

## AUTUMN 2009 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR SPAIN: ANSWERS FROM CEOE

MAIN FORECAST					
Real GDP growth		2009	2010		
Consumer price inflation		-4.1	-0.9		
Unemployment rate		-0.1	2.0		
Employment growth		18.7	20.9		
		-7.0	-2.7		
<b>Components of aggregate demand</b>					
Annual % change		2009	2010		
Private consumption		-4.4	-1.8		
Public consumption		4.7	2.9		
Investment (Gross fixed capital formation)		-12.6	-5.8		
Exports		-16.5	-1.1		
Imports		-17.2	-4.6		
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT					
		<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>	
<b>Trend in business climate over the next 6 months</b>			Industry		
			Services		
		<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>	
<b>Trend in profitability over the next 6 months</b>			Industry		
			Services		
		<i>Increase (faster pace)</i>	<i>Increase (slower pace)</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>	<i>Decrease (slower pace)</i>
<b>Investment intentions over the next 6 months</b>					Industry
					Services
		<i>Fall in global demand</i>	<i>Cost of finance</i>	<i>Availability of finance</i>	
<b>Influence on companies' investment decisions</b>		negative	neutral	negative	
		<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Extension</i>	<i>Rationalisation</i>	<i>Innovation</i>
<b>Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months</b>		important	neutral	important	neutral
		<i>Industry: past 6 months</i>	<i>Industry: next 6 months</i>	<i>Services: past 6 months</i>	<i>Services: next 6 months</i>
<b>Overall trend in employment</b>		Down	Down	Down	Down
ACCESS TO FINANCE AND IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON POTENTIAL GROWTH					
<b>Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been...</b>	for SMEs	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
			Cost		
			Access		
	for larger companies (>250 employees)			Cost	
				Access	
<b>Over the next 6 months, cost /access to finance will be...</b>	for SMEs	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier
				Cost	
				Access	
	for larger companies (>250 employees)			Cost	
				Access	
<b>For companies, the current financing situation is...</b>	threat to company existence	of high concern	somewhat concerning	not worrying	
<b>working capital / treasury needs</b>	SMEs	large companies			
<b>debt refinancing</b>	SMEs	large companies			
<b>financing productive investments</b>		SMEs	large companies		
<b>financing innovation and R&amp;D</b>			SMEs	large companies	
			large companies		
<b>Based on measures taken at national and EU level, the crisis will lead to...</b>		a fall in the potential growth rate			



POLICY MIX					
	<i>Tight, appropriate for the euro area</i>	<i>Tight</i>	<i>Appropriate</i>	<i>Loose</i>	<i>Loose, appropriate for the euro area</i>
<i>Monetary policy is...</i>			yes		
	<i>adequate</i>	<i>inadequate</i>			
<i>Consistency between fiscal and monetary policies</i>	yes				
	<i>excellent commitment</i>	<i>satisfactory commitment</i>	<i>neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory commitment</i>	<i>unsatisfactory commitment</i>	<i>no clear commitment creating an extremely worrying situation</i>
<i>Regarding the sustainability of public finances, government shows ...</i>					yes
	<i>respect the 3% limit</i>	<i>be in balance</i>			
<i>In 2015, the government deficit will...</i>	yes	no			