

# Presentation to the press briefing on monetary policy

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#### Key messages

- The NBU has cut the key policy rate to 13.5%, considering a decline in actual and expected price pressures and lower risks to inflows of international financial support. This decision will support lending development and economic recovery
- The baseline scenario of the NBU's forecast envisages a cut in the key policy rate to 13% this year. This easing of interest rate policy and the planned steps to liberalize the FX market will not pose any additional threats to macrofinancial stability and FX market resilience
- The NBU will adapt its monetary policy if the balance of risks changes significantly. Thus, lower risks to inflation and exchange rate sustainability could create preconditions for further cuts in the key policy rate and an easing of FX restrictions



## Key macroeconomic indicators\*

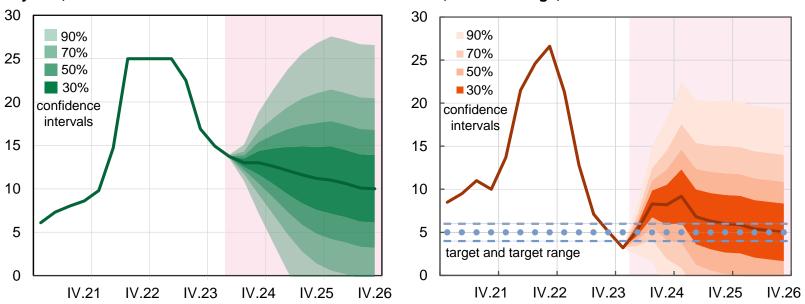
	2023	2024	2025	2026
Real GDP, change, %	<b>5.3</b> (5.7)	<b>3.0</b> (3.6)	<b>5.3</b> (5.8)	<b>4.5</b> (4.5)
Nominal GDP, UAH bn	<b>6 538</b> (6 510)	<b>7 590</b> (7 580)	<b>8 705</b> (8 710)	<b>9 685</b> (9 690)
<b>CPI</b> , y-o-y, % (eop)**	5.1	<b>8.2</b> (8.6)	<b>6.0</b> (5.8)	<b>5.0</b> (5.0)
<b>Core CPI</b> , y-o-y, % (eop)**	4.9	<b>6.7</b> (6.4)	<b>3.6</b> (3.1)	<b>3.0</b> (2.9)
Current account balance, USD bn	<b>-9.2</b> (-9.7)	<b>-20.2</b> (-16.9)	<b>-18.2</b> (-19.8)	-23.1 (-23.8)
International reserves, USD bn	40.5	<b>43.4</b> (40.4)	<b>44.3</b> (42.1)	<b>39.3</b> (36.9)

\* in brackets – previous forecast (Inflation report, January 2024)

\*\* end of period (December to December of previous year)



### Key rate and inflation forecast\*



CPI, annual change, %\*\*\*

\* The forecast is given in a fan chart. This chart type is used to illustrate uncertainty with regard to predicted future values. For instance, the probability that the indicator will be in the range of the darkest shaded area in the chart (around the central line) is 30%. The same applies to other chart areas, implying the 90% probability that the indicator will be in the range of the lightest shaded area.

#### \*\* quarter average

Key rate, %\*\*

\*\*\* end of quarter