

## Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) August 2012

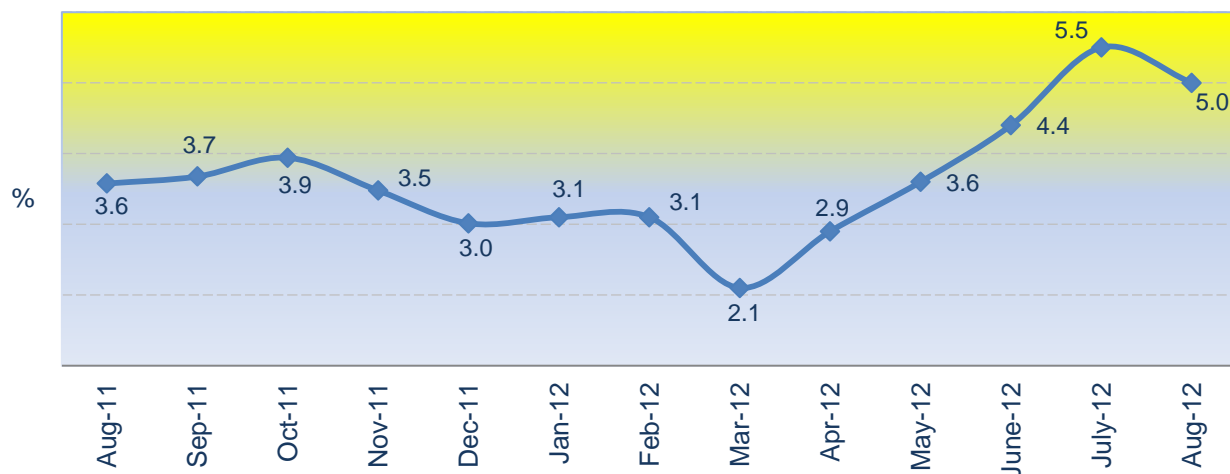
**Monthly inflation in August increased +0.2%, while the annual inflation was +5.0%**

Monthly inflation measured by Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices increased +0.2% in August. This was influenced mostly by the increase in prices of fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment; electricity; services in restaurants cafés and the like. Annual inflation in August was +5.0%, and it is lower than in July, when it was +5.5%.

When observing the main groups, monthly growth of prices was noticed in the following groups: Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+3.4%); Transport (+2.2%); Restaurants and Hotels (+0.5%); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+0,1%); Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (+0.1%); while a decrease in prices is recorded in groups: Clothing and footwear (-1,4%); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (-0.9%); Miscellaneous goods and services (-0.2%); Health (-0.1%); Recreation and culture (-0.1%). Prices in the groups: Communications and Education remain at the same level as in the previous month.

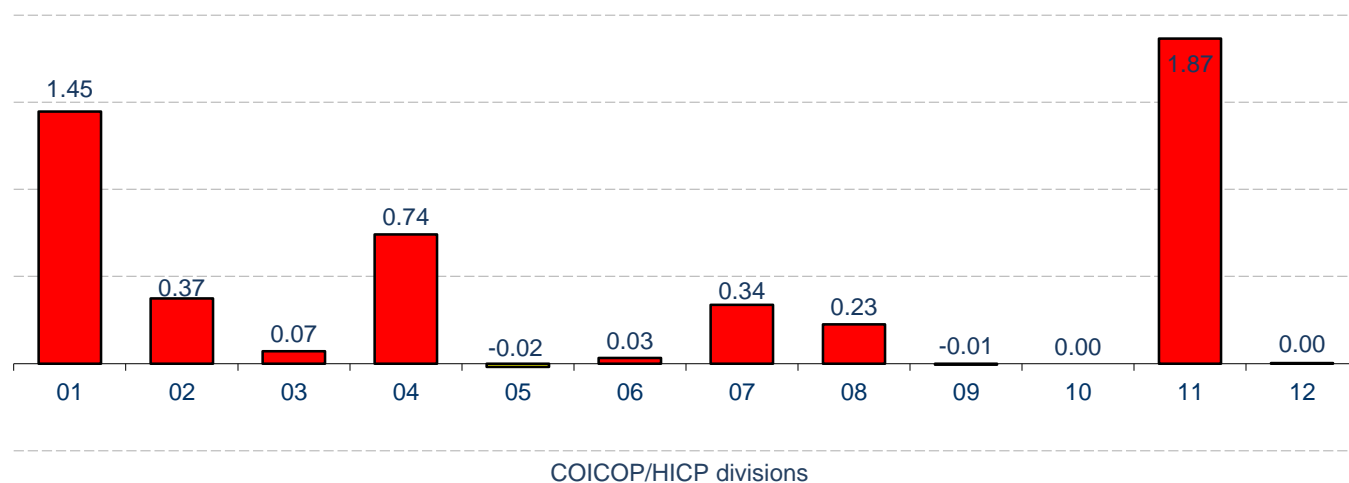
Positive annual inflation rates in August were observed in the following groups: Restaurants and Hotels (+17.0%); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (+10.6%); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+8.3%); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+4.6%); Communications (+3.9%); Transport (+2.5%); Clothing and footwear (+1.5%); Health (+1.5%); Miscellaneous goods and services (+0.1%); while negative annual inflation rate was observed in groups: Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (-0.2%); Recreation and culture (-0.1%).

**Chart 1. Harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP),  
 annual rates**



**Table 1. Inflation rates measured by Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, in %**

Name	Weights ‰	Aug 2012 Ø 2010	Aug 2012 Jul 2012	Aug 2012 Aug 2011	Aug 2012 Dec 2011
<b>00 HICP - total</b>	1 000.0	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	312.7	9.4	-0.9	4.6	3.9
02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	45.2	25.4	0.1	8.3	7.5
03 Clothing and footwear	47.8	-0.6	-1.4	1.5	-0.6
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	69.9	11.4	3.4	10.6	10.5
05 Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	114.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.0
06 Health	22.6	13.2	-0.1	1.5	-0.1
07 Transport	133.5	9.9	2.2	2.5	2.2
08 Communications	57.3	7.0	0.0	3.9	3.6
09 Recreation and culture	51.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
10 Education	10.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
11 Restaurants and hotels	110.1	18.6	0.5	17.0	17.2
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	25.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	-1.1
<b>Special aggregates</b>					
Products	757.5	7.6	7.8	0.3	3.7
Services	242.5	11.0	11.2	0.2	8.9
HICP - excluding food, alcoholic beverages and tobacco	670.9	6.6	7.4	0.7	5.0
Energy	103.5	11.8	17.4	5.2	9.7
Administrative inflation <sup>1</sup>	55.3	11.7	16.5	4.3	11.5

**Chart 2. Impacts of divisions on the annual inflation rate (in %), August 2012**

<sup>1</sup>Inflation which measures trend of administratively established prices, and the following prices are covered under this: bread, electricity, water supply, sewerage collection, refuse collection, public pre-primary institutions, obligatory insurance of vehicles, and issuing of administrative documents, such as birth certificate.

Table 2. Inflation rates presented by divisions, groups and sub-groups measured by HICP, in %

COICOP /HICP	Name	Weights %	Aug 2012 Ø 2010	Aug 2012 Jul 2012	Aug 2012 Aug 2011	Aug 2012 Dec 2011
<b>00</b>	<b>HICP – total</b>	<b>1 000.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>312.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>011</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>283.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>
0111	Bread and cereals	43.6	8.5	-0.5	-2.1	-0.3
0112	Meat	65.8	-2.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.2
0113	Fish	5.6	4.7	-0.7	8.4	7.4
0114	Milk, cheese, and eggs	53.7	-0.3	-0.8	-1.0	1.3
0115	Oils and fats	9.3	18.0	0.0	-2.1	-0.9
0116	Fruit	29.3	35.9	-5.2	13.1	28.6
0117	Vegetables	53.1	12.1	-0.7	16.6	0.4
0118	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	15.8	9.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
0119	Food products n.e.c.	7.7	11.4	1.7	7.0	6.9
<b>012</b>	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.2</b>
0121	Coffee, tea and cocoa	7.6	32.4	0.5	19.2	14.1
0122	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	21.2	4.0	-0.8	2.1	3.4
<b>02</b>	<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>021</b>	<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
0211	Spirits	4.6	9.3	0.0	5.1	1.2
0212	Vine	4.1	4.9	-0.2	0.6	2.4
0213	Beer	17.3	14.9	0.2	2.8	3.7
<b>022</b>	<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>
0220	Tobacco	19.2	45.3	0.0	16.3	13.8
<b>03</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>031</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
0311	Clothing material	0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
0312	Garments	32.3	-1.0	-2.0	1.5	-1.0
0313	Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories	1.6	8.0	0.0	5.3	-2.3
0314	Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	0.2	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>032</b>	<b>Footwear</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
0321/2	Shoes and other footwear, repair and hire of footwear	12.8	-1.6	-0.3	0.7	0.6
<b>04</b>	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>

<b>041</b>	<b>Actual rentals</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>
0411/2	Actual rentals paid by tenants and other actual rentals	9.7	-8.2	0.0	0.6	0.6
<b>043</b>	<b>Maintenance and repair of the dwelling</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
0431	Materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	3.6	8.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.7
0432	Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	4.1	-2.5	0.0	-1.0	0.0
<b>044</b>	<b>Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
0441	Water supply	2.7	52.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
0442	Refuse collection	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0443	Refuse collection	1.0	58.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>045</b>	<b>Electricity, gas, and other fuels</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>
0451	Electricity	36.7	13.4	6.5	17.8	17.8
0452	Gas	1.3	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
0454	Solid fuels	9.6	5.7	-0.2	8.2	7.3
<b>05</b>	<b>Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>051</b>	<b>Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
0511	Furniture and furnishings	28.5	-1.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2
0512	Carpets and other floor coverings	2.5	2.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
<b>052</b>	<b>Household textiles</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>
0520	Household textiles	5.1	12.0	0.0	8.4	8.1
<b>053</b>	<b>Household appliances</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
0531/2	Major household appliances whether electric or not and small electric household appliances	24.3	-0.9	-0.7	-1.0	-0.8
0533	Repair of household appliances	1.5	17.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>054</b>	<b>Glassware, tableware and household utensils</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
0540	Glassware, tableware and household utensils	11.4	2.7	0.0	0.7	-0.3
<b>055</b>	<b>Tools and equipment for house and garden</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>
0551/2	Major tools and equipment and small tools and miscellaneous accessories	15.2	1.4	2.3	2.4	3.0
<b>056</b>	<b>Goods and services for routine household maintenance</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
0561	Non-durable household goods	24.8	-2.5	-0.2	-2.4	-2.2
0562	Domestic services and household services	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>06</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>061</b>	<b>Medical products, appliances and equipment</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
0611	Pharmaceutical products	10.2	18.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.3
0612/3	Other medical products and therapeutic appliances and equipment	2.3	8.7	-0.2	0.5	0.5
<b>062</b>	<b>Out-patient services</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
0621/3	Medical services and paramedical services	6.8	2.8	0.0	4.1	0.0
0622	Dental services	3.3	27.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>07</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>071</b>	<b>Purchase of vehicles</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
0711	Motor cars	37.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0712/3/4	Motor cycles and bicycles	1.4	3.7	0.0	-3.8	-2.9
<b>072</b>	<b>Operation of personal transport equipment</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>
0721	Spare parts and accessories for personal transport equipment	16.1	3.4	0.0	0.9	0.0
0722	Fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment	55.9	20.6	5.3	5.4	4.8
0723	Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment	6.0	-0.7	0.0	-1.2	0.0
0724	Other services in respect of personal transport equipment	2.0	-4.1	0.0	0.5	0.5
<b>073</b>	<b>Transport services</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>
0731	Passenger transport by railway	2.1	-2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
0732	Passenger transport by road	12.2	10.6	0.0	1.6	1.2
0733	Passenger transport by air	0.7	3.9	0.0	2.1	0.0
<b>08</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>081</b>	<b>Postal services</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
0810	Postal services	2.0	13.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>08.x</b>	<b>Telephone and telefax equipment and telephone and telefax services</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>
082/30	Telephone and telefax equipment and telephone and telefax services	55.3	6.3	0.0	4.1	3.7
<b>09</b>	<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>091</b>	<b>Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
0911	Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures	8.2	-13.7	-0.4	-9.9	-7.2

0912	Photographic and cinematographic equipment and optical instruments	1.4	-2.0	0.0	-9.1	-9.1
0913	Information processing equipment	8.4	-4.1	-0.4	-6.5	-5.5
0914	Recording media	2.2	-13.4	0.0	-1.4	-1.8
0915	Repair of audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	0.2	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>092</b>	<b>Other major durables for recreation and culture</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>
0921/2	Major durables for outdoor recreation and musical instruments and major durables for indoor recreation	3.8	4.6	0.0	0.8	0.1
<b>093</b>	<b>Other recreational items and equipment, gardens and pets</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
0931	Games, toys and hobbies	1.8	3.3	0.0	-3.1	0.4
0932	Equipment for sport, camping and open-air recreation	3.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
0933	Gardens, plants and flowers	1.8	-1.1	0.0	4.9	0.0
0934	Pets and products and services for pets	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>094</b>	<b>Recreational and cultural services</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>
0941	Recreational and sporting services	1.1	-10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
0942	Cultural services	5.8	18.0	0.0	7.8	8.7
<b>095</b>	<b>Newspapers, books and stationery</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>
0951	Books	4.8	-2.2	0.0	1.1	0.8
0952	Newspapers and periodicals	4.5	19.7	0.0	21.1	21.1
0953/4	Miscellaneous printed matter and stationery and drawing materials	3.9	-2.6	0.0	1.6	1.4
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>10x</b>	<b>Pre-primary and primary, secondary, tertiary and education not definable by level</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
10x0	Pre-primary and primary, secondary, tertiary and education not definable by level	10.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>11</b>	<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Catering services</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>
1111	Restaurants, cafés and the like	70.1	4.8	0.8	1.8	2.5
<b>112</b>	<b>Accommodation services</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>46.2</b>
1120	Accommodation services	40.0	45.4	0.0	47.0	46.2
<b>12</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>121</b>	<b>Personal care</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>
1211	Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	5.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
1212/3	Electric appliances for personal care and other	10.7	1.3	0.0	2.7	0.6

	appliances, articles and products for personal care					
<b>123</b>	<b>Personal effects n.e.c.</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
1231	Jewellery, clocks and watches	1.2	8.4	0.0	8.5	4.9
1232	Other personal effects	2.4	-18.4	-2.1	-16.1	-16.3
<b>124</b>	<b>Social protection</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
1240	Social protection	1.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>125</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
1252	Insurance connected with dwellings	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1254	Insurance connected with transport	0.7	2.4	0.0	5.4	0.0
<b>126</b>	<b>Financial services n.e.c.</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
1262	Other financial services n.e.c.	1.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
<b>127</b>	<b>Other services n.e.c</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
1270	Other services n.e.c	1.6	-2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Table 3. Sub-group with most important impacts on monthly inflation rate, August 2012**

COICOP/ HICP	Subgroup	Weights ‰	Monthly inflation %	Influence in percentage points
0722	Fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment	55.9	5.3	0.30
0451	Electricity	36.7	6.5	0.24
1111	Restaurants, cafes, and the like	70.1	0.8	0.05
0551/2	Major tools and equipment and small tools and miscellaneous accessories	15.2	2.3	0.04
0119	Food products n.e.c.	7.7	1.7	0.01
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1232	Other personal effects	2.4	-2.1	-0.01
0112	Meat	65.8	-0.1	-0.01
0122	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	21.2	-0.8	-0.02
0531/2	Major household appliances whether electric or not and small electric household appliances	24.3	-0.7	-0.02
0111	Bread and cereals	43.6	-0.5	-0.02
0117	Vegetables	53.1	-0.7	-0.04
0114	Milk, cheese and eggs	53.7	-0.8	-0.05
0312	Garments	32.3	-2.0	-0.06
0116	Fruit	29.3	-5.2	-0.15

**Table 4. Sub-group with most important impacts on annual inflation rate, August 2012**

COICOP/H ICP	Subgroup	Weights ‰	Annual inflation %	Influence in percentage points
1120	Accommodation services	40.0	47.0	1.88
0117	Vegetables	53.1	16.6	0.88
0451	Electricity	36.7	17.8	0.65
0116	Fruit	29.3	13.1	0.38
0220	Tobacco	19.2	16.3	0.31
0722	Fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment	55.9	5.4	0.30
082/30	Telephone and telefax equip. and telephone and telefax services	55.3	4.1	0.23
0121	Coffee, tea and cocoa	7.6	19.2	0.15
1111	Restaurants, cafés and the like	70.1	1.8	0.13
0952	Newspapers and periodicals	4.5	21.1	0.09
0454	Solid fuels	9.6	8.2	0.08
0119	Food products n.e.c.	7.7	7.0	0.05
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1232	Other personal effects	2.4	-16.1	-0.04
0114	Milk, cheese and eggs	53.7	-1.0	-0.05
0913	Information processing equipment	8.4	-6.5	-0.05
0561	Non-durable household goods	24.8	-2.4	-0.06
0911	Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures	8.2	-9.9	-0.08
0111	Bread and cereals	43.6	-2.1	-0.09



**Table 5. Inflation rates in the EU measured by Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices, in %**

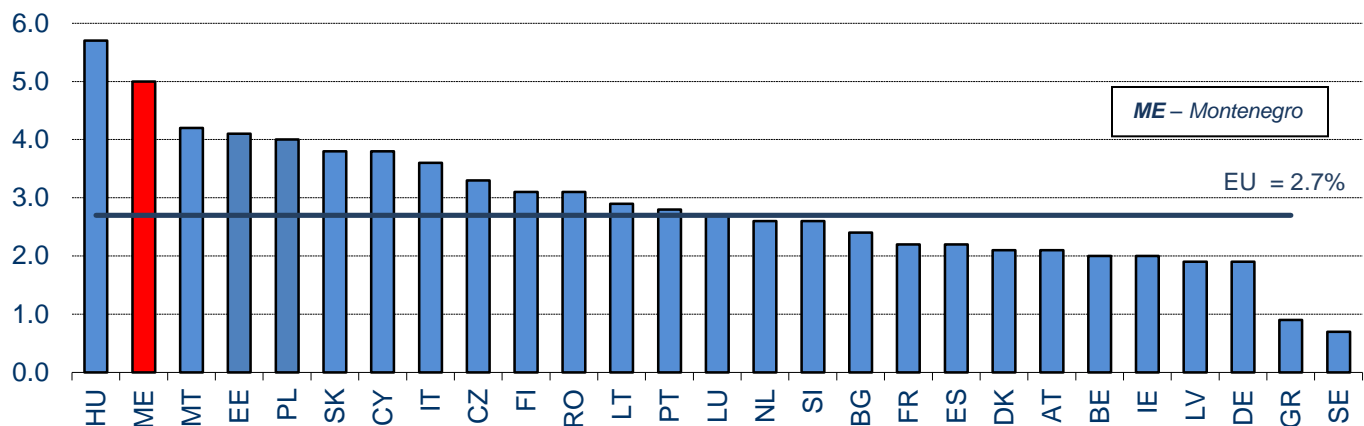
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Belgium (BE)	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.6	3.4	3.0	2.1
Germany (DE)	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4	0.4
Estonia (EE)	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	5.6	4.5	0.3
Ireland (IE)	2.6	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.0	1.8	0.8
Greece(EL)	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.8	-1.2
Spain (ES)	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.9	2.7	2.3	0.5
France (FR)	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	0.7
Italia (IT)	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.5	2.3	3.6	0.0
Cyprus (CY)	4.5	3.8	2.9	3.7	2.7	3.5	0.9
Luxembourg (LU)	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.7	3.2	1.5
Malta (MT)	3.2	4.2	4.4	3.7	2.5	2.9	0.2
Netherlands (NL)	2.5	2.6r	2.5	2.5	3.2	2.7	0.1
Austria (AT)	2.3p	2.1r	2.2	2.2	3.7	2.8p	0.4p
Portugal (PT)	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.3	-0.1
Slovenia (SI)	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.4	1.2	2.6	0.8
Slovakia (SK)	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.1	4.1	0.0
Finland (FI)	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.1	0.4
<b>Euro area</b>	<b>2.6p</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7p</b>	<b>0.4p</b>
Bulgaria (BG)	3.1	2.4	1.6	1.8	3.1	2.3	0.6
Czech Republic (CZ)	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.5	2.1	3.4	0.0
Denmark (DK)	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.5	0.4
Latvia (LV)	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	4.6	3.1	-0.4
Lithuania (LT)	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.6	4.4	3.5	0.2
Hungary (HU)	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.4	3.5	5.1	0.1
Poland (PL)	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.0	-0.2
Romania (RO)	4.0	3.1	2.2	2.0	4.3	2.9	0.5
Sweden (SE)	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.0	0.1
United Kingdom (UK)	...	2.6	2.4	2.8	4.5	...	...
<b>European union</b>	<b>2.7p</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9p</b>	<b>0.4p</b>

p = current data

\* = revised data

... = data not available

Source: EUROSTAT

**Chart 3. Annual inflation rate measured by HICP, August 2012**


Montenegro annual inflation was 5.0% in August 2012. EU annual inflation was 2.7% in August 2012, while there was 2.6% in the Euro area.

**Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)** is the basis for comparative measurement of inflation in the European Union, and it estimates a monetary value in the Eurozone. As a difference to Consumer Index Price (CPI), it uses different methodological concept which is used by all EU members.

**Aug 2012 month of the current year**  
**Ø 2010 average of previous year**

This rate indicates a change in average prices in current month when compared with average prices in previous year.

**Aug 2012 current month**  
**July 2012 previous month**

**Monthly inflation rate** (current month compared with previous month) measures a change of average prices of current months compared with average prices of previous month. Monthly inflation rate can be under the influence of seasonal effects.

**Aug 2012 month of the current year**  
**Aug 2011 the same month of previous year**

**Annual inflation rate** (month of the current year compared with the same month of previous year) measures a change in average prices in current month compared with average prices in the same month of previous year.

**Aug 2012 month of the current year**  
**Dec 2011 december of previous year**

This rate indicates a change in average prices in current month compared with average prices in December of previous year.

**The influence of certain subgroups on inflation rate** indicates how much that subgroup has influenced on the total inflation rate. The influence depends on weights and inflation rate of given subgroup. The weights represents a relative share of household consumption of certain groups or subgroup of products in the total consumption. Consequently, weights have an important role in the calculation of inflation rate. They represent "importance" of certain product group in the total household consumption in certain reference period. For example, if during certain month prices of bread increases for 10%, this will influence for approx. 0.5% ( $10 \cdot 5\% = 0.5\%$  - since the share of bread in the total expenses is 5%). But, if the prices of medicaments increase 12%, this will increase the inflation for 0.06% ( $12 \cdot 0.5\% = 0.06\%$  - since the share of medicaments in the total expenses 0.5%). This simple example indicates how much large influence have weights on the final number presenting the inflation.

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