

## MONTHLY ECONOMIC SURVEY January 2012

### **Economic activity diminishes more intensely in December. Imports reduce significantly and exports, although maintaining a strong growth rate, decelerate.**

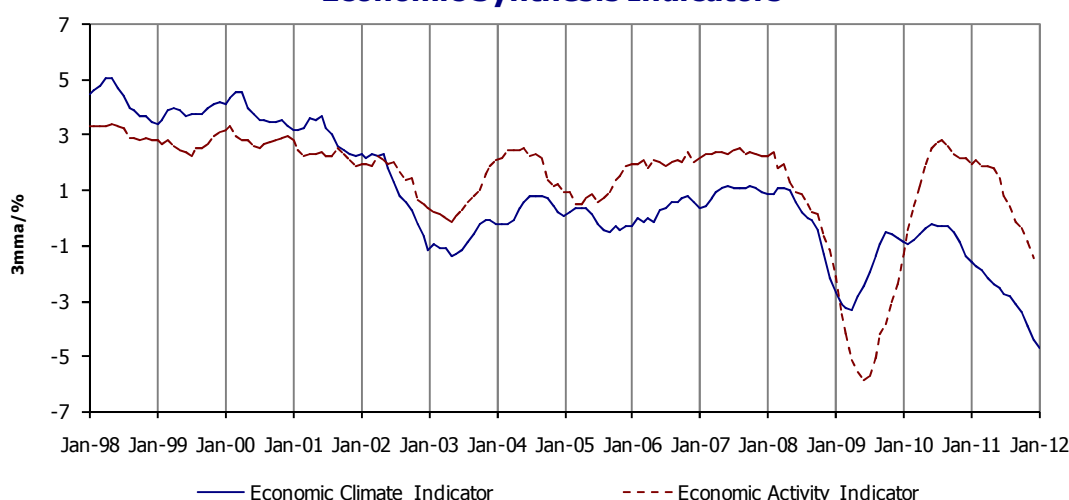
In the Euro Area (EA), in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011, the GDP in real terms registered a year-on-year change rate of 0.7% and -0.3% comparing with the previous quarter. In January 2012, the economic sentiment and the consumer confidence indicators diminished in the EA.

In Portugal, according to the flash estimate, the GDP in volume recorded a year-on-year change rate of -2.7% in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011 (-1.8% in the previous quarter), and a change rate of -1.3% comparing with the previous quarter. This evolution was driven by the significant decline of the negative contribution of Domestic Demand, mainly reflecting the decrease of Investment and of Households' Final Consumption Expenditures. On a monthly basis, the economic climate indicator decreased again in January, maintaining the downward movement started in October 2010. The economic activity indicator, available until December, extended the descending path observed since September 2010. The private consumption indicator presented a stronger reduction in December, reflecting the more significant negative contribution of durable consumption. In the same month, the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) indicator diminished more intensely. Concerning the international trade of goods, in nominal terms, exports and imports registered year-on-year change rates of 12.4% and -10.5% in December (15.6% and -3.4% in the previous month), respectively.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2011, the unemployment rate was 14.0% (more 1.6 p.p. than in the previous quarter) and 12.7% for 2011. The total employees shifted from a change rate of 0.1% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to -2.3% in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

The year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) shifted from 3.6% in December to 3.5% in January. This slight deceleration in January occurred in a context of an increase in the VAT rates for several goods and services, with a mechanical impact estimated to be 1.1 percentage points. The goods and the services components of the CPI presented year-on-year growth rates of 3.9% and 2.8% in January (4.4% and 2.5% in December), respectively. Excluding energy and unprocessed food products, the CPI registered a year-on-year growth rate of 2.1% in January (2.3% in the previous month). The differential between the year-on-year change rate of the Portuguese Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and the estimate of the EA HICP was 0.7 p.p. in January, 0.1 p.p. less than in the two previous months.

### **Economic Synthesis Indicators**



**Based on information available up to February 16, 2011.**

	Unit	First Period	Minimum		Maximum		Year			Quarter					Month													2012
			Value	Date	Value	Date	2010	2011	2012	IV	2011				2011													
											I	II	III	IV	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
National Accounts (a)																												
GDP	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-4.1	2009.I	5.6	1998.IV	-2.9	1.4	-1.5	1.0	-0.5	-1.0	-1.8	-2.7														
Private Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-3.3	2011.II	6.5	1999.I	-2.3	2.1	-	1.2	-2.3	-3.3	-3.3	-														
Public Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-3.7	2011.II	7.2	1998.III	4.7	0.9	-	1.7	-3.3	-3.7	-0.4	-														
Gross Capital Formation	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-15.9	2009.II	17.1	1998.I	-13.3	-3.6	-	-4.3	-6.0	-12.8	-13.7	-														
Exports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-18.7	2009.I	13.6	2006.IV	-10.9	8.8	-	7.6	8.3	8.7	6.5	-														
Imports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-15.6	2009.I	16.5	1998.I	-10.0	5.4	-	4.1	-1.1	-4.6	-2.8	-														
Contribution of internal demand for GDP change rate	p.p.	1996.I	-5.5	2011.II	9.0	1998.IV	-3.6	0.9	-	0.3	-3.5	-5.5	-5.0	-														
Contribution of external demand for GDP change r.	p.p.	1996.I	-3.1	1998.IV	4.6	2011.II	0.6	0.5	-	0.7	3.0	4.6	3.3	-														
Economic Activity																												
Economic activity indicator	3-mma/%	Jan-91	-5.9	Jun-09	3.8	Aug-97	-4.2	1.9	0.5	2.2	1.9	1.4	-0.1	-1.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.4	0.8	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8	-1.4	-	
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-96	-13.0	Feb-09	7.3	May-01	-8.1	1.5	-1.9	1.1	0.2	-1.6	-2.3	-3.9	1.7	2.3	0.2	-0.4	-1.3	-1.6	-2.5	-2.5	-2.3	-0.7	-1.6	-3.9	-	
Construction production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-12.7	Dec-11	7.9	Dec-01	-6.6	-8.4	-9.9	-9.5	-6.9	-9.4	-10.7	-12.7	-7.4	-5.2	-6.9	-8.9	-10.3	-9.4	-10.0	-10.1	-10.7	-10.2	-11.7	-12.7	-	
Total turnover index (b)	y.r./3-mma	Apr-01	-16.2	Jun-09	8.0	May-01	-12.6	4.4	-3.3	3.9	0.4	-2.1	-2.8	-8.2	4.1	3.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.0	-2.1	-2.6	-3.0	-2.8	-3.4	-5.2	-8.2	-	
Services turnover index	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-13.6	Jun-09	9.0	Aug-01	-10.6	2.1	-6.7	1.9	-3.6	-5.8	-5.4	-11.4	1.7	0.4	-3.6	-4.3	-4.6	-5.8	-6.0	-6.1	-5.4	-6.2	-8.4	-11.4	-	
Economic climate indicator	3-mma	Jan-89	-4.7	Jan-12	5.2	Apr-89	-1.8	-0.7	-3.0	-1.4	-1.8	-2.6	-3.1	-4.4	-1.6	-1.8	-1.8	-2.1	-2.4	-2.6	-2.7	-2.8	-3.1	-3.4	-3.9	-4.4	-4.7	
Private Consumption																												
Qualitative consumption indicator	3-mma/%	May-89	-2.6	Jan-12	1.6	Apr-99	-1.5	-0.8	-2.0	-1.1	-1.3	-2.0	-2.1	-2.5	-1.1	-1.3	-1.3	-1.7	-1.9	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.1	-2.2	-2.4	-2.5	-2.6	
Quantitative consumption indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-5.0	Dec-11	7.3	Mar-92	-0.5	3.0	-2.9	2.0	-1.9	-2.1	-2.5	-5.0	1.1	0.9	-1.9	-1.9	-2.4	-2.1	-2.4	-2.2	-2.5	-3.7	-4.6	-5.0	-	
- Non-durable goods and services	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-2.4	Nov-11	6.1	Mar-92	1.3	2.0	-1.0	1.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.9	-2.1	0.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.9	-1.9	-2.4	-2.1	-	
- Durable goods	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-30.2	Dec-11	20.9	Apr-92	-14.6	12.3	-19.0	9.6	-11.6	-17.7	-16.4	-30.2	7.8	4.7	-11.6	-12.4	-14.9	-17.7	-19.2	-18.8	-16.4	-19.2	-24.3	-30.2	-	
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	Nov-97	-35.4	Jan-12	-0.3	Oct-99	-20.5	-20.5	-30.4	-25.5	-28.0	-29.7	-29.8	-34.1	-26.0	-26.7	-28.0	-30.0	-30.0	-29.7	-28.5	-29.1	-29.8	-30.8	-32.3	-34.1	-35.4	
Investment																												
GFCF indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-14.6	Dec-11	16.0	Feb-97	-9.3	-2.1	-10.3	-2.8	-3.9	-10.4	-12.2	-14.6	-2.2	-1.9	-3.9	-6.0	-8.3	-10.4	-11.2	-11.8	-12.2	-12.2	-13.9	-14.6	-	
- Construction	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-13.9	Dec-11	17.9	Feb-97	-9.3	-4.3	-10.1	-4.7	-4.1	-10.4	-11.9	-13.9	-3.5	-2.2	-4.1	-6.9	-8.7	-10.4	-10.9	-11.6	-11.9	-12.0	-13.5	-13.9	-	
- Machinery and equipment	y.r./3-mma/%	Jan-89	-13.0	Jan-12	21.6	Jan-00	-3.3	-3.0	-8.9	-3.2	-4.9	-8.4	-9.8	-12.6	-4.3	-4.4	-4.9	-5.4	-8.0	-8.4	-9.4	-9.3	-9.8	-9.7	-11.1	-12.6	-13.0	
- Transport equipment	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-37.0	Apr-09	37.5	May-10	-24.7	18.6	-15.3	10.6	0.3	-15.4	-21.3	-24.7	13.4	7.5	0.3	-1.3	-6.0	-15.4	-19.5	-21.0	-21.3	-20.6	-24.4	-24.7	-	

(a) - Quarterly National Accounts - Benchmark year 2006 - Chain linked volume data (reference year = 2006); Annual National Accounts: 2009 - definitive data / 2010 - preliminary data. Information available in 09/12/2011, except for the GDP, updates with the Flash estimate on 14/02/2012.

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

	Unit	First Period	Minimum		Maximum		Year			Quarter					Month													2012
			Value	Date	Value	Date	2010	2011	2012	4 Q	2011				2011													
											1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
External Demand																												
Nominal exports of goods - International trade	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-96	-26.7	Mar-09	22.0	Feb-11	-18.4	16.0	15.2	15.3	17.9	17.3	13.7	12.4	19.0	22.0	17.9	16.9	16.9	17.3	15.4	13.7	13.7	15.6	15.6	12.4	-	
Nominal imports of goods - International trade	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-03	-27.0	Jun-09	36.4	Aug-06	-21.5	17.7	19.6	17.0	12.9	20.7	17.4	26.5	20.4	24.3	12.9	13.7	14.5	20.7	15.9	16.0	17.4	23.0	27.8	26.5	-	
Coverage rate	3-mma/%	Mar-03	-21.0	Apr-09	18.6	Jun-04	-14.9	5.7	2.2	7.6	13.5	5.8	1.0	-9.1	11.4	9.4	13.5	10.4	10.2	5.8	2.1	1.7	1.0	-0.5	-6.8	-9.1	-	
External demand indicator	s.a./y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-03	-41.0	Apr-09	37.9	Apr-10	-32.0	25.9	12.5	16.0	9.1	16.6	19.6	3.9	14.3	14.5	9.1	17.2	29.3	16.6	15.1	2.5	19.6	6.2	12.0	3.9	-	
Labour Market																												
Unemployment rate - Employment survey (c)	%	1998.I	3.7	2000.IV	14.0	2011.IV	9.5	10.8	12.7	11.1	12.4	12.1	12.4	14.0														
Employment - Employment survey (c)	y.r./%	1999.I	-4.3	2011.IV	2.6	2000.IV	-2.8	-1.5	-2.8	-1.5	-2.8	-2.0	-2.2	-4.3														
Employment indicator - Short-term statistics	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-5.0	Dec-11	2.3	Jun-01	-4.3	-2.0	-3.1	-1.4	-1.9	-2.3	-3.2	-5.0	-1.6	-1.8	-1.9	-1.9	-2.1	-2.3	-2.6	-2.8	-3.2	-3.7	-4.4	-5.0	-	
Reg. unemp. along the month - State emp. agencies	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-90	-19.2	May-90	47.3	Jun-93	18.5	-5.9	4.6	-4.6	-14.4	-1.2	9.4	26.8	-5.2	-6.1	-14.4	-14.1	-10.7	-1.2	4.9	5.3	9.4	14.7	21.4	26.8	-	
Vacancies along the month - State employment ag.	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-90	-27.0	Sep-11	40.6	Nov-97	-3.3	3.9	-17.5	-14.4	-2.9	-23.6	-27.0	-13.4	-13.0	-2.6	-2.9	-8.0	-23.0	-23.6	-26.7	-24.6	-27.0	-22.2	-20.0	-13.4	-	
Employment expectations of entrepreneurs	balance/3-mma	Jan-03	-25.1	Jan-12	-5.3	Jun-08	-13.2	-10.3	-18.4	-11.7	-13.9	-16.5	-18.7	-24.4	-12.2	-13.3	-13.9	-14.9	-15.6	-16.5	-17.0	-17.5	-18.7	-20.3	-22.7	-24.4	-25.1	
Unemployment expectations of consumers	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	-0.4	Jun-90	79.8	Mar-09	64.1	56.4	65.4	62.3	60.6	63.5	64.6	72.9	63.3	62.1	60.6	60.9	61.9	63.5	63.2	63.7	64.6	67.1	70.7	72.9	74.1	
Wage negotiation	a.v./3-mma	Mar-86	1.0	Oct-11	21.3	Dec-86	2.9	-	1.5	-	2.4	1.5	1.0	1.3	-	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.3	1.8	
Average monthly wage declared by worker	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-02	1.8	Aug-10	4.8	Mar-11	3.6	3.0	3.5	2.4	4.8	2.7	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.1	4.8	4.2	2.3	2.7	2.5	4.1	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.3	-	
Prices																												
Consumer price index - Total	y.r./%	Jan-92	-1.6	Sep-09	10.2	May-92	-0.8	1.4	3.7	2.4	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.9	3.6	3.5	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.6	4.2	4.0	3.6	3.5	
- Goods	y.r./%	Dec-91	-3.8	Jul-09	8.6	May-92	-2.4	1.7	4.4	3.2	4.5	4.4	3.7	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.1	4.2	5.4	5.0	4.4	3.9	
- Services	y.r./%	Dec-91	0.6	Apr-10	14.5	Dec-91	1.7	1.0	2.5	1.1	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.8	
Core inflation indicator	y.r./%	Jan-98	-0.6	Jan-10	4.8	Oct-02	0.4	0.3	2.3	1.0	2.1	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.1	
Harmonised index of consumer prices	y.r./%	Jan-96	-1.8	Sep-09	5.1	Mar-01	-0.9	1.4	3.6	2.3	3.7	3.7	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.5	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.4	
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-01	-8.1	Aug-09	8.0	Aug-08	-5.6	3.5	5.7	4.3	6.4	6.0	5.6	4.7	4.8	5.6	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.1	
Consumers expectations of prices evolution	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	-3.7	Jul-09	62.5	Jan-11	1.9	33.3	57.6	58.5	57.6	54.3	59.0	59.7	62.5	58.6	57.6	53.9	56.2	54.3	54.7	54.3	59.0	60.1	61.9	59.7	59.3	
Expectations of prices in manufacturing industry	bal./s.a./3-mma	Jan-87	-26.0	Jan-09	25.5	Dec-90	-9.3	3.1	5.5	7.6	15.1	11.2	0.9	-5.2	10.9	13.8	15.1	16.6	12.0	11.2	5.3	5.8	0.9	-0.9	-3.6	-5.2	0.3	
Effective exchange rate ind. for Portugal (nominal)	y.r.	Mar-01	-2.7	Jun-10	3.7	May-03	0.4	-1.7	0.0	-2.1	-1.2	0.8	0.6	-0.4	-2.0	-1.1	-0.6	0.2	0.8	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-	

(c) From the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 onwards, the Employment Survey questionnaire and inquiry method were changed.

## 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.