

Domain: Consumer prices

INFLATION AND THE EVOLUTION OF CONSUMER PRICES: MARCH 2022

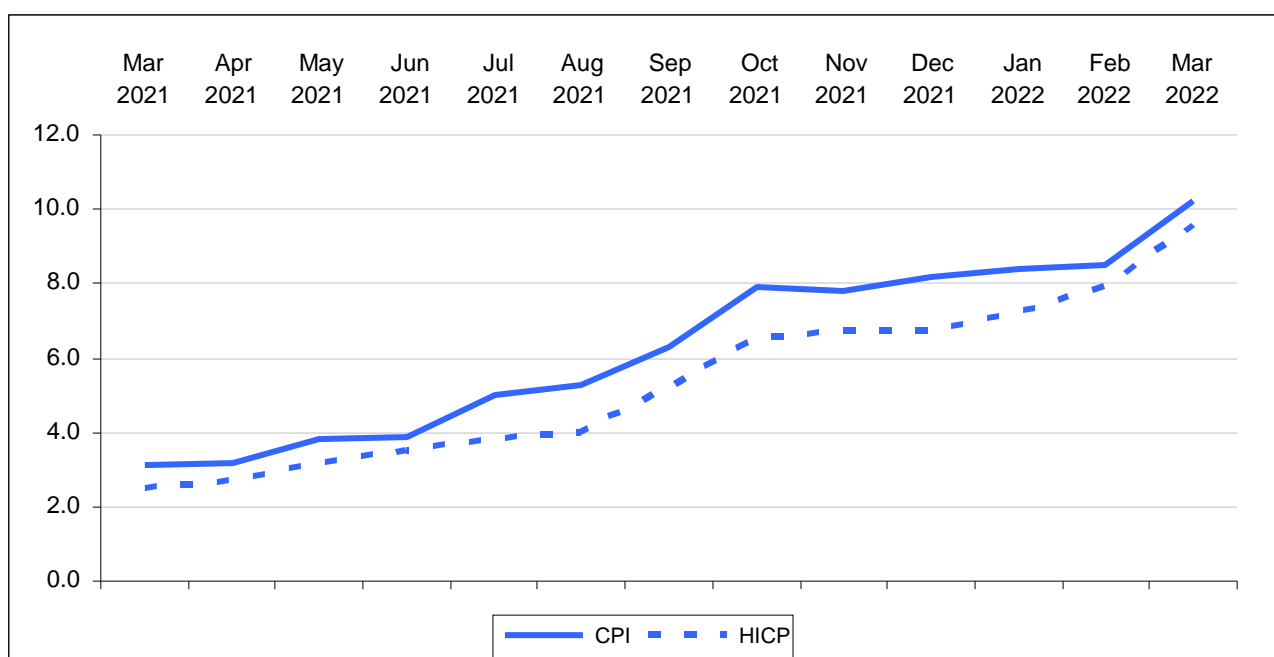
1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) – indicator for determining inflation at national level

- Consumer prices were up 1.9% in March 2022 from February 2022.
- The inflation rate since the beginning of the year (March 2022 compared to December 2021) is 4.0%.
- The annual inflation rate in March 2022 compared to March 2021 is 10.2%.
- The average consumer price rate over the last 12 months (April 2021-March 2022) as compared to the previous 12 months (April 2020-March 2021) is 6.5%.

2. The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) – indicator for determining inflation at EU level

- The Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices in March 2022 compared to February 2022 is 101.95%.
- The HICP-based annual inflation rate in March 2022 compared to March 2021 is 9.6%.
- The HICP-based average consumer price rate over the last 12 months (April 2021-March 2022) as compared to the previous 12 months (April 2020-March 2021) is 5.6%.

Graph: The annual change in consumer prices (%)



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

– percentages –

	March 2022 compared to:			Monthly average inflation rate over the period 1 I-31 III	
	February 2022	December 2021	March 2021	2022	2021
Food goods	102.54	105.75	111.20	1.9	0.5
Non-food goods	101.86	103.31	110.86	1.1	1.1
Services	100.67	102.66	106.53	0.9	0.2
ALL ITEMS	101.88	103.99	110.15	1.3	0.7

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

– previous month = 100 –

	March 2022 %
(a) All-items CPI excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco	102.04
(b) All-items CPI excluding fuels	101.27
(c) All-items CPI excluding products whose prices are regulated*	101.96
(d) All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit**, eggs, fuels, electric energy, natural gas and products whose prices are regulated*	101.17
(e) All-items CPI excluding vegetables, fruit**, eggs, fuels, electric energy, natural gas and products whose prices are regulated*, alcoholic beverages and tobacco	101.30
ALL ITEMS	101.88

*¹ Products whose prices are regulated: medicines, heat energy, rail transport, water transport, mail and courier, issuance of identity cards, driving licences, passports, water supply, sewage collection, refuse collection, urban public transport, rents set by local administration

**² 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 March 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](#).

For more information, please see Price Statistical Bulletin No. 03/2022.

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**THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE MAIN GOODS AND SERVICES
IN MARCH 2022**

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2022 compared to:		
		February 2022 %	December 2021 %	March 2021 %
10000	ALL ITEMS	101.88	103.99	110.15
3302	TOTAL FOOD GOODS	102.54	105.75	111.20
535	Milling and bakery products	102.97	106.98	115.35
36	- Milling products	104.67	111.04	122.66
21	- Flour	104.65	111.52	121.47
15	- Maize flour	104.71	110.38	124.35
419	- Bread, loaf products and specialities	102.85	106.82	115.57
352	- Bread	103.02	107.15	116.36
9	- Loaf products	101.77	105.29	114.03
34	- Bakery specialities	102.32	105.44	112.67
342	Vegetables and tinned vegetables	104.92	114.02	118.87
20	- Beans and other leguminous plants	101.15	101.37	108.12
54	- Potatoes	104.94	112.19	136.50
195	- Other vegetables and tinned vegetables	105.85	116.72	118.60
239	Fruit and tinned fruit	102.30	105.42	110.77
116	- Fresh fruit	102.36	107.13	109.77
114	- Citrus and other southern fruit	102.31	103.87	112.82
8	- Tinned fruit	101.41	102.85	107.39
78	Oil, lard, fats	105.46	109.04	130.15
68	- Edible oil	105.83	109.41	132.33
9	- Margarine	102.50	105.77	116.82
832	Meat, meat products and tinned meat	102.05	103.86	107.83
73	- Beef	102.23	104.13	107.68
247	- Pork	103.21	104.49	107.55
178	- Poultry	102.38	105.74	109.25
282	- Meat products	100.92	102.37	106.34
18	- Tinned meat	102.25	104.75	107.65
124	Fish and tinned fish	102.38	105.35	111.58
91	- Fresh fish	102.50	105.86	112.70
15	- Tinned fish and other fish products	101.58	103.21	106.42
509	Milk and dairy products	102.44	105.07	109.31
208	- Milk – total	102.54	104.93	108.33
140	- Cow's milk	102.54	105.07	108.28
128	- Cheese – total	101.93	105.16	111.35
76	- Cow's feta cheese	101.90	104.59	110.51
51	- Sheep's feta cheese	101.98	106.01	112.60
35	- Butter	105.10	108.20	111.20
57	Eggs	100.49	103.64	111.80
138	Sugar, confectionery and honey	101.23	102.48	107.56
25	- Sugar	101.78	103.29	113.98
24	- Honey	100.75	102.40	105.62
86	Cocoa and coffee	101.71	104.26	107.82
64	- Coffee	101.90	104.82	108.81
127	Alcoholic beverages	101.24	102.91	105.86
32	- Wine	101.21	102.74	106.30
22	- Fruit brandy, spirits and other alcoholic beverages	101.30	102.83	104.63
70	- Beer	101.26	103.05	106.08
235	Other food products	101.21	102.83	106.06
4938	TOTAL NON-FOOD GOODS	101.86	103.31	110.86
482	Clothing, hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.51	101.35	103.96

Weighting coefficient	Name of goods/services	March 2022 compared to:		
		February 2022 %	December 2021 %	March 2021 %
8	- Fabrics	100.50	101.69	105.01
346	- Wearing apparel	100.43	101.19	103.77
92	- Knitwear	100.78	101.87	104.83
19	- Hosiery, trimmings, haberdashery	100.54	101.46	103.26
335	Footwear	100.60	100.95	104.55
229	- Leather footwear	100.43	100.59	103.92
352	Household products, furniture	100.36	101.28	103.57
66	- Furniture	100.39	101.22	104.12
33	- Refrigerators and freezers	100.31	101.35	103.80
46	- Washing machines	100.27	101.64	104.51
9	- Gas stoves, gas cylinders	100.31	101.57	103.65
52	- Household articles	100.34	101.32	103.24
272	Chemicals	100.52	101.48	103.41
10	- Varnishes and paints	100.39	101.06	104.43
158	- Detergents	100.60	101.67	103.59
2	- Laundry soap	100.93	102.05	103.77
314	Cultural and sporting products	100.78	102.44	104.92
67	- Books, newspapers, magazines	100.83	104.68	107.21
143	- Watches, audio and video devices, sporting goods	100.97	102.00	104.18
103	- Cars and spare parts	100.47	101.58	104.55
784	Hygiene, cosmetic and medical items	100.67	101.60	103.09
286	- Hygiene and cosmetic items	100.66	101.94	104.09
498	- Medical items	100.67	101.40	102.45
376	- Medicines	100.53	101.07	101.81
803	Fuels	107.67	116.56	134.16
705	Tobacco, cigarettes	100.00	101.94	107.08
826	Electric energy, gas and central heating	100.58	96.34	111.73
471	- Electric energy***	100.24	95.01	92.36
302	- Gas***	101.07	96.65	146.49
53	- Heat energy	100.00	105.87	120.99
65	Other non-food goods	101.22	103.65	109.13
1760	TOTAL SERVICES	100.67	102.66	106.53
15	Making and repairing of clothing and footwear	101.43	103.73	108.26
98	Rent	100.35	100.94	103.72
241	Water supply, sewage collection, refuse collection	102.01	107.51	114.68
90	Cinemas, theatres, museums, expenditure on education and tourism	100.18	101.36	104.42
24	Car and electronic repairs, photo works	101.10	102.86	107.09
143	Medical care	101.04	102.69	107.32
111	Hygiene and cosmetics	100.58	102.85	106.98
72	Urban transport	100.73	102.48	105.61
54	Interurban transport (other transport types)	100.80	102.21	105.36
5	- Rail	100.00	100.00	100.00
7	- Road	103.58	105.16	107.65
31	- Bus – season tickets	100.86	102.43	105.50
3	- Air	92.96	93.88	105.92
530	Post and telecommunications	100.04	99.88	100.97
7	- Mail services	100.02	100.03	117.50
321	- Telephone	100.05	99.66	100.93
202	- TV subscription	100.02	100.22	100.58
103	Restaurants, cafés, canteens	100.83	103.35	107.54
77	Other industrial-type services	100.89	103.07	108.12
202	Other services	100.29	104.37	111.54
59	- Payment for accommodation in hotel units	100.57	102.63	103.87

***) The provisions of GEO No 118/2021 establishing a compensation scheme for electric energy and natural gas consumption during the cold season were taken into account. For additional information on the manner in which the price indices are calculated, please see the [Methodological explanations attached to the press release on the homepage](#).