

# Press Release

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## KOF Monetary Policy Communicator for the Euro Area

**The KOF MPC figure for 14 April 2022 is 0.51. At today's meeting, the ECB's Governing Council communicated that initial signs of above-target revisions in long-term inflation measures warrant close monitoring.**

The Governing Council reinforced the expectation that net asset purchases under the asset purchase programme (APP) will be concluded in the third quarter.

According to Eurostat, Euro area annual HICP inflation was 7.5% in March up from 5.8% in February. This increase was primarily caused by higher energy prices, which are also the main reason for the elevated inflation rates. Food prices have also increased because of high transportation and production costs. Supply bottlenecks and the normalisation of demand in reopening sectors also put upward pressure on prices. Measures of underlying inflation have risen to levels above two per cent in recent months. While the labour market continues to improve, wage growth remains muted but should increase as the economy returns to normal utilisation. Initial signs of above-target revisions in long term inflation measures warrant close monitoring. Upside risks to inflation have intensified.

### Recent Developments

Date	KOF MPC	RDF*
09 Sep 2021	0.39	-0.50
28 Oct 2021	0.19	-0.50
16 Dec 2021	-0.03	-0.50
03 Feb 2022	0.15	-0.50
10 Mar 2022	0.26	-0.50
14 Apr 2022	0.51	-0.50

\*ECB Rate on the Deposit Facility

KOF MPC and ECB Main Refinancing Rate

