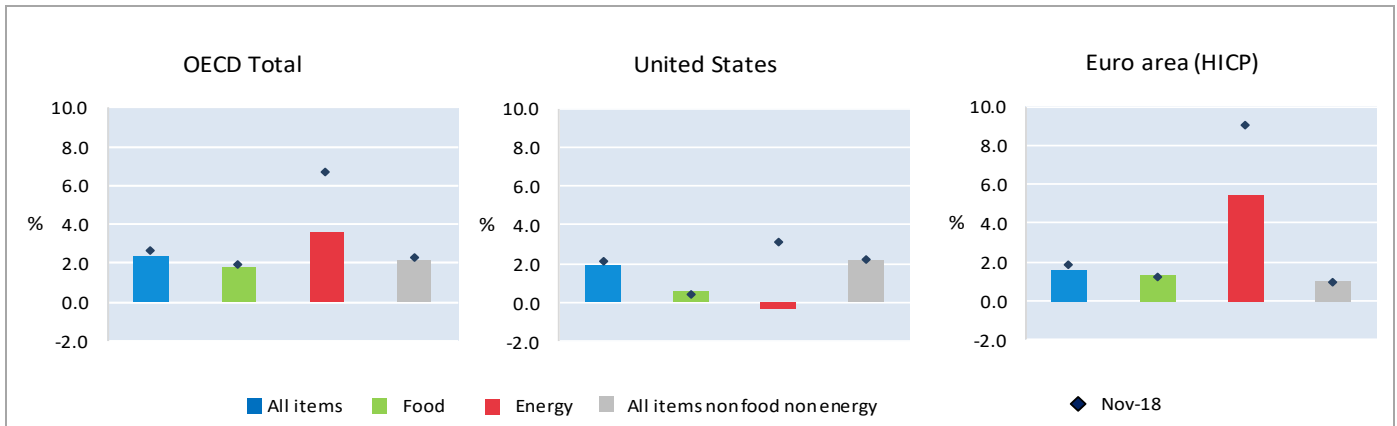


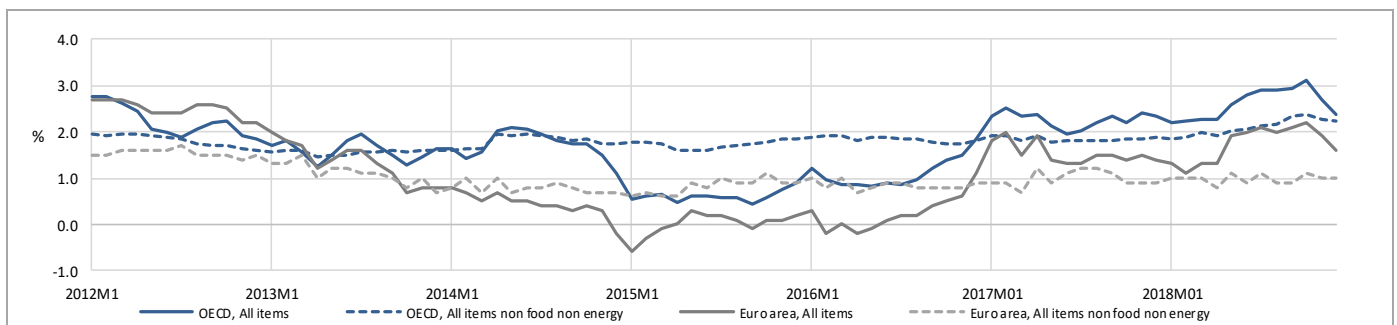
OECD annual inflation slows to 2.4% in December 2018

Annual inflation in the **OECD area** slowed to 2.4% in December 2018, compared with 2.7% in November. Energy price inflation decreased markedly to 3.6% in December, compared with 6.7% in November, while food price inflation slowed marginally, to 1.8%, from 1.9%. Excluding food and energy, OECD inflation also slowed to 2.2%, compared with 2.3% in November.

Graph 1 - Consumer prices, selected areas
December 2018, percentage change on the same period of the previous year



Graph 2 - Total (CPI) and euro area (HICP)
Percentage change on the same month of the previous year



Annual inflation decreased in all **G7 countries**, in December, except **Canada**, where it picked up to 2.0% (from 1.7%). Annual inflation decreased in **Germany** (to 1.7%, from 2.3%), **Italy** (to 1.1%, from 1.6%), **Japan** (to 0.3%, from 0.8%), **France** (to 1.6%, from 1.9%), the **United States** (to 1.9%, from 2.2%) and the **United Kingdom** (to 2.0%, from 2.2%).

Energy and food products, combined, contributed significantly to inflation in many OECD countries in December but had a negligible impact in Canada, Japan and the United States (see Table 3 – contributions to annual inflation).

Annual inflation in the **Euro area**, as measured by the HICP, decreased to 1.6% in December, compared with 1.9% in November. Excluding food and energy, euro area inflation was stable at 1.0% in December. [Eurostat's flash estimate](#) for inflation in January 2019 is 1.4%, and inflation excluding food and energy, 1.1%.

Annual inflation in the **G20 area**¹ decreased to 3.2% in December 2018, compared with 3.4% in November. Among the G20 emerging economies, annual inflation decreased in **Argentina** (to 47.6%, from 48.5%), **South Africa** (to 4.4%, from 5.1%), **Saudi Arabia** (to 2.2%, from 2.8%), **Brazil** (to 3.7%, from 4.0%), **China** (to 1.9%, from 2.2%) and **Indonesia** (to 3.1%, from 3.2%). On the other hand, inflation picked up in **India** (to 5.2%, from 4.9%) and the **Russian Federation** (to 4.3%, from 3.8%).

¹ On 11 July 2017, the Argentinian Authorities started to publish a new national CPI (December 2016 = 100) covering the whole country. This officially reported CPI-series starts in December 2016, and has now been included in the G20 aggregate, from January 2018 onwards. The inclusion of the Argentinian CPI in the G-20 aggregate entailed a clear break in the series. In January 2018, the inclusion of the Argentinian annual national inflation of 24.8% impacted the G-20 aggregate inflation by about 0.25 percentage point. The G-20 CPI aggregate was estimated at 2.5% without inclusion of Argentinian CPI.

Table 1 - Consumer prices, All items, selected countries
 Percentage change on the same period of the previous year

	2017	2018	2018												
	Average		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
OECD-Total	2.3	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.4
G7	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.6
Euro area (HICP)	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.6
European Union (HICP)	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.7
Major seven countries															
Canada	1.6	2.3	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.4	1.7	2.0
France	1.0	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6
Germany	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.3	1.7
Italy	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.1
Japan	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.3
United Kingdom	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0
United States	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.2	1.9
G20 and other non OECD G20 economies															
G20 (excl. Argentina) ¹	2.3	..	2.5	2.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
G20 (incl. Argentina) ¹	..	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.2
Argentina ¹	..	34.3	24.8	25.0	25.4	25.4	25.5	26.3	29.5	31.2	34.4	40.5	45.9	48.5	47.6
Brazil	3.4	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.7
China	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.5	2.9	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.2	1.9
India	2.5	4.9	4.0	5.1	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.9	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.2	4.9	5.2
Indonesia	3.8	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.1
Russian Federation	3.7	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.3
Saudi Arabia	-0.8	2.5	-1.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.8	2.2
South Africa	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.4	5.0	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.4

Table 2 - Consumer prices, All items non food non energy, selected countries
 Percentage change on the same period of the previous year

	2017	2018	2018												
	Average		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
OECD-Total	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2
G7	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Euro area (HICP)	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.0
European Union (HICP)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Major seven countries															
Canada	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.5
France	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7
Germany	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.4
Italy	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.5
Japan	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
United Kingdom	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
United States	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2

Table 3 - Consumer prices, OECD countries, selected items
 December 2018

	All items		Food	Energy	All items non food non energy	Food	Energy	All items non food non energy
	CPI	HICP	CPI			Contributions to annual CPI inflation		
	percentage change on the same period of the previous year					percentage points		
OECD-Total	2.4		1.8	3.6	2.2			
G7	1.6		0.6	2.1	1.7			
European Union (HICP)		1.7	1.3	5.1	1.1			
Euro area (HICP)		1.6	1.2	5.4	1.0			
Australia ¹	1.8		0.4	4.3	1.7	..	..	..
Austria	1.9	1.7	0.8	5.1	1.7	0.1	0.4	1.4
Belgium	2.3	2.2	1.5	8.9	1.6	0.2	0.9	1.2
Canada	2.0		2.5	-3.7	2.5	0.3	-0.3	2.1
Chile	2.6		2.9	4.0	2.3	0.6	0.3	1.7
Czech Republic	2.0	1.6	-0.6	3.8	2.6	-0.1	0.5	1.8
Denmark	0.8	0.7	-0.2	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.6
Estonia	3.4	3.3	1.7	9.0	2.8	0.4	1.2	1.8
Finland	1.2	1.3	1.1	5.6	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.7
France	1.6	1.9	2.6	7.9	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5
Germany	1.7	1.7	0.9	4.9	1.4	0.1	0.5	1.1
Greece	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Hungary	2.7	2.8	4.5	1.1	2.5	0.9	0.2	1.6
Iceland	3.7	2.0	4.7	5.1	3.5	0.5	0.4	2.9
Ireland	0.7	0.8	-1.4	5.4	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.4
Israel	0.8		3.9	-1.5	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.4
Italy	1.1	1.2	0.8	6.5	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.4
Japan	0.3		-1.6	6.1	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.2
Korea	1.3		4.2	-1.0	1.1	0.6	-0.1	0.8
Latvia	2.6	2.5	0.6	5.7	2.5	0.1	0.8	1.6
Lithuania	1.9	1.8	-0.6	4.8	2.1	-0.1	0.6	1.4
Luxembourg	1.9	1.9	2.3	5.7	1.5	0.3	0.4	1.2
Mexico	4.8		5.5	11.6	3.4	1.0	1.0	2.5
Netherlands	2.0	1.9	1.0	6.2	1.8	0.1	0.5	1.3
New Zealand ¹	1.9		-0.1	7.5	1.5	0.0	0.7	1.1
Norway	3.5	3.9	3.4	23.9	1.6	0.4	1.5	1.3
Poland	1.1	0.9	0.9	3.2	0.6	0.2	..	..
Portugal	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4
Slovak Republic	2.0	1.9	0.8	2.8	2.1	0.1	0.4	1.5
Slovenia	1.4	1.4	0.6	3.8	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.9
Spain	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.1	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.7
Sweden	2.0	2.2	1.9	10.2	1.3	0.3	0.8	1.0
Switzerland	0.7	0.8	1.5	5.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Turkey	20.3	20.3	25.1	22.8	18.2	5.8	2.5	12.0
United Kingdom	2.0	2.1	0.7	5.8	1.8	0.1	0.3	1.6
United States	1.9		0.6	-0.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	1.8

¹ Percentage change Q4 2017 to Q4 2018

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