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**Flash estimate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and  
of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)  
March 2015**

**The annual change of the flash estimate of the CPI stands at  $-0.7\%$   
in March, four tenths higher than that registered in February**

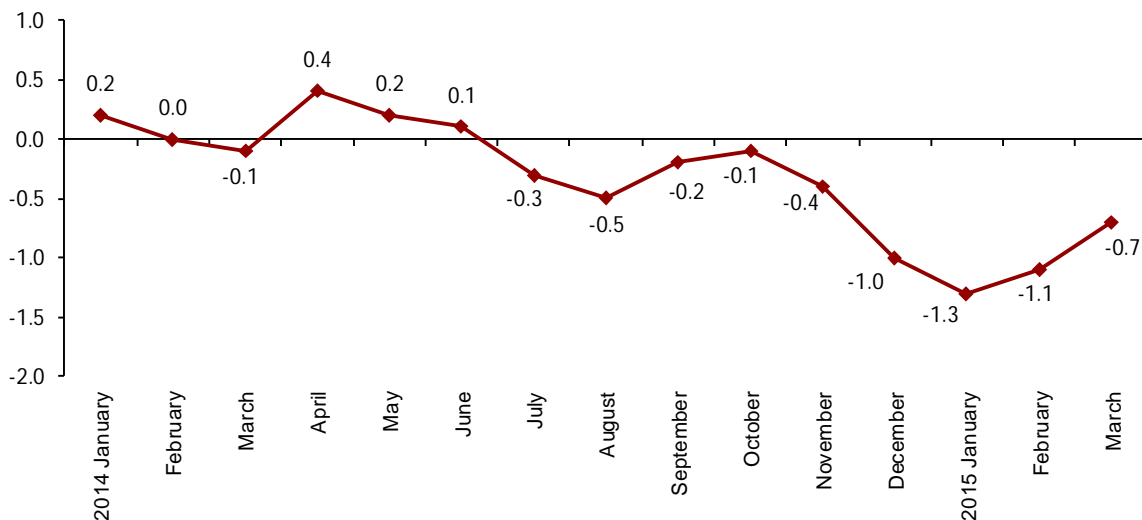
**The annual change of the HICP flash estimate is  $-0.7\%$**

According to the flash estimate published by the INE, the annual inflation of the CPI in March 2015 is  $-0.7\%$ .

This indicator provides a preview of the CPI that, if confirmed, would imply an increase of four tenths in its annual rate, given that in February this change was  $-1.1\%$ .

This increase is mainly explained by the increase in the prices of *fuels (gas and diesel oil)*.

**Annual evolution of the CPI, base 2011 <sup>(1)</sup>  
General Index**



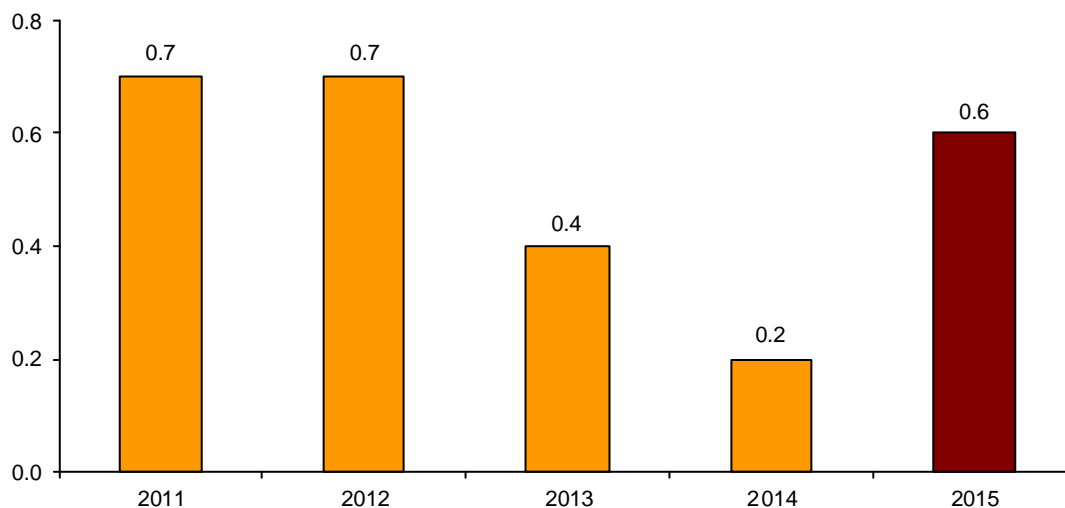
<sup>(1)</sup> The last data refers to the flash estimate

In turn, the annual change of the HICP flash estimate in March stands at  $-0.7\%$ . If confirmed, the annual change of the HICP would have increased five tenths as compared to the previous month.

## Evolution of the monthly change

According to the flash estimate of the CPI, consumer prices registers a 0.6% variation in March, as compared to the month of February.

### Evolution of the monthly rate of the CPI in the month of March



In turn, the monthly change of the HICP flash estimate in March stands at 2.0%.