

# Inflation is too high – the policy rate is raised

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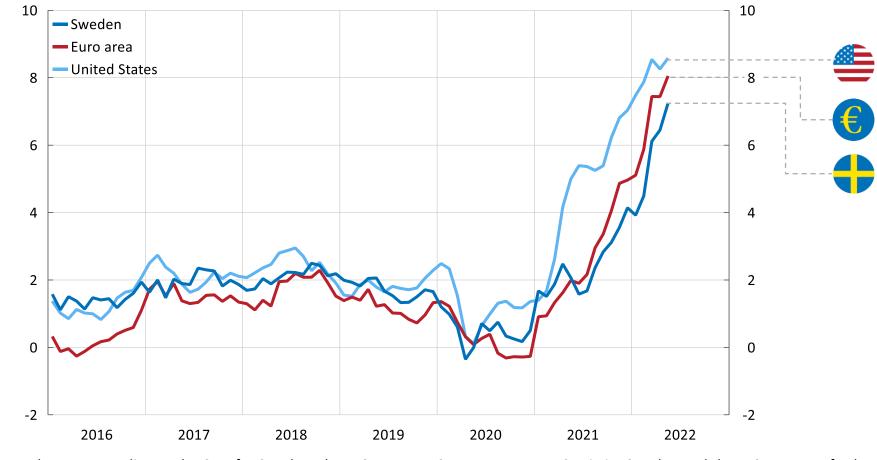
### **Monetary policy June 2022**

- Policy rate raised by 0.5 percentage points to 0.75 per cent
- The rate is expected to be close to 2 per cent at the beginning of next year
- The Riksbank's asset holdings to be reduced more rapidly





### Inflation is rising rapidly around the world



Annual percentage change. According to the CPIF for Sweden, the HICP for the euro area and the CPI for the United States.

Sources: Eurostat, Statistics Sweden and the U.S. Bureau of Labor



## Why inflation is rising so rapidly

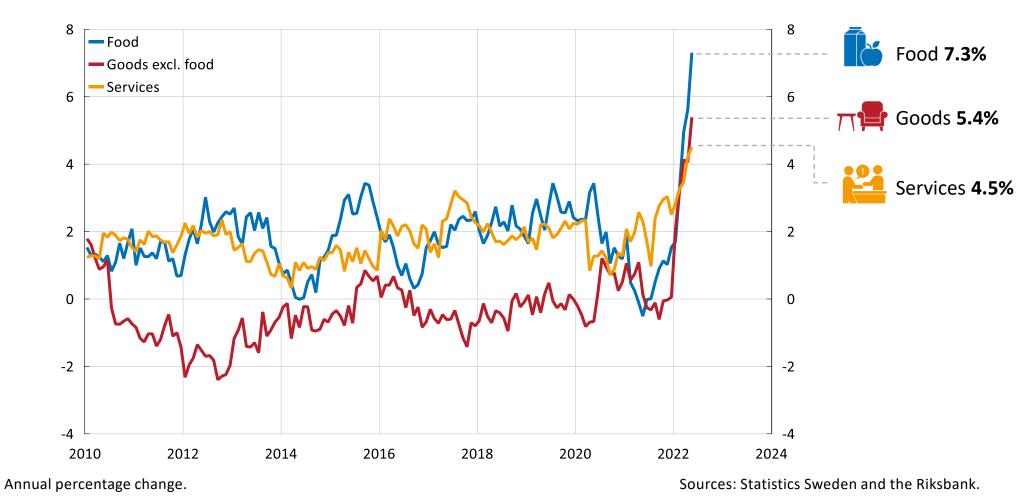
- Rapid and substantial recovery from the pandemic
- Disruptions in production and freight have led to high global market prices
- The war in Ukraine has driven up food prices and already high energy prices
- Price rises spreading further in the economy

We have never experienced such a favourable economic situation as now

Quotes from the Riksbank's Business Survey



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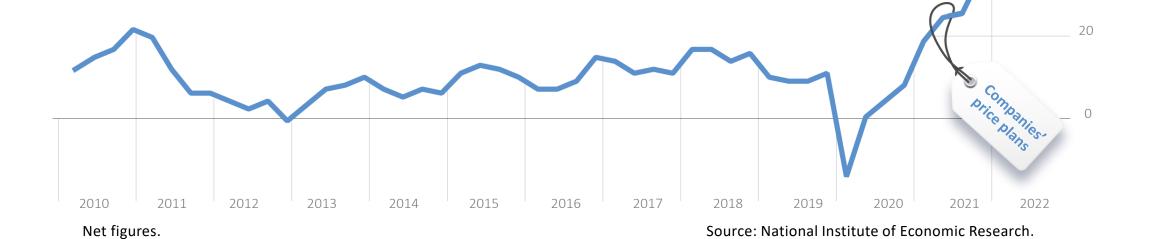




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### Signs of new price-setting behaviour?

- Companies' costs have increased rapidly
- Profitability in the business sector is better than normal
- Consumer prices have increased more than usual in relation to costs



# Increased risk of inflation becoming entrenched in price- and wage-setting

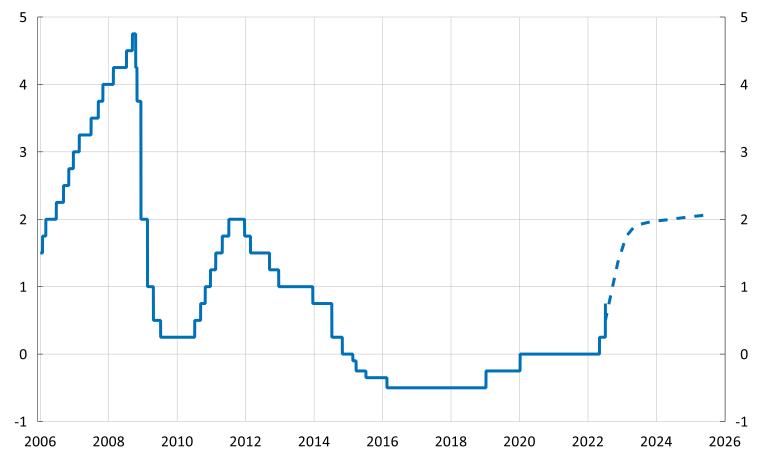
- Persistently high inflation creates problems for households and companies
- The Riksbank's task is to safeguard the inflation target
- Low and stable inflation creates conditions for favourable economic development







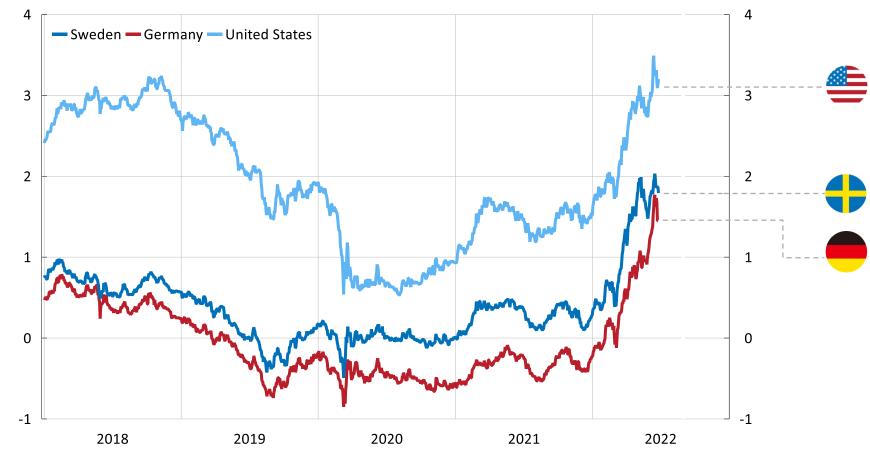
#### Higher policy rate to counter high inflation



Source: The Riksbank.



#### Rapidly rising bond yields abroad

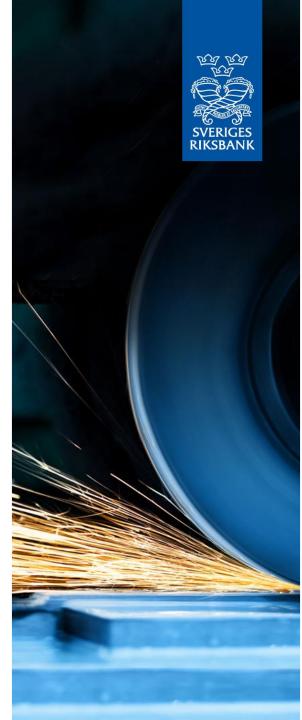


Per cent. Yields on government bonds with 10-year maturity.

Sources: Deutsche Bundesbank, U.S. Department of Treasury and the

# High inflation and higher interest rates will cool a strong economy

- Households will consume less
- Housing investment will decrease from a high level
- More modest labour market development

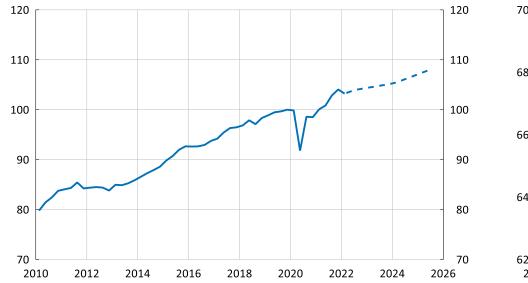


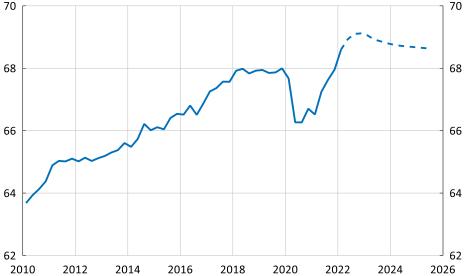


#### Mild slowdown in economic activity

GDP growth slowing down

Historically high employment rate

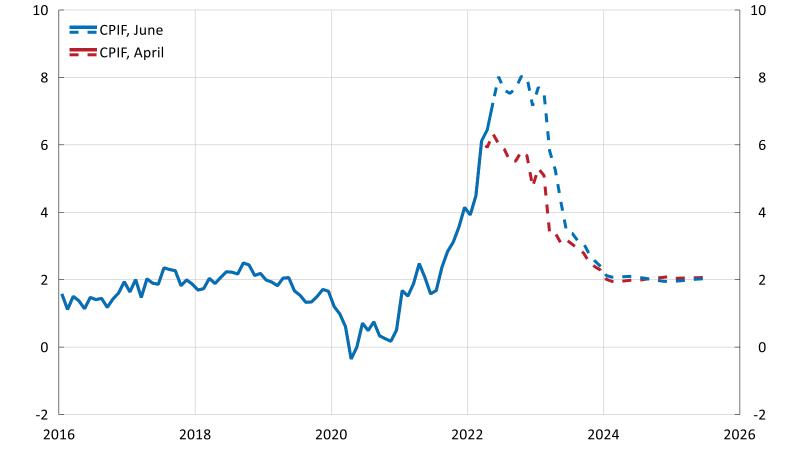




Index, 2019 = 100 and percentage of workforce aged 15–74 years.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank.

# High inflation this year, will begin to fall next year



Annual percentage change.

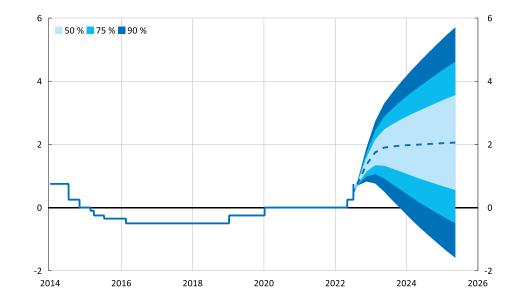
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## When conditions change, monetary policy changes

- Major uncertainty about inflation
- The rate path is a forecast, not a promise
- We have adjusted and will adjust our policy

Monetary policy is aimed at ensuring that inflation returns to the target







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