# REECOX

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REAL ESTATE ECONOMY INDEX

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Dear Readers.

The many challenges that exist around the world are reflected in the performance of the Euro Score: the persistent negative trend

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remained unbroken in the second quarter - the REECOX fell for the eighth month in a row to end the second quarter at 229.5 points. Whereas a recovery looked likely last year, a number of exceptional events (interest rate hikes/inflation, volatile supply chains, current conflict hotspots, fears of recession in certain parts of the world, living with the pandemic, etc.) are creating significant amounts of uncertainty. The parallel occurrence of these rare events has been unprecedented. The real estate industry has been adversely affected by these factors, as can be seen in the performance of the real estate stock indices, which plummeted dramatically in the second quarter. In some cases, changes in the conditions for financing have led to transactions being put on hold, so the market has not yet been able to establish a price level that unites both buyers and sellers. We can only hope that the summer months will be somewhat calmer and that the second half of the year will usher in a return to stronger transaction activity.

Kind regards Frank Schrader Fall July

**DEUTSCHE HYPO EURO-SCORE** 

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# **NEGATIVE TREND IN REECOX EURO SCORE CONTINUES**

Having commenced a downward trajectory in November 2021, the Deutsche Hypo REECOX European Real Estate Economy Index (Euro Score) continued to post a consistently negative performance in the second quarter of 2022. All in all, the Euro Score declined by 6.0 % quarter on quarter to stand at 229.5 points – the last time it was lower than this was in January 2021.

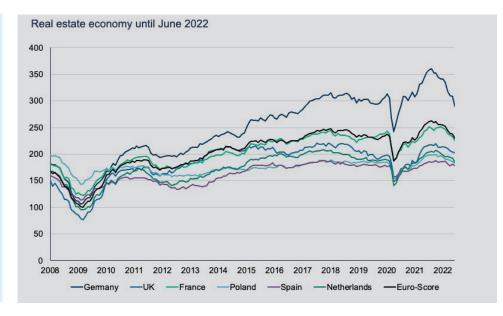
A look at the individual indicators illustrates that the REECOX again performed negatively across all monitored countries in the second quarter. With a comparatively moderate decline of 1.7 %, REECOX Spain recorded the lowest quarter-on-quarter percentage decrease. This is followed at a slight distance by Poland (down 3.6 % to 183.1 points) and the United Kingdom (down 3.9 % to 202.5 points). Virtually identical quarter-on-quarter declines were seen in the Netherlands (down 5.5 %

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## **DEUTSCHE HYPO REECOX-EYE**



The Deutsche Hypo REECOX-Eye shows the current value of each real estate market compared to the others (length of iris) and the size of the respective investment market (breadth of iris).





# REECOX GERMANY UNDERGOES SIGNIFICANT **PRICE DROP**

The German real estate index has recorded a negative performance for the fourth quarter in a row. REECOX Germany declined by 2.3 % as the second quarter began; this was followed by a more or less unchanged performance in May (-0.5 %) and a substantial drop in June (-6.1 %). This was by far the most pronounced in Germany, with the German real estate index posting the sharpest drop of all the European countries, a decline of 8.7 % to 289.8 points.

Although all market variables contributed to the current trend in the German real estate index, they varied considerably in terms of their impact. The German blue-chip index DAX saw renewed sharp losses: down by 11.3% quarter on quarter, it is now trading at roughly 12,784 points, the lowest it is has been since September 2020. Losses of 11.3 % incurred in June in particular contributed substantially to this trend. The German real estate share index DIMAX recorded even greater losses: a drastic quarter-on-quarter decline of 26.0 % to roughly 596.0 points brought it down to a level not seen since April 2016. The DIMAX fell by a hefty 16.2 % in June alone. The business climate dipped only slightly in the second quarter, thus cushioning the distinctly negative performance of the remaining input variables. Estimates by real estate experts within the scope of the Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) amounted to an index value of 105.2 points at the end of the guarter – a relatively moderate decline of 1.7 %.

# **COMMENT ON THE MARKET**



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"In light of the challenging conditions – war in Ukraine, inflation, fears of recession, rising interest rates, high construction costs and supply chain issues – the prevailing mood on the real estate markets can still be described as 'surreally' good. We see no signs of a downturn at the moment. The logistics sector is currently benefiting most: supply chain issues stemming from the pandemic and the war have underlined the importance of stock-keeping and ushered in an end to just-in-time strategies. In addition, the manageable risks associated with logistics construction projects are a factor in the success of this asset class. There is no sign of a downturn and we expect demand to remain high. The same applies to the residential property market, where current levels of immigration, among other factors, are causing the supply gap to widen further. The situation is difficult in the new housing construction and property development segments, most notably for complex projects: many new construction projects have become unprofitable and are failing to yield any margins as a result of high construction costs and rising interest rates. This means that many of them have been currently put on hold. In light of the resulting tight supply, the key question is: how will yields develop?"

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#### Key figures of the real estate economies Change of input variables in Q2-22 Values of the real estate economy Delta (%) Indicator of Change of the real estate economy Q1-22 / Q2-22 Real estate Basic Risk-free Leading share Apr 22 May 22 Q1-22 / index share index interest rate interest rate Q2-22 317 Germany 1 $\rightarrow$ 310 308 290 -8.7 380 UK 340 211 206 203 203 -3.9 300 France 1 239 234 235 226 -5.6 260 Netherlands 220 196 194 192 185 -5.5 180 Poland 1 1 190 188 185 183 -3.6 140 182 178 181 178 Spain Q1-22 -1.7 Apr 22 May 22 Q2-22 ---France -Germany Source: bulwiengesa AG

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