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Inflation at 5.4% in November 2023 according to flash estimate

No further decline of inflation

Vienna, 2023-11-30 — The inflation rate for November 2023 is expected to be 5.4%, according to calculations by Statistics Austria as part of a flash estimate. Compared to the previous month, consumer prices rose by 0.4%.

"The decline in inflation in Austria paused in November 2023: According to our flash estimate, the inflation rate will remain at 5.4%, the same as in October. This means that the trend of falling inflation rates that we have been observing since the beginning of the year has been interrupted for the time being. This is mainly due to the fact that household energy prices are having much less of a dampening effect on general inflation than in previous months. In addition, there was a significant increase in prices for package holidays in November", says Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas.

Consumer Price Index (CPI), November 2023

- +5.4% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.4% monthly rate of change (estimate)

Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), November 2023

- +4.9% yearly rate of change (estimate)
- +0.2% monthly rate of change (estimate)

The index level of the consumer price index and further results for November 2023 will be announced on 19 December 2023. For more information on the consumer price index, please refer to our <u>website</u>.

Information on methodology, definitions: The flash estimates are based on the price data stock existing at the time of publication for the compilation of the consumer price index at the end of a respective reference month. Usually about 80% to 90% of the prices collected for the CPI can be used for the flash estimate, but without having gone through the full price statistical validation checks. Price reports received later or delayed for the reference month, as well as the corrections made in the course of the usual data compilation process, mean that the CPI flash estimates can differ from the annual and monthly rates of change of the consumer price index published in the middle of the following month (see CPI publication dates). It is not permissible to use the CPI flash estimate for contractual value adjustments or to equate it with the results of the consumer price index or the harmonised consumer price index.

Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP): Differences between the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the EU-wide comparable Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) are primarily based on weighting differences. While the CPI only takes into account households living in Austria, the HICP also covers expenditure by foreign tourists.

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