17
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="1.25"/>	High	2.37	2.50
	Low	1.50	1.68
	Standard deviation	0.28	0.33
	Number of Forecasts	11	8
US Dollars/Euro Exchange Rate	Mean Average	1.285	1.263
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="1.302"/>	High	1.350	1.400
	Low	1.150	1.050
	Standard deviation	0.049	0.076
	Number of Forecasts	25	23
Japanese Yen/Euro Exchange Rate	Mean Average	124.5	125.9
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="128.7"/>	High	132.3	136.0
	Low	118.8	116.7
	Standard deviation	4.6	6.4
	Number of Forecasts	10	8
UK Pound/Euro Exchange Rate	Mean Average	0.860	0.840
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="0.852"/>	High	0.910	0.960
	Low	0.830	0.760
	Standard deviation	0.026	0.057
	Number of Forecasts	11	11
Swedish Krona/Euro Exchange Rate	Mean Average	8.435	8.323
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="8.360"/>	High	8.900	8.850
	Low	8.100	8.000
	Standard deviation	0.208	0.265
	Number of Forecasts	18	17
Swiss Franc/Euro Exchange Rate	Mean Average	1.254	1.290
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="1.217"/>	High	1.300	1.450
	Low	1.200	1.170
	Standard deviation	0.037	0.089
	Number of Forecasts	8	8
Oil Prices, Brent Blend, US\$ per barrel	Mean Average	109.5	110.6
Rate on Survey Date: <input type="text" value="103.8"/>	High	125.0	125.0
	Low	96.8	92.0
	Standard deviation	7.7	9.8
	Number of Forecasts	17	17

Note: The consensus (mean average) forecasts for US\$/€, Skr/€ and oil prices are based on responses from panellists in our Euro Zone Barometer survey and those in our companion publication, the Nordic Barometer.

Interest Rate Data

All data are period averages

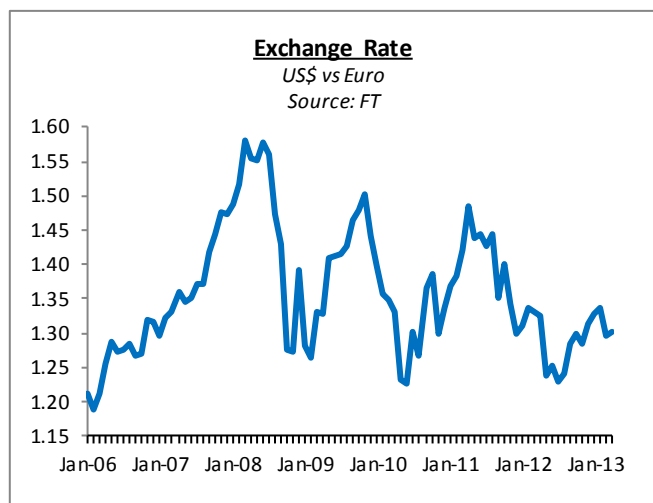
<u>Euro Zone Interest Rates, %</u>	<u>Oct '12</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan '13</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
Overnight	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
3-month	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.21
6-month	0.41	0.36	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.33
12-month	0.65	0.59	0.55	0.58	0.59	0.54
10-year bond yields	2.31	2.25	2.10	2.40	2.86	3.03
<u>International Rates, %</u>						
US 3-month (Euro dollar deposits)	0.33	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.28
US 10-year	1.79	1.72	1.88	2.14	2.05	2.09
Japan 3-month (Euro yen deposits)	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16
Japan 10-year	0.78	0.74	0.84	0.80	0.74	0.70
<u>Euro Zone / US Yield Differentials, %</u>						
3-month	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	-0.10	-0.07	-0.07
10-year	0.52	0.53	0.22	0.26	0.81	0.94

Exchange Rate Data

period averages vs euro

	<u>Oct '12</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan '13</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
Trade Weighted Nominal Index * (1999 Q1=100)	97.8	97.2	98.7	100.4	101.6	100.2
Australian dollar	1.260	1.233	1.253	1.266	1.295	1.254
Canadian dollar	1.280	1.279	1.298	1.319	1.348	1.329
Chinese renminbi	8.139	8.000	8.181	8.270	8.328	8.060
Danish krone	7.458	7.459	7.460	7.461	7.460	7.455
Hong Kong dollar	10.06	9.94	10.17	10.30	10.36	10.06
Japanese yen	102.5	103.9	109.7	118.3	124.4	123.0
Norwegian krone	7.408	7.337	7.350	7.382	7.423	7.486
Singapore dollar	1.588	1.570	1.601	1.633	1.655	1.616
South Korean won	1435	1395	1411	1418	1453	1430
Swedish krona	8.615	8.608	8.651	8.622	8.508	8.347
Swiss franc	1.210	1.205	1.209	1.229	1.230	1.227
UK pound	0.807	0.804	0.812	0.833	0.863	0.860
US dollar	1.297	1.283	1.312	1.329	1.336	1.296

* ECB index, known as EER20, calculated against 20 partner countries.



The euro has been buffeted by a series of event-risks lately, including the political crisis in Rome and the Cypriot bailout debacle. But the bigger story has been the three-year high reached against a weakening yen, which has arisen as a consequence of the new Japanese government's policy shift aimed at deliberately weakening the yen via a massive monetary injection to revive the ailing economy. The euro has been bolstered against the dollar also, as Japanese investors search for security and better returns from Austrian, French, Dutch and Belgian bonds, but not Italian, Spanish or even German (with the latter offering little yield potential). Forecasts suggest that the current euro level is about right.

ECB Watch

- With inflation pressure receding, but economic growth prospects evaporating, the ECB appears still preoccupied with ways to bolster liquidity in the single currency area rather than influence price behaviour.
- This was confirmed recently when Mario Draghi, the ECB's president, signalled that he was investigating ways to facilitate credit flows, especially in the worst-affected periphery, by hinting at a Funding-for-Lending style programme employed by the Bank of England. But that programme has not achieved the results that the UK authorities had hoped for and, besides, the ECB's Long Term Refinancing Operations arguably play a similar role, but with dubious merits. The ECB's monetary options thus appear limited for the time being.

Euro Zone Barometer Monthly Interest Rate Poll

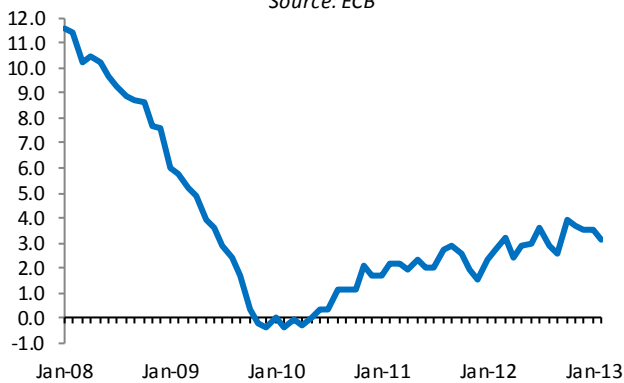
Panellists' estimates of the probability of movements in the euro zone policy rate at the ECB Council's next two meetings:

	May 2nd	June 6th
-50bp	2.0%	2.2%
-25bp	30.0%	28.3%
Unchanged	68.0%	69.4%
+25bp	0.0%	0.0%
+50bp	0.0%	0.0%

Source: MJE

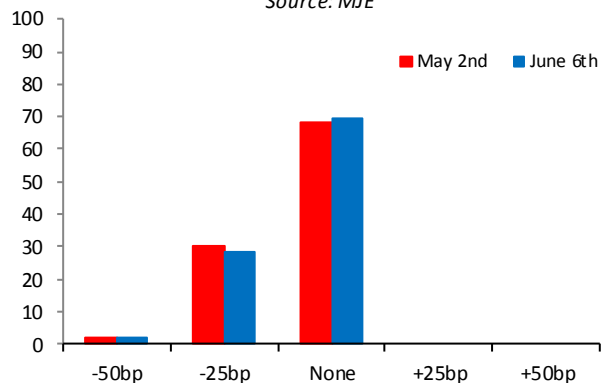
M3 Money Supply

% change, year-on-year, end-period, s.a.
Source: ECB



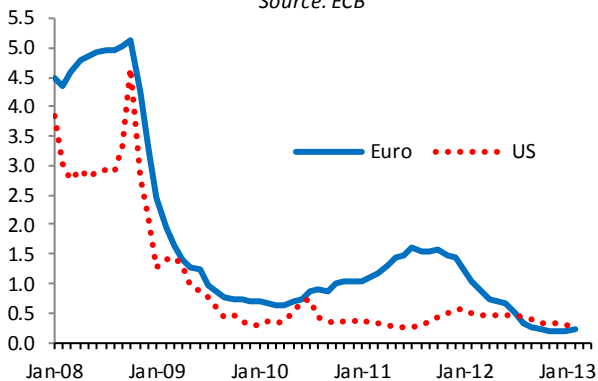
Likely Change in ECB Policy Rate

average % expectation
Source: MJE



Short Term Interest Rates

three-month deposits, % p.a., monthly averages
Source: ECB



Last Five ECB Interest Rate Changes:

July 5th, 2012
0.25% DECREASE to 0.75%

December 14th, 2011
0.25% DECREASE to 1.00%

November 9th, 2011
0.25% DECREASE to 1.25%

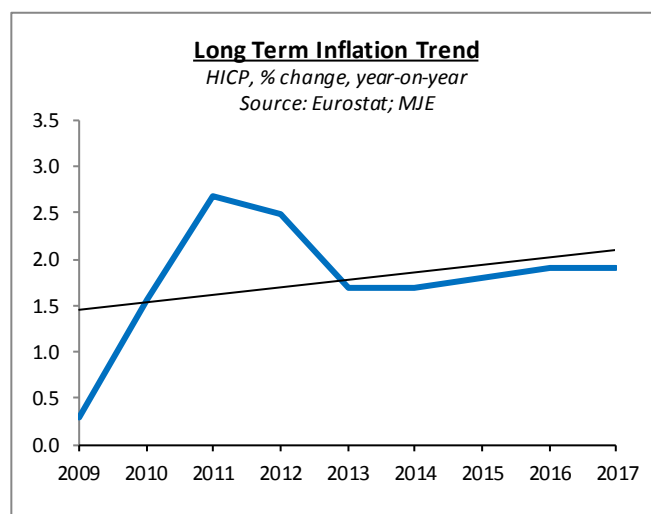
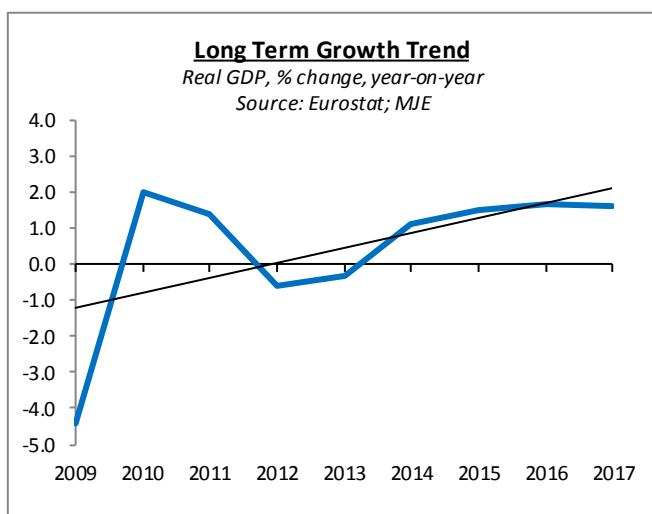
July 13th, 2011
0.25% INCREASE to 1.50%

April 13th, 2011
0.25% INCREASE to 1.25%

Long Term Forecasts

Forecasts for 2015 to 2017 are taken from our April 2013 long term forecasts survey

<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Gross Domestic Product	-0.6	-0.3	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6
Private Consumption	-1.3	-0.6	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.4
Gross Fixed Investment	-4.1	-2.1	1.9	2.9	3.0	2.9
Industrial Production (excl. construction)	-2.4	-0.7	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.7
Unemployment Rate, % of labour force	11.4	12.1	12.0	11.5	11.0	10.5
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9
Current Account, annual total, % of GDP	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
General Government Balance, % of GDP	-3.3	-2.7	-2.3	-1.9	-1.5	-1.2
<u>Financial Indicators (end period)</u>						
3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum	0.19	0.33	0.75	1.26	1.75	2.00
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum	1.32	1.88	2.17	2.81	3.09	3.34
10 year - 3 month Yield Differential	1.13	1.55	1.42	1.55	1.34	1.34
US\$ per € Exchange Rate	1.318	1.285	1.263	1.277	1.282	1.285



GERMANY - Forecasts for 2013

<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Industrial Produc- tion (excl. construc- tion)	Unem- ployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Con- sumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
Allianz SE	1.0	0.9	na	1.0	5.3	1.8	6.5	0.3	na
BBVA	1.0	0.9	1.6	na	na	1.7	5.0	-0.1	81.2
BNP Paribas	1.0	0.9	-0.7	0.4	na	2.0	6.2	-0.2	na
Danske Bank	0.5	0.5	-1.2	na	na	1.8	6.0	-0.2	81.1
DZ Bank	0.4	0.6	-0.3	3.1	na	2.1	6.0	-0.4	81.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.7	0.7	1.4	0.2	5.3	1.8	6.1	-0.3	80.2
G&P Institutional Mgmt	0.6	0.1	-4.1	na	5.2	1.8	na	0.0	na
HSBC	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.1	na	2.0	5.5	-0.4	80.2
IHS Global Insight	0.8	1.1	1.5	1.7	5.3	1.6	6.1	-0.1	79.3
Intesa Sanpaulo	0.5	0.9	-0.3	0.0	na	1.8	5.4	-0.2	na
J P Morgan Chase	1.0	na	na	na	na	1.9	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	1.0	0.8	-0.2	1.9	na	2.2	4.6	na	na
Morgan Stanley	0.5	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	5.8	1.6	6.0	0.2	80.4
Oxford Economics	0.6	0.8	0.3	-0.7	5.4	1.6	6.4	0.0	na
Raiffeisen Bank International	0.5	na	na	na	na	1.4	5.5	-0.5	81.0
Santander	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	5.9	1.8	6.5	-0.3	80.0
Societe Generale	0.8	1.1	1.5	na	na	2.0	6.3	-0.3	80.2
UBS	0.7	0.9	1.7	-0.4	na	2.2	5.4	0.2	78.6
Unicredit Bank	0.8	0.7	0.4	3.0	5.6	1.5	5.9	0.0	79.2
Consensus (Mean Average)	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.8	5.5	1.8	5.8	-0.1	80.2
Last Month	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	5.6	1.9	5.6	-0.2	80.4
2 Months Ago	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	5.7	1.9	5.6	-0.3	80.4
Median	0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.2	5.4	1.8	6.0	-0.2	80.2
High	1.0	1.1	1.7	3.1	5.9	2.2	6.5	0.3	81.2
Low	0.4	0.1	-4.1	-0.7	5.2	1.4	4.6	-0.5	78.6
Standard Deviation	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.8
Number of Forecasts	19	17	16	13	8	19	17	17	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	0.8	1.0	1.9	na	5.6	1.9	5.0	-0.2	80.8
IMF (Jan. '13)	0.6	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	0.6	1.4	0.9	na	5.5	1.9	5.9	-0.4	80.4

- While naturally, with an election on the horizon, the government is keen to proclaim an end to Germany's economic malaise recent indicators are failing to lift the gloom surrounding German prospects.
- Weakened eurozone markets have invariably bitten hard into exports, which, dominated by machinery and manufactured goods, reversed January's gains with a heavy fall in February. Exports to the euro zone and wider EU trading areas fell more sharply than other countries further afield.
- Hopes for imminent improvement have been dashed by the latest confidence indicators from the European Commission showing a decline in industrial sentiment following four consecutive months of improvement. Confidence among retailers also deteriorated, but there was better consumer confidence and the relative strength of services cannot be denied.
- Still, after growing by just 0.7% last year Germany's fortunes remain inextricably linked to the health of its European partners.

GERMANY - Forecasts for 2014

<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Industrial Produc- tion (excl. construc- tion)	Unem- ployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Con- sumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
Allianz SE	2.1	1.6	na	5.1	5.1	2.0	6.1	0.7	na
BBVA	2.0	1.3	4.7	na	na	1.6	4.5	0.0	78.9
BNP Paribas	1.8	1.5	2.4	3.9	na	1.8	5.8	-0.1	na
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Economist Intelligence Unit	1.6	1.0	3.1	2.0	5.4	1.9	5.9	0.1	79.7
G&P Institutional Mgmt	1.1	1.2	0.8	na	5.0	2.0	na	0.1	na
HSBC	1.7	1.3	3.2	3.7	na	1.9	5.3	0.0	77.5
IHS Global Insight	1.4	1.3	3.4	3.2	5.0	1.6	5.8	-0.3	77.0
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J P Morgan Chase	2.4	na	na	na	na	1.9	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	1.5	0.8	2.5	6.1	na	2.0	4.9	na	na
Morgan Stanley	1.6	1.3	2.9	2.0	5.9	1.6	6.2	0.5	78.0
Oxford Economics	1.8	1.2	4.0	1.7	5.5	1.7	5.8	0.0	na
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.8	na	na	na	na	1.8	5.5	0.0	78.7
Santander	1.5	1.0	2.3	2.5	5.8	2.0	5.7	0.0	78.0
Societe Generale	1.5	1.4	1.0	na	na	2.5	6.0	-0.2	78.3
UBS	1.3	0.9	3.8	2.3	na	2.5	4.7	0.0	76.8
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Consensus (Mean Average)	1.7	1.2	3.1	3.0	5.4	1.9	5.5	0.0	78.1
Last Month	1.8	1.2	3.4	3.3	5.4	1.9	5.3	0.0	78.3
2 Months Ago	1.7	1.2	3.4	3.1	5.6	1.9	5.1	0.0	78.2
Median	1.7	1.3	3.2	2.5	5.5	1.9	5.6	0.0	78.2
High	2.4	1.6	4.9	6.1	5.9	2.6	6.2	0.7	79.7
Low	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.0	5.0	1.6	4.5	-0.6	76.8
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.9
Number of Forecasts	19	17	16	13	8	19	17	17	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	2.0	1.6	4.1	na	5.5	1.8	4.7	0.0	78.4
IMF (Jan. '13)	1.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	1.9	2.3	4.6	na	5.6	2.0	5.3	-0.7	79.3

Germany: Historical Data

<i>% change, year-on-year</i>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Gross Domestic Product	-5.1	4.0	3.1	0.9
Private Consumption	0.1	0.9	1.7	0.6
Gross Fixed Investment	-11.6	5.9	6.2	-2.5
Industrial Production	-16.3	10.7	7.7	-0.8
Unemploy. Rate, % of L.F.	7.8	7.1	6.0	5.5
Consumer Prices	0.2	1.2	2.5	2.1
Current Acc., % of GDP	5.6	6.1	5.7	6.3
Budget Bal., % of GDP	-3.1	-4.1	-0.8	0.1
Public Debt, % of GDP	74.5	82.5	80.5	81.7

Source: ECB; Eurostat; national statistical office

Germany: Background Information

Prime Minister:	Angela Merkel
Government:	Christian Democrat. Union led coalition
Next Election:	September 2013 (parliamentary)
Capital City:	Berlin
Economic Freedom:	26th out of 179 countries
Doing Business:	20th out of 185 countries
Competitiveness:	6th out of 144 countries
Corruption:	13th out of 174 countries
Corporate Tax Rate:	15.0% (national rate) 0.0% (local rate) 15.0% (branch rate)

Note: 5% solidarity rate and municipal rates also levied.

Sources: BIS, Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, IMF, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank, World Economic Forum

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<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Household Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Industrial Production (excl. construc- tion)	Unem- ployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Con- sumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
BBVA	0.4	0.3	0.2	na	na	1.5	-1.8	-3.3	92.9
BNP Paribas	0.0	0.3	-3.0	-1.5	11.0	1.0	-2.0	-3.8	na
Danske Bank	-0.1	0.2	-1.0	na	10.4	1.7	-1.6	-4.0	92.8
DZ Bank	-0.2	-0.4	-1.6	na	11.0	1.6	-1.7	-3.7	93.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.0	0.1	-2.0	-1.5	10.6	1.3	-1.9	-3.5	91.6
G&P Institutional Mgmt	0.0	0.2	-2.3	na	10.8	1.3	na	-3.7	na
HSBC	0.3	0.2	-0.5	-1.7	10.6	1.4	-2.0	-3.9	94.3
IHS Global Insight	-0.4	-0.4	-1.3	-1.5	10.9	1.1	-1.7	-3.9	92.4
Intesa Sanpaulo	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	10.4	1.3	na	na	na
J P Morgan Chase	-0.2	na	na	na	na	1.3	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	10.1	1.4	-1.9	-5.1	na
Morgan Stanley	-0.3	0.2	-1.7	na	10.4	1.2	-2.0	-3.9	93.4
Oxford Economics	-0.3	-0.2	-0.8	-1.7	11.0	1.4	-2.0	-3.9	118.6
Raiffeisen Bank International	0.0	na	na	na	na	1.3	-2.3	-3.8	93.4
Societe Generale	-0.2	0.3	na	na	10.7	1.5	-1.7	-3.6	93.5
UBS	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.7	10.2	1.2	-1.3	-3.4	94.2
Unicredit Bank	0.5	0.3	-0.3	na	10.1	1.2	-2.0	-3.7	92.3
Consensus (Mean Average)	0.0	0.1	-1.0	-1.0	10.6	1.3	-1.9	-3.8	95.2
Last Month	0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.8	10.5	1.5	-1.9	-3.7	92.5
2 Months Ago	0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.7	10.6	1.7	-1.9	-3.7	94.9
Median	0.0	0.2	-0.9	-1.5	10.6	1.3	-1.9	-3.8	93.2
High	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.7	11.0	1.7	-1.3	-3.3	118.6
Low	-0.4	-0.4	-3.0	-1.7	10.1	1.0	-2.3	-5.1	91.6
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	7.4
Number of Forecasts	17	15	14	8	14	17	14	15	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	0.4	-0.1	0.1	na	10.7	1.7	-1.8	-3.5	92.7
IMF (Jan. '13)	0.3	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	0.3	0.5	-0.1	na	10.7	1.3	-2.0	-3.4	94.2

- The latest growth estimate by the Banque de France (French central bank) is likely to provoke serious head-scratching within the ruling Socialist Party rank and file, as the government aims to deflect attentions away from a tax avoidance scandal that appears to run deep and is affecting its ability to push through important reforms.
- With the economy growing at just 0.1% in Q1 2013, after a contraction in Q4 2012, the French economy is struggling to escape recession and its budget deficit programme is seriously out of kilter. The deficit target

had been based on growth of 0.8% this year – an unlikely prospect according to our panel of experts. France's trade deficit is also widening, highlighting poor competitiveness.

- As in Germany, measures of business confidence have deteriorated lately. Sentiment among French industrialists nosedived in March, after showing signs of improvement during the previous month. But, unlike Germany, French consumer confidence has also dropped to new lows, diminishing the prospect of a spending revival to rescue the economy's fortunes.

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Panellists									
BBVA	1.5	1.2	2.6	na	na	1.5	-1.7	-2.6	93.1
BNP Paribas	0.9	0.4	0.0	1.8	11.2	1.5	-1.5	-3.1	na
Danske Bank	0.8	1.1	1.4	na	10.6	1.5	-1.8	-4.2	94.2
DZ Bank	0.8	0.5	2.4	na	10.8	1.9	-1.8	-4.0	94.5
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.0	10.5	1.9	-1.8	-2.6	92.0
G&P Institutional Mgmt	1.0	1.0	-0.4	na	10.8	1.3	na	-3.2	na
HSBC	1.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	10.5	1.8	-1.9	-3.8	95.5
IHS Global Insight	0.5	0.3	0.5	-1.5	11.2	1.1	-1.4	-3.0	94.4
Intesa Sanpaulo	1.1	1.0	1.2	2.7	10.4	1.8	na	na	na
J P Morgan Chase	1.2	na	na	na	na	1.5	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.5	9.3	2.3	-1.7	-3.7	na
Morgan Stanley	0.6	0.5	0.7	na	10.7	1.6	-2.2	-3.5	94.9
Oxford Economics	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.5	11.0	1.6	-2.0	-3.3	122.1
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.0	na	na	na	na	1.5	-2.5	-3.2	94.5
Societe Generale	0.4	0.2	na	na	11.5	2.6	-1.3	-2.8	95.0
UBS	0.9	1.0	2.0	1.6	10.0	1.5	-1.4	-2.4	95.3
Unicredit Bank	1.3	1.0	1.5	na	10.4	2.0	-1.8	-3.1	93.4
Consensus (Mean Average)	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.3	10.6	1.7	-1.8	-3.2	96.6
Last Month	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.7	10.5	1.8	-1.8	-3.0	93.4
2 Months Ago	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.2	10.5	1.8	-1.8	-3.0	96.3
Median	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.6	10.7	1.6	-1.8	-3.2	94.5
High	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.7	11.5	2.6	-1.3	-2.4	122.1
Low	0.4	0.2	-0.4	-1.5	9.3	1.1	-2.5	-4.2	92.0
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	8.1
Number of Forecasts	17	15	14	8	14	17	14	15	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	1.2	1.1	1.7	na	10.7	1.7	-1.9	-3.5	93.8
IMF (Jan. '13)	0.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	1.3	0.7	2.9	na	10.9	1.2	-1.9	-2.9	95.8

France: Historical Data

<i>% change, year-on-year</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross Domestic Product	-3.1	1.7	1.7	0.0
Private Consumption	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.0
Gross Fixed Investment	-10.6	1.2	3.5	0.0
Industrial Production	-12.8	4.8	2.4	-2.2
Unemploy. Rate, % of L.F.	9.5	9.8	9.7	10.3
Consumer Prices	0.1	1.7	2.3	2.2
Current Acc., % of GDP	-1.5	-1.7	-2.2	-2.4
Budget Bal., % of GDP	-7.5	-7.1	-5.2	-4.7
Public Debt, % of GDP	79.2	82.3	86.0	90.1

Source: ECB; Eurostat; national statistical office

France: Background Information

President:	Francois Hollande
Government:	Socialist Party
Next Election:	2017 (presidential & parliamentary)
Capital City:	Paris
Economic Freedom:	67th out of 179 countries
Doing Business:	34th out of 185 countries
Competitiveness:	21st out of 144 countries
Corruption:	22nd out of 174 countries
Corporate Tax Rate:	33.33% (national rate) 0.0% (local rate) 33.33% (branch rate)

Note: 3.3% social sec. surcharge levied over certain threshold.

Sources: BIS, Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, IMF, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank, World Economic Forum

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<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Household Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Industrial Production (excl. construc- tion)	Unem- ployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Con- sumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
BBVA	-0.7	-1.7	-1.8	na	na	2.0	-1.2	-1.8	132.1
BNP Paribas	-1.4	-3.0	-5.3	-3.2	12.1	1.7	0.4	-2.6	na
Danske Bank	-1.5	-1.9	-4.7	na	11.8	2.0	0.6	-2.4	128.6
DZ Bank	-1.2	-1.7	-2.8	na	11.3	2.4	0.0	-2.0	128.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	-1.5	-2.8	-1.5	-2.0	11.7	2.0	-0.1	-2.3	127.6
G&P Institutional Mgmt	-1.2	-1.8	-4.1	na	11.9	1.8	na	-2.4	na
HSBC	-1.4	-1.9	-4.6	-2.7	11.7	1.8	0.0	-3.0	127.8
IHS Global Insight	-1.9	-2.7	-3.8	-3.0	11.7	1.8	-0.6	-2.9	128.4
Intesa Sanpaulo	-1.0	-1.8	-3.4	-3.2	na	2.2	na	-2.4	na
J P Morgan Chase	-1.2	na	na	na	na	1.9	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	-0.5	-1.0	-3.3	0.7	10.7	2.2	-0.4	-3.0	na
Morgan Stanley	-1.7	-2.8	-4.2	na	12.0	1.7	0.6	-2.6	129.1
Oxford Economics	-1.9	-2.7	-3.8	-3.9	12.3	2.1	-0.2	-2.6	126.2
Raiffeisen Bank International	-1.4	na	na	na	na	2.3	0.0	-2.5	128.9
Societe Generale	-2.1	-4.0	-3.9	na	12.0	1.7	0.4	-2.9	130.3
UBS	-0.4	-0.6	-1.3	-0.2	10.9	2.4	na	-1.7	123.2
Unicredit Bank	-1.1	-2.5	-1.4	na	11.7	1.7	-0.1	-2.2	128.1
Consensus (Mean Average)	-1.3	-2.2	-3.3	-2.2	11.7	2.0	0.0	-2.5	128.2
Last Month	-1.1	-1.8	-2.9	-2.1	11.7	2.1	-0.8	-2.2	127.6
2 Months Ago	-0.9	-1.6	-2.6	-1.7	11.5	2.1	-1.0	-2.2	127.3
Median	-1.4	-1.9	-3.8	-2.9	11.7	2.0	0.0	-2.5	128.3
High	-0.4	-0.6	-1.3	0.7	12.3	2.4	0.6	-1.7	132.1
Low	-2.1	-4.0	-5.3	-3.9	10.7	1.7	-1.2	-3.0	123.2
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	2.1
Number of Forecasts	17	15	15	8	13	17	13	16	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	-0.5	-0.9	-2.1	na	11.5	2.0	-0.4	-2.1	127.6
IMF (Jan. '13)	-1.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	-1.0	-1.1	-5.1	na	11.4	1.9	0.3	-2.9	130.4

- As Italy's political crisis continues to leave the country without a captain or crew to steer it through choppy economic waters, its outlook remains uncertain. That was underlined just this week when the caretaker prime minister, Mario Monti, an appointed technocrat, proclaimed that Italy's debt burden would reach a post-war record high of 130% of GDP this year compared to 127% in 2012.
- Although the rise in debt has been exacerbated by contributions Italy must make to the EU bailouts of 'even-more

distressed' countries, public sector arrears to privately-owned firms and a deepening recession have led the government to increase its projected deficit for 2013 to 2.9% of GDP from an earlier figure of 1.8%.

- While the markets await the outcome of the political brokering, and what that might mean for a reform process that is so crucial to keeping Italian borrowing costs down, there is little hope of any meaningful economic amelioration in the short term. The latest confidence indicators are all agreed on that.

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Panellists									
BBVA	0.9	0.3	2.8	na	na	1.7	-1.1	-1.6	134.3
BNP Paribas	0.3	-0.6	-1.2	3.0	12.6	1.3	0.9	-2.1	na
Danske Bank	1.0	1.1	2.0	na	11.5	1.7	0.8	-2.3	128.1
DZ Bank	0.4	0.3	1.3	na	11.3	2.5	0.5	-2.2	127.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.5	11.5	1.8	-0.2	-2.2	127.0
G&P Institutional Mgmt	1.5	0.7	3.4	na	12.0	1.5	na	-2.0	na
HSBC	0.6	-0.1	0.0	2.0	12.0	1.7	0.0	-2.4	126.9
IHS Global Insight	-0.5	-0.9	-1.2	-0.3	11.9	1.6	0.0	-2.3	128.0
Intesa Sanpaulo	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.1	na	2.6	na	-1.3	na
J P Morgan Chase	1.0	na	na	na	na	1.8	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	1.1	1.2	2.7	3.2	8.7	2.0	-1.3	-1.9	na
Morgan Stanley	0.4	-0.3	0.6	na	12.1	2.0	1.0	-2.3	128.1
Oxford Economics	0.3	-0.5	0.9	1.8	12.9	1.8	-0.2	-2.4	127.6
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.2	na	na	na	na	1.8	0.5	-2.0	127.0
Societe Generale	-0.5	-1.1	-1.3	na	12.3	1.4	0.6	-2.9	131.3
UBS	0.6	0.6	2.5	2.9	9.8	2.1	na	-1.0	121.9
Unicredit Bank	0.7	0.6	2.6	na	11.8	1.7	0.0	-2.0	126.8
Consensus (Mean Average)	0.6	0.1	1.2	1.7	11.6	1.8	0.1	-2.1	127.8
Last Month	0.7	0.4	1.5	1.8	11.6	1.9	-0.3	-1.8	126.7
2 Months Ago	0.7	0.5	1.7	1.9	11.2	1.9	-0.6	-1.6	126.4
Median	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.9	11.9	1.8	0.0	-2.2	127.3
High	1.5	1.2	3.4	3.2	12.9	2.6	1.0	-1.0	134.3
Low	-0.5	-1.1	-1.3	-0.3	8.7	1.3	-1.3	-2.9	121.9
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.7	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.5	2.9
Number of Forecasts	17	15	15	8	13	17	13	16	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	0.8	0.9	2.6	na	11.8	1.7	-0.3	-2.1	126.5
IMF (Jan. '13)	0.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	0.6	0.5	-1.0	na	11.8	0.9	0.7	-3.4	132.2

Italy: Historical Data

<i>% change, year-on-year</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross Domestic Product	-5.5	1.8	0.4	-2.2
Private Consumption	-1.6	1.2	0.2	-4.3
Gross Fixed Investment	-11.7	2.1	-1.9	-9.1
Industrial Production	-18.7	6.9	0.3	-6.5
Unemploy. Rate, % of L.F.	7.8	8.4	8.5	10.6
Consumer Prices	0.8	1.6	2.9	3.3
Current Acc., % of GDP	-2.0	-3.5	-3.2	-0.6
Budget Bal., % of GDP	-5.4	-4.5	-3.9	-3.0
Public Debt, % of GDP	116.4	119.2	120.7	126.6

Source: ECB; Eurostat; national statistical office

Italy: Background Information

Prime Minister:	To be appointed
Government:	Awaiting formation
Next Election:	2018
Capital City:	Rome
Economic Freedom:	92nd out of 179 countries
Doing Business:	73rd out of 185 countries
Competitiveness:	42nd out of 144 countries
Corruption:	72nd out of 174 countries
Corporate Tax Rate:	27.5% (national rate) 3.9% (local rate) 27.5% (branch rate)

Note: Regional tax also levied, generally at 3.9%.

Sources: BIS, Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, IMF, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank, World Economic Forum

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<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Private Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Industrial Production (excl. construction)	Unemployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Consumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
BNP Paribas	-0.4	-1.3	-1.8	0.8	6.9	2.4	9.9	-3.3	na
DZ Bank	-0.7	-1.7	-2.7	na	5.6	2.7	8.0	-3.3	73.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	-0.6	-1.8	-3.5	-0.5	6.6	2.7	8.3	-3.7	75.6
IHS Global Insight	-0.9	-0.5	-1.5	0.0	na	na	7.3	-3.9	73.2
Intesa Sanpaolo	-0.7	-1.1	-2.2	na	na	na	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	0.7	0.1	-1.1	-0.5	na	2.0	7.9	-3.6	na
Morgan Stanley	-0.8	-1.5	-3.0	na	6.4	2.3	8.7	-3.6	74.7
Oxford Economics	-0.5	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	6.4	2.7	8.4	-2.9	84.2
Raiffeisen Bank International	-0.1	na	na	na	na	2.7	10.0	-3.6	73.8
UBS	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	-2.8	na	2.3	5.3	-2.7	66.0
Consensus (Mean Average)	-0.4	-1.0	-1.8	-0.5	6.4	2.5	8.2	-3.4	74.4
Last Month	-0.4	-0.9	-1.8	0.2	6.4	2.4	7.8	-3.2	72.9
2 Months Ago	-0.3	-0.8	-1.5	0.0	6.1	2.4	7.7	-3.2	71.1
Median	-0.6	-1.3	-1.8	-0.4	6.4	2.6	8.3	-3.6	73.8
High	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.8	6.9	2.7	10.0	-2.7	84.2
Low	-0.9	-1.8	-3.5	-2.8	5.6	2.0	5.3	-3.9	66.0
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.4	5.4
Number of Forecasts	10	9	9	6	5	8	9	9	7
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	0.3	-0.8	-1.0	na	6.1	2.4	9.8	-2.9	69.3
IMF (Oct. '12)	0.4	na	na	na	5.7	1.8	8.2	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	0.2	-0.6	-0.5	na	5.8	2.4	8.4	-3.0	73.1

- Increases in both unemployment and the corporate bankruptcy rate have provided further evidence of the Netherlands' economic troubles, as the country struggles against the winds of deterioration elsewhere in the eurozone, and a home-grown banking crisis of monumental proportions.
- The collapsed property market highlights the vulnerability of Dutch banks burdened by crippling bad debts on their massively high levels of mortgage lending and with consumer debt also running at around 250% of disposable income.
- Against this backdrop there was little relief from the latest national accounts showing a contraction in real GDP during the final months of last year, amounting to 0.4% m/m and 1.2% y/y, which was larger than the provisional figures had indicated.
- Meanwhile, confidence indicators make grim reading. Apart from the fact that the Dutch construction sector is mired in recession, and sentiment is low within the retail sector and other services, it deteriorated within manufacturing in March, according to the European Commission.

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Panellists									
BNP Paribas	0.8	0.4	1.8	2.3	7.1	1.6	10.3	-3.2	na
DZ Bank	0.8	0.5	1.3	na	5.4	2.1	8.5	-3.5	74.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.8	-0.5	3.0	1.0	6.5	1.8	7.6	-3.6	77.6
IHS Global Insight	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.9	na	na	7.5	-2.8	73.3
Intesa Sanpaolo	1.4	0.8	2.3	na	na	na	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	2.3	1.2	5.0	-0.3	na	2.2	8.3	-3.1	na
Morgan Stanley	0.5	0.1	1.7	na	6.8	1.8	9.0	-3.1	76.4
Oxford Economics	0.9	0.3	1.5	0.8	6.7	1.3	8.1	-2.9	86.0
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.6	na	na	na	na	1.5	9.5	-3.6	75.0
UBS	1.0	0.3	3.7	5.1	na	2.5	5.2	-2.2	66.0
Consensus (Mean Average)	1.1	0.4	2.4	1.6	6.5	1.9	8.2	-3.1	75.5
Last Month	1.1	0.5	2.5	1.8	6.7	2.0	7.8	-2.9	73.6
2 Months Ago	1.2	0.6	2.6	1.8	6.3	2.0	7.7	-3.0	71.3
Median	0.9	0.4	1.8	1.0	6.7	1.8	8.3	-3.1	75.0
High	2.3	1.2	5.0	5.1	7.1	2.5	10.3	-2.2	86.0
Low	0.4	-0.5	1.0	-0.3	5.4	1.3	5.2	-3.6	66.0
Standard Deviation	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.9	0.7	0.4	1.4	0.4	6.0
Number of Forecasts	10	9	9	6	5	8	9	9	7
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	1.4	0.4	2.6	na	6.2	1.6	9.8	-3.2	70.3
IMF (Oct. '12)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	1.5	0.6	3.0	na	6.1	1.4	9.0	-2.5	73.5

Netherlands: Historical Data

<i>% change, year-on-year</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross Domestic Product	-3.5	1.7	1.2	-0.9
Private Consumption	-2.6	0.4	-1.1	-1.4
Gross Fixed Investment	-10.2	-4.4	5.8	-4.7
Industrial Production	-7.6	7.8	-0.8	-0.4
Unemploy. Rate, % of L.F.	3.7	4.5	4.4	5.3
Consumer Prices	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.8
Current Acc., % of GDP	4.2	7.1	9.2	9.3
Budget Bal., % of GDP	-5.6	-5.1	-4.5	-3.3
Public Debt, % of GDP	60.8	63.1	65.5	69.4

Source: ECB; Eurostat; national statistical office

Netherlands: Background Information

Prime Minister:	Mark Rutte
Government:	VVD led coalition
Next Election:	September 2016 (parliamentary)
Capital City:	The Hague
Economic Freedom:	15th out of 179 countries
Doing Business:	31st out of 185 countries
Competitiveness:	5th out of 144 countries
Corruption:	9th out of 174 countries
Corporate Tax Rate:	25.0% (national rate) 0.0% (local rate) 25.0% (branch rate)

Note: Reduced tax of 20% on income below certain threshold.

Sources: BIS, Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, IMF, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank, World Economic Forum

SPAIN - Forecasts for 2013

<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Household Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Industrial Production (excl. construction)	Unemployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Consumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
BBVA	-1.1	-2.8	-6.8	na	na	2.0	0.3	-5.9	93.7
BNP Paribas	-1.6	-4.9	-6.4	-0.4	26.9	1.9	1.0	-6.0	na
Danske Bank	-1.4	-2.8	-7.8	na	26.4	1.7	1.0	-5.5	96.0
DZ Bank	-1.9	-2.1	-3.8	na	27.0	2.3	0.8	-6.5	95.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	-1.7	-3.2	-6.4	-3.2	26.0	1.5	0.5	-6.6	90.1
G&P Institutional Mgmt	-1.5	-4.3	-10.8	na	26.4	2.3	na	-6.3	na
HSBC	-1.9	-3.2	-7.4	-4.3	27.2	2.4	0.2	-5.5	94.0
IHS Global Insight	-1.9	-3.1	-5.6	-2.0	26.2	1.8	1.3	-6.2	92.4
Intesa Sanpaulo	-1.5	-2.4	-3.9	-3.7	na	na	na	-6.1	na
J P Morgan Chase	-1.4	na	na	na	na	2.0	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	-1.3	-1.5	-4.3	0.3	26.3	1.9	0.2	na	na
Morgan Stanley	-1.5	-3.4	-7.1	na	26.6	2.2	1.5	-8.0	100.2
Oxford Economics	-1.6	-2.6	-6.5	-3.9	27.1	1.8	0.4	-6.6	91.9
Raitteisen Bank International	-1.5	na	na	na	na	1.7	0.8	-6.5	91.8
Santander	-1.4	-1.7	-6.5	na	26.7	1.9	0.5	na	na
Societe Generale	-1.4	-2.7	-5.8	na	28.1	1.8	-0.4	-7.2	96.3
UBS	-1.7	-2.2	-8.3	-3.4	25.4	3.2	-1.7	-5.5	95.8
Unicredit Bank	-1.4	-2.8	-7.2	na	26.6	2.3	-0.2	-6.0	93.8
Consensus (Mean Average)	-1.5	-2.9	-6.5	-2.6	26.6	2.0	0.4	-6.3	94.3
Last Month	-1.5	-2.4	-6.2	-2.5	26.5	2.2	-0.4	-6.2	92.7
2 Months Ago	-1.5	-2.4	-5.7	-2.5	26.3	2.3	-0.6	-6.1	92.9
Median	-1.5	-2.8	-6.5	-3.3	26.6	1.9	0.5	-6.2	93.9
High	-1.1	-1.5	-3.8	0.3	28.1	3.2	1.5	-5.5	100.2
Low	-1.9	-4.9	-10.8	-4.3	25.4	1.5	-1.7	-8.0	90.1
Standard Deviation	0.2	0.9	1.7	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.7	2.7
Number of Forecasts	18	16	16	8	14	17	15	15	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	-1.4	-2.1	-5.6	na	26.6	2.1	-0.5	-6.0	92.7
IMF (Jan. '13)	-1.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	-1.4	-2.3	-9.0	na	26.9	1.2	0.5	-6.3	92.6

- Although the Cypriot debacle temporarily deflected attentions away from Spain's plight, a recent string of poor data amid warnings from the European Commission that it must do more to address its imbalances – in spite of the reforms introduced thus far - has placed the spotlight firmly over Madrid's problems once again.
- As the government seeks to clamp down on increasing social tensions, industrial production appears to be contracting at a faster pace, according to the latest figures showing a 6.5% y/y drop for February after a 4.9% decline in January, and having been in decline consistently since August 2011.
- Spanish house prices, meanwhile, are falling faster than any other country in Europe, at double digit rates in comparison with year earlier levels. The unemployment rate is also creeping higher, having reached 26.3% in February and 55.7% for those aged 25 and under.
- With confidence indicators remaining bleak across the board, some forecasters are even predicting another year of decline in 2014.

SPAIN - Forecasts for 2014

<i>average % change from previous year, unless otherwise noted. For sources and definitions, see page 24.</i>	Gross Domestic Product	Household Consump- tion	Gross Fixed Invest- ment	Industrial Produc- tion (excl. construc- tion)	Unem- ployment Rate (EU defn., % of labour force)	Con- sumer Prices (HICP)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt. Debt (% of GDP)
Panellists									
BBVA	1.1	-0.3	2.6	na	na	1.1	0.9	-4.6	96.4
BNP Paribas	0.5	-0.5	1.8	0.8	27.5	1.0	2.5	-5.0	na
Danske Bank	-0.6	-0.7	-2.0	na	26.8	1.0	2.5	-5.2	102.0
DZ Bank	0.9	0.8	2.0	na	27.5	1.7	1.5	-6.5	99.0
Economist Intelligence Unit	0.1	0.0	-2.1	-0.1	26.0	0.8	1.1	-5.5	95.2
G&P Institutional Mgmt	0.6	-0.6	-1.6	na	26.0	1.8	na	-5.3	na
HSBC	-0.2	-0.9	-3.8	-0.8	27.4	1.4	0.4	-4.5	99.5
IHS Global Insight	-0.6	-0.5	-0.8	-0.3	25.9	1.9	1.2	-4.8	95.5
Intesa Sanpaulo	0.6	0.3	-0.3	2.0	na	na	na	-5.7	na
J P Morgan Chase	0.8	na	na	na	na	0.9	na	na	na
Moody's Analytics	0.6	0.3	0.2	1.8	25.7	1.7	0.8	na	na
Morgan Stanley	0.8	0.0	-1.5	na	25.7	1.1	2.0	-7.5	103.9
Oxford Economics	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	27.3	1.0	0.4	-4.7	99.2
Raiffeisen Bank International	1.0	na	na	na	na	1.1	1.5	-5.5	95.3
Santander	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Societe Generale	-0.8	-1.5	-2.8	na	30.2	-0.5	0.6	-6.1	102.8
UBS	0.0	-0.6	-2.9	0.2	25.6	1.4	-1.2	-4.0	98.0
Unicredit Bank	0.4	-0.1	-0.8	na	26.2	2.6	0.5	-5.1	98.7
Consensus (Mean Average)	0.3	-0.3	-0.8	0.5	26.8	1.3	1.1	-5.3	98.8
Last Month	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	26.3	1.5	0.3	-5.1	96.6
2 Months Ago	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	26.3	1.6	0.2	-5.0	96.6
Median	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	0.3	26.2	1.1	1.0	-5.2	98.9
High	1.1	0.8	2.6	2.0	30.2	2.6	2.5	-4.0	103.9
Low	-0.8	-1.5	-3.8	-0.8	25.6	-0.5	-1.2	-7.5	95.2
Standard Deviation	0.6	0.6	1.9	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.9	2.9
Number of Forecasts	17	15	15	8	13	16	14	15	12
Other Forecasts									
EC (Nov. '12)	0.8	0.0	-0.3	na	26.1	1.3	0.4	-6.4	97.1
IMF (Jan. '13)	0.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '12)	0.5	-0.5	-2.7	na	26.8	0.4	1.8	-5.9	97.6

Spain: Historical Data

<i>% change, year-on-year</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012
Gross Domestic Product	-3.7	-0.3	0.4	-1.4
Private Consumption	-4.4	0.7	-1.0	-2.2
Gross Fixed Investment	-16.6	-6.3	-5.5	-9.1
Industrial Production	-15.7	0.9	-1.4	-6.0
Unemploy. Rate, % of L.F.	18.0	20.1	21.7	25.1
Consumer Prices	-0.2	2.0	3.1	2.4
Current Acc., % of GDP	-5.2	-4.5	-3.5	-1.4
Budget Bal., % of GDP	-11.2	-9.7	-9.4	-10.1
Public Debt, % of GDP	53.9	61.5	69.3	82.5

Source: ECB; Eurostat; national statistical office

Spain: Background Information

Prime Minister:	Mariano Rajoy
Government:	Popular Party
Next Election:	2015 (parliamentary)
Capital City:	Madrid
Economic Freedom:	36th out of 179 countries
Doing Business:	44th out of 185 countries
Competitiveness:	36th out of 144 countries
Corruption:	30th out of 174 countries
Corporate Tax Rate:	30.0% (national rate) variable (local rate) 30.0% (branch rate)

Note: Reduced rate for SMEs.

Sources: BIS, Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, IMF, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank, World Economic Forum

Notes, Sources and Definitions

¹ Contribution to overall GDP growth, calculated as the change in stockbuilding as a % of the previous year's GDP.

² Contribution to overall GDP growth, calculated as the change in net exports (real goods and services exports minus real goods and services imports) as a % of the previous year's GDP.

OECD = Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; IMF = International Monetary Fund; EC = European Commission; ECB = European Central Bank.

bp – basis points (1/100th of a percentage point)

sa – seasonally adjusted

q/q – quarter on quarter

m/m – month-on-month

wda – working day adjusted

y/y – year on year

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Source</u>
Gross Domestic Product	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Private Consumption	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Government Consumption	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Change in Stocks (Inventories)	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Exports, Imports & Net Exports	Seasonally and working day adj., 2005 prices (chain-linked)	Eurostat
Industrial Production	Seasonally adjusted, 2005 = 100 index, excluding construction	Eurostat
Retail Sales	Seasonally adjusted, 2005 = 100 index, total sales volume	Eurostat
Unemployment Rate	Seasonally adjusted, total, % of labour force, ILO definition	Eurostat
Money Supply	M3 monetary aggregate (ECB target measure), seas. adj., €bn, end period	ECB
Consumer Prices	Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP), total, 2005=100	Eurostat
Producer Prices	Industrial producer prices, domestic market, total industry excluding construction, 2005 = 100	Eurostat
Wages/Earnings	Labour cost index, business economy (excluding public administration, education and social services), 2008 = 100	Eurostat
Current Account	Balance of payments current account, total net flows, €bn	Eurostat
Budget Balance	General govt fiscal position, total balance as a % of GDP	Eurostat
Short Term Interest Rate	3 month euro interest rate (EURIBOR – interbank offered Rate), % p.a., end period	ECB/FT
Long Term Interest Rate	Yield on 10 year German govt bond, % p.a., end period	ECB/FT
Exchange Rate	Foreign currency per euro, market rate, end period	FT

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