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• What does Eurostat do?

• Eurostat and dissemination

• Aspects specific to energy statistics
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 area¹ annual inflation was 1.2% in April 2013, down from 1.7% in March. A year earlier the rate was 2.6%. Monthly inflation was -0.1% in April 2013.

European Union² 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 (0.8%), 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 (0.3%) and Latvia (1.1%), 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.

Annual inflation (%) in April 2013, in ascending order*

* Data for Austria are provisional. Data for the United Kingdom are for March 2013.
Eurostat Media & Institutional Support

- Answers questions about data and methodology
- Tailor-made data extractions for journalists
- Receives around 2 500 requests per year
- Requests are dealt with as rapidly as possible

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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 ... !

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