



PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE
MONETARY COUNCIL'S DECISION ON
28 APRIL 2026





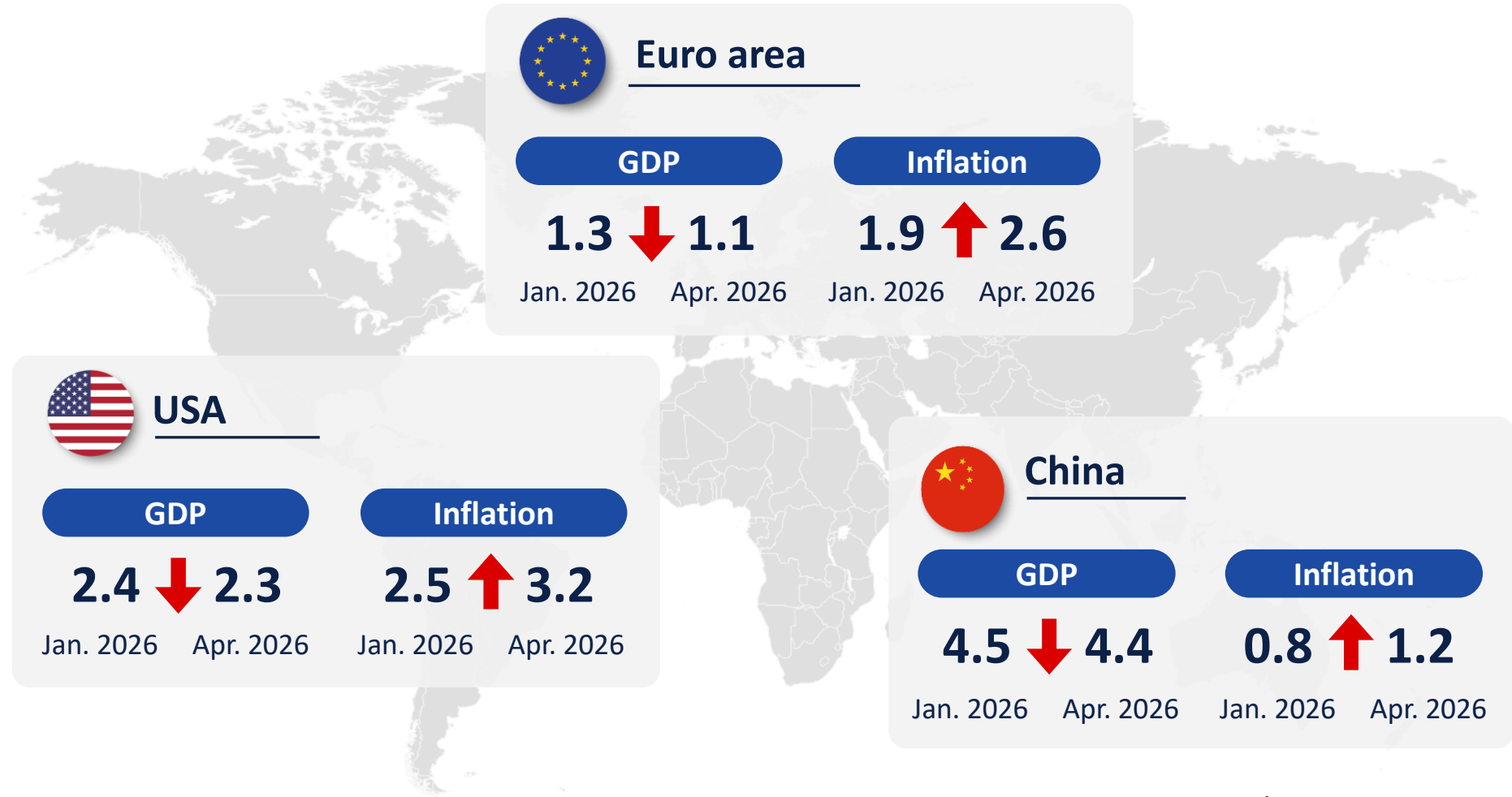
KEY MESSAGES: THE MONETARY COUNCIL'S ASSESSMENT AND THE APRIL DECISION

- **The Council is committed to achieving the 3 percent inflation target in a sustainable manner.**
- **Geopolitical tensions have an adverse effect on the global outlook for inflation and growth.**
- **Risk premia on domestic assets have declined;** however, we need evidence of the persistence of these developments and their effects on the inflation outlook.
- **The Monetary Council left the base rate unchanged at 6.25 percent at today's meeting.**
- **Maintaining a careful and patient approach to monetary policy** is warranted, as well as the cautious assessment of global and domestic developments.
- **We will continue to take decisions on the level of the base rate in a data-driven manner.**



THE PROLONGED CONFLICT IN IRAN POSES A RISK TO THE GLOBAL GROWTH AND INFLATION OUTLOOK

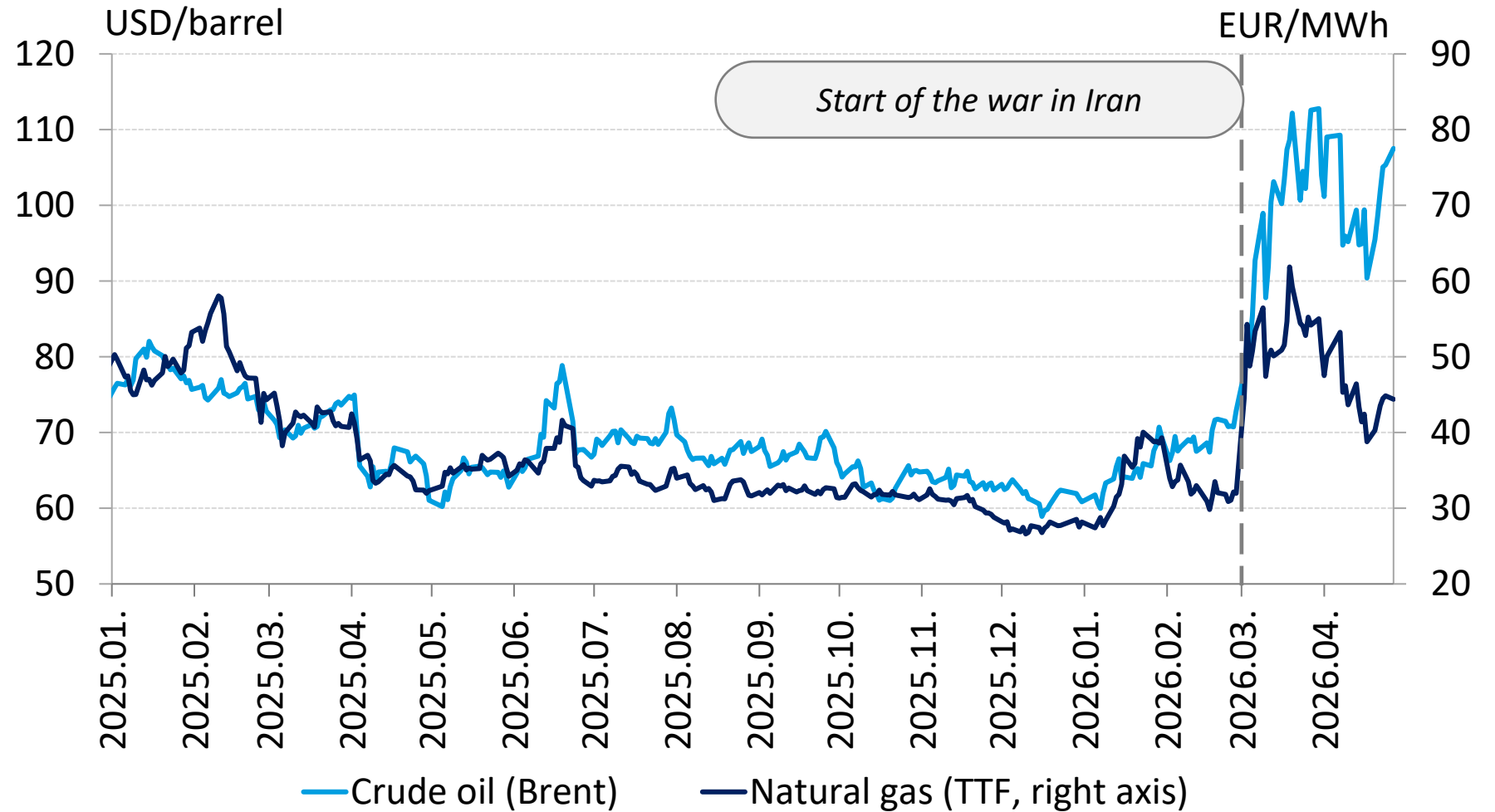
THE GLOBAL GROWTH AND INFLATION OUTLOOK BASED ON THE IMF WEO FORECAST





GLOBAL ENERGY PRICES ARE HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE CONFLICT IN IRAN

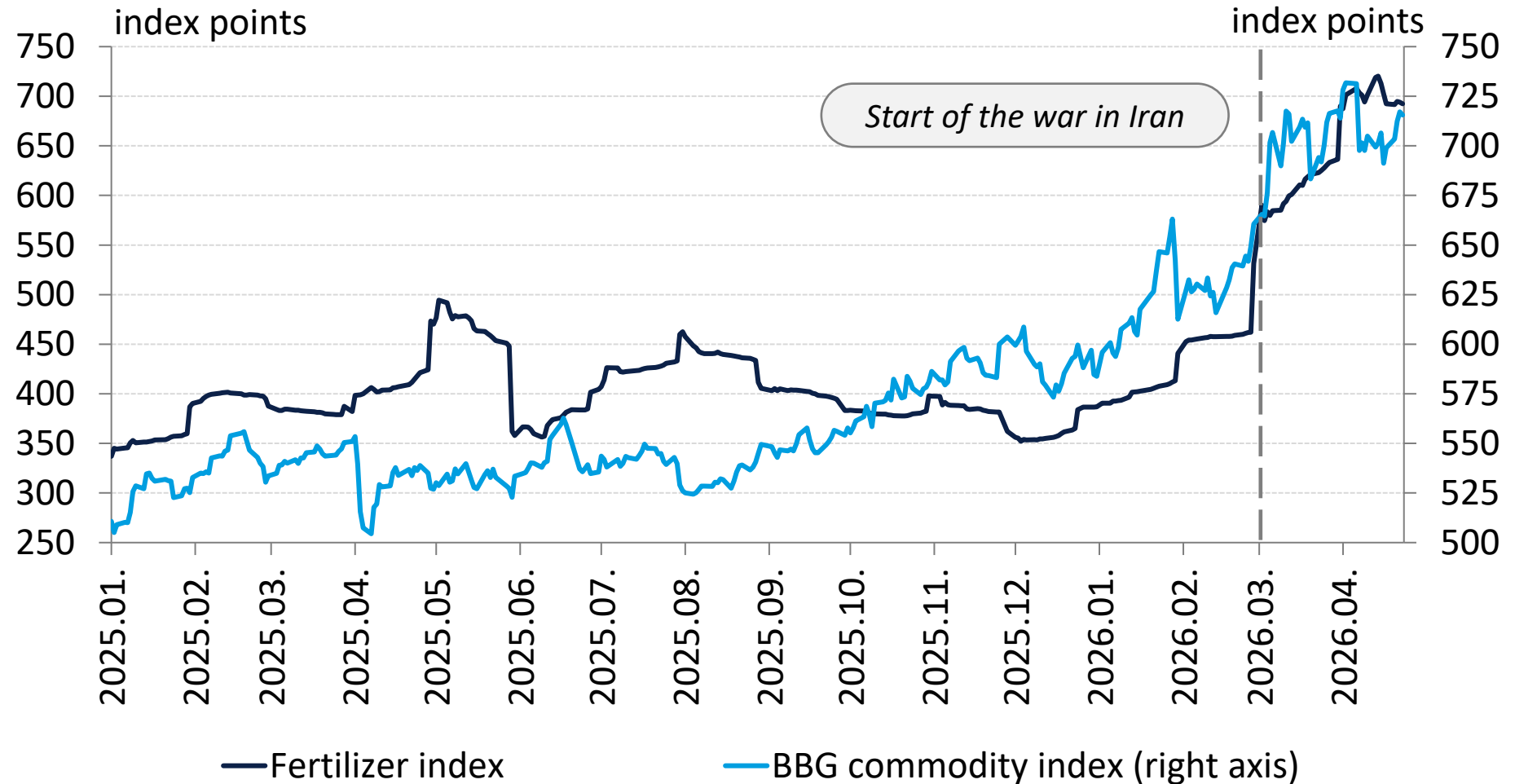
OIL AND GAS PRICES





COMMODITY PRICES SIGNAL BROADER-BASED INFLATIONARY PRESSURES

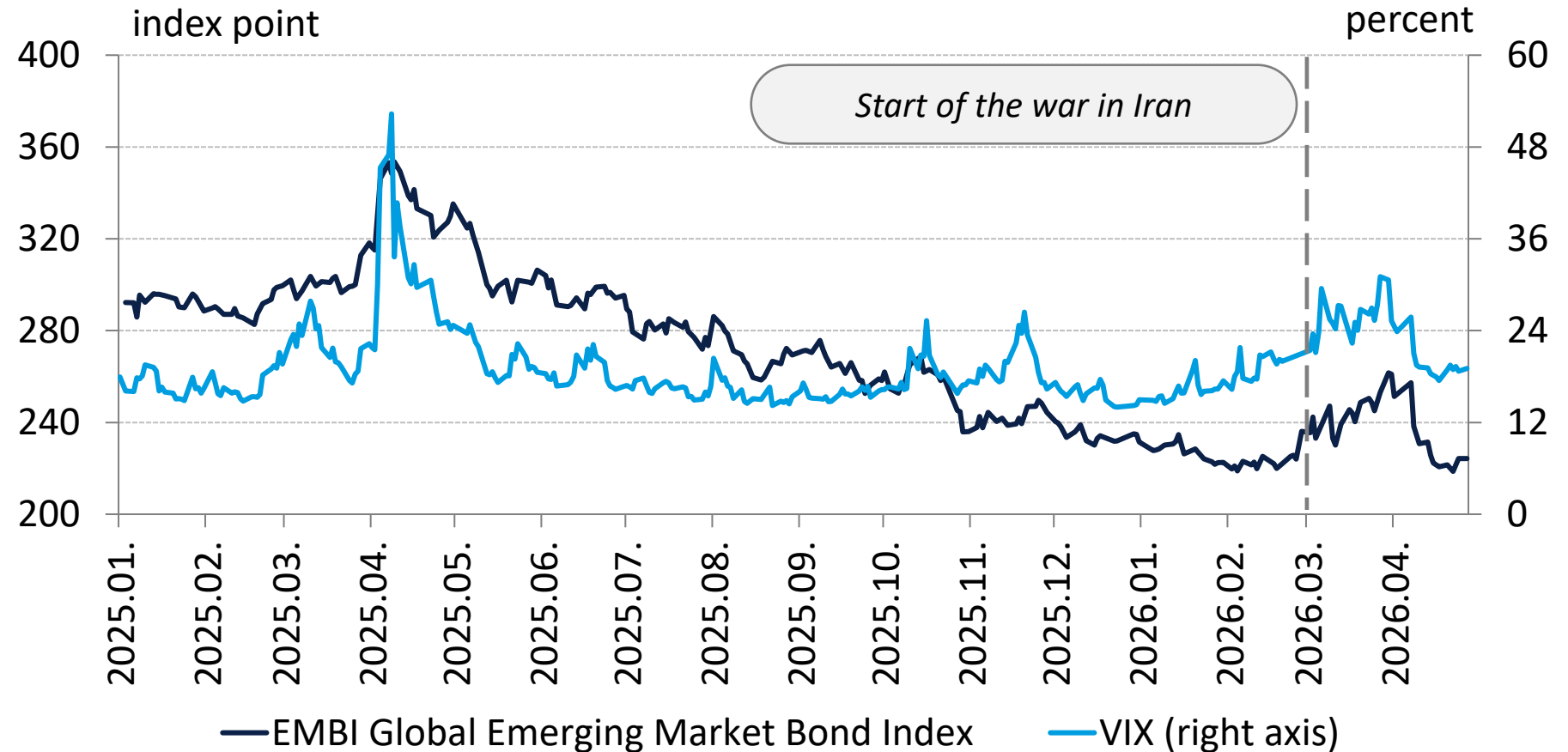
GLOBAL FERTILIZER PRICES AND THE BLOOMBERG COMMODITY INDEX





INVESTOR SENTIMENT HAS IMPROVED BUT IS STILL VULNERABLE TO GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS

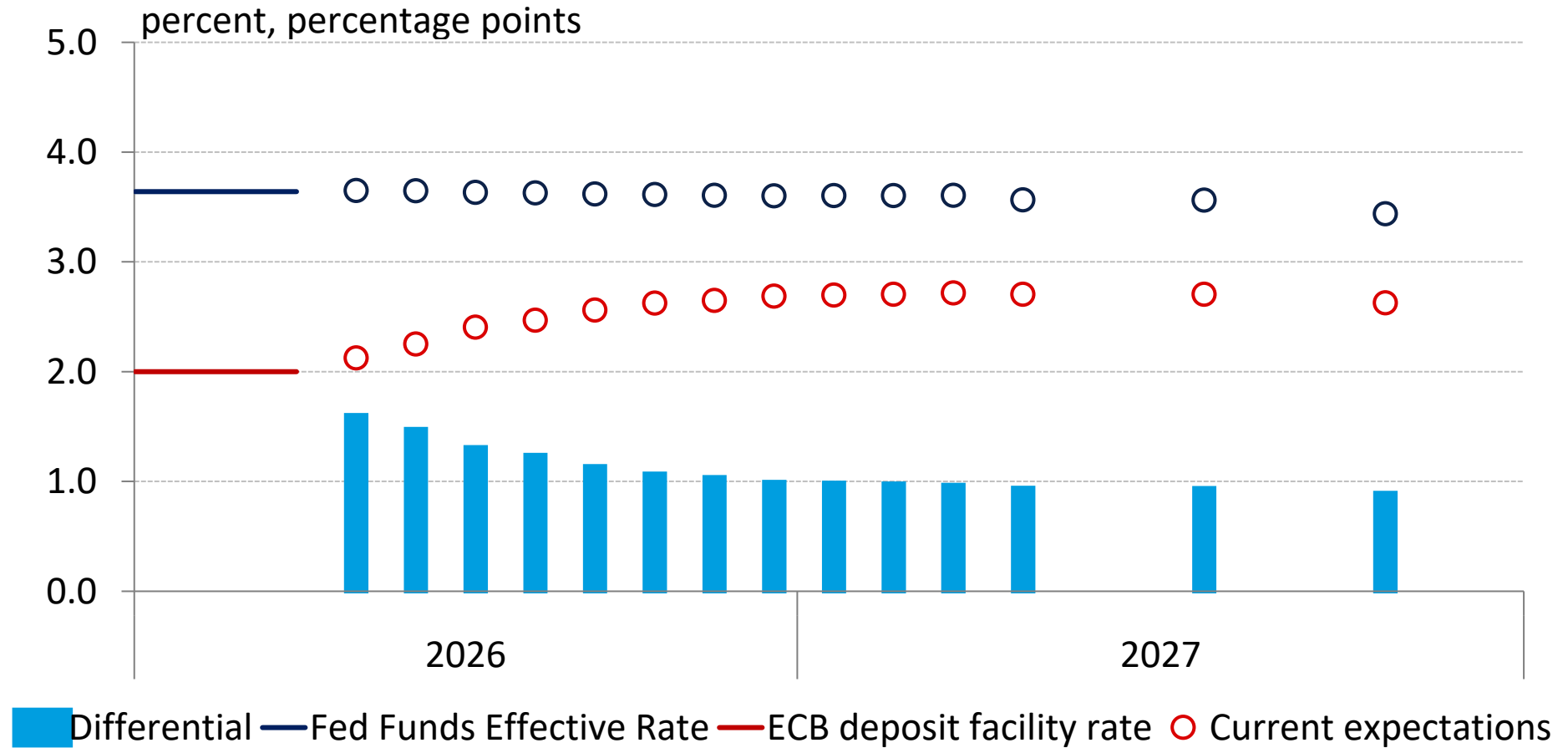
THE EMBI GLOBAL INDEX MEASURING EMERGING MARKET BOND SPREADS AND THE VIX INDEX MEASURING US STOCK MARKET VOLATILITY





MARKETS PRICE IN INCREASING INTEREST RATES FROM THE ECB AND UNCHANGED INTEREST RATE CONDITIONS FROM THE FED THIS YEAR

THE EXPECTED INTEREST RATE PATH OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE AND THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK BASED ON MARKET PRICING

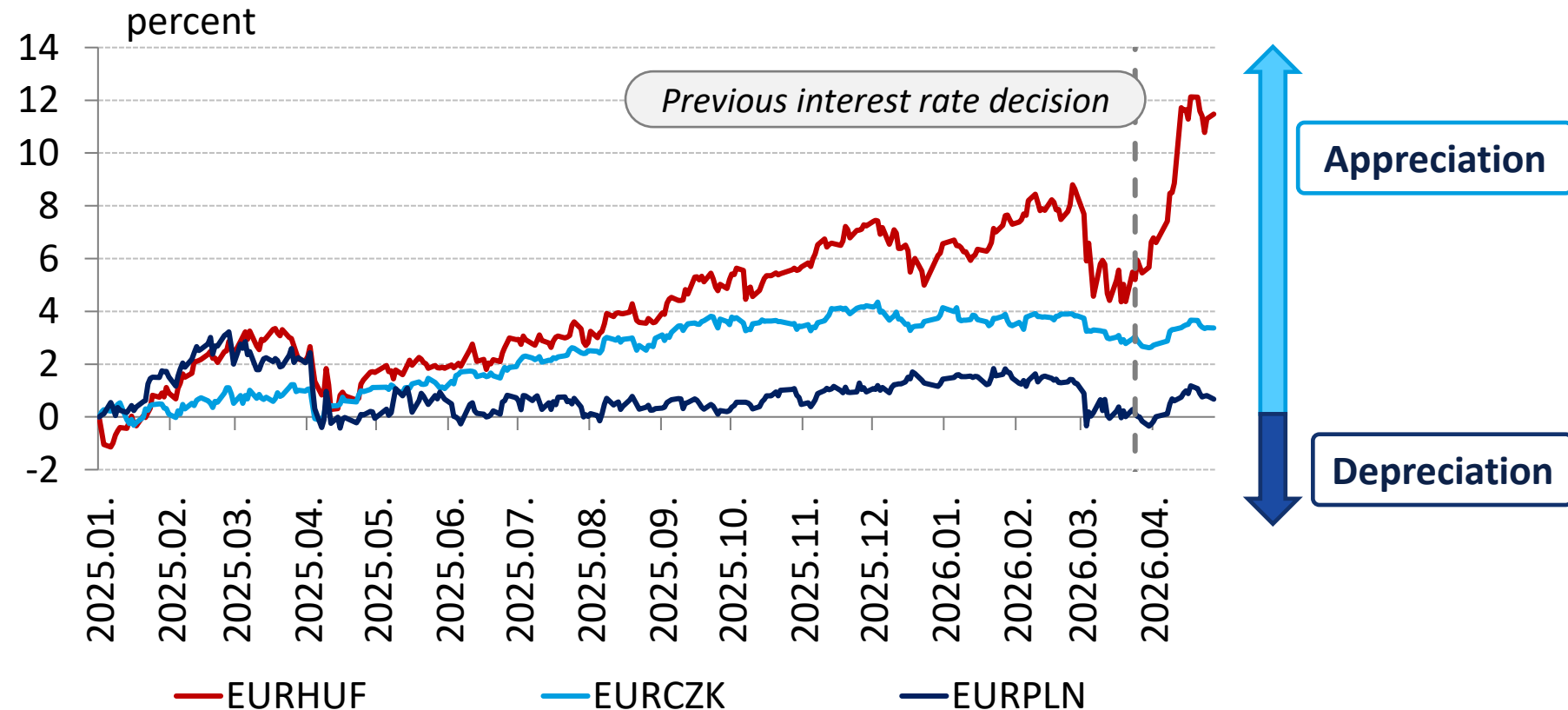




THE FORINT APPRECIATED AGAINST THE EURO IN A COUNTRY-SPECIFIC MANNER

The stability of the foreign exchange market is of key importance in reducing inflation expectations. We need evidence that recent developments are persistent.

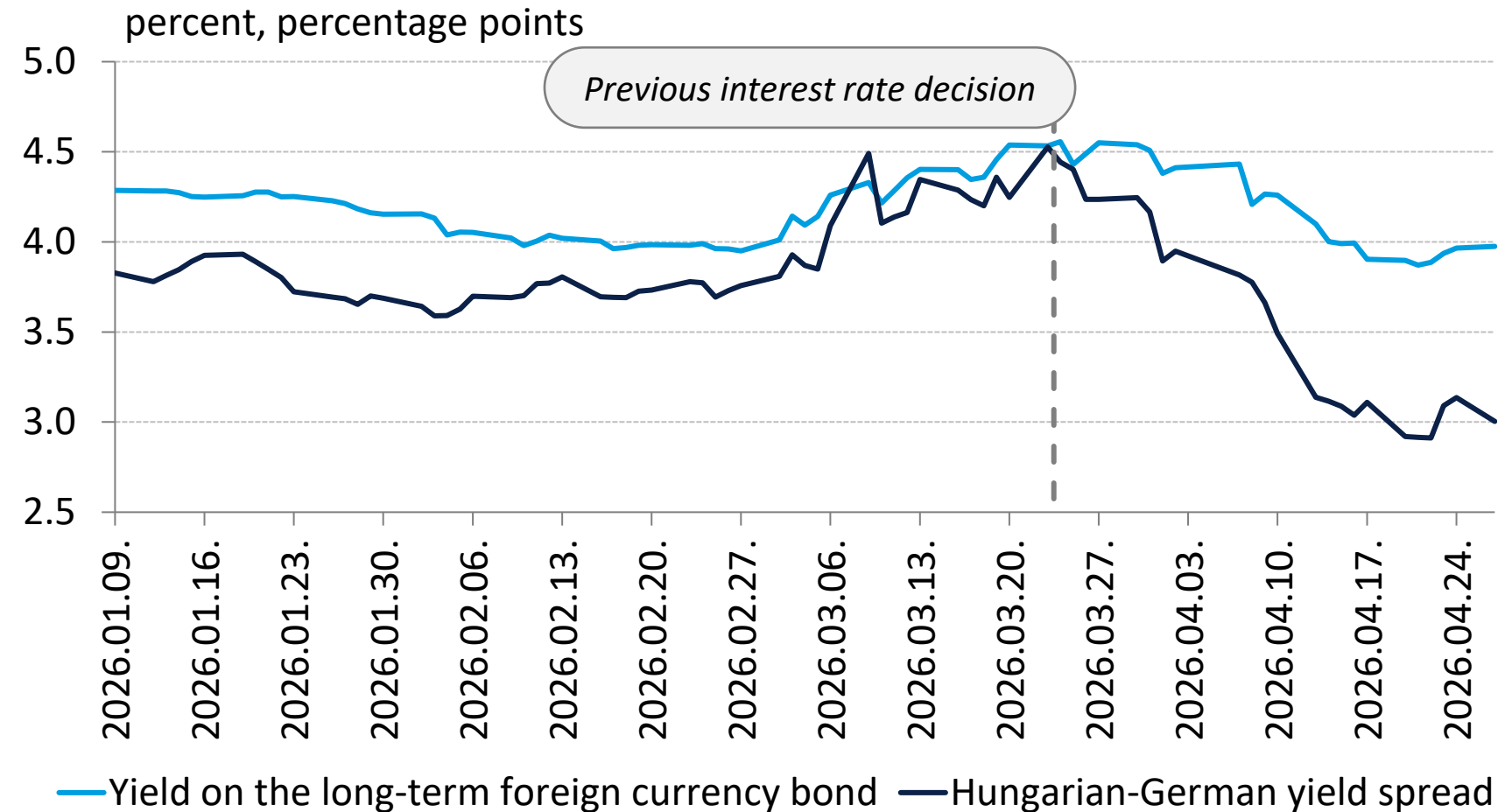
CEE EXCHANGE RATES





THE REDUCTION IN DOMESTIC RISK PREMIA HAS ALSO LOWERED YIELDS

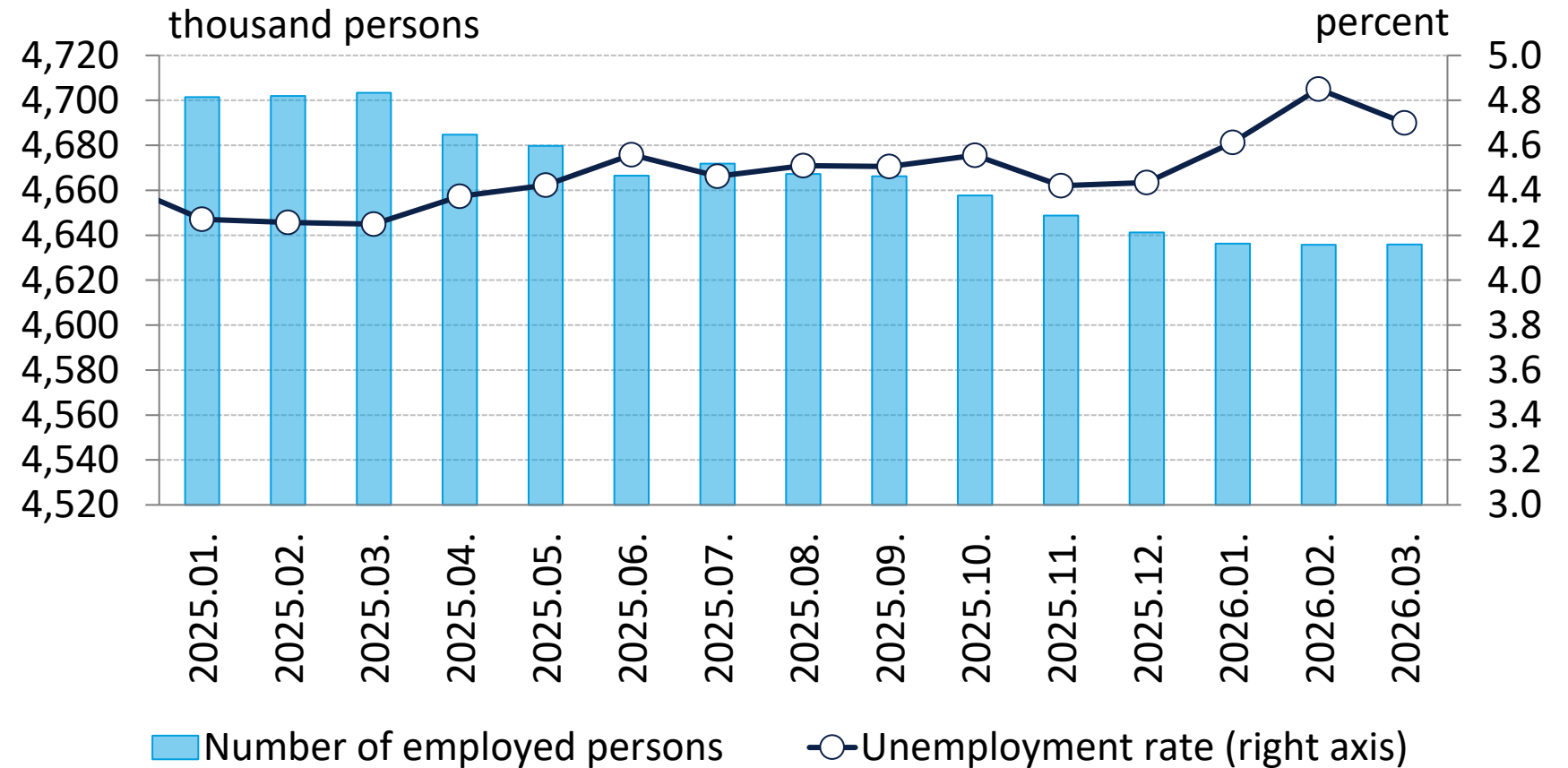
THE YIELD SPREAD BETWEEN HUNGARIAN AND GERMAN LONG-TERM BONDS AND THE YIELD ON THE LONG-TERM FOREIGN CURRENCY BOND





THE DOMESTIC LABOUR MARKET HAS COOLED IN THE RECENT PERIOD, BUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS LOW

EMPLOYMENT AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



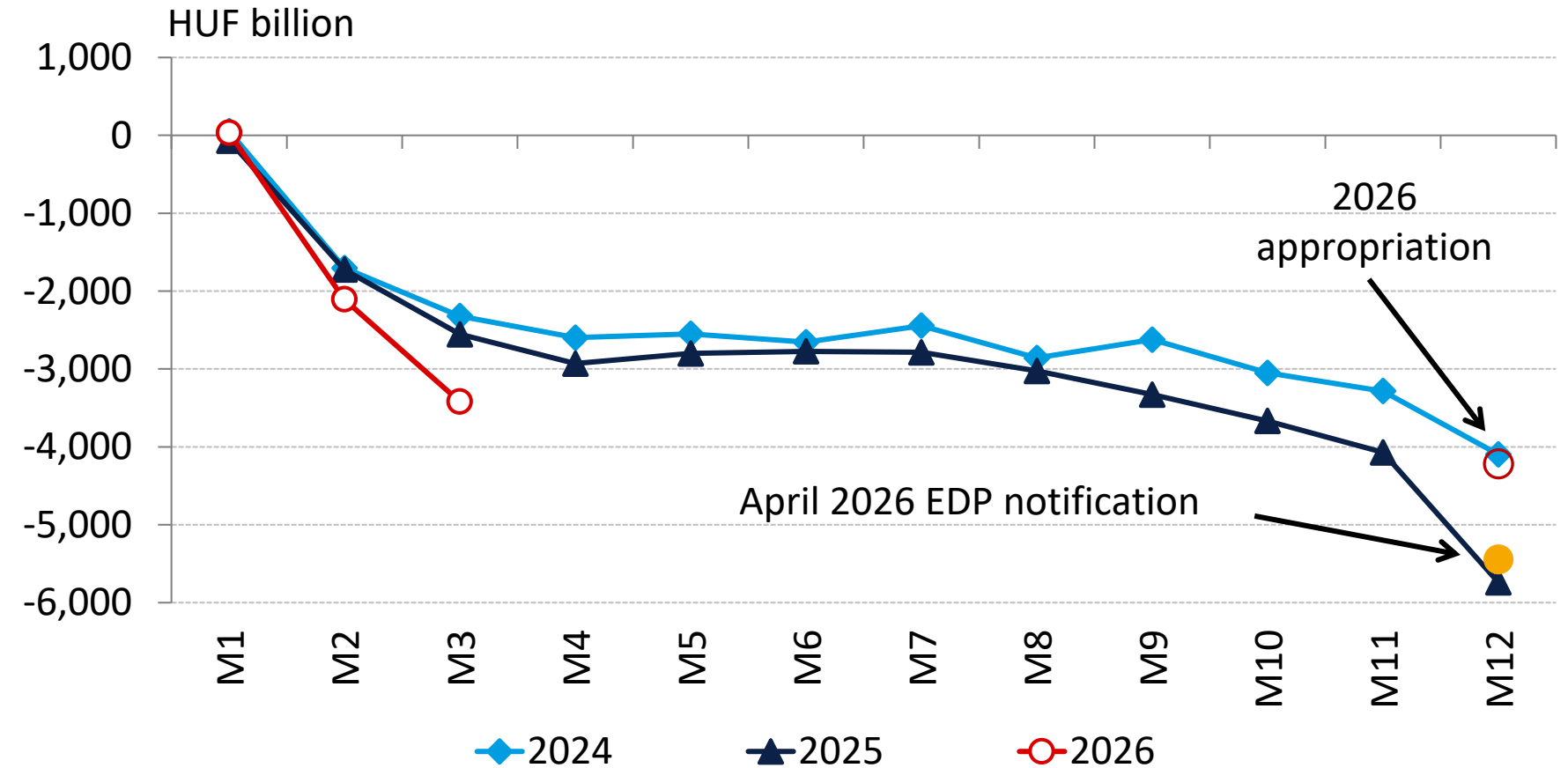
Note | Based on the 3-month moving average methodology of the HCSO. Employment data adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.

Source | HCSO, MNB



THE CUMULATIVE CASH DEFICIT OF THE BUDGET FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR HAS RISEN TO 81 PERCENT OF THE 2026 APPROPRIATION

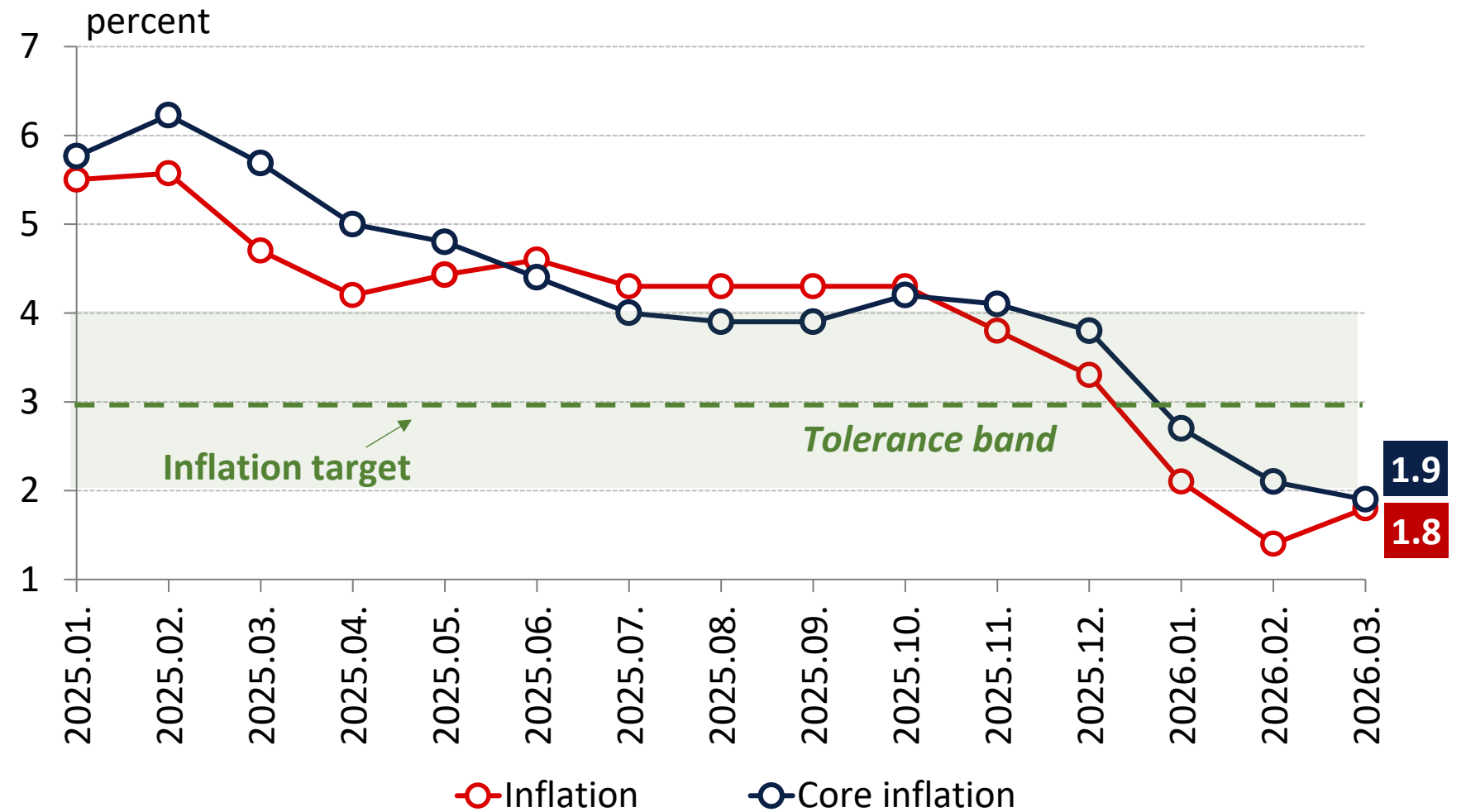
THE CUMULATIVE CASH BALANCE OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR





INFLATION WAS IN LINE WITH THE PROJECTION IN THE MARCH INFLATION REPORT

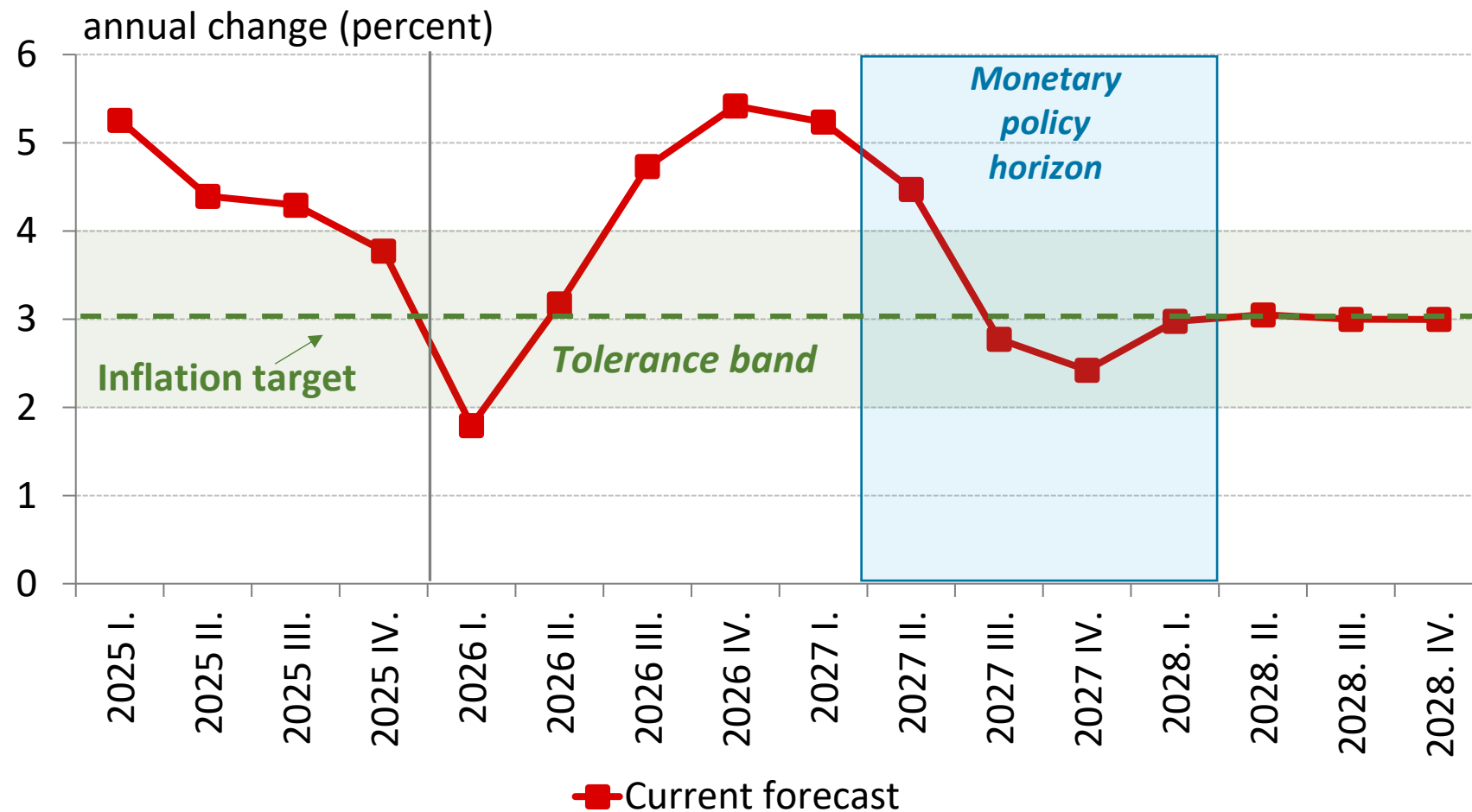
HEADLINE AND CORE INFLATION





BASED ON THE MARCH PROJECTION, INFLATION WILL RETURN TO THE CENTRAL BANK TARGET IN 2027 H2

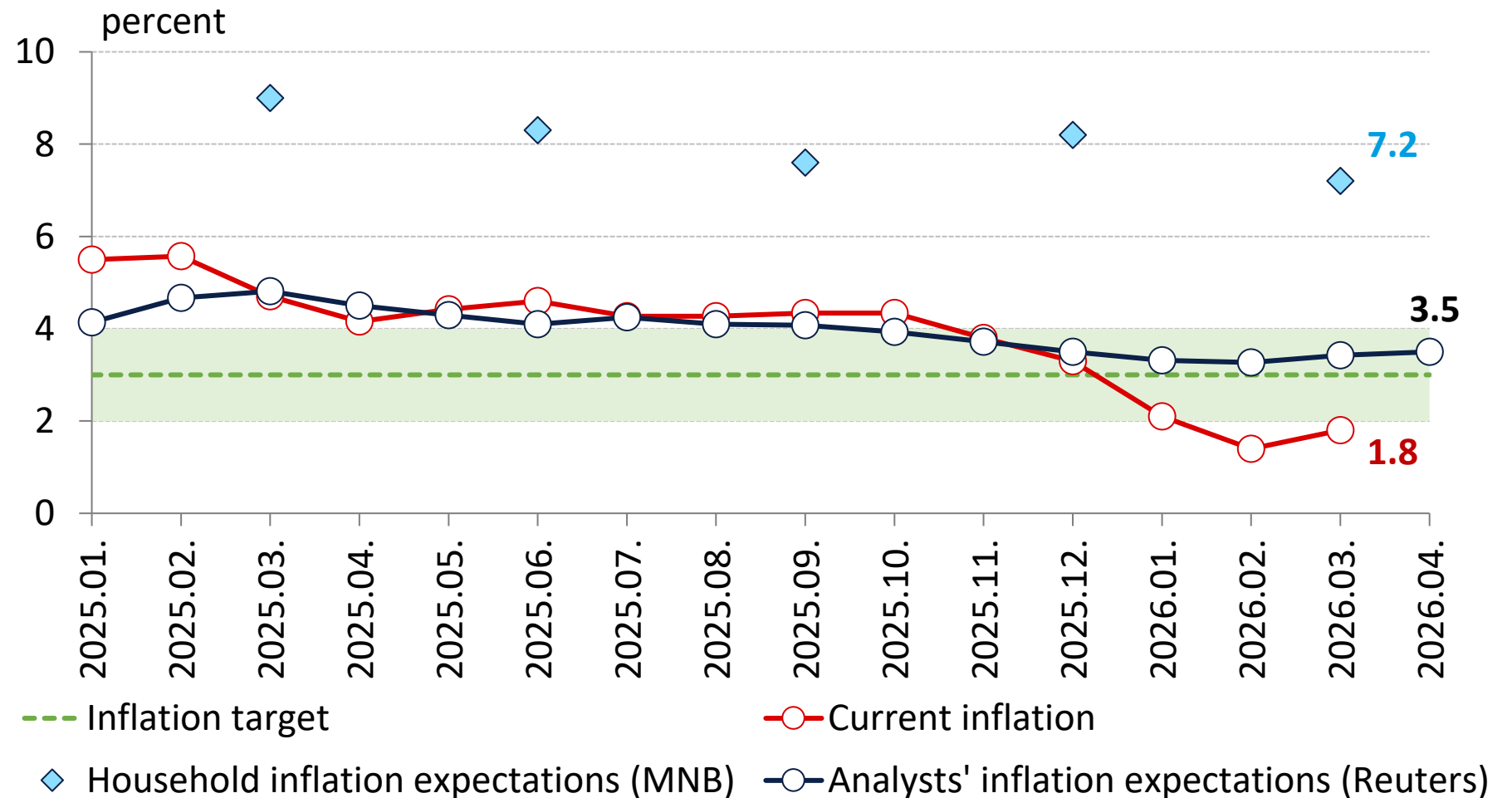
MARCH MID-TERM INFLATION FORECAST





HOUSEHOLD INFLATION EXPECTATIONS HAVE MODERATED

HOUSEHOLDS' AND ANALYSTS' EXPECTATIONS FOR INFLATION ONE YEAR AHEAD





A CAUTIOUS ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS AND CAREFULNESS ARE WARRANTED

The Monetary Council left the base rate unchanged at 6.25 percent at today's meeting.

- In the uncertain global economic environment, a **stability-oriented approach to monetary policy is warranted.**
- We are closely monitoring the **global and domestic factors impacting the inflation outlook.**
- **Careful and patient approach to monetary policy will be maintained.**
- **Maintaining tight monetary conditions is warranted.**



THE MONETARY COUNCIL'S FORWARD GUIDANCE

*„A **careful and patient** approach to monetary policy remains necessary due to inflation risks arising from geopolitical tensions and the uncertain financial market environment. **The Monetary Council is committed to the achievement of the inflation target in a sustainable manner.** Maintaining tight monetary conditions is warranted. The Council is constantly assessing the impact of incoming macroeconomic data and financial market developments on the inflation outlook, based on which it will take decisions on the level of the base rate in a **cautious and data-driven** manner.”*



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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