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BANK OF RUSSIA'S MACROECONOMIC SURVEY

Survey results: September 2026[1]

	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (actual)	2026	2027	2028	2029
CPI (%, Dec to Dec of the previous year)	8,4	11,9	7,4	9,5	5,6	6,6 (6,2)	4,6 (4,6)	4,0 (4,1)	4,0 (4,0)
CPI (% year-on-year, average for the year)	6,7	13,8	5,9	8,4	8,7	6,1 (6,0)	5,2 (4,9)	4,2 (4,1)	4,0 (4,0)
Key rate (% per annum, average for the year, including weekends)	5,7	10,6	9,9	17,5	19,2	14,5 (14,5)	12,4 (12,2)	10,0 (10,0)	8,6 (8,6)
GDP (%, YoY)	5,9	-1,4	4,1	4,9	1,0	0,5 (0,6)	1,2 (1,3)	1,7 (1,7)	1,8 (1,8)
Unemployment rate[3] (%, average for the year)	4,8	3,9	3,2	2,5	2,2	2,2 (2,2)	2,5 (2,5)	2,7 (2,7)	2,8 (2,8)
Nominal wages (%, YoY, average for the year)	11,5	14,1	14,6	19,0	14,3	10,4 (10,2)	7,5 (8,0)	7,0 (7,0)	6,5 (6,5)
Consolidated budget balance (% of GDP for the respective year)	0,8	-1,4	-2,3	-1,6	-3,9	-3,5 (-3,2)	-2,6 (-2,5)	-2,1 (-1,9)	-1,4 (-1,5)
Exports of goods and services (billions of US dollars per year)	550	641	465	477	468	508 (510)	486 (483)	495 (489)	501 (497)
Imports of goods and services (billions of US dollars per year)	377	347	380	383	400	430 (420)	436 (430)	446 (439)	457 (450)
USD / RUB exchange rate (RUB per USD, average for the year)	73,6	67,5	84,7	92,4	83,4	79,9 (78,4)	88,8 (86,6)	94,0 (92,7)	97,2 (95,8)
Oil price for tax purposes[2] (US dollars per barrel, average for the year)	69	76	63	68	56	64 (63)	56 (58)	56 (57)	56 (57)

[1] In parentheses are the results of the July 2026 survey.
[2] Russian oil price used for tax purposes and published monthly on the official website of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Indicators calculated based on responses received:

	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (actual)	2025 (actual)	2026	2027	2028	2029
Real key rate[3] (% per annum, average for the year, including weekends)	-2,7	-1,3	2,5	8,0	13,6	7,9 (8,3)	7,6 (7,4)	5,8 (5,7)	4,5 (4,6)
GDP (cumulative level, 2021 = 100)	100,0	98,6	102,6	107,7	108,7	109,3 (109,4)	110,6 (110,9)	112,5 (112,8)	114,5 (114,6)
Real wages[4] (%, YoY, average for the year)	4,5	0,3	8,2	9,7	4,4	4,1 (4,1)	2,2 (2,5)	2,5 (2,6)	2,3 (2,3)
Real wages (cumulative level, 2021 = 100)	100,0	100,3	108,5	119,1	125,2	130,4 (130,4)	133,4 (133,7)	136,6 (136,9)	140,3 (139,8)
Trade balance (goods and services) (billions of US dollars per year)	173	293	86	94	68	82 (85)	54 (59)	51 (50)	44 (48)

Nominal neutral key rate (% per annum)	Median	8,0 (8,0)	The level of the key rate at which monetary policy keeps inflation and inflation expectations on target over the long term and also keeps GDP at its potential.
	Central tendency 10-90%	7,0-10,0 (6,8-9,5)	
Long-term GDP growth (%, YoY)	Median	1,8 (1,7)	Expected average potential GDP growth rates in 2030 - 2034.
	Central tendency 10-90%	1,3-2,1 (1,5-2,0)	

[3] The results are the median forecasts based on survey participants' responses on the key rate (average for the year) and CPI (Dec to Dec).
[4] The results are the median forecasts based on survey participants' responses on the nominal wages and average for the year CPI.

Survey Dates: 28 August – 1 September, 2026.

Calculation methodology: The survey results are the median of the 33 forecasts of economists from various organizations taking part in the survey.

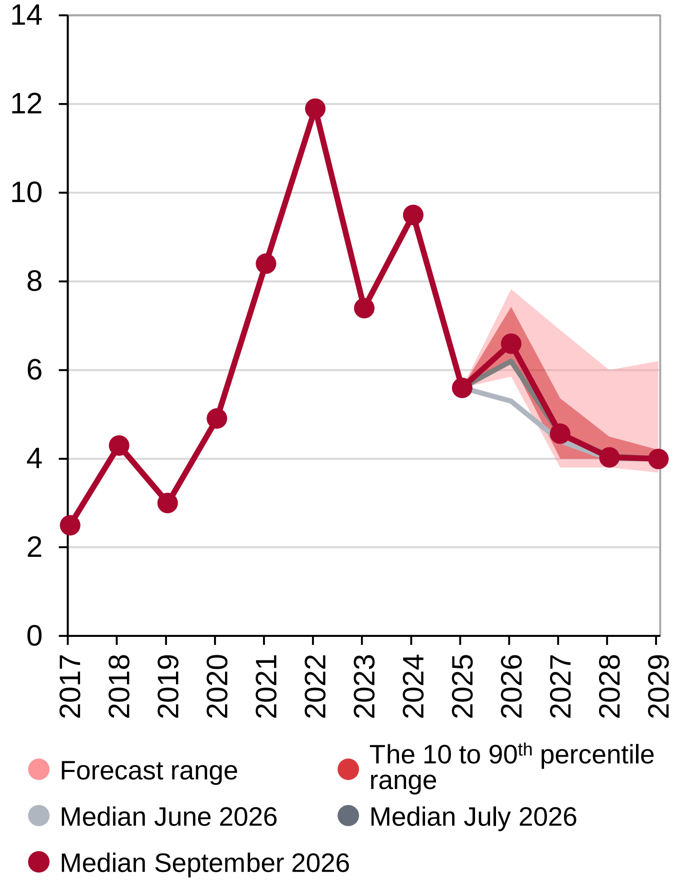
Note: the upper and lower boundaries of the filled area on the graphs are equal to the maximum and minimum forecast. The brighter area in the center is the 10 to 90th percentile range.

The ranges of analysts' forecasts for the next years (see the shaded areas in the charts) have narrowed for most indicators.

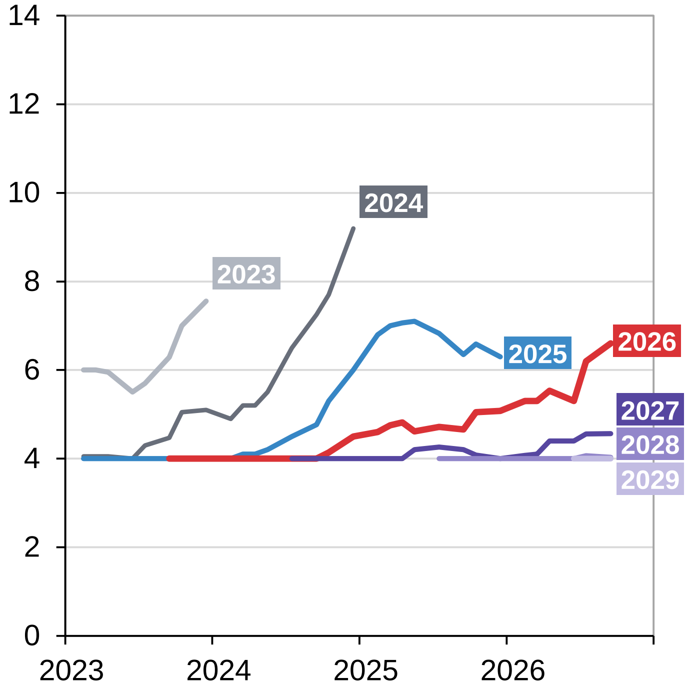
- **Inflation:** Analysts have raised their forecast for 2026 to 6.6% (+0.4 pp compared to the July survey). Analysts expect that inflation will slow down to 4.6% in 2027 and will be close to the target in 2028–2029.
- **Key rate:** Forecasts are almost unchanged: 14.5% per annum in 2026 (this implies that the key rate will average 13.7% per annum for the remainder of 2026), 12.4% per annum (+0.2 pp) in 2027 and 10.0% per annum in 2028. The forecast for the end of the horizon (8.6% per annum) remains higher than the median estimate of the neutral key rate (8.0% per annum). Real key rate calculated based on analysts' forecasts is 7.9% (-0.4 pp) in 2026, 7.6% (+0.2 pp) in 2027, 5.8% (+0.1 pp) in 2028 and 4.5% (-0.1 pp) in 2029
- **GDP:** Growth forecasts for 2026–2027 have been lowered by 0.1 pp to 0.5% and 1.2% respectively. Growth forecasts for the next years remain unchanged at 1.7% for 2028 and 1.8% for 2029. The median estimate of the long-term GDP growth rate has been raised by 0.1 pp to 1.8%. According to analysts, the accumulated GDP growth from 2021 to 2029 will total +14.5% (1.8% per year on average).
- **Unemployment rate:** No changes. Analysts expect the average unemployment rate to be 2.2% in 2026 and to rise to 2.5% in 2027, to 2.7% in 2028 and to 2.8% in 2029, remaining significantly below the 2021 (4.8%) and 2023 (3.2%) figures.
- **Nominal wages:** Analysts have raised their forecast for nominal wage growth for 2026 and lowered it for 2027. They expect nominal wage growth to slow down to 10.4% (+0.2 pp) in 2026, to 7.5% (-0.5 pp) in 2027, to 7.0% in 2028 and to 6.5% in 2029. Calculations based on analysts' forecasts of nominal wages and average inflation suggest that real wages will increase by 4.1% in 2026, by 2.2% in 2027, by 2.5% in 2028 and by 2.3% in 2029. By the end of the forecast horizon, real wages will be 40.3% higher than in 2021 (5.0% per year on average).
- **Consolidated budget balance:** Analysts expect higher consolidated budget deficit in 2026–2028: 3.5% of GDP (up by 0.3 pp) in 2026, 2.6% of GDP (up by 0.1 pp) in 2027, 2.1% of GDP (up by 0.2 pp) in 2028. The forecast for 2029 has been lowered by 0.1 pp to 1.4% of GDP.
- **Exports of goods and services:** Analysts have slightly lowered their forecast for 2026 and raised it for subsequent years: $508 billion (-$2 billion) in 2026, $486 billion (+$3 billion) in 2027 and $495 billion (+$6 billion) in 2028. The forecast for 2029 equals $501 billion (+$4 billion). This is 9% ($49 billion) lower than exports in 2021.
- **Imports of goods and services:** Forecasts have been raised over the entire horizon: $430 billion (+$10 billion) in 2026, $436 billion (+$6 billion) in 2027 and $446 billion (+$7 billion) in 2028. The forecast for 2029 equals $457 billion (+$7 billion). This is 21% ($80 billion) higher than imports in 2021.
- **USD/RUB exchange rate:** Analysts expect a weaker ruble (by 1.4–2.5%) over the entire horizon compared to the July survey. The forecast of the average exchange rate is 79.9 rubles per dollar in 2026 (this implies that the exchange rate will average 84.9 rubles per dollar in September–December 2026), 88.8 rubles per dollar in 2027, 94.0 rubles per dollar in 2028 and 97.2 rubles per dollar in 2029.
- **Oil price for tax purposes:** No significant changes. Analysts expect that oil price will be $64 per barrel in 2026 (this implies that the oil price will average $59 per barrel for the remainder of 2026) and decrease to $56 per barrel in 2027 and remain at this level further on.

The next survey will be carried out from 9 to 13 October 2026.

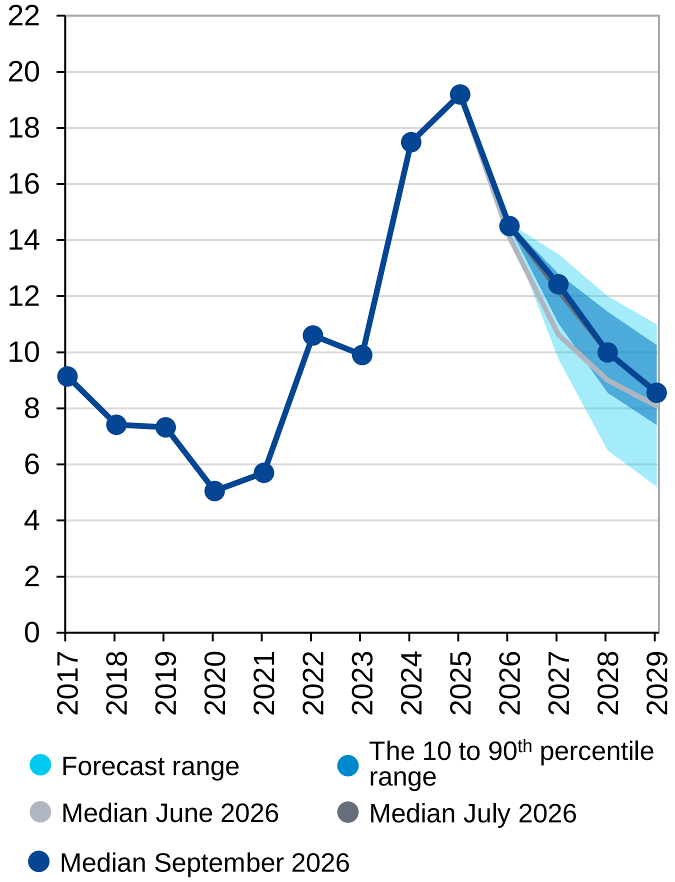
CPI
%, Dec. to Dec. of the previous year



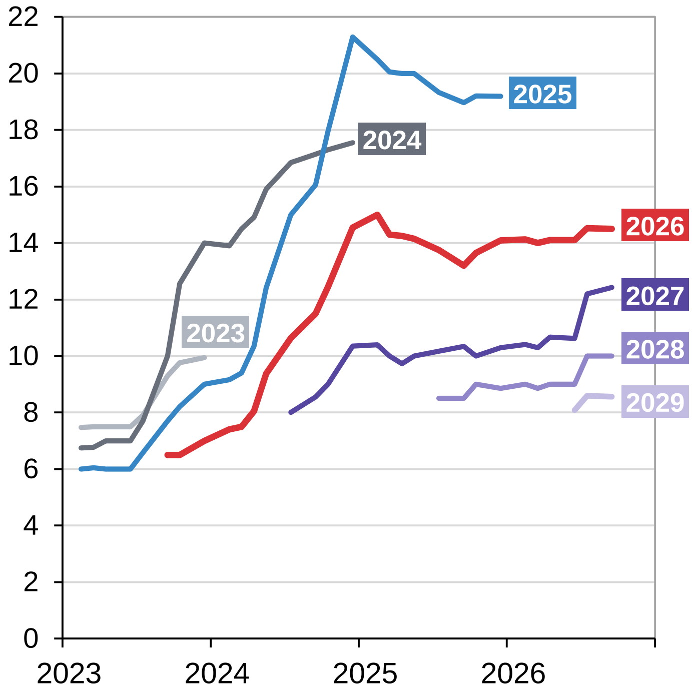
CPI, forecast history
%, Dec. to Dec. of the previous year



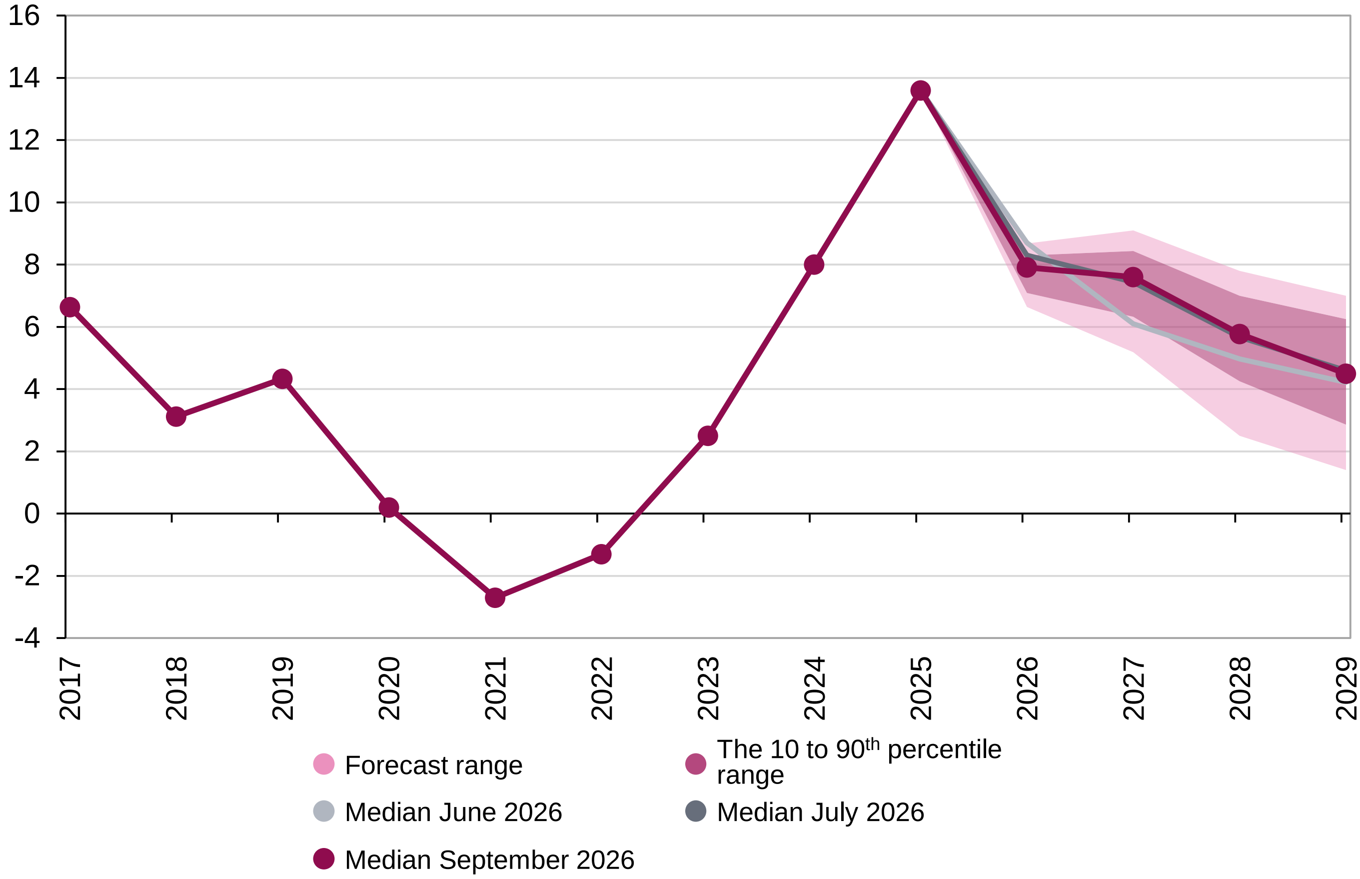
Key rate
% per annum, avg for the year, including weekends



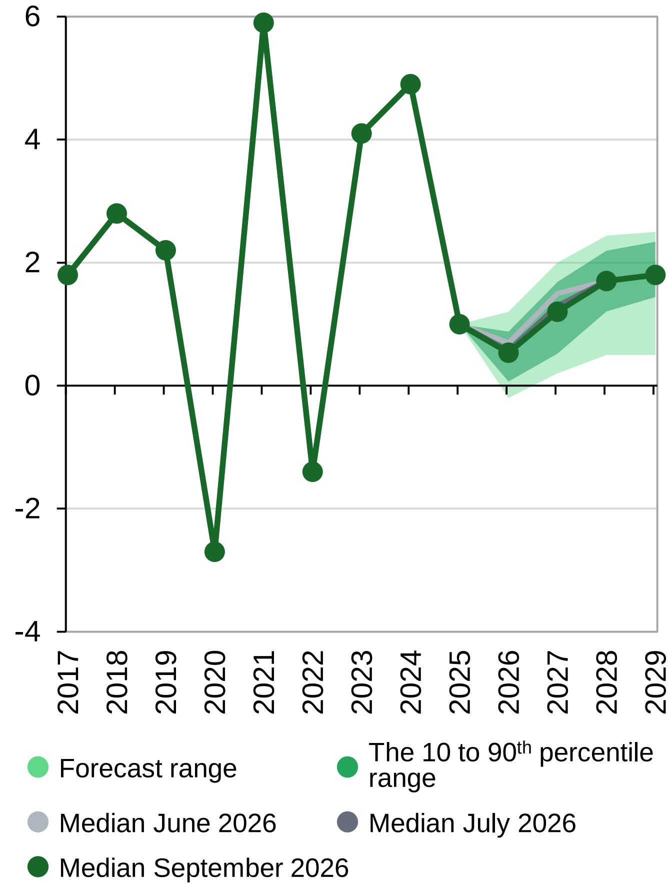
Key rate, forecast history



Real key rate
% per annum



GDP
%, YoY



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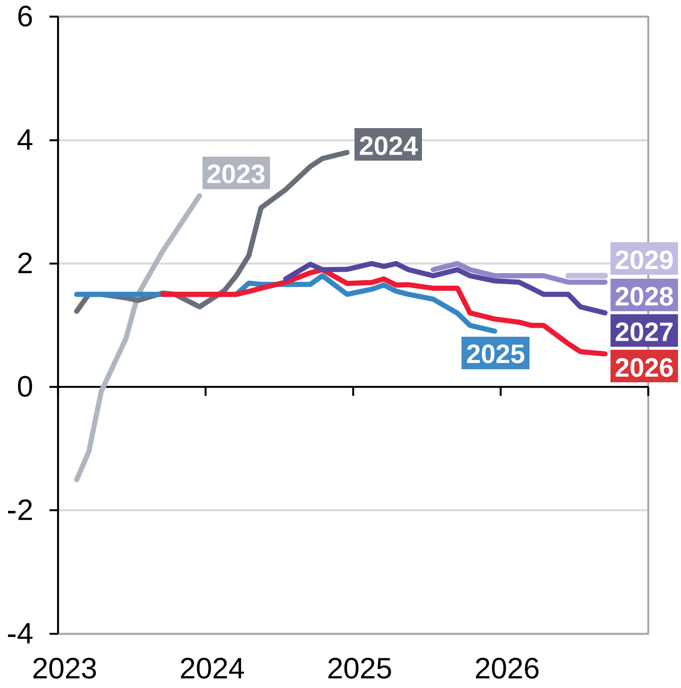
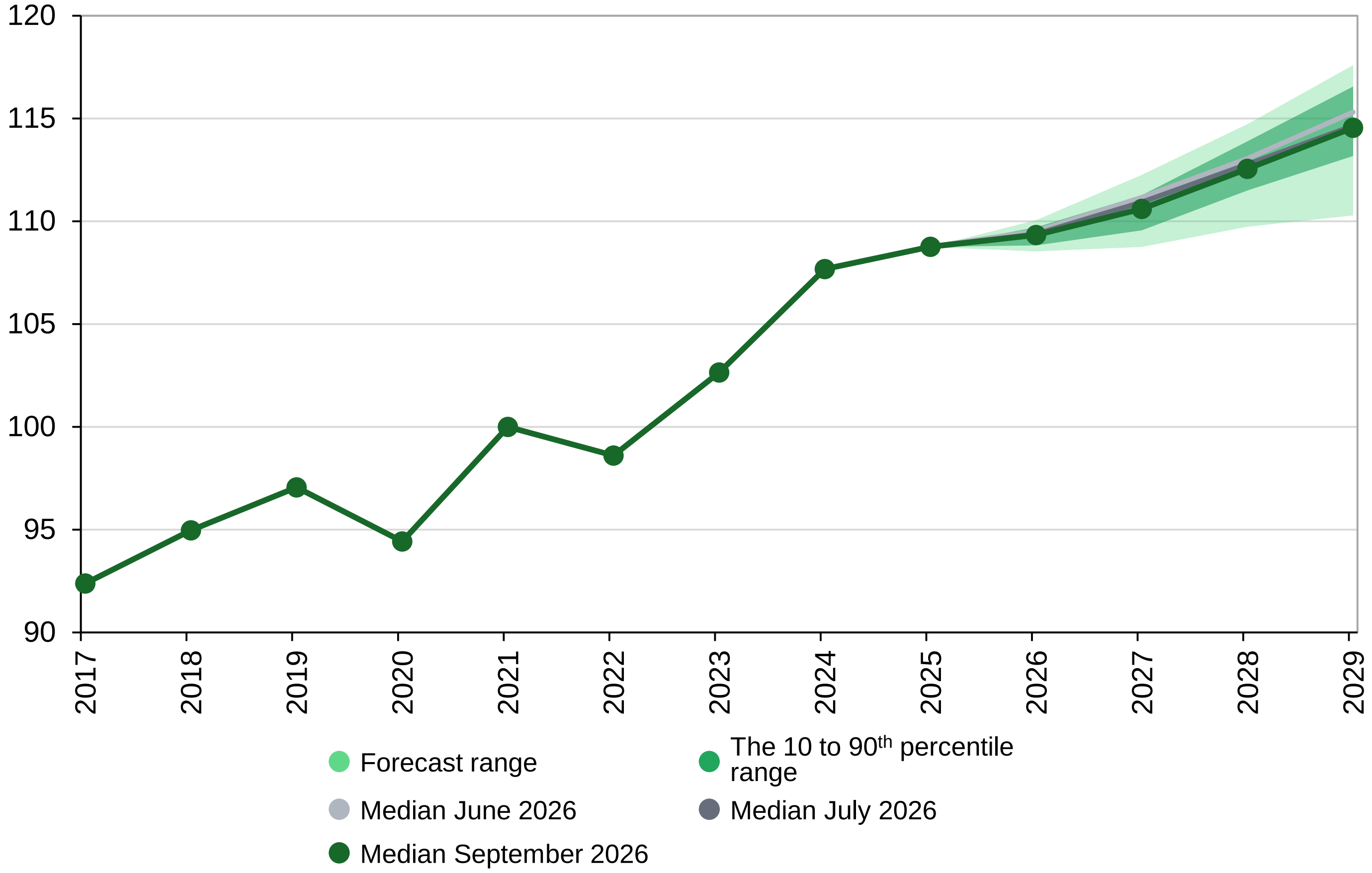
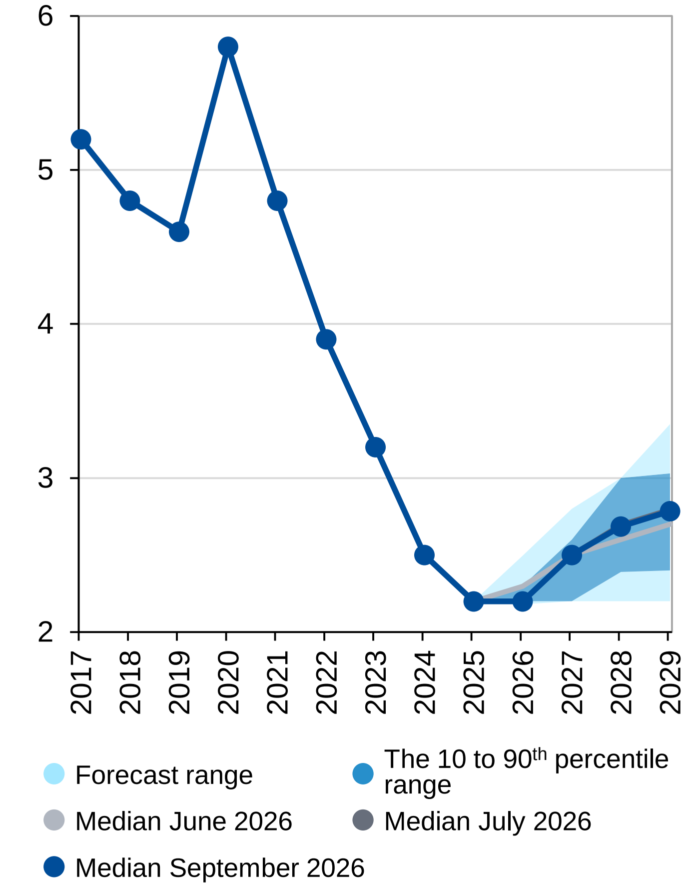


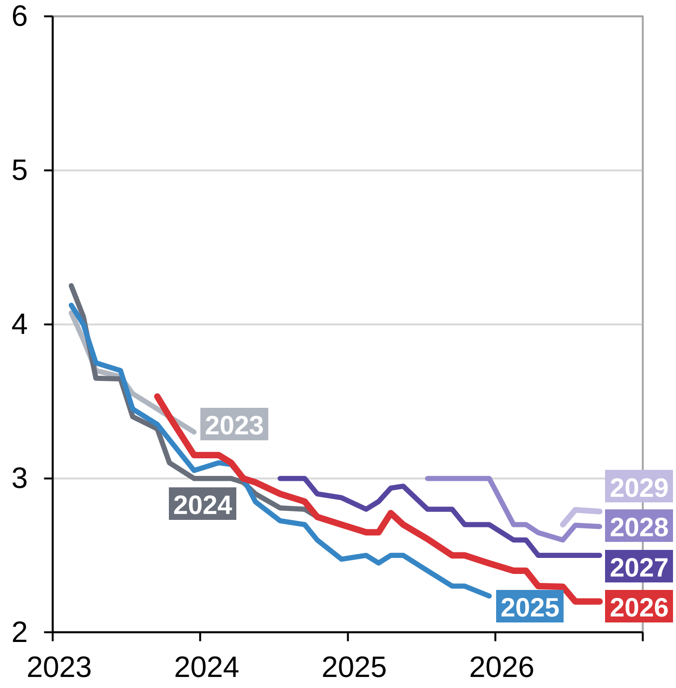
GDP
cumulative level, 2021 = 100



Unemployment rate
%, average for the year

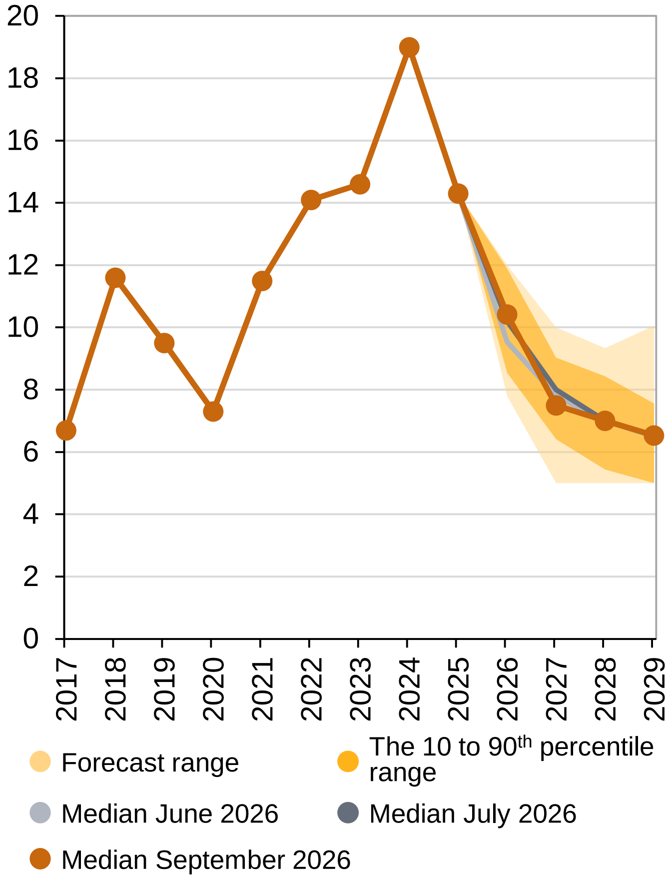


Unemployment rate, forecast history
%, average for the year

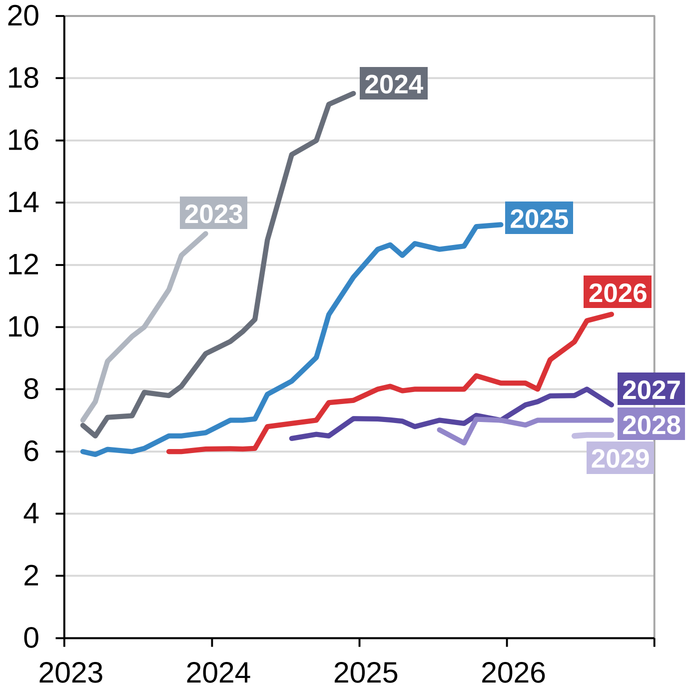


* The February 2023 – March 2025 results are the median forecasts based on survey participants' responses on the year-end unemployment rate (as the average of the year-end values for the reporting and the previous year).

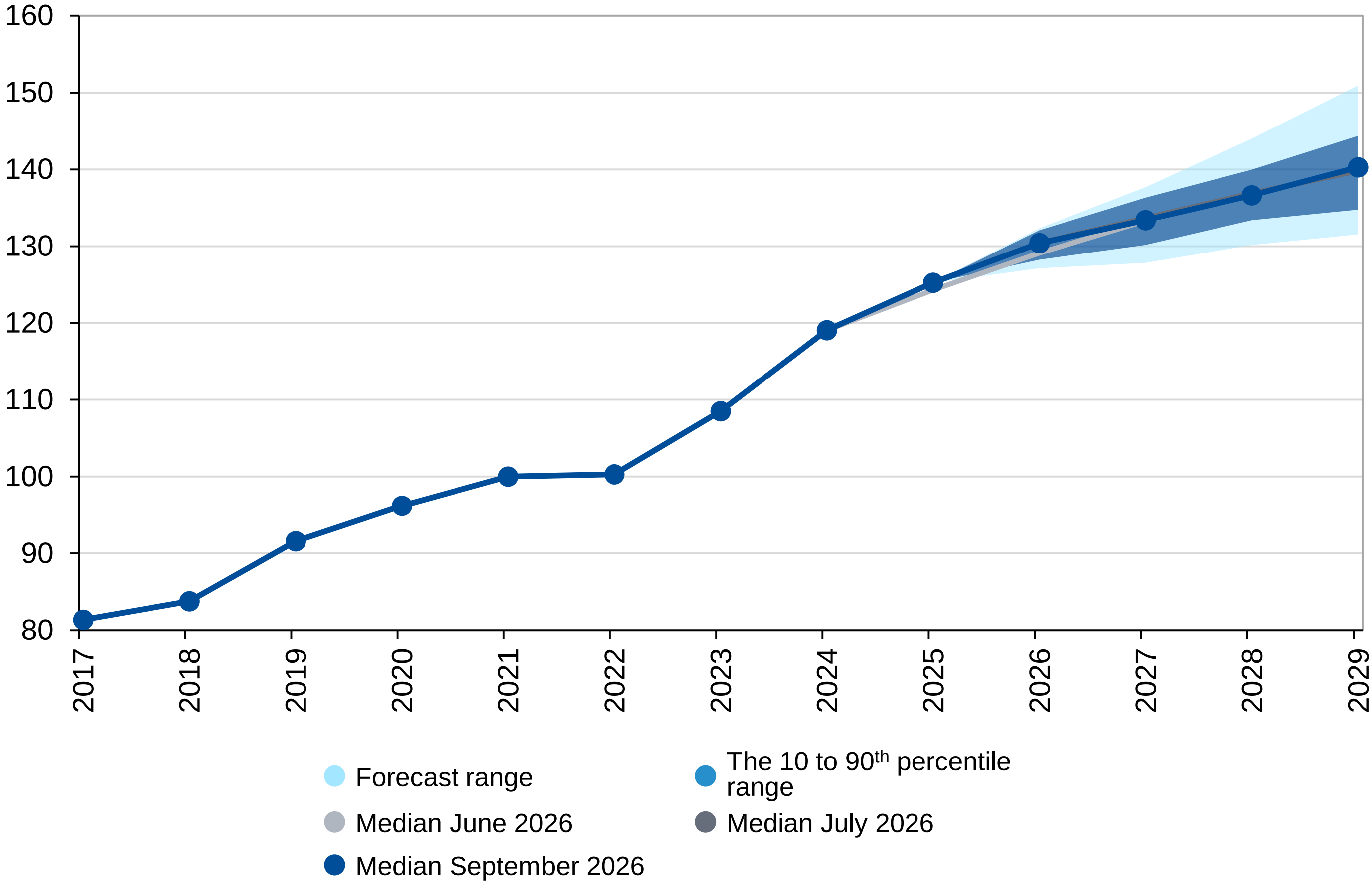
Nominal wages
%, YoY, average for the year



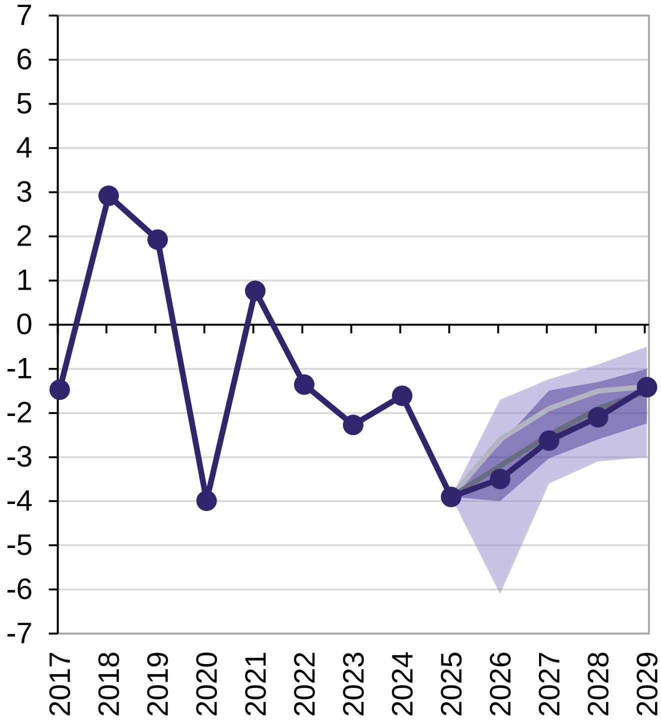
Nominal wages, forecast history
%, YoY, average for the year



Real wages
cumulative level, 2021 = 100

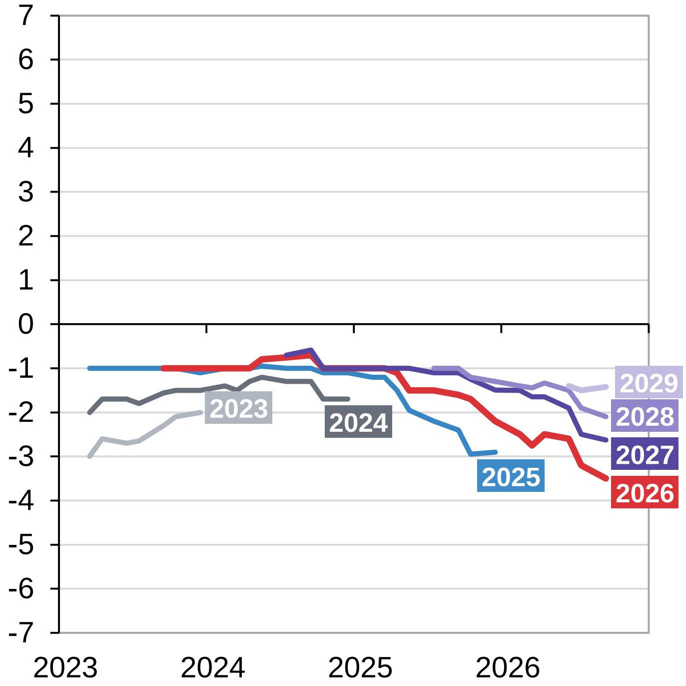


Consolidated budget balance
% of GDP for the respective year

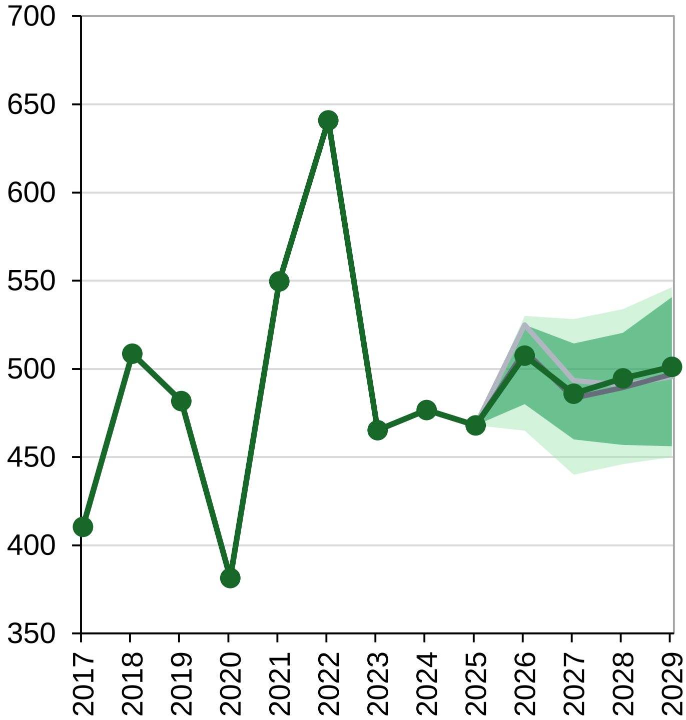


Forecast range
The 10 to 90th percentile range
Median June 2026
Median July 2026
Median September 2026

Consolidated budget balance, forecast history
% of GDP for the respective year



Exports of goods and services
billions of US dollars per year



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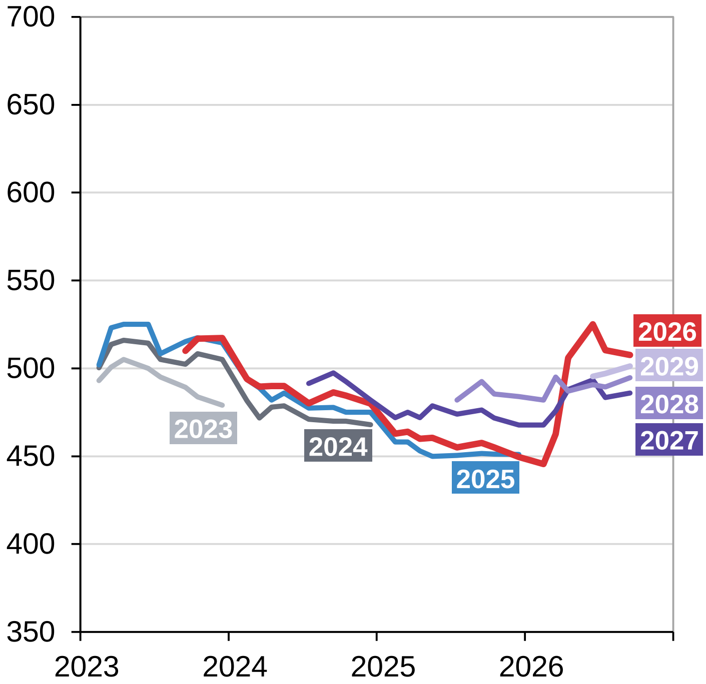

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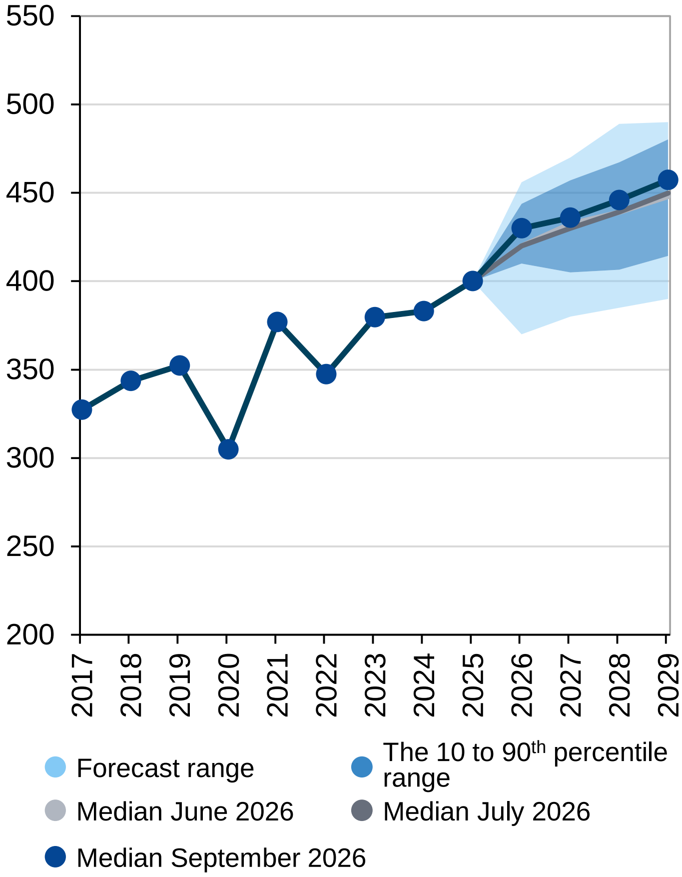

Imports of goods and services, forecast history
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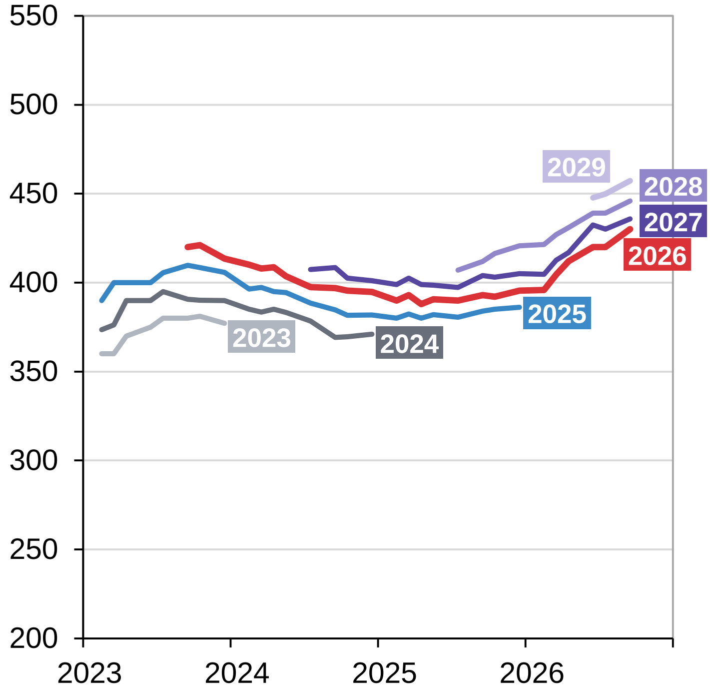
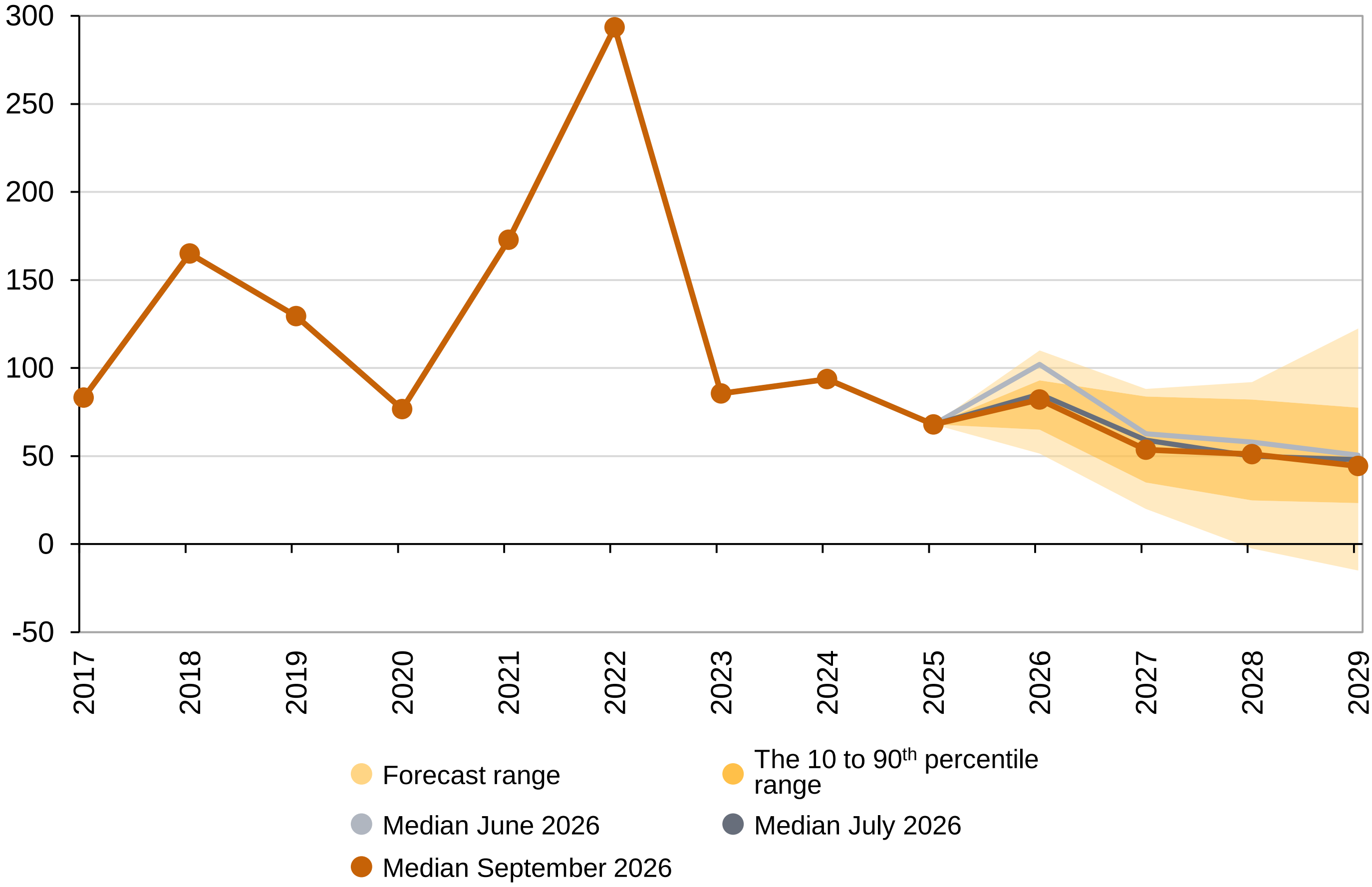
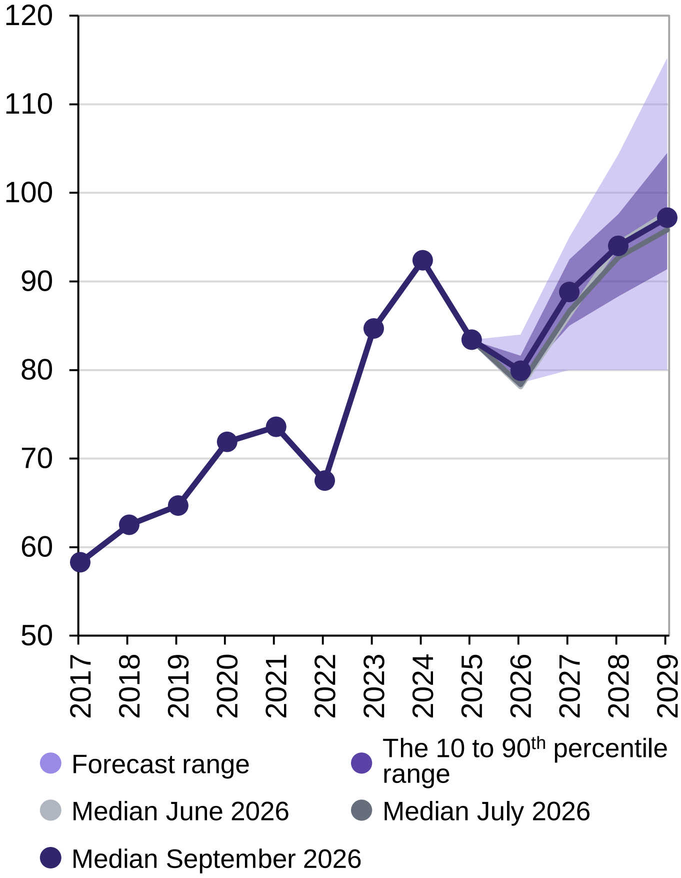


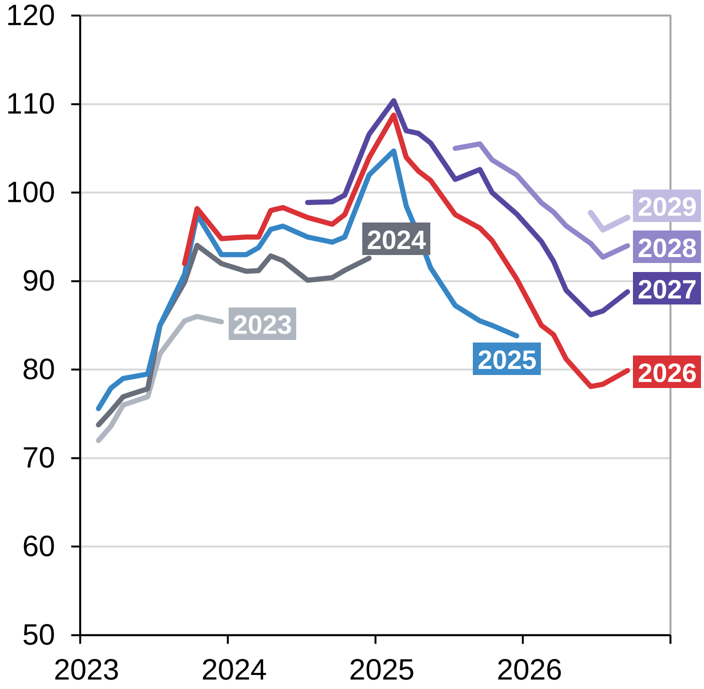
Trade balance
billions of US dollars per year



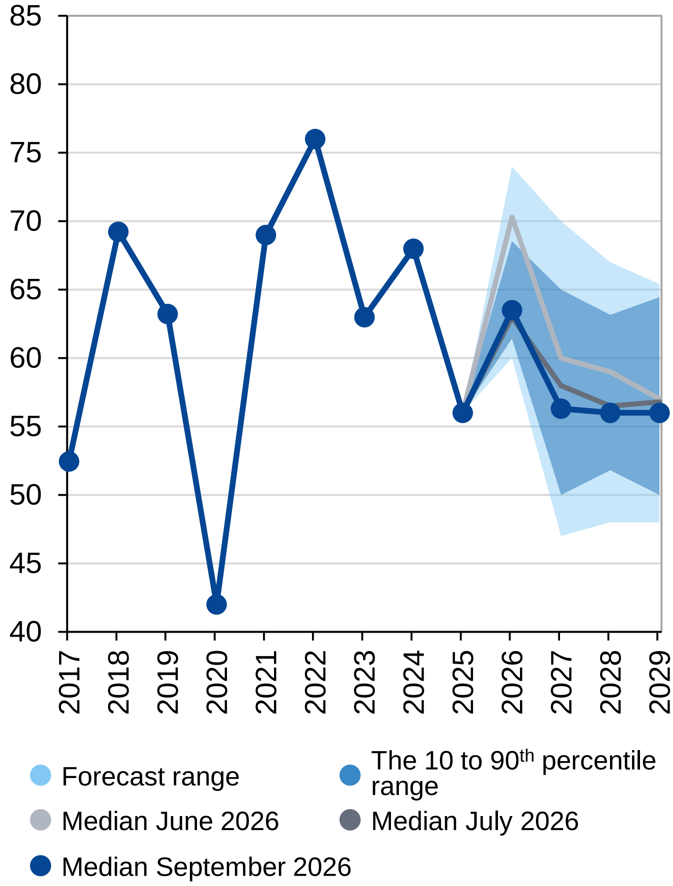
USD / RUB rate
RUB per USD, average for the year



USD / RUB rate, forecast history
RUB per USD, average for the year



Oil price for tax purposes
US dollars per barrel, average for the year



Oil price for tax purposes, forecast history
US dollars per barrel, average for the year