

**Question for written answer E-001226/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Annual rate of inflation as of February 2022

As per data published by Eurostat on 17 March 2022<sup>1</sup>, the annual inflation rate in the euro area stood at 5.9% in February 2022.

According to Eurostat, the annual inflation rate in February 2022 was 4.2% in France, 5.5% in Germany and 6.2% in Italy. Annual inflation in the same month stood at 7.2% in Spain, meanwhile, three percentage points higher than in France.

Can the Commission therefore say:

What factors explain why in February 2022, Spain posted an annual inflation rate 1.3 percentage points higher than the euro area average and considerably above the other major euro-denominated economies?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/14358239/2-17032022-AP-EN.pdf/7bd82074-c752-a9bf-dfce-8e9b4eaf666e>