



## FEBRUARY 2010 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR FRANCE: ANSWERS FROM MEDEF

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MAIN FORFOACT					
MAIN FORECAST		2000	2040		
D 1000 #		2009	2010		
Real GDP growth		-2.2	2.0		
Consumer price inflation		0.1	1.0		
Unemployment rate		9.1	9.9		
Employment growth		-1.2	-0.5		
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Components of aggregate demand - in r	eal terms				
Annual % change		2009	2010		
Private consumption		0.6	0.8		
Public consumption		1.6	2.2		
Investment (Gross fixed capital formation)		-7.0	-0.6		
Exports		-10.8	5.5		
Imports		-9.7	4.6		
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT					
	Positive	Negative	Unchanged		
Trend in business climate over the next	Industry	110 <b>3</b> 0011			
6 months	Services				
	Positive	Negative	Unchanged		
Trend in profitability over the next 6		-	Industry		
months			,		
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	Increase	Increase	Unchanged	Decrease	Decrease
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Investment intentions over the next 6				Industry	
months					
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	Global demand	Domestic demand	Cost of finance	Availability of finance	
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Influence on companies' investment					
decisions .	negative	negative	neutral	neutral	
	Replacement	Extension	Rationalisation	Innovation	
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Driving force behind investment	negative	negative	positive	positive	
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Overall trend in employment	Down	Down	Down	Same	
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POLICY MIX					
	Tight, appropriate for the euro area	Tight	Appropriate	Loose	Loose, appropriate for
Monetary policy is			yes		
	adequate	inadequate			
Consistency between fiscal and monetary policies					
	excellent committment	satisfactory committment	neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory committment	unsatisfactory committment	no clear committment creating an extremely worrying situation
Regarding the sustainability of public finances, government shows					, ,
	respect the 3% limit	be in balance			
In 2015, the government deficit will	yes	no			