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Euro Area growth steady

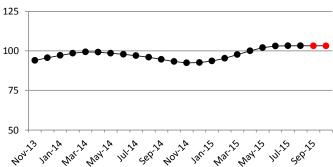
- The Euro NCI™ is at 103.19 for September, compared to 103.10 for August, and is forecast to be 103.18 for October. These figures confirm the stabilization of the Eurozone growth.
- The NCI™ for September is only slightly lower than the figure predicted last month (103.70) reflecting a balance of small negative surprises in the data flow over the past month.

NCI™ release data

Revised NCI™ history

| | NCI''' Release Dates | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| reference period | 12/08/2015 | 14/09/2015 | | | | |
| Aug-15 | 103.54 (A) | 103.10 (U) | | | | |
| Sep-15 | 103.70 (F) | 103.19 (A) | | | | |
| Oct-15 | | 103.18 (F) | | | | |

Notes: (A), ACTUAL, denotes the estimate of economic activity for the current month; (F), FORECAST, the forecast for next month; (U) UPDATED, denotes updates reflecting data released since the last NCI publication date. Source: Now-Casting Economics Ltd



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economics in real time

The newsflow: macroeconomic data releases since last month's NCI™

| Releases for the Euro Area as a whole | | | | | Impact of Data Releases | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|-------|---------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Release | Release | Reference | Model | Release | Model | EA NCITM | EA NCITM |
| Date | Name | Period | Unit | Value* | Expectation | August | September |
| 14/09/2015 | Industrial Production Excl Construction | Jul-15 | MoM % | 0.59 | 0.23 | 0.14 | 0.19 |
| 03/09/2015 | Retail Sales | Jul-15 | MoM % | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 28/08/2015 | Business Climate Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | 0.21 | 0.40 | 0.10 | -0.06 |
| 21/08/2015 | Consumer Confidence Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | -6.80 | -7.33 | 0.03 | 0.05 |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Services | Aug-15 | Index | 54.28 | 53.76 | 0.10 | 0.21 |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Manufacturing | Aug-15 | Index | 52.38 | 52.22 | 0.04 | 0.15 |
| 19/08/2015 | Construction Output | Jun-15 | MoM % | -1.87 | -1.32 | -0.08 | -0.09 |
| 17/08/2015 | Industrial Turnover: Manufacturing | Jun-15 | MoM % | -1.06 | 0.27 | -0.54 | -0.61 |
| 17/08/2015 | Exports | Jun-15 | MoM % | 1.36 | 1.71 | -0.04 | -0.05 |
| 17/08/2015 | Imports | Jun-15 | MoM % | 1.17 | 0.89 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| 14/08/2015 | Orders | Jun-15 | MoM % | 2.10 | 0.44 | 0.27 | 0.32 |
| 14/08/2015 | Gross Domestic Product | Q2'15 | QoQ % | 0.31 | 0.34 | -0.19 | -0.18 |
| | | | | | | -0.14 | -0.03 |

Note: Released values are expressed in Model Units Source: Now-Casting Economics Ltd and Official Data Sources

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|--------------------|---|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Release | Release | Reference | Model | Release | Model | EA NCITM | EA NCITM | |
| Date | Name | Period | Unit | Value* | Expectation | August | September | |
| 10/09/2015 | Construction Output | Jul-15 | MoM % | 1.05 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 10/09/2015 | Industrial Production Excl Construction | Jul-15 | MoM % | -1.01 | 0.41 | -0.37 | -0.47 | |
| 08/09/2015 | BdF Business Sentiment Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | 98.00 | 98.22 | -0.02 | -0.04 | |
| 08/09/2015 | Exports | Jul-15 | MoM % | -1.74 | -1.06 | -0.05 | -0.07 | |
| 08/09/2015 | Imports | Jul-15 | MoM % | -0.35 | 0.68 | -0.11 | -0.15 | |
| 04/09/2015 | Household Confidence Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | 93.44 | 93.18 | -0.01 | -0.01 | |
| 01/09/2015 | New Passenger Car Registrations | Aug-15 | YoY % | 9.96 | 0.68 | 0.03 | 0.04 | |
| 28/08/2015 | Industrial Turnover: Manufacturing | Jun-15 | MoM % | 0.09 | -0.28 | 0.06 | 0.06 | |
| 28/08/2015 | Retail Sales | Jun-15 | MoM % | 0.46 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 0.01 | |
| 27/08/2015 | Business Climate Indicator: Industry | Aug-15 | Index | 100.00 | 98.63 | 0.07 | 0.30 | |
| 26/08/2015 | Registered Unemployed | Jul-15 | Thousands | 3,551.60 | 3,553.63 | 0.04 | 0.04 | |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Manufacturing | Aug-15 | Index | 48.57 | 49.97 | -0.35 | -0.96 | |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Services | Aug-15 | Index | 51.81 | 52.59 | -0.09 | -0.23 | |
| 14/08/2015 | Gross Domestic Product | Q2'15 | QoQ % | -0.01 | 0.37 | -0.49 | -0.43 | |
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| 08/09/2015 | Imports | | MoM % | 2.25 | 1.31 | 0.04 | 0.05 | |
| 08/09/2015 | Exports | Jul-15 | MoM % | 2.43 | 1.46 | 0.04 | 0.06 | |
| 07/09/2015 | Construction Output | Jul-15 | MoM % | 0.59 | 0.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 07/09/2015 | Industrial Production Incl Construction | Jul-15 | MoM % | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 04/09/2015 | Industrial Turnover: Manufacturing | Jul-15 | MoM % | 1.92 | 0.90 | 0.19 | 0.26 | |
| 04/09/2015 | Orders | Jul-15 | MoM % | -1.41 | -0.65 | -0.07 | -0.10 | |
| 02/09/2015 | New Passenger Car Registrations | Aug-15 | YoY % | 6.20 | 2.78 | 0.00 | 0.01 | |
| 01/09/2015 | Job Vacancies | Aug-15 | MoM % | 0.70 | 1.20 | -0.02 | -0.03 | |
| 31/08/2015 | Retail Sales | Jul-15 | MoM % | 1.44 | 0.76 | 0.03 | 0.04 | |
| 25/08/2015 | Ifo Business Climate Index | Aug-15 | Index | 108.30 | 108.16 | 0.00 | 0.03 | |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Manufacturing | Aug-15 | Index | 53.22 | 51.63 | 0.18 | 0.62 | |
| 21/08/2015 | PMI: Services | Aug-15 | Index | 53.57 | 53.63 | 0.00 | -0.01 | |
| 21/08/2015 | GfK Consumer Climate Indicator | Sep-15 | Index | 9.90 | 10.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14/08/2015 | Gross Domestic Product | Q2'15 | QoQ % | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.02 | 0.02 | |
| | | | | | | 0.39 | 0.93 | |
| Releases for Italy | | | | | | Impact of D | ata Releases | |
| 11/09/2015 | Industrial Production Excl Construction | Jul-15 | MoM % | 1.09 | 0.40 | 0.18 | 0.23 | |
| 03/09/2015 | PMI: Services | Aug-15 | Index | 54.63 | 52.02 | 0.12 | 0.26 | |
| 01/09/2015 | New Passenger Car Registrations | Aug-15 | YoY % | 10.65 | 6.71 | 0.02 | 0.03 | |
| 01/09/2015 | PMI: Manufacturing | Aug-15 | Index | 53.80 | 54.27 | -0.11 | -0.20 | |
| 31/08/2015 | Retail Sales | Jun-15 | MoM % | -0.32 | 0.09 | -0.06 | -0.06 | |
| 28/08/2015 | ISAE Business Confidence Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | 102.50 | 103.44 | -0.06 | -0.22 | |
| 28/08/2015 | ISAE Consumer Confidence Indicator | Aug-15 | Index | 109.00 | 106.85 | -0.02 | -0.02 | |
| 14/08/2015 | Gross Domestic Product | Q2'15 | QoQ % | 0.19 | 0.37 | -0.07 | -0.06 | |
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Notes

What is the NCI™? The Now-Casting Index - NCI™ - is an index that measures the state of the business cycle. It is calculated from a broad set of economic indicators.

How to read the NCI™? The NCI™ is normalized to have a mean value of 100 and a standard deviation of 25 calculated over the estimation sample, which starts in 1995. Values above 100 indicate that real activity is growing above the mean.

NCI™ updates The NCI™ is updated in relation to surprises in data releases (*news*) computed as the difference between the release value and model-based now-cast for each input indicator. The weights attached to each *news* are also model-based.

Impact of data releases The impact of each data release on the NCI™ is the product of the economic *news* associated with that release and a model-based weight which reflects the importance of each variable and is a function of its timeliness. 'News' is defined in this context as the difference between the actual value of a release and the model's expectation of that value.

Impact of revisions The difference between the value of the NCI™ released today and the forecast of it made a month ago may be more or less than the total impact of all the releases listed in the table on page 1, because of the impact of any revisions to prior data releases made during this period.

Source of data The Now-Casting Index for the Euro Area is produced by Now-Casting Economics Limited and is based on a model built on monthly and quarterly economic indicators covering production, labour, construction, domestic and international trade, services and surveys. Raw data are supplied by Haver Analytics. Now-Casting Economics releases the Euro Area NCI™ monthly for the current month together with a forecast for the next month and updates to the previous release. Forecast updates are based on data released since the last NCI™ publication. The model is estimated in real-time at each data release; now-casts of GDP and other macroeconomic series are published live within 30 minutes of the data release.

Now-Casting model The NCI™ is an output of the Now-Casting model, which is designed to capture commonalities among macroeconomic data while filtering out idiosyncratic noise. The model produces estimates of the real economic conditions in different countries in real time, taking into account non-synchronous data sampled at mixed frequency. The NCI™ and its revisions are produced automatically, without judgment or other intervention. The deep parameters of Now-Casting model are estimated at the beginning of every year; the NCI™ is the result of a pure out-of-sample forecast. Normalization is updated at the beginning of every year in concomitance with updates of deep parameters.

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