

MONTHLY ECONOMIC SURVEY
February 2014

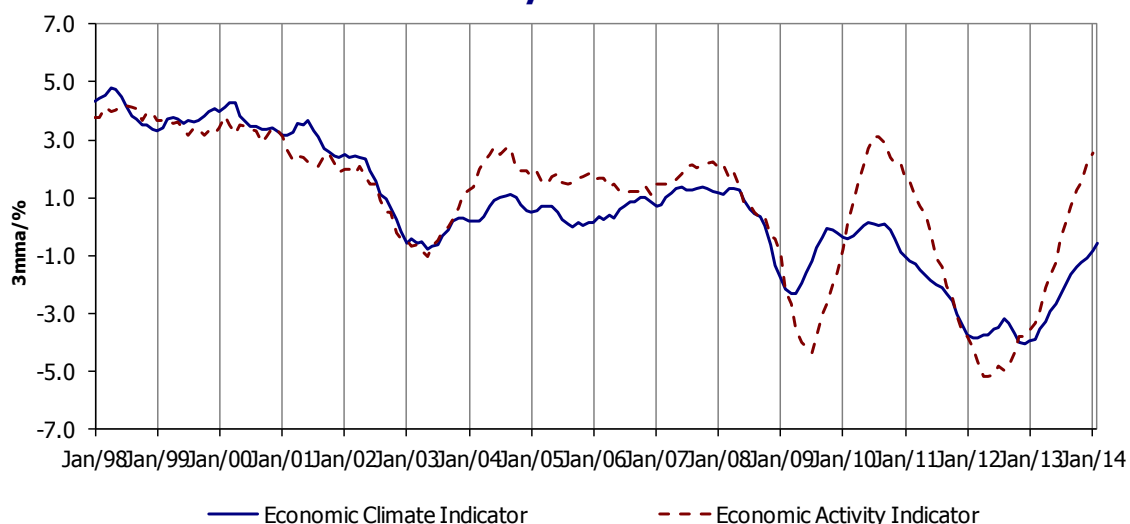
**Economic activity and economic climate indicators recover.
Nominal imports accelerate and exports decelerate.**

In February, the economic sentiment and the consumer confidence indicators for the Euro Area (EA) recovered again. In the same month, the raw materials and oil prices presented monthly change rates of 2.2% and 5.0% (-1.1% and -1.3% in January), respectively.

In Portugal, the economic climate indicator maintained in February the upward movement observed since the beginning of 2013, attaining the maximum value since November 2010. The economic activity indicator increased again in January. Information from Short-Term Statistics revealed a less intense year on year reduction of economic activity in services and in construction and public works and a slight increase in industrial production, in January. The private consumption indicator slightly increased in January, reflecting the acceleration of durable consumption component. In the same month, the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) indicator recorded a less intense decrease, due to the evolution in the same direction of all components. Concerning the international trade of goods, exports and imports registered year-on-year nominal change rates of 5.8% and 4.8% in January (6.6% and 3.1% in the previous month), respectively.

The year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was -0.1% in February (0.1% in January), with rates of -0.8% in the goods component and 0.9% in the services component (less 0.4 percentage points and more 0.1 p.p. than in the previous month, respectively). The year on-year change rate of the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) also shifted from 0.1% in January to -0.1% in February. The year on-year change rate of the Portuguese was 0.8 percentage points lower than the EA HICP in February (0.7 percentage points lower in the previous month).

Economic Synthesis Indicators



Based on information available up to March 18, 2014.

	Unit	First Period	Minimum		Maximum		Year			Quarter					Month													
			Valu	Date	Value	Date	2011	2012	2013	2012 IV	2013				2013												2014	
											I	II	III	IV	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
National Accounts (a)																												
GDP	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-4.1	2009.I	5.6	1998.IV	-1.3	-3.2	-1.4	-3.8	-4.0	-2.0	-0.9	1.7														
Private Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-5.9	2011.IV	6.5	1999.I	-3.3	-5.3	-1.7	-5.1	-4.0	-2.3	-0.9	0.6														
Public Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-7.9	2011.IV	7.1	1998.II	-5.0	-4.7	-1.7	-3.8	-3.2	-2.3	-1.3	0.1														
Gross Capital Formation	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-21.6	2011.IV	17.1	1998.I	-11.1	-13.4	-7.3	-2.4	-16.1	-6.2	-4.4	-1.8														
Exports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-18.6	2009.I	13.6	2006.IV	6.9	3.2	6.1	0.2	0.7	7.4	7.2	9.4														
Imports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-15.3	2009.I	16.5	1998.I	-5.3	-6.6	2.8	-1.6	-4.4	5.2	5.5	5.2														
Contribution of internal demand for GDP change rate	p.p.	1996.I	-10.1	2011.IV	8.9	1998.IV	-5.5	-6.9	-2.6	-4.5	-6.0	-2.9	-1.5	0.1														
Contribution of external demand for GDP change r.	p.p.	1996.I	-3.1	1998.IV	7.3	2011.IV	4.4	3.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.8	0.6	1.5														
Economic Activity																												
Economic activity indicator	3-mma/%	Jan-91	-5.2	May-12	4.2	Jun-98	-1.2	-4.6	-0.3	-3.8	-2.9	-1.2	0.7	2.2	-3.3	-2.9	-2.1	-1.7	-1.2	-0.4	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.5	2.2	2.5	-	
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-96	-13.0	Feb-09	7.3	May-01	-0.9	-6.1	0.7	-4.9	-1.5	2.0	-1.5	4.2	-2.4	-1.5	0.2	1.1	2.0	0.0	-1.5	-1.5	0.5	2.7	4.2	4.3	-	
Construction production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-18.7	Mar-13	7.9	Dec-01	-12.7	-16.3	-16.4	-16.3	-18.7	-16.0	-15.9	-14.5	-18.4	-18.7	-17.9	-16.4	-16.0	-15.7	-16.1	-15.9	-15.9	-15.0	-14.5	-14.1	-	
Total turnover index (b)	y.r./3-mma	Apr-01	-16.9	Jun-09	17.1	Oct-05	-3.9	-6.7	-2.6	-5.9	-7.3	-2.1	-1.0	0.0	-7.5	-7.3	-6.0	-3.7	-2.1	-1.9	-2.3	-1.0	-1.7	-0.5	0.0	0.1	-	
Services turnover index	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-14.6	Jun-09	9.0	Aug-01	-7.7	-8.9	-3.5	-7.4	-8.0	-3.4	-1.9	-0.9	-8.7	-8.0	-6.9	-4.9	-3.4	-3.1	-2.9	-1.9	-2.2	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	-	
Economic climate indicator	3-mma	Jan-89	-4.1	Dec-12	5.0	Mar-89	-2.2	-3.7	-2.2	-4.1	-3.6	-2.7	-1.6	-1.1	-3.9	-3.6	-3.3	-3.0	-2.7	-2.4	-1.9	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6	
Private Consumption																												
Qualitative consumption indicator	3-mma/%	May-89	-2.3	Feb-13	1.5	Apr-99	-1.6	-2.2	-1.5	-2.3	-2.1	-1.7	-1.3	-1.0	-2.3	-2.1	-2.0	-1.8	-1.7	-1.6	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	
Quantitative consumption indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-6.6	Dec-11	8.2	Mar-92	-3.8	-2.6	0.3	-1.3	-1.5	-0.2	1.0	2.0	-1.9	-1.5	-1.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.6	1.0	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.1	-	
- Non-durable goods and services	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-4.2	Nov-11	7.0	Mar-92	-2.0	-0.7	0.3	0.3	-1.1	0.1	0.8	1.4	-0.8	-1.1	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.7	1.4	1.3	-	
- Durable goods	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-30.5	Dec-11	22.8	Apr-92	-18.3	-22.2	1.1	-19.1	-7.2	-3.2	3.9	10.8	-15.0	-7.2	-6.5	-6.2	-3.2	0.0	2.6	3.9	5.8	8.8	10.8	12.7	-	
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	-59.8	Dec-12	-5.5	Nov-97	-54.3	-48.7	-44.6	-59.8	-55.3	-53.9	-45.3	-40.4	-56.3	-55.3	-54.2	-55.0	-53.9	-52.7	-49.0	-45.3	-42.8	-41.8	-40.4	-36.7	-32.6	
Investment																												
GFCF indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-18.6	Feb-13	15.9	Feb-97	-9.7	-15.9	-9.2	-16.2	-18.3	-9.8	-6.2	-2.4	-18.6	-18.3	-15.7	-13.3	-9.8	-8.3	-7.9	-6.2	-6.1	-4.5	-2.4	-1.0	-	
- Construction	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-25.1	Mar-13	18.1	Feb-97	-10.2	-18.3	-13.7	-19.5	-25.1	-13.9	-9.3	-6.6	-23.8	-25.1	-22.5	-19.0	-13.9	-12.4	-11.8	-9.3	-9.3	-7.9	-6.6	-5.5	-	
- Machinery and equipment	y.r./3-mma/%	Jan-89	-10.9	Jan-12	20.6	Jun-90	-7.2	-7.0	-2.7	-6.9	-3.9	-2.7	-3.5	-0.6	-5.8	-3.9	-4.1	-2.9	-2.7	-2.8	-4.3	-3.5	-2.5	-0.7	-0.6	0.2	1.2	
- Transport material	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-34.1	Apr-09	36.6	Jan-14	-14.3	-24.9	10.9	-20.2	-1.5	3.2	7.9	34.2	-13.9	-1.5	5.0	-0.3	3.2	4.5	9.4	7.9	11.0	12.7	34.2	36.6	-	

(a) - Quarterly National Accounts - Benchmark year 2006 - Chain linked volume data (reference year = 2006); Annual National Accounts: 2011 - provisional data and 2012 - preliminary data. Information available in 11/03/2014.

(b) - Includes industry, services and retail trade.

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External Demand																												
Nominal exports of goods - International trade	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-96	-26.7	Mar-09	23.2	May-10	14.9	5.7	4.7	1.9	0.1	6.2	5.8	6.6	1.1	0.1	2.6	5.3	6.2	4.0	2.2	5.8	4.7	6.9	6.6	5.8	-	
Nominal imports of goods - International trade	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-96	-26.8	Apr-09	24.0	Feb-00	1.0	-5.2	0.8	-0.6	-6.2	2.8	3.6	3.1	-4.8	-6.2	-1.7	-0.9	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.6	1.4	3.2	3.1	4.8	-	
Coverage rate	3-mma/%	Mar-95	56.6	Dec-99	85.9	May-13	72.3	80.6	83.7	79.8	85.4	85.7	81.4	82.5	81.9	85.4	84.7	85.9	85.7	85.5	82.9	81.4	79.7	82.8	82.5	83.2	-	
External demand indicator	s.a./y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-91	-26.2	Suíça	26.4	Jan-00	11.2	1.2	-2.9	-0.6	-3.2	-3.3	-2.8	-2.3	-2.8	-3.2	-3.8	-3.7	-3.3	-3.2	-3.6	-2.8	-2.5	-1.7	-2.3	-		
Labour Market																												
Employment indicator - Short-term statistics	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-6.6	Jan-13	2.4	Jun-01	-3.0	-5.7	-4.9	-6.5	-6.4	-5.3	-4.5	-3.3	-6.5	-6.4	-6.1	-5.7	-5.3	-5.0	-4.8	-4.5	-4.2	-3.7	-3.3	-2.9	-	
Reg. unemp. along the month - State emp. agencies	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-90	-20.0	May-90	45.2	Jun-93	5.4	8.3	-0.2	-4.7	-0.4	-1.8	0.5	1.1	-7.7	-0.4	0.9	1.1	-1.8	-3.0	-2.5	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.6	-	
Vacancies along the month - State employment ag.	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-90	-24.7	Jul-11	65.2	Jan-14	-18.7	-9.3	48.2	11.3	30.8	47.0	50.9	61.2	17.5	30.8	41.1	46.2	47.0	44.9	40.5	50.9	52.9	57.6	61.2	65.2	-	
Employment expectations of entrepreneurs	balance/3-mma	Jan-03	-25.7	Nov-12	-5.3	Apr-08	-18.3	-24.1	-18.4	-25.7	-23.0	-20.5	-16.5	-13.6	-24.0	-23.0	-22.1	-21.5	-20.5	-19.4	-17.5	-16.5	-15.4	-14.5	-13.6	-10.8	-9.3	
Unemployment expectations of consumers	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	8.7	Aug-00	79.8	Mar-09	65.4	71.6	57.1	74.1	70.7	67.0	50.9	39.8	72.0	70.7	69.0	68.6	67.0	64.0	58.0	50.9	46.4	43.1	39.8	32.7	24.9	
Average monthly wage declared by worker	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-02	-2.2	Jan-14	4.8	Dec-02	3.5	-0.4	1.3	-1.4	3.4	2.0	1.5	-1.5	2.7	3.4	3.3	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.9	0.9	-1.5	-2.2	-	
Prices																												
Consumer price index - Total	y.r./%	Jan-49	-3.7	Sep-54	36.7	May-77	3.7	2.8	0.3	2.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	
- Goods	y.r./%	Jan-49	-3.7	Jul-09	38.2	May-77	4.4	2.5	0.0	1.3	-0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.7	1.0	0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	
- Services	y.r./%	Jan-49	-4.4	Sep-54	30.5	Mar-74	2.5	3.1	0.7	3.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.8	0.9	
Core inflation indicator	y.r./%	Jan-49	-4.3	Oct-54	31.1	May-84	2.3	1.5	0.2	1.2	-0.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	
Harmonised index of consumer prices	y.r./%	Jan-96	-1.8	Sep-09	5.1	Mar-01	3.6	2.8	0.4	2.0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-01	-8.1	Aug-09	100.7	Jan-00	5.6	2.2	-0.7	2.7	0.8	-0.8	-1.0	-1.9	1.2	0.8	0.1	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.9	-2.3	-1.9	-1.9		
Consumers expectations of prices evolution	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	-3.7	Jul-09	62.5	Jan-11	57.6	37.7	25.1	36.5	32.7	25.4	23.1	19.0	36.1	32.7	28.0	26.0	25.4	25.9	24.4	23.1	20.4	18.9	19.0	21.3	20.5	
Expectations of prices in manufacturing industry	bal./s.a./3-mma	Jan-87	-24.2	Jan-09	26.5	Nov-90	5.6	-1.0	-1.2	-3.1	-6.7	-18.1	10.6	9.2	-4.2	-6.7	-12.8	-15.8	-18.1	-7.4	1.0	10.6	11.4	11.1	9.2	3.0	-0.9	
Effective exchange rate ind. for Portugal (nominal)	y.r.	Mar-01	-2.4	Jun-10	3.6	May-03	0.0	-1.3	0.9	-1.0	0.3	0.7	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	-	-	

NOTES

With exception of situations duly identified, the values presented in tables and graphs and others that also serve for the analysis are, in the case of quantitative series, year-on-year rates of change (y.r.) under three-month moving average (3-mma) or, in the case of qualitative series, 3-mma of seasonally adjusted values (s.a.) or of effective values (e.v). Annual information correspond to 12-mma, with the exception of variables presented as y.r. on stocks, where the annual value corresponds to the variation of the balance at the end of the year. Annualised variation (a.v.). Weight (w.).

Balances: differences between the percentage of respondents giving positive and negative replies.