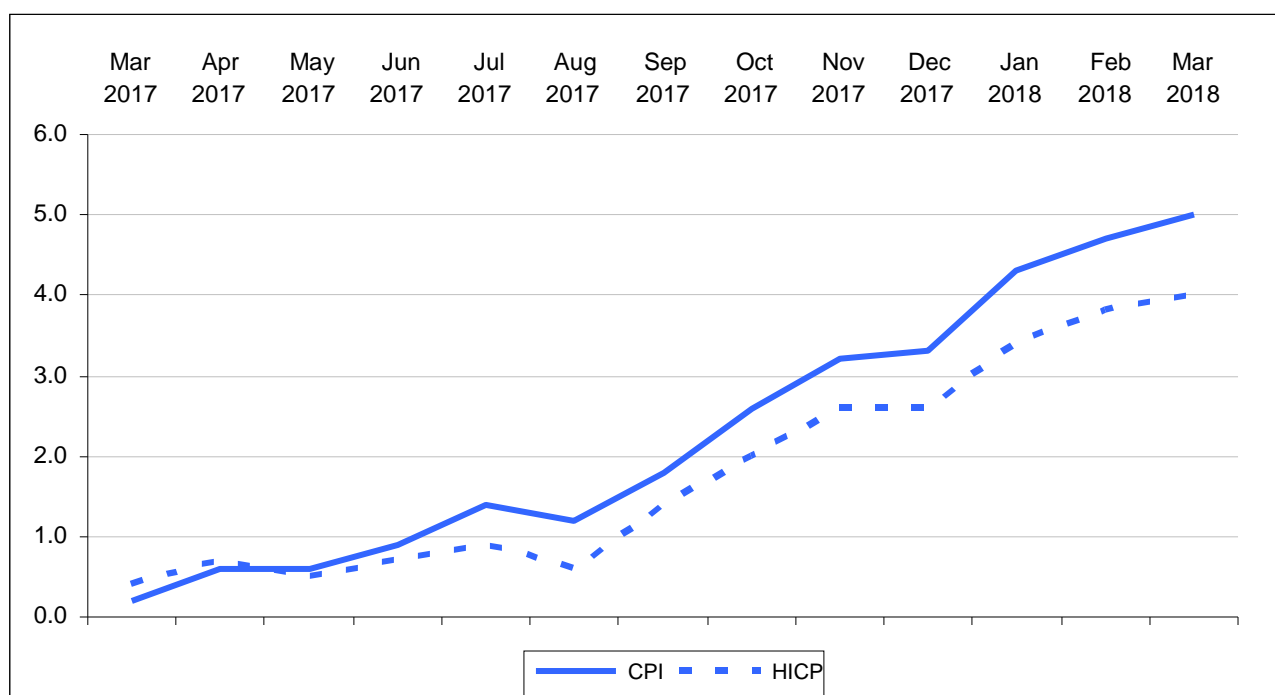


Domain: Consumer prices

## IN MARCH 2018, THE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE WAS 5.0%

- Consumer prices were up 0.3% in March 2018 compared to February 2018.
- The average inflation rate based on the CPI over the last 12 months (April 2017-March 2018), as compared to the previous 12 months (April 2016-March 2017), is 2.5%. The average rate based on the HICP is 1.9%.

Graph: The annual change in consumer prices (%)



The data of the graph (xls) can be accessed through the .rar file attached to the press release on the homepage.

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

– percentage –

	March 2018 compared to:			Monthly average inflation rate over the period 1 I - 31 III	
	February 2018	December 2017	March 2017	2018	2017
Food goods	100.48	101.74	104.01	0.6	0.6
Non-food goods	100.15	101.36	106.57	0.5	-0.3
Services	100.30	100.80	102.90	0.3	-0.6
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.29</b>	<b>101.37</b>	<b>104.95</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

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**Table 2: Partial indices calculated by excluding certain items from the CPI**

– previous month = 100 –

	<b>March 2018 %</b>
All-items CPI excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco	100.31
All-items CPI excluding fuels	100.31
All-items CPI excluding products whose prices are regulated*)	100.32
All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit**), eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated*)	100.24
All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit**), eggs, fuels and products whose prices are regulated*), beverages and tobacco	100.27
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.29</b>

\*) Products whose prices are regulated: medicines, electric energy, natural gas, heat energy, rail transport, water transport, mail and courier, 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 Southern fruit.

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### Additional information:

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological explanations attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

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

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE MAIN GOODS AND SERVICES  
IN MARCH 2018**

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2018 compared to:	
		February 2018 %	December 2017 %
<b>10000</b>	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.29</b>	<b>101.37</b>
<b>3315</b>	<b>TOTAL FOOD GOODS</b>	<b>100.48</b>	<b>101.74</b>
593	Milling and bakery products	100.31	101.22
35	- Milling products	100.11	100.87
20	- Flour	100.24	100.81
15	- Maize flour	99.94	100.97
472	- Bread, loaf products and specialties	100.32	101.21
396	- Bread	100.33	101.27
15	- Loaf products	100.08	100.98
33	- Bakery specialties	100.32	101.11
321	Vegetables and tinned vegetables	102.21	106.75
23	- Beans and other leguminous plants	100.26	102.65
55	- Potatoes	102.67	105.52
180	- Other vegetables and tinned vegetables	102.46	108.07
224	Fruit and tinned fruit	103.32	110.95
112	- Fresh fruit	103.93	110.95
104	- Citrus and other Southern fruit	102.83	111.79
8	- Tinned fruit	100.21	100.89
97	Oil, lard, fats	99.96	100.77
81	- Edible oil	99.94	100.61
15	- Margarine	99.98	100.95
793	Meat, meat products and tinned meat	100.30	100.85
76	- Beef	100.56	101.89
221	- Pork	100.12	100.44
197	- Poultry	100.22	100.70
247	- Meat products	100.13	100.72
14	- Tinned meat	100.31	101.43
130	Fish and tinned fish	100.12	100.72
94	- Fresh fish	100.07	100.60
12	- Tinned fish and other fish products	100.34	101.21
514	Milk and dairy products	100.30	100.99
242	- Milk – total	100.42	101.00
171	- Cow's milk	100.49	100.99
127	- Cheese – total	100.37	101.05
77	- Cow's feta cheese	100.21	101.13
49	- Sheep's feta cheese	100.63	100.92
26	- Butter	99.77	100.74
56	Eggs	93.29	87.72
152	Sugar, confectioneries and honey	100.04	100.03
41	- Sugar	99.62	98.54
25	- Honey	100.26	100.63
99	Cocoa and coffee	100.01	100.32
87	- Coffee	100.01	100.31
129	Alcoholic beverages	100.09	100.28
33	- Wine	99.95	100.45
20	- Brandy, plum brandy and other beverages	100.26	100.36
75	- Beer	100.10	100.18
207	Other food products	100.26	100.86
<b>4599</b>	<b>TOTAL NON-FOOD GOODS</b>	<b>100.15</b>	<b>101.36</b>

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2018 compared to:	
		February 2018 %	December 2017 %
426	Clothing, hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.23	100.40
6	- Fabrics	100.18	100.61
292	- Wearing apparel	100.24	100.35
98	- Knitwear	100.24	100.53
14	- Hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.19	100.46
327	Footwear	100.29	100.30
210	- Leather footwear	100.19	100.06
229	Household products, furniture	100.16	100.52
45	- Furniture	100.34	100.74
21	- Refrigerators and freezers	100.00	100.42
20	- Washing machines	100.14	100.94
4	- Gas stoves, gas cylinders	100.10	100.51
37	- Household articles	100.13	100.41
248	Chemicals	100.22	100.39
8	- Varnishes and paints	100.33	100.69
168	- Detergents	100.24	100.35
2	- Laundry soap	100.10	100.25
251	Cultural and sporting products	100.39	100.71
86	- Books, newspapers, magazines	100.88	101.10
108	- Watches, audio and video devices, sporting goods	100.09	100.36
57	- Cars and spare parts	100.23	100.77
645	Hygiene, cosmetic and medical items	100.17	100.38
232	- Hygiene and cosmetic items	100.30	100.68
413	- Medical items	100.09	100.20
333	- Medicines	100.09	100.16
805	Fuels	100.13	102.24
627	Tobacco, cigarettes	100.00	100.00
988	Electric energy, gas and central heating	100.09	103.46
568	- Electric energy	100.15	102.46
338	- Gas	100.00	105.69
82	- Heat energy	99.99	102.13
53	Other non-food goods	100.30	100.90
<b>2086</b>	<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>	<b>100.30</b>	<b>100.80</b>
23	Making and repairing of clothing and footwear	100.34	100.87
123	Rent	100.04	100.26
293	Water, sewerage, sanitation	100.35	100.97
158	Cinemas, theatres, museums, expenditure on education and tourism	100.27	100.61
21	Car and electronic repairs, photo works	100.15	100.86
149	Medical care	100.18	101.30
84	Hygiene and cosmetics	100.50	101.81
82	Urban transport	100.37	100.70
93	Interurban transport (other transport types)	100.50	101.16
7	- Rail	100.00	100.00
13	- Road	100.57	101.00
55	- Bus – subscriptions	100.51	101.22
3	- Air	101.07	103.12
642	Post and telecommunications	100.07	100.42
4	- Mail services	100.00	100.00
405	- Telephone	100.11	100.53
233	- Radio-TV subscription	100.02	100.23
152	Restaurants, coffee shops, canteens	100.40	100.73
58	Other industrial-type services	100.36	100.77
208	Other services	100.92	101.35
52	- Payment for accommodation in hotel units	100.13	100.87