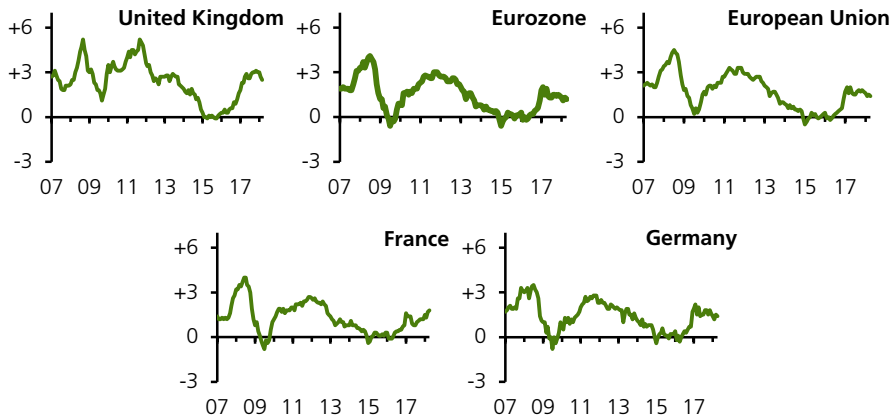


B2: International inflation

Inflation in the EU can be compared using the standard Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), or the CPI as it is known in the UK.



UK inflation, as measured by the CPI, was 2.4 % in the year to April 2018, down from 2.5% in March. This is the lowest level since March 2017.

EU inflation was 1.4% in April 2018, compared with 1.5% in March. EU inflation was 2.0% in April 2017.

Annual inflation in the Eurozone was 1.2% in April, down from 1.3% in March and compared with 1.9% in April 2017.

In Germany, inflation was 1.4% in April, compared with 1.5% in March. In France it was 1.8% in April, up from 1.7% in March.

Romania had the highest inflation rate in the EU in April (4.3%). The lowest inflation rate in the EU was in Cyprus (-0.3%).

Inflation rates: selected countries

Annual % change in consumer prices (HICP)

	2015	2016	2017	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
UK	0.0	0.7	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.4
Eurozone	0.0	0.2	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2
European Union	0.0	0.3	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4
France	0.1	0.3	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.8
Germany	0.1	0.4	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.4

Source: ONS, Eurostat.

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