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	Release date		Unit	Reference period						
	latest	next		2007q02	2007q03	2007q04	2008q01	2008q02	2008q03	
GDP in volume	<a href="#">14/11/2008</a>	08/01/2009	% (Q/Q-1)	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	 
			% (Q/Q-4)	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	(:)	
Private final consumption in volume	<a href="#">08/10/2008</a>	04/12/2008	% (Q/Q-1)	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	(:)	 
			% (Q/Q-4)	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.5	(:)	
Investments in volume	<a href="#">08/10/2008</a>	04/12/2008	% (Q/Q-1)	0.2	0.9	1.1	1.4	-1.0	(:)	 
			% (Q/Q-4)	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	(:)	
External trade balance	<a href="#">17/11/2008</a>	18/12/2008	mio euro	2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
				-1934.9	-3905.6	-6382.7	-5705.4	-5741.7	(:)	 
Current account - Total	<a href="#">23/10/2008</a>	24/11/2008	mio euro	2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
				-21761	2241	1115	-7908	(:)	(:)	 
Inflation (HICP all items)	<a href="#">14/11/2008</a>	28/11/2008	% (M/M-1)	0.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.0	 
			% (M/M-12)	3.7	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2	
Unemployment rate - Total	<a href="#">31/10/2008</a>	28/11/2008	%	2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
				7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.5	(:)	 

Unemployment rate - 15-24 years	<a href="#">31/10/2008</a>	28/11/2008	%	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.3	(:)	  
Unemployment rate - above 24 years	<a href="#">31/10/2008</a>	28/11/2008	%	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	(:)	  
				2007q02	2007q03	2007q04	2008q01	2008q02	2008q03	
Labour Cost Index	<a href="#">15/09/2008</a>	12/12/2008	% (Q/Q-1)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	(:)	  
			% (Q/Q-4)	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.5	2.7	(:)	 
Employment	<a href="#">12/09/2008</a>	16/12/2008	% (Q/Q-1)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	(:)	  
			% (Q/Q-4)	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.2	(:)	 
				2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
Industrial producer prices	<a href="#">04/11/2008</a>	02/12/2008	% (M/M-1)	1.2	1.0	1.3	-0.5	-0.2	(:)	  
			% (M/M-12)	7.1	8.0	9.2	8.5	7.9	(:)	 
Industrial production	<a href="#">12/11/2008</a>	12/12/2008	% (M/M-1)	-1.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.8	-1.6	(:)	  
			% (M/M-12)	-0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-0.7	-2.4	(:)	 
Industrial new orders	<a href="#">23/10/2008</a>	24/11/2008	% (M/M-1)	-4.3	-0.1	1.9	-1.5	(:)	(:)	  
			% (M/M-12)	-4.5	-6.8	3.2	-6.4	(:)	(:)	 
Construction production	<a href="#">19/11/2008</a>	17/12/2008	% (M/M-1)	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.4	-1.3	(:)	  
			% (M/M-12)	-1.8	-2.8	-3.2	-1.7	-3.8	(:)	 
Retail trade deflated turnover	<a href="#">05/11/2008</a>	03/12/2008	% (M/M-1)	0.6	-0.8	0.3	0.2	0.0	(:)	  
			% (M/M-12)	0.3	-3.2	-1.5	-1.5	-1.3	(:)	 
				2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Government	<a href="#">22/10/2008</a>	22/04/2009	%	-2.5	-3.1	-2.9	-2.5	-1.3	-0.6	  

## deficit/surplus

General government gross debt	<a href="#">22/10/2008</a>	22/04/2009	%	68.0	69.2	69.6	70.2	68.5	66.3	 
				2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
Economic Sentiment indicator	<a href="#">30/10/2008</a>	27/11/2008	index	97.6	94.8	89.5	88.5	87.5	80.4	 
				2008m05	2008m06	2008m07	2008m08	2008m09	2008m10	
3 months Interest rate	<a href="#">13/11/2008</a>	11/12/2008	%	4.86	4.94	4.96	4.97	5.02	5.11	 
Long term government bond yields	<a href="#">12/11/2008</a>	10/12/2008	%	4.43	4.78	4.76	4.47	3.33	(:)	 
Euro-dollar exchange rate	-	-	\$	1.5557	1.5553	1.5770	1.4975	1.4369	1.3322	 

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(\*) Data refer to the EU-27 aggregate (current composition with 27 countries) with the exception of Inflation (HICP all-items ) which refers to the evolving European Union aggregate, i.e. EU with 15 Member States from 01/01/1995 till 30/04/2004, EU with 25 Member States from 01/05/2005 till 31/12/2006, EU with 27 Member States from 01/01/2007 till next EU enlargement.

(\*\*) Data refer to the EA-15 aggregate (euro area with 15 Member States) with the exception of Inflation (HICP all-items ), 3 months Interest rate, Long term government bond yields and Euro-dollar exchange rate which refer to the evolving euro area aggregate, i.e. euro area with 11 Member States till 31/12/2000, euro area with 12 Member States from 01/01/2001 till 31/12/2006, euro area with 13 Member States from 01/01/2007 till 31/12/2007, euro area with 15 Member States from 01/01/2008 till next euro area enlargement.

(1) The set of indicators is selected from the PEEIs list ([COM/2002/661](#)) and complemented by certain Monetary and Financial Indicators as well as the Economic Sentiment Indicator. Data source is mostly Eurostat, with the exception of:

**Indicator**

Current account  
3 months Interest rate  
Long term government bond yields  
Euro-dollar exchange rate  
Economic Sentiment Indicator

**Source**

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