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## sentix Economic Index: Upswing - but where to?

- An economic upswing has begun in the eurozone. Starting out from an unchanged weak situation (-61.5 points), expectations improve significantly to +21.8 points!
- Germany has also bottomed out. Expectations are rising strongly to +27.3 points, the highest value since March 2015.
- Internationally, we are getting the same picture almost everywhere. Starting from a weak situation, the expectations are rising significantly. But how long will the path out of the recession be. We have shed more light on this in a special question! More on this in the full text.

### Statistics

Poll running: **4-June to 6-June 2020**

Survey participants: **1,173 investors**  
(**263** of those are institutional investors)

## Current economic regimes\* of countries /regions in focus:

Region / country	Regime	Region / country	Regime
Eurozone	Recovery	USA	Recovery
Germany	Recovery	Japan	Recovery
Switzerland	Recovery	Asia ex-Japan	Recovery
Austria	Recovery	Latin America	Stabilization
Eastern Europe	Recovery	Global Aggregate	Recovery

\* The regimes – ranging from recession to boom – are derived from the sentix Economic Indices according to the principle of the “economy clock” (see annotation on penultimate page). They reflect investors’ perceptions of different economies. These perceptions are the basis for investors’ behaviour, i.e. their asset allocation, and are thus relevant for financial markets. They are historically close to actual economic activities but need not necessarily be identical.

## Results for the Euro area economy: June 2020

Euro Area	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20
<b>Overall index</b>	7.6	5.2	-17.1	-42.9	-41.8	-24.8
<b>Headline Index</b>						
- Current situation	5.5	4.0	-14.3	-66.0	-73.0	-61.5
- Expectations	9.8	6.5	-20.0	-15.8	-3.0	21.8

Highest since 11.2017      3. Increase in a row



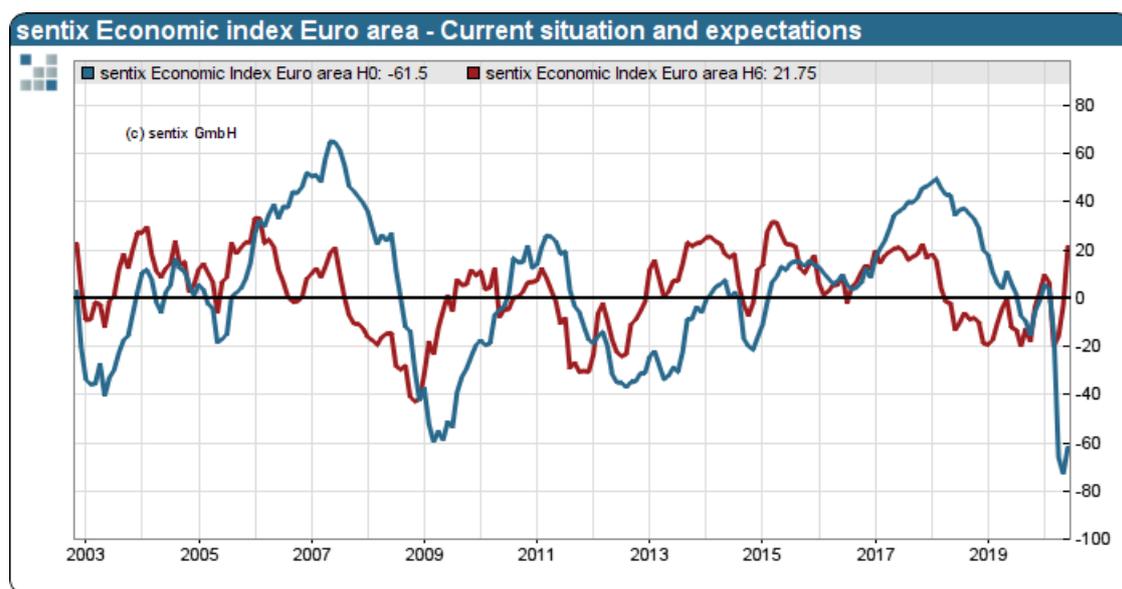
## Commentary on the survey results for June 2020

### Upswing - but where to?

The signs are pointing to a global economic upturn. This is not too difficult after such a serious standstill of the real economy as we experienced in April. This is why the sentix economic indices also show a mixed picture. On the positive side, expectations are rising sharply. The economy is waking up from its deep sleep. But the road to normality is long. The situation values are still deep red and thus continue to indicate a recessionary environment. The question now is how strong and how far the global economy can recover. We will shed light on this in the following analysis.

### Euro area: The economy awakens

The relaxation of measures to combat the pandemic is also bringing economic activity to life. But the road out of recession is a long one. In Euroland, the situation values are just rising from -73 to -61.5 points. But the upswing out of the valley of tears has definitely begun and should continue for the time being. In fact, the momentum is actually increasing. Expectations are rising sharply by 24.8 points to the +21.8 mark. This is the best value since November 2017, and the overall index is improving accordingly strongly to -24.8 points.



sentix Economic Index for the Eurozone: **current situation** and **expectations**

But what do these numbers mean? Is there a "normal" upswing that will soon bring us back to a normal, good economic situation? To get a better understanding of these figures, we conducted a special survey among investors. We wanted to know how much of the economic slump caused by the Corona pandemic will be made up within a year. So where does the recovery go?!

The result is likely to disappoint optimists. For the eurozone, investors expect that within a year, just over 50% of the slump can be made up. This means that in a year's time we would still be noticeably below the pre-crisis level. And this despite all the stimulus measures, the fiscal packages and monetary easing.

An upswing has begun, but a real trend reversal is not yet assured.



## Germany: Our request was granted

Our appeal from last month was heard by the politicians. The governments at federal and state level have shown courage and yet have embarked on a rapid course of opening. This is also reflected in significant improvements in the sentix economic indices. Expectations are jumping by almost 30 points to the best value since March 2015. The economic stimulus package presented last week is ambitious in terms of volume, but the effect is likely to be less than the inventors would like. In any case, investors expect that Germany, too, will only be able to compensate for around 64% of the slump in economic output within a year.

Germany	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	6.9	4.5	-16.9	-36.0	-35.3	-17.2	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	6.0	4.3	-13.3	-59.3	-66.0	-53.0	
- Expectations	7.8	4.8	-20.5	-9.0	2.5	27.3	Highest since 03.2015      3. Increase in a row

## USA: Below average

In the USA, too, we are measuring noticeable improvements in the sentix economic indices. However, these improvements are still rather below average. This is probably also due to the fact that the incidence of infection is not yet as contained as in Europe due to the size of the country. Nevertheless, the situation and expectations are also improving in the USA and signal the beginning of an upswing. The investors surveyed by sentix expect that the USA will be able to make up around 61% of the slump in economic output within a year.

United States	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	15.9	20.3	0.2	-39.1	-36.8	-22.3	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	31.0	38.3	17.8	-59.0	-66.8	-57.3	
- Expectations	1.8	3.8	-16.0	-16.5	0.0	21.3	Highest since 01.2017

## Asia ex Japan: Closest to normalisation

The economy in the Asian region, which is strongly influenced by China, is closest to normalisation. The overall index rose to -8.9 points. This is the best value of all sub-regions considered by sentix. But even here the situation is still weak at -39. And even if expectations point to a further recovery, investors also expect the Asian economy to find it difficult to return to pre-crisis levels within a year (recovery factor: 67%).

Asia ex Japan	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	18.4	7.1	-13.5	-21.8	-22.6	-8.9	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	20.3	6.8	-14.5	-41.3	-50.0	-39.0	
- Expectations	16.5	7.5	-12.5	0.0	9.8	26.8	Highest since 02.2013      3. Increase in a row



## Further result tables

<b>Japan</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	7.4	7.0	-17.5	-30.5	-31.7	-17.0	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	7.8	8.5	-16.8	-50.5	-59.5	-49.0	
- Expectations	7.0	5.5	-18.3	-7.8	1.5	21.8	Highest since 05.2006
							3. Increase in a row
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	5.4	5.5	-12.9	-38.6	-37.2	-22.6	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	3.8	5.3	-10.8	-58.5	-65.0	-54.8	
- Expectations	7.0	5.8	-15.0	-16.0	-3.8	16.8	Highest since 02.2013
<b>Latin America</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	-9.5	-6.9	-20.4	-45.5	-47.3	-38.5	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	-18.5	-14.5	-22.5	-65.0	-74.8	-71.3	
- Expectations	0.0	1.0	-18.3	-23.3	-13.8	2.5	Highest since 04.2018
<b>Global</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	12.1	8.1	-12.0	-32.2	-32.0	-17.9	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	14.5	10.5	-8.8	-52.3	-60.5	-50.4	
- Expectations	9.8	5.8	-15.3	-9.3	2.4	21.7	Alltime High!
							3. Increase in a row
<b>Switzerland</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	14.4	14.0	-9.4	-32.9	-35.1	-14.4	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	25.0	27.0	-6.0	-46.0	-56.8	-43.3	
- Expectations	4.3	1.8	-12.8	-18.8	-10.3	19.8	Highest since 01.2018
<b>Austria</b>	Jan. 20	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May. 20	Jun. 20	
<b>Overall index</b>	24.4	20.2	-3.0	-37.3	-24.9	-12.8	
<b>Headline Index</b>							
- Current situation	25.3	28.0	11.5	-63.8	-55.3	-46.0	
- Expectations	23.5	12.8	-16.5	-5.8	11.8	27.5	Highest since 02.2018
							3. Increase in a row



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## Background, methodology and more

Current reports and documentation: <https://www.sentix.de/index.php/en/sentix-Economic-News/>

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