

AUTUMN 2009 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR FINLAND: ANSWERS FROM EK

MAIN FORECAST					
Real GDP growth		2009	2010		
Consumer price inflation		-6.0	0.0		
Unemployment rate		0.2	1.0		
Employment growth		9.0	10.5		
		-5.0	-2.0		
Components of aggregate demand					
Annual % change		2009	2010		
Private consumption		-2.9	-0.3		
Public consumption		1.1	-0.1		
Investment (Gross fixed capital formation)		-10.0	-6.0		
Exports		-18.0	1.0		
Imports		-14.0	-2.0		
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT					
	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>		
Trend in business climate over the next 6 months	Industry		Services		
	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>		
Trend in profitability over the next 6 months	Industry		Services		
	<i>Increase (faster pace)</i>	<i>Increase (slower pace)</i>	<i>Unchanged</i>	<i>Decrease (slower pace)</i>	<i>Decrease (faster pace)</i>
Investment intentions over the next 6 months				Industry	Services
	<i>Fall in global demand</i>	<i>Cost of finance</i>	<i>Availability of finance</i>		
Influence on companies' investment decisions	negative	neutral	negative		
	<i>Replacement</i>	<i>Extension</i>	<i>Rationalisation</i>	<i>Innovation</i>	
Driving force behind investment decisions in the next 6 months	neutral	not important	neutral	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>	
Overall trend in employment	Down	Down	Down	Down	
ACCESS TO FINANCE AND IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON POTENTIAL GROWTH					
Compared to 6 months ago, cost/access to finance has been...	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier	
for SMEs		Access	Cost		
for larger companies (>250 employees)		Access	Cost		
Over the next 6 months, cost /access to finance will be...	sharply up / restrained	up / more difficult	same	down / easier	
for SMEs			Access	Cost	
for larger companies (>250 employees)			Cost	Access	
For companies, the current financing situation is...	threat to company existence	of high concern	somewhat concerning	not worrying	
working capital / treasury needs		SMEs	large companies		
debt refinancing			SMEs large companies		
financing productive investments			SMEs large companies		
financing innovation and R&D			SMEs large companies		
Based on measures taken at national and EU level, the crisis will lead to...	no change in the potential growth rate but a permanent shift in the potential output level				



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			