Croatia - Price developments

Chart 5.3.1 HICP inflation and reference value 1)



Sources: European Commission (Eurostat) and ECB calculations

1) The basis of the calculation of the reference value for the period from April 2019 to March 2020 is the unweighted arithmetic average of the annual percentage changes in the HICP for Portugal, Cyprus and Italy plus 1.5 percentage points. The reference value is 1.8%.

Table 5.3.1 Measures of inflation and related indicators (annual percentage changes, unless otherwise indicated)

	2010-2019 1)	2010-2014 1)	2015-2019 1)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ²⁾	2021 ²
Measures of inflation										
HICP	1.2	1.8	0.5	-0.3	-0.6	1.3	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.9
HICP excluding unprocessed food and energy	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.0
HICP at constant tax rates 3)	0.9	1.3	0.5	-0.6	-0.8	1.2	1.5	1.4	-	-
CPI	1.0	1.7	0.4	-0.5	-1.1	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.9
Private consumption deflator	1.0	1.7	0.3	-0.3	-1.1	0.9	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.9
GDP deflator	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.1	-0.1	1.2	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.9
Producer prices 4)	1.2	3.0	-0.5	-3.8	-3.9	2.1	2.4	0.8	-	-
Related indicators										
Real GDP growth	1.0	-0.9	2.9	2.4	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.9	-9.1	7.5
GDP per capita in PPS ⁵⁾ (euro area = 100)	56.5	55.5	57.7	55.9	57.1	58.3	59.5		-	-
Comparative price levels (euro area = 100)	66.8	68.0	65.3	64.3	64.9	65.8	66.4		-	-
Output gap ⁶⁾	-0.7	-2.7	1.2	-1.6	0.1	1.5	2.5	3.7	-6.1	-0.7
Unemployment rate (%) 7)	13.2	15.2	11.1	16.2	13.1	11.2	8.5	6.6	10.2	7.4
Unit labour costs, whole economy	-0.8	-1.5	-0.2	-0.5	-2.7	-0.7	1.4	1.9	4.5	-3.1
Compensation per employee, whole economy	0.6	-0.1	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	2.2	3.4	-1.2	1.1
Labour productivity, whole economy	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	3.2	0.9	0.8	1.5	-5.5	4.3
Imports of goods and services deflator	1.0	2.0	0.1	-0.9	-2.2	2.3	1.1	0.4	-0.2	1.3
Nominal effective exchange rate ⁸⁾	-0.2	-1.3	0.9	-2.1	2.6	1.6	2.5	-0.1	-	-
Money supply (M3) ⁹⁾	4.2	1.5	5.6	4.2	5.3	5.6	8.4	4.5	-	-
Lending from banks 10)	0.6	-2.3	2.3	-2.4	0.5	4.5	4.4	5.8	-	-
Stock prices (CROBEX) 11)	0.7	-12.9	15.6	-3.2	18.1	-7.6	-5.1	15.4	-	-
Residential property prices	0.3	-2.7	3.3	-2.9	0.9	3.8	6.1	9.0	-	-

Sources: European Commission (Eurostat, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs), national data for CPI, money supply, lending from banks and residential property prices, and ECB calculations based on Refinitiv data for stock prices

1) Multi-annual averages calculated using the geometric mean, except for GDP per capita in PPS, comparative price levels, output gap and unemployment rate, for which the arithmetic mean is used.

2) Data from the European Commission's Spring 2020 Economic Forecast.

3) The difference between the HICP and the HICP at constant tax rates shows the theoretical impact of changes in indirect taxes (e.g. VAT and excise duties) on the overall rate of inflation. This impact assumes a full and instantaneous pass-through of tax rate changes to the price paid by the consumer.

4) Domestic sales, total industry excluding construction.

5) PPS stands for purchasing power standards.

6) Percentage difference from potential GDP: a positive (negative) sign indicates that actual GDP is above (below) potential GDP.

7) Definition conforms to International Labour Organization guidelines

8) EER-38 group of trading partners. A positive (negative) sign indicates an appreciation (depreciation).

9) The series includes repurchase agreements with central counterparties.

10) Adjusted for the derecognition of loans from the MFI statistical balance sheet due to their sale or securitisation.

11) Multi-annual and annual figures represent the percentage change between the end of the given period and the end of the previous period.

Croatia - Fiscal developments

Chart 5.3.2 General government balance and debt

(as a percentage of GDP)



Table 5.3.2 Government budgetary developments and projections (as a percentage of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)

	2010-2019 ¹⁾	2010-2014 1)	2015-2019 ¹⁾	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 2)	2021 ²⁾
Government balance	-3.3	-6.1	-0.6	-3.3	-1.0	0.8	0.2	0.4	-7.1	-2.2
Total revenue	44.4	42.5	46.4	45.3	46.5	46.1	46.5	47.5	46.3	47.4
Current revenue	43.9	42.1	45.8	44.8	45.8	45.7	46.0	46.6	45.0	46.1
Direct taxes	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.7	5.5	5.7
Indirect taxes	18.8	18.0	19.6	19.1	19.3	19.5	20.0	20.3	19.7	19.9
Net social contributions	11.7	11.6	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.8	11.0	11.8
Other current revenue 3)	6.9	6.1	7.8	7.6	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.8	8.7	8.6
Capital revenue	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.3
Total expenditure	47.8	48.6	47.0	48.6	47.4	45.3	46.3	47.1	53.4	49.6
Current expenditure	42.3	42.7	41.8	43.7	42.3	41.3	40.9	40.9	47.4	43.8
Compensation of employees	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.8	11.9	13.1	12.7
Social benefits	16.2	16.4	15.9	17.0	16.0	15.6	15.5	15.5	17.8	17.0
Interest payable	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3
Other current expenditure 4)	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.3	11.2	14.2	11.8
Capital expenditure	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.0	5.1	4.0	5.4	6.3	6.0	5.7
of which: Investment	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.5	4.3	4.3	4.2
Cyclically adjusted balance	-3.0	-4.9	-1.1	-2.6	-1.0	0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-4.4	-1.9
One-off and temporary measures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Structural balance 5)	-3.0	-4.9	-1.1	-2.6	-1.1	0.2	-0.9	-1.2	-4.4	-1.9
Government debt	74.9	71.6	78.2	84.3	80.8	77.8	74.7	73.2	88.6	83.4
Average residual maturity (in years)	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.3	5.4		
In foreign currencies (% of total)	77.4	78.7	76.1	79.7	78.0	76.4	74.9	71.6		
of which: Euro	73.2	73.4	72.9	75.4	73.8	72.9	71.1	71.4		
Domestic ownership (% of total)	59.4	56.8	62.1	58.0	61.1	60.7	63.4	67.3		
Medium and long-term maturity (% of total)	⁶⁾ 93.1	91.0	95.1	94.4	95.1	95.2	95.3	95.4		
of which: Variable interest rate (% of total	l) 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Deficit-debt adjustment	0.6	1.1	0.1	-1.6	-1.7	1.1	0.5	2.1		
Net acquisitions of main financial assets	0.3	0.6	0.0	-1.3	-0.9	0.4	0.4	1.5		
Currency and deposits	0.1	0.4	-0.2	-1.5	-1.4	0.2	0.1	1.7		
Debt securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Loans	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	-0.2		
Equity and investment fund shares or unit	s 0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1		
Revaluation effects on debt of which: Foreign exchange holding	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	0.3		
gains/losses	0.2	0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.6	0.3		
Other 7)	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	1.0	0.9	0.3		
Convergence programme: government bala	nce -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-6.8	-2.4
Convergence programme: structural balance	e -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Convergence programme: government debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86.7	83.2

Sources: European System of Central Banks and European Commission (Eurostat, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs).

1) Multi-annual averages calculated using the arithmetic mean.

2) Data from the European Commission's Spring 2020 Economic Forecast, except for convergence programme data.

3) Sales and other current revenue.

4) Intermediate consumption, subsidies payable and other current expenditure.

5) Cyclically-adjusted balance excluding one-off and other temporary measures.

6) Original maturity of more than one year.
7) Time of recording differences and other factors (sector reclassifications and statistical discrepancies).

Croatia - Exchange rate and external developments

Chart 5.3.3 Bilateral exchange rate and short-term interest rate differential

(HRK/EUR exchange rate: monthly averages; difference between three-month interbank interest rates and three-month EURIBOR: basis points, monthly values)



Sources: National data and ECB calculations.

1) The interest rate differential is calculated against ZIBOR. Production of ZIBOR reference rate was discontinued by the national central bank as of 1 January 2020; a comparable rate is not currently available.

Table 5.3.3 External developments

(as a percentage of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)

2010-2019 1) 2010-2014 1) 2015-2019 1 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2) 2021²⁾ Balance of payments Current account and capital account balance 3 -12 40 4 5 3.3 14 4.0 36 45 Current account balance 0.6 -1.3 2.6 3.2 2.1 3.4 1.9 2.5 Goods -15.9 -14.4 -17.4 -16.0 -16.3 ·17.2 -18.7 -19.1 Services 15.3 13.0 17.6 16.2 17.5 17.9 17.8 18.6 Primary income -2.3 -2.9 -1.6 -0.6 -3.0 -1.5 -1.5 -1.5 Secondary income 4.1 3.6 3.5 3.0 3.9 4.2 4.2 4.5 Capital account balance 0.8 0.8 2.0 0.2 1.4 1.5 1.1 1.4 Combined direct and portfolio investment balance 3 -2.3 -3.7 -0.8 -0.8 -1.3 -1.5 0.3 -0.6 -2.0 -1.9 -2.0 -0.5 -4.3 -2.3 -1.6 Direct investment -1.4 Portfolio investment -0.3 -1.8 1.2 -0.3 2.9 0.8 1.7 1.0 Other investment balance 2.0 2.7 5.4 2.6 2.4 3.4 1.8 0.1 Reserve assets 2.0 1.5 2.3 1.7 -0.6 5.3 3.0 1.8 Exports of goods and services 44.5 39.7 49.2 46.4 47.7 50.1 50.5 51.5 Imports of goods and services 45.1 41.1 49.1 46.2 46.5 49.4 51.4 51.9 Net international investment position 4) -78.2 -91.3 -65.1 -78.4 -72.4 -65.6 -57.9 -51.0 Gross external debt 4) 100.9 111.2 90.6 108.4 96.2 89.6 82.7 76.0 Trade with the euro area 5) 57 0 Exports of goods and services 56.9 57 0 597 58 7 55.9 55.8 55 1 Imports of goods and services 55.7 52.0 58.6 59.6 59.2 58.5 57.1 58.5 Investment position with the euro area 5) Direct investment assets 4 45.0 68 2 73 2 74 2 80.7 82.6 64 5 68.8 Direct investment liabilities 4 67 9 74.6 55 2 Portfolio investment assets 4) 52 2 63 5 50.0 56.3 478 48.3 42.2 Portfolio investment liabilities 4) 54 2 55.0 53 5 494 53 1 58.0 54 2 53.0

Sources: European System of Central Banks and European Commission (Eurostat, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs).

1) Multi-annual averages calculated using the arithmetic mean.

2) Data from the European Commission's Spring 2020 Economic Forecast.

3) Differences between totals and the sum of their components are due to rounding.

4) End-of-period outstanding amounts

5) As a percentage of the total. Figures for "Direct investment assets" between 2016 and 2019 are under investigation and thus excluded.

Chart 5.3.4 Effective exchange rates 1)

(EER-38 group of trading partners; monthly averages; index: Q1 1999 = 100)



Source: ECB

1) The real EER-38 is CPI-deflated. An increase (decrease) in the EER indicates an appreciation (depreciation)

Croatia - Long-term interest rate developments

Chart 5.3.5 Long-term interest rate 1) (monthly averages in percentages)



Sources: European System of Central Banks and ECB calculations.

1) The basis of the calculation of the reference value for the period from April 2019 to March 2020 is the unweighted arithmetic average of the interest rate levels in Portugal, Cyprus and Italy plus 2 percentage points. The reference value is 2.9%





Sources: European System of Central Banks, ECB calculations and European Commission (Eurostat).

Table 5.3.4 Long-term interest rates and indicators of financial development and integration (as a percentage of GDP, unless otherwise indicated)

	2010-2019 1)	2010-2014 1)	2015-2019 1)	2016	2017	2018	2019	Apr. 2019 to	Memo item: euro area
								Mar. 2020	2019
Long-term interest rates		•							
Croatia 2)	4.1	5.5	2.7	3.5	2.8	2.2	1.3	0.9	-
Euro area ^{2), 3)}	2.2	3.4	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.2	-
Euro area AAA par curve, ten-year residual maturity 2), 3	1.3	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-
Indicators of financial development and integration									
Debt securities issued by financial corporations 4)	0.4	-	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	-	66.7
Debt securities issued by non-financial corporations ⁵⁾	4.7	-	4.5	5.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	-	11.8
Stock market capitalisation 6)	38.1	-	38.4	42.3	38.9	35.1	37.5	-	67.7
MFI credit to non-government residents 7)	65.7	72.0	59.3	61.1	58.0	56.5	55.4	-	107.4
Claims of euro area MFIs on resident MFIs ⁸⁾	10.9	17.0	4.7	4.7	3.4	4.1	3.1	-	26.1

Sources: European System of Central Banks and ECB calculations.

1) Multi-annual averages calculated using the arithmetic mean.

2) Average interest rate.

3) Included for information only.

4) Outstanding amount of debt securities issued by resident MFIs (excluding the national central bank) and other financial corporations. Data available since 2013.

5) Outstanding amount of debt securities issued by resident non-financial corporations. Data available since 2013.
 6) Outstanding amount of listed shares issued by residents at market values. Data available since 2013.

7) MFI (excluding national central bank) credit to domestic non-MFI residents other than general government. Credit comprises outstanding amounts of loans and debt securities. Data available since 2010.

8) Outstanding amount of deposits and debt securities issued by domestic MFIs (excluding the national central bank) held by euro area MFIs as a percentage of total liabilities of domestic MFIs (excluding the national central bank). Total liabilities exclude capital and reserves and remaining liabilities. Data available since 2010.