

Instant Comment Slovakia

Inflation inches up in February

CPI (y/y)

Actual, Feb:	2.3	Previous:	2.2	Erste:	2.2	Consensus:	2.3
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Consumer price growth inched up to 2.3% y/y in February which corresponds to a monthly increase of 0.2% m/m (close to our expectations).

Food prices rose by 0.3% m/m and transport prices were higher by 1.1% m/m, on the back of higher fuel prices. Service prices (including restaurants and hotels, recreation and culture) saw an increase in February. On the other hand, clothing and footwear prices declined by 0.9% m/m. **Core inflation remained unchanged at 1.9% y/y.**

Looking Forward:

Food and transport prices were the key factors behind a slight increase in the February inflation print, with service prices also contributing to the overall inflation rate. Service prices are responding to the blossoming labour market conditions and the resulting higher disposable income of households. **Overall, we expect this year's inflation to average 2.5%.**



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