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Budget deficit, public debt, current debt, banks' balance sheets and cost level in 2010

In per cent of country's GDP. 2010

	GDP Average 2000 – 2010	Budget balance ¹⁾	Government debt ¹⁾	Current account	Banks' balance sheets	Cost level relative to Germany ²⁾
Greece	2.6	-10.5	142.8	-11.8	224	118.8
Portugal	1.0	-9.1	93.0	-9.8	324	118.3
Spain	2.4	-9.2	60.1	-4.5	327	120.7
Italy	0.6	-4.6	119.0	-4.2	245	119.2
Ireland	3.3	-32.4	96.2	-0.7	992	99.2
Belgium	1.6	-4.1	96.8	2.4	322	119.7

^{1.} Public sector as defined in ESA95 (Maastricht): Central, regional and municipal governments are included Budget balance is net borrowing in public sector. Government debt equals nominal value of gross debt in public sector at year-end

Sources: European Commission, national central banks and ECB

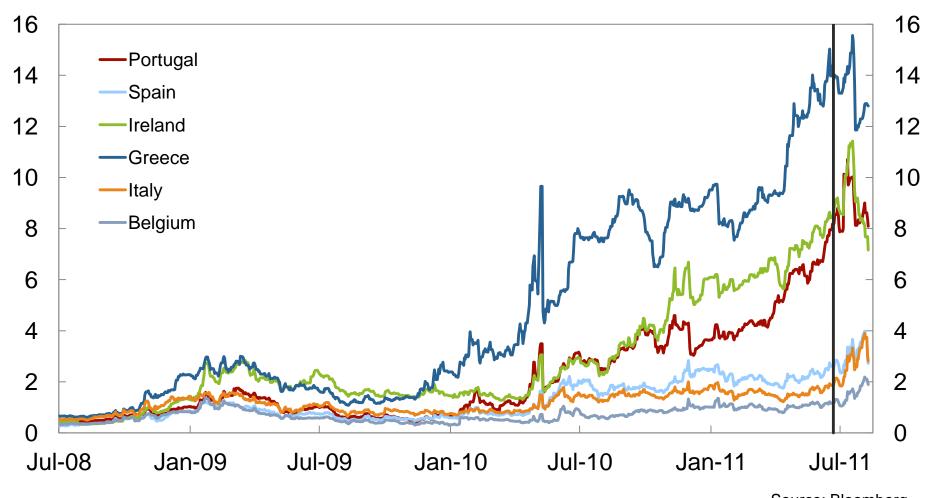
^{2.} Unit labour costs (ULC), relative to Germany in 2010. Germany = 100. Index. Start year = 2000

Euro area countries' latest rescue package

- New loan to Greece (EUR 109bn, IMF participation likely).
- Grace period. Lower interest rates and longer maturities, also on current loans. Portugal and Ireland will be given similar terms.
- The private sector will maintain a significant portion of their loans to Greece, but guaranteed by high-quality securities bought by Greece, financed with EFSF funds
 - => Can reduce the Greek debt to 110-120% of GDP in 2020
- Expanded scope of EFSF (and later ESM), enabling them to:
 - provide loans to countries on the basis of a precautionary programme
 - fund recapitalisation of banks also in countries without a loan programme
 - purchase government bonds in the secondary market

Yield spread over German 10-year government bonds

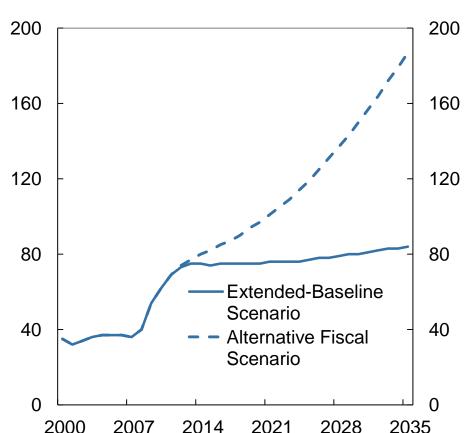
Percentage points. 1 July 2008 – 9 August 2011



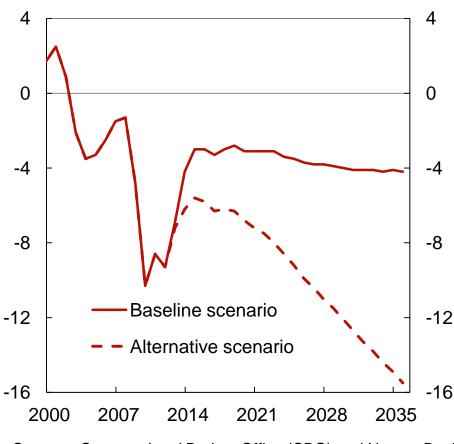
US problem I – financial challenges

Per cent of GDP. Projections based on CBO's baseline and alternative projection. 2000-2010. Forecasts 2011-2035

Government debt1)



Budget balance

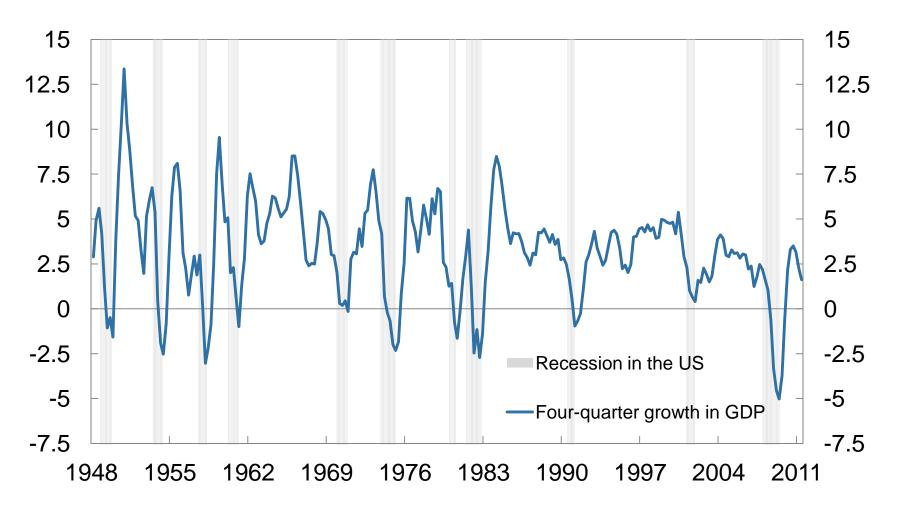


Sources: Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and Norges Bank

1) Debt held by the public

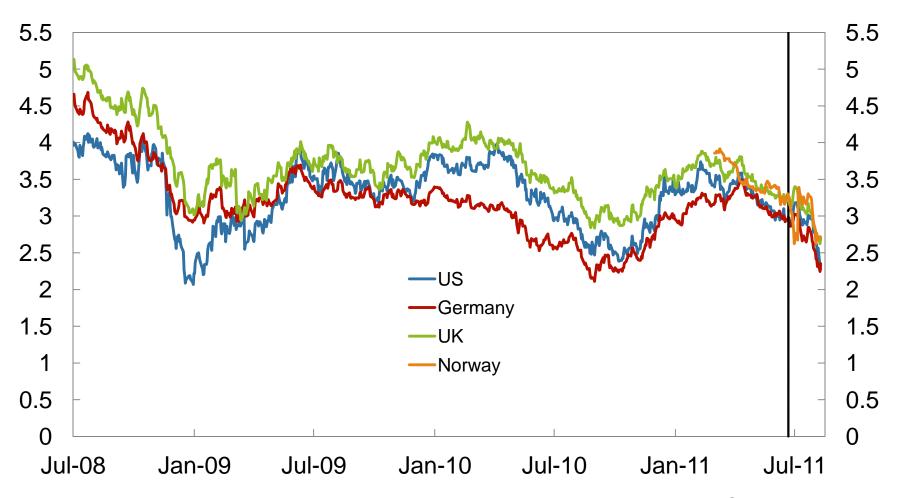
US problem II – weak growth

1948 Q1 - 2011 Q2



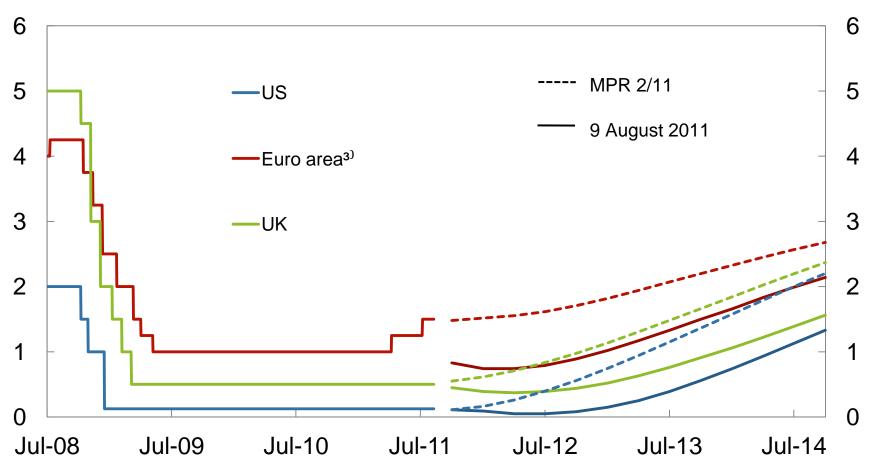
Market reactions – government bonds

Yield on 10-year bonds. Per cent. 1 July 2008 – 9 August 2011



Market reactions – expected key rates¹⁾

Per cent. 1 July 2008 – 31 December 2014²⁾

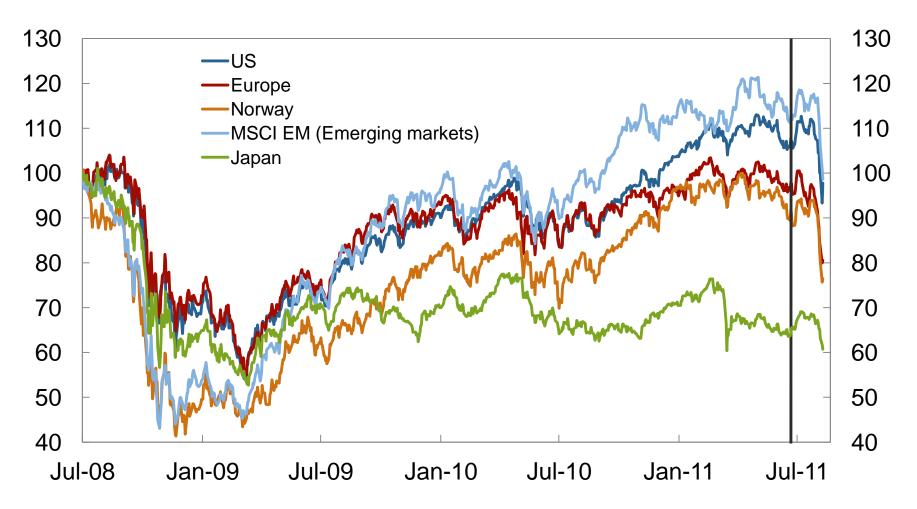


- 1) Expected interest rates are based on Overnight Indexed Swap (OIS) rates
- 2) Daily figures from 1 July 2008 and quarterly figures as at 9 August 2011
- 3) EONIA in euro area

Sources: Bloomberg and Norges Bank

Market reactions – equities

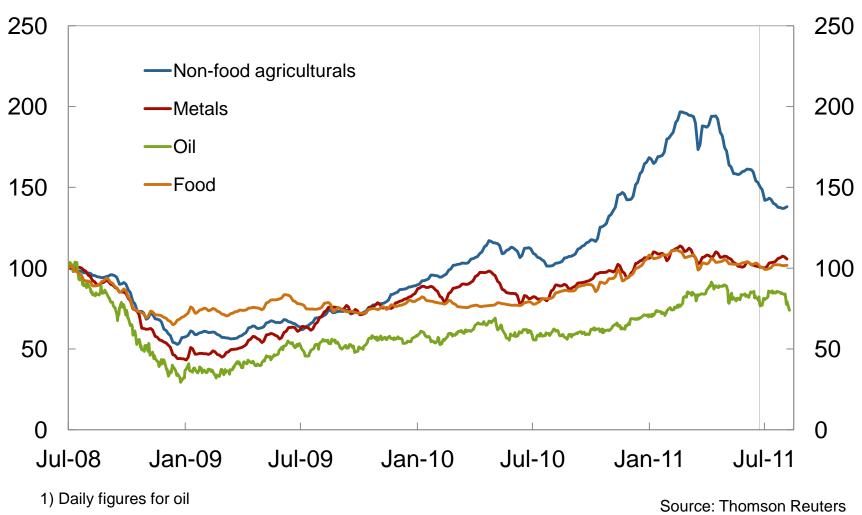
Index, 1 July 2008 = 100. 1 July 2008 – 9 August 2011



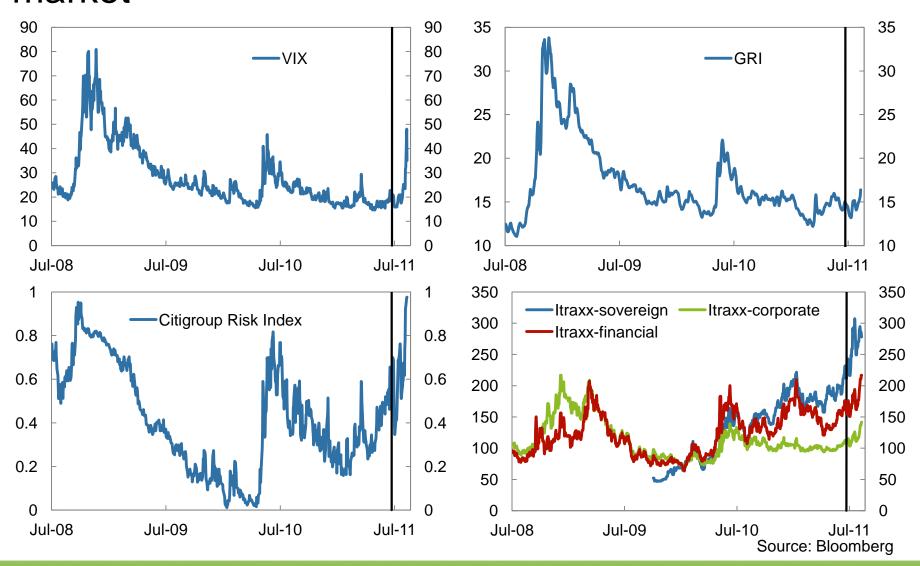
Source: Thomson Reuters

Market reactions – price of oil, metals, food and non-food agriculturals

Weekly figures¹⁾. SDR Index. 1 July 2008 = 100

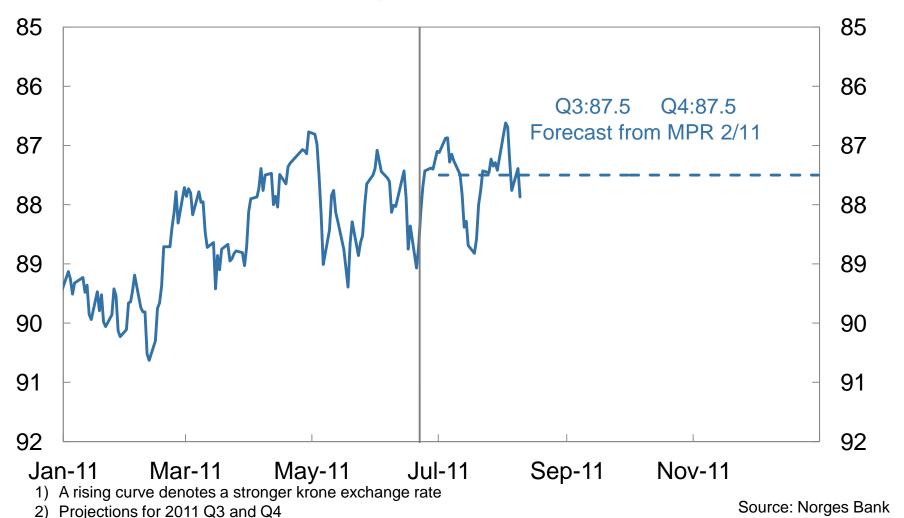


Market reactions – risk indicators in the financial market



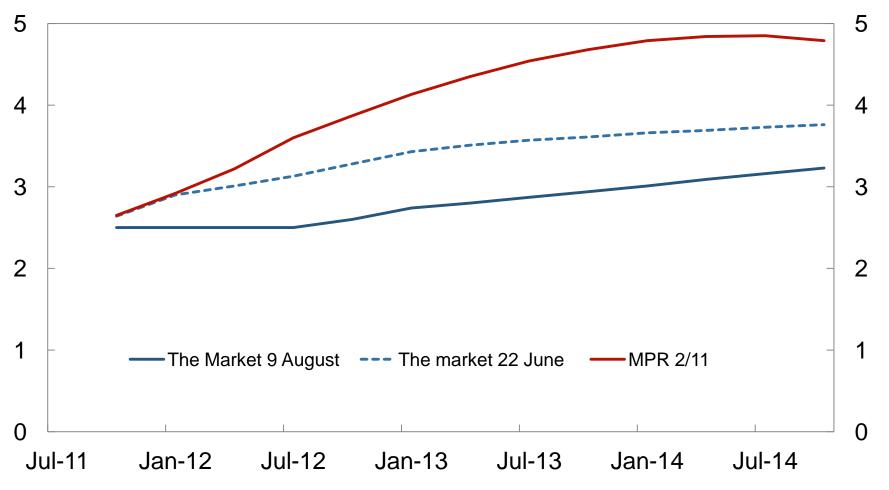
Market reactions – import-weighted exchange rate (1-44)¹⁾

Daily (historical) and quarterly figures (projected)²⁾. January – December 2011



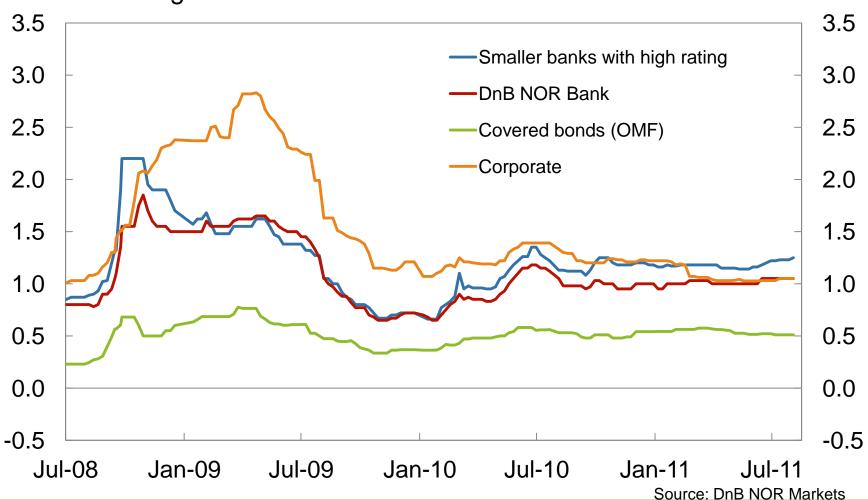
Market reactions – expected key policy rate in Norway

Per cent. 2011 Q4 – 2014 Q3



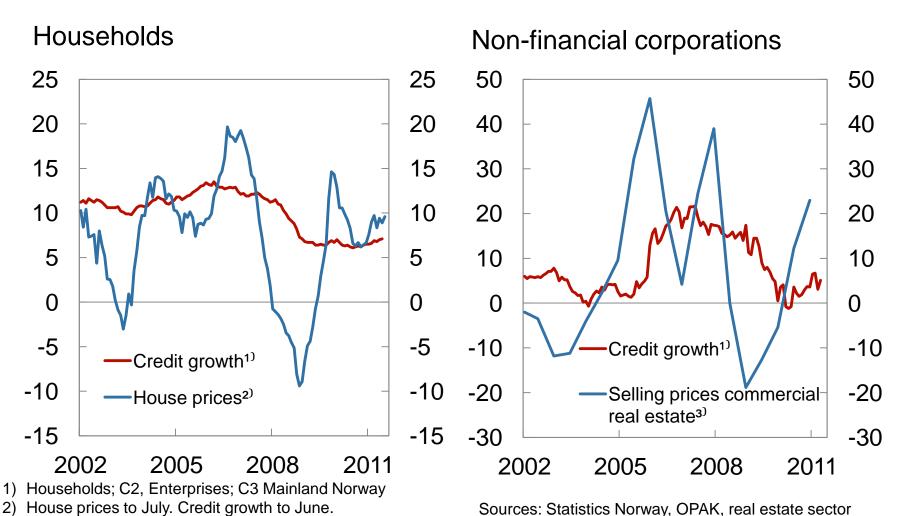
Market reactions – Premiums on Norwegian bonds

Spread over five-year swap rates. Per cent. Week of 2 July 2007 – week of 1 August 2011



Credit growth and property prices

12-month change. Per cent. January 2002 - June 2011



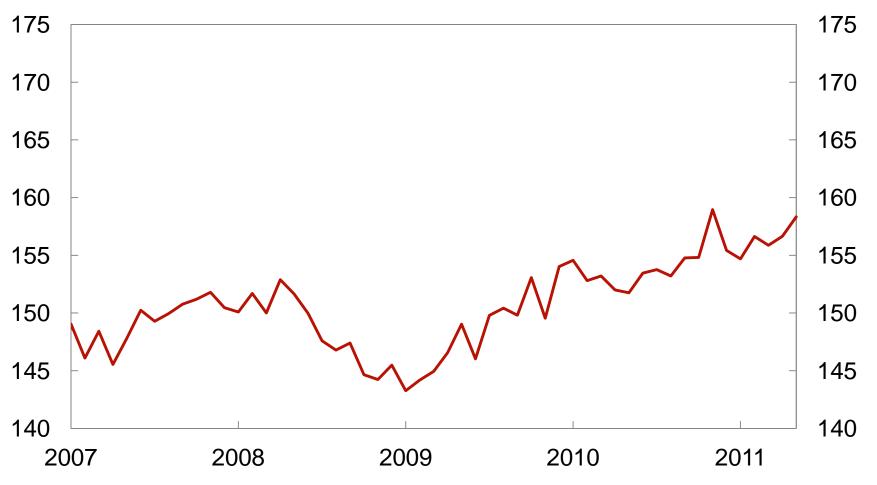
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3) Semi-annual figures to end-2010. Credit growth to April

(NEF, EFF, FINN.no og ECON Pöyry), OBOS and Norges Bank

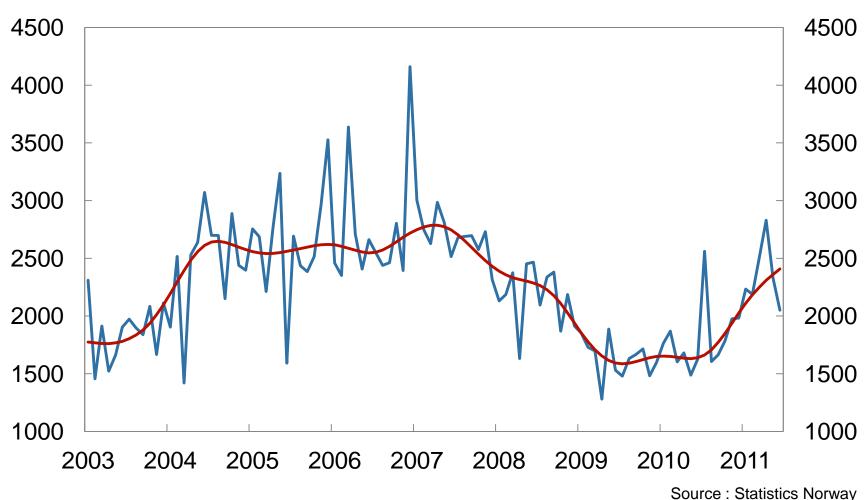
Index of commodity consumption with projections from MPR 2/11

Volume. Seasonally adjusted. January 2007 – May 2011



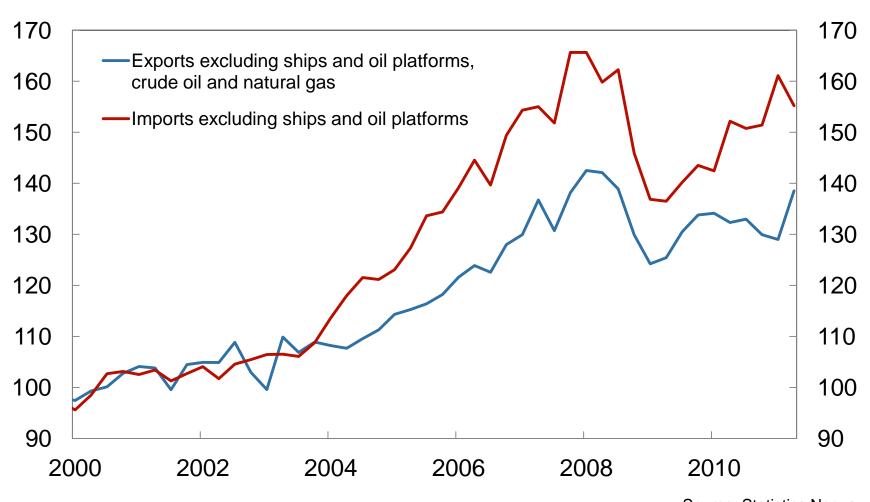
Housing starts

Number. Seasonally adjusted and trended. January 2003 – June 2011



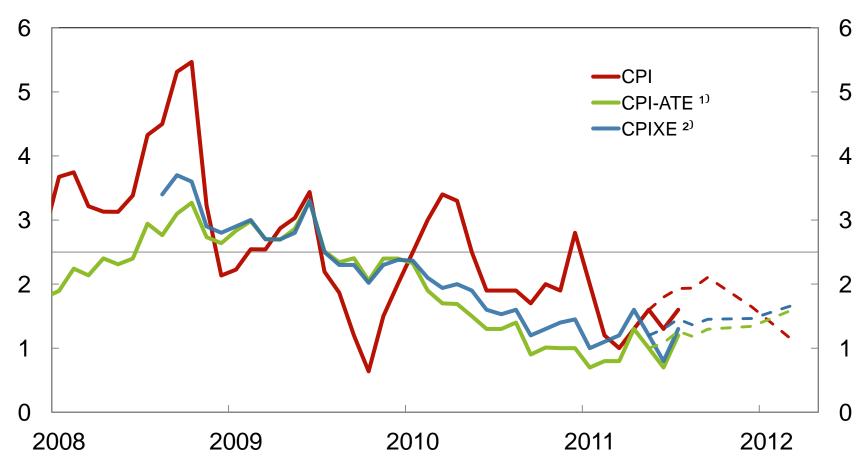
Exports and imports of traditional goods

Volume index. Seasonally adjusted. 2000 = 100. 2000 Q1 - 2011 Q2



Consumer prices

Projections from MPR 2/11 (broken lines). 12-month change. Per cent. January 2008 – March 2012

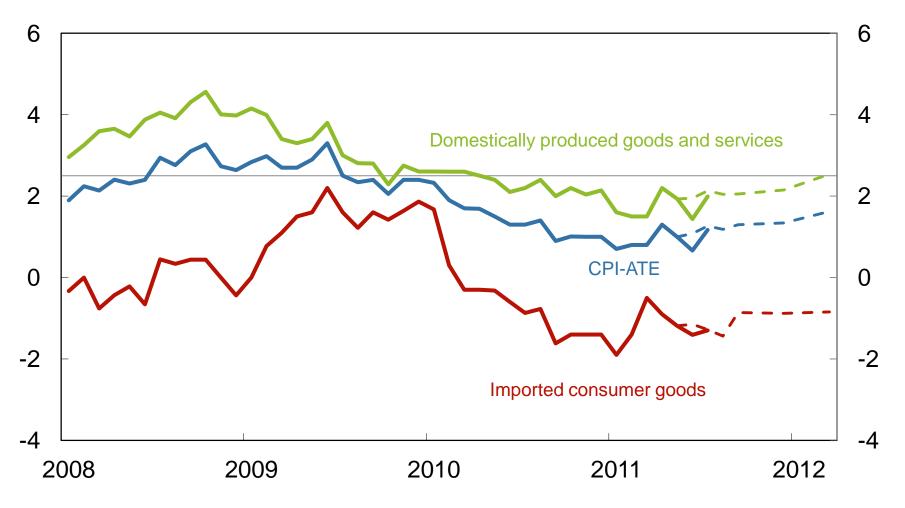


¹⁾ CPI adjusted for tax changes and excluding energy products

²⁾ CPI adjusted for tax changes and excluding temporary changes in energy prices. Real time figures. See Norges Bank Staff memo 7/2008 and 3/2009 Source: Statistics Norway and Norges Bank

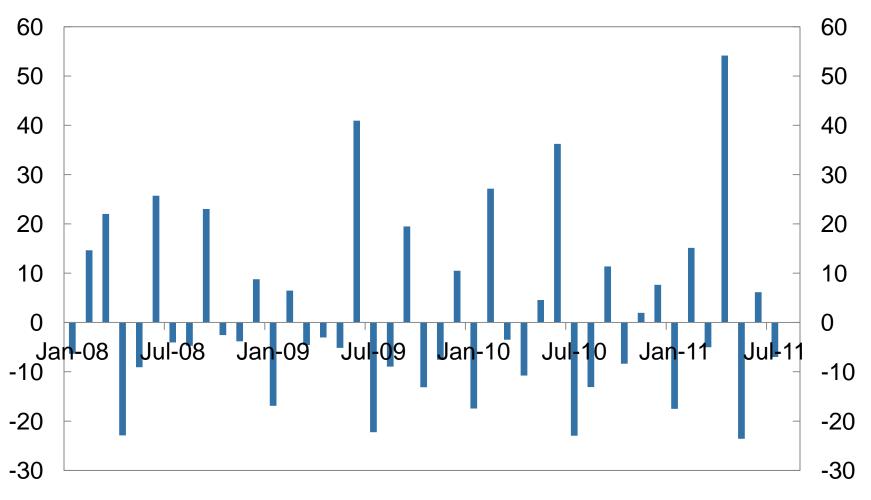
CPI-ATE by supplier sector

Projections from MPR 2/11 (broken lines). Per cent. January 2008 – March 2012



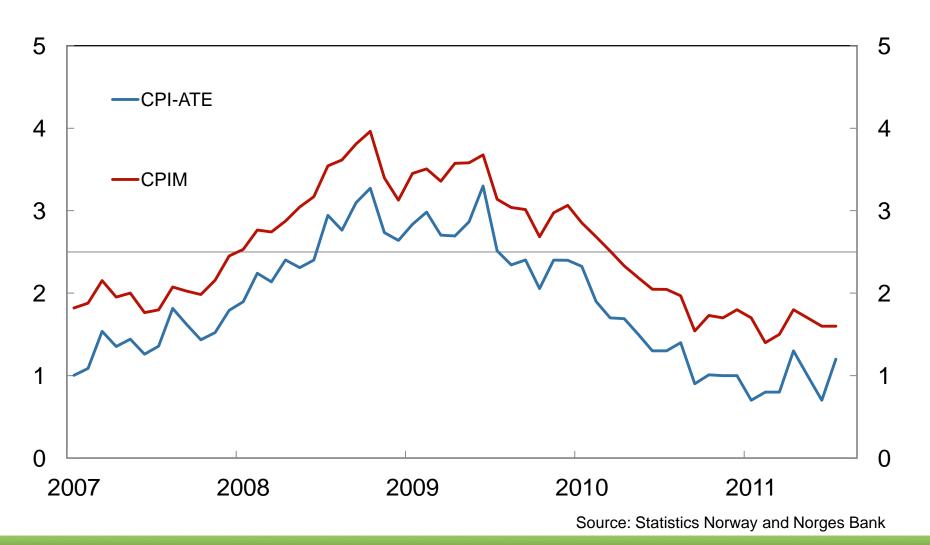
Monthly growth in airline fares in the CPI

Per cent. January 2008 - July 2011



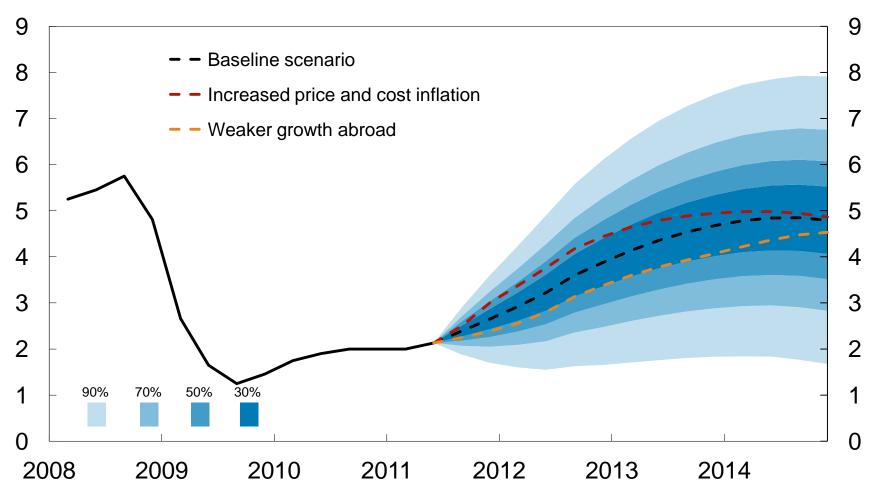
CPI-ATE og CPIM

12-month change. Per cent. January 2007 – June 2011



Norges Bank's key policy rate in the baseline scenario and in the alternative scenarios

Per cent. 2008 Q1 -2014 Q4



Source: Norges Bank

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