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1. We estimate the current overall macroeconomic situation as being

	good	normal	bad	no estimate
Eurozone	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Germany	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
USA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
China	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2a. In the medium-term (6 months), the overall macro-economic situation will

	improve	not change	worsen	no estimate
Eurozone	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Germany	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
USA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
China	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

2b. Please assess the probability of the following medium-term (6 months) developments of the overall macroeconomic situation in Germany (in per cent).

Improvement	No change	Worsening	Σ
			100%

2c. The probability of a negative GDP growth in Germany (quarterly growth of the seasonally adjusted real GDP) will be:

current quarter (Q4 2022): [________] per cent
next quarter (Q1 2023): [________] per cent

3. In the medium-term (6 months), the annual inflation rate will

	increase	not change	decrease	no estimate
Eurozone	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Germany	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
USA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
China	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

4. In the medium-term (6 months), short-term interest rates (3-month interbank rates) will

	increase	not change	decrease	no estimate
Eurozone	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
USA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
China	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

5. In the medium-term, long-term interest rates (yields on 10-year bonds) will

	increase	not change	decrease	no estimate
Germany	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
USA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
China	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

6a. In the medium-term (6 month), the following stock market indices will

	increase	not change	decrease	no estimate
EURO-STOXX 50	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
DAX (Germany)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Dow Jones (USA)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
SSE Composite (China)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

6b. Six months ahead, I expect the DAX to stand at [________] points. With a probability of 90 per cent the DAX will then range between [________] and [________] points.

6c. In view of the fundamentals of the DAX companies, the DAX is currently
over-priced [ ] fairly priced [ ] under-priced [ ]

7. In the medium-term (6 months), the following currencies compared to the Euro will

	appreciate	stay constant	depreciate	no estimate
US-Dollar	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Yuan	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

8. In the medium-term (6 months), the profit situation of German companies in the following sectors will

	improve	not change	worsen	no estimate
Banks	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Insurance	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Vehicles/Automotive	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Chemicals/Pharma	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Steel/Metal Products	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Electronics	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Machinery	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Private Consumption / Retail Sales	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Construction	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Utilities	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Services	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Telecommunications	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Inform.-Technologies	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Please also note the special questions on the following pages.

Special Questions: Inflation, its causes, and monetary policy

1a. Point forecast of the **annual inflation rate in the euro area**
(annual average change of the HICP, in percent):

Jahr	2023	2024	2025
Prognose	%	%	%

1b. How likely are specific future realizations of inflation? Please give us your assessments for the annual average inflation rate in the euro area:
…The sum of the probabilities should add up to 100 for every line.

	Below 4 percent	Between 4 and 6 percent	Between 6 and 8 percent	Between 8 and 10 percent	Above 10 percent	Σ	Don´t know.
2023	______%	______%	______%	______%	______%	100%	[ ]
2024	______%	______%	______%	______%	______%	100%	[ ]
2025	______%	______%	______%	______%	______%	100%	[ ]

2. What are the main factors leading you to change your inflation forecasts for the euro area (in comparison to your forecasts as of November 2022). (+) means increase in inflation forecast, (-) means decrease in inflation forecast.

For the years 2023, 2024, and 2025:

	++	+	0	-	--	Don´t know
Development of GDP in the euro area	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Development of wages in the euro area	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Development of energy prices	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Development of prices for raw materials (except energy)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Changes in exchange rates (relative to the euro)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Monetary policy of the ECB	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
International trade conflicts	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
International supply bottlenecks	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Covid pandemic	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Green transformation	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
War in Ukraine	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Other factors: ________________________________	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

3. I expect the **main refinancing facility rate of the ECB** (currently at 3.0%) to be [central 90% confidence interval]:

In 6 months	between [_____] and [_____] (percent)
End of 2023	between [_____] and [_____] (percent)
End of 2024	between [_____] and [_____] (percent)
End of 2025	between [_____] and [_____] (percent)