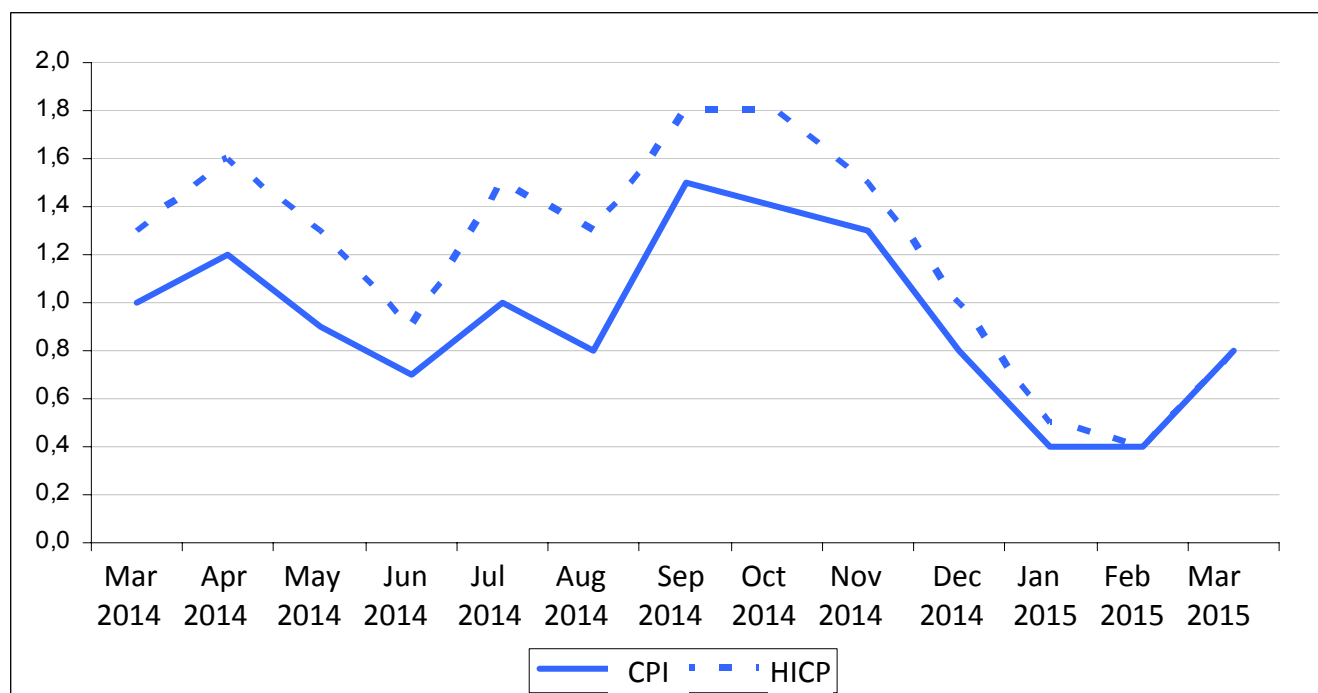


Domain: Consumer prices

IN MARCH 2015, THE ANNUAL RATE OF CONSUMER PRICES WAS 0.8%

- Consumer prices, on average, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), were 0.4% higher in March 2015 than in February 2015. Consumer prices, as measured by the HICP (Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices), experienced a 0.5% increase.
- Consumer prices, as measured by the CPI and the HICP, were 0.8% higher in March 2015 than in March 2014. The prices of food goods fell by 0.1%.
- The average price increase based on the CPI in the last 12 months (April 2014-March 2015) as compared to the previous 12 months (April 2013-March 2014) was 0.9%. The price increase based on the HICP was 1.2%.

Graph: The annual change in consumer prices (%)



[The data of the graph in an Excel format](#)

Table 1: The Consumer Price Index and the monthly average inflation rate

– percentages –

	CPI March 2015 compared to:			Monthly average inflation rate over the period 1 I-31 III	
	February 2015	December 2014	March 2014	2015	2014
Food goods	100.29	101.39	99.93	0.5	0.3
Non-food goods	100.62	101.24	101.17	0.4	0.4
Services	100.15	100.57	101.55	0.2	0.4
ALL ITEMS	100.41	101.17	100.79	0.4	0.4

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Table 2: Partial indices of consumer prices, calculated by excluding certain items from the CPI

previous month=100

	March 2015 %
All-items CPI excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco	100.34
All-items CPI excluding fuels	100.27
All-items CPI excluding products whose prices are regulated ^{*)}	100.48
All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit ^{**)} , eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated ^{*)}	100.21
All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit ^{**)} , eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated ^{*)} , beverages and tobacco	100.08
ALL ITEMS	100.41

Note: The partial indices are a selection of special aggregates used in analyses on inflation.

^{*)} Products whose prices are regulated: medicines, electric energy, natural gas, thermal energy, rail transport, water transport, mail and courier, radio-TV subscription, issuance of identity cards, driving licences, passports, water, sewerage, sanitation, urban public transport, rents set by local administration

^{**)} In order to more accurately meet the need to analyse inflation, as of September 2014 the fruit group includes, besides fresh fruit, citrus and other exotic fruit.

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Additional information:

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological explanations](#).

The weighting coefficients and the March 2015 Consumer Price Indices for the main food goods, non-food goods and services are presented in the annex. [The data presented in the annex can be accessed through the Excel file attached to the press release on the homepage.](#)

For the calculation of the CPI in 2015, the weighting coefficients are determined based on the data from the Family Budget Survey for 2013. In the case of the HICP, the weighting coefficients are determined on the basis of the national accounts data for the same year, 2013.

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE MAIN GOODS AND SERVICES
IN MARCH 2015**

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2015 compared to:	
		February 2015 %	December 2014 %
10000	ALL ITEMS	100.41	101.17
3748	TOTAL FOOD GOODS	100.29	101.39
753	Milling and bakery products	100.06	100.16
53	- Milling products	100.08	100.16
32	- Flour	99.92	100.01
21	- Maize flour	100.33	100.37
607	- Bread, loaf products and specialties	100.06	100.13
530	- Bread	100.05	100.10
20	- Loaf products	100.09	100.16
30	- Bakery specialties	100.16	100.32
353	Vegetables and tinned vegetables	101.80	110.32
27	- Beans and other leguminous plants	98.95	97.42
79	- Potatoes	99.90	103.59
185	- Other vegetables and tinned vegetables	102.19	114.44
225	Fruit and tinned fruit	103.07	107.66
117	- Fresh fruit	101.58	105.72
103	- Citrus and other exotic fruit	104.93	110.32
5	- Tinned fruit	100.09	100.37
141	Oil, lard, fats	100.16	100.07
118	- Edible oil	100.21	100.02
21	- Margarine	100.01	100.38
920	Meat, meat products and tinned meat	100.02	100.12
81	- Beef	100.11	100.30
240	- Pork	99.84	99.78
253	- Poultry	100.10	100.21
282	- Meat products	100.02	100.21
14	- Tinned meat	99.95	100.15
136	Fish and tinned fish	100.02	100.28
100	- Fresh fish	100.01	100.20
9	- Tinned fish and other fish products	100.20	100.43
558	Milk and dairy products	100.01	100.32
265	- Milk – total	99.99	100.28
196	- Cow's milk	99.97	100.24
139	- Cheese – total	100.10	100.48
78	- Cow's cheese (cottage cheese)	100.22	100.60
56	- Ewe's cheese (cottage cheese)	99.92	100.32
23	- Butter	100.08	100.53
64	Eggs	95.26	94.99
175	Sugar, confectioneries and honey	100.03	99.95
72	- Sugar	99.82	98.91
20	- Honey	100.09	100.73
112	Cocoa and coffee	100.08	100.39
109	- Coffee	100.08	100.39
123	Alcoholic beverages	100.07	100.22
27	- Wine	99.98	100.13
20	- Brandy, plum brandy and other beverages	100.13	100.49
73	- Beer	100.08	100.19
188	Other food products	100.11	100.34

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2015 compared to:	
		February 2015 %	December 2014 %
4405	TOTAL NON-FOOD GOODS	100.62	101.24
351	Clothing, hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.14	100.43
0	- Fabrics	100.14	100.48
247	- Wearing apparel	100.13	100.42
79	- Knitwear	100.14	100.46
12	- Hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.16	100.43
264	Footwear	100.21	100.33
164	- Leather footwear	100.19	100.22
149	Household products, furniture	100.14	100.39
26	- Furniture	100.10	100.31
15	- Refrigerators and freezers	100.11	100.21
10	- Washing machines	100.24	100.32
4	- Gas stoves, gas cylinders	100.15	100.29
26	- Household articles	100.16	100.48
252	Chemicals	100.07	100.23
7	- Varnishes and paints	100.11	100.33
166	- Detergents	100.03	100.13
2	- Domestic soap	100.03	100.35
216	Cultural and sporting products	100.10	100.29
98	- Books, newspapers, magazines	100.06	100.22
67	- Watches, audio and video devices, sporting goods	100.25	100.69
51	- Cars and spare parts	99.98	99.91
656	Hygiene articles, cosmetics and medical goods	100.05	100.23
256	- Hygiene articles, cosmetics	100.10	100.39
399	- Medical goods	100.03	100.12
381	- Medicines	100.02	100.11
809	Fuels	102.03	101.41
615	Tobacco, cigarettes	101.43	101.45
1024	Electric energy, gas and central heating	100.01	102.80
589	- Electric energy	100.00	104.98
332	- Gas	100.00	100.00
103	- Thermal energy	100.08	100.35
69	Other non-food goods	100.19	100.54
1847	TOTAL SERVICES	100.15	100.57
17	Making and repairing of clothing and footwear	100.26	100.58
93	Rent	99.98	100.08
304	Water, sewerage, sanitation	100.46	101.63
215	Cinemas, theatres, museums, expenditure for education and tourism	100.12	100.33
19	Car and electronic repairs, photo works	100.12	100.76
108	Medical care	100.28	102.46
49	Hygiene and cosmetics	100.27	100.89
84	Urban transport	100.01	100.55
95	Interurban transport (other transport types)	100.00	100.63
8	- Rail	100.00	100.00
11	- Road	99.96	100.97
54	- Bus – subscriptions	100.00	100.72
5	- Air	100.02	99.41
632	Post and telecommunications	100.02	99.64
4	- Mail services	100.00	100.00
444	- Phone	100.02	99.42
184	- Radio-TV subscription	100.03	100.15
123	Restaurants, coffee shops, canteens	100.17	100.52
20	Other industrial-type services	100.28	100.44
88	Other services	100.14	101.85
1	- Payment of accommodation in hotel units	99.94	100.44