

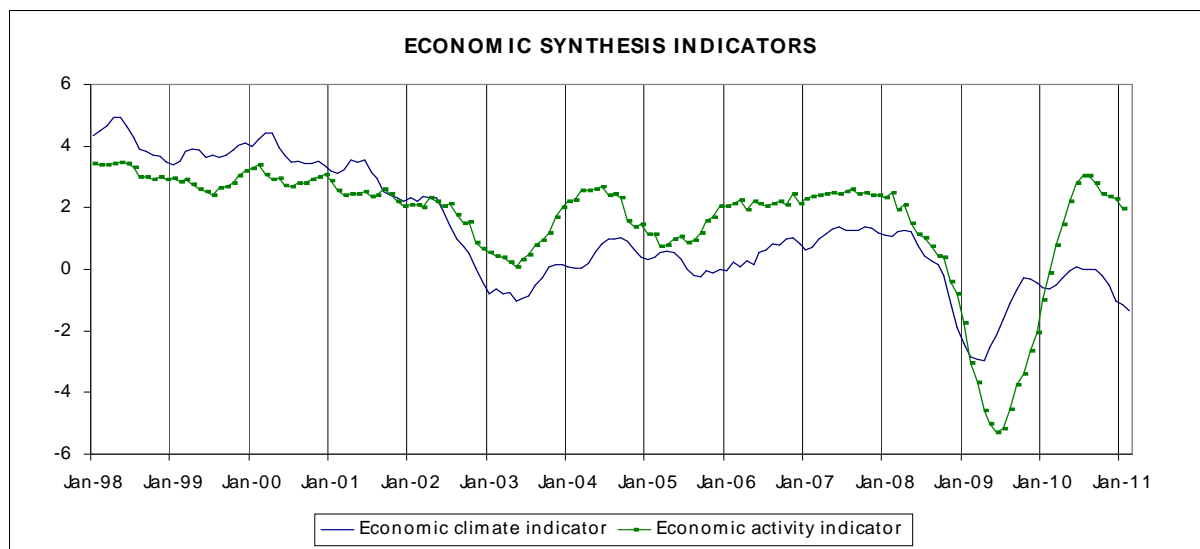
## Monthly Economic Survey February 2011

### The economic climate indicator diminishes again in February. Nominal imports and mainly exports of goods maintain strong growth rates.

In February, the economic sentiment indicator extended the previous upward path in the Euro Area (EA) and in the European Union (EU27). In the same month, the consumer confidence indicator slightly diminished in the EA and in the EU27. The raw materials and the oil prices continued to register strong year-on-year growth rates in February, accelerating when compared with the previous month.

In Portugal, the economic climate indicator, available until February, maintained the downward movement started in July. The economic activity indicator diminished in January, continuing the descending path of the four previous months. In January, the private consumption indicator decelerated, led by the negative contribution of both components, durable and non-durable consumption, but more significant in the first case. The Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) indicator presented a less intense reduction in January, reflecting the acceleration in the transport material component and the less significant decrease in the construction component. Concerning the international trade of goods in nominal terms, imports and mainly exports recorded again strong year-on-year growth rates in January, of 12.3% and 19.0% (11.2% and 15.6% in December), respectively.

In February, the year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 3.5% (3.4% in January), excluding energy and unprocessed food products, the year-on-year change rate was 1.9%. In February, the prices of the goods and of the services components presented year-on-year growth rates of 4.4% and 2.4% (4.3% and 2.5% in the previous month), respectively. The differential between the change rate of the Portuguese Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and of the EA HICP decreased 0.2 p.p. in February, to 1.1 p.p..



**Report based on information available up to March 17, 2011.**

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#### 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.

		Year 2009	Year 2010	Quarter 4 2009	Quarter 1 2010	Quarter 2 2010	Quarter 3 2010	Quarter 4 2010	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11
<b>International background</b>															
GDP of customer countries	s.a.y.r.	-3.7	1.1	-2.0	0.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP European Union	s.a.y.r.	-4.2	1.8	-2.2	0.6	2.0	2.2	2.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP Euro Area	s.a.y.r.	-4.1	1.7	-2.0	0.8	2.0	1.9	2.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Industrial production index of customer countries	s.a./y.r./3-mma	-14.2	5.2	-6.2	3.3	6.9	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.1	4.9	5.1	5.5	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EU	ind/s.a.-3mma	79.6	101.6	92.3	98.0	100.4	103.0	105.2	101.8	103.0	103.6	104.3	105.2	105.8	106.4
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EA	ind/s.a.-3mma	80.7	100.8	92.0	96.4	99.1	102.2	105.6	100.8	102.2	103.3	104.4	105.6	106.4	107.2
Order books in industry of customer countries	balance/s.a.-3mma	-54.0	-26.3	-48.1	-40.3	-28.9	-21.9	-14.1	-24.0	-21.9	-19.6	-17.6	-14.1	-11.5	-8.5
Consumer confidence indicator in EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-22.8	-12.8	-14.9	-13.4	-14.0	-12.2	-11.5	-13.3	-12.2	-11.4	-11.4	-11.5	-11.9	-12.4
Unemployment rate in EU	s.a.%	8.9	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	-
Harmonised index of consumer prices in EA	y.r.	0.3	1.6	0.4	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.4
Production price index of supplying countries	y.r./3-mma	-5.2	3.7	-2.5	2.2	4.1	3.7	4.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.6	5.2	-
Crude oil price (Brent)	Euros	43.9	60.3	50.5	55.1	61.7	60.1	64.2	60.7	60.1	60.2	62.8	69.6	73.1	75.1
Crude oil price (Brent)	y.r.	-33.2	37.4	21.3	61.0	43.1	26.1	27.2	19.4	30.0	22.3	22.2	36.9	36.7	39.7
<b>Economic activity</b>															
GDP	y.r.	-2.5	1.4	-1.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Economic climate indicator	balance/3-mma	-1.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0	-1.2	-1.3
Economic activity indicator	3-mma	-3.7	2.2	-2.1	0.8	2.8	2.8	2.3	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.0	-
Total turnover index	y.r./3-mma	-12.6	4.3	-6.1	4.1	6.2	3.3	3.7	4.5	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.7	4.2	-
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	-9.9	2.2	-3.9	5.9	3.0	-0.2	0.3	1.7	-0.2	-0.6	-0.8	0.3	0.8	-
Production index in construction	s.a./y.r./3-mma	-6.6	-8.5	-9.2	-8.2	-8.1	-7.9	-9.8	-7.7	-7.9	-9.0	-10.9	-9.8	-7.9	-
Retail trade turnover index (real)	y.r./3-mma	-2.1	-0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	-0.7	-2.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-2.3	-2.4	-3.5	-
Sales of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-24.5	38.8	-6.1	69.5	48.6	16.0	29.1	33.2	16.0	9.0	11.7	29.1	26.2	15.8
<b>Consumption</b>															
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	-38.5	-40.8	-30.0	-35.4	-40.1	-37.4	-50.2	-40.4	-37.4	-40.0	-44.9	-50.2	-50.6	-49.1
Quantitative indicator of private consumption	y.r./3-mma	0.1	3.3	1.6	3.9	4.3	2.6	2.4	3.2	2.6	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.0	-
Indicator of non-durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.2	-
Indicator of durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	-14.1	13.2	-4.9	18.6	19.0	4.8	10.4	11.9	4.8	2.2	2.6	10.4	9.3	-
Vol. ind. consumption of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-25.5	31.5	-12.8	39.0	41.0	17.3	29.9	31.0	17.3	10.9	12.5	29.9	27.5	-
<b>Investment</b>															
GFCF indicator		-10.2	-2.3	-8.7	-2.8	-1.2	-2.8	-2.4	-1.4	-2.8	-3.1	-3.7	-2.4	-1.8	-
Cement sales	y.r./3-mma	-16.3	-6.8	-16.4	-8.7	-6.4	-5.1	-7.4	-5.1	-5.1	-5.9	-8.2	-7.4	-4.9	-
Sales of steel for concrete	y.r./3-mma	-16.3	-14.2	-6.3	1.9	-28.4	-19.8	-7.6	-15.8	-19.8	-22.7	-16.1	-7.6	-	-
Credit for purchase of habitation	y.r./stocks	5.1	3.5	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.1	3.5	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.6	3.5	-	-
Licenses for construction of new habitations	y.r./3-mma	-28.4	-7.7	-13.7	-6.2	-2.8	-10.1	-12.3	-8.1	-10.1	-4.9	-10.4	-12.3	-12.3	-
Machinery and equipment indicator		-3.3	-3.0	-1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-4.1	-3.3	-3.4	-4.1	-3.5	-3.1	-3.3	-4.3	-4.5
Sales of light commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-29.8	17.5	-16.9	19.4	29.3	11.9	11.4	23.0	11.9	8.4	4.2	11.4	5.9	4.8
Sales of new heavy commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-40.7	-6.5	-50.4	-36.0	-3.2	-9.9	45.7	0.3	-9.9	-11.3	8.1	45.7	70.6	42.3
<b>External demand</b>															
External demand indicator in value	s.a./y.r./3-mma	-21.5	17.3	-10.7	9.2	22.0	19.6	18.3	23.4	19.6	17.9	17.0	18.3	-	-
External order books	balance/3-mma	-53.4	-28.7	-40.3	-33.7	-33.1	-22.5	-25.5	-27.5	-22.5	-22.3	-22.5	-25.5	-23.8	-22.5
Exports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	-18.4	15.7	-3.5	14.8	17.3	15.1	15.6	15.1	15.1	15.4	13.2	15.6	19.0	-
Imports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	-20.0	10.8	-9.1	8.3	18.7	5.2	11.2	13.2	5.2	8.6	5.9	11.2	12.3	-
<b>Labour market</b>															
Unemployment rate	%	9.5	10.8	10.1	10.6	10.6	10.9	11.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Employment	y.r.	-2.8	-1.5	-3.0	-1.8	-1.7	-1.1	-1.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Unemployed registration along the month	s.a./y.r./3-mma	18.5	-5.9	0.4	-3.2	-10.2	-5.3	-4.6	-9.2	-5.3	-5.0	-5.9	-4.6	-5.2	-
Unemployment expectations	balance/3-mma	64.1	56.4	54.3	56.0	54.9	52.5	62.3	55.5	52.5	53.7	57.1	62.3	63.3	62.1
Vacancies along the month	s.a./y.r./3-mma	-3.3	3.9	-8.7	17.2	17.9	-0.9	-14.4	1.2	-0.9	-7.0	-13.6	-14.4	-13.0	-
Employment indicator (short-term statistics)	y.r./3-mma	-4.2	-2.1	-4.4	-3.3	-2.1	-1.7	-1.5	-1.8	-1.7	-1.5	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-
Average declared wages	s.a./y.r./3-mma	3.6	3.0	3.3	3.2	4.2	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.3	3.1	-
Wage negotiation	a.v./3-mma/vr.	2.9	-	2.5	1.9	2.9	1.2	-	2.8	1.2	1.5	-	-	-	2.3
<b>Prices and exchange rates</b>															
Consumer price index	y.r.	-0.8	1.4	-0.7	0.3	1.0	1.9	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.5
Core inflation indicator	y.r.	0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.9	2.1	1.9
Consumer price index - goods	y.r.	-2.3	1.7	-1.9	-0.1	1.2	2.5	3.2	2.5	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.4	4.3	4.4
Consumer price index - services	y.r.	1.7	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	2.5	2.4
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma	-5.6	3.5	-2.9	2.0	4.1	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.8	5.5
Effective exchange rate index for Portugal	y.r.	0.4	-1.7	1.5	-0.3	-1.9	-2.3	-2.1	-2.3	-2.5	-1.9	-2.1	-2.4	-2.0	-
Exchange rate euro/USD	y.r.	-5.0	-4.7	12.3	6.2	-6.6	-9.7	-8.1	-9.6	-10.3	-6.2	-8.4	-9.5	-6.4	-0.3
Exchange rate USD/euro	USD	1.393	1.327	1.478	1.384	1.273	1.291	1.359	1.289	1.307	1.390	1.366	1.322	1.336	1.365
Exchange rate euro/JPY	y.r.	-13.6	-10.7	5.1	3.1	-11.6	-17.3	-15.5	-18.7	-17.2	-15.1	-15.3	-16.1	-15.3	-8.7