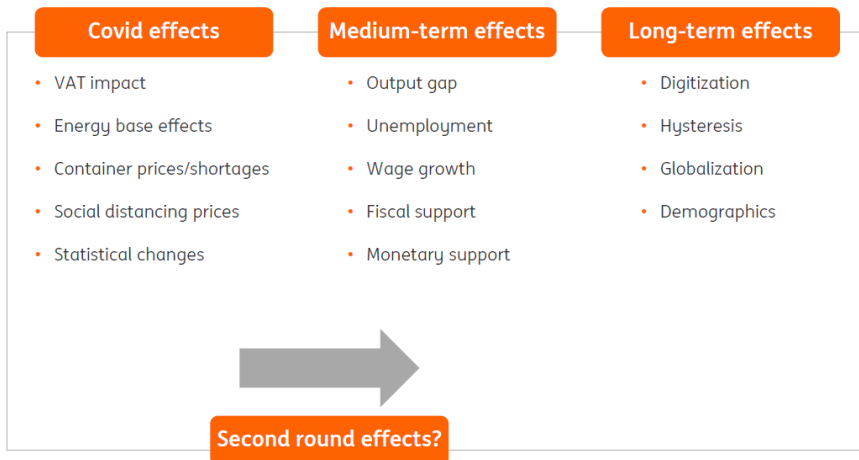


Inflation in 18 charts

Inflation concerns are increasing on both sides of the Atlantic. The big question is whether this is temporary or longer lasting. Below we use 18 key charts to discuss how transitory inflation really is in the eurozone and the US

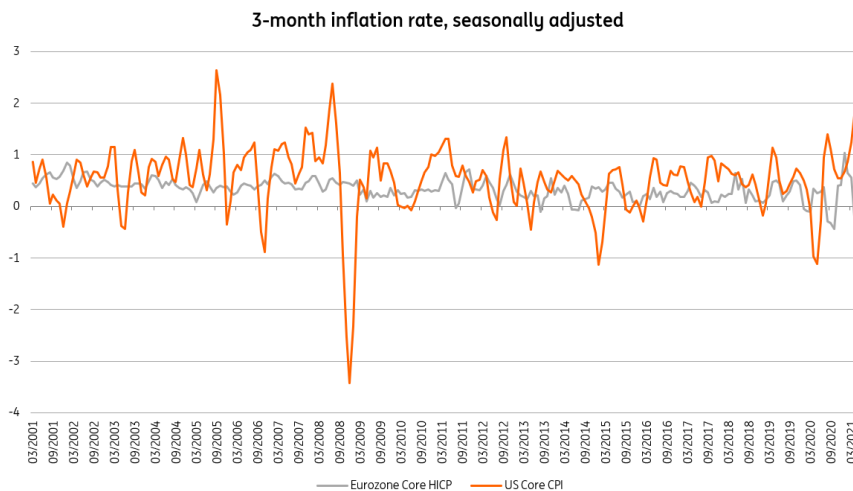


There are multiple stories influencing the inflation rate at the moment...



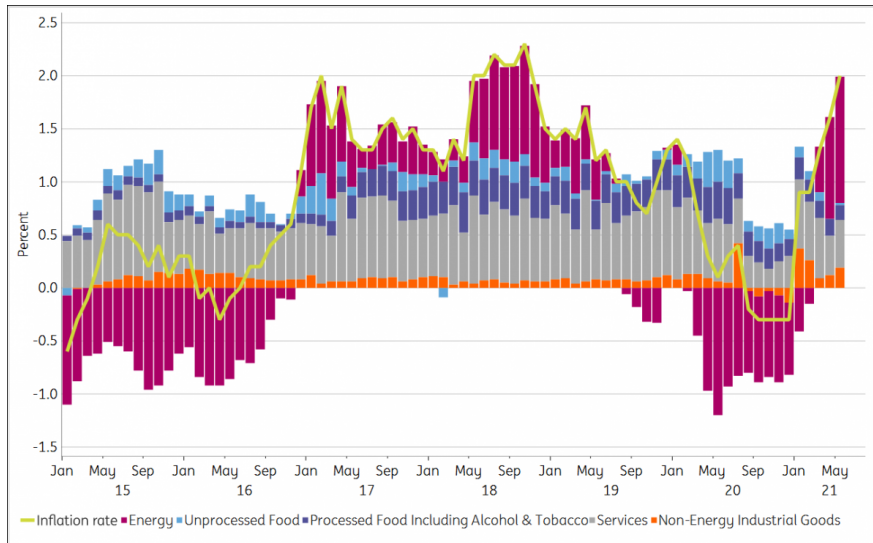
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The US sees much more “current” inflation, with base effects more important in the eurozone



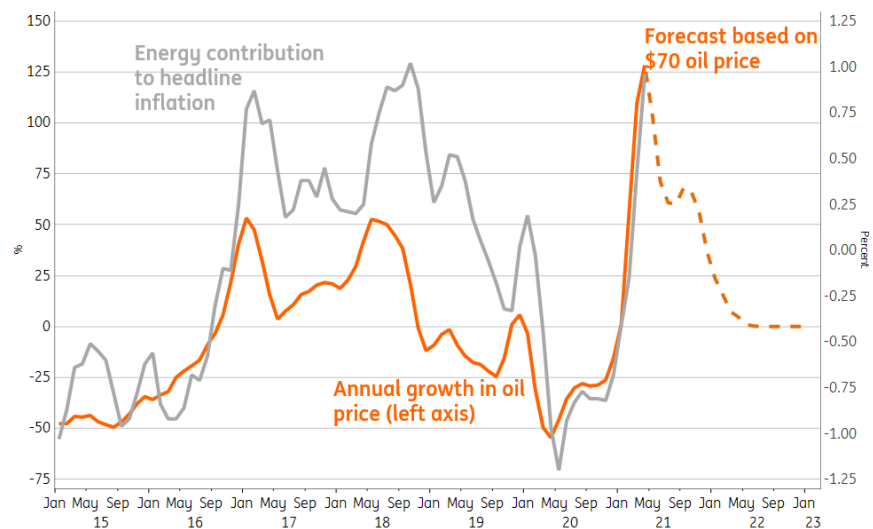
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Eurozone inflation is at 2%, but mainly on energy effects for now...



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Energy price impact on inflation is set to fall



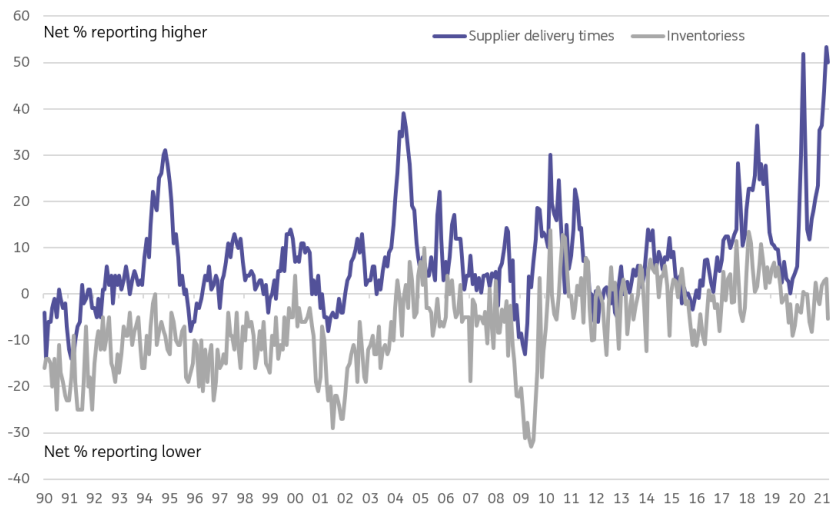
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But supply chain problems are leading to large build-up of pipeline inflation



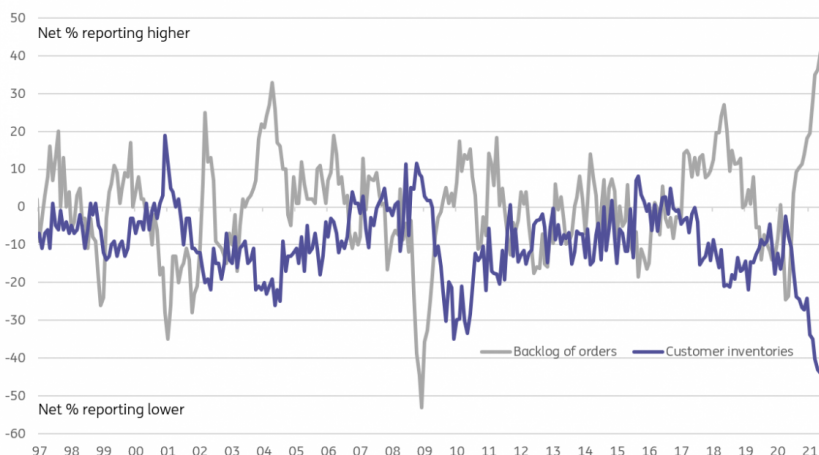
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In the US, supplier delivery times have also run up to record highs



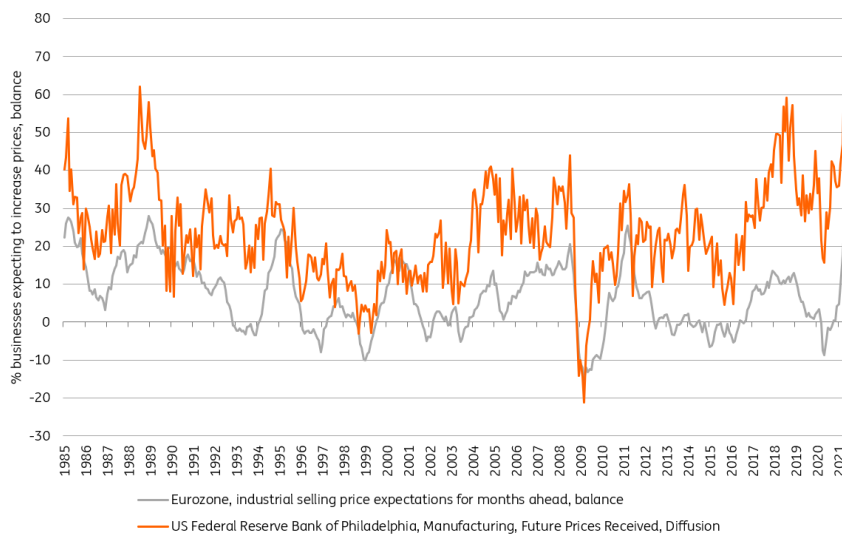
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US supply has a very hard time meeting demand at the moment, resulting in higher price expectations



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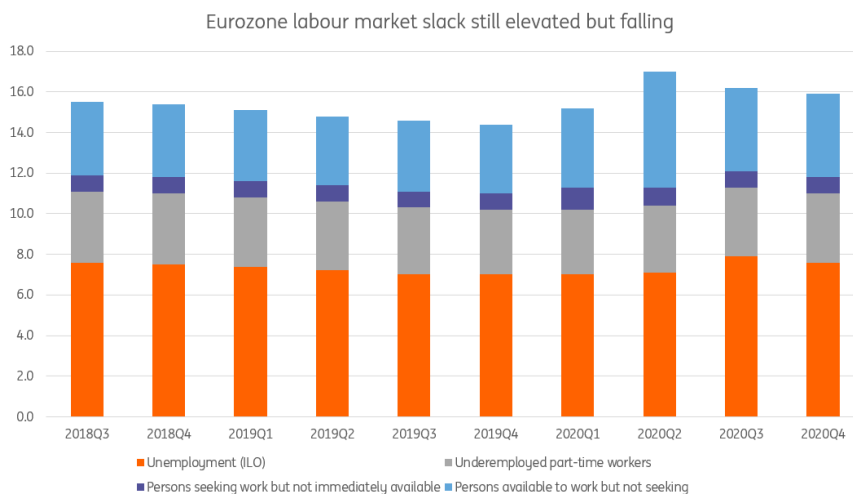
Price expectations for goods have reached all-time highs on both sides of the pond



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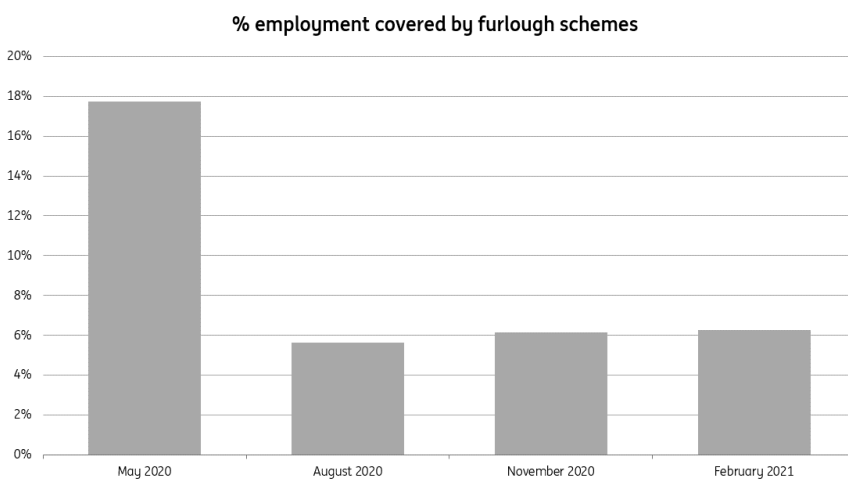
But for inflation to be longer lasting, wage growth seems key

Eurozone slack has been coming down though



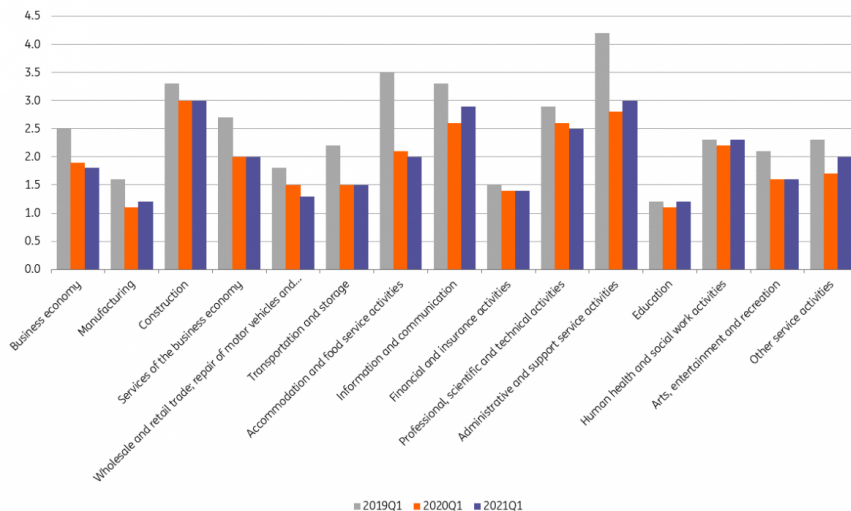
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And furlough schemes still hide slack in labour market figures



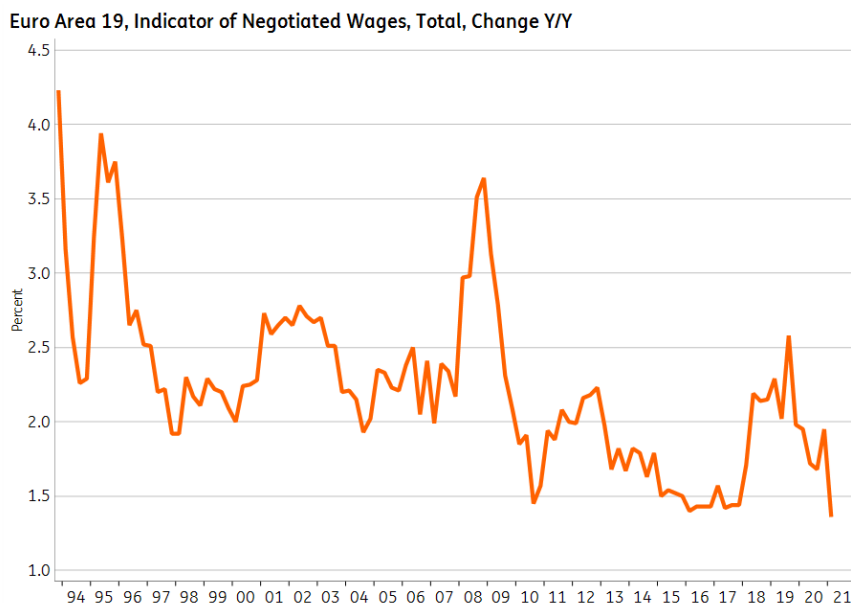
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And vacancy rates have yet to return to pre-crisis levels except for education and health



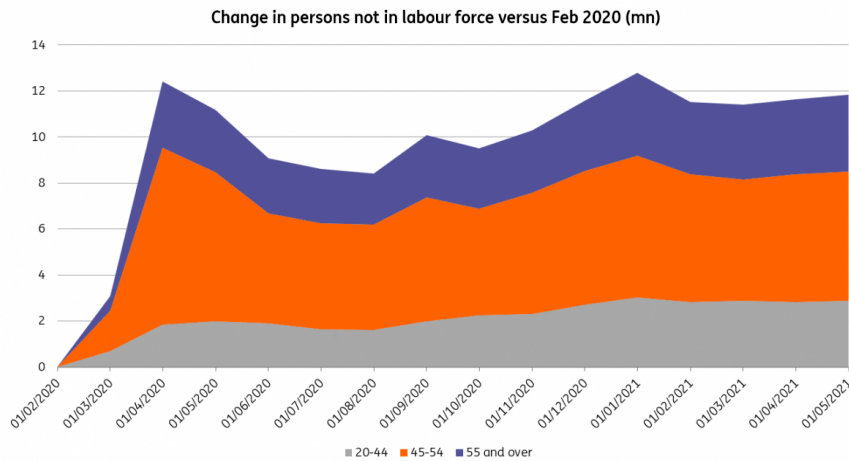
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Wage pressures have fallen over the course of the pandemic



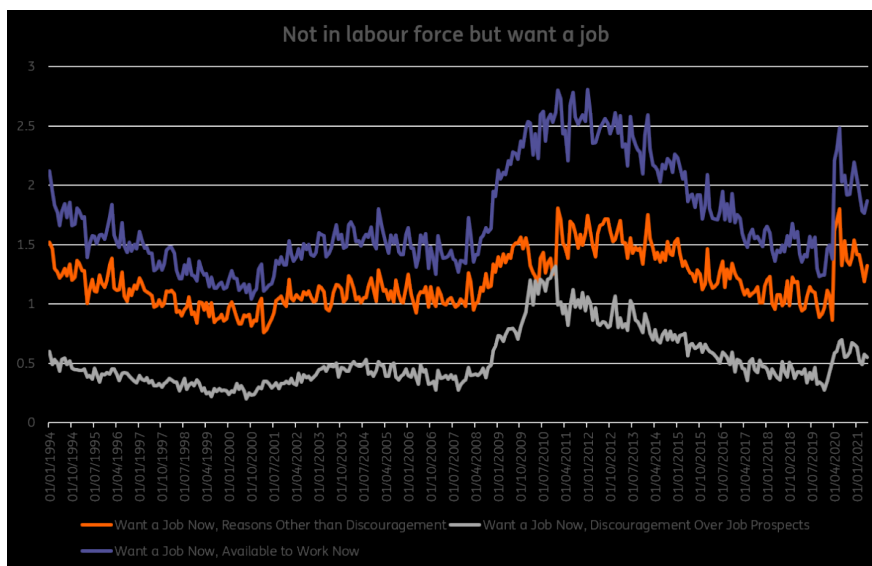
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In the US, labour market slack is deceiving...



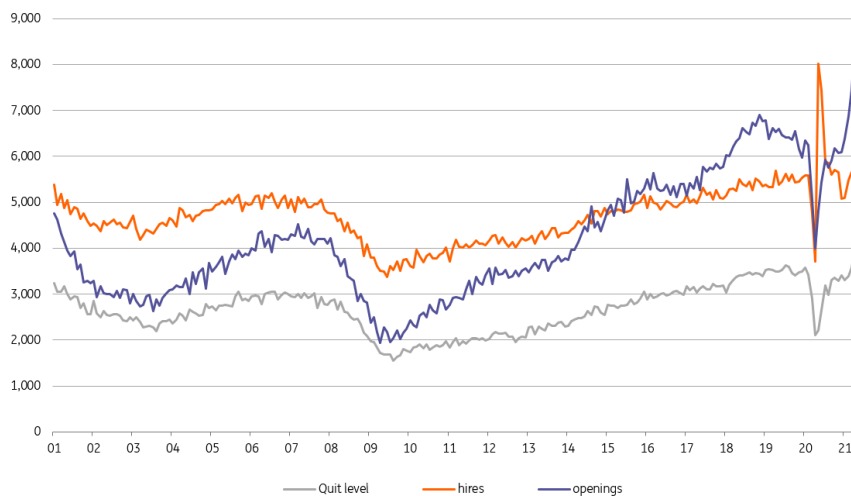
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The number of people out of the labour force that want a job has seen a much smaller increase than total labour market dropouts



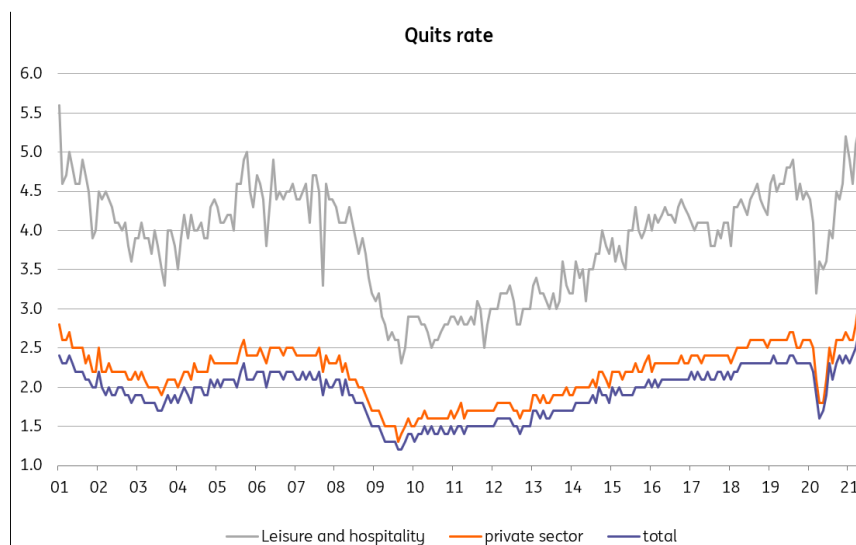
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Job openings have shot up in 2021, with hiring having a hard time keeping up



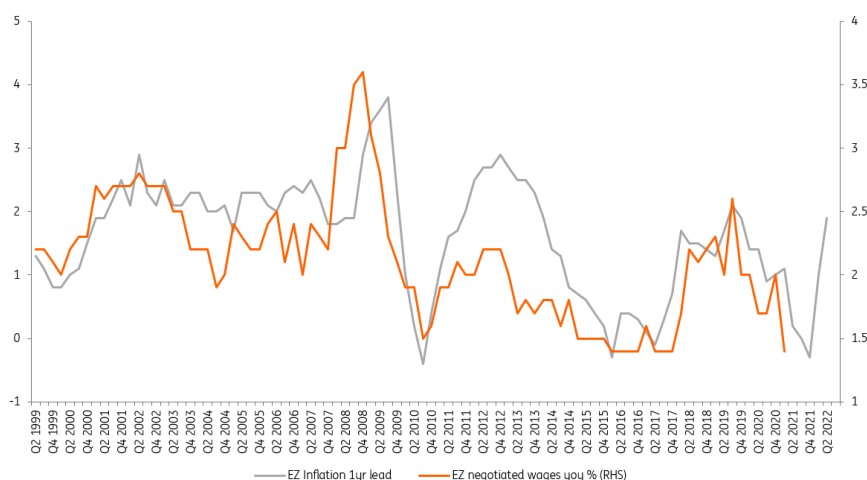
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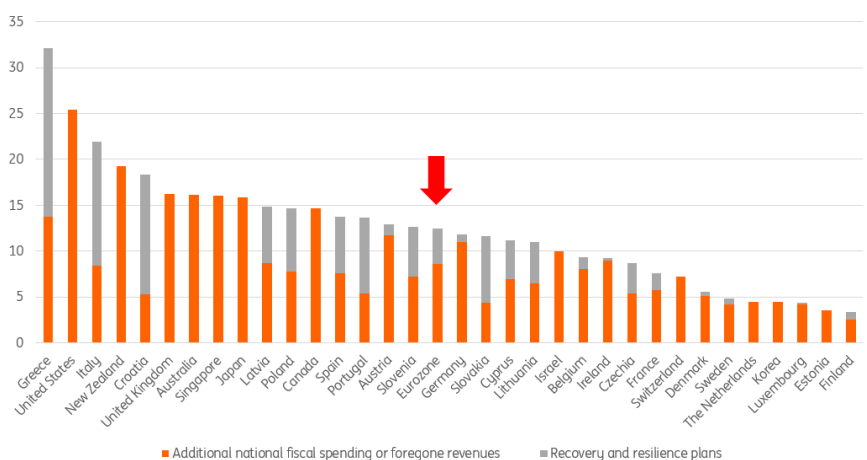
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Eurozone wage growth is influenced by past inflation, increasing chances of a wage-price spiral on the back of a price shock



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Modest fiscal support lowers chances of overheating substantially in the eurozone



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