

AUTUMN 2012 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR SPAIN: ANSWERS FROM CEOE

MAIN FORECAST

Annual % change	2012	2013
Real GDP growth	-1,4	-1,4
Consumer price inflation	2,5	2,3
Unemployment rate	25,0	26,5
Employment growth	-4,4	-2,9
Hourly wage growth	n/a	n/a
Hourly labour productivity growth	n/a	n/a
annual hours worked per person employed	n/a	n/a
government net lending (% of GDP)	-7,5	-5,5
gross public debt (% of GDP)	86,3	93,0
current account balance (% of GDP)	-2,0	-0,5

ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>			
<i>Trend in business climate over the next 6 months</i>		Industry				
<i>Trend in profitability over the next 6 months</i>		Industry				
<i>Investment intentions over the next 6 months</i>	<i>Increase (faster pace)</i>	<i>Increase (slower pace)</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>	<i>Decrease (slower pace)</i>	<i>Decrease (faster pace)</i>	Industry
<i>Influence on companies' investment decisions</i>	<i>Global demand</i>	<i>Domestic demand</i>	<i>Cost of finance</i>	<i>Availability of finance</i>	<i>Company Profitability</i>	<i>Capacity Utilisation</i>
	na	na	na	na	neutral	negative
<i>investment decisions in the next 6 months</i>	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Extension</i>	<i>Rationalisation</i>	<i>Innovation</i>		
	na	na	na	na		
<i>Overall trend in employment</i>	<i>Industry: past 6 months</i>	<i>Industry: next 6 months</i>	<i>Services: past 6 months</i>	<i>Services: next 6 months</i>		
	Down	Down	na	na		



ACCESS TO FINANCE AND IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON POTENTIAL GROWTH					
<i>Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been...</i>	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier	
<i>for SMEs</i>					
<i>larger companies (>250 employees)</i>					
<i>Over the next 6 months, cost/access to finance will be...</i>	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier	
<i>for SMEs</i>			Cost		
<i>larger companies (>250 employees)</i>			Cost Access		
	<i>Measures to improve bank lending capacity</i>	<i>Facilitating access to capital markets (corporate bonds and stock markets)</i>	<i>Improving conditions for equity financing</i>		
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	<i>Measures to improve bank lending capacity</i>	<i>Facilitating access to capital markets (corporate bonds and stock markets)</i>	<i>Improving conditions for equity financing</i>		
<i>Measures to alleviate current financial difficulties for midsize and large companies</i>	Very limited effect	Very limited effect	Moderate effect	Very important effect	