Euro area: August Inflation Review Flash estimate

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Marketing communication: This document is a marketing presentation. It has not been prepared in accordance with legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research; and it is not subject to any prohibition on dealing ahead of the dissemination of investment research. RESEARCH 1 September 2026 EMEA M ACRO S NAPSHOT Euro area: August Inflation Review Flash estimate Energy price growth sped up again in August According to Eurostat's Flash estimate, the Euro area annual headline inflation averaged 3.26% in August (higher than our estimation of 3.20%), up from 2.94% in July. Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, alcohol and tobacco prices, declined to 2.41% (below our forecast of 2.50%), versus 2.48% in the previous month. Flash estimates by components showed: %º A lower contribution of services to annual headline inflation at 1.43 percentage points (pp) (1.54 pp in July). %º A notably higher contribution from the energy component to 1.30 pp (0.94 pp in July). %º A stable contribution of Food, Alcohol and Tobacco to 0.22 pp (0.22 pp in July). %º A higher contribution of Non-Energy Industrial Goods (NEIG) to 0.31 pp (0.24 pp in July). We project headline inflation to average 2.8% year-over-year and core inflation to average 2.4% year-over-year in 2026. WRITTEN BY Patricia FLOREZ CABRA Tel. +33 1 58 55 62 71 patricia.florezcabra@natixis.com Discover more of our research… … on research.natixis.com

EMEA M ACRO S NAPSHOT 2 Chart 1: Euro area HICP monthly inflation (%) and its main components contributions (pp) Source : Eurostat, Natixis Chart 2: Euro area HICP annual inflation and its main components (%) Source : Eurostat, Natixis According to preliminary estimates, the euro area annual headline inflation recorded 3.26% yoy in August (Chart 2), with a monthly change of 0.45% from July (Chart 1). Core inflation was recorded at 2.41% yoy (Chart 2), with a monthly change of 0.22% (Chart 1). Services contributed the most to year-on-year headline inflation with 1.43 pp (3.05% yoy, 0.06% mom), followed by energy at 1.30 pp (14.26% yoy, 2.89% mom), food, alcohol, and tobacco at 0.22 pp (1.16% yoy, 0.00% mom), and NEIG at 0.31 pp (1.24% yoy, 0.56% mom). -1,2 -0,8 -0,4 0,0 0,4 0,8 1,2 1,6 2025-01 2025-02 2025-03 2025-04 2025-05 2025-06 2025-07 2025-08 2025-09 2025-10 2025-11 2025-12 2026-01 2026-02 2026-03 2026-04 2026-05 2026-06 2026-07 2026-08 % MOM Food NEIG Energy Services HICP 2,94 2,48 1,19 0,95 10,30 3,28 3,26 2,41 1,16 1,24 14,26 3,05 HICP Core Food NEIG Energy Services % YOY July August

EMEA M ACRO S NAPSHOT 3 Overview of country breakdown %º Germany: Headline inflation in August averaged 2.93% yoy (below our estimate of 3.0% yoy), up from 2.84% yoy in July. Meanwhile, core inflation was 2.58% yoy, down from 2.63% yoy in July. As anticipated, energy inflation accelerated, registering 9.36% yoy (1.51% mom) compared to 7.33% yoy in July, and contributing 0.85 pp to the headline figure. Services inflation showed signs of cooling, coming in at 2.91% yoy (-0.20% mom), down from 3.29% yoy in July, with a contribution of 1.38 pp. Food, alcohol, and tobacco inflation stood at 0.92% yoy (-0.08% mom), down from 1.29% yoy in July, contributing 0.15 pp. Lastly, non- energy industrial goods (NEIG) inflation registered 2.00% yoy (0.43% mom), higher compared to the 1.49% yoy recorded in the previous month, and contributing 0.55 pp. %º France: Headline inflation in August reached 2.69% yoy (lower compared to our forecast of 2.80% yoy), significantly up from 2.37% yoy in July.

Meanwhile, core inflation was registered at 1.40% yoy, representing a decrease from the 1.45% yoy recorded the previous month. On the energy front, inflation moved to 16.51% yoy (3.34% mom), compared to 12.50% yoy in July, which translated to a contribution of 1.41 pp. The services sector saw inflation reach 2.13% yoy (-0.04% mom), down from 2.40% yoy in July, contributing 1.05 pp. For food, alcohol, and tobacco, the year-on-year rate printed at 1.32% yoy (0.39% mom), up from 1.20% yoy in July, with a contribution of 0.24 pp. Finally, non-energy industrial goods (NEIG) inflation stood at -0.03% yoy (1.87% mom), compared to -0.41% yoy in July, contributing -0.01 pp. %º Italy: Headline inflation in Italy stood at 3.22% yoy (above our expectation of 3.1% yoy), up from the July reading of 2.91% yoy. Core inflation edged down to 1.71% yoy, compared to 1.81% yoy in the previous month. Energy inflation came in at 17.01% yoy (2.79% mom), after displaying a rate of 11.66% yoy in July, which meant a contribution of 1.85 pp. Services inflation showed a reading of 2.16% yoy (0.29% mom), down from 2.47% yoy in July, making a contribution of 0.91 pp. Prices for food, alcohol, and tobacco slightly decreased to 1.39% yoy (0.20% mom), compared to 1.40% yoy in July, contributing 0.29 pp. NEIG slightly decreased to 0.63% yoy (-1.33% mom), relative to the 0.62% yoy of the previous month, contributing 0.16 pp. %º Spain: Headline inflation for the month of August printed at 4.52% yoy (vs. our projection of 4.2% yoy), after registering 3.90% yoy in July. Core inflation moderated to 3.52% yoy, down from the 3.70% yoy observed in the prior month. Energy prices saw an annual change of 17.27% yoy (5.79% mom), following the 10.22% yoy recorded in July, and contributing 1.60 pp to the headline rate. Services inflation came in at 3.93% yoy (0.30% mom), down from 4.19% yoy in July, contributing 2.02 pp. The food, alcohol, and tobacco category registered a rate of 2.36% yoy (-0.13% mom), up from 1.84% yoy in July, contributing 0.48 pp. Lastly, non-energy industrial goods (NEIG) inflation changed to 2.16% yoy (- 0.30% mom), compared to 2.18% yoy in July, with a contribution of 0.42pp.

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