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### ECB LAUNCHES A EURO AREA REAL-TIME STATISTICAL DATABASE

The European Central Bank (ECB) is today launching a euro area Real-Time DataBase (RTDB). This new database contains vintages of time series for several macroeconomic and financial variables for the euro area, at the time of publication (i.e. before any revisions carried out at a later stage). It is based on time series reported in the ECB's Monthly Bulletin since January 2001.

The database is available online in the ECB's Statistical Data Warehouse (SDW) and will be updated on a quarterly basis. Detailed information on the methodologies used is available on the explanation pages in the SDW.

The database has been constructed in the context of the Real-Time DataBase (RTDB) project that is being coordinated by the Euro Area Business Cycle Network (EABCN). An in-depth presentation of this euro area RTDB can be found in ECB Working Paper No 1145, entitled "An area-wide real-time database for the euro area", which was published on 19 January 2010.

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