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## **Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) flash estimate August 2007**

### **The HICP annual inflation estimated at 2.3% in August**

The HICP annual inflation is expected to be 2.3% in August 2007, according to the flash estimate issued by the INE. This index provides a preview of the HICP that, if confirmed, would imply that its annual rate remains unchanged, since in July this variation was 2.3%.

The INE issues this figure with the aim of incorporating it into the calculation of the HICP flash estimate of the European Monetary Union (EMU) published by Eurostat. Obtaining this EMU flash estimate forms part of the Eurostat and European Central Bank policy of offering timely and quality data that is comparable with that produced by the United States.

### **Computation of the flash estimate**

The flash estimate is computed using the same methodology as that used for HICP. The difference between these indicators lies in the information used. The flash estimation procedure uses statistical modelling methods to estimate the information on price developments not available at the time of publication.

### **Future publication dates**

The future dates of publication for the next months are:

<b>Index for</b>	<b>Spanish HICP flash estimate</b>	<b>Spanish HICP</b>
August 2007	30 August 2007	13 September 2007
September 2007	28 September 2007	11 October 2007
October 2007	30 October 2007	14 November 2007

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