

Monthly Economic Survey
October 2014

Economic climate indicator stabilizes in October. Private consumption accelerates and Investment decelerates in September

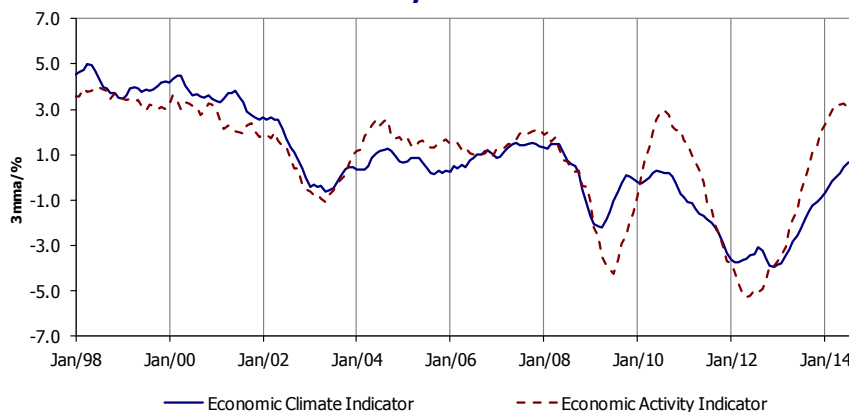
In the Euro Area (EA), GDP in real terms registered a year-on-year change rate of 0.8% in the second and third quarter (1.0% in the first quarter). In October, the consumer confidence and the economic sentiment indicators for the EA diminished. In the same month, the raw materials and oil prices presented monthly change rates of -1.1% and -8.3%, respectively (-4.2% and -1.4% in September).

In Portugal, according to the flash estimate, GDP recorded a volume year-on-year growth rate of 1.0% in the third quarter, after registering a change rate of 0.9% in the second quarter. Comparing with the previous quarter, the GDP change rate was 0.2% in the third quarter (0.3% in second quarter). The economic climate indicator, already available for October, stabilized for the second consecutive month in the highest value since July 2008. The economic activity indicator slightly increased in September, while the Short Term Statistics revealed negative indications in industry, construction and public works and some sectors of services. The private consumption indicator presented a more intense year-on-year growth rate in September, reflecting the increase of the positive contribution of both components, mainly the non-durable consumption component. In the same month, the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) indicator diminished, due to the higher negative contribution of the construction component and the lower positive contribution of the transport material component. Concerning the international trade of goods, exports and imports recorded year on year nominal change rates of 1.5% and 2.5% in September (2.6% and 3.7% in the previous month), respectively. Without considering three months moving average, nominal exports and imports of goods shifted from -2.2% and -2.3% change rates in August to 3.7% and 5.6% in September, respectively. This behaviour might be partially explained by the fact that August and September 2014, had one less working day and one more working day than the same months of the previous year.

In the third quarter, the unemployment rate was 13.1% (13.9% in the previous quarter). Employment recorded a year-on-year change rate of 2.1% (2.0% in the second quarter). Comparing with the same quarter of the previous year, the active population diminished 0.7% (-0.9% in the previous quarter).

The year-on-year change rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 0.0% in October (-0.4% in August and September). In the last month, the goods component registered a -0.7% change rate (-1.1% in September) and the services component 1.0% (more 0.3 percentage points than in the previous month). The Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI) was 0.3 percentage points lower than the EA HICP in October, as in September.

Economic Synthesis Indicators



Based on information available up to November 18, 2014.

	Unit	First Period	Minimum		Maximum		Year			Quarter					Month														
			Value	Date	Value	Date	2011	2012	2013	2013		2014			2013			2014											
										III	IV	I	II	III	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct		
National Accounts (a)																													
GDP	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-4.3	2009.I	5.0	1998.II	-1.8	-3.3	-1.4	-1.0	1.6	1.0	0.9	1.0															
Private Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-5.9	2011.IV	6.5	1999.I	-3.6	-5.2	-1.4	-0.8	1.3	2.1	1.7	-															
Public Consumption	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-4.8	2012.II	7.2	1998.II	-3.8	-4.3	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	-															
Gross Capital Formation	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-25.8	2011.IV	16.1	1997.I	-14.0	-14.2	-6.5	-1.8	-1.9	12.6	4.6	-															
Exports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-18.2	2009.I	14.1	2006.IV	7.0	3.1	6.4	7.4	8.8	3.1	2.3	-															
Imports of Goods and Services	s.a/y.r./%	1996.I	-14.8	2009.II	16.0	1998.I	-5.8	-6.6	3.6	6.7	6.0	9.3	4.8	-															
Contribution of internal demand for GDP change rate	p.p.	1996.I	-10.4	2011.IV	8.5	1998.IV	-6.2	-6.9	-2.4	-1.2	0.5	3.3	1.9	-															
Contribution of external demand for GDP change r.	p.p.	1996.I	-3.3	1998.IV	7.2	2011.IV	4.6	3.6	1.0	0.2	1.0	-2.3	-1.0	-															
Economic Activity																													
Economic activity indicator	3-mma/%	Jan-91	-5.3	May-12	4.0	Jun-98	-1.3	-4.7	-0.5	0.5	2.0	2.9	3.2	3.1	1.1	1.4	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	-			
Manufacturing industry production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-96	-13.0	Feb-09	7.3	May-01	-0.9	-6.1	0.4	-1.6	3.8	2.1	1.6	1.7	0.6	2.8	3.8	4.0	3.9	2.1	2.1	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.3	1.7	-		
Construction production index	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-18.5	Mar-13	7.9	Dec-01	-12.7	-16.3	-15.9	-15.4	-14.0	-13.1	-9.8	-6.9	-15.3	-14.5	-14.0	-13.8	-13.2	-13.1	-11.5	-11.3	-9.8	-9.5	-8.3	-6.9	-		
Total turnover index (b)	y.r./3-mma	Apr-01	-16.3	Jun-09	17.0	Oct-05	-3.9	-6.7	-2.4	-0.9	0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-2.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.5	0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-1.7	-0.6	-0.8	-1.1	-2.1	-		
Services turnover index	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-14.6	Jun-09	9.0	Aug-01	-7.7	-8.9	-3.3	-1.8	-0.4	-0.8	-0.3	-2.4	-1.9	-1.2	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.9	-0.3	-0.8	-1.6	-2.4	-		
Economic climate indicator	3-mma	Jan-89	-4.0	Dec-12	5.2	Mar-89	-2.1	-3.6	-2.1	-1.5	-0.9	-0.2	0.4	0.7	-1.2	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7		
Private Consumption																													
Qualitative consumption indicator	3-mma/%	May-89	-2.3	Feb-13	1.6	Apr-99	-1.6	-2.2	-1.5	-1.3	-1.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2		
Quantitative consumption indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-6.2	Dec-11	8.1	Mar-92	-3.6	-2.4	0.1	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.2	3.5	1.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.9	3.5	-		
- Non-durable goods and services	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-4.3	Nov-11	7.1	Mar-92	-2.1	-0.8	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.8	1.3	2.6	0.8	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.6	-		
- Durable goods	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-92	-28.0	Dec-11	20.7	Apr-92	-17.4	-19.9	0.4	2.6	9.1	18.3	13.6	15.6	5.4	8.4	9.1	10.6	12.7	18.3	18.3	16.6	13.6	15.2	14.4	15.6	-		
Consumer confidence indicator	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	-59.8	Dec-12	-5.5	Nov-97	-51.7	-54.3	-48.7	-45.3	-40.4	-30.7	-27.6	-24.6	-42.8	-41.8	-40.4	-36.7	-32.6	-30.7	-30.3	-29.4	-27.6	-25.3	-25.5	-24.6	-24.0		
Investment																													
GFCF indicator	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-18.8	Jun-12	15.6	Feb-97	-9.8	-16.8	-9.1	-6.1	-2.4	-2.3	1.8	0.2	-6.2	-4.8	-2.4	-1.3	-1.0	-2.3	0.1	1.8	0.1	0.8	0.2	-			
- Construction	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-24.1	Mar-13	17.1	Feb-97	-10.1	-18.8	-13.1	-8.6	-6.3	-6.9	-4.3	-2.7	-8.6	-7.4	-6.3	-5.7	-7.0	-6.9	-6.0	-5.1	-4.3	-3.5	-1.7	-2.7	-		
- Machinery and equipment	y.r./3-mma/%	Jan-89	-11.6	Jan-12	21.4	Jun-90	-7.7	-7.5	-3.0	-3.8	-0.8	2.1	2.9	2.6	-2.8	-0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.1	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.8		
- Transport material	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-95	-41.1	Apr-12	51.5	Feb-14	-13.1	-27.6	11.5	12.3	32.6	26.4	50.2	19.6	5.1	6.0	32.6	38.8	51.5	26.4	42.5	47.5	50.2	28.3	21.8	19.6	-		

(a) - Quarterly National Accounts - Benchmark year 2011 - Chain linked volume data (reference year = 2011). Seasonally and working-day adjusted data; Annual National Accounts: 2011 - definitive data and 2012 and 2013 - preliminary data. Information available in 30/09/2014.

(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	5.6	4.5	5.9	6.7	2.2	-0.6	1.5	4.9	6.9	6.7	6.1	5.6	2.2	-0.5	-3.0	-0.6	1.7	2.6	1.5	-
Nominal imports of goods - International trade	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-96	-26.8	Apr-09	24.0	Feb-00	1.5	-5.3	0.9	3.5	5.0	6.4	1.7	2.5	1.9	4.2	5.0	6.7	7.6	6.4	0.7	-0.3	1.7	5.0	3.7	2.5	-
Coverage rate	3-mma/%	Mar-95	56.6	Dec-99	85.8	May-13	71.9	80.2	83.1	81.1	80.8	81.7	83.6	80.3	79.1	81.8	80.8	81.4	79.8	81.7	83.7	83.5	83.6	82.7	81.8	80.3	-
External demand indicator	s.a./y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-91	-26.4	Jan-00	26.4	Jan-00	11.2	1.3	-2.2	-2.3	-0.3	0.6	1.2	-	-2.1	-0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.7	1.7	-	-
Labour Market																											
Employment indicator - Short-term statistics	y.r./3-mma	Mar-01	-6.9	Jan-13	2.4	May-01	-2.9	-6.2	-4.9	-4.4	-3.3	-2.0	-0.6	0.1	-4.1	-3.6	-3.3	-2.8	-2.5	-2.0	-1.5	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	-
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	0.5	1.1	-4.4	-5.6	-6.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.6	2.6	-4.4	-5.8	-9.1	-5.6	-7.2	-6.4	-6.4	-
Vacancies along the month - State employment ag.	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-90	-24.7	Mar-12	73.5	Feb-14	-18.7	-9.3	48.2	50.9	61.2	67.0	22.9	-0.2	52.9	57.6	61.2	65.2	73.5	67.0	50.4	34.7	22.9	17.5	6.2	-0.2	-
Employment expectations of entrepreneurs	balance/3-mma	Jan-03	-25.7	Nov-12	-5.4	Jun-08	-18.3	-24.2	-18.4	-16.4	-13.6	-8.0	-7.4	-7.6	-15.5	-14.5	-13.6	-10.8	-9.4	-8.0	-8.4	-8.0	-7.4	-7.2	-7.8	-7.6	-7.4
Unemployment expectations of consumers	balance/3-mma	Sep-97	8.7	Aug-00	79.8	Mar-09	65.4	71.6	57.1	50.9	39.8	22.2	16.8	13.4	46.4	43.1	39.8	32.7	24.9	22.2	22.3	21.8	16.8	13.1	12.5	13.4	14.2
Average monthly wage declared by worker	s.a./y.r./3-mma	Mar-02	-1.9	Jan-14	4.8	Dec-02	3.5	-0.4	1.4	1.5	-1.4	-0.3	1.1	-0.1	1.8	0.9	-1.4	-1.9	-1.8	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	1.1	1.4	1.2	-0.1	-
Prices																											
Consumer price index - Total	y.r./%	Jan-49	-3.7	Sep-54	36.7	May-77	3.7	2.8	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.0
- Goods	y.r./%	Jan-49	-3.7	Jul-09	38.2	May-77	4.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.7	-1.1	-1.6	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-1.0	-1.2	-1.1	-2.1	-1.6	-1.1	-0.7
- Services	y.r./%	Jan-49	-4.4	Sep-54	30.5	Mar-74	2.5	3.1	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.4	0.7	1.0
Core inflation indicator	y.r./%	Jan-49	-4.3	Oct-54	31.1	May-84	2.3	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2
Harmonised index of consumer prices	y.r./%	Jan-96	-1.8	Sep-09	5.1	Mar-01	3.6	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing industry production price index	y.r./3-mma/%	Mar-01	-7.9	Aug-09	7.7	Apr-11	5.7	2.2	-0.8	-1.2	-2.1	-2.4	-1.3	-1.7	-2.1	-2.5	-2.1	-2.0	-2.0	-2.4	-2.1	-1.7	-1.3	-1.3	-1.5	-1.7	-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	23.1	19.0	18.4	17.1	8.9	20.4	18.9	19.0	21.3	20.5	18.4	13.7	14.5	17.1	17.6	14.8	8.9	7.0
Expectations of prices in manufacturing industry	bal./s.a./3-mma	Jan-87	-24.7	Jan-09	26.5	Nov-90	5.4	-1.2	-1.4	10.3	5.4	-4.9	-7.1	-11.8	9.2	7.7	5.4	0.8	-2.2	-4.9	-5.7	-6.6	-7.1	-7.2	-9.0	-11.8	-13.0
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	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.6	-0.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-

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.