

FEBRUARY 2010 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THE EURO AREA

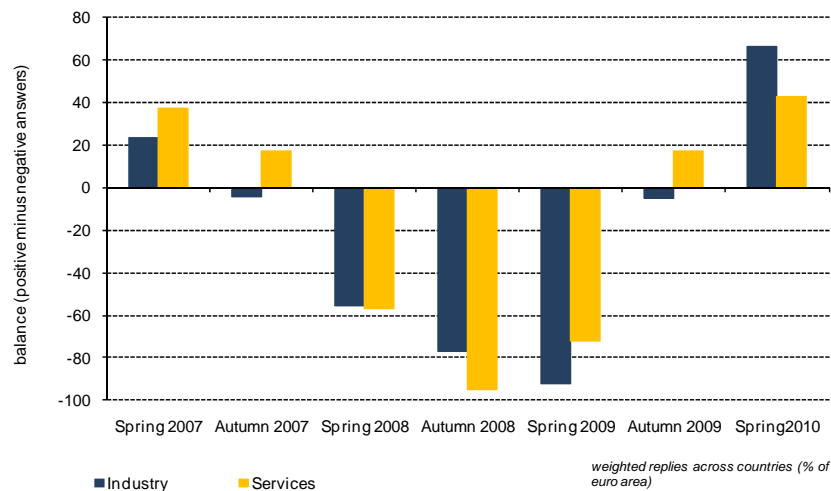
MAIN FORECASTS

	2008	2009	2010
Real GDP (annual % growth)	0.7	-3.9	1.2
Inflation (%)	3.3	0.3	1.2
Unemployment (%)	7.5	9.4	10.8
Employment (annual % growth)	0.7	-2.0	-1.5
GDP components			
annual %-growth			
Private consumption	0.4	-1.1	0.4
Public consumption	2.2	2.2	1.5
Gross fixed capital formation	-0.4	-13.9	-1.4
Exports	1.2	-13.4	4.7
Imports	1.2	-11.8	2.9

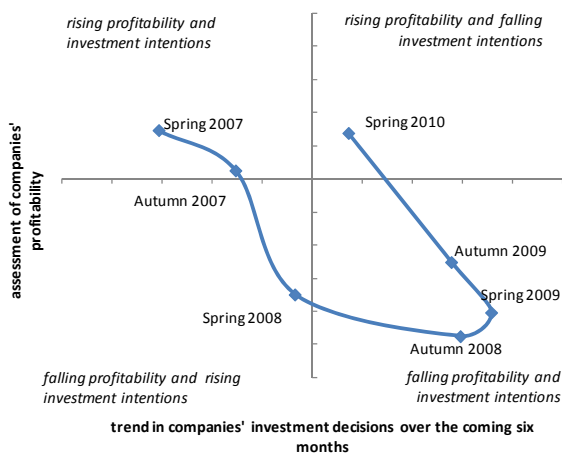
Source: BUSINESSEUROPE Economic Outlook (February 2010), Eurostat

ECONOMIC SENTIMENT

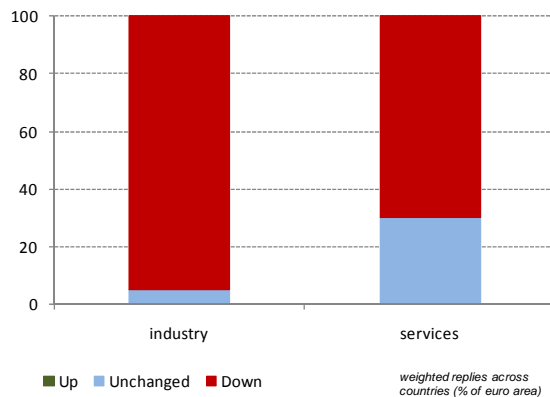
Assessment business confidence



Assessment of companies' profitability and investment intentions

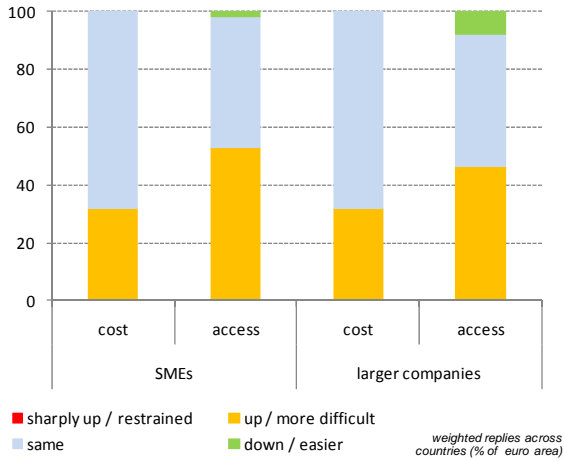


Employment intentions over the next six months

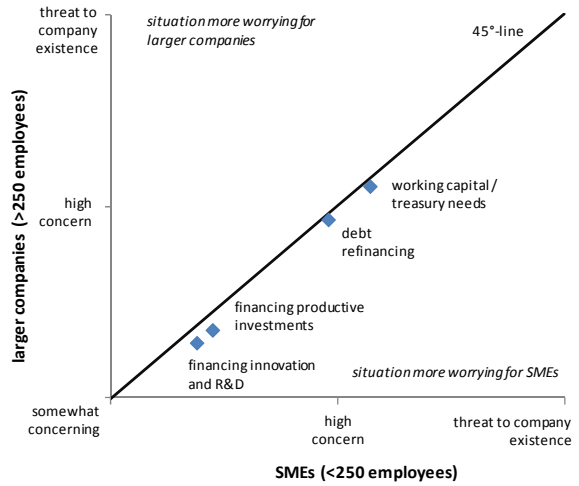


ACCESS TO FINANCE

Assessment of companies' access to finance over the next six months

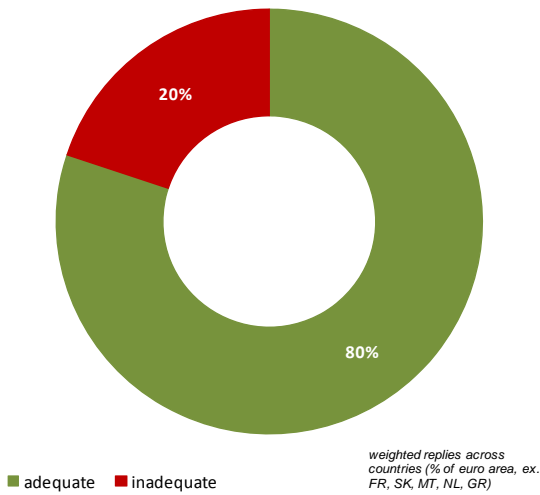


Assessment of conditions in specific areas of companies' financing needs



POLICY MIX

Assessment of consistency between national fiscal and monetary measures



Assessment of governments' commitments to ensure sustainability of public finances

