

## SPRING 2009 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR FRANCE: ANSWERS FROM MEDEF

### MAIN FORECAST

	2008	2009
Real GDP growth	0.5	-1.6
Consumer price inflation	2.8	0.6
Unemployment rate	7.3	8.5
Employment growth	0.5	-2.3

### Components of aggregate demand

Annual % change	2008	2009
Private consumption	1.0	-0.2
Public consumption	1.7	2.3
Investment (Gross fixed capital formation)	0.3	-5.0
Exports	1.0	-5.7
Imports	1.6	-4.2

### ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

	Positive	Negative	Unchanged		
<b>Trend in business climate over the next 6 months</b>		Industry Services			
<b>Trend in profitability over the next 6 months</b>	Positive	Negative Industry Services	Unchanged		
<b>Investment intentions over the next 6 months</b>	Increase (faster pace)	Increase (slower pace)	Unchanged Services	Decrease (slower pace)	Decrease (faster pace) Industry
<b>Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months</b>	Replacement Same	Extension Down	Rationalisation Down	Innovation Down	
<b>Overall trend in employment</b>		Industry: past 6 months Down	Industry: next 6 months Down	Services: past 6 months Down	Services: next 6 months Down

### ACCESS TO FINANCE

<b>Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been...</b>	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
for SMEs		Cost Access		
for larger companies (>250 employees)		Cost Access		
<b>Over the next 6 months, cost /access to finance will be...</b>	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
for SMEs				Cost Access
for larger companies (>250 employees)				Cost Access
<b>For companies, the current financing situation is...</b>	an existential threat	of high concern	somewhat concerning	not worrying
working capital / treasury needs	SMEs large companies			
debt refinancing		large companies		
financing productive investments				
financing innovation and R&D				



**POLICY MIX**

*Given natl. circumstances, are recovery plans appropriate to stimulate the economy?*

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*Monetary policy is...*

*Tight, appropriate for the euro area*

*Tight*

*Appropriate*  
yes

*Loose*

*Loose, appropriate for the euro area*

*Consistency between fiscal and monetary policies*

*adequate*

*inadequate*