



# The role of EUROSTAT in European statistics on energy



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# About Eurostat

- The statistical office of the European Union (EU)
- Integral part of the European Commission
- Mission: to be the leading provider of high quality statistics on Europe
- The central institution of the **European Statistical System** - a network of National Statistical Institutes

# About Eurostat

- Based in Luxembourg
- Some 850 staff –officials, national experts, contractual staff
- Director General Walter Radermacher
- Created in 1953 as a service of the High Authority for Coal and Steel
- A long evolution since then...

# The European Statistical System (ESS)

- Eurostat is the central institution of the European Statistical System (ESS) - a **network** of National Statistical Institutes (NSI) from all EU and EFTA Countries
- ESS members are all the **administrations** which at various levels (local, regional, national and Community) conceive, develop, collect, analyse, disseminate statistical information
- The National Statistical Institutes (NSI) are the coordinators of the national statistical system in the MS
- Role of Eurostat and of Member States NSI is based on subsidiarity principle
- Eurostat receives, processes and disseminate data at EU level
- The ESS is an example of close cooperation between the Member States

# European Statistics Code of Practice

- A global commitment in the ESS to statistical quality
- 15 principles on institutional environment, production & dissemination. Among them:
  - **Professional independence**
  - **Impartiality and objectivity**

# Eurostat objectives

- Supply European Institutions with statistical data
- Provide citizens, enterprises and decision-makers with statistics
- Cooperate with NSIs in the development of the ESS
- Cooperate with third countries
- Develop a partnership with other organisations

# Responsibilities of Eurostat

- Collect data from NSIs
- Harmonise methods, definitions & classifications
- Compile European aggregates – EU & Euro area
- Disseminate statistics
- International relations – enlargement & development



# The Eurostat Press Office

- Issues News Releases
- Provides support with statistical data and methods

# News Releases

- 200+ News Releases per year
  - **150+ euroindicators**
  - **50+ ad-hoc**
- In English, German & French
- Cover EU, Member States
- Where possible Candidates, EFTA, US, Japan...

April 2013

## Euro area annual inflation down to 1.2%

EU down to 1.4%

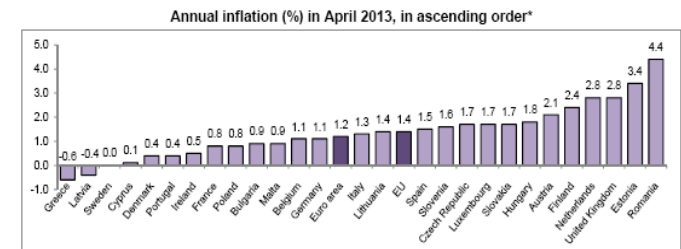
Euro area<sup>1</sup> annual inflation was 1.2% in April 2013<sup>2</sup>, down from 1.7% in March. A year earlier the rate was 2.6%. Monthly inflation was -0.1% in April 2013.

European Union<sup>2</sup> annual inflation was 1.4% in April 2013, down from 1.9% in March. A year earlier the rate was 2.7%. Monthly inflation was 0.0% in April 2013.

These figures come from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union.

In April 2013, the lowest annual rates were observed in Greece (-0.6%), Latvia (-0.4%) and Sweden (0.0%), and the highest in Romania (4.4%), Estonia (3.4%) and the Netherlands (2.8%). Compared with March 2013, annual inflation fell in twenty-four Member States, remained stable in one and rose in one. The lowest 12-month average rates up to April 2013 were registered in Greece (0.4%), Sweden (0.8%) and Latvia (1.3%), and the highest in Hungary (4.6%), Romania (4.1%) and Estonia (4.0%).

The largest upward impacts to euro area annual inflation came from electricity (+0.11 percentage points), meat and fruit (+0.07 each), while fuels for transport (-0.32), telecommunications (-0.19) and package holidays (-0.11) had the biggest downward impacts.



\* Data for Austria are provisional. Data for the United Kingdom are for March 2013.

# Eurostat web site - [ec.europa.eu/eurostat](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat)

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- > Real GDP growth rate
- > Total population
- > Unemployment rate
- > Employment rate, by sex
- > Inflation (monthly)
- > Inflation rate (annual)

### Selected Statistics

- > Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure (MIP)
- > Europe 2020 indicators
- > Euroindicators/PEEIs
- > Sustainable development indicators
- > Government finance
- > Prices (HICP)

### Selected Publications

- > Eurostat yearbook
- > Regional yearbook

### Latest news releases

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€	06.09.2013	EU27 current account surplus 35.9 bn euro
€	04.09.2013	Euro area GDP up by 0.3% and EU27 up by 0.4%
€	04.09.2013	Volume of retail trade up by 0.1% in euro area
€	03.09.2013	Industrial producer prices up by 0.3% in euro area
€	30.08.2013	Euro area unemployment rate at 12.1%
€	30.08.2013	Euro area annual inflation down to 1.3%
€	20.08.2013	Euro area production in construction up by 0.7%
€	16.08.2013	Euro area annual inflation stable at 1.6%

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### New in Statistics Explained (including Statistics in focus)

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Statistics explained

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Main_Page)

Press list

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# Where can I find information from Eurostat?

## Regulation on energy statistics

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:304:0001:0062:EN:PDF>

## Directive on energy prices

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:298:0009:0019:EN:PDF>

## Manual on energy statistics

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_PUBLIC/NRG-2004/EN/NRG-2004-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/NRG-2004/EN/NRG-2004-EN.PDF)

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# Energy statistics in the EU

Main aspects:

- Regulations on energy statistics at EU level
- Adherence to quality requirements
- International standardisation of energy statistics:
  - *Statistical scope*
  - *Methodology*
- Partnership with the International Energy Agency (Paris)

*Statistical production/quality requirements are compulsory for entry into the EU (like Bulgaria in 2007)*

# Conclusions

- Due to its entry into the EU, the Bulgarian NSI has recent experience on how to adapt national energy statistics to international standards
- They will have an interesting story to tell ... !

Many thanks to Antonia & her entire team :-)





thanks!