

Eurozone Monetary Policy & Economic Shifts: June 2026 Key Financial Events

European Finance · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What was the primary action taken by the European Central Bank (ECB) regarding its key interest rates on June 11, 2026?

- A) Reduced rates by 50 basis points
- B) Maintained rates at previous levels
- C) Increased rates by 25 basis points**
- D) Introduced a new digital euro interest rate

2. According to Eurostat's flash estimate for June 2026, what was the annual inflation rate in the Euro area?

- A) 3.5%
- B) 2.8%**
- C) 3.2%
- D) 2.0%

3. Which sector was the strongest contributor to the UK's 0.6% GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026?

- A) Manufacturing
- B) Agriculture
- C) Services**
- D) Construction

4. What was the S&P Global Germany Manufacturing PMI in June 2026, indicating modest output growth?

- A) 49.5
- B) 50.1
- C) 50.3**
- D) 51.0

5. In June 2026, both the Banque de France and INSEE cut their 2026 GDP growth forecasts for France, partly due to which factor?

- A) Decreased consumer spending
- B) A significant drop in tourism
- C) Weak first-quarter economic resilience and rising oil prices**
- D) Record-low unemployment rates

6. Global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity reached a five-year high in Q1 2026. What was the approximate percentage increase in transaction value for EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa) compared to the same period in 2025?

- A) 20-30%
- B) 40-50%
- C) 70-80%**
- D) 90-100%

7. On June 30, 2026, the European Commission began disbursing EUR3.9 billion for what specific purpose in Ukraine?

- A) Humanitarian aid for refugees
- B) Reconstruction of infrastructure
- C) Procurement of advanced drone technology**
- D) Support for agricultural exports

8. In June 2026, the EU General Court dismissed challenges by Vivendi and Lagardère regarding broad information requests in an investigation into what alleged competition law infringement?

- A) Price fixing cartel
- B) Abuse of dominant market position
- C) Illegal state aid
- D) Gun-jumping in a merger**