

TABLE 1

**Annual changes in real GDP in Europe and North America, 2003-2006**  
(Percentage change over the previous year)

	2003	2004	2005 <sup>a</sup>	2006 <sup>a</sup>
Austria .....	0.8	2.0	2.0	2.3
Belgium .....	1.3	2.9	1.7	2.2
Finland .....	2.4	3.7	2.5	2.6
France .....	0.5	2.5	1.6	2.0
Germany .....	0.0	1.6	0.9	1.4
Greece .....	4.7	4.2	3.0	3.0
Ireland .....	3.7	5.4	5.0	4.7
Italy .....	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.3
Luxembourg .....	2.9	4.5	3.8	4.0
Netherlands .....	-0.9	1.4	0.6	1.9
Portugal .....	-1.1	1.0	0.8	1.4
Spain .....	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.9
<b>Euro area</b> .....	0.7	2.0	1.3	1.9
Denmark .....	0.7	2.4	2.3	2.3
Sweden .....	1.5	3.5	1.9	2.7
United Kingdom .....	2.2	3.1	2.4	2.3
<b>EU-15</b> .....	0.9	2.2	1.5	2.0
Cyprus .....	1.9	3.7	3.8	3.8
Czech Republic .....	3.2	4.4	4.0	4.1
Estonia .....	5.1	6.2	5.7	5.5
Hungary .....	2.9	4.2	3.4	3.6
Latvia .....	7.5	8.5	6.7	6.0
Lithuania .....	9.7	6.7	5.8	5.4
Malta .....	-1.8	1.5	1.7	1.9
Poland .....	3.8	5.3	4.3	4.6
Slovakia .....	4.5	5.5	5.0	5.4
Slovenia .....	2.5	4.6	3.7	3.8
<b>New EU members-10</b> .....	3.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
<b>EU-25</b> .....	1.0	2.3	1.8	2.2
Iceland .....	4.2	5.2	6.6	6.2
Israel .....	1.7	5.0	4.0	3.8
Norway .....	0.4	2.9	3.6	2.6
Switzerland .....	-0.4	1.7	1.2	1.7
<b>WECEE</b> .....	1.1	2.5	1.8	2.2
Canada .....	2.0	2.9	2.6	2.9
United States .....	3.0	4.4	3.5	3.3
<b>North America</b> .....	3.0	4.3	3.4	3.3
<i>Memorandum items:</i>				
<b>EU-8</b> .....	3.9	5.1	4.3	4.5
<b>Western Europe-20</b> .....	0.9	2.3	1.6	2.0
<b>Western Europe and North America</b> .....	2.0	3.3	2.5	2.7
<b>Japan</b> .....	1.4	2.7	1.3	1.5
<b>Europe, North America and Japan</b> .....	2.0	3.3	2.4	2.6

**Source:** Eurostat, national statistics; *Consensus Economics*, *Consensus Forecasts*, 13 June 2005 and *Eastern Consensus Forecasts*, 16 May 2005; European Commission, *Spring Forecasts 2005* and UNECE secretariat estimates.

**Note:** All aggregates exclude Israel. WECEE (western Europe, central and eastern Europe) comprises the EU-25 plus Iceland, Norway and Switzerland. EU-8 (central Europe and the Baltic states) includes the new EU members less Cyprus and Malta. Western Europe-20 includes EU-15 plus Cyprus, Iceland, Israel, Malta, and Norway. For data on south-east European and European CIS countries, see table 2.

<sup>a</sup> Forecasts.