

Press Release

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KOF Monetary Policy Communicator for the Euro Area

The KOF MPC figure for 14 December 2017 is 0.19. The ECB communicated greater confidence that inflation rates will converge towards the ECB's inflation aim.

At today's meeting, the ECB's Governing Council decided to keep all key ECB interest rates unchanged.

According to Eurostat's flash estimate, euro area annual HICP inflation was 1.5% in November, up from 1.4% in October. Inflation is expected to moderate in the coming months, mainly due to base effects in energy prices, before increasing again. Measures of underlying inflation have moderated somewhat recently, in part owing to special factors, and are expected to rise gradually over the medium term. The outlook for inflation has been slightly revised upwards, mainly because of higher oil and food prices. The Eurosystem staff macroeconomic projections foresee inflation at 1.5% in 2017, 1.4% in 2018, 1.5% in 2019 and 1.7% in 2020 (September 2017 projections for 2017-2019: 1.5%, 1.2% and 1.5%).

Current ECB holdings of securities for monetary policy purposes amount to 2,364bn euros (end of Oct: 2,278bn euros).

Recent Developments

Date	KOF MPC	MRF*
27 Apr 2017	0.35	0.00
08 Jun 2017	-0.04	0.00
20 Jul 2017	0.58	0.00
07 Sep 2017	0.39	0.00
26 Oct 2017	0.26	0.00
14 Dec 2017	0.19	0.00

*ECB Main Refinancing Rate

KOF MPC and ECB Main Refinancing Rate

