



The SWIFT Index continues to point to a slow growth in the OECD economies

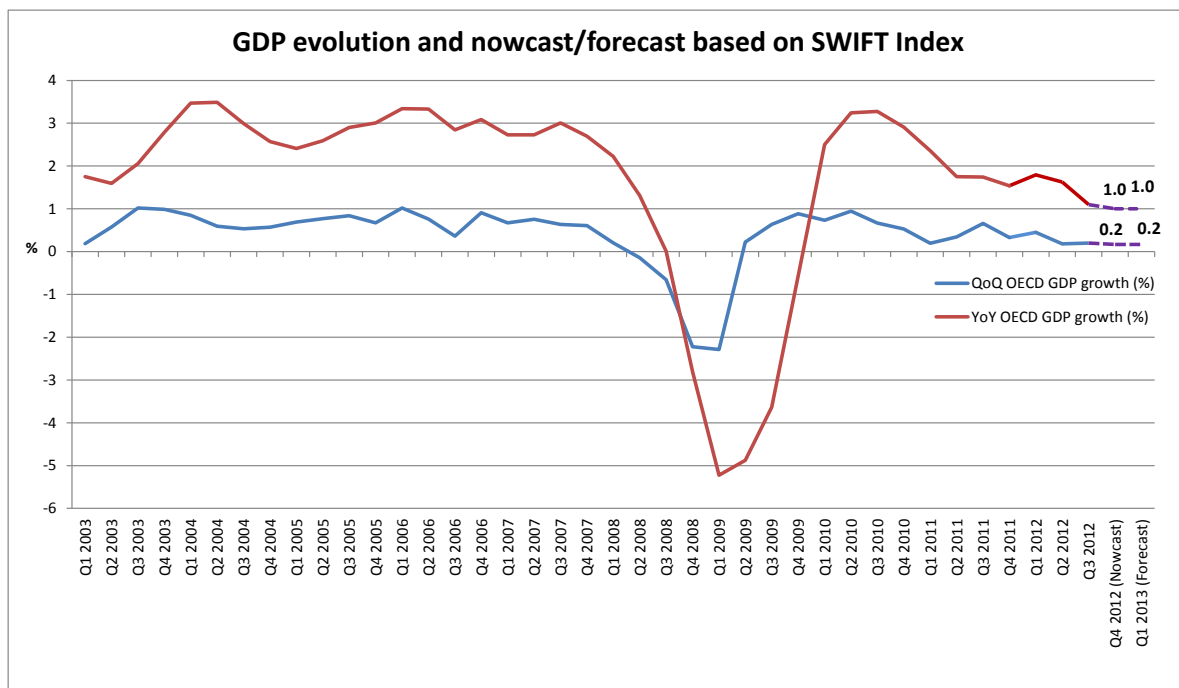
Global co-operative's messaging traffic data provides a leading indicator of the short-term path of GDP

Brussels, 20 December 2012 – SWIFT, the financial messaging provider for more than 10,000 financial institutions and corporations in 212 countries, has released the latest SWIFT Index data. The Index, which was announced in Q3 2011, acts as a fact-based, leading indicator of the evolution of the aggregate Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of OECD countries.

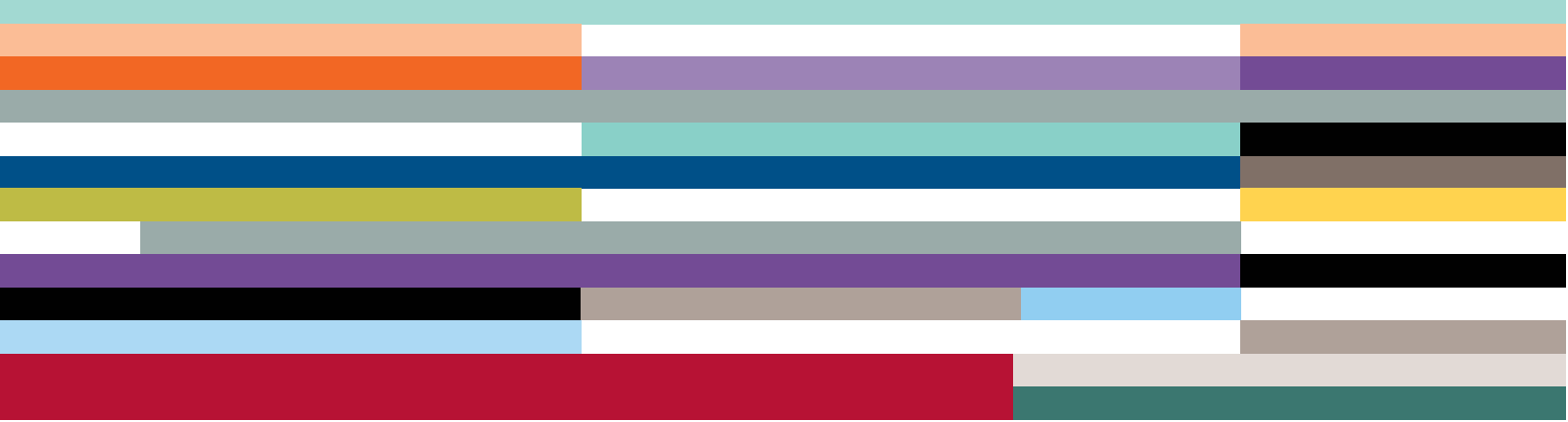
The current value of the Index stands at 156.8. November value is quite stable compared to October. The year-on-year (YoY) expansion rate forecast remains weak around 1.0% during Q1-2013

Based on customer payments messaging data up to November 2012 and using its validated methodology, the SWIFT Index points to the following growth rates in OECD economies:

- 1.0% growth in Q4 2012 compared to Q4 2011 (a “nowcast”)
- 1.0% growth for Q1 2013 compared to Q1 2012 (a “forecast”).



For further information on the SWIFT Index and its methodology, see www.swift.com/swiftindex.



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