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# A credible inflation target is good for the economy



Price stability gives clear game rules

- A common anchor provides guidance for pricesetting and wage formation
- Easier for households and companies to make financial decisions
- Price stability creates the right conditions for good economic growth

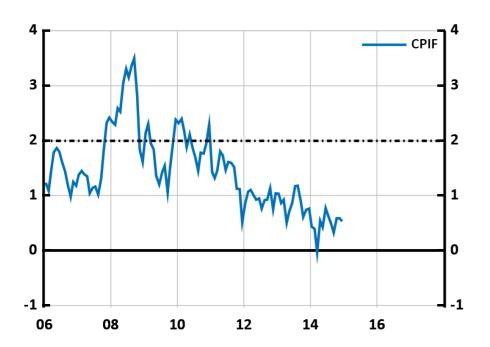




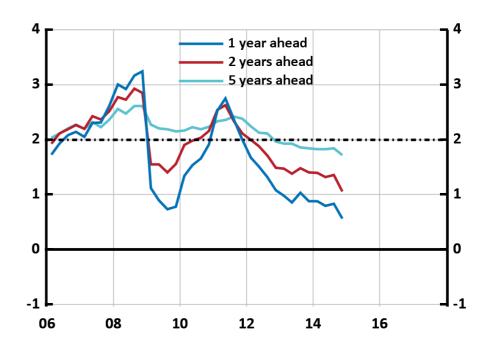


#### Worrying situation 2014–2015

Inflation below the target for a long time



#### Falling inflation expectations



Note. Annual percentage change and per cent, mean value. Inflation expectations refer to all participants questioned.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and TNS Prospera

## Inflation target questioned





Glöm inflationsmålet. Och något utrymme för ger han.

realloneokningar finns inte, tycker arbeitsplavrna infor nata års stora löner i det av problemen. Det är industrina läga investionen med täll procent por det stora läner i stora tindistoren med täll procent por det stora läner i stora tindistoren med täll procent por läner i stora tindistoren med täll procent som til stora tindistoren med täll procent som til stora tindistoren procent som til stora til goda realioneuvecking tor lontagarna mäste få ett slut. Den har slagit mot svenska företagens konkurrenskraft, menar de.

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-VI MASTE ATERSTALLA konkurrenskraften som vi tappat under ett antal åt, såger
Anders Weihe, förhandlingsjobben att lägag löneökningjobben att lägag löneökninginställningen.

TT in GP, June 2015



SvD. December 2014



DI Debatt, June 2015



Professor: Sverige måste låna för att få upp inflationen

Riksbanken kan inte längre göra något för att få upp infla-tionen. Medicinen är i stället kraftigt ökad statlig upplåning. Det säger Tore Ellingsen,



DI, July 2015

#### Industriråd tror inte på inflationsuppgång

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Det finns en risk för att uppgången i inflationen visar sig bli tillfällig och att prognosmakarnas KPI-prognoser på ett par års sikt därmed är för höga.

Det skriver Industrins Ekonomiska Råd (IER) i en rapport inför avtalsrörelsen 2016.



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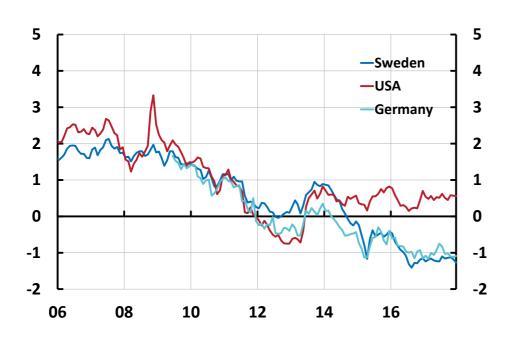


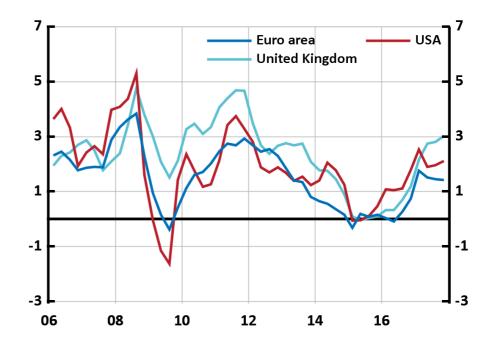




Trend downswing in interest rates around the world

And inflation fell abroad





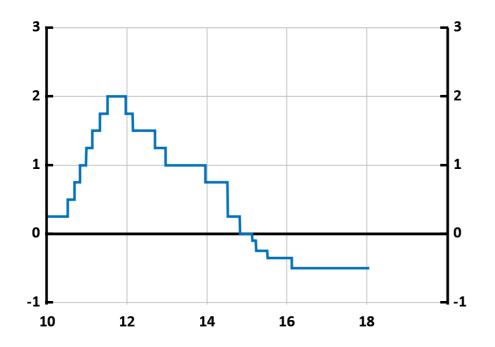
Note: 10-year yield on real government bonds in Sweden, Germany and the United States. Inflation measured as the HICP, which is the EU-harmonised index for consumer prices.

Sources: The ECB and Eurostat

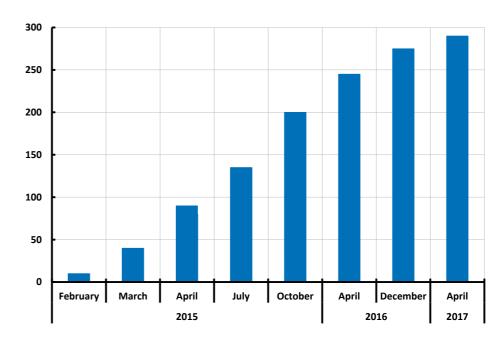


## To safeguard confidence in the inflation target

Reporate cut to -0.50 per cent



Purchases of government bonds



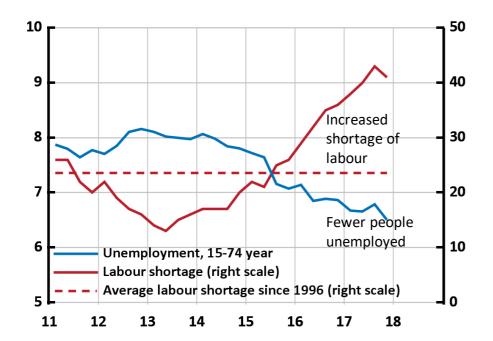
Note. Per cent and SEK billion respectively.

Source: The Riksbank

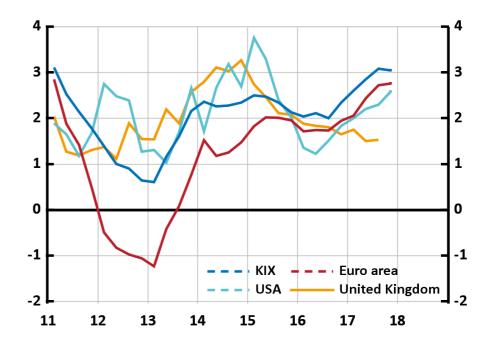


#### Stronger economic activity

In Sweden...



...and abroad



Note. Unemployment is expressed as a per cent and the shortages refer to the percentage of companies that consider there is a shortage of labour. The KIX is an aggregate of countries that are important for Sweden's international transactions.

Sources: The National Institute of Economic Research, Statistics

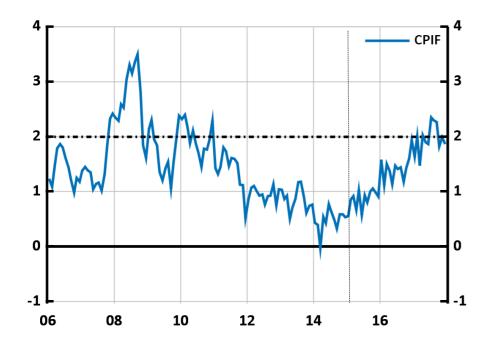
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and the Office for National Statistics

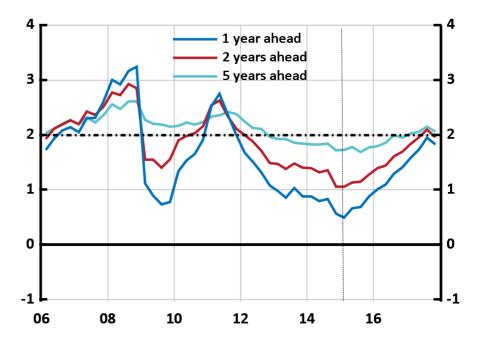


#### Inflation back at 2 per cent

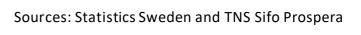
#### Inflation has risen



#### And so have inflation expectations



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#### What has contributed towards inflation rising?

Inflation has risen *despite* moderate wage increases and subdued price pressures from abroad

- Strong economic activity and inflation expectations at 2 per cent have made it easier for companies to raise their prices
- Relatively weak krona
- Energy prices have risen





## Relatively accurate forecasts for 2017

- More accurate forecasts for inflation
- Forecasts for unemployment close to outcomes
- Domestic economic activity more or less as expected
- Accuracy for individual years varies
- In the longer run, relatively minor differences between forecasts by different analysts







## A selection of the Riksbank's development work in 2017

- Gathering prices on the internet contributes to better forecasts for inflation
- New and lower assessment of the long-term level of the reportate
- Evaluation of the experiences of publishing interest rate forecasts
- The Riksbank's role in distribution of income policy is primarily to keep inflation low and stable to benefit growth and employment





## Good target attainment during 2017, but...

- It has taken a long time for inflation to rise back to 2 per cent
- It required very expansionary monetary policy
- Vigilance to avoid finding ourselves in a situation where inflation expectations are falling and are not anchored around the inflation target of 2 per cent

