



JUNE 2012 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR AUSTRIA: ANSWERS FROM IV

MAIN FORECAST

Annual % change	2012	2013
Real GDP growth	0,8	1,7
Consumer price inflation	2,2	2,0
Unemployment rate	4,5	4,4
Employment growth	0,7	0,8
government net lending (% of GDP)	-3,0	-1,9
gross public debt (% of GDP)	74,2	74,2
current account balance (% of GDP)	1,2	1,7

Components of aggregate demand - in real terms

Annual % change		
Private consumption	0,7	1,1
Public consumption	0,5	0,0
Investment (Gross Fixed Capital Formation)	-1,0	2,1
Private non-residential investment	0,0	2,0
Exports	3,3	5,7
Imports	2,7	5,2

ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

	Positive	Negative	Unchanged
Trend in business climate over the next 6 months		Industry Services	

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Trend in profitability over the next 6 months		Industry Services	

	Increase (faster pace)	Increase (slower pace)	Unchanged	Decrease (slower pace)	Decrease (faster pace)
Investment intentions over the next 6 months		Industry	Services		

	Global demand	Domestic demand	Cost of finance	Availability of finance	Company Profitability	Capacity Utilisation
Influence on companies' investment decisions	positive	negative	neutral	neutral	neutral	positive

	Replacement	Extension	Rationalisation	Innovation
Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months	positive	neutral	positive	na

	Industry: past 6 months	Industry: next 6 months	Services: past 6 months	Services: next 6 months
Overall trend in employment	Same	Same	Up	Same

ACCESS TO FINANCE AND IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON POTENTIAL GROWTH

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	<i>Investment</i>	<i>Inventories and working capital</i>	<i>Internal Financing</i>	<i>Issuance of debt securities</i>	<i>Economic Outlook</i>	
<i>Factors contributing to the demand of bank lending</i>	Positive effect	Neutral effect	Neutral effect	Neutral effect	Very negative effect	
	<i>Bank's capital position</i>	<i>Bank's liquidity position</i>	<i>Access to market financing</i>	<i>Financial Regulation</i>	<i>Economic Outlook</i>	<i>ECB Long term refinancing operations</i>
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