

Rising inflation – is it here to stay?

24 January 2022, 15:00-16:00

Concept

Organization German Economic Institute (IW) and Association of German Banks (BdB)

Teaser The recent surge in inflation has sparked a sometimes polarizing debate among central bankers, analysts, policymakers and the wider public. In July 2021, the ECB changed its inflation objective to a symmetric 2% target over the medium term. But euro area inflation has surged to 5% in December.

This virtual panel discussion will bring together leading economists to discuss questions like the following: Are we merely witnessing a temporary blip, or could inflation turn into a sustained threat for citizens and markets? Does the ECB adequately balance the benefits and side effects of its monetary policy? What are the political ramifications of inflation?

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Format Livestream via Zoom

Welcome

- **Dr Christian Ossig**, Chief Executive, BdB

Panelists

- **Prof Danuta Maria Hübner**, MEP (EPP, PL), ECON Committee
- **Prof Frank Smets**, Director General Economics, European Central Bank
- **Prof Michael Hüther**, Director, IW
- **Dr Holger Schmieding**, Chief Economist, Berenberg

Conclusion

- **Prof Michael Hüther**, Director, IW

Moderator

- **Alexander Weber**, Bloomberg, Frankfurt

Audience Around 100 international participants from EU Institutions, Permanent Representations, think tanks, financial sector

Language English

Schedule

14h45	Preparatory meeting of the moderator and panelists
15h00	Welcome note by Mr Ossig
15h05	Housekeeping + introduction of speakers by the moderator
15h10	Introductory remarks by the panelists
15h25	Questions to the panelists by the moderator
15h40	Open discussion with questions from the audience (Chat)
15h55	Concluding remarks by Mr Hüther
16h00	End of event

Media

- Social Media (esp. Twitter, LinkedIn)
- Video to be embedded on Website BdB and IW (tbd)