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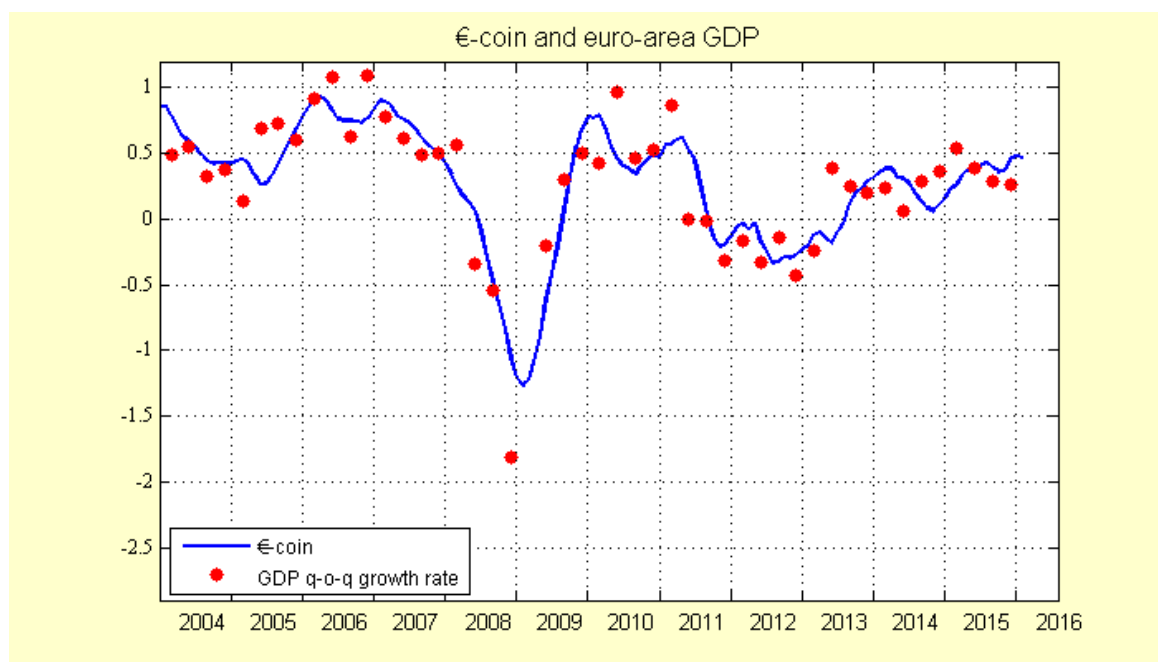
DIFFUSO A CURA DEL SERVIZIO SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE DEL DIRETTORIO E COMUNICAZIONE

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In February €coin remained stable

- The €coin indicator remained fairly stable at high levels in February (0.47 compared with 0.48 in January) after three consecutive increases.
- The favourable contribution of the exchange rate was offset by the effects of the continuing weakness of price growth and by the unfavourable trends emerging from business and consumer surveys.
- The **€coin** indicator developed by the Bank of Italy provides a summary index of the current economic situation in the euro area. The indicator is an estimate of quarterly GDP growth shorn of the most erratic components (seasonal variations, measurement errors and short-run volatility). **€coin** is published monthly by the Bank of Italy and CEPR.
- Next **€coin** release dates: **Thursday 31 March** and **Friday 29 April** (preliminary).

€coin and euro-area GDP – February 2016



€coin collates data from a large set of macroeconomic time series (industrial production indices, business surveys, demand indicators, stock market indices and more). It extracts the information that is relevant to tracking underlying GDP trends for the entire area.

The **€coin** estimate is timely, leading Eurostat's official release of the area-wide GDP growth figure by several months. And it provides a reasonably close anticipation of the quarterly growth rate net of the more volatile components. The estimate of underlying growth trends by **€coin** has two key advantages:

- (i) monthly frequency, with release several months ahead of the official euro-area GDP estimate;
- (ii) immunity to the short-term fluctuations and measurement errors that mark quarterly output growth; that is, the index figure is an indicator of the euro area's actual growth momentum.

The following table shows the performance of the **€coin** indicator over the last year:

Month	€COIN
February 2015	0.23
March 2015	0.26
April 2015	0.33
May 2015	0.38
June 2015	0.39
July 2015	0.41
August 2015	0.43
September 2015	0.39
October 2015	0.36
November 2015	0.37
December 2015	0.45
January 2016	0.48
February 2016	0.47

For further technical details on **€coin**, see "New Eurocoin: Tracking economic growth in real time", *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, No. 92, 1024-1034, available in the Bank of Italy working paper series (Temi di Discussione della Banca d'Italia) no. 631.

http://www.bancaditalia.it/pubblicazioni/temi-discussione/2007/2007-0631/en_tema_631.pdf

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