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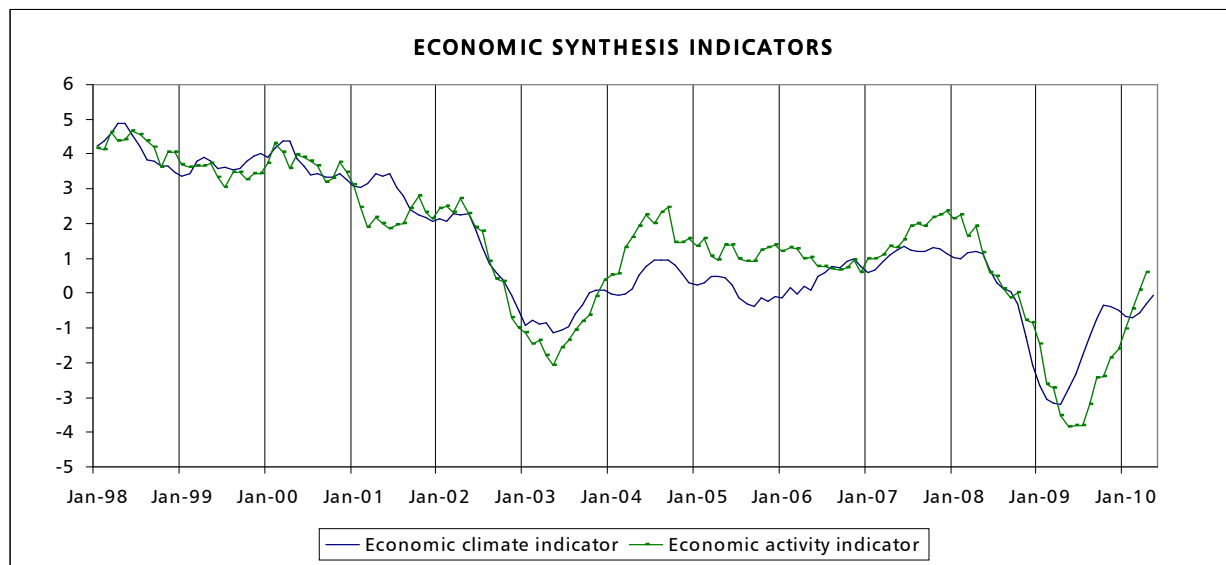
Monthly Economic Survey May 2010

The private consumption and the investment indicators intensified growth in April. The economic climate continued to improve in May.

In May, the consumer confidence indicator slightly diminished in the Euro Area (EA) and in the European Union (EU27), suspending the previous upward movements. In the same month, the raw materials and the oil prices recorded again strong year-on-year growth rates.

In Portugal, the economic climate indicator, available until May, increased in the last three months, resuming the upward movement started in May 2009. The economic activity indicator recovered in April, maintaining the positive path observed since August. The private consumption indicator increased again in April, attaining the maximum value since March 2000, due to the positive contribution of both components, non-durable and durable consumption. In the same month, the GFCF indicator recovered, mainly driven by the evolution of the transport material. However, considering monthly values, and not three months moving averages, some short-term indicators decelerated in April. Concerning the international trade of goods, in April the nominal imports and exports presented significant year-on-year growths, shifting from 7.8% and 14.2% in March to 12.9% and 18.4%, respectively. However, the balance of the external order books in manufacturing industry diminished in May.

In May, the year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 1.1%, 0.4 p.p. higher than the observed in the previous month. Excluding energy and unprocessed food products, the year-on-year change rate was -0.1% (-0.5% in April). In May the prices in the goods and services components accelerated 0.4 p.p. and 0.2 p.p., recording growth rates of 1.2% and 0.8%, respectively. The differential between the EA Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and the Portuguese HICP diminished 0.3 p.p. in May comparing with the previous month, to -0.5 p.p..



Report based on information available up to June 18, 2010.

Next report will be released on July 19, 2010.

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 2008	Year 2009	Quarter 1 2009	Quarter 2 2009	Quarter 3 2009	Quarter 4 2009	Quarter 1 2010	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10
International background															
GDP of customer countries	s.a/y.r.	0.7	-3.7	-4.3	-4.6	-3.9	-2.1	0.2	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
GDP European Union	s.a/y.r.	0.8	-4.2	-5.0	-4.9	-4.1	-2.1	0.6	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
GDP Euro Area	s.a/y.r.	0.6	-4.1	-5.0	-5.1	-4.3	-2.3	0.5	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Industrial production index of customer countries	s.a/y.r./3-mma	-3.5	-14.1	-18.3	-17.3	-13.7	-6.3	2.7	-9.3	-6.3	-2.9	-0.3	2.7	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EU	ind/s.a.-3mma	93.5	79.9	68.8	74.2	84.3	92.2	98.2	89.5	92.2	94.6	96.6	98.2	99.8	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EA	ind/s.a.-3mma	93.5	80.8	71.5	75.6	84.1	91.9	96.6	89.4	91.9	94.0	95.3	96.6	98.1	-
Order books in industry of customer countries	balance/s.a.-3mma	-17.2	-52.2	-53.4	-56.3	-52.9	-46.1	-38.4	-48.0	-46.1	-44.1	-41.3	-38.4	-35.1	-
Consumer confidence indicator in EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-17.5	-22.8	-31.4	-25.6	-19.3	-14.9	-13.5	-15.7	-14.9	-14.2	-13.6	-13.5	-13.2	-13.7
Unemployment rate in EU	s.a/%	7.0	8.9	8.2	8.8	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.7	-
Harmonised index of consumer prices in EA	y.r.	3.3	0.3	1.0	0.2	-0.4	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.6
Production price index of supplying countries	y.r./3-mma	5.6	-5.1	-4.1	-6.7	-7.2	-2.5	2.2	-4.7	-2.5	-0.3	1.1	2.2	3.1	-
Crude oil price (Brent)	Euros	64.9	43.8	34.1	43.0	47.7	50.5	55.1	51.4	51.0	53.4	53.9	58.1	63.3	60.4
Crude oil price (Brent)	y.r.	23.4	-32.5	-47.2	-44.7	-37.1	21.5	61.5	24.8	71.5	62.7	59.0	62.9	66.3	44.0
Economic activity															
GDP	y.r.	0.0	-2.6	-3.9	-3.1	-2.3	-1.0	1.8	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Economic climate indicator	balance/3-mma	-0.1	-1.7	-3.1	-2.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1
Economic activity indicator	3-mma	0.3	-2.6	-2.7	-3.8	-2.5	-1.6	0.1	-1.9	-1.6	-1.0	-0.5	0.1	0.6	-
Total turnover index	y.r./3-mma	1.0	-12.6	-15.6	-16.2	-12.4	-6.1	4.2	-9.3	-6.1	-2.2	0.8	4.2	5.2	-
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a/y.r./3-mma	-4.0	-9.9	-15.8	-11.9	-7.2	-3.9	4.7	-5.6	-3.9	-2.0	1.6	4.7	5.1	-
Production index in construction	s.a/y.r./3-mma	-1.3	-6.6	-5.4	-5.7	-6.3	-9.2	-8.1	-8.7	-9.2	-7.9	-8.8	-8.1	-7.8	-
Retail trade turnover index (real)	y.r./3-mma	0.2	-1.9	-4.5	-1.6	-2.1	0.2	0.9	-1.8	0.2	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.1	-
Sales of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	5.6	-24.5	-42.4	-30.1	-16.6	-6.1	69.5	-2.3	-6.1	4.3	17.8	69.5	58.8	55.8
Consumption															
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	-38.4	-38.5	-51.0	-43.5	-29.5	-30.0	-35.4	-27.4	-30.0	-32.3	-34.4	-35.4	-36.7	-38.3
Quantitative indicator of private consumption	y.r./3-mma	1.6	0.1	-1.3	-0.2	0.2	1.7	3.9	1.2	1.7	2.2	2.7	3.9	4.3	-
Indicator of non-durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	1.8	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.7	-
Indicator of durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	0.5	-12.9	-21.0	-16.7	-10.4	-3.4	16.9	-3.7	-3.4	0.5	3.9	16.9	17.4	-
Vol. ind. consumption of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-0.8	-25.5	-35.3	-30.6	-22.3	-12.8	39.2	-8.8	-12.8	-5.2	3.1	39.2	39.7	-
Investment															
GFCF indicator	y.r./3-mma	-3.7	-14.2	-18.3	-16.6	-10.7	-11.4	3.1	-9.9	-11.4	-8.5	-6.2	3.1	4.7	-
Cement sales	y.r./3-mma	-9.5	-16.4	-18.2	-16.9	-14.0	-16.4	-8.5	-13.8	-16.4	-11.5	-12.6	-8.5	-	-
Sales of steel for concrete	y.r./3-mma	-16.5	-16.4	-31.7	-30.3	17.3	-6.5	-	-0.4	-6.5	-1.4	7.8	-	-	-
Credit for purchase of habitation	y.r./stocks	3.9	5.1	2.4	1.5	3.1	5.1	5.5	3.2	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.5	-	-
Licenses for construction of new habitations	y.r./3-mma	-21.3	-28.4	-39.1	-31.2	-23.7	-13.7	-8.3	-20.4	-13.7	-8.6	-7.6	-8.3	-5.2	-
Machinery and equipment indicator	y.r./3-mma	2.3	-3.6	-5.8	-5.1	-1.7	-1.8	-2.6	-1.1	-1.8	-2.2	-2.1	-2.6	-2.5	-3.2
Sales of light commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-19.1	-29.8	-40.5	-36.6	-25.2	-16.9	19.4	-15.0	-16.9	-8.4	-1.7	19.4	18.2	23.4
Sales of new heavy commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	-1.7	-40.7	-38.3	-48.3	-26.2	-50.4	-36.0	-39.2	-50.4	-48.5	-40.9	-36.0	-21.6	-13.2
External demand															
External demand indicator in value	s.a/y.r./3-mma	2.2	-22.6	-25.9	-28.0	-23.6	-11.8	9.5	-17.1	-11.8	-3.0	2.3	9.5	-	-
External order books	balance/3-mma	-15.6	-6.8	-5.9	-4.5	-6.3	-10.4	-13.5	-9.6	-10.4	-10.8	-11.5	-13.5	-16.0	-17.1
Exports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	1.7	-18.7	-26.4	-24.4	-17.7	-4.3	14.2	-10.1	-4.3	1.7	7.1	14.2	18.4	-
Imports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	7.2	-20.2	-23.7	-26.5	-20.0	-9.9	7.8	-12.4	-9.9	-4.7	0.7	7.8	12.9	-
Labour market															
Unemployment rate	%	7.6	9.5	8.9	9.1	9.8	10.1	10.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Employment	y.r.	0.5	-2.8	-1.8	-2.9	-3.4	-3.0	-1.8	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	11.1	18.5	35.2	26.2	16.2	0.4	-3.2	4.1	0.4	-0.3	-3.9	-3.2	-5.9	-5.7
Unemployment expectations	balance/3-mma	50.6	64.1	79.8	70.0	52.5	54.3	56.0	51.4	54.3	56.1	56.7	56.0	55.4	54.6
Vacancies along the month	s.a/y.r./3-mma	5.8	-3.3	-15.2	7.7	3.9	-8.7	17.2	-3.4	-8.7	-3.2	5.4	17.2	23.7	24.8
Employment indicator (short-term statistics)	y.r./3-mma	0.0	-4.3	-3.4	-4.6	-4.6	-4.5	-3.1	-4.7	-4.5	-4.1	-3.6	-3.1	-2.6	-
Average declared wages	s.a/y.r./3-mma	4.0	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.3	3.3	2.9	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	-
Wage negotiation	a.v./3-mmaq.w.	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.9	2.5	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.4
Prices and exchange rates															
Consumer price index	y.r.	2.6	-0.8	0.0	-1.1	-1.5	-0.7	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1
Core inflation indicator	y.r.	2.4	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1
Consumer price index - goods	y.r.	2.3	-2.3	-1.1	-2.8	-3.5	-1.9	-0.1	-1.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.8	1.2
Consumer price index - services	y.r.	3.0	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.8
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma	4.7	-5.6	-4.6	-7.0	-7.9	-2.9	2.0	-5.3	-2.9	-0.5	1.1	2.0	3.0	3.8
Effective exchange rate index for Portugal	y.r.	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.4	-0.3	1.9	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-
Exchange rate eur/USD	y.r.	6.9	-5.0	-13.1	-12.9	-4.7	12.3	6.2	17.1	8.7	7.8	7.0	4.0	1.6	-7.9
Exchange rate USD/Euro	USD	1.471	1.393	1.302	1.362	1.431	1.478	1.384	1.491	1.461	1.427	1.369	1.357	1.341	1.257
Exchange rate eur/JPY	y.r.	-6.6	-13.6	-22.8	-18.9	-17.1	5.1	3.1	7.9	7.1	8.9	4.4	-3.6	-3.8	-12.2