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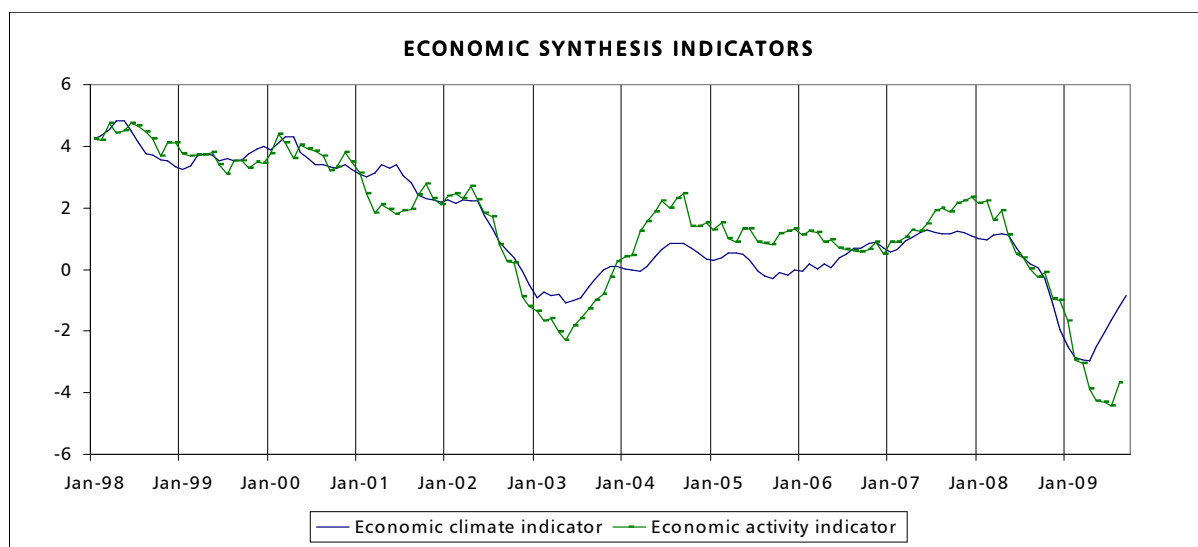
Monthly Economic Survey September 2009

Economic activity diminishes less intensely in August. Nominal imports and exports of goods continue to present strong year-on-year reductions.

In September, the economic sentiment and the consumer confidence indicators maintained the recovery observed in the last months in the Euro Area (EA) and in the European Union (EU27).

In Portugal, the economic climate indicator, available until September, increased significantly in the last five months, after the lowest value of the series recorded in April. The economic activity indicator recovered in August, suspending the negative trend observed since the beginning of 2008. The private consumption and GFCF indicators presented positive paths in the last months, after attaining in March the minimum values of the respective series. In fact, the private consumption indicator has been decreasing less intensely since April, reflecting in August a less negative contribution of the durable consumption, while the non-durable consumption component slightly decelerated again. In August, in line with the evolution depicted since April, the GFCF indicator moderated its declining trend, due to the less negative behaviour of all components, but especially of the investment in construction and in transport material. Concerning the international trade of goods, imports and exports continued to register strong negative year-on-year nominal change rates in August, respectively -21.8% and -19.7% (-23.9% and -22.2% in July).

In September, the year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index was -1.6%, 0.3 p.p. less than in August, repeating the minimum change rate of the series observed in June. For the first time, the core inflation index presented a negative change rate of -0.2% (0.2% in the previous month). In September, the prices of goods and of services continued to present different behaviours, with the first recording a year-on-year reduction of -3.5% and the second a year-on-year growth of 1.4% (-3.3% and 1.9% in August, respectively). The differential between the EA Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) and the Portuguese HICP increased to 1.5 p.p in September (1.0 p.p. in August).



**Report based on information available up to October 19, 2009.
Next report will be released on November 18, 2009.**

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 2007	Year 2008	Quarter 3 2008	Quarter 4 2008	Quarter 1 2009	Quarter 2 2009	Quarter 3 2009	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09
International background															
GDP of customer countries	s.a.y.r.	2.9	0.8	0.5	-1.5	-4.1	-4.4	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP European Union	s.a.y.r.	2.9	0.9	0.7	-1.7	-4.8	-4.8	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
GDP Euro Area	s.a.y.r.	2.7	0.7	0.5	-1.7	-4.9	-4.7	-	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	2.9	-3.7	-3.9	-11.0	-18.0	-17.4	-	-18.0	-18.9	-18.5	-17.4	-16.2	-	-
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EU	ind/s.a.-3mma	111.2	90.7	88.7	73.1	61.5	67.7	79.5	60.4	64.0	67.9	71.1	75.0	81.0	82.6
Economic Sentiment Indicator in EA	ind/s.a.-3mma	108.9	91.2	89.9	75.6	65.7	70.2	79.9	64.6	67.3	70.2	73.2	76.0	80.8	82.8
Order books in industry of customer countries	balance/s.a.-3mma	3.4	-17.2	-18.8	-39.6	-53.4	-56.3	-52.9	-53.4	-56.4	-56.7	-56.3	-56.3	-55.1	-52.9
Consumer confidence indicator in EU	balance/s.a.-3mma	-4.2	-17.4	-19.3	-26.3	-31.4	-25.5	-19.2	-31.4	-30.5	-28.5	-25.5	-23.2	-21.2	-19.2
Unemployment rate in EU	s.a/%	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.5	8.2	8.8	-	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	-
Harmonised index of consumer prices in EA	y.r.	2.1	3.3	3.8	2.3	1.0	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3
Production price index of supplying countries	y.r./3-mma	3.3	5.6	7.8	1.1	-4.1	-6.7	-	-4.1	-5.0	-6.0	-6.7	-7.5	-7.5	-
Crude oil price (Brent)	Euros	52.6	64.9	75.8	41.5	34.1	43.0	47.7	35.7	38.0	42.0	49.0	45.7	50.8	46.5
Crude oil price (Brent)	y.r.	1.4	23.4	39.1	-32.0	-47.2	-44.7	-37.1	-46.6	-45.1	-46.8	-42.5	-45.6	-32.8	-31.3
Economic activity															
GDP	y.r.	1.9	0.0	0.3	-2.0	-4.0	-3.7	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Economic climate indicator	balance/3-mma	1.1	0.0	0.1	-1.9	-2.9	-2.0	-0.8	-2.9	-3.0	-2.5	-2.0	-1.6	-1.2	-0.8
Economic activity indicator	3-mma	1.7	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-3.1	-4.3	-	-3.1	-3.9	-4.3	-4.3	-4.4	-3.7	-
Total turnover index	y.r./3-mma	4.0	1.0	3.8	-6.7	-15.6	-15.9	-	-15.6	-15.7	-15.4	-15.9	-15.4	-13.3	-
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a.y.r./3-mma	1.1	-4.0	-3.6	-8.3	-16.1	-11.8	-	-16.1	-14.6	-11.5	-11.8	-10.6	-8.9	-
Production index in construction	s.a.y.r./3-mma	-3.8	-1.4	-1.0	-2.4	-4.1	-3.4	-	-4.1	-3.3	-2.0	-3.4	-4.2	-4.5	-
Retail trade turnover index (real)	y.r./3-mma	0.3	0.2	0.3	-1.7	-4.6	-1.2	-	-4.6	-4.0	-3.4	-1.2	-1.6	-1.1	-
Sales of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	3.7	5.6	0.3	9.4	-42.4	-30.1	-16.6	-42.4	-39.6	-36.7	-30.1	-25.6	-20.3	-16.6
Consumption															
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	-29.2	-38.4	-36.5	-42.7	-51.0	-43.5	-29.5	-51.0	-49.5	-46.2	-43.5	-39.3	-34.3	-29.5
Quantitative indicator of private consumption	y.r./3-mma	2.2	1.7	2.4	1.2	-1.7	-0.5	-	-1.7	-1.6	-1.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	-
Indicator of non-durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.1	1.8	-	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	-
Indicator of durable consumer goods	y.r./3-mma	5.4	0.4	3.3	-2.0	-22.2	-17.4	-	-22.2	-21.4	-19.4	-17.4	-15.4	-13.0	-
Vol. ind. consumption of passenger vehicles	y.r./3-mma	5.6	-0.7	4.7	4.3	-35.2	-30.5	-	-35.2	-35.0	-33.0	-30.5	-26.8	-24.6	-
Investment															
GFCF indicator	y.r./3-mma	4.2	-3.5	-3.6	-8.0	-17.9	-17.0	-	-17.9	-17.0	-16.5	-17.0	-16.5	-13.2	-
Cement sales	y.r./3-mma	2.1	-7.9	-6.3	-14.5	-14.0	-14.6	-	-14.0	-9.7	-9.6	-14.6	-16.9	-	-
Sales of steel for concrete	y.r./3-mma	-6.5	-16.2	-33.7	-18.0	-29.8	-27.0	-	-29.8	-21.7	-22.4	-27.0	-29.0	-	-
Credit for purchase of habitation	y.r./stocks	9.8	3.9	5.6	3.9	2.4	1.5	-	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.3	-	-
Licenses for construction of new habitations	y.r./3-mma	-8.6	-21.3	-24.9	-33.3	-40.8	-33.3	-	-40.8	-37.4	-33.0	-33.3	-30.0	-27.9	-
Machinery and equipment indicator	y.r./3-mma	6.2	3.3	3.4	0.3	-3.7	-3.4	-0.8	-3.7	-3.7	-3.1	-3.4	-3.4	-2.7	-0.8
Sales of light commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	6.3	-19.1	5.9	-10.4	-40.5	-36.6	-25.2	-40.5	-36.4	-37.6	-36.6	-37.2	-32.0	-25.2
Sales of new heavy commercial vehicles	y.r./3-mma	6.2	-1.7	-3.2	-24.4	-38.3	-48.3	-26.2	-38.3	-48.4	-46.2	-48.3	-39.0	-42.7	-26.2
External demand															
External demand indicator in value	s.a.y.r./3-mma	6.4	-0.1	1.3	-10.7	-23.8	-26.9	-26.5	-23.8	-24.7	-26.0	-26.9	-26.5	-26.5	-26.5
External order books	balance/3-mma	-3.6	-23.1	-16.7	-53.0	-66.0	-66.0	-47.7	-66.0	-68.0	-66.0	-66.0	-62.0	-56.3	-47.7
Exports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	8.9	1.0	5.3	-11.1	-26.4	-24.6	-	-26.4	-26.3	-24.5	-24.6	-22.2	-19.7	-
Imports of merchandises in value	y.r./3-mma	7.4	7.2	11.3	-6.4	-24.1	-26.2	-	-24.1	-26.1	-25.5	-26.2	-23.9	-21.8	-
Labour market															
Unemployment rate	%	8.0	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.9	9.1	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Employment	y.r.	0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-1.8	-2.9	-	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	-6.7	11.1	11.7	27.0	35.2	26.2	-	35.2	36.0	32.0	26.2	21.3	18.8	-
Unemployment expectations	balance/3-mma	43.2	50.6	45.5	61.1	79.8	70.0	52.5	79.8	78.4	73.8	70.0	64.1	57.7	52.5
Vacancies along the month	s.a.y.r./3-mma	13.5	5.8	11.4	12.8	-15.2	7.7	-	-15.2	-14.2	-1.4	7.7	13.4	8.2	-
Employment indicator (short-term statistics)	y.r./3-mma	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.8	-3.1	-4.2	-	-3.1	-3.7	-4.0	-4.2	-4.2	-4.3	-
Average declared wages	s.a.y.r./3-mma	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.2	3.6	4.0	-	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.0	3.8	3.5	-
Wage negotiation	a.v./3-mmaq.w.	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.9	-	2.6	2.4	2.7	3.9	3.8	3.7	-
Prices and exchange rates															
Consumer price index	y.r.	2.5	2.6	3.0	1.5	0.0	-1.1	-1.5	-0.4	-0.5	-1.2	-1.6	-1.5	-1.3	-1.6
Core inflation indicator	y.r.	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.2	1.4	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	-0.2
Consumer price index - goods	y.r.	2.2	2.3	3.2	0.7	-1.1	-2.8	-3.5	-1.7	-2.0	-2.9	-3.6	-3.7	-3.3	-3.5
Consumer price index - services	y.r.	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.4
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma	2.7	4.7	7.1	-0.1	-4.6	-7.0	-7.9	-4.6	-5.4	-6.3	-7.0	-8.0	-8.1	-7.9
Effective exchange rate index for Portugal	y.r.	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	-	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-
Exchange rate eur/USD	y.r.	9.1	6.9	9.3	-9.2	-13.1	-12.9	-4.7	-16.0	-16.3	-12.3	-9.9	-10.7	-4.7	1.3
Exchange rate USD/Euro	USD	1.371	1.471	1.504	1.317	1.302	1.362	1.431	1.305	1.319	1.365	1.402	1.409	1.427	1.456
Exchange rate eur/JPY	y.r.	10.4	-6.6	-0.2	-22.9	-22.8	-18.9	-17.1	-18.5	-19.4	-18.8	-18.6	-21.0	-17.3	-13.1