

SURVEY ON INFLATION AND GROWTH EXPECTATIONS
BANCA D'ITALIA

March 2020

Company Name _____

A0. Which is your firm's main sector? |___| [SETTORS](#)

(1) **Manufacturing**

(2) **Other Industry**

- Mineral extraction from mines
- Electrical, gas, vapour, air conditioning supply
- Water supply
- Sewerage, waste management, and redevelopment

(3) **Trading**

(4) **Other Services**

(5) **Construction**

- Buildings
- Engineering
- Special construction works
(demolition and preparation of building sites,
plant installation, completion and finishing, etc.)

Fill in GREEN questionnaire

Fill in LIGHT BLUE questionnaire

INDUSTRY EXCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES

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B2a. (2/3 of respondents to question B1a) In your opinion, compared with the price stability objective pursued by the European Central Bank, consumer price inflation in the euro area in January was: **BCEa**

Significantly higher Somewhat higher By and large in line with the objective Somewhat lower Significantly lower

B2b. (remaining 1/3 of respondents to question B1a and respondents to question B1b) In your opinion, what is the consumer price inflation rate in the euro area that best represents the price stability objective pursued by the European Central Bank? **BCEb** %

B2c. (respondents to question B1c) In your opinion, what is the consumer price inflation rate in the euro area that best represents the European Central Bank's objective described in the previous question? **BCEc**

(enter a number between 0 and 2 per cent with one decimal place only) %

B3. Compared with 3 months ago, do you consider Italy's general economic situation is ...? **SITGEN** Better The same Worse

B4. What do you think is the probability of an improvement in Italy's general economic situation in the next 3 months? **PROMIG**

Zero 1-25 per cent 26-50 per cent 51-75 per cent 76-99 per cent 100 per cent

SECTION C – Your firm's business conditions

How do you think business conditions for your company will be:

C1. in the next 3 months? Much better Better The same Worse Much worse **SITIMP5**

C2. in the next 3 years? Much better Better The same Worse Much worse **SIMP36C5**

For each of the above forecasts imagine there are 100 points available; distribute them among the possible forecasts according to the probability assigned to each one. How do you think business conditions for your company will be:

	Better SITM3M SITM3A		The same SITU3M SITU3A		Worse SITP3M SITP3A		Total			
C3. In the next 3 months	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Please indicate whether and with what intensity the following FACTORS will affect your firm's business in the next 3 months.

Factors affecting your firm's business In the next 3 months	Effect on business			Intensity (if not nil)		
	Negative	Nil	Negative	Nil	Negative	Nil
C5. Changes in demand DISIT	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
C6. Changes in your prices PRISIT	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
C7. Availability and the cost of credit CRSIT	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>

C7.1 Uncertainty due to econ. and political factors POLIT	1 _	2 _	3 _	1 _	2 _	3 _
C7.2 Exchange rate dynamics TACAM	1 _	2 _	3 _	1 _	2 _	3 _
C7.3 Oil price dynamics PRPET	1 _	2 _	3 _	1 _	2 _	3 _
C7.4 Tensions on liberalization policies of international trade POLIB	1 _	2 _	3 _	1 _	2 _	3 _

C6.1. Does your firm have plants or do business in the municipalities in which restrictions have been in place to contain the spread of the coronavirus in Italy, or does a significant share of its work force come from those? **CORINT** Yes No

(Answer question C6.2 only if your answer to question C6.1 was "No")

C6.2. In your opinion, has the spread of the coronavirus affected your firm's business so far? **COREFF**

Yes, it has had a negative impact. Yes, it has had a positive impact. No

C6.3. In your opinion, will the spread of the coronavirus affect your firm's outlook for the next three months? **CORFUR**

Yes, it will have a negative impact. Yes, it will have a positive impact. No

Answer question C6.4 only if your answer to question C6.3 was different than "No")

C6.4. |_| Through what channels (indicate the two most significant channels)

Foreign demand Domestic demand Supply of raw materials and semi-finished and finished products

Changes in the prices of inputs and products Changes in the quantities supplied Availability of work force **COR1** |_|**COR2**

C8. Compared with 3 month ago, do you think conditions for investment are ..? **SITINV** Better The same Worse

C9. What do you think your liquidity situation will be in the next 3 months given the expected change in the conditions of access to credit?

Insufficient Sufficient More than sufficient **LIQUID**

C10. Compared with three months ago, is the total demand for your products ...? **DMTOT** Higher Unchanged Lower

C11. How will the total demand for your products vary in the next 3 months? **PRETOT** Increase No change Decrease

(Answer to questions C11-C12 only if the share of sales revenues coming from exports is positive. otherwise go to C13)

Compared with three months ago, is the foreign demand for your products...?	Higher	Unchanged	Lower	I do not sell in this market
C.11 Total DOMEST	_	_	_	
C.11.1. In Germany RTEU_GE	_	_	_	_
C.11.2. In Cina RTNEU_CI	_	_	_	_

C12. How will the foreign demand for your products vary in the next 3 months? Increase No change Decrease **PREEST**

C13. Compared with three months ago, are credit conditions for your company ...? Better Unchanged Worse **SITCRE**

SECTION D – Changes in your firm's selling prices

D1. In the last 12 months, what has been the average change in your firm's prices? **DPRE** |_|_|_|_|. |_|_|%

D2. For the next 12 months, what do you expect will be the average change in your firm's prices? **DPREZ** |_|_|_|_|. |_|_|%

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D3. In the last 12 months, what has been the average change in your firm's prices of goods and services bought in Italy and abroad? |_|_|_|_|. |_|_|% **DPRE_INT**

D4. In the next 12 months, what has been the average change in your firm's prices of goods and services bought in Italy and abroad? |_|_|_|_|. |_|_|% **DPREZ_INT**

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