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## Eurozone inflation climbed in October

Eurozone inflation increased as estimated in Oct. final data from Eurostat shows. Inflation rose to 4.1% in Oct. from 3.4% in Sept. The rate came in line with the flash estimate published on Oct 29. A similar higher rate was last registered in July 2008. Excluding energy, food, alcohol and tobacco, core inflation advanced to 2.0% from 1.9% a month ago. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 17/11/21)

## Eurozone construction output rises in 4 months

Eurozone construction output grew for the first time in four months in Sept. Construction output expanded 0.9% on a monthly basis in Sept. reversing a 1.4% fall in Aug. Civil engineering output increased 2.6% and building construction gained 0.9% in Sept. On a yearly basis, construction output rose 1.5%, in contrast to the 2.6% decrease in Aug. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 17/11/21)

## ECB must be ready to act if inflation proves more durable: Schnabel

The European Central Bank must be ready to rein in inflation in the Eurozone if it proves more durable than forecast, ECB Board member, Isabel Schnabel has said. Eurozone inflation hit 4.1% last month, as consumers paid more for energy and demand recovered faster than supply from last year's pandemic-related slump. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 17/11/21)

## Inflation, monetary tightening could heighten systemic risks-US Treasury

Inflation, monetary policy tightening and cyber-attacks could heighten systemic risks to the US financial system, along with the possible emergence of new COVID-19 variants, the US Treasury's Office has said. It said, climate risks were still difficult to assess and more of a medium to long-term threat to financial stability. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 17/11/21)

## UK announces plan to boost overseas trade

The government has announced plans to boost the UK's annual exports to £1tr by the end of the decade. The Made in the UK, 'sold to the world plan' intends to help firms seize new opportunities in global markets. Last year, the UK exported about £600bn in goods and services. International Trade Secretary, Anne-Marie Trevelyan said it was "vital" for companies to "unleash their full exporting potential". ([www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) 16/11/21)

## BoJ projects inflation to hit 1% by mid-2022

Japan's consumer inflation is projected to increase to 1% around the middle of next year as the output gap turns positive, said Haruhiko Kuroda, Governor of the Bank of Japan. The CPI is likely to climb to positive territory for now, driven by a rise in energy prices, the BoJ Governor has said. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 17/11/21)

## France inflation accelerated in October

France consumer price inflation accelerated as estimated in Oct. the statistical office Insee has said. CPI advanced to 2.6% in Oct. from 2.2% in Sept. The rate matched the preliminary estimate published on Oct. 29. The increase in inflation resulted from the acceleration in energy prices to 20.2% from 14.9% and service prices growth to 1.8% from 1.4%. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 16/11/21)

## Low unemployment rate will be learning experience for RBA – Lowe

Australia's central bank has had "little historic experience" of how the labour market would operate with a low unemployment rate, the country's central bank Governor Philip Lowe said this week, and that unemployment was expected to reach 4% by the end of 2023, as the economy recovered following lengthy local lockdowns. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 17/11/21)

### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3462	(1.3422)	1.3463	(1.3423)
+USD/EUR	1.1312	(1.1337)	1.1313	(1.1338)
*GHS/USD	5.9083	(5.9012)	5.9143	(5.9072)
*GHS/GBP	7.9538	(7.9207)	7.9624	(7.9292)
*GHS/EUR	6.6839	(6.6909)	6.6905	(6.6975)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 18/11/21 (Rates for 17/11/21 in brackets)

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### **Bank Negara Malaysia set to implement consumer credit law**

Malaysian regulators are working towards implementing the Consumer Credit Act next year, a law that would regulate all consumer lending activities, including the growing “buy now, pay later” sector. Bank Negara Malaysia, the Ministry of Finance and the Securities Commission will be collaborating on the law, Governor Nor Shamsiah Mohd Yunus has said. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 17/11/21)

### **Italy trade surplus fell in September**

Italy's trade surplus decreased in the month of Sept. from the same month last year, the statistical office Istat has said. The trade surplus decreased to €2.454bn in Sept. from €6.039bn in the same month last year. In Aug. trade surplus was €1.317bn. Exports grew 10.3% yearly in Sept. after a 16.7% gain in Aug. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 17/11/21)

### **Finland GDP grows in Q3**

Finland's economy grew in the third quarter, preliminary estimates from Statistics Finland shows. Gross domestic product increased a seasonally adjusted 0.9% sequentially in the third quarter. On a yearly basis, GDP grew a working-day adjusted 4.0% in the third quarter. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 17/11/21)

### **Iceland raises rate 4th time as inflation outlook worsens**

The Central Bank of Iceland (CBI) raised its seven-day deposit rate by 50 basis points to 2.0% and has now raised it 1.25 percentage point this year following hikes in May, Aug. and Oct. Iceland's headline inflation rate rose to 4.5% in Oct. from 4.4% in Sept. above the central bank's 2.50% target range. ([www.centralbanknews.info](http://www.centralbanknews.info) 17/11/21)

### **Vietnam's central bank warns of high inflation risk in 2022**

Vietnam will be able to cap inflation below the target of 4% this year, but the country will face greater pressure from inflationary risks in 2022, Governor Nguyen Thi Hong has said. The country faces a high risk of import-driven inflation because of its trade-reliance. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 17/11/21)

### **Gold prices rise amid inflation threat**

Gold prices rose on Wednesday as inflation woes and signs of rising new coronavirus cases in Europe offset a firmer dollar. Spot gold rose half a percent to \$1,860.49 per ounce, while US gold futures were up half a percent at \$1,862.65. Eurozone inflation increased as estimated in Oct. final data from Eurostat showed. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 17/11/21)

### **Africa's flagship economic event to develop new ways of financing post-COVID-19 recovery**

African experts and policymakers are set to outline new ways of financing Africa's post-COVID-19 recovery and accelerating development in the upcoming African Economic Conference, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has said. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 17/11/21)

### **SA: Inflation steady at 5% for October**

The consumer price index for Oct. 2021 is 5.0% unchanged from the 5.0% recorded in Sept. despite a sharp increase in fuel prices. Statistics SA data show that fuel prices were 23% higher in Oct. than the year before. The Oct. number was slightly lower as the consensus forecast of 5.1%. ([www.news24.com](http://www.news24.com) 17/11/21)

### **IMF warns that e-Naira may reduce demand for deposits in commercial banks**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has warned that the e-Naira wallet may reduce “demand for deposits in commercial banks.” This was disclosed in an IMF report titled: ‘Country Focus; Five Observations on Nigeria’s Central Bank Digital Currency.’ ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com) 17/11/21)

### **Ghana: Government forecasts 5.8% growth rate, inflation rate of 8% for 2022**

Government has set its macroeconomic targets for next year, as it anticipate a growth rate of 5.8% and an inflation rate of 8%. This is however slightly higher the projections by the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, Fitch Solutions, amongst other international research institutions. ([www.myjoyonline.com](http://www.myjoyonline.com) 17/11/21)

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