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**Flash estimate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and
of the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP)**
February 2016

**The annual change of the flash estimate of the CPI stands at -0.8%
in February, five tenths lower than that registered in January**

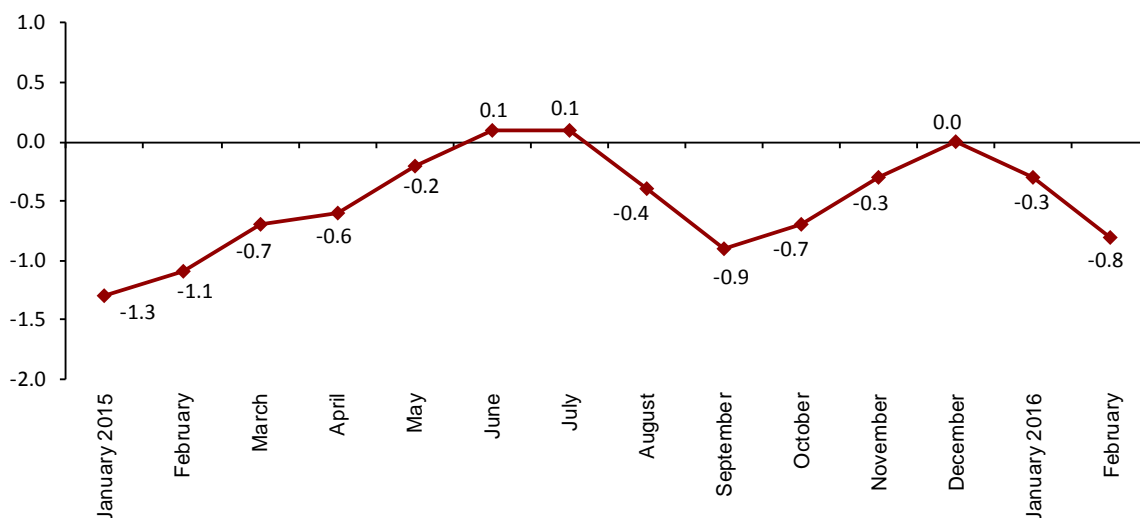
The annual change of the HICP flash estimate is -0.9%

According to the flash estimate published by the INE, the annual inflation of the CPI in February 2016 is -0.8%.

This indicator provides a preview of the CPI that, if confirmed, would imply a decrease of five tenths in its annual rate, given that in January this change was -0.3%.

This decrease is mainly explained by the decrease in the prices of *fuels (gas and diesel oil)* and *food and non-alcoholic beverages*.

Annual evolution of the CPI, base 2011 ⁽¹⁾
Overall Index



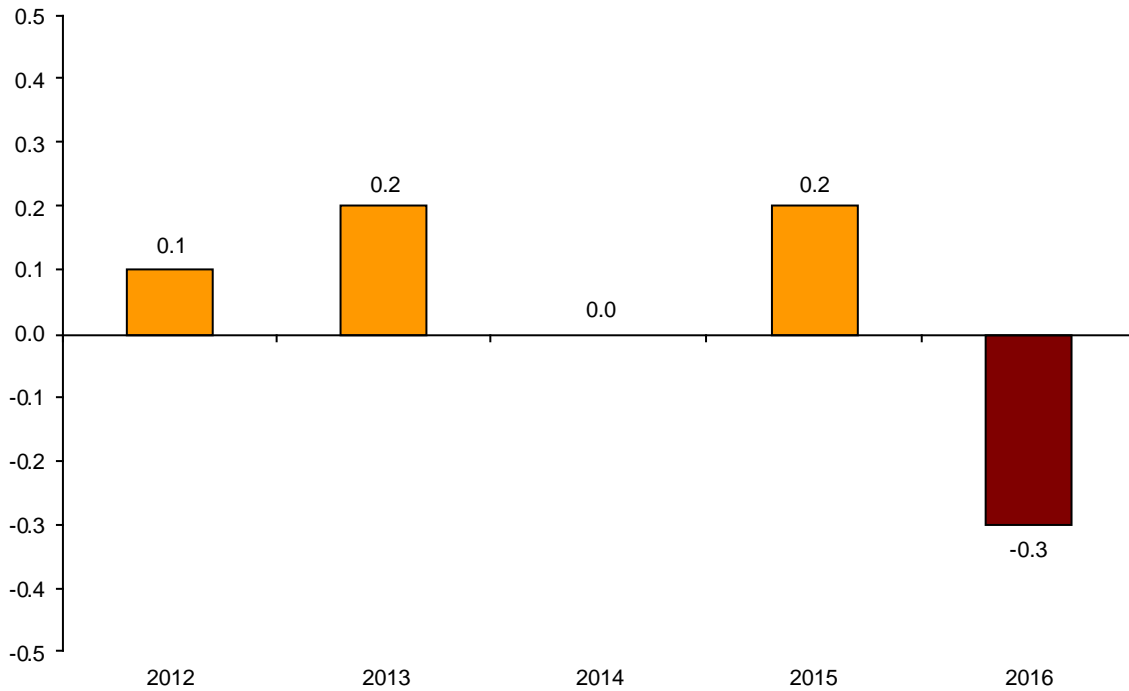
⁽¹⁾ The last data refers to the flash estimate

In turn, the annual change of the HICP flash estimate in February stands at -0.9%. If confirmed, the annual change of the HICP would have decreased five tenths as compared to the previous month.

Evolution of the monthly change

According to the flash estimate of the CPI, consumer prices registers a -0.3% variation in February, as compared to the month of January.

Evolution of the monthly rate of the CPI in the month of February



In turn, the monthly change of the HICP flash estimate in February stands at -0.4%.