

# Czech economic outlook 2026–27: rough seas ahead?

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# Since 2015, the world economy has been hit by a series of shocks



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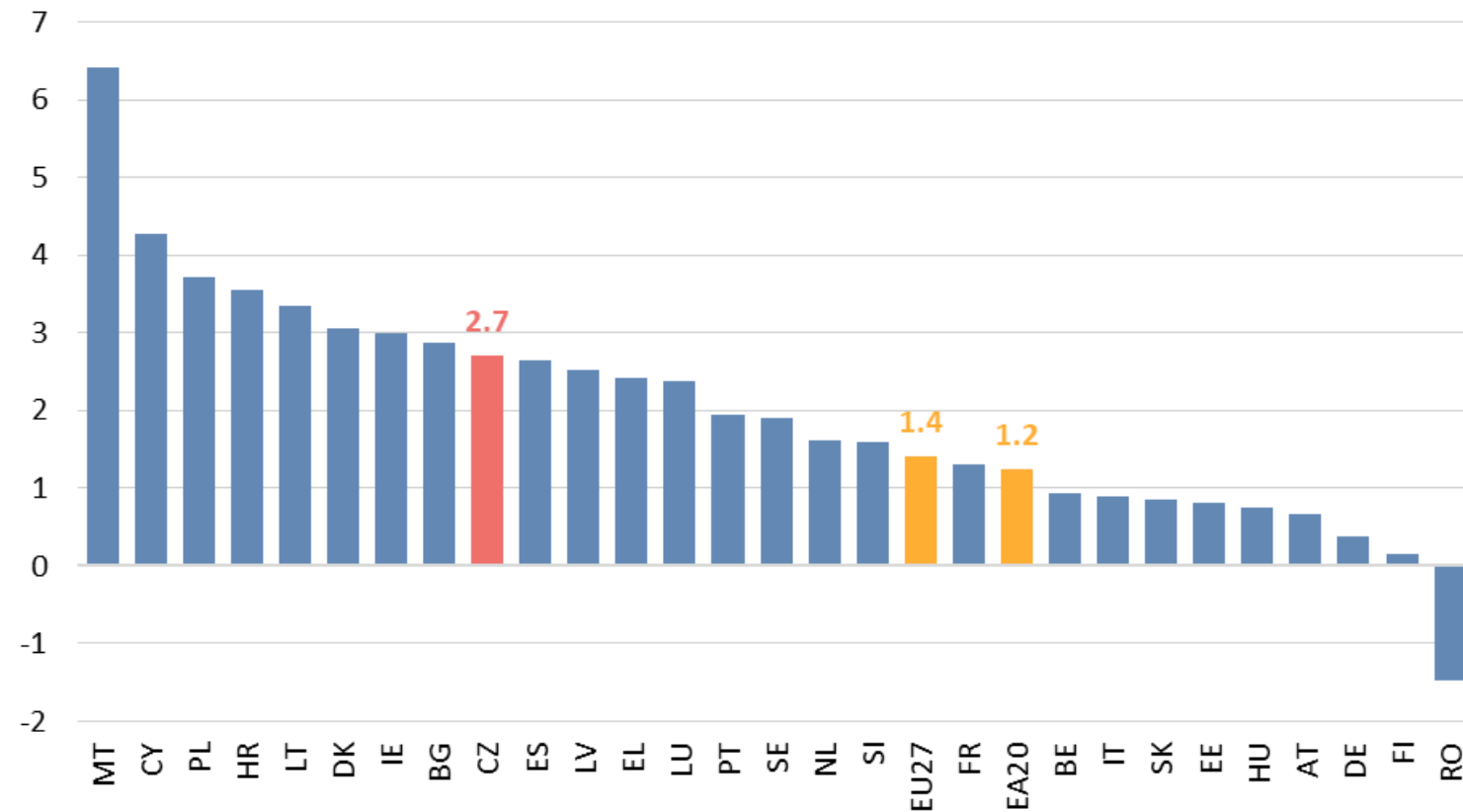
## The economy before the Hormuz shock



# The Czech economy grew at a solid pace in 2025

## Gross domestic product – Q4 2025

YoY, in %, seasonally adjusted

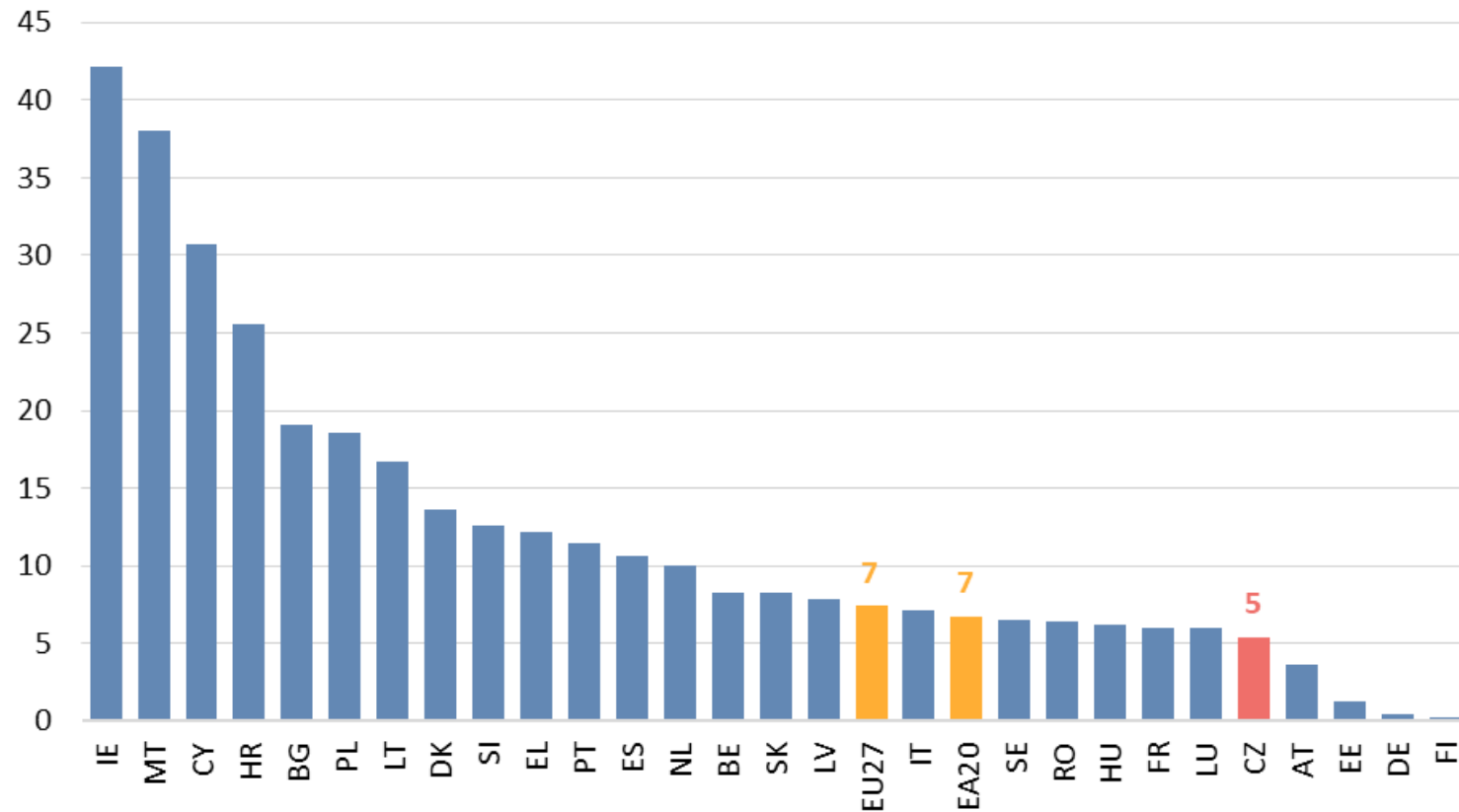


Source: Eurostat

# Since the pandemic, however, it has lagged behind

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change from Q4 2019, in %, seasonally adjusted

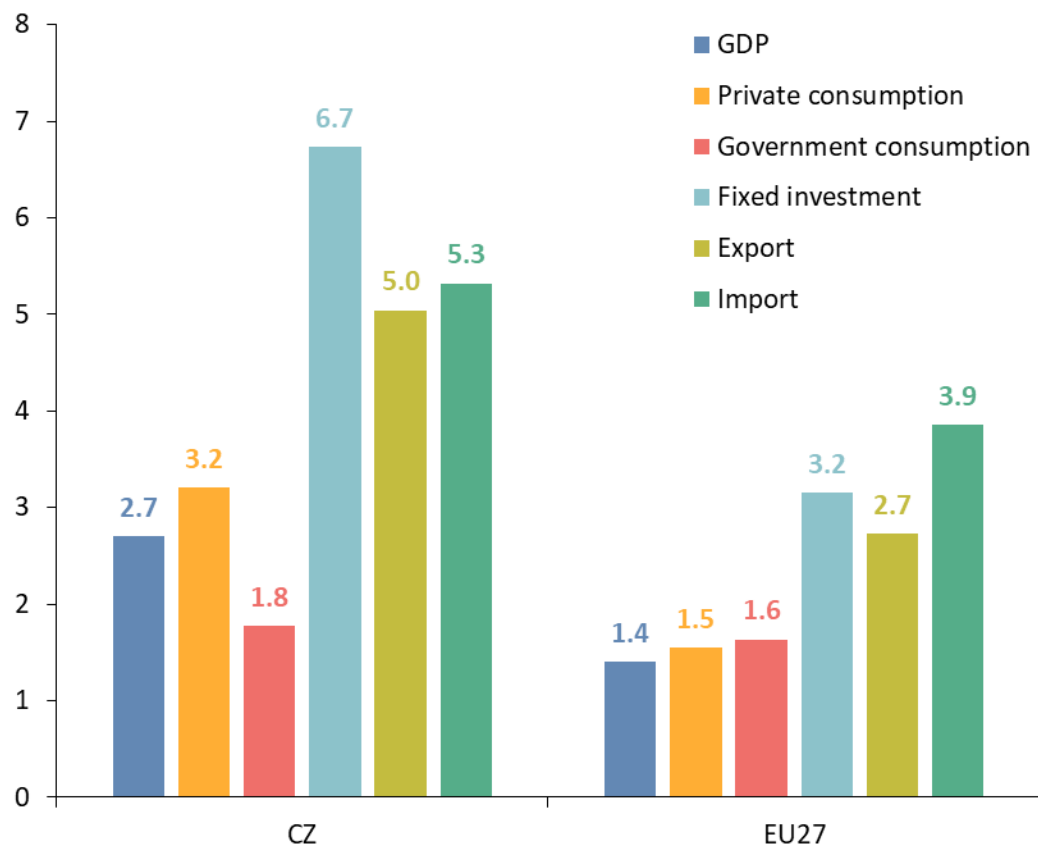


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## GDP and expenditure components – Q4 2025

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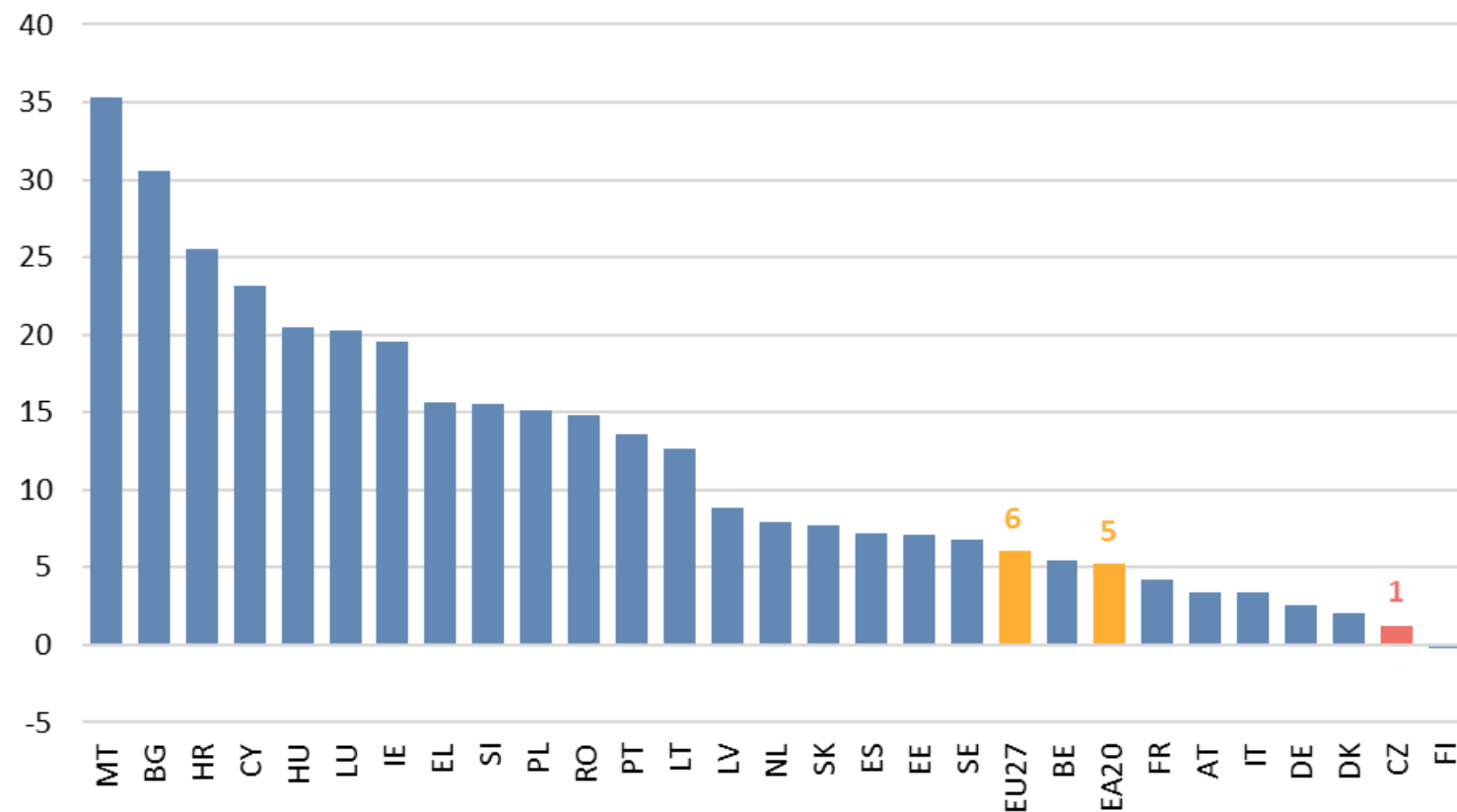


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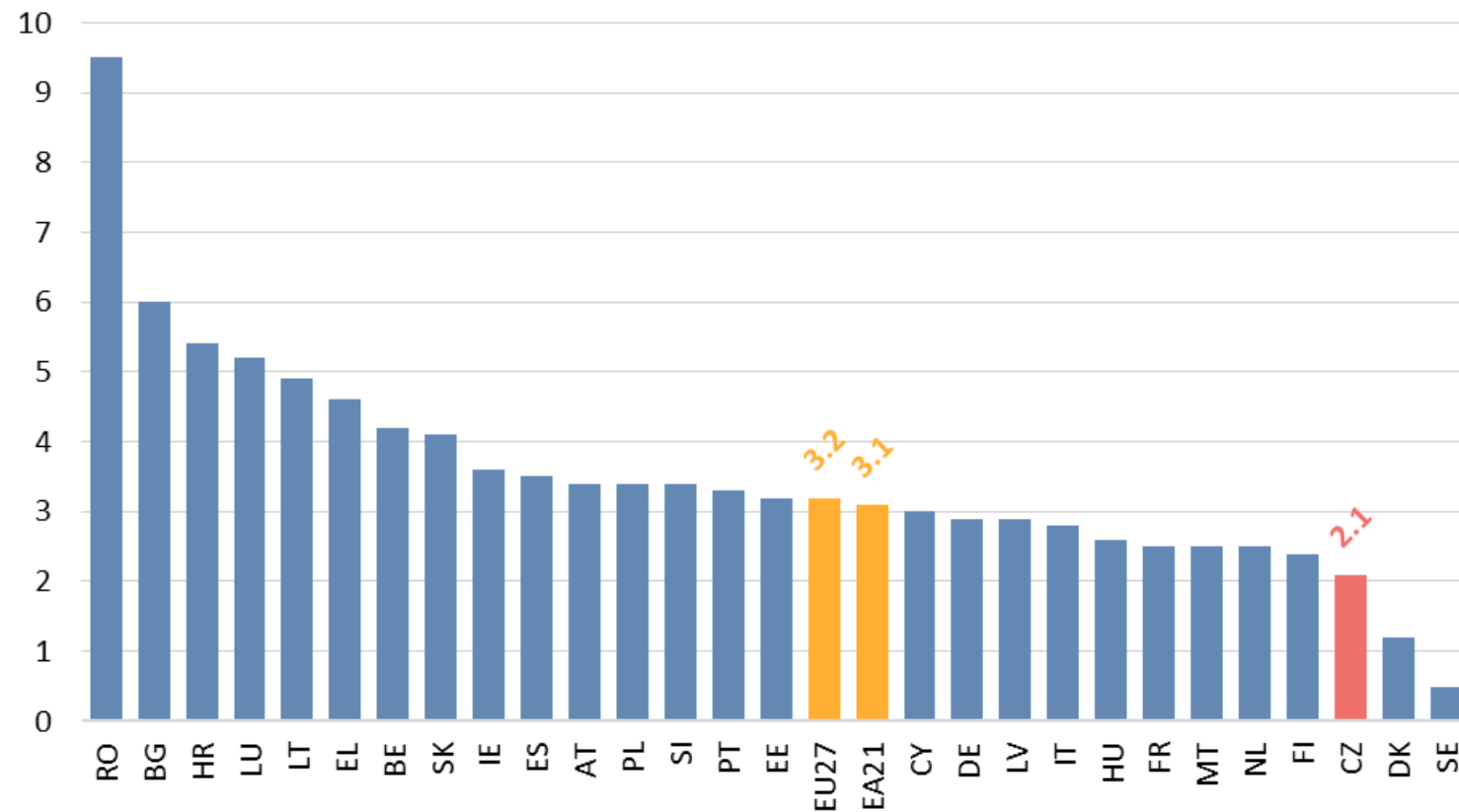


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# Czech inflation is now one of the lowest in the EU27

## Harmonised index of consumer prices – April 2026

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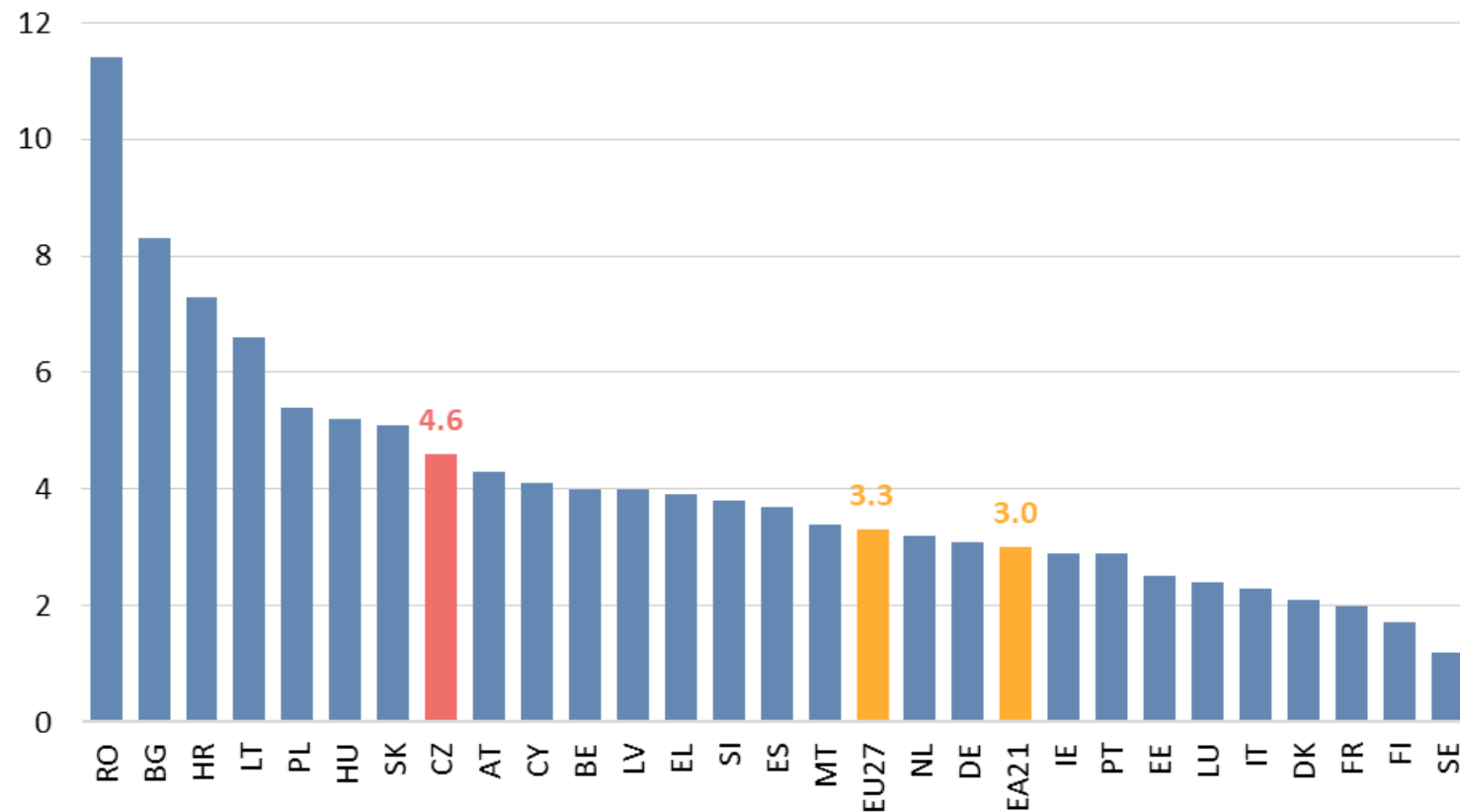


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# Prices of services are rising faster than in the EU27

## Prices of services – April 2026

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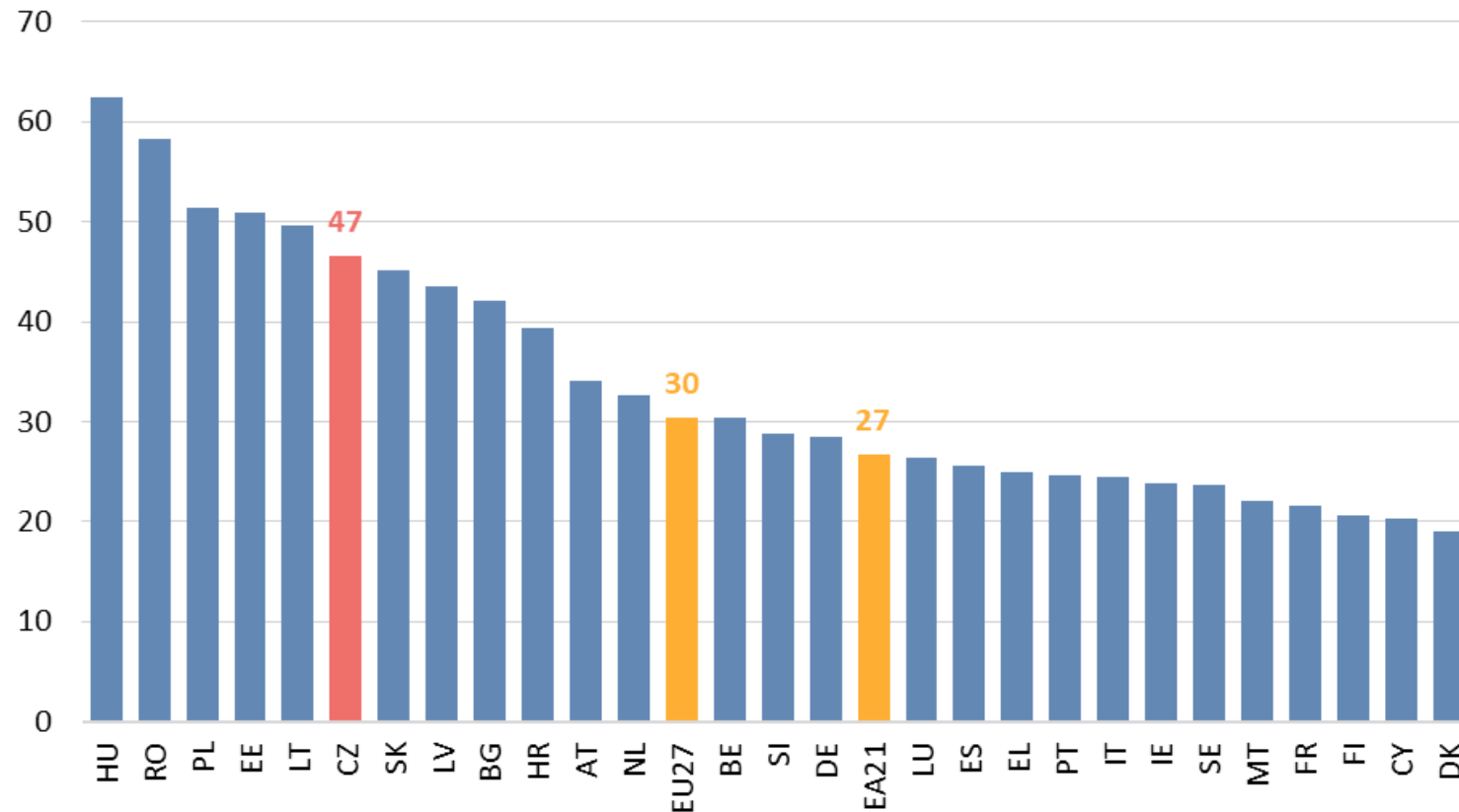


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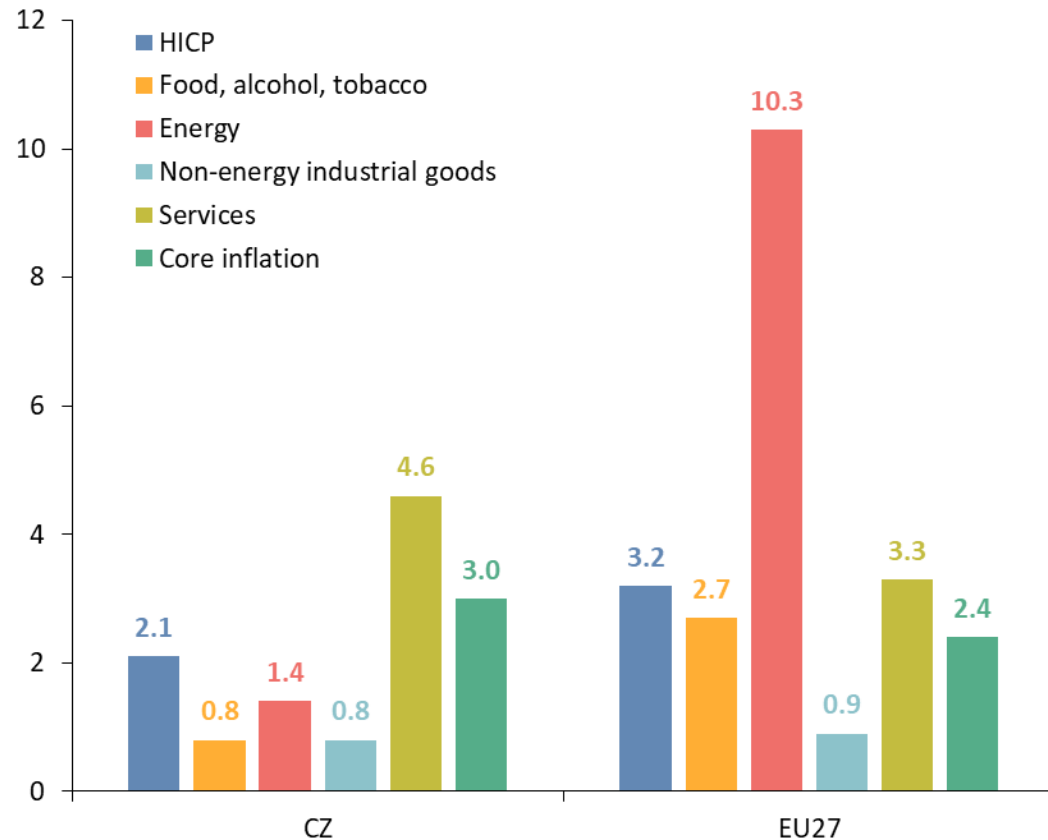


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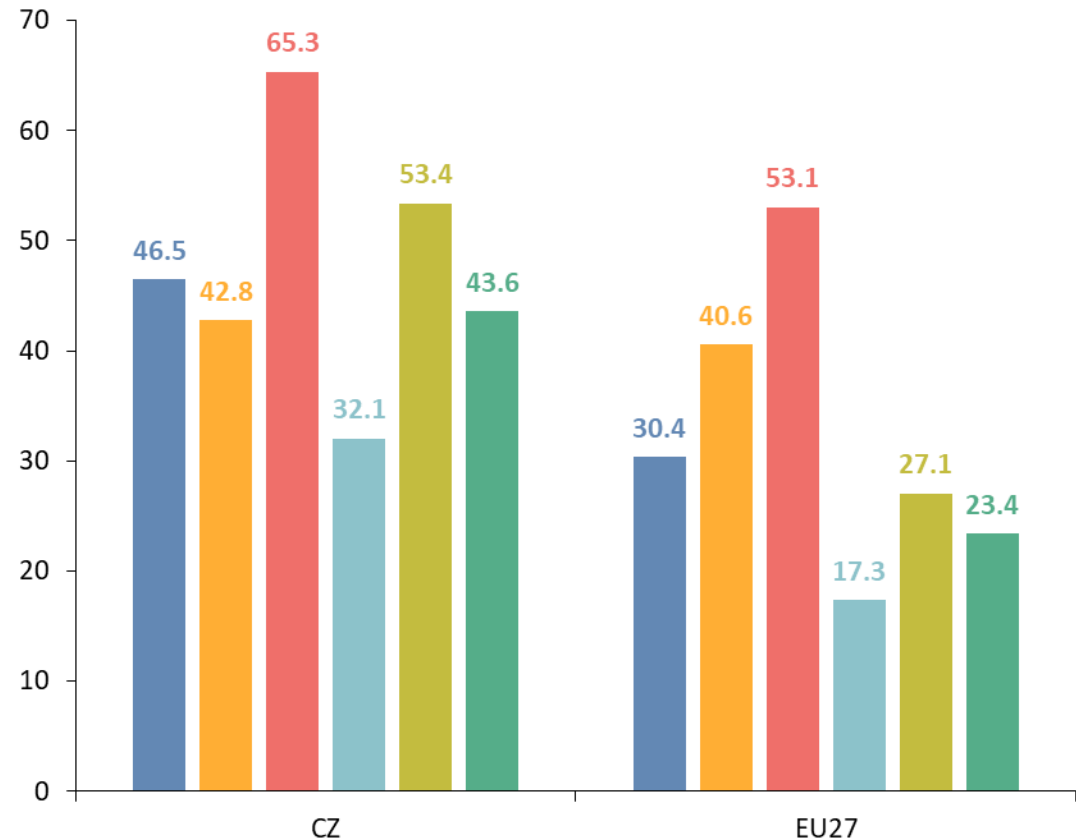
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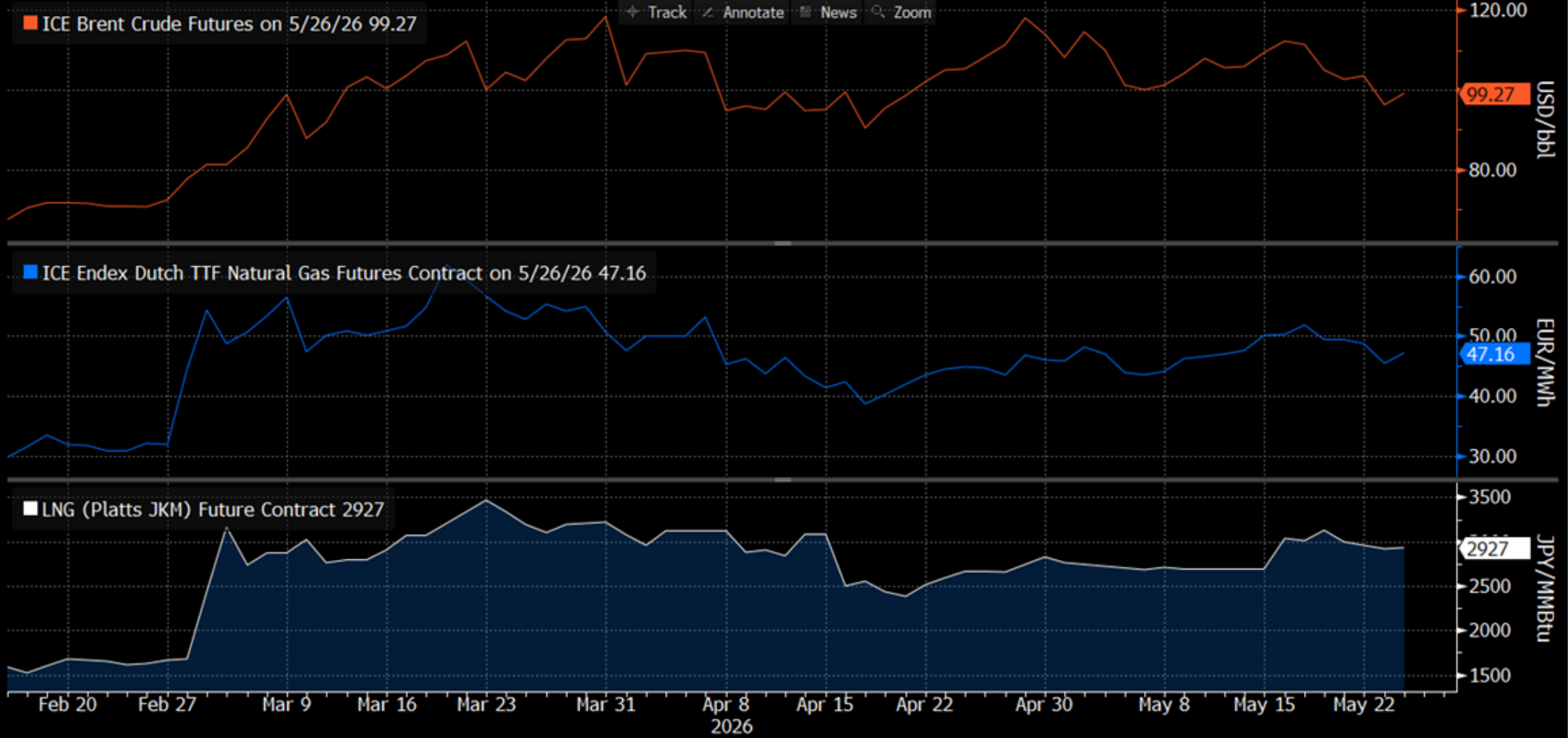
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Source: Eurostat

# Tensions in the Middle East led to a sharp increase in energy prices



Source: Bloomberg

# Energy prices are rising at the steepest pace in years



Source: Bloomberg

# Commodity price surges since the Iran war/Hormuz closure



The Strait of Hormuz has been effectively closed since late February 2026, disrupting over one-fifth of global crude oil supply. The following commodities saw the sharpest moves:

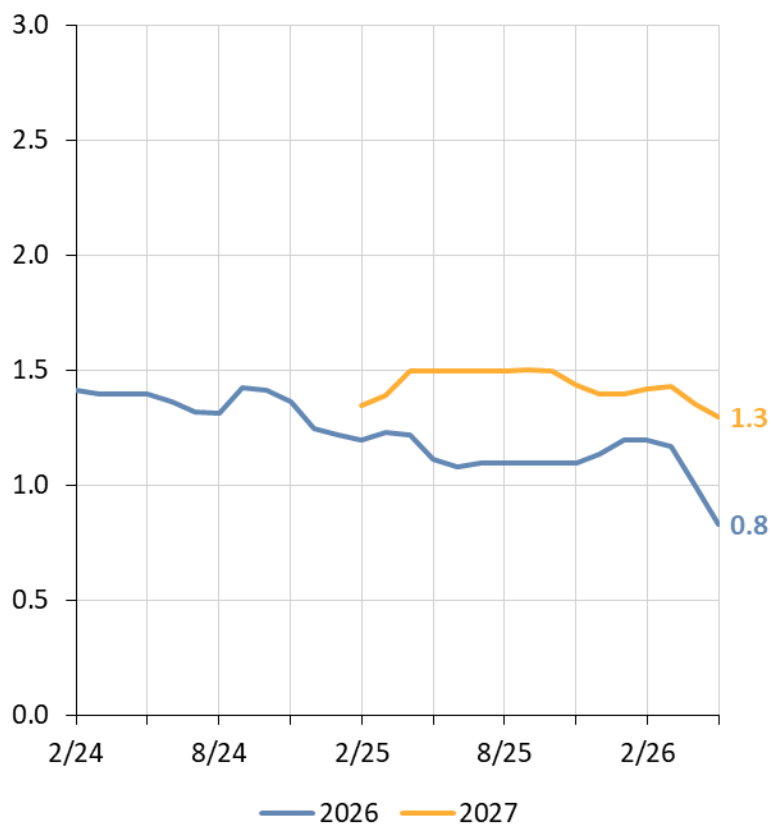
Commodity	Pre-War Price (Feb 2026)	Peak Price	Current Price (May 26)	Rise to Peak	Rise to Current
LNG – Asian Spot (JKM, JPY/mmBtu)	~1,521	~3,467	~2,927	+128%	+92%
European Natural Gas (TTF, EUR/MWh)	~29.8	~61.9	~47.5	+107%	~+59%
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	~\$66.3	~\$118.4	~\$99.2	+79%	+50%

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# Growth forecasts have shifted lower

## Euro area

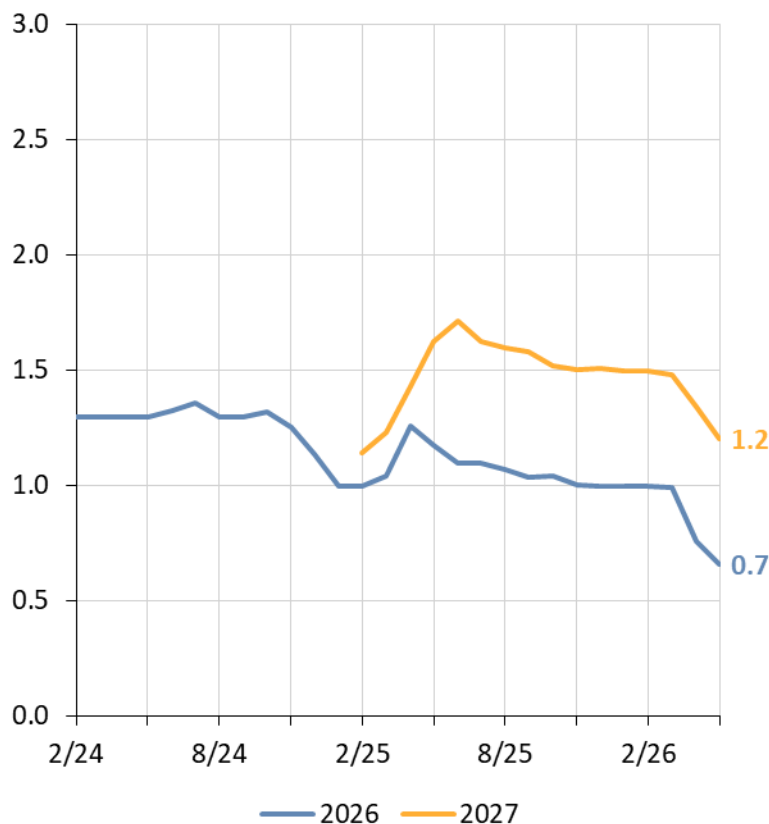
expected GDP growth, in %



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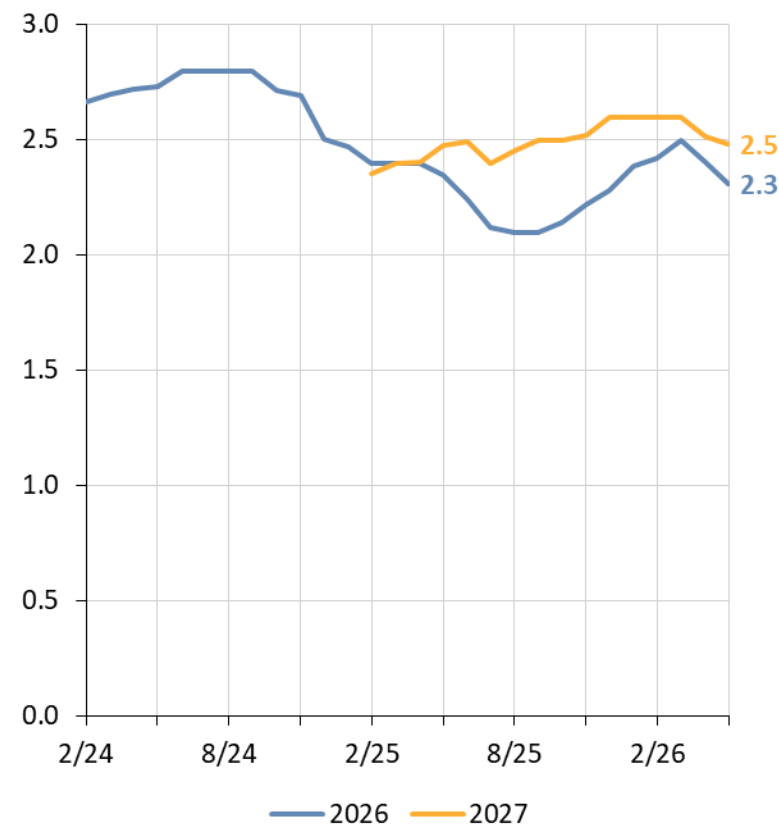
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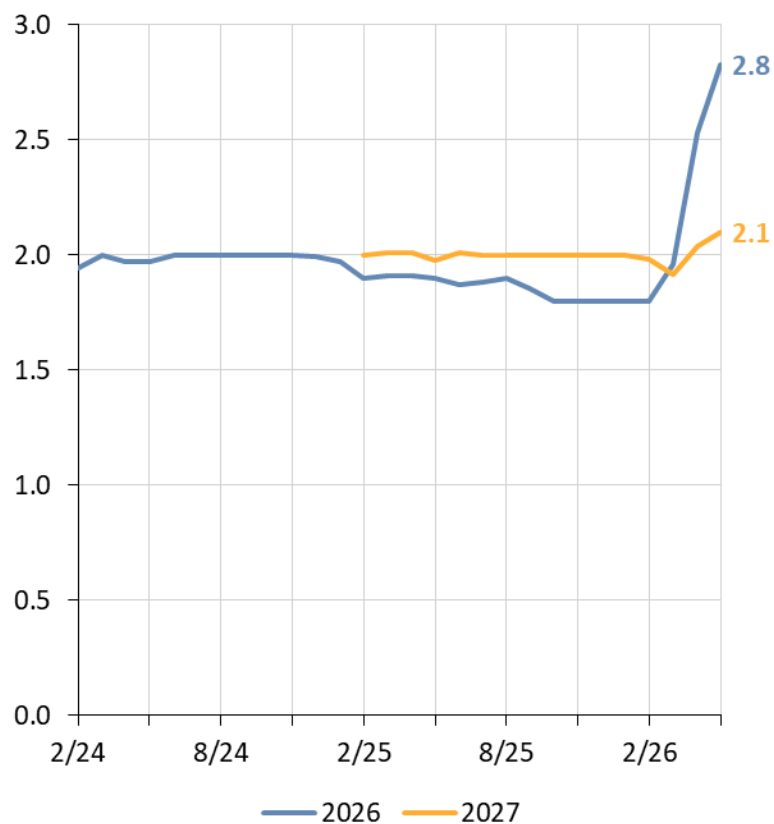


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# Analysts now expect higher inflation

## Euro area

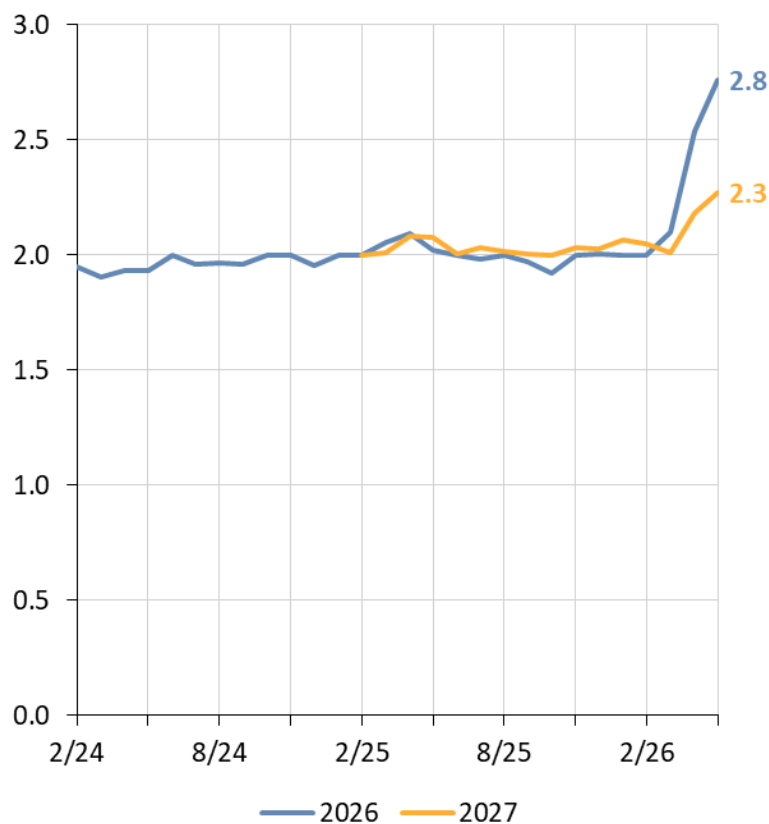
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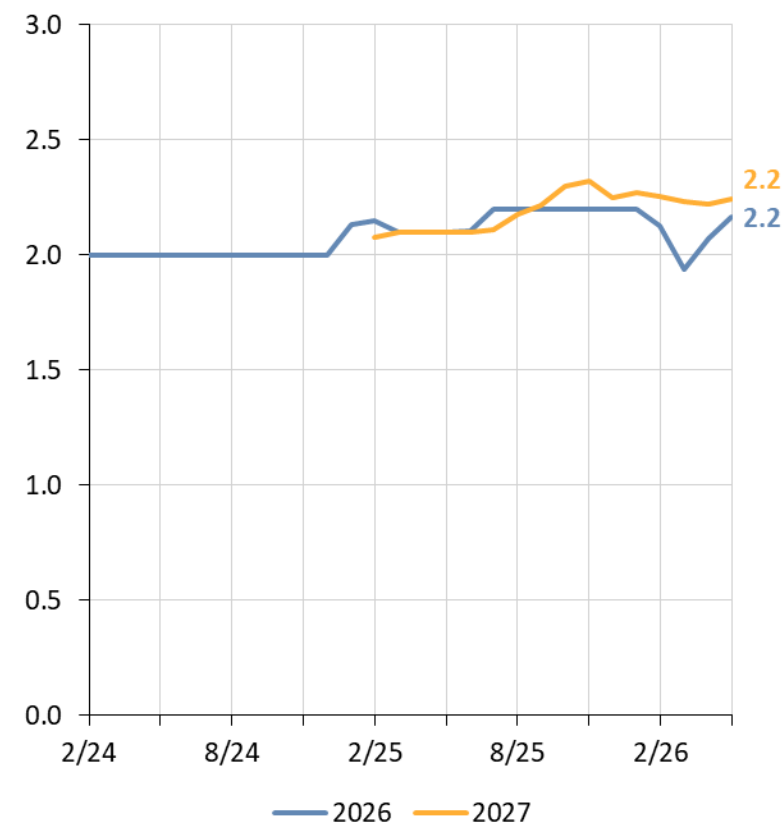
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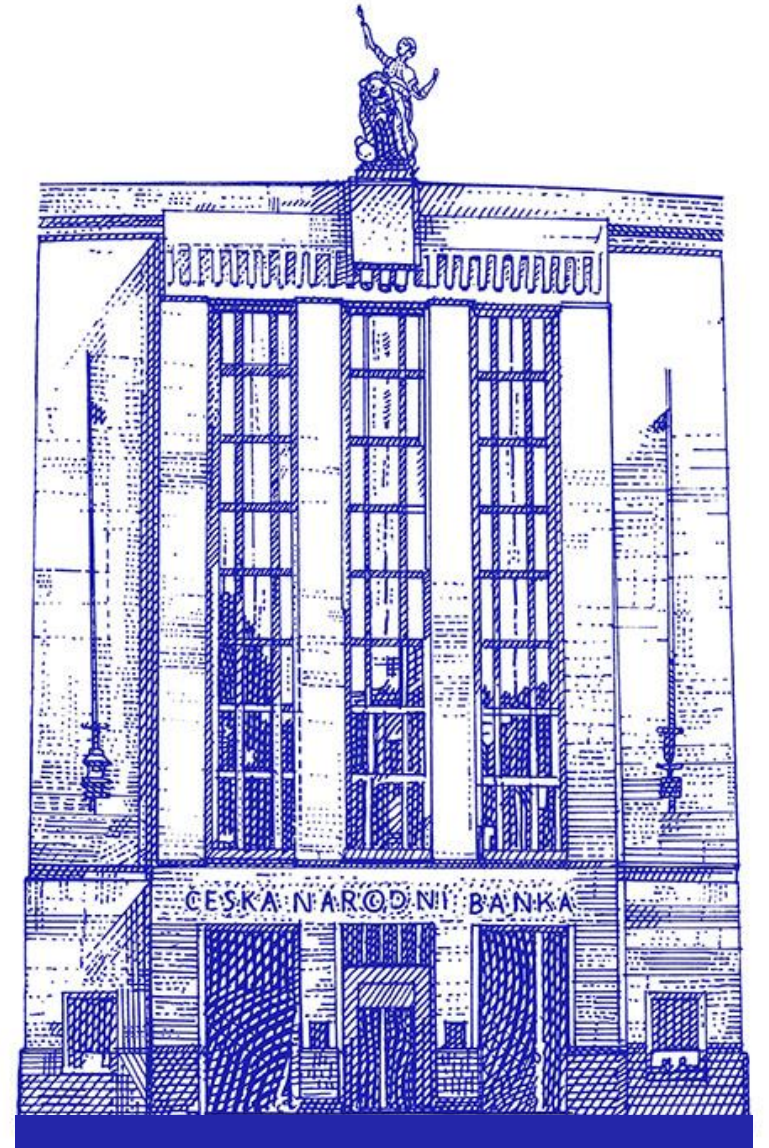
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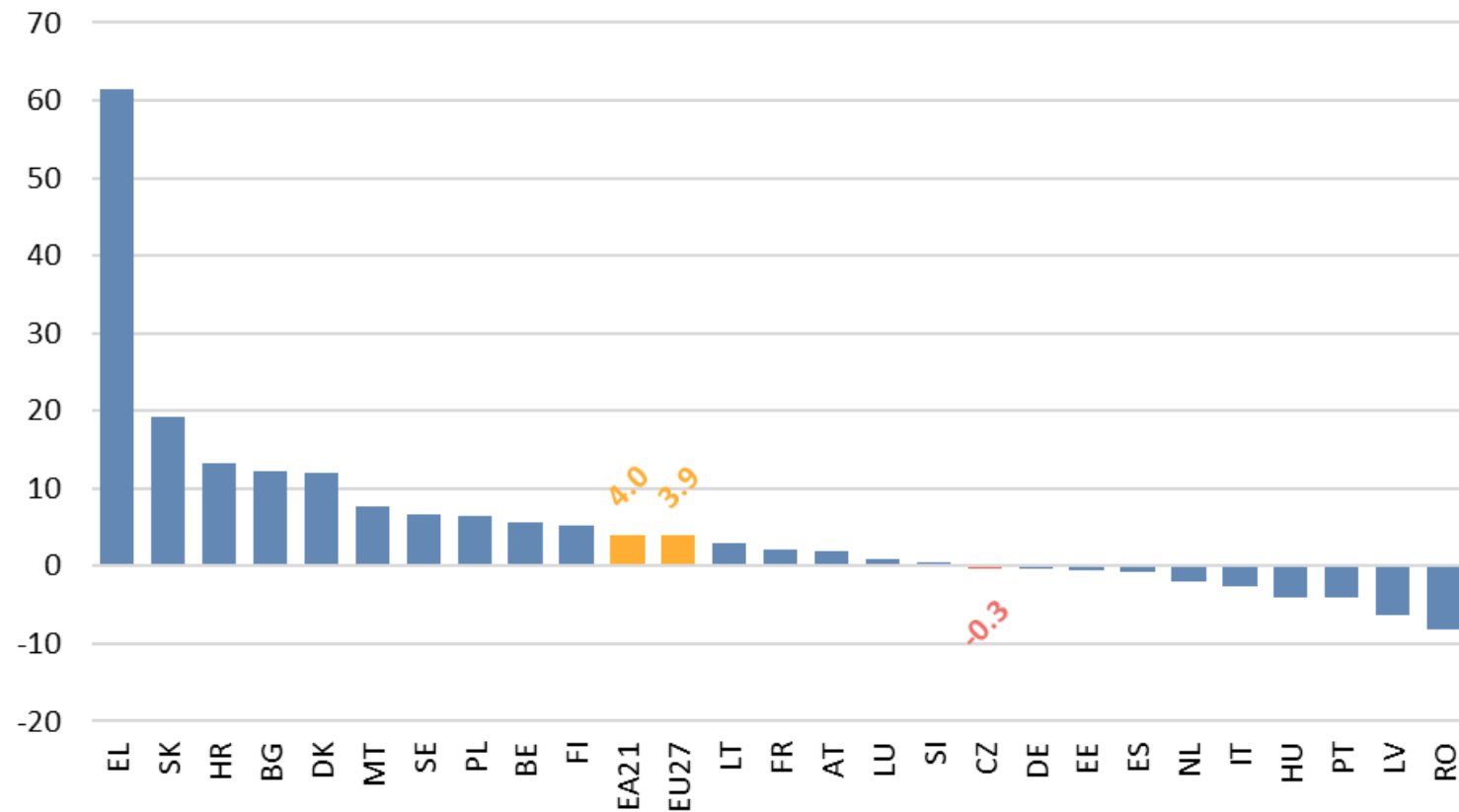
## Tourism and related services in focus



# Accommodation

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YoY, in %, seasonally adjusted

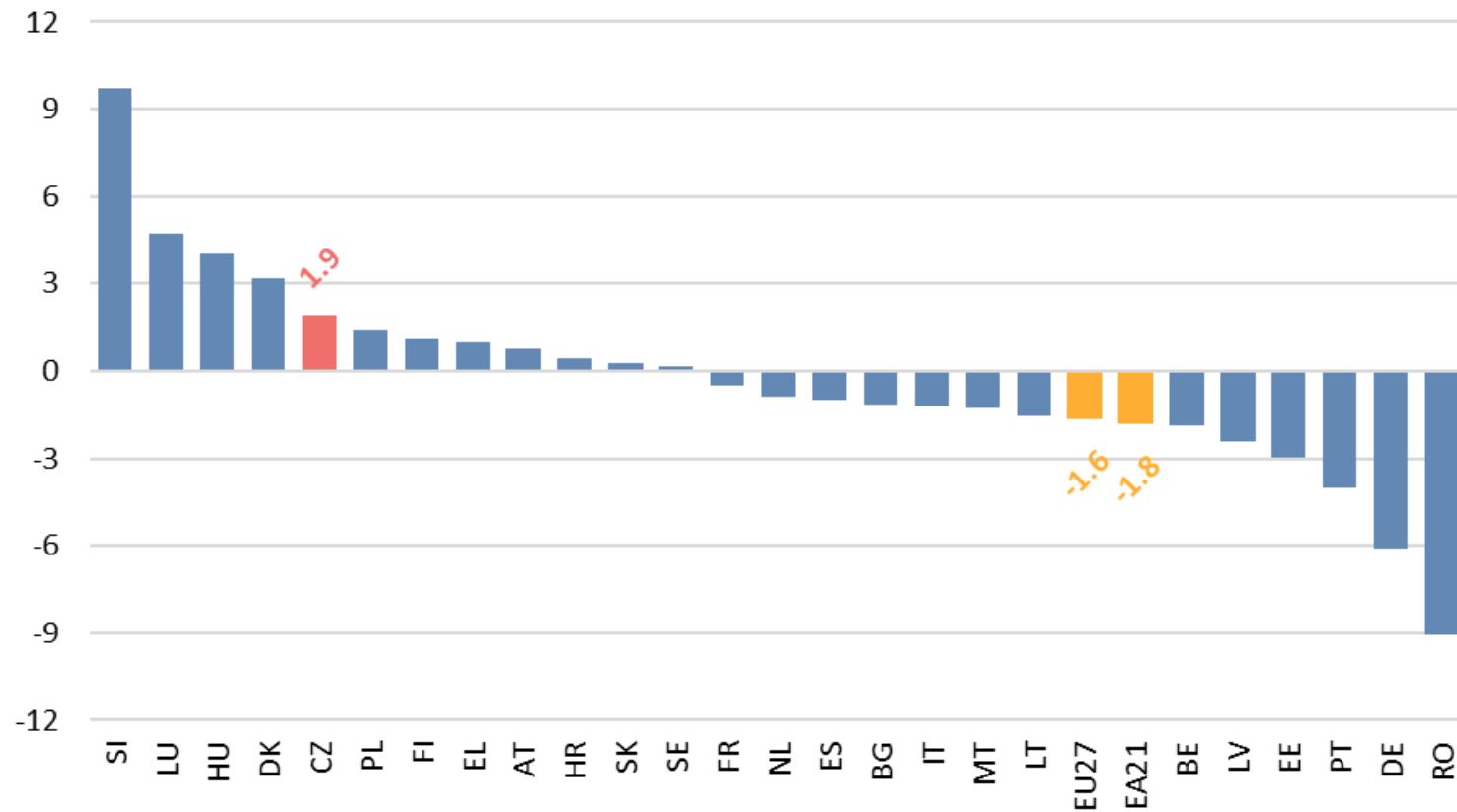


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# Food and beverage service activities

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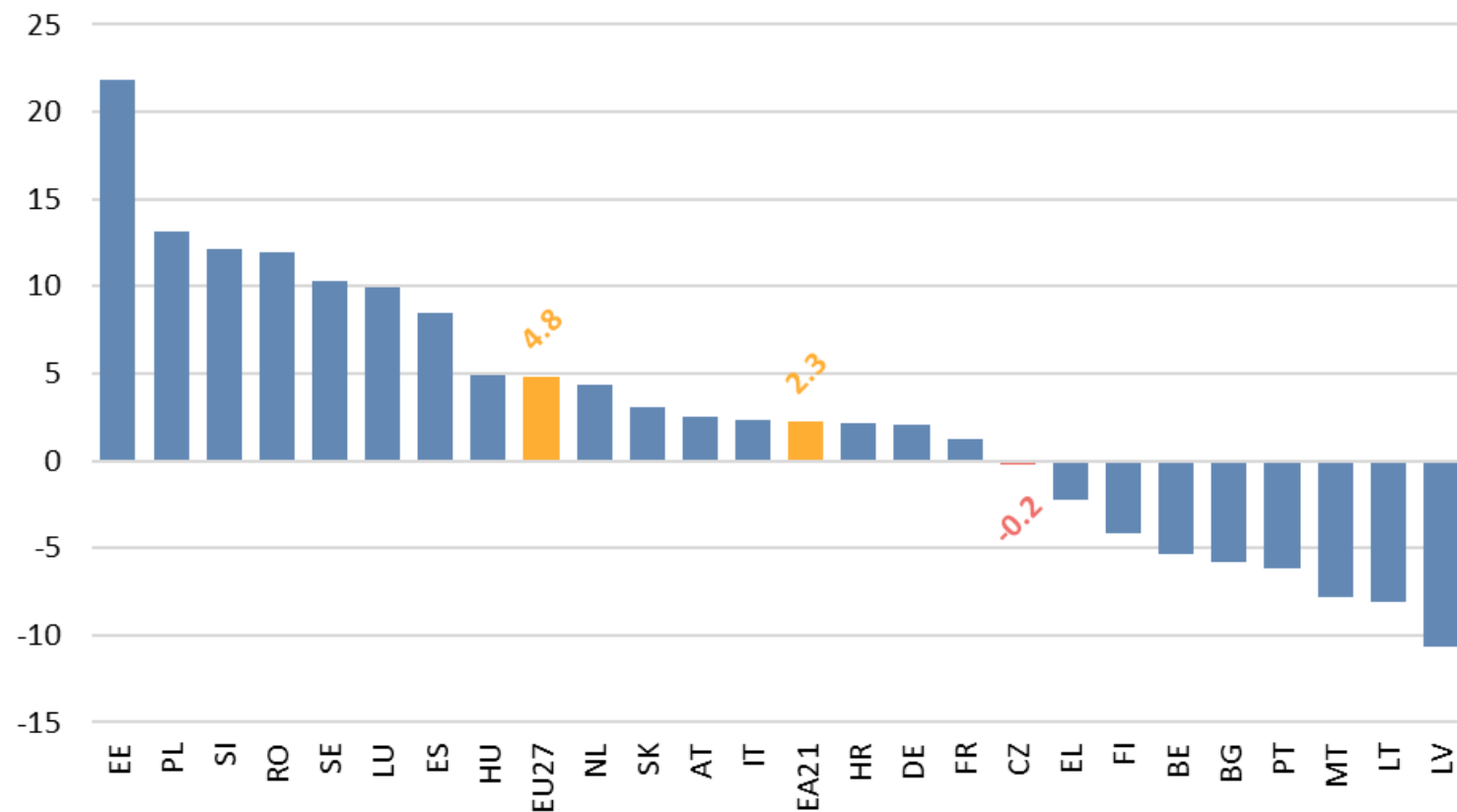


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# Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities

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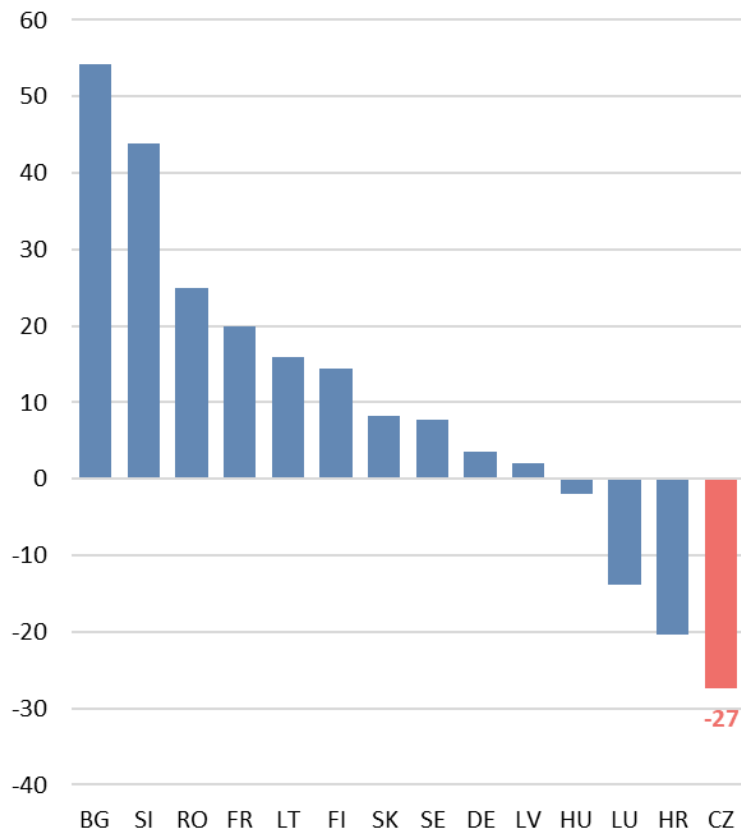


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# Volume of production in services – February 2026

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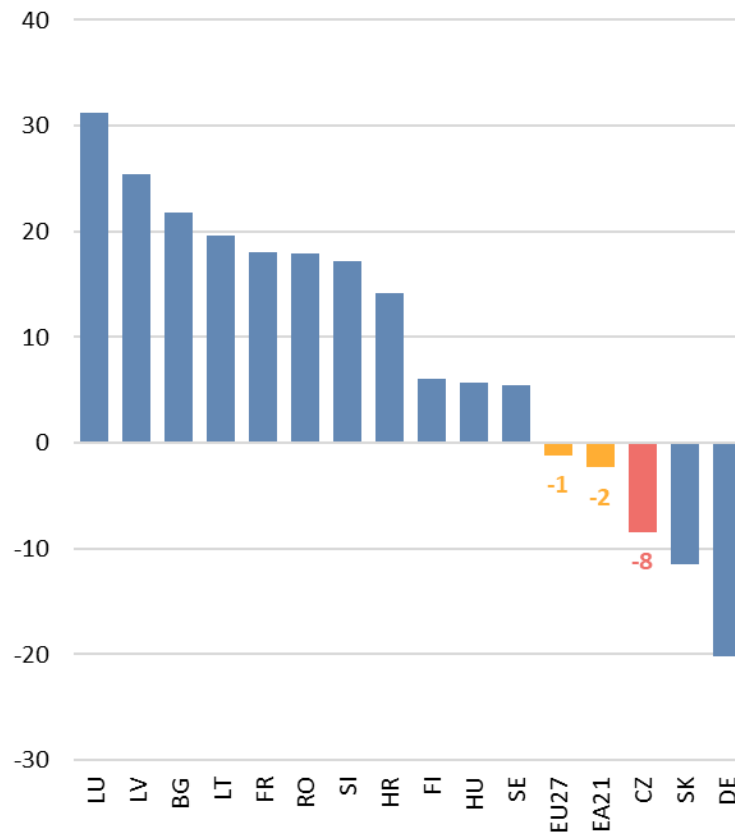
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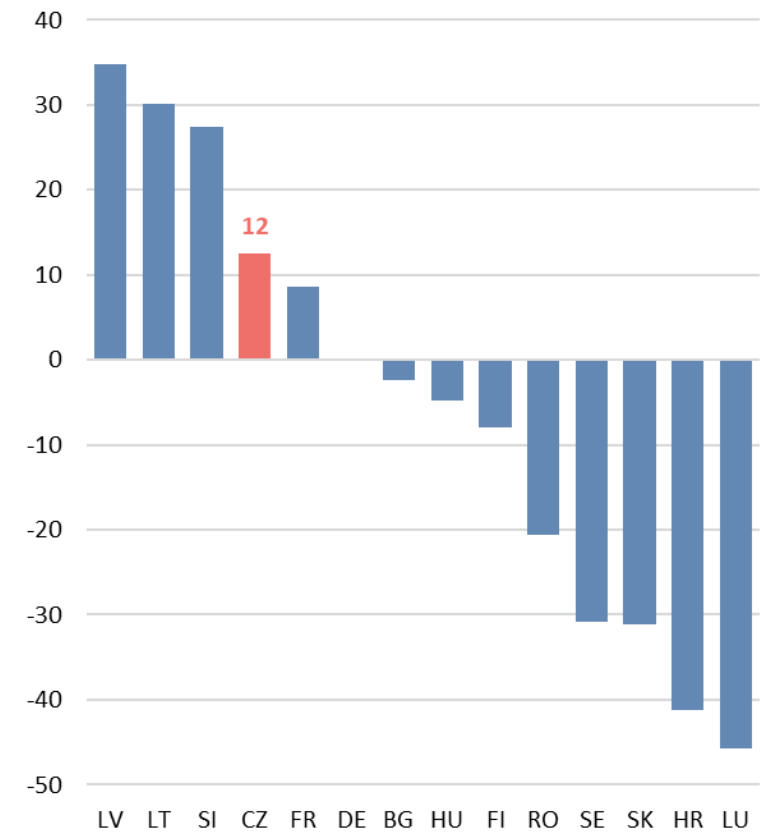
## Food and beverage services

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## Travel agencies

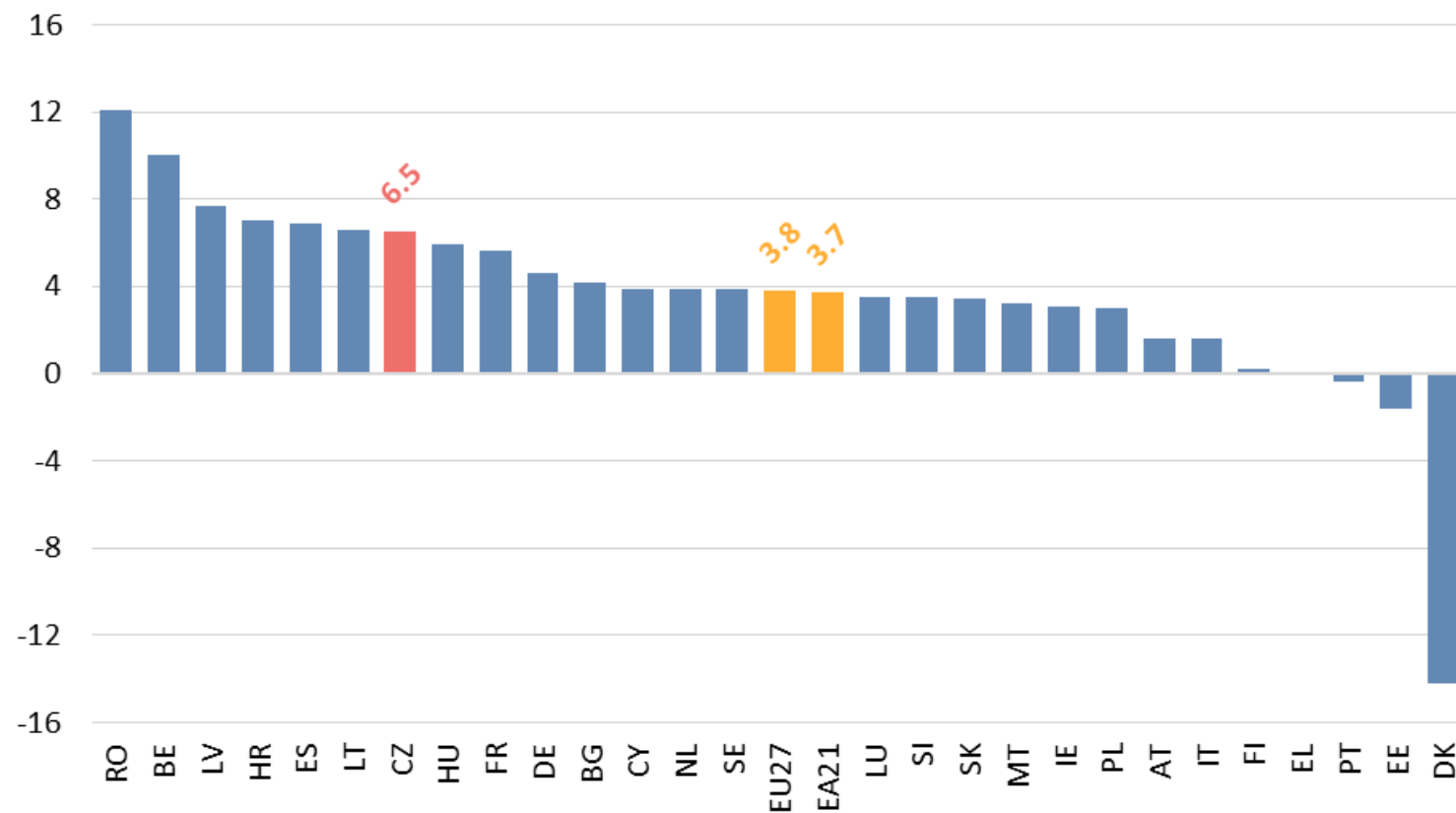
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# Accommodation services

## Consumer prices – April 2026

HICP, YoY, in %

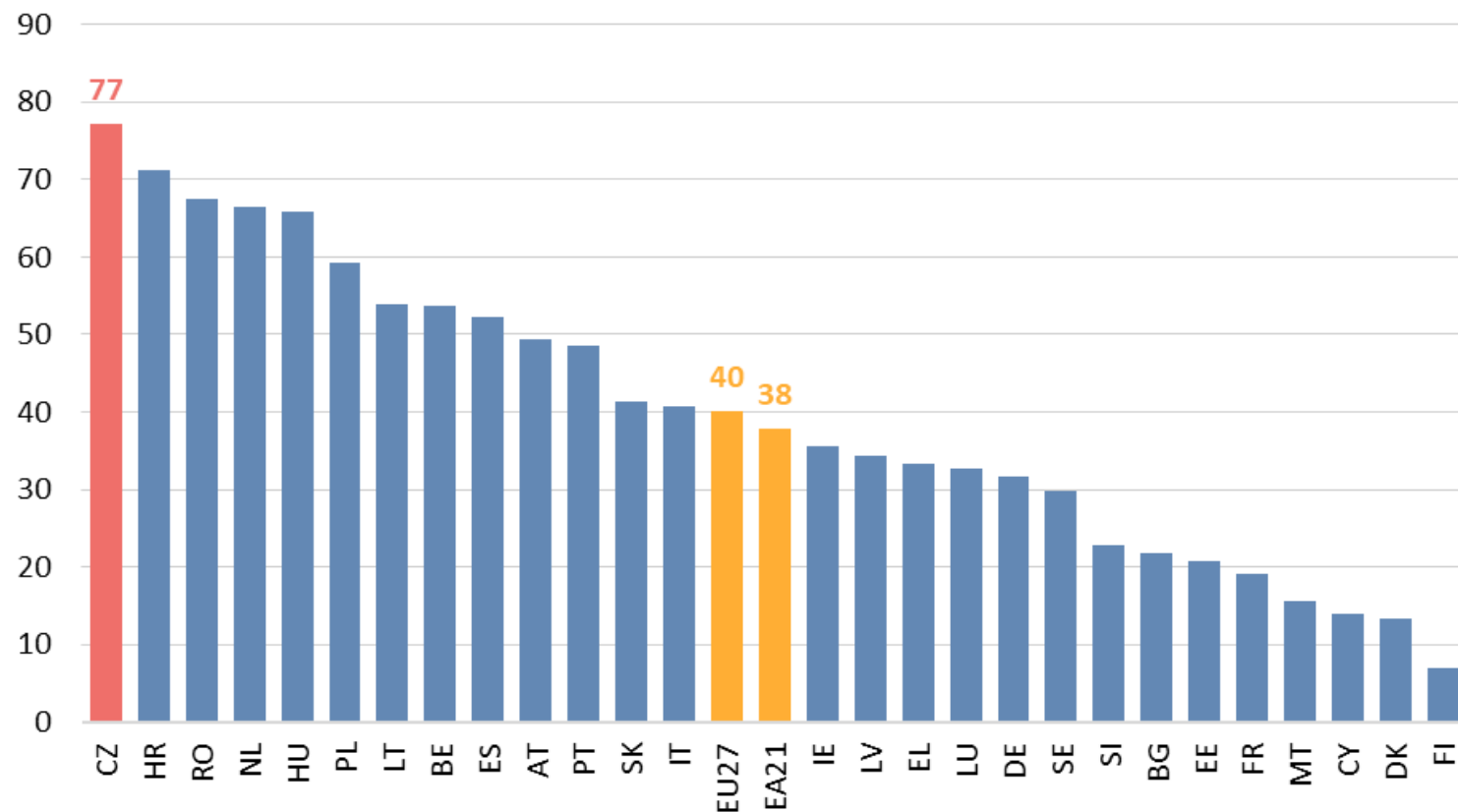


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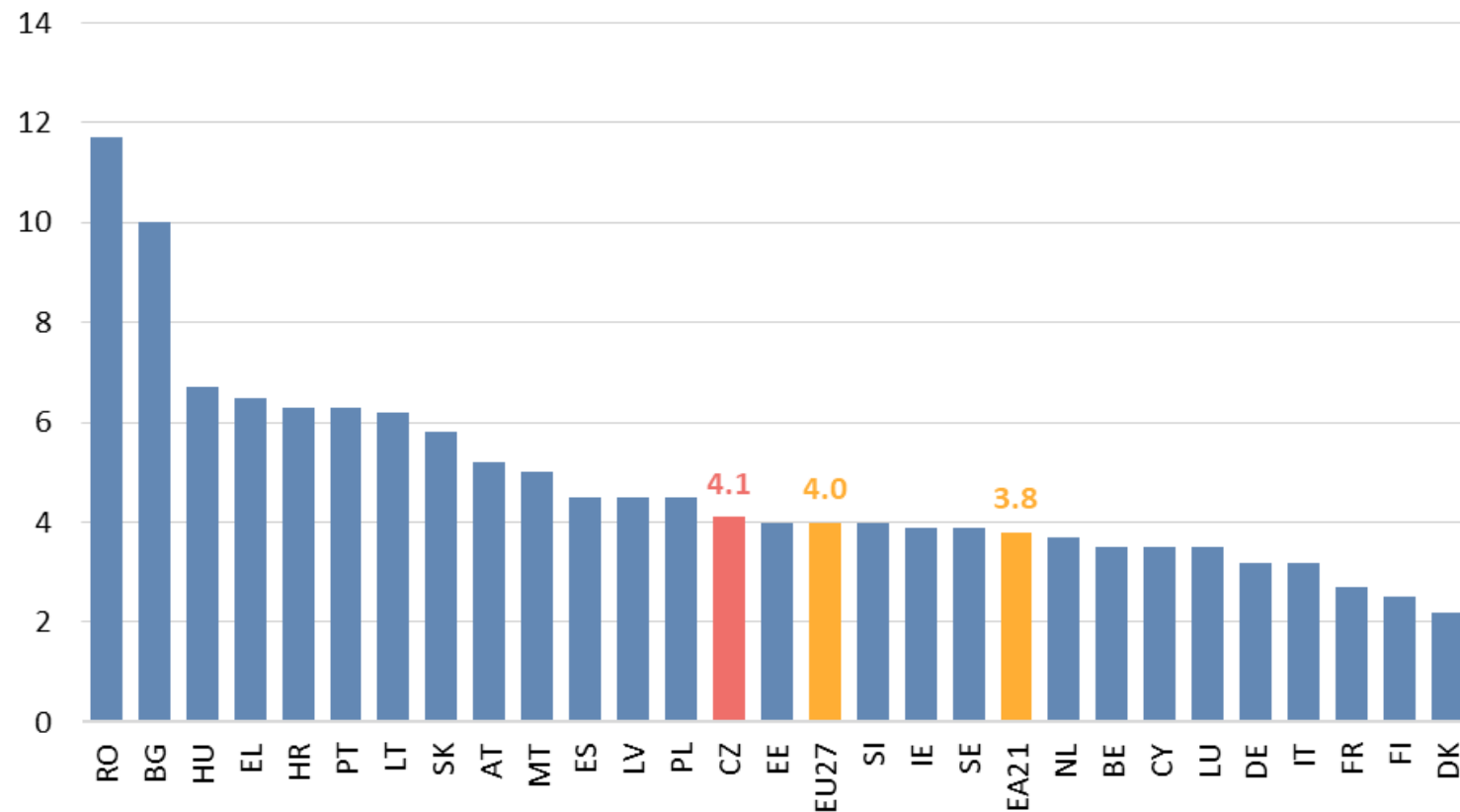


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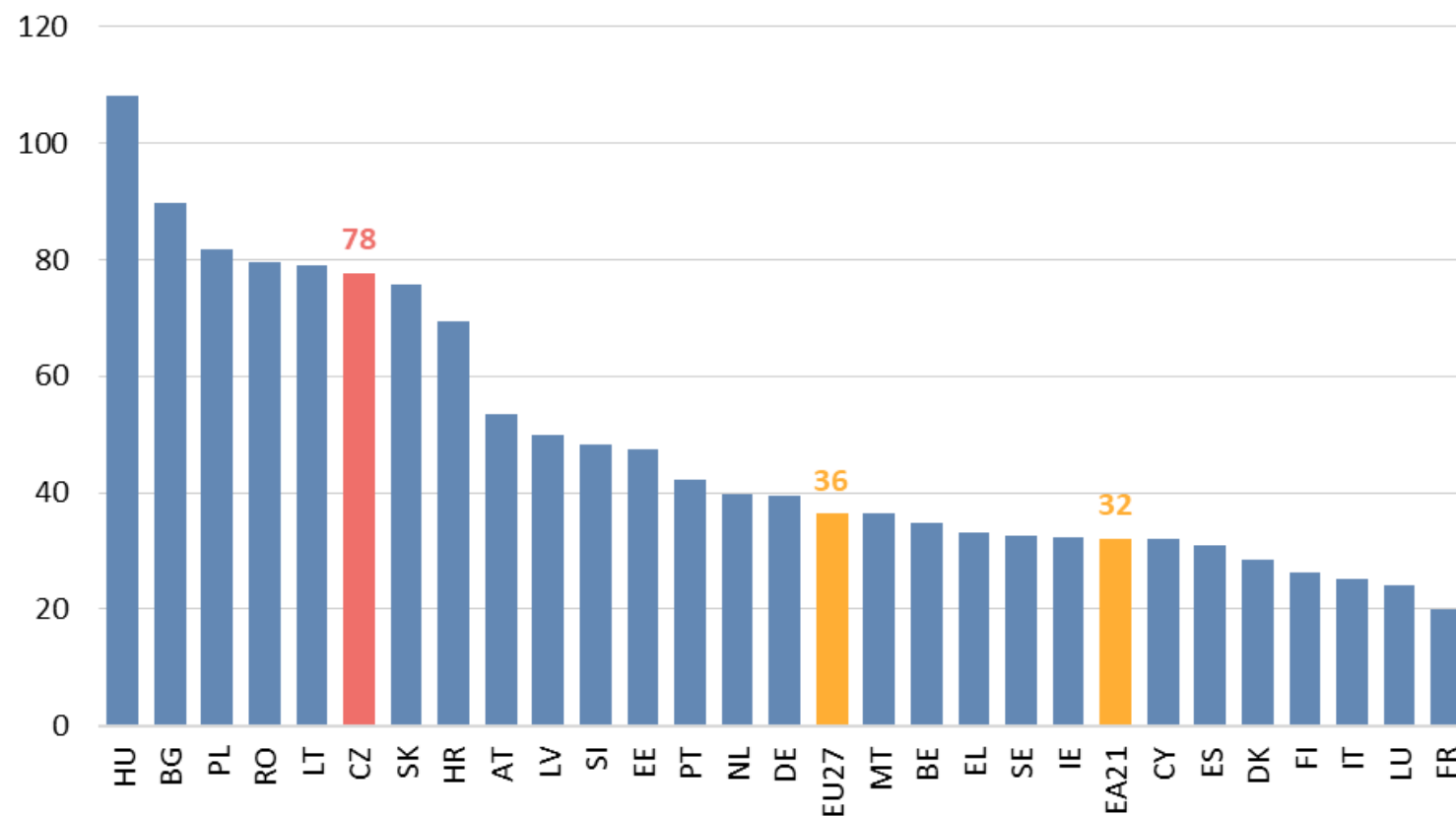


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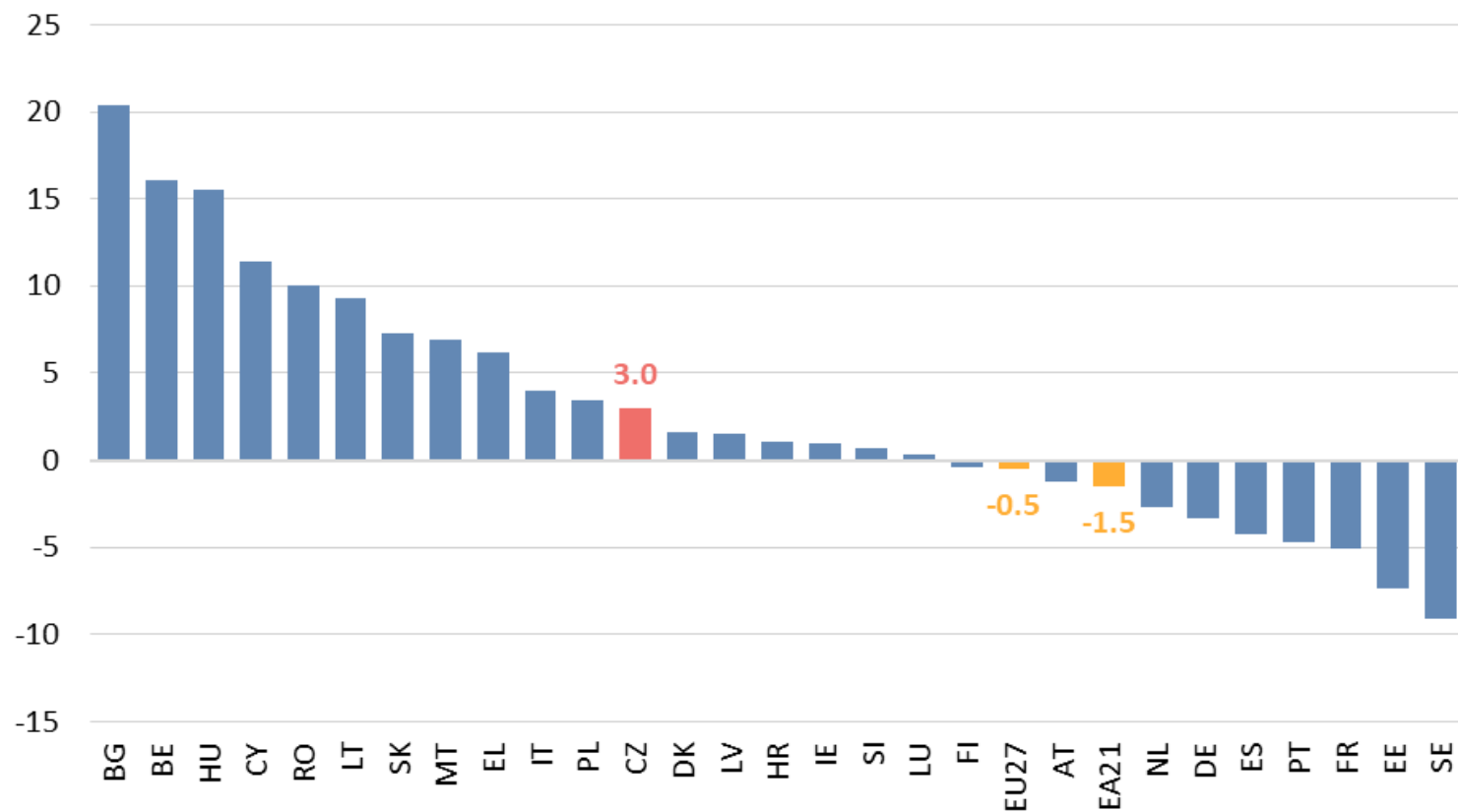


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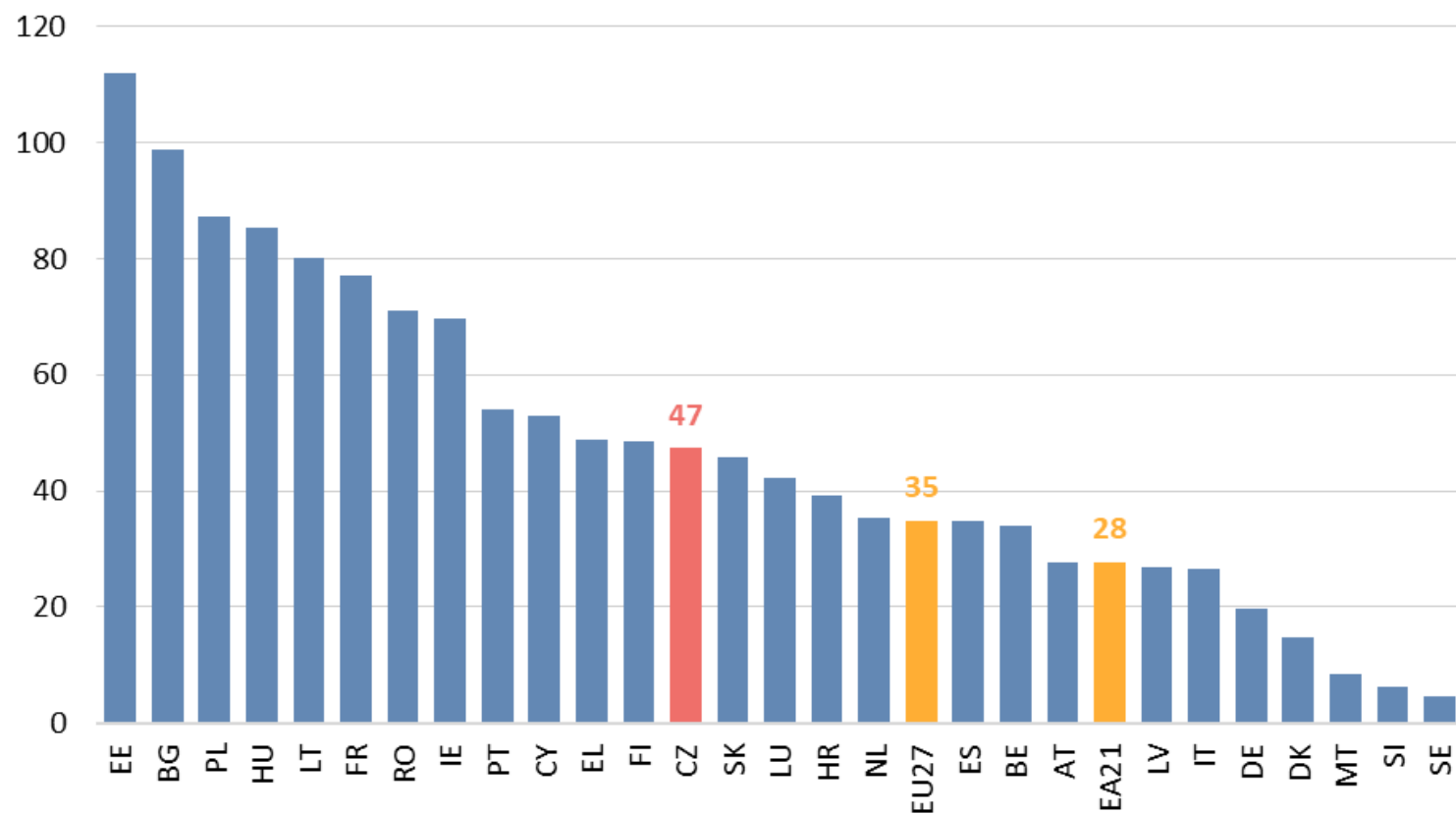


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## Macroeconomic forecast – Spring 2026

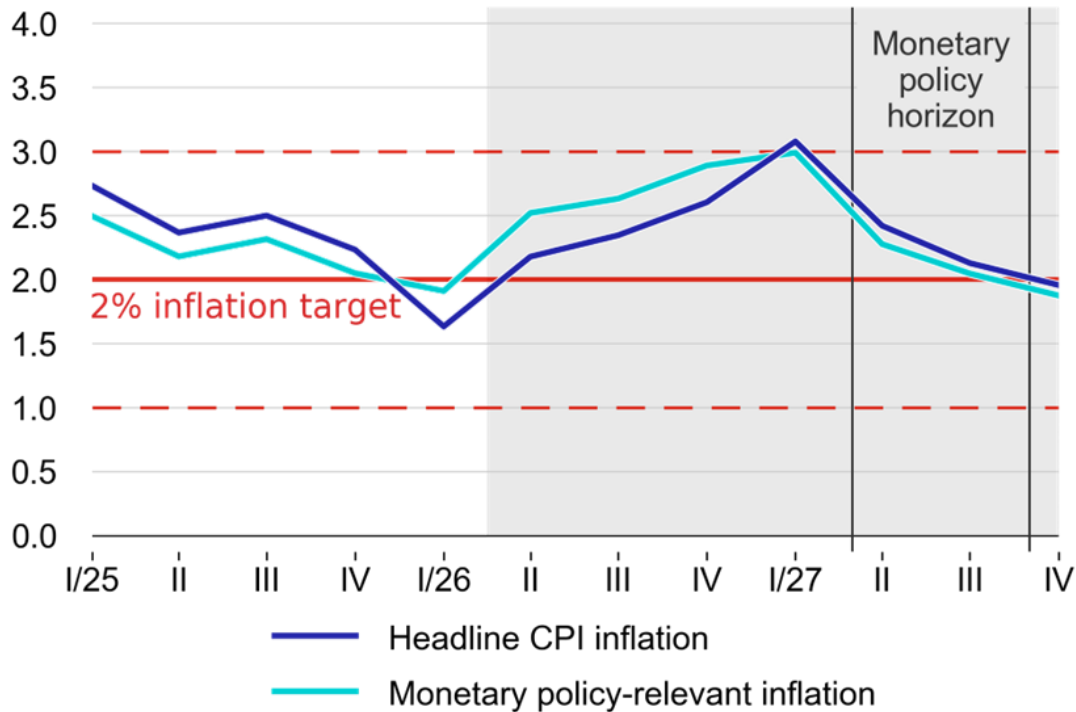


# Forecast summary

	2025	2026	2027
<b>Headline inflation (%)</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
	(0.0)	(0.6)	(0.3)
<b>GDP (%)</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>
	(0.1)	(-0.4)	(-0.1)
<b>Average nominal wage (%)</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>
	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.4)
<b>3M PRIBOR (%)</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>
	(0.0)	(0.2)	(-0.4)
<b>Exchange rate (CZK/EUR)</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>24.4</b>
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## Inflation

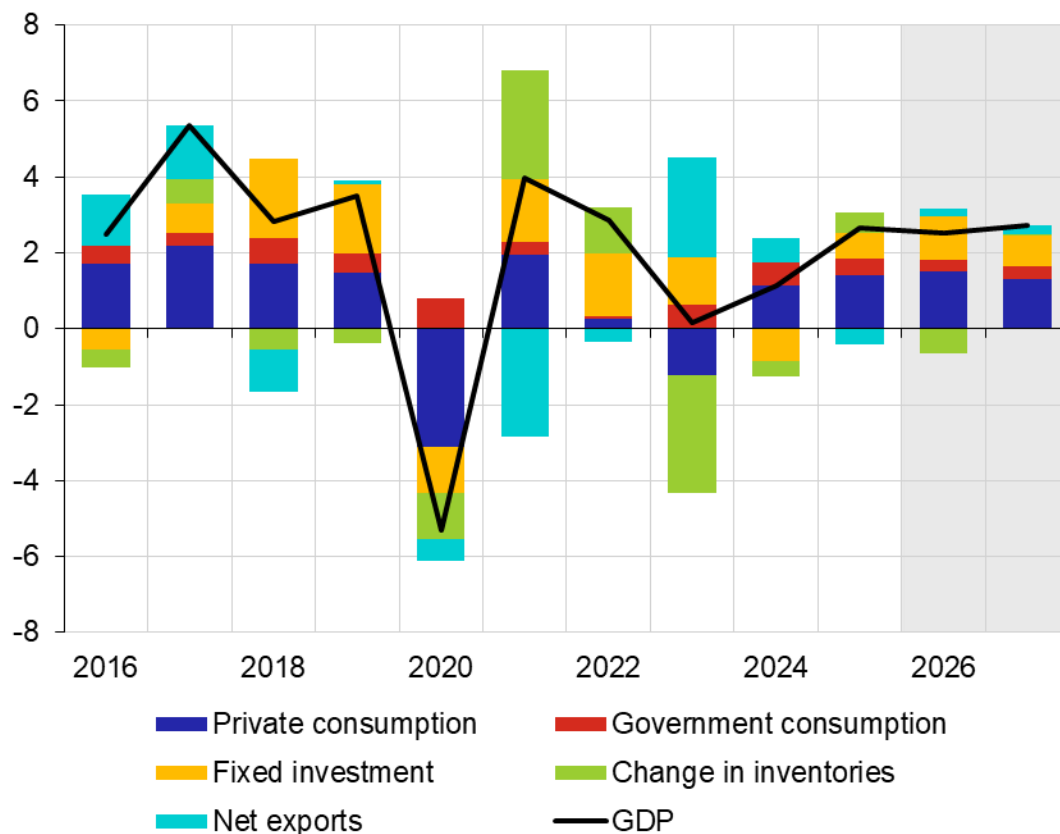
in %



- **Headline inflation** expected to stay in the upper half of the tolerance band in the coming quarters
  - At the turn of the year, it will hit 3% and then return to the target at the end of 2027
- **Core inflation** expected to stay around 3% this year, driven by swift growth in imputed rent (cost of owner-occupied housing) and above-average wage growth

## GDP growth

YoY, in %, contributions in percentage points

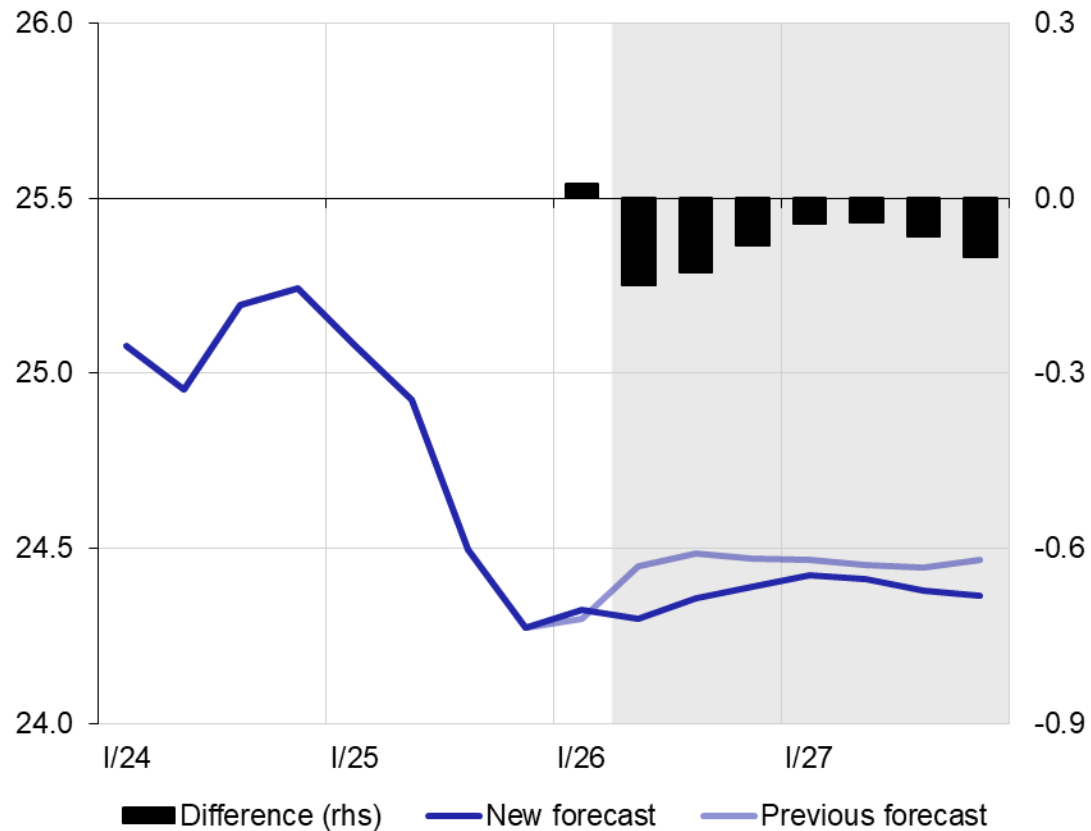


- Q1 2026 GDP growth (0.2% QoQ, 2.1% YoY) below the forecast (0.5% QoQ), though an upward revision in next releases not ruled out
- **GDP** expected to grow by 2.5% this year, with growth ticking up to 2.7% in 2027
- **Private consumption** will continue to be the main growth driver
- As foreign demand gains momentum, **investment** growth will accelerate and **net exports** will improve
- **Government spending** will also contribute positively to economic growth

# CZK/EUR exchange rate

## Nominal exchange rate

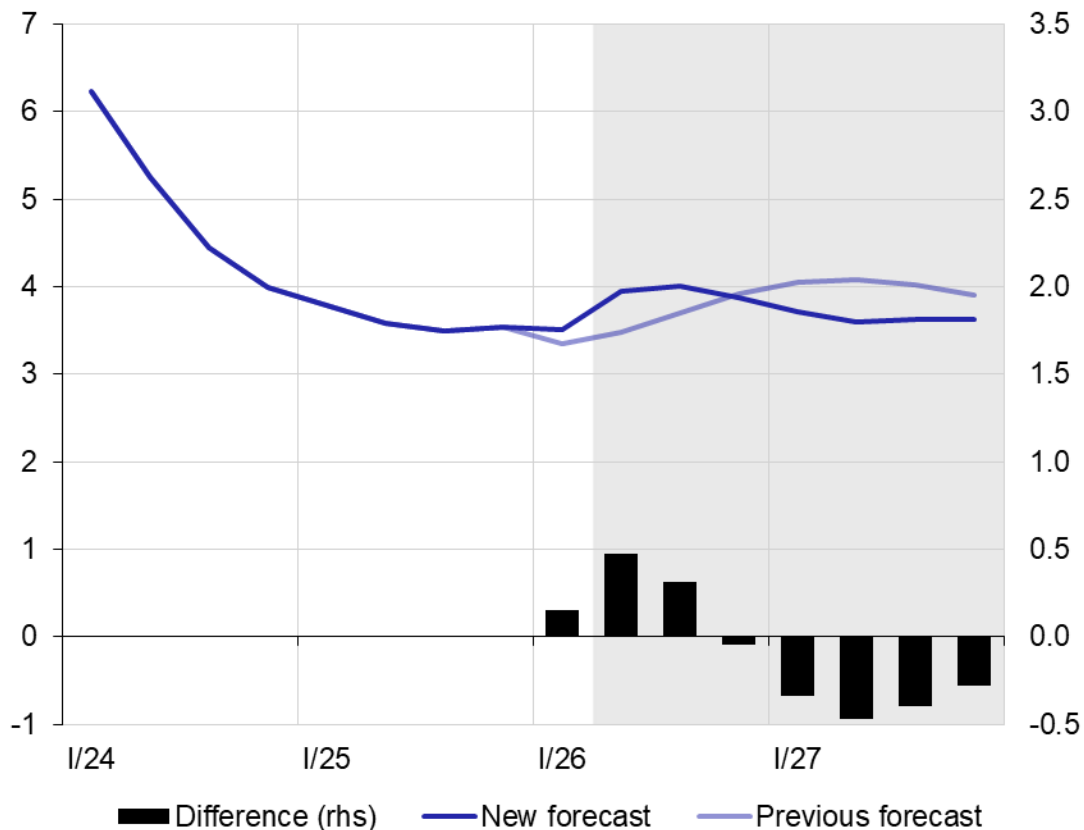
CZK/EUR



- The forecast assumes CZK 24.3/EUR for Q2 2026
- Koruna is then expected to remain stable at around CZK 24.4/EUR
- Interest rate differential against EUR broadly stable in the forecast
- Negative terms of trade (export prices relative to import prices) shock acting against CZK appreciation

## 3M PRIBOR

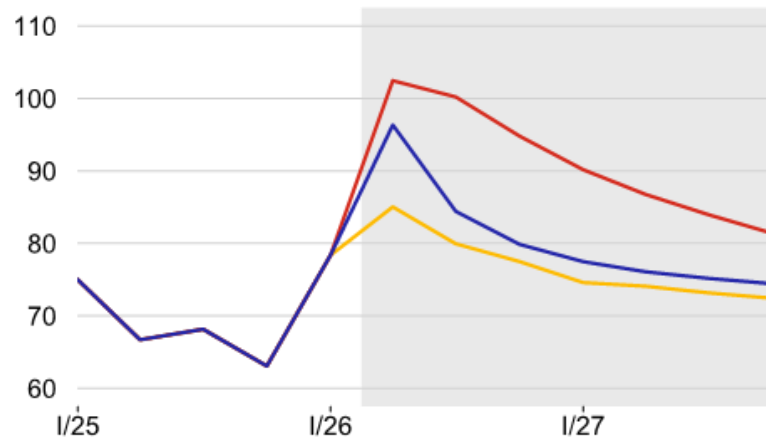
in % p.a., difference in percentage points



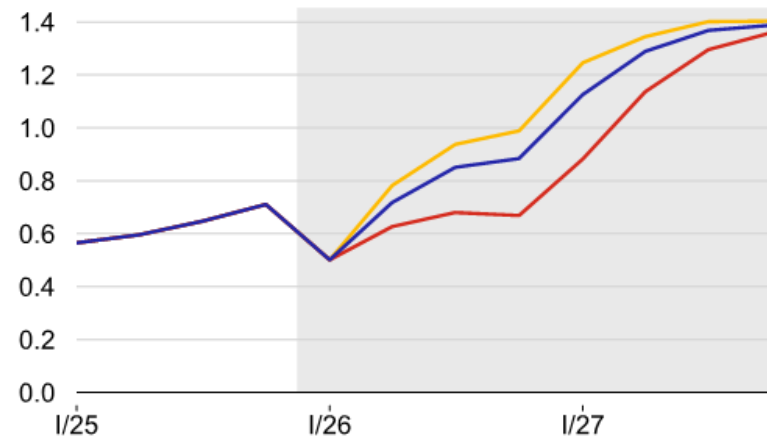
- Near-term outlook for 3M PRIBOR revised slightly upwards
- At its May MP meeting, the Bank Board voted unanimously to keep policy interest rates unchanged
  - The decision was made amid exceptional uncertainty stemming from the conflict in the Middle East
  - The Bank Board assessed the risks and uncertainties of the outlook for the fulfilment of the inflation target as inflationary overall
- Minutes of the Bank Board meeting available [online](#)

# Prospects for the future are highly uncertain...

### Brent oil price (USD/barrel)

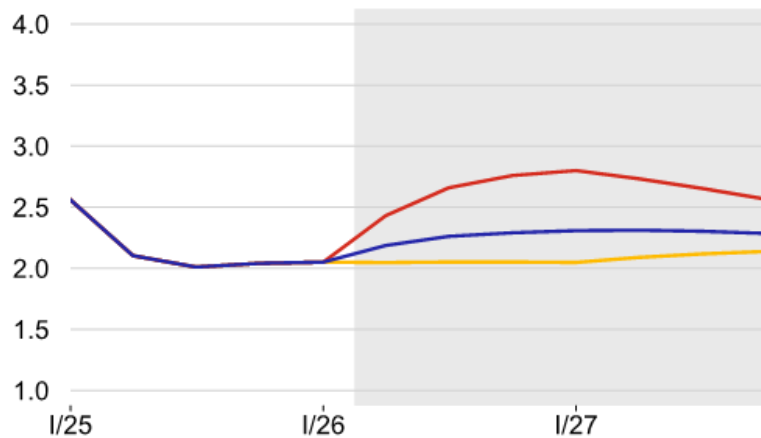


### Foreign GDP growth (YoY, in %)

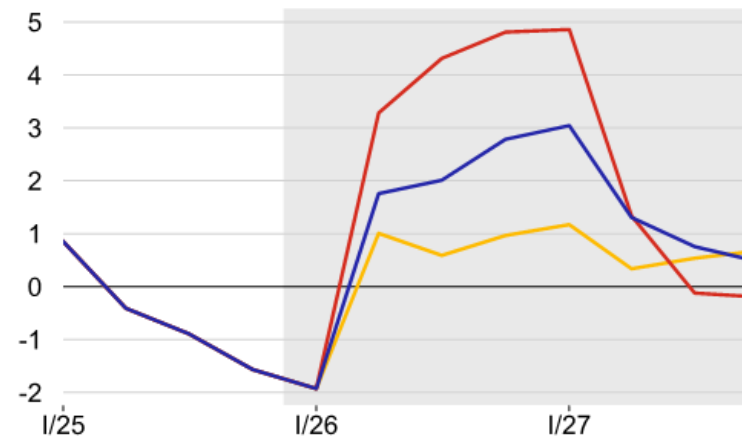


- Baseline scenario
- Higher energy prices
- Lower energy prices

### 3M EURIBOR (in % p.a.)

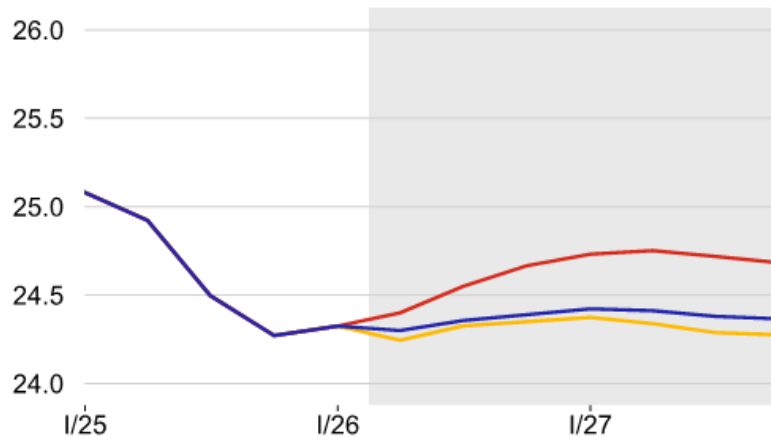


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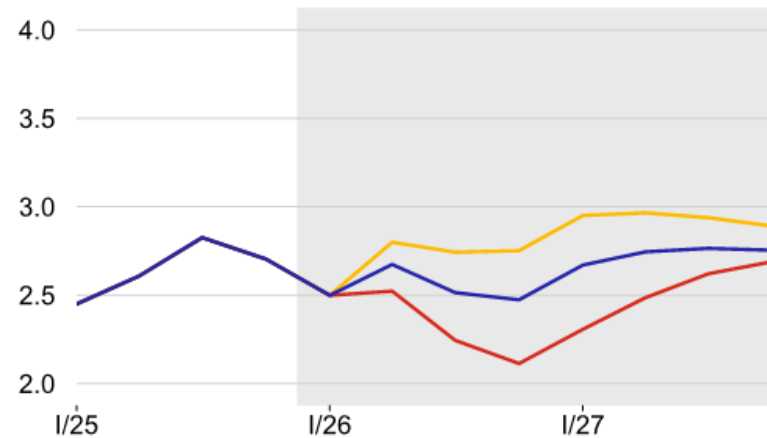


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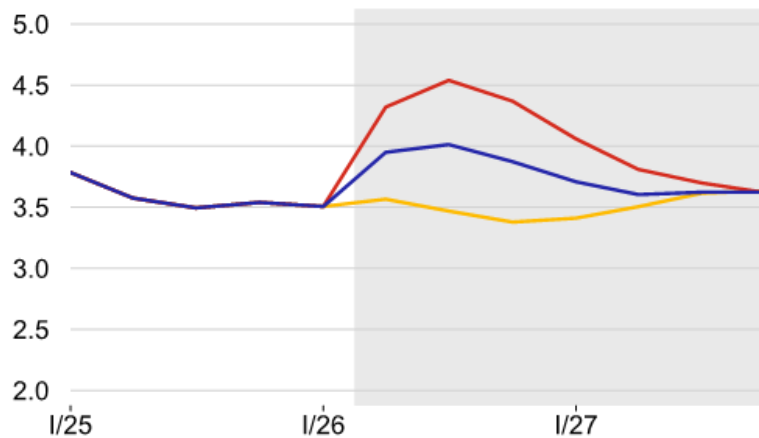


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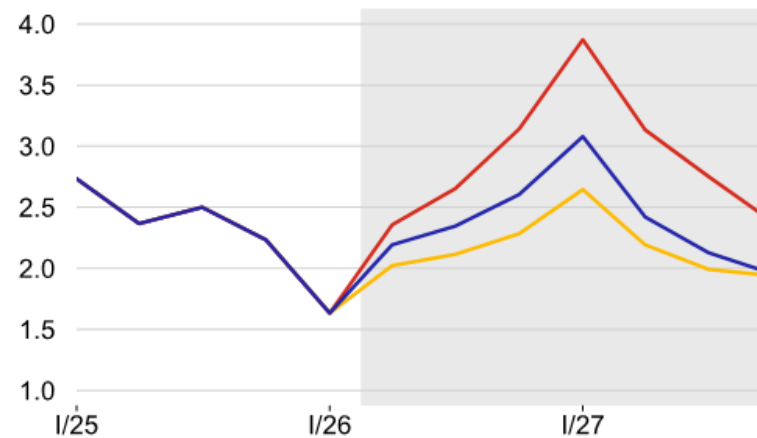


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### CPI inflation (YoY, in %)



**Thank you for your attention.**



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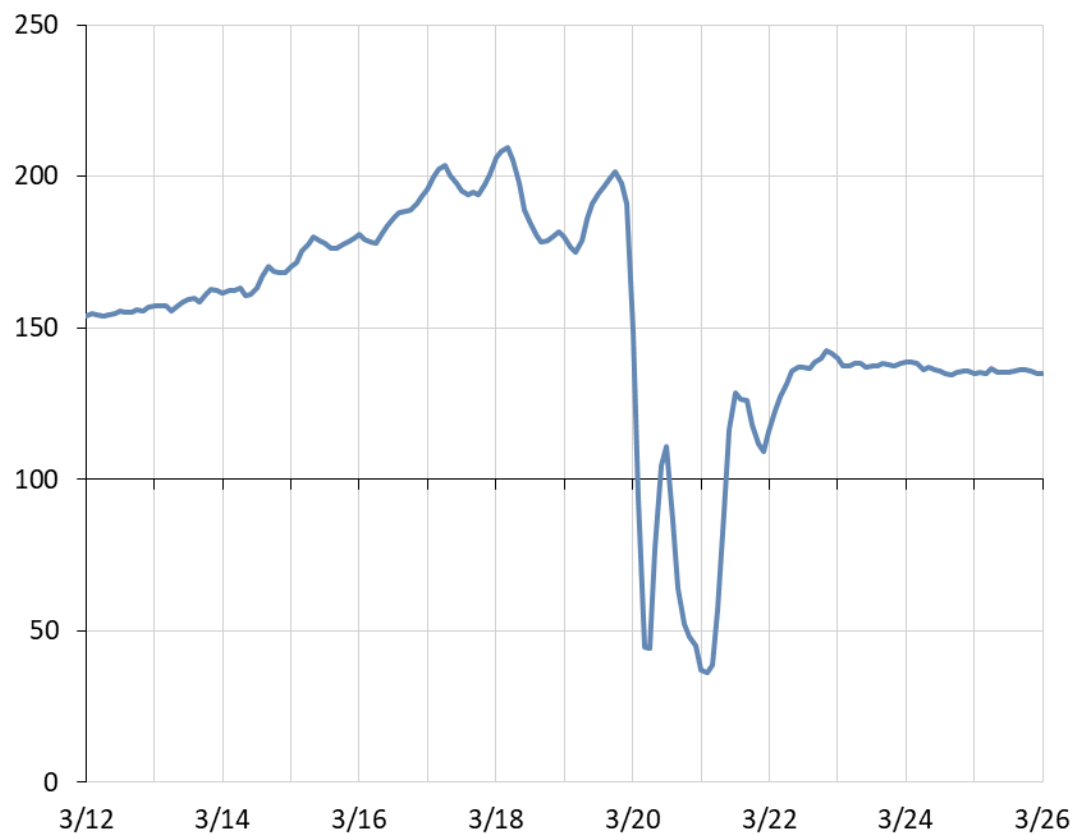
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# Accommodation

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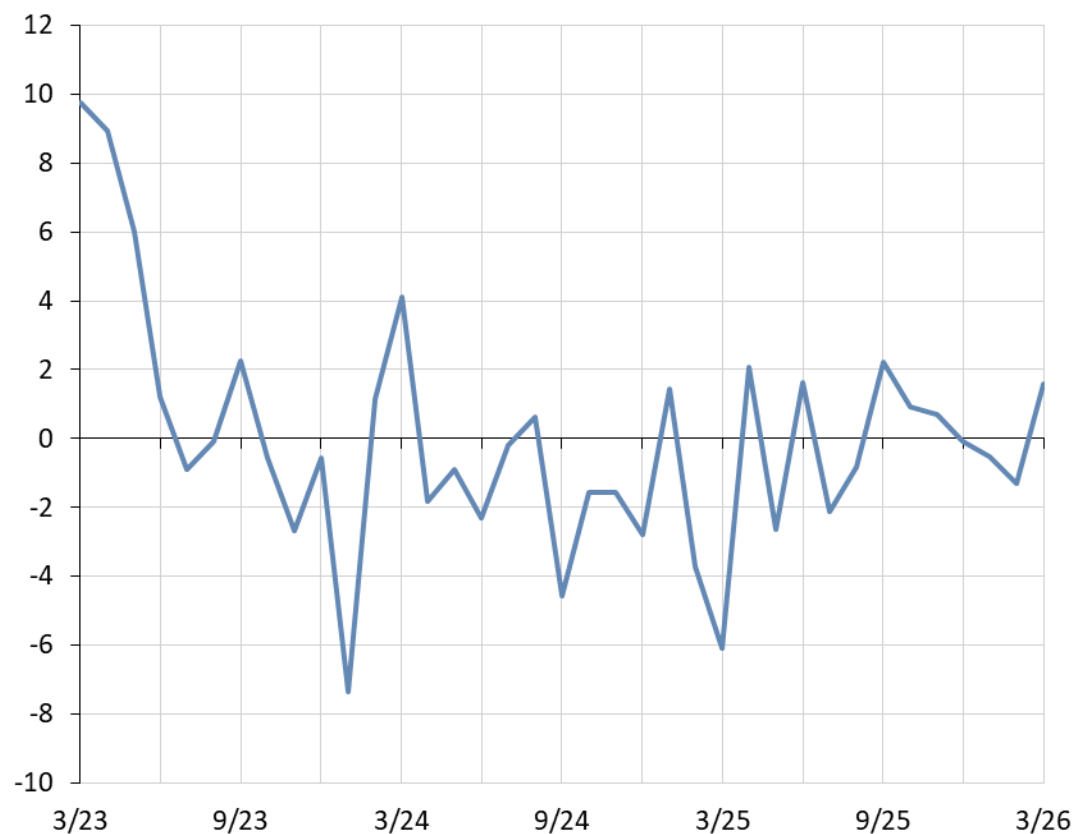
index (2021 = 100), seasonally adjusted



Source: Czech Statistical Office

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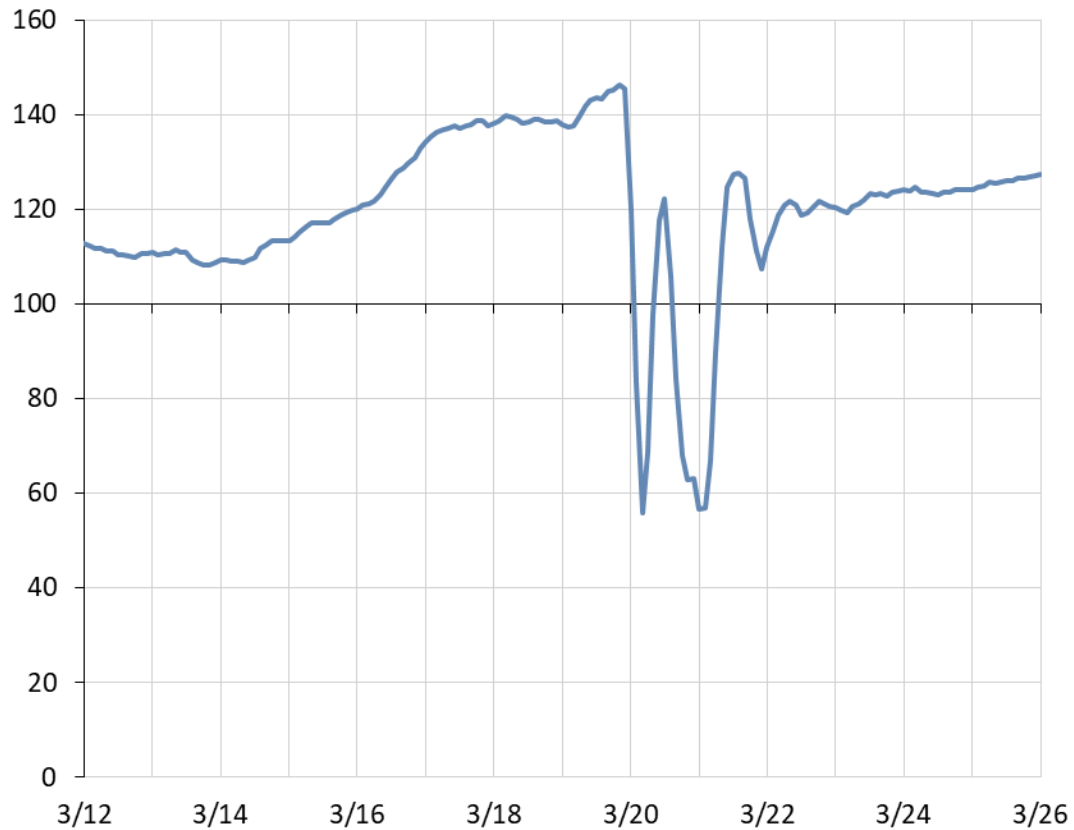


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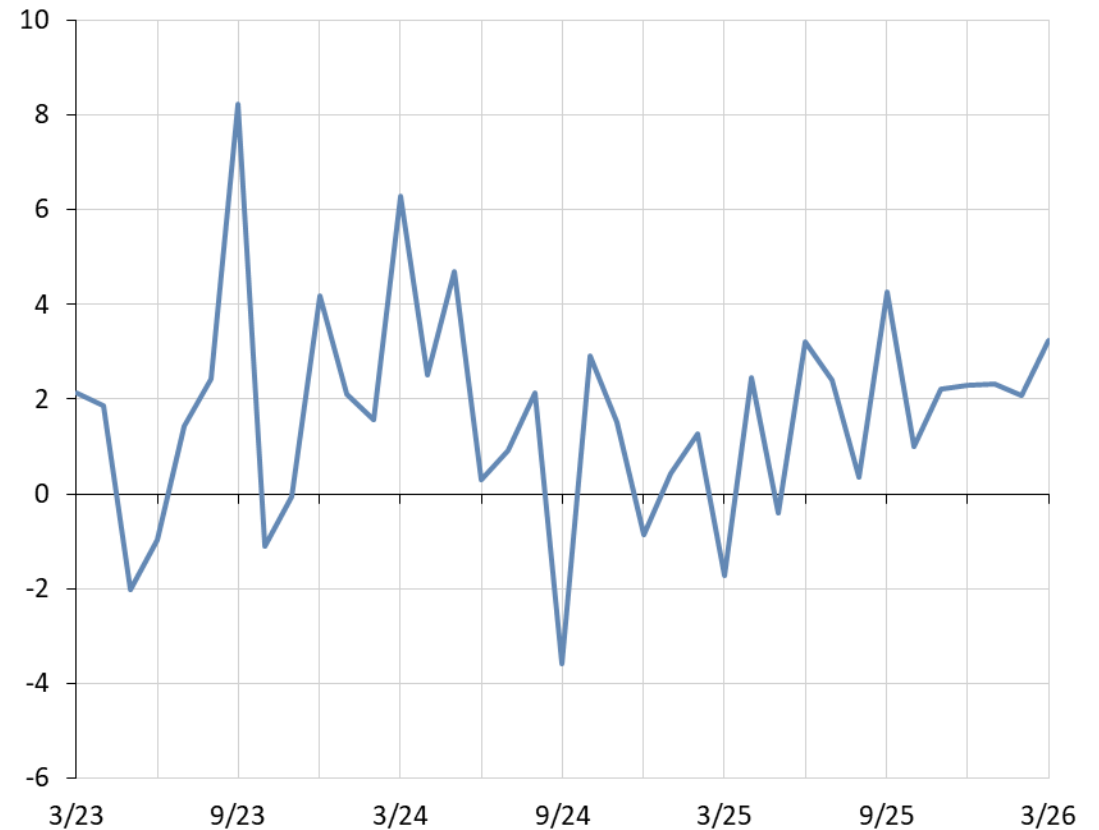
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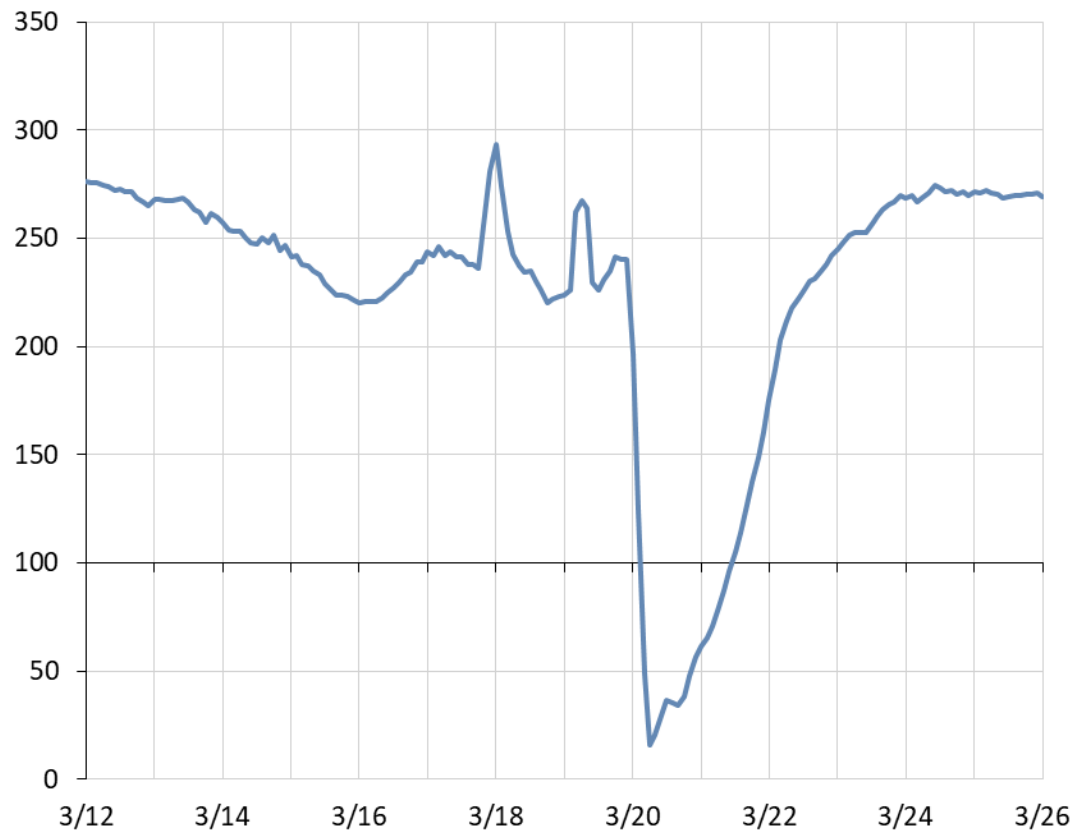


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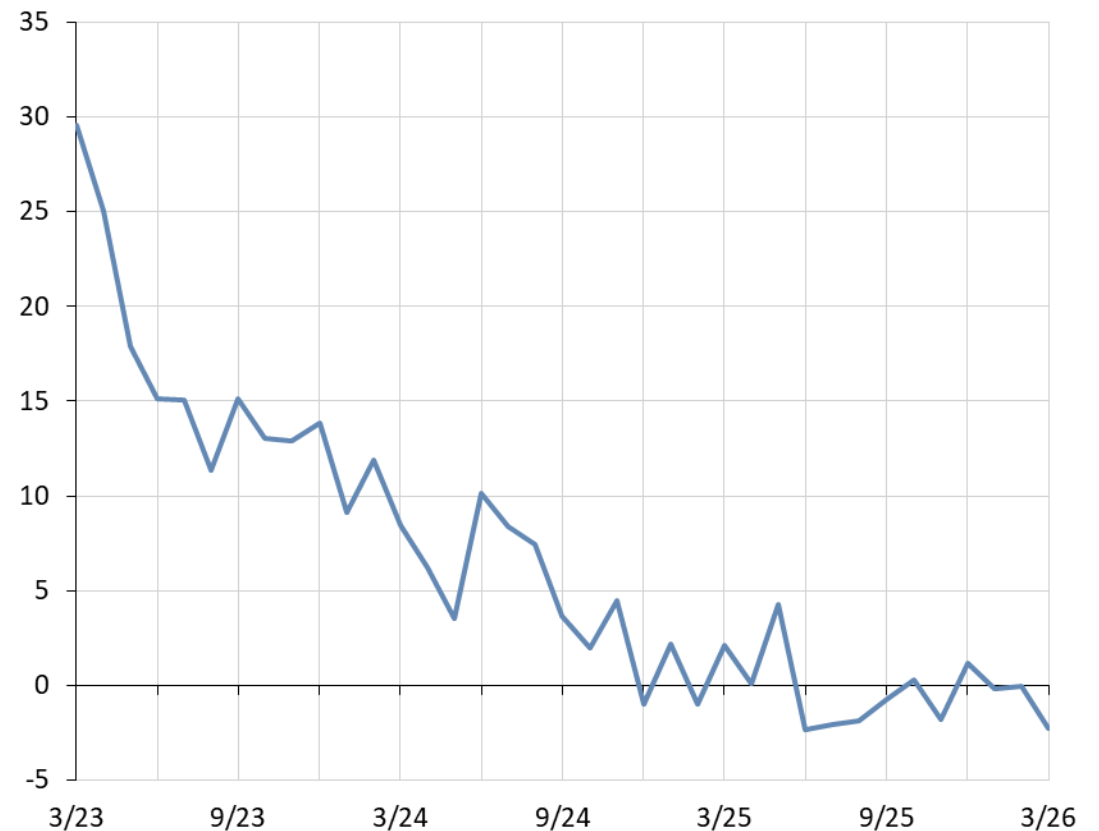
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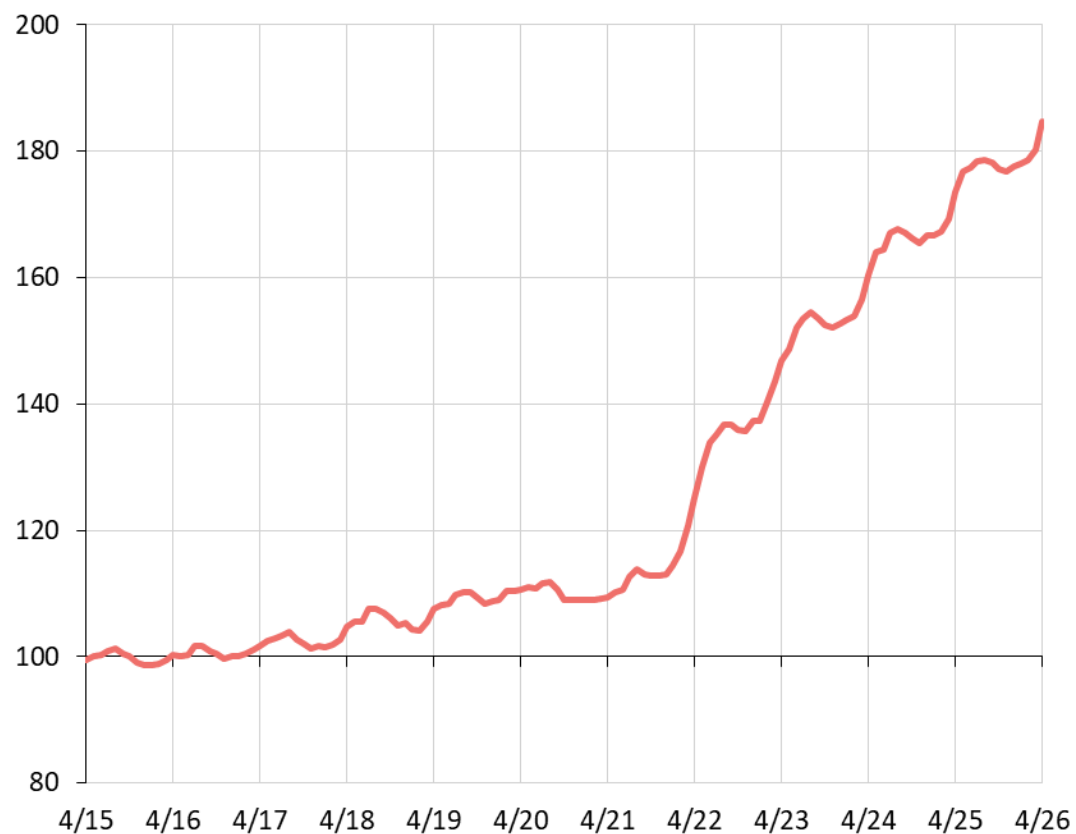


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# Accommodation services

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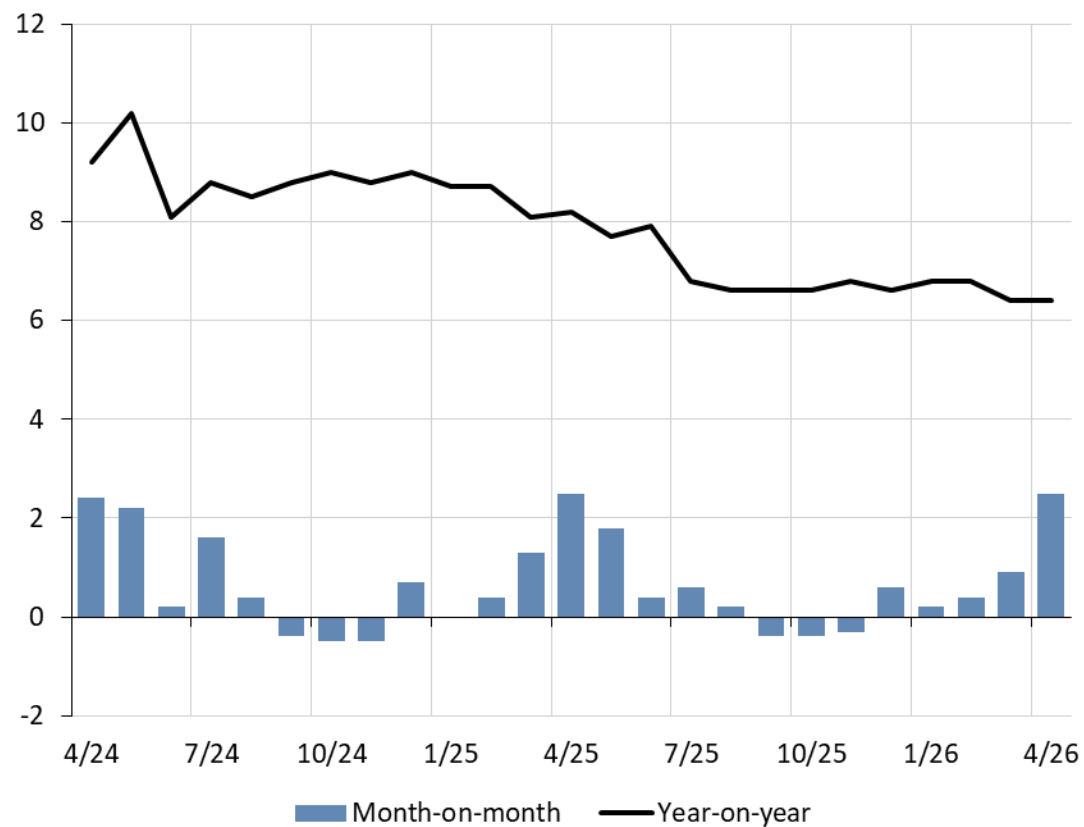
national CPI, index (2015 = 100)



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## Consumer prices

national CPI, change, in %

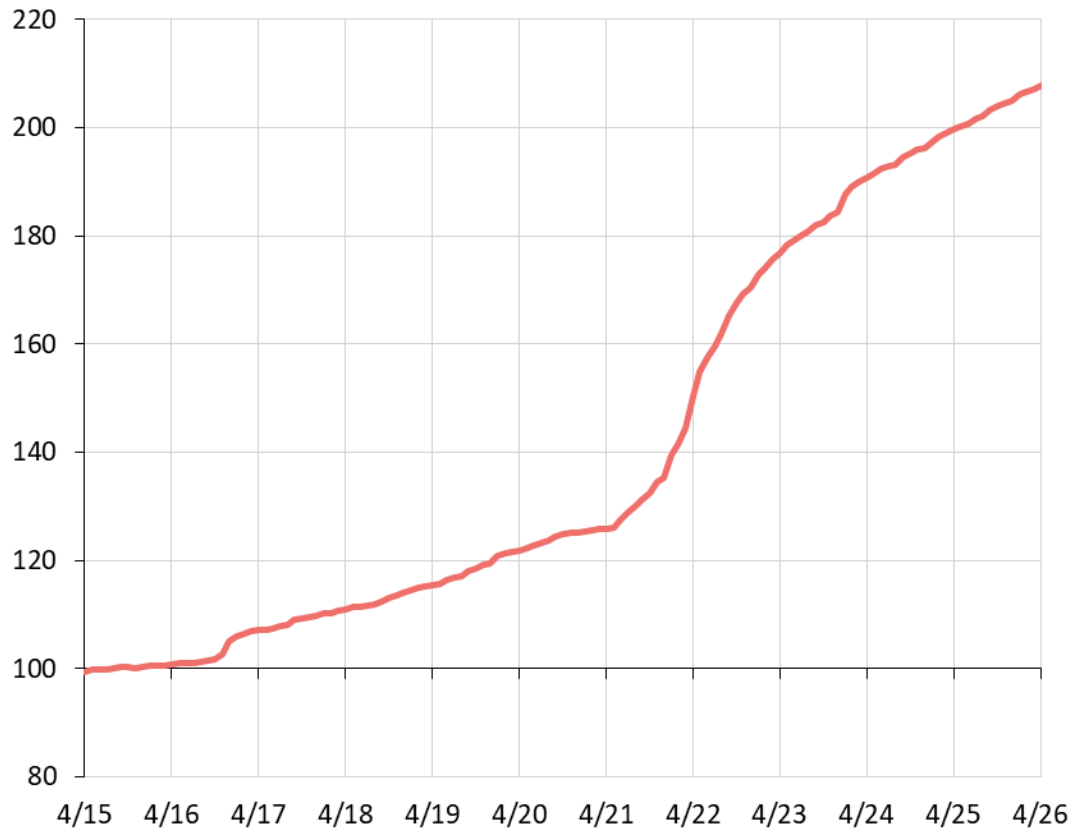


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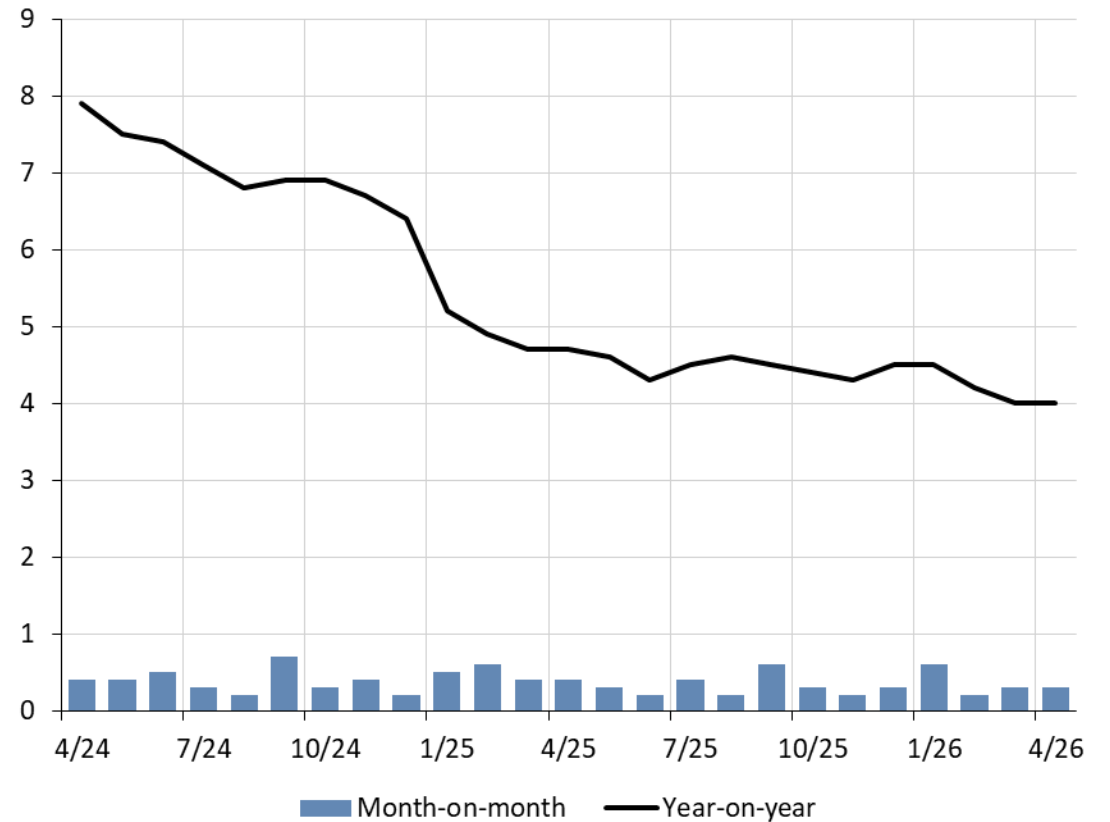
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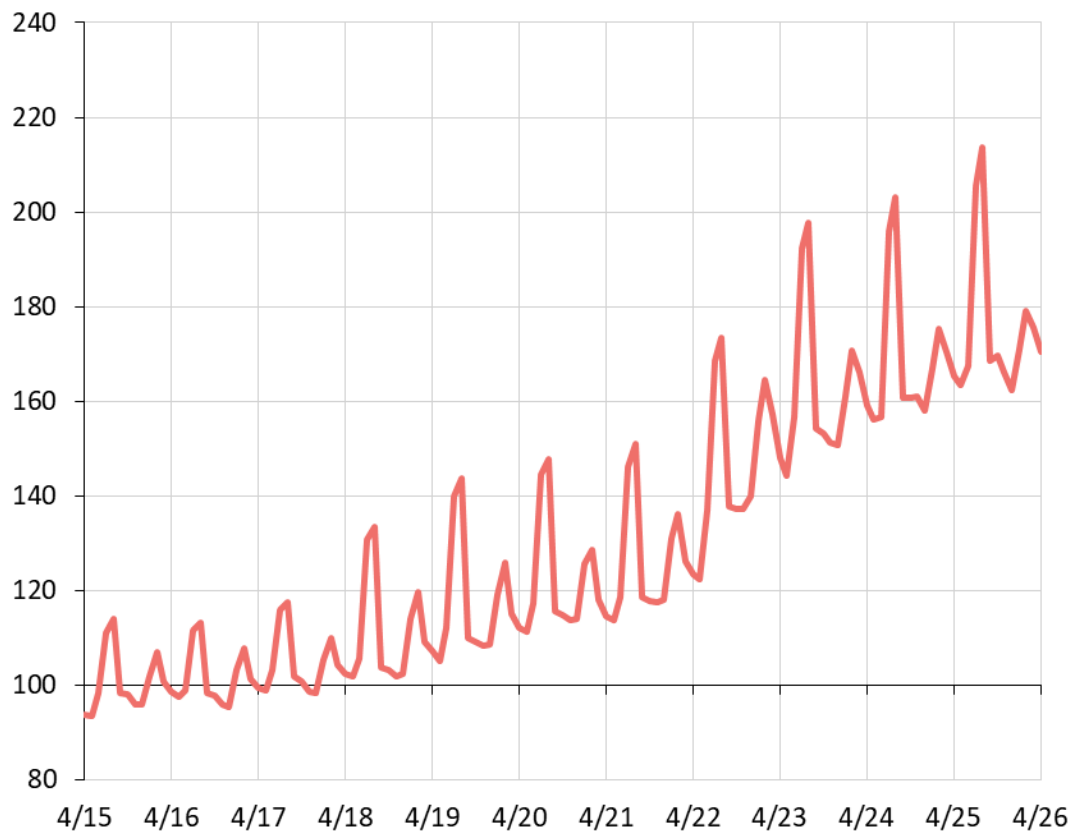


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# Package holidays

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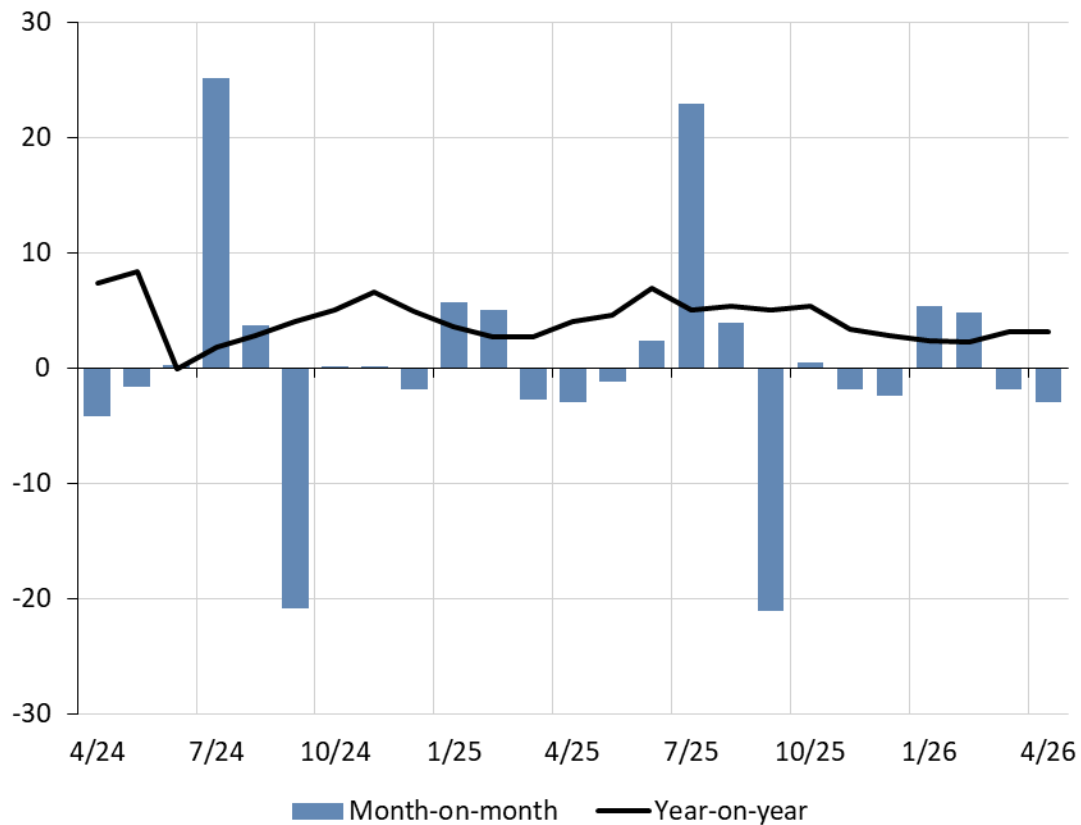
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