

## Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) flash estimate August 2010

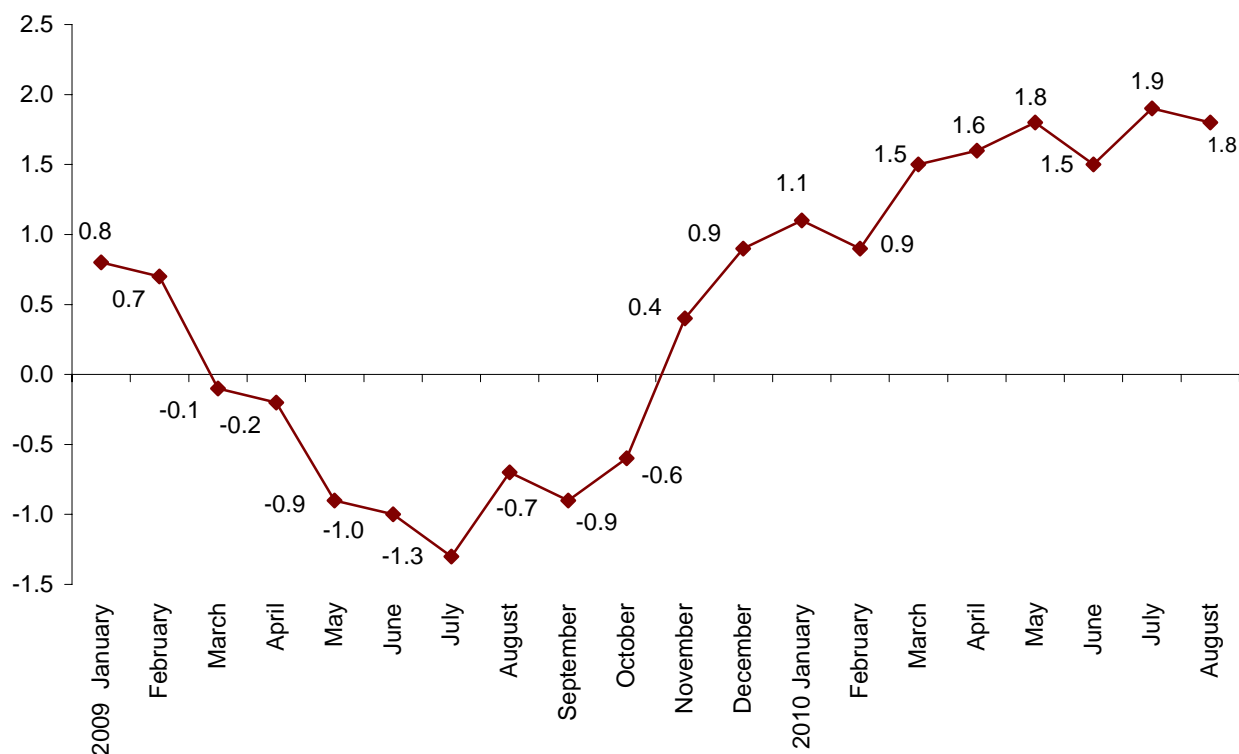
### The HICP flash estimate registers its annual rate as 1.8% in August

The HICP annual inflation is expected to be 1.8% in August 2010, according to the flash estimate issued by the INE.

This indicator provides a preview of the HICP that, if confirmed, would imply a decrease of one tenth in the annual rate, since in July this change was 1.9%. This is mainly as a result of the decrease in prices of *fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment* and the increase in prices of *food and non-alcoholic beverages*.

#### Annual evolution of the HICP <sup>(1)</sup>

##### Overall index



<sup>(1)</sup> The last figure refers to the flash estimate

### **Methodological note**

The INE prepares this indicator with the aim of incorporating it into the calculation of the HICP flash estimate of the European Monetary Union (EMU) published by Eurostat. Obtaining this EMU flash estimate forms part of the Eurostat and European Central Bank policy of offering timely and quality data that is comparable with that produced by the United States.

The flash estimate is calculated using the same methodology as that used for the HICP. The difference between both indicators lies in the information used. In the case of the flash estimate, several statistical modelling methods are used to estimate the information that is not yet available at the time of publication.

**The flash estimate provides information only as a guideline, and therefore it does not have to coincide with the HICP data.**