Box 11

FORECASTS BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS

A number of forecasts for the euro area are available from both international organisations and private sector institutions. However, these forecasts are not strictly comparable with one another or with the Eurosystem staff macroeconomic projections, as they were finalised at different points in time. Additionally, they use different (partly unspecified) methods to derive assumptions for fiscal, financial and external variables, including oil and other commodity prices. Finally, there are differences in working day adjustment methods across different forecasts (see the table).

In the forecasts currently available from other institutions, euro area real GDP is expected to grow by between 1.6% and 2.0% in 2011 and between 1.7% and 2.0% in 2012. All the forecasts are within the ranges of the Eurosystem staff projections.
As regards inflation, the forecasts from other institutions point to average annual HICP inflation of between 2.3% and 2.6% in 2011 and between 1.6% and 1.9% in 2012. With the exception of the IMF projection for HICP inflation in 2011, which is based on different commodity price assumptions, all the forecasts fall within the range of the Eurosystem staff projections.