

# Press Release

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## KOF Monetary Policy Communicator for the Euro Area

**The KOF MPC figure for 22 April 2021 is -0.07. At today's meeting, the ECB's Governing Council has reconfirmed the need for a very accommodative monetary policy stance.**

At today's meeting, the Governing Council decided to keep the key ECB interest rates unchanged. Purchases under the PEPP over the current quarter will be conducted at a significantly higher pace compared to the first months of this year.

According to Eurostat, Euro area annual HICP inflation was 1.3% in March, up from 0.9% in February. The main reason for this increase was a strong increase in energy price inflation. The ECB expects higher but somewhat volatile headline inflation in the coming month due to changing dynamics of idiosyncratic and temporary factors. Overall, underlying price pressures are expected to remain subdued reflecting low wage pressures, weak demand and the past appreciation of the euro. However, underlying price pressures are expected to increase somewhat this year, owing to short-term supply constraints and a recovery in domestic demand.

### Recent Developments

Date	KOF MPC	RDF*
10 Sep 2020	-0.21	-0.50
29 Oct 2020	0.00	-0.50
10 Dec 2020	-0.21	-0.50
21 Jan 2021	0.00	-0.50
11 Mar 2021	0.14	-0.50
22 Apr 2021	-0.07	-0.50

\*ECB Rate on the Deposit Facility

### KOF MPC and ECB Main Refinancing Rate

