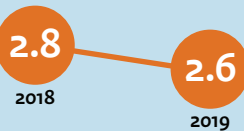


Day of the King's Speech 2018: the main CPB figures

Economy is flourishing

Netherlands



GDP growth, in %

average eurozone



GDP growth slightly lower, but remains higher than the eurozone's average growth, leading to **less unemployment** and **more favourable public finances**

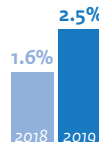
Higher low VAT tariff (temporary effect)



Increasing labour costs



Inflation

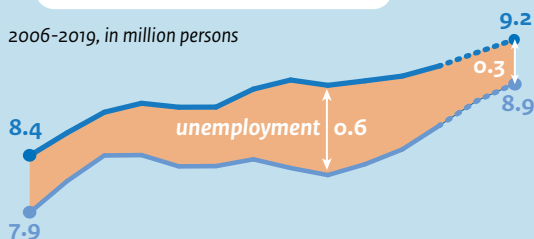


+1.0%

The **budget surplus** will be 1.0% in 2019, and 0.9% in 2018

The **labour supply** is growing and unemployment continues to decline

2006-2019, in million persons



— labour force (aged 15-74) prognosis
— working population

International uncertainties



+4.0%

World trade projected to grow by 4% in 2019, compared with 2018

Risks are also increasing



Impact tariff measures still limited to small share of the world trade; risk of escalation increases



UK investments are declining in the absence of a Brexit deal. Risk of chaotic 'cliff-edge' scenario increases

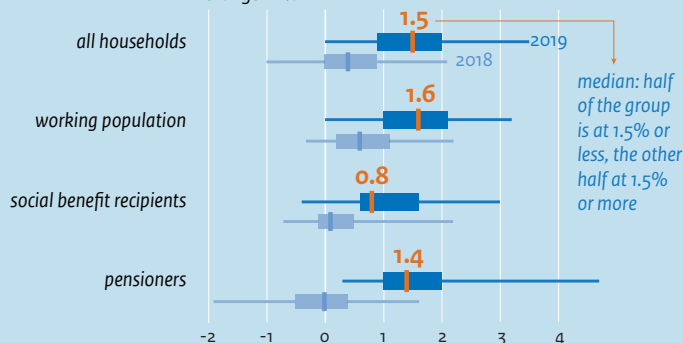


Uncertainty about policies of the new Italian government; meanwhile, certain companies are able to borrow against a lower interest rate than the national government



Purchasing power is improving due to lower income tax, higher wages and higher child benefits

change in %



39%

Downside: 39% of **construction companies** are faced with staff shortages, which is a doubling compared to the previous quarter

