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## Slow Recovery Through 2016

- This month's forecasts show **Denmark** improving with real GDP growth accelerating from 1.5% this year to 2% in 2016. The profile for private consumption and exports in 2015 is a little stronger than last month, but the investment outlook is worse and deflation risk has increased.
- **Finland's** experts have downgraded their GDP growth predictions for 2015, with one major bank predicting an outright contraction on an annual average basis. Forecasts for investment, exports and industrial production have deteriorated, and inflation expectations are lower.
- A falling krone will benefit **Norway's** non-hydrocarbons exporters. However, the negative oil shock has caused investment projections to plummet, tarnishing the country's GDP growth prospects. Unemployment rate projections are also higher this month.
- **Sweden's** economic growth outlook is similarly lower thanks to downgraded forecasts for investment and exports, but favourable given strong private consumption. Price expectations have taken a tumble, underlining the Riksbank's difficulties in meeting its inflation target with oil prices falling.



**Next Month's Survey Deadline:  
February 16th, 2015**

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### Calculated Regional Aggregates

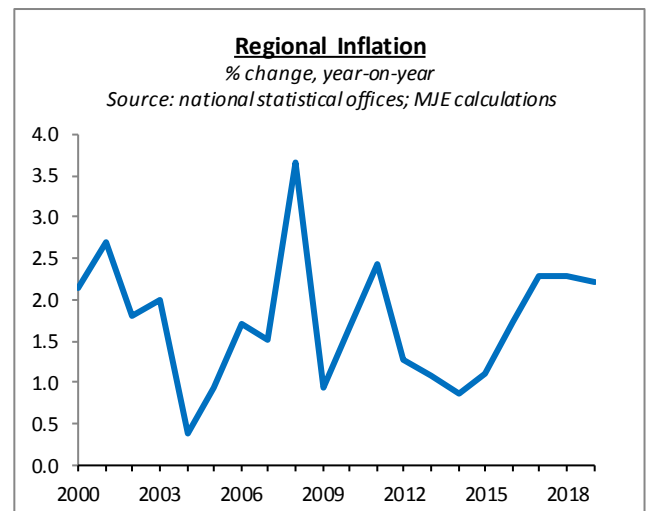
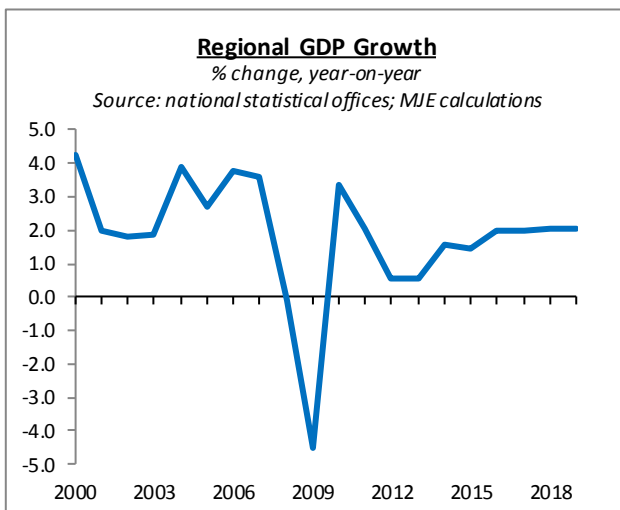
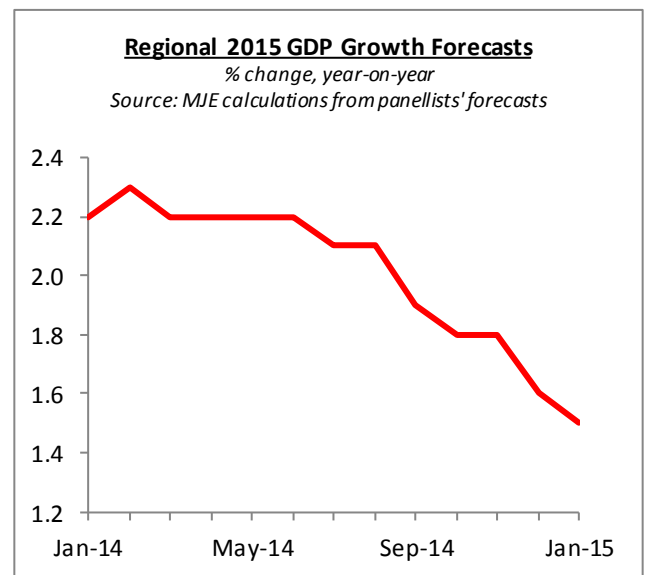
(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015f</u>	<u>2016f</u>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.6	0.6	1.6	1.5	2.0
<b>Private Consumption</b>	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.1
<b>Government Consumption</b>	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.5
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	2.2	1.3	1.5	0.9	2.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.3
<b>Consumer Price Inflation</b>	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.7
<b>General Government Balance (% GDP)</b>	4.2	3.0	2.3	1.6	2.1

Notes: Regional totals are weighted averages calculated from the individual country data, using fixed GDP weights for 2010 and converted to euros at average 2010 exchange rates. f = consensus (mean average) forecast.

#### Better Prospects on the Horizon

- Our forecast horizon has moved forward this month to show calculated regional aggregates in 2016 for the first time. They indicate that our panel of experts believes conditions will improve by then, with real GDP growth accelerating to 2%, as investment spending picks up, with the unemployment rate falling from a peak of 6.5% this year.
- Monetary stimulus and an expected rebound in oil prices should also see the present deflationary trend give way to more normal conditions of moderate inflation. The fiscal balance - harmed by weak growth, and falling oil prices where Norway is concerned – will also return to a stronger trend.



### Quarterly Forecasts and Historical Data

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

<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>
Gross Domestic Product	0.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.6
Consumer Prices	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.30	0.38	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.25
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.62	1.29	1.21	0.84	1.00	1.08
	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>	<b>Q1'16</b>	<b>Q2'16</b>	<b>Q3'16</b>	<b>Q4'16</b>
Gross Domestic Product	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
Consumer Prices	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.9
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.28
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.24	1.55	1.53	1.62	1.72	1.81
	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>
<b>Finland</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	0.0	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.3
Industrial Production	-5.6	-3.0	-2.3	-0.7	1.4	1.7
Consumer Prices	1.3	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.31	0.21	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.87	1.45	1.07	0.65	0.76	0.93
	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>	<b>Q1'16</b>	<b>Q2'16</b>	<b>Q3'16</b>	<b>Q4'16</b>
Gross Domestic Product	0.4	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6
Industrial Production	1.8	2.0	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4
Consumer Prices	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.14
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.12	1.28	1.41	1.58	1.73	1.91
	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>
<b>Norway</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	4.0	1.0	2.7	2.7	1.6	1.0
Industrial Production	5.3	0.2	2.4	6.0	1.0	0.8
Consumer Prices	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	1.73	1.75	1.65	1.48	1.36	1.23
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	2.89	2.48	2.26	1.55	1.49	1.51
	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>	<b>Q1'16</b>	<b>Q2'16</b>	<b>Q3'16</b>	<b>Q4'16</b>
Gross Domestic Product	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.0
Industrial Production	-1.1	-1.9	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Consumer Prices	1.8	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	1.18	1.21	1.12	1.18	1.27	1.40
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.56	1.81	1.74	1.87	2.07	2.21
	<b>Q1'14</b>	<b>Q2'14</b>	<b>Q3'14</b>	<b>Q4'14</b>	<b>Q1'15</b>	<b>Q2'15</b>
<b>Sweden</b>						
Gross Domestic Product	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.9	2.1
Industrial Production	-1.4	-1.1	-4.0	-2.9	-1.2	0.3
Consumer Prices	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.92	0.75	0.47	0.26	0.26	0.26
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	2.12	1.85	1.49	0.94	1.01	1.22
	<b>Q3'15</b>	<b>Q4'15</b>	<b>Q1'16</b>	<b>Q2'16</b>	<b>Q3'16</b>	<b>Q4'16</b>
Gross Domestic Product	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7
Industrial Production	2.5	3.6	2.6	3.8	3.1	3.3
Consumer Prices	0.3	1.0	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.1
3 month Interest Rate, % per annum, end period	0.30	0.45	0.54	0.70	0.94	1.26
10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum, end period	1.44	1.64	1.96	2.18	2.39	2.61

## Denmark: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	1.6	1.9	0.9	2.2	-0.1	2.3	2.9	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	0.9	0.8	0.8	2.2	-0.1	2.2	2.9	-0.2
IHS Economics	1.7	1.5	1.6	3.3	na	2.8	3.8	3.4
Nordea	1.3	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.0	1.4	1.0	na
Oxford Economics	1.7	1.2	1.5	4.7	-0.2	3.9	4.1	0.0
SEB	2.0	2.3	0.9	2.4	0.1	3.0	3.2	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Last Month	1.5	0.9	1.1	2.8	-0.1	2.5	2.8	1.0
2 Months Ago	1.6	1.7	1.1	2.8	0.0	3.2	3.7	0.9
Median	1.7	1.4	0.9	2.3	-0.1	2.6	3.1	0.0
High	2.0	2.3	1.6	4.7	0.1	3.9	4.1	3.4
Low	0.9	0.6	0.8	1.4	-0.2	1.4	1.0	-0.2
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.8	1.1	2.0
Number of Forecasts	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	3
<b><u>Other Forecasts</u></b>								
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	1.5	1.9	0.8	3.7	0.2	2.8	4.3	na
Finance Ministry (Dec. '14)	1.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nationalbank (Dec. '14)	1.7	1.8	1.4	na	-0.1	1.7	1.9	na
EC (Nov. '14)	1.7	1.7	0.6	3.0	-0.1	3.7	3.7	0.2
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.4	2.0	0.8	1.6	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.1

- The authorities have been keen to dispel any notion of Denmark relinquishing its euro exchange rate targeting as speculative pressure pushing the krone higher has prompted the Nationalbank to reduce its policy interest rates to a new record low this week.
- The decision to act in defence of the krone peg was taken in anticipation of new, unconventional quantitative easing from the ECB, aimed at further weakening the euro to stimulate inflation and foster economic growth within the single currency bloc. Unlike the Swiss currency arrangement – now abandoned – the Danish euro peg is a longstanding arrangement.
- The Nationalbank has a solid record of preserving exchange rate stability, moving well before the krone tests its official target band, and additional interest rate cuts may be implemented.
- The economy, meanwhile, seems to be set on a weaker growth path given the uncertainty surrounding the euro zone's prospects, and will benefit from monetary expansion. Confidence indicators deteriorated in December. The European Commission's economic sentiment indicator for Denmark slid to 95.0, its lowest level all year. Deepening pessimism within the manufacturing and construction sectors points to difficult conditions for the industrial sector.

## Denmark: 2015 Forecasts

<b>Other Indicators</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Average Earnings (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Dkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Government Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>						
Danske Bank	4.9	0.6	na	na	6.4	-2.4
Econ Intelligence Unit	5.0	0.8	1.4	148.5	6.3	-3.1
IHS Economics	na	0.1	na	163.4	7.5	-1.0
Nordea	5.1	0.5	1.4	120.0	6.1	-0.3
Oxford Economics	5.6	1.3	na	130.5	6.5	-2.6
SEB	na	0.8	1.7	na	6.5	-1.5
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
Last Month	5.2	0.9	1.9	135.8	6.5	-2.3
2 Months Ago	5.2	1.2	1.9	125.4	6.3	-2.3
Median	5.1	0.7	1.4	139.5	6.5	-2.0
High	5.6	1.3	1.7	163.4	7.5	-0.3
Low	4.9	0.1	1.4	120.0	6.1	-3.1
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.4	0.2	19.2	0.5	1.1
Number of Forecasts	4	6	3	4	6	6
<b>Other Forecasts</b>						
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	na	1.3	na	85.8	4.5	-3.6
Finance Ministry (Dec. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	-2.5
Nationalbank (Dec. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.6	-2.4
EC (Nov. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.1	-2.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	1.6	na	na	7.0	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	0.7	na	na	6.9	-2.2

<b>Denmark: Historical Data (% change, year-on-year)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gross Domestic Product	1.6	1.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.9
Private Consumption	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Government Consumption	1.3	-1.4	-0.2	-0.5	1.0
Gross Fixed Investment	-4.0	0.3	0.6	0.9	2.8
Inventory Building (% contribution)	1.3	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.2
Goods & Services Exports	1.9	7.3	0.1	0.8	2.4
Goods & Services Imports	0.9	7.2	0.9	1.5	3.7
Net Exports (% contribution)	0.6	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.8	5.1
Consumer Prices	2.3	2.8	2.4	0.8	0.6
Average Earnings (private sector)	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.2	1.3
Current Account Balance (Dkr bn)	103.0	105.3	105.0	136.0	146.9
- as a % of GDP	5.7	5.7	5.6	7.2	6.9
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	-2.7	-2.1	-3.9	-0.7	-0.7

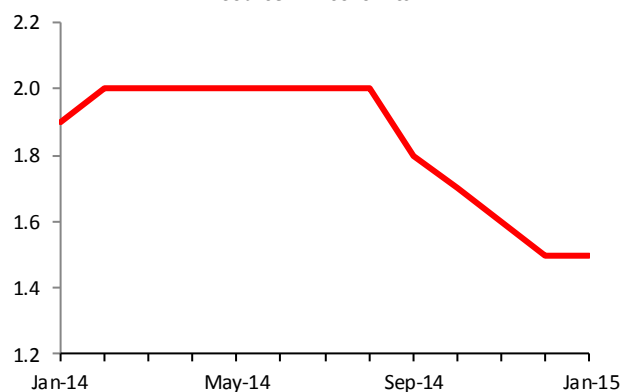
Source: Eurostat, Statistics Denmark

## Denmark: 2016 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	2.0	2.0	0.6	4.0	0.1	4.2	4.6	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.2	1.1	0.9	2.3	0.0	2.6	2.9	0.0
IHS Economics	2.1	1.6	1.6	4.6	na	4.8	5.1	3.4
Nordea	1.7	1.6	0.5	3.3	0.0	3.0	2.9	na
Oxford Economics	2.3	2.0	1.8	3.8	0.6	4.6	6.1	-0.5
SEB	2.5	2.7	0.0	3.5	0.1	4.7	4.2	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	2.1	1.8	0.8	3.7	0.1	4.4	4.4	0.0
High	2.5	2.7	1.8	4.6	0.6	4.8	6.1	3.4
Low	1.2	1.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.6	2.9	-0.5
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.9	1.3	2.1
Number of Forecasts	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	3
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	2.6	2.8	0.6	6.6	0.1	4.2	4.9	na
Finance Ministry (Dec. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Nationalbank (Dec. '14)	2.0	2.0	0.1	na	na	3.0	3.0	na
EC (Nov. '14)	2.0	1.9	0.5	3.8	0.0	4.4	4.3	0.2
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.8	2.5	0.7	2.7	0.0	3.0	3.6	-0.1

### Denmark 2015 GDP Growth Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: MJEconomics*



### Denmark: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Social Democrat led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By September 2015 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Copenhagen (GMT+1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Danish Krone (pegged to the euro)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$331 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.6 m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	10th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	5th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	13th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	1st out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	45% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	24.5%

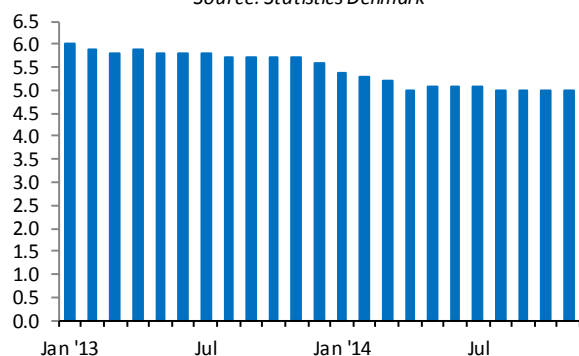
*Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.*

## Denmark: 2016 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Average Earnings (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Dkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Government Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>						
Danske Bank	4.7	1.5	na	na	5.9	-2.4
Econ Intelligence Unit	5.0	1.1	1.6	139.5	6.0	-2.8
IHS Economics	na	1.3	na	168.5	7.5	-0.6
Nordea	5.0	1.6	1.7	115.0	5.7	-0.2
Oxford Economics	5.8	1.8	na	130.5	6.2	-1.9
SEB	na	1.4	2.2	na	6.0	0.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	5.0	1.5	1.7	135.0	6.0	-1.3
High	5.8	1.8	2.2	168.5	7.5	0.0
Low	4.7	1.1	1.6	115.0	5.7	-2.8
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.2	0.3	22.5	0.6	1.2
Number of Forecasts	4	6	3	4	6	6
<b>Other Forecasts</b>						
Econ Council (Oct. '14)	na	1.7	na	71.4	3.6	-2.7
Finance Ministry (Dec. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	-2.6
Nationalbank (Dec. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.6	-2.7
EC (Nov. '14)	na	na	na	na	6.2	-2.0
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	1.2	na	na	7.0	-2.3

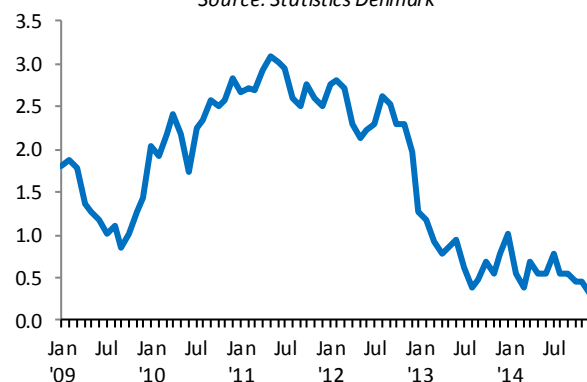
### Denmark: Unemployment Rate

% of labour force  
Source: Statistics Denmark



### Denmark: Inflation Rate

% change, year-on-year  
Source: Statistics Denmark



## Finland: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Aktia Bank	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	na	1.0	0.4	na
Danske Bank	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0	na	3.0	1.5	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	-0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
ETLA	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.4	0.2	2.2	2.3	-0.1
Handelsbanken	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.5	na	4.7	2.7	na
IHS Economics	1.3	0.7	0.3	2.6	na	3.7	4.4	na
Nordea	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-1.1	-0.2	1.0	0.5	0.2
Oxford Economics	0.5	0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.1	1.4	1.1	0.1
SEB	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.5	1.3	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Last Month	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.0	2.4	1.9	0.0
2 Months Ago	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.0	2.5	2.1	0.2
Median	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.3	0.1
High	1.3	0.7	0.7	2.6	0.2	4.7	4.4	0.2
Low	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-1.1	-0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.2	0.2	1.4	1.3	0.1
Number of Forecasts	9	9	9	9	5	9	9	4
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Dec. '14)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	na	0.0	1.4	1.9	-0.2
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	1.2	0.3	0.4	2.4	na	4.0	3.2	na
EC (Nov. '14)	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.9	1.1	0.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	0.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	0.9	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.1	2.9	1.5	0.5

- Additional policy stimulus of the type the ECB is poised to introduce will be gratefully received in Finland given recent trends showing the economy still suffering from the effects of austerity, waning export competitiveness in its once-dominant niche sectors (of electronics and forestry products), and the Russian trade embargo.
- Retail sales slumped in November as consumers demonstrated more cautious spending behaviour – despite low inflation and borrowing costs – with the economy weak and the unemployment rate rising to a seasonally-adjusted 8.9% in October based on the harmonised series from Eurostat – an unwelcome development for the government with parliamentary elections due in April.
- Confidence, which had improved in October and November, fell back in December. The European Commission's economic sentiment indicator ended 2014 languishing at 92.9, some 3.2 points lower than at the start of the year. Confidence within the manufacturing sector waned for a second successive month, and there was deepening gloom within the services sector and among retailers.
- The length of the recession is a major cause of consternation among experts calling for government policies to stimulate productivity growth, deal with a bloated public sector and tackle the effects of population ageing to turn around the economy's fortunes.



## Finland: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Wages & Salaries (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Euros bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Aktia Bank	na	8.9	0.4	na	1.2	-3.0	-1.5	-2.6
Danske Bank	na	9.0	0.9	na	na	na	-1.0	-2.2
Econ Intelligence Unit	0.9	8.9	1.3	1.0	1.5	-0.6	-0.3	-2.2
ETLA	2.3	8.7	1.3	0.5	1.1	-3.2	-1.6	-2.5
Handelsbanken	2.5	8.8	1.2	na	1.2	-2.2	-1.1	-2.4
IHS Economics	3.0	8.3	0.6	na	na	-2.6	-1.2	-2.8
Nordea	0.0	9.0	0.4	na	1.0	-3.6	-1.8	-2.1
Oxford Economics	1.1	8.7	0.4	1.1	2.0	-2.1	-1.0	-1.5
SEB	na	8.3	1.1	na	1.5	na	-1.2	-2.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Last Month	2.5	8.6	1.1	1.2	1.4	-2.0	-1.3	-2.3
2 Months Ago	2.0	8.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	-2.0	-1.2	-2.1
Median	1.7	8.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	-2.6	-1.2	-2.2
High	3.0	9.0	1.3	1.1	2.0	-0.6	-0.3	-1.5
Low	0.0	8.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	-3.6	-1.8	-2.8
Standard Deviation	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.4
Number of Forecasts	6	9	9	3	7	7	9	9
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Dec. '14)	na	8.5	1.0	na	0.8	-3.5	-1.7	-2.2
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	na	8.5	1.5	na	1.2	-2.5	-1.2	-2.4
EC (Nov. '14)	na	8.5	na	na	na	na	-1.7	-2.6
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	8.3	na	na	na	na	-0.5	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	8.6	na	na	na	na	-1.1	-2.1

<b>Finland: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gross Domestic Product	3.0	2.6	-1.5	-1.2	-0.2
Private Consumption	3.1	2.9	0.1	-0.7	-0.2
Government Consumption	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.5	0.0
Gross Fixed Investment	1.1	4.1	-2.5	-4.8	-3.9
Inventory Building (% contribution)	1.5	1.5	-1.0	0.0	0.2
Goods & Services Exports	6.2	2.0	1.2	-1.7	0.5
Goods & Services Imports	6.5	6.0	1.3	-2.5	-0.2
Net Exports (% contribution)	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.3	0.2
Industrial Production	5.1	2.1	-1.6	-3.6	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	8.4	7.8	7.7	8.2	8.6
Consumer Prices	1.2	3.4	2.8	1.5	1.0
Producer Prices	5.2	5.6	1.3	-0.4	-0.8
Wages and Salaries (private sector)	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.3
Current Account Balance (Euros bn)	2.1	-4.2	-2.8	-3.3	-2.7
- as a % of GDP	1.1	-2.1	-1.4	-1.6	-1.4
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	-2.6	-1.0	-2.1	-2.4	-2.6

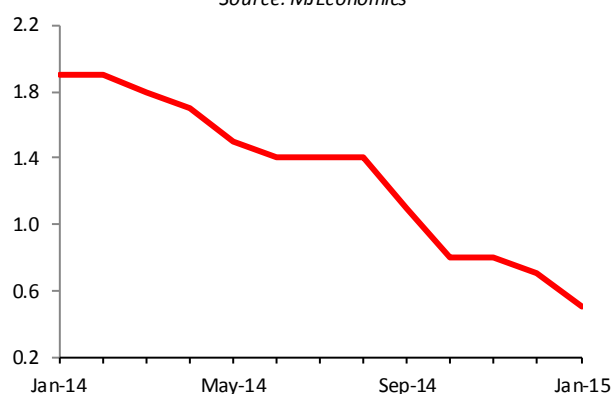
Source: Eurostat, Statistics Finland

## Finland: 2016 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Aktia Bank	1.3	1.0	0.4	3.0	na	2.5	2.4	na
Danske Bank	1.3	0.5	0.0	3.0	na	4.0	3.0	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.4	0.9	0.5	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.9	0.4
ETLA	1.8	1.6	0.2	2.6	0.2	3.3	3.2	0.1
Handelsbanken	1.5	1.1	0.5	3.5	na	3.7	3.5	na
IHS Economics	2.1	1.8	0.6	4.6	na	4.5	4.2	na
Nordea	1.0	0.4	0.3	3.1	-0.1	3.7	3.0	0.2
Oxford Economics	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.9	0.0	2.8	2.6	0.1
SEB	0.9	0.5	0.5	2.0	0.0	3.7	3.5	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	1.3	1.0	0.5	3.0	0.0	3.7	3.0	0.2
High	2.1	1.8	0.9	4.6	0.2	4.5	4.2	0.4
Low	0.9	0.4	0.0	1.9	-0.1	2.0	0.9	0.1
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.1
Number of Forecasts	9	9	9	9	5	9	9	4
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Dec. '14)	1.0	0.6	0.7	na	0.0	3.1	3.1	0.0
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	1.4	1.1	0.6	2.9	na	4.6	4.4	na
EC (Nov. '14)	1.1	0.6	0.1	2.3	0.0	3.2	2.3	0.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.3	1.1	0.0	2.5	0.0	4.6	3.9	0.3

### Finland 2015 GDP Growth Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: MJEconomics*



### Finland: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	National Coalition Party led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By April 2015 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Helsinki (GMT +2 hours)
<b>Currency:</b>	Euro (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$257 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.4 m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	19th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	12th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	4th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	3rd out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	56% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	20.0%

*Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.*

## Finland: 2016 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Wages & Salaries (private sector)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Euros bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Aktia Bank	na	8.7	0.9	na	1.2	-3.0	-1.4	-2.2
Danske Bank	na	8.8	1.2	na	na	na	-0.5	-1.5
Econ Intelligence Unit	3.0	8.6	1.7	2.6	2.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.8
ETLA	2.9	8.5	1.6	0.7	1.7	-3.5	-1.6	-1.7
Handelsbanken	3.5	8.6	1.7	na	1.3	-2.1	-1.0	-2.0
IHS Economics	3.8	8.0	1.9	na	na	-2.0	-0.9	-2.1
Nordea	2.0	9.0	1.0	na	0.8	-3.0	-1.5	-1.7
Oxford Economics	2.2	8.3	1.3	2.1	2.4	-0.7	-0.3	-0.6
SEB	na	8.0	1.1	na	1.8	na	-1.0	-1.8
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	3.0	8.6	1.3	2.1	1.7	-2.1	-1.0	-1.8
High	3.8	9.0	1.9	2.6	2.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Low	2.0	8.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	-3.5	-1.6	-2.2
Standard Deviation	0.7	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.5
Number of Forecasts	6	9	9	3	7	7	9	9
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Bank of Finland (Dec. '14)	na	8.2	1.4	na	1.2	-3.7	-1.7	-2.2
Finance Ministry (Sep. '14)	na	8.2	1.8	na	1.5	-2.4	-1.1	-1.7
EC (Nov. '14)	na	8.3	na	na	na	na	-1.4	-2.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	8.5	na	na	na	na	-0.8	-1.8



## Norway: 2015 Forecasts

National Accounts (constant prices) <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product		Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribution to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribution to GDP growth
	Total	Mainland							
<b>Panellists</b>									
Danske Bank	1.8	na	2.0	2.5	-5.5	-0.1	0.8	3.8	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.1	na	1.9	2.9	-1.9	-0.4	1.6	0.3	0.5
IHS Economics	0.6	na	2.0	2.3	-3.2	na	1.7	1.1	na
Nordea	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.4	-2.2	0.3	1.9	1.2	na
Oxford Economics	0.6	1.4	2.2	2.6	-0.5	-0.9	1.3	1.1	0.2
SEB	1.2	2.1	2.7	2.1	-1.8	0.0	2.6	3.4	na
Statistics Norway	0.6	1.0	1.4	2.5	-2.0	0.3	0.8	2.2	-0.3
Swedbank First Securities	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.3	-2.5	-0.1	2.0	0.4	0.7
UniCredit Bank	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.4	-1.8	0.4	0.7	1.2	-0.1
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Last Month	1.2	1.8	2.1	2.2	-0.5	-0.2	1.9	2.1	0.2
2 Months Ago	1.6	2.0	2.5	2.0	0.5	-0.1	2.1	2.6	0.2
Median	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.4	-2.0	-0.1	1.6	1.2	0.2
High	1.8	2.1	2.7	2.9	-0.5	0.4	2.6	3.8	0.7
Low	0.6	1.0	1.3	2.1	-5.5	-0.9	0.7	0.3	-0.3
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.6	1.2	0.4
Number of Forecasts	9	6	9	9	9	8	9	9	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	1.6	2.0	2.7	2.2	-0.9	na	2.2	2.5	na
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	1.3	1.5	2.0	2.5	na	na	na	2.0	na
EC (Nov. '14)	2.2	na	2.0	1.8	1.9	0.0	4.0	3.8	0.5
IMF (Oct. '14)	1.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	1.8	2.5	3.0	2.3	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.8	-0.1

- The country is coming to terms with a lower oil price pushing down the value of the krone and leading to delayed investment spending as well as job cuts in the offshore oil and gas industry, and along the supplier chain.
- The government may spend more of its sovereign wealth fund to keep the economy afloat, but there is no sign of panic given the positive effects of a more competitive krone providing a lift to the non-oil and gas sectors. The mainland economy, sheltered from international competition, remains strong with lower borrowing costs stemming from the Norges Bank's policy rate cut supporting the housing market to keep consumer spending bubbling along.
- The latest trade data emphasise these effects, with falling oil and gas export revenue in Q4 2014 partially compensated by increased traditional exports softening the impact on Norway's merchandise trade and current account balances. Both balances (in conjunction with the fiscal surplus) will continue to shrink if the low oil price continues, but from very high starting positions.
- Consumer confidence slipped in the fourth quarter of last year, but remained positive with the unemployment rate gradually rising and yet less than 4%. Real wage growth, falling energy bills and low borrowing costs should keep households spending, but will also sustain fears of an over-inflated property market.

## Norway: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPI-ATE index, underlying rate)	Manufac- turing Earnings	Current Account Balance (annual total, Nkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists								
Danske Bank	na	3.7	2.8	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	-0.7	4.1	1.4	na	3.4	382.3	11.7	8.9
IHS Economics	0.6	3.7	na	na	na	na	na	7.6
Nordea	na	3.9	1.6	1.9	3.0	228.9	7.0	7.6
Oxford Economics	-2.3	4.0	1.9	na	3.7	148.2	4.6	5.8
SEB	na	3.8	1.9	2.0	3.3	na	na	na
Statistics Norway	na	3.9	2.6	2.8	na	226.3	7.3	na
Swedbank First Securities	0.8	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	313.7	9.9	6.4
UniCredit Bank	na	3.8	1.7	2.1	na	na	na	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>259.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Last Month	-0.4	3.8	2.0	2.3	3.4	255.9	8.0	7.5
2 Months Ago	0.3	3.7	2.0	2.0	3.8	318.3	9.8	9.7
Median	-0.1	3.9	1.9	2.1	3.3	228.9	7.3	7.6
High	0.8	4.1	2.8	2.8	3.7	382.3	11.7	8.9
Low	-2.3	3.7	1.4	1.9	2.8	148.2	4.6	5.8
Standard Deviation	1.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	90.1	2.8	1.2
Number of Forecasts	4	9	8	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	3.6	2.1	2.1	na	na	11.7	9.5
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	na	3.8	2.5	2.5	na	na	na	na
EC (Nov. '14)	na	3.1	na	na	na	na	11.4	10.0
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	3.8	2.0	na	na	na	10.2	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	3.4	2.2	na	na	na	7.9	9.5

<b>Norway: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
GDP, total	0.6	1.0	2.7	0.7	2.2
GDP, mainland	1.8	1.9	3.8	2.3	2.6
Private Consumption	3.8	2.3	3.5	2.1	1.9
Government Consumption	2.2	1.0	1.6	1.7	3.1
Gross Fixed Investment	-6.6	7.4	7.6	6.8	1.2
Inventory Building (% contribution)	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.5
Goods & Services Exports	0.7	-0.8	1.4	-3.0	0.7
Goods & Services Imports	8.3	4.0	3.1	4.3	1.6
Net Exports (% contribution)	-2.2	-1.6	-0.5	-2.6	-0.1
Industrial Production	-5.5	-4.3	2.7	-4.9	3.4
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.5
Consumer Prices, headline rate	2.4	1.2	0.8	2.1	2.0
Consumer Prices, underlying rate (CPI-ATE)	1.4	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.4
Manufacturing Earnings	3.6	4.5	4.4	3.7	3.5
Current Account Balance (Nkr bn)	282.7	344.9	368.9	299.5	301.7
- as a % of GDP	10.9	12.4	12.4	9.8	9.6
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	11.0	13.3	13.6	11.1	10.2

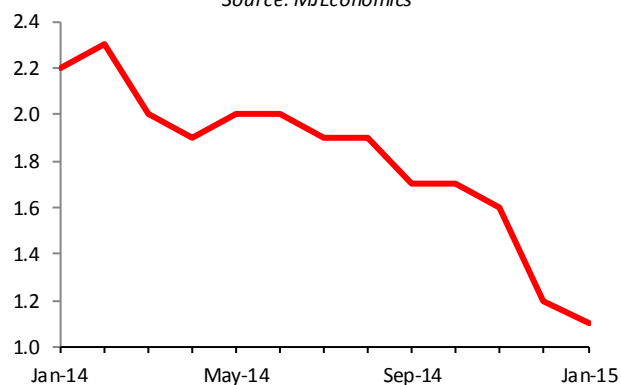
Source: Eurostat, Statistics Norway

## Norway: 2016 Forecasts

National Accounts (constant prices) <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Gross Domestic Product		Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Gross Fixed Investment	Stock (inventory) Building, % contribution to GDP growth	Goods & Services Exports	Goods & Services Imports	Net Exports, % contribution to GDP growth
	Total	Mainland							
<b>Panellists</b>									
Danske Bank	2.3	na	2.2	2.2	1.3	0.0	0.9	3.3	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.6	na	2.2	2.4	2.3	-0.6	1.6	1.2	0.3
IHS Economics	0.7	na	2.2	2.8	-3.6	na	2.4	2.5	na
Nordea	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	0.1	0.0	1.9	1.6	na
Oxford Economics	1.5	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.6	-0.4	1.9	2.0	0.2
SEB	1.9	2.4	3.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	2.2	3.8	na
Statistics Norway	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.1	-0.1	1.5	2.4	-0.2
Swedbank First Securities	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.1	-2.6	0.0	2.4	0.7	0.8
UniCredit Bank	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.3	1.1	0.3	1.7	2.2	0.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	1.7	2.3	2.2	2.3	1.3	0.0	1.9	2.2	0.2
High	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.3	0.3	2.4	3.8	0.8
Low	0.7	1.5	1.7	2.0	-3.6	-0.6	0.9	0.7	-0.2
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.4
Number of Forecasts	9	6	9	9	9	8	9	9	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	1.8	2.3	2.3	na	na	na	na	na	na
EC (Nov. '14)	2.3	na	1.7	2.5	2.6	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.4
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.5	0.0	2.5	2.8	0.1

### Norway 2015 GDP Growth Forecasts

*% change, year-on-year  
Source: MJEconomics*



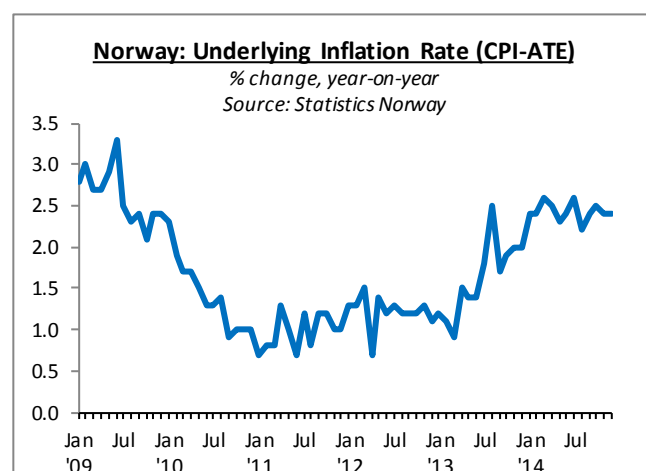
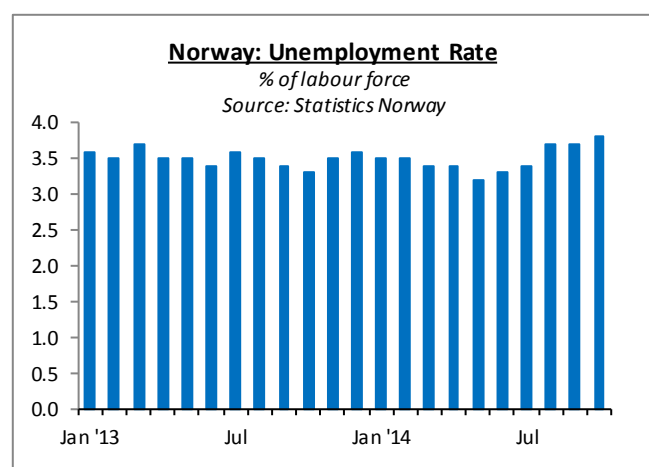
### Norway: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Conservative-Progress Party coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	2017 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Oslo (GMT +1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Norwegian Krone (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$513 bn
<b>Population:</b>	5.1m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	32nd out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	9th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	11th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	5th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	29.5% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	27.0%

Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.

## Norway: 2016 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Production	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPI-ATE index, underlying rate)	Manufac- turing Earnings	Current Account Balance (annual total, Nkr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>								
Danske Bank	na	3.7	2.0	na	na	na	na	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	-1.0	3.9	2.0	na	4.0	427.1	12.5	8.7
IHS Economics	0.8	4.0	na	na	na	na	na	6.6
Nordea	na	4.2	1.6	1.6	3.0	287.6	8.5	8.3
Oxford Economics	-1.1	4.0	2.8	na	4.1	180.7	5.4	5.9
SEB	na	3.6	2.1	2.2	3.5	na	na	na
Statistics Norway	na	4.0	2.0	2.1	na	230.9	7.4	na
Swedbank First Securities	0.1	4.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	220.3	7.0	7.3
UniCredit Bank	na	4.0	1.8	2.2	na	na	na	na
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>269.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	-0.5	4.0	2.0	2.2	3.5	230.9	7.4	7.3
High	0.8	4.2	2.8	2.4	4.1	427.1	12.5	8.7
Low	-1.1	3.6	1.6	1.6	2.7	180.7	5.4	5.9
Standard Deviation	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	96.1	2.7	1.2
Number of Forecasts	4	9	8	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Norges Bank (Dec. '14)	na	4.0	2.8	2.8	na	na	na	na
EC (Nov. '14)	na	3.2	na	na	na	na	11.4	9.1
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	3.4	2.4	na	na	na	8.2	9.4



## Sweden: 2015 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Confed of Swe Enterprise	2.9	3.2	1.3	3.5	0.1	4.6	4.7	0.1
Danske Bank	2.0	1.6	1.5	3.4	0.1	3.2	3.7	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	2.4	2.6	1.4	4.7	0.1	3.0	5.0	-0.6
Handelsbanken	2.6	2.5	1.5	4.0	0.0	4.4	4.4	0.1
IHS Economics	2.0	2.0	1.7	4.1	na	2.7	3.8	na
Morgan Stanley	2.4	3.4	1.4	4.4	-0.1	3.2	4.8	-0.5
National Institute - KI	2.0	2.6	0.9	4.4	-0.1	3.7	5.0	-0.4
Nordea	2.3	2.2	1.6	4.6	0.0	4.8	5.1	na
Oxford Economics	2.1	3.2	1.5	4.1	0.2	3.3	5.9	-0.9
SEB	2.7	3.0	0.8	4.5	0.1	3.4	3.7	na
UniCredit Bank	2.3	3.2	1.7	2.8	-0.1	3.6	4.3	-0.2
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Last Month	2.4	2.6	1.3	4.5	0.0	3.8	4.4	-0.2
2 Months Ago	2.5	2.7	1.2	4.5	0.0	3.9	4.4	-0.2
Median	2.3	2.6	1.5	4.1	0.1	3.4	4.7	-0.4
High	2.9	3.4	1.7	4.7	0.2	4.8	5.9	0.1
Low	2.0	1.6	0.8	2.8	-0.1	2.7	3.7	-0.9
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.4
Number of Forecasts	11	11	11	11	10	11	11	7
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	2.8	3.2	1.5	5.5	0.0	5.4	6.1	-0.1
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	2.4	2.6	1.9	4.9	0.1	4.9	5.9	-0.2
EC (Nov. '14)	2.4	2.8	1.4	4.3	0.0	3.9	4.9	-0.3
IMF (Oct. '14)	2.7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	2.8	2.6	1.9	4.4	0.1	3.4	3.5	na

- The Riksbank (Sweden's central bank) is poised to introduce unconventional quantitative easing measures (and possibly a negative policy interest rate) at its next meeting in February to ensure that below target inflation, indeed deflation, does not remain an entrenched phenomenon. The Bank's Board has discussed such an unusual reaction in light of recent trends in the consumer price indices and with the situation in Europe prompting the ECB to consider a similar response.
- The economy is not inherently depressed, but is vulnerable to sluggish and uneven growth in view of its very open nature. Indeed, the latest data highlight weak exports offsetting favourable figures concerning services sector output that point to stronger domestic demand.
- In contrast to other countries in the region, confidence picked up in December. The European Commission's economic sentiment indicator has fluctuated unevenly in recent months but rebounded to 108.6 – its highest level since August. Much of the improvement was down to the robust services sector benefiting from solid domestic demand, although construction sector confidence (now showing a small positive net balance) also edged higher.
- Sweden's harmonised unemployment rate has stayed at 7.9% for several months through to October, according to Eurostat, sentiment within the manufacturing sector has ebbed and flowed and the background political crisis still poses some risks for policymaking.



## Sweden: 2015 Forecasts

Other Indicators <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Prodn (mining & manufac.)	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPIF index, underlying rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Hourly Earnings (total industry)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Skr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
Panellists									
Conted of Swe Enterprise	na	7.5	0.7	1.4	na	na	na	na	na
Danske Bank	na	7.6	0.3	na	na	na	na	5.0	-1.6
Econ Intelligence Unit	1.8	7.6	1.1	na	2.5	2.5	227.4	6.0	-1.6
Handelsbanken	1.2	7.8	0.9	1.2	na	3.0	235.0	5.8	-1.3
IHS Economics	1.2	7.7	-0.2	na	na	na	na	6.4	-1.1
Morgan Stanley	na	7.4	0.2	0.7	na	na	214.5	5.3	-1.7
National Institute - KI	0.9	7.7	0.1	0.8	na	2.9	224.5	5.6	-1.8
Nordea	na	7.7	0.3	0.9	na	2.8	204.3	5.1	-1.6
Oxford Economics	0.3	7.5	-0.5	na	0.6	na	206.4	5.2	-2.1
SEB	na	7.6	0.3	1.0	na	2.8	na	5.5	-0.9
UniCredit Bank	na	7.6	0.7	1.0	na	na	na	5.3	-1.3
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>218.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Last Month	1.7	7.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.8	218.7	5.5	-1.4
2 Months Ago	2.0	7.6	1.0	1.4	1.6	2.8	224.1	5.6	-1.3
Median	1.2	7.6	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.8	219.5	5.4	-1.6
High	1.8	7.8	1.1	1.4	2.5	3.0	235.0	6.4	-0.9
Low	0.3	7.4	-0.5	0.7	0.6	2.5	204.3	5.0	-2.1
Standard Deviation	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	1.3	0.2	12.3	0.4	0.4
Number of Forecasts	5	11	11	7	2	5	6	10	10
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	7.3	0.9	1.4	na	na	na	na	-1.1
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	na	7.5	0.3	1.0	na	3.0	na	4.7	-1.3
EC (Nov. '14)	na	7.8	na	na	na	na	na	5.4	-1.8
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	7.8	1.4	na	na	na	na	6.1	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	7.5	0.8	na	na	na	na	5.0	-1.3

Sweden: Historical Data (% change year-on-year)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Gross Domestic Product	6.0	2.7	-0.3	1.3	1.9
Private Consumption	3.9	1.9	0.8	1.9	2.6
Government Consumption	1.3	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.4
Gross Fixed Investment	6.0	5.7	-0.2	-0.4	4.5
Inventory Building (% contribution)	2.1	0.5	-1.1	0.0	0.2
Goods & Services Exports	11.9	6.1	1.0	-0.2	2.3
Goods & Services Imports	12.8	7.3	0.5	-0.7	4.8
Net Exports (% contribution)	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.8
Industrial Production	8.7	3.1	-3.2	-4.3	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)	8.4	7.5	8.0	8.0	7.9
Consumer Prices (headline rate)	1.3	3.0	0.9	0.0	-0.2
Consumer Prices (underlying rate, CPIF)	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.9	0.5
Producer Prices	1.0	0.4	-0.9	-2.8	1.6
Labour Costs (mining and manufacturing)	2.6	2.7	3.2	2.6	2.6
Current Account Balance (Skr bn)	211.6	212.5	212.4	274.1	221.5
- as a % of GDP	6.0	5.8	5.8	7.3	5.7
General Govt Budget Balance (% of GDP)	0.0	-0.1	-0.9	-1.3	-2.1

Source: Eurostat, Statistics Sweden

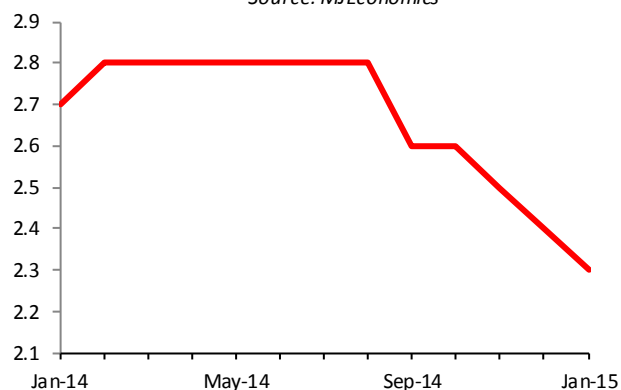
## Sweden: 2016 Forecasts

<b>National Accounts (constant prices)</b> <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
<b>Panellists</b>								
Confed of Swe Enterprise	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Danske Bank	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.1	0.0	5.0	4.5	na
Econ Intelligence Unit	2.2	2.2	1.2	5.0	0.0	4.6	5.5	-0.2
Handelsbanken	2.5	2.5	1.2	3.5	0.0	4.2	4.0	0.3
IHS Economics	2.3	1.8	1.4	4.2	na	3.1	3.5	na
Morgan Stanley	3.1	3.3	1.8	5.0	-0.2	4.2	4.2	0.1
National Institute - KI	2.8	2.7	1.7	5.1	0.0	4.8	5.2	0.0
Nordea	2.1	2.0	0.8	3.0	0.0	5.0	4.1	na
Oxford Economics	3.0	3.6	1.4	6.2	0.1	4.9	6.8	-0.6
SEB	2.7	2.7	0.8	5.5	0.1	4.9	5.4	na
UniCredit Bank	3.0	3.3	1.4	3.5	-0.1	5.1	4.8	0.0
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	2.6	2.6	1.3	4.6	0.0	4.9	4.7	0.0
High	3.1	3.6	1.8	6.2	0.1	5.1	6.8	0.3
Low	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.1	-0.2	3.1	3.5	-0.6
Standard Deviation	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.3
Number of Forecasts	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	6
<b>Other Forecasts</b>								
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	3.0	2.9	1.1	6.1	0.0	6.4	6.5	0.2
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	3.1	2.8	1.9	5.6	0.0	6.5	6.6	0.2
EC (Nov. '14)	2.7	2.8	1.2	4.9	-0.1	4.7	5.3	-0.1
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	3.1	3.0	1.4	4.4	0.0	3.7	3.4	na

### Sweden 2015 GDP Growth Forecasts

% change, year-on-year

Source: MJEconomics



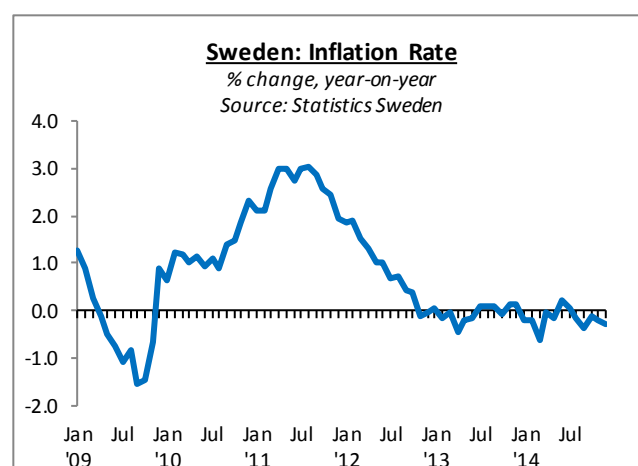
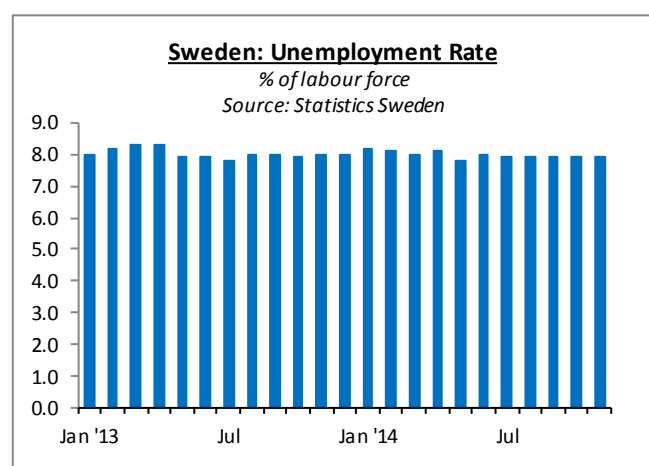
### Sweden: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Social Democrat led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By September 2018 (parliamentary)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Stockholm (GMT + 1 hour)
<b>Currency:</b>	Swedish Krona (free float)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$558 bn
<b>Population:</b>	9.6m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	20th out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	14th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	10th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	4th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	38.6% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	22.0%

Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.

## Sweden: 2016 Forecasts

<b>Other Indicators</b> <i>average % change from previous year unless otherwise noted</i>	Industrial Prodn (mining & manufac.)	Unemploy- ment Rate (% of labour force)	Consumer Prices (national index, headline rate)	Consumer Prices (CPIF index, underlying rate)	Producer Prices (total industry)	Hourly Earnings (total industry)	Current Account Balance (annual total, Skr bn)	Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	General Govt Balance (% of GDP)
<b>Panellists</b>									
Confed of Swe Enterprise	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Danske Bank	na	7.3	1.2	na	na	na	na	4.8	-1.0
Econ Intelligence Unit	3.1	7.3	2.0	na	2.2	2.8	244.1	6.3	-0.5
Handelsbanken	1.6	7.5	2.9	2.0	na	3.2	236.0	5.6	-0.6
IHS Economics	2.3	7.4	1.0	na	na	na	na	5.7	-0.3
Morgan Stanley	na	6.8	1.4	1.2	na	na	235.7	5.5	-0.8
National Institute - KI	4.5	7.4	1.0	1.3	na	3.0	230.5	5.5	-1.0
Nordea	na	7.5	1.6	1.4	na	3.0	230.9	5.5	-0.8
Oxford Economics	3.4	7.0	2.2	na	2.7	na	178.0	4.3	-0.9
SEB	na	7.2	1.5	1.5	na	3.5	na	5.3	-0.2
UniCredit Bank	na	7.4	1.6	1.5	na	na	na	5.8	-0.3
<b>Consensus (Mean Average)</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>225.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Last Month	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2 Months Ago	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Median	3.1	7.4	1.6	1.5	2.5	3.0	233.3	5.5	-0.7
High	4.5	7.5	2.9	2.0	2.7	3.5	244.1	6.3	-0.2
Low	1.6	6.8	1.0	1.2	2.2	2.8	178.0	4.3	-1.0
Standard Deviation	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	24.0	0.5	0.3
Number of Forecasts	5	10	10	6	2	5	6	10	10
<b>Other Forecasts</b>									
Finance Ministry (Oct. '14)	na	6.7	2.2	1.8	na	na	na	na	-0.3
Riksbank (Dec. '14)	na	6.9	2.0	2.0	na	3.4	na	4.6	-0.7
EC (Nov. '14)	na	7.6	na	na	na	na	na	5.1	-1.2
IMF (Oct. '14)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
OECD (Nov. '14)	na	7.3	1.5	na	na	na	na	5.1	-0.6



### Iceland Forecasts

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

<b>GDP Growth</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	2.9	3.5	2.8
EC	2.3	2.8	2.5
IMF	2.9	3.0	na
OECD	2.5	3.3	2.8
SI	2.7	3.3	2.9

<b>Private Consumption</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	4.3	4.2	3.0
EC	4.0	3.9	3.0
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	4.0	3.6	3.1
SI	3.9	4.0	3.2

<b>Fixed Investment</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	17.6	14.1	15.6
EC	11.0	9.5	7.5
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	12.3	16.0	12.2
SI	14.0	18.7	14.6

<b>Export Volume</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	3.6	2.6	2.2
EC	3.5	4.0	4.7
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	3.3	3.1	3.0
SI	3.9	2.8	2.8

<b>Import Volume</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	8.3	5.9	6.5
EC	7.8	6.7	6.5
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	8.0	6.3	6.0
SI	8.1	7.4	7.1

<b>Consumer Price Inflation</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	2.2	2.6	3.0
EC	2.3	2.8	3.0
IMF	2.5	3.3	na
OECD	2.2	2.7	3.1
SI	2.2	2.7	3.0

<b>Current Acc. (% of GDP)</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	3.3	1.3	-0.3
EC	2.6	1.2	0.1
IMF	2.1	2.3	na
OECD	3.2	1.2	-0.3
SI	3.5	0.9	-0.7

<b>Budget Balance (% of GDP)</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
CBol	1.9	-0.2	0.6
EC	1.5	0.0	-0.3
IMF	na	na	na
OECD	-0.5	-0.3	0.1
SI	na	na	na

#### Sources:

Central Bank of Iceland, November 2014  
 European Commission, November 2014  
 IMF, World Economic Outlook, October 2014  
 OECD, Economic Outlook, November 2014  
 Statistics Iceland, November 2014

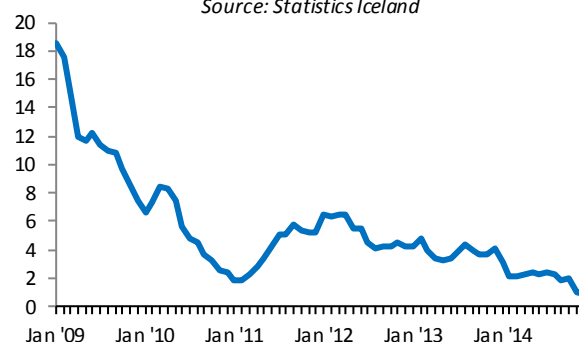
### Iceland Snapshot

- The expected decision by the coalition partners, the Progressive Party and the Independence Party, to officially terminate Iceland's European Union accession negotiations has seen a series of public protests and a petition signed by a fifth of the population calling for a referendum on the issue. It is believed that a majority is in favour of completing the process.

- The economy remains favourable despite the weak economic conditions in Europe. Overnight stays in Icelandic hotels were 16% higher in November 2014, compared to the same month in 2013 and were 13% higher on a y/y basis during the twelve months to November. Lifting the capital controls in place since the banking crisis in 2008 remains a difficult objective, however, given the likely impact on balance of payments financing and the krona.

#### Iceland: Inflation Rate

% change, year-on-year  
 Source: Statistics Iceland



#### Iceland: Background Information

<b>Government:</b>	Progressive Party led coalition
<b>Next Election:</b>	By June 2016 (presidential)
<b>Capital City:</b>	Reykjavic (GMT time)
<b>Currency:</b>	Icelandic Krona (capital controls)
<b>Nominal GDP:</b>	\$15 bn
<b>Population:</b>	0.3m
<b>Economic Freedom:</b>	23rd out of 178 countries
<b>Doing Business:</b>	13th out of 189 countries
<b>Competitiveness:</b>	30th out of 144 countries
<b>Corruption:</b>	12th out of 175 countries
<b>Government Debt:</b>	122.6% of GDP
<b>Corporate Tax Rate:</b>	20.0%

Sources: Deloitte, IFES Election Guide, Eurostat, FT, Heritage Foundation, MJE, Transparency International, World Bank and World Economic Forum.

### Interest Rate Forecasts

#### 3-month Danish CIBOR Rate, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.23**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	0.24	0.28
High	0.30	0.30
Low	0.20	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.05	0.04

#### 10 Year Danish Govt Bond Yield, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.59**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.55	1.81
High	1.80	2.10
Low	1.16	1.52
Standard Deviation	0.34	0.41

#### 3-month Euro Area EURIBOR Rate, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.06**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	0.13	0.14
High	0.45	0.40
Low	0.00	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.13	0.12

#### 10 Year Finnish Govt Bond Yield, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.45**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.28	1.91
High	1.82	3.00
Low	0.70	1.20
Standard Deviation	0.47	0.78

#### 3-month Norwegian NIBOR Rate, %

Rate on Survey Date: **1.39**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.21	1.40
High	1.60	1.93
Low	0.70	0.70
Standard Deviation	0.31	0.55

#### 10 Year Norwegian Govt Bond Yield, %

Rate on Survey Date: **1.47**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.81	2.21
High	2.60	3.20
Low	1.17	1.17
Standard Deviation	0.52	1.02

#### 3-month Swedish STIBOR Rate, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.20**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	0.45	1.26
High	0.80	2.00
Low	0.25	0.60
Standard Deviation	0.27	0.66

#### 10 Year Swedish Govt Bond Yield, %

Rate on Survey Date: **0.76**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.64	2.61
High	2.07	3.10
Low	1.15	2.00
Standard Deviation	0.35	0.50

### Oil Price Forecasts

#### Oil Prices, Brent Blend, US\$ per barrel

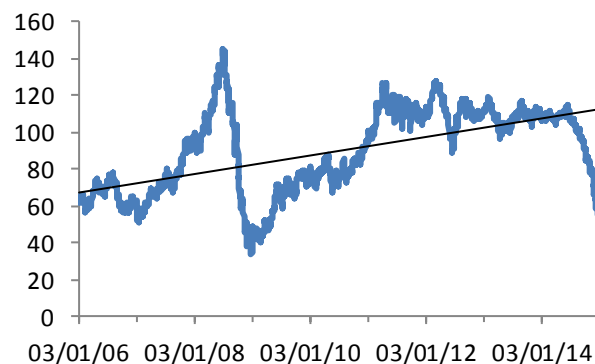
Price on Survey Date: **47.1**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	67.1	76.3
High	80.3	85.0
Low	55.0	68.0
Standard Deviation	9.4	5.8

Notes: The consensus (mean average) is based on responses from panellists in our Nordic Barometer survey and those in our companion publication, the Euro Zone Barometer. Forecasts are for end period.

#### Oil Price Trend

Brent Blend, US\$ per barrel  
Source: FT



**Exchange Rate Forecasts**

**Danish Krone/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **7.434**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	7.452	7.452
High	7.460	7.460
Low	7.440	7.440
Standard Deviation	0.008	0.008

**US Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **1.159**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	1.158	1.157
High	1.280	1.300
Low	1.050	1.000
Standard Deviation	0.050	0.066

**Norwegian Krone/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **8.839**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	8.643	8.418
High	9.300	8.800
Low	8.150	7.950
Standard Deviation	0.332	0.255

**Swedish Krona/Euro Exchange Rate**

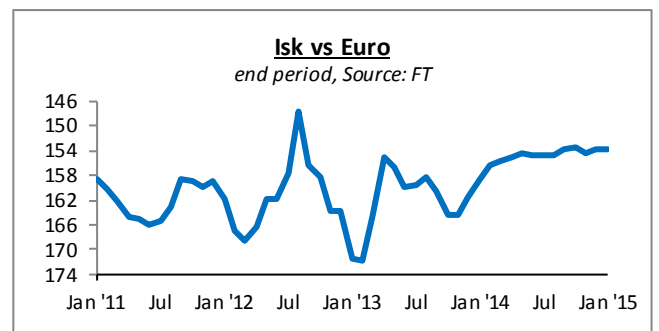
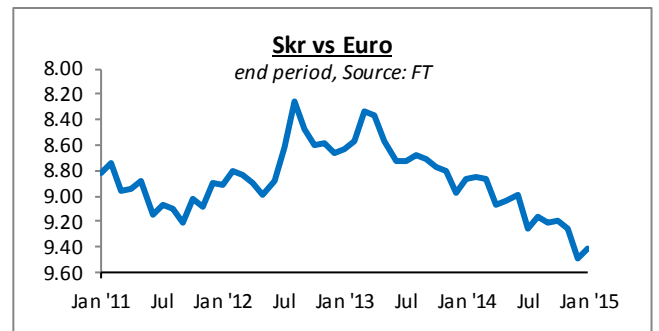
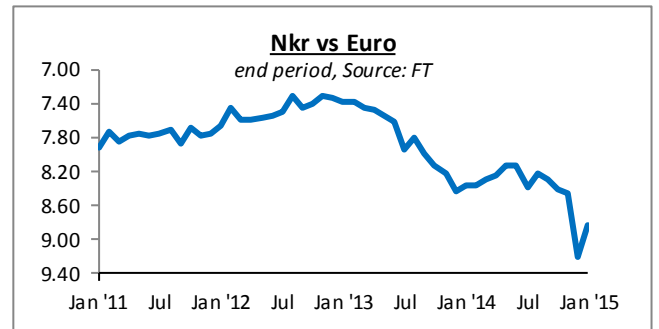
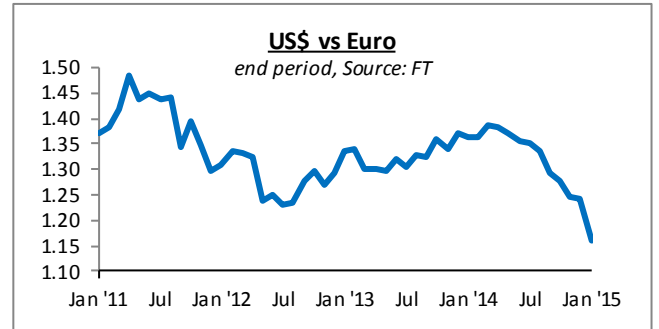
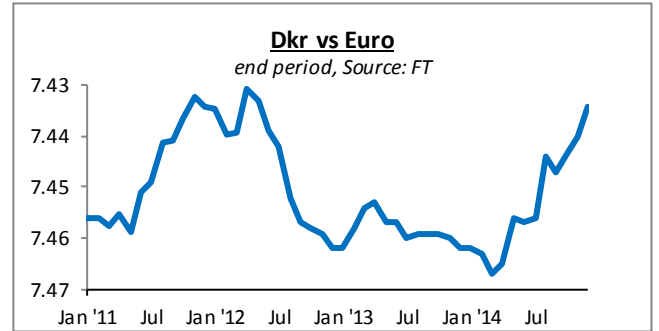
Rate on Survey Date: **9.416**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	9.049	8.834
High	9.600	9.300
Low	8.800	8.000
Standard Deviation	0.191	0.293

**Icelandic Krona/Euro Exchange Rate**

Rate on Survey Date: **153.9**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Mean Average	151.0	149.5
High	155.0	155.0
Low	145.3	143.5
Standard Deviation	5.1	5.8



**The Nordic Barometer Monthly**  
**Qualitative Interest Rate Poll**

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **DANISH POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **DANISH LENDING RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>25%</b>
Likely decrease?	10bp

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **EURO AREA POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **NORWEGIAN POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

Share of respondents anticipating that between now and our next survey the **SWEDISH POLICY RATE** will:

<b>Remain UNCHANGED?</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely increase?	na
<b>DECREASE?</b>	<b>0%</b>
Likely decrease?	na

**Central Bank Watch**

- Monetary expansion remains in vogue as the region’s central bankers respond to falling oil prices and weak economies causing deflation.
- Norway is still registering inflation only slightly below target, but deflation is a problem for Sweden and the euro zone, so the ECB and the Riksbank are poised to introduce unconventional quantitative easing measures at their next meetings.
- The Nationalbank has lowered its rates to prevent upward pressure on the krone undermining its euro fix, while another interest rate cut is expected from Norges Bank as the central banks delay eventual tightening of monetary policy.

**The Most Recent Interest Rate Changes**

**Denmark: Danmarks Nationalbank**  
January 19th, 2015

A reduction in the certificates of deposit rate from -0.05% to -0.20% with effect from January 20th. The discount rate and current-account rate are unchanged at 0.00%, but the lending rate is also reduced from 0.20% to 0.05%.

**Finland: European Central Bank**  
September 4th, 2014

A reduction in the repo rate from 0.15% to 0.05% with effect from September 10th, 2014.

**Norway: Norges Bank**  
December 10th, 2014

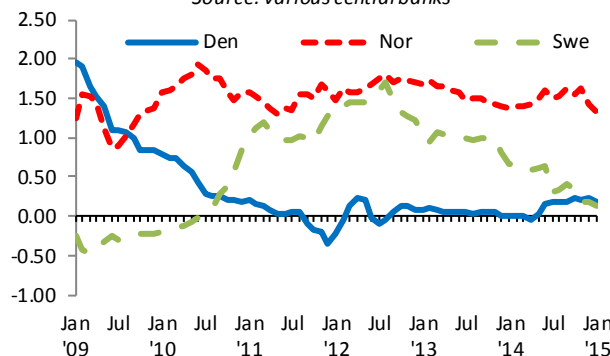
A reduction in the sight deposit rate from 1.50% to 1.25% with effect from December 11th, 2014.

**Sweden: Sveriges Riksbank**  
October 27th, 2014

A reduction in the repo rate from 0.25% to 0.00% with effect from October 29th, 2014.

**Short Term Interest Rate Spreads vs Euro**

three month interbank rates, % p.a.  
Source: various central banks



**Long Term Forecasts**

Forecasts for 2017 to 2019 are taken from our January 2015 special long term forecasts survey.

<b>Denmark</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	0.9	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
<b>Private Consumption</b>	0.2	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	2.8	2.7	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.8
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.6	6.0
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	0.6	0.7	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.9
<b>Current Account (annual total, Dkr bn)</b>	146.9	140.6	138.4	154.1	158.9	182.5
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	6.9	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.5	7.3
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.28	0.24	0.28	1.04	1.73	2.28
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	0.84	1.55	1.81	2.10	2.40	2.60
<b>Yield Differential</b>	0.56	1.31	1.53	1.06	0.67	0.33
<b>Dkr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	7.446	7.452	7.452	7.457	7.457	7.455
<b>Finland</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	-0.2	0.5	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
<b>Private Consumption</b>	-0.2	0.2	1.0	1.7	1.9	2.1
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	-3.9	0.5	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.2
<b>Industrial Production</b>	-1.8	1.6	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.8
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.0	7.8	7.3
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	1.0	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.9
<b>Current Account (annual total, Euros bn)</b>	-2.7	-2.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.2	-0.3
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	-1.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.2
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.08	0.13	0.14	0.62	1.29	1.84
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	0.65	1.28	1.91	2.47	3.07	3.68
<b>Yield Differential</b>	0.57	1.15	1.77	1.85	1.77	1.84
<b>US\$ per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	1.210	1.158	1.157	1.203	1.223	1.213
<b>Norway</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product, total</b>	2.2	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.1
<b>Private Consumption</b>	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.6
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	1.2	-2.4	0.5	1.7	2.4	3.2
<b>Industrial Production</b>	3.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.9	1.0
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3
<b>Current Account (annual total, Nkr bn)</b>	301.7	259.9	269.3	306.5	346.9	406.1
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	9.6	8.1	8.2	9.0	9.5	10.3
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	1.48	1.21	1.40	1.60	2.13	2.83
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	1.55	1.81	2.21	2.70	3.43	3.87
<b>Yield Differential</b>	0.07	0.60	0.81	1.10	1.30	1.03
<b>Nkr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	9.072	8.643	8.418	8.359	8.273	8.240
<b>Sweden</b>						
<i>(% change year-on-year, unless otherwise stated)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.0
<b>Private Consumption</b>	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.9
<b>Gross Fixed Investment</b>	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.3	2.5
<b>Industrial Production</b>	-2.0	1.1	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.7
<b>Unemployment Rate (% of labour force)</b>	7.9	7.6	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.6
<b>Consumer Prices</b>	-0.2	0.4	1.6	2.6	2.5	2.3
<b>Current Account (annual total, Skr bn)</b>	221.5	218.7	225.9	217.0	210.4	209.7
<b>Current Account (% of GDP)</b>	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.1	4.7	4.5
<i>(end period)</i>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>3 Month Interest Rate, % per annum</b>	0.26	0.45	1.26	1.83	2.23	2.73
<b>10 Year Bond Yield, % per annum</b>	0.94	1.64	2.61	2.83	3.60	4.00
<b>Yield Differential</b>	0.68	1.19	1.35	1.00	1.37	1.27
<b>Skr per Euro Exchange Rate</b>	9.473	9.049	8.834	8.680	8.710	8.736
<i>Note: forecasts = consensus (mean average).</i>						



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