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Quantitative easing in the euro area

The European Central Bank (ECB) announced on 22 January 2015 its plans for quantitative easing (QE) or unconventional monetary policy measures, in the form of financial asset purchases from banks, corporations or governments, aimed at warding off deflation and stimulating the economy, by lowering the interest rates carried by various instruments and by increasing the monetary base.

The ECB's action, which follows similar operations by the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the Bank of Japan, has elicited divided opinions among economists and policy analysts.

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