

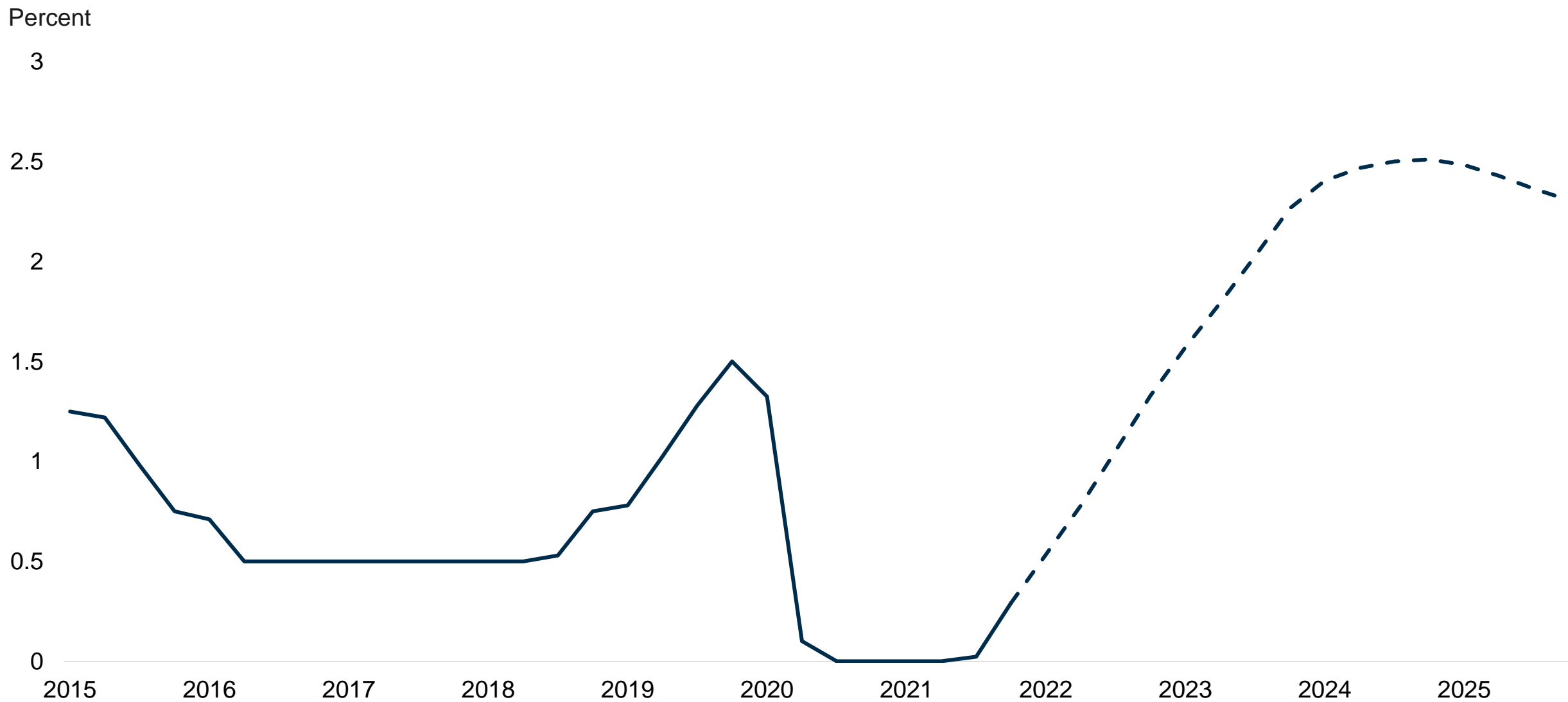
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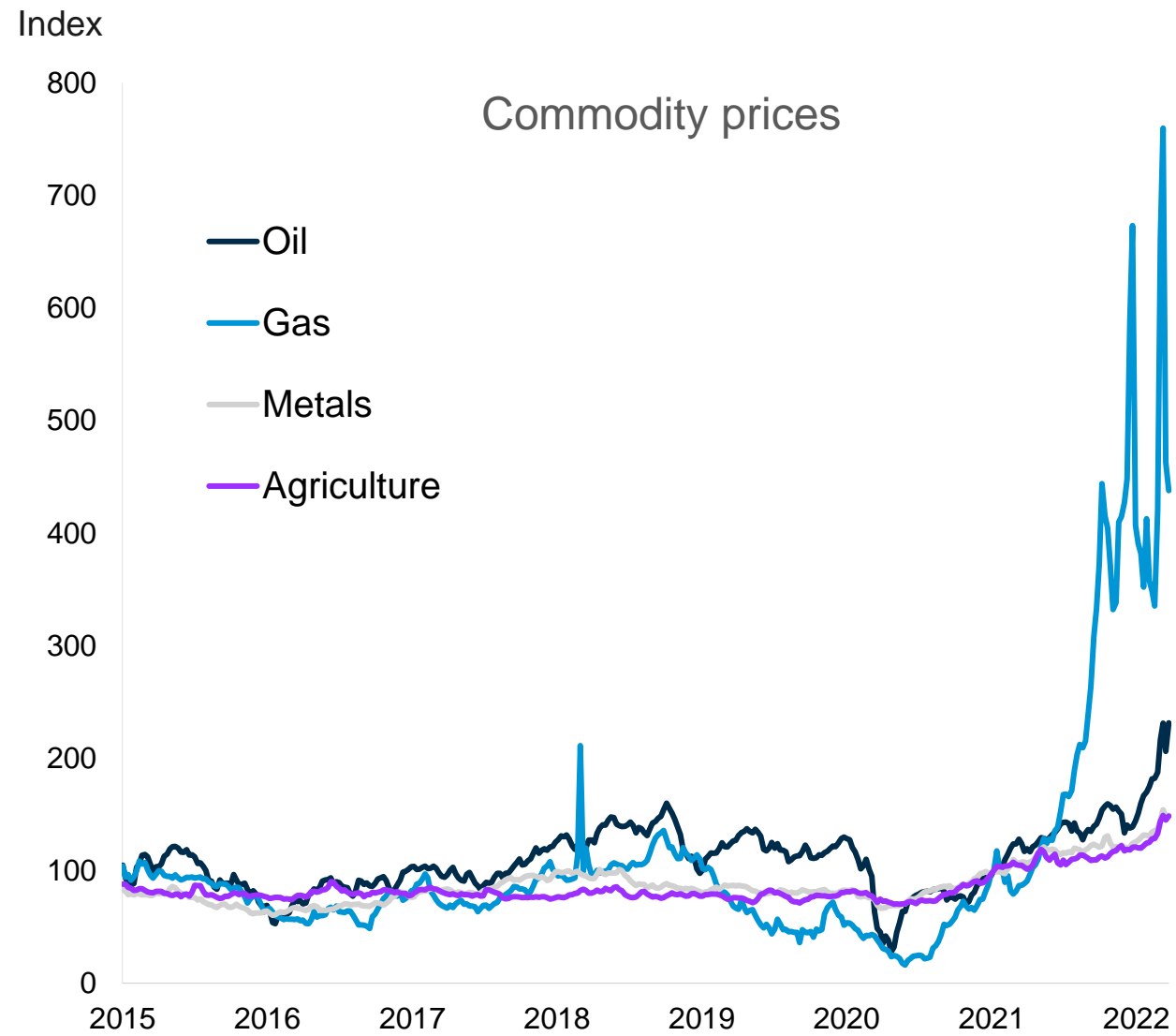
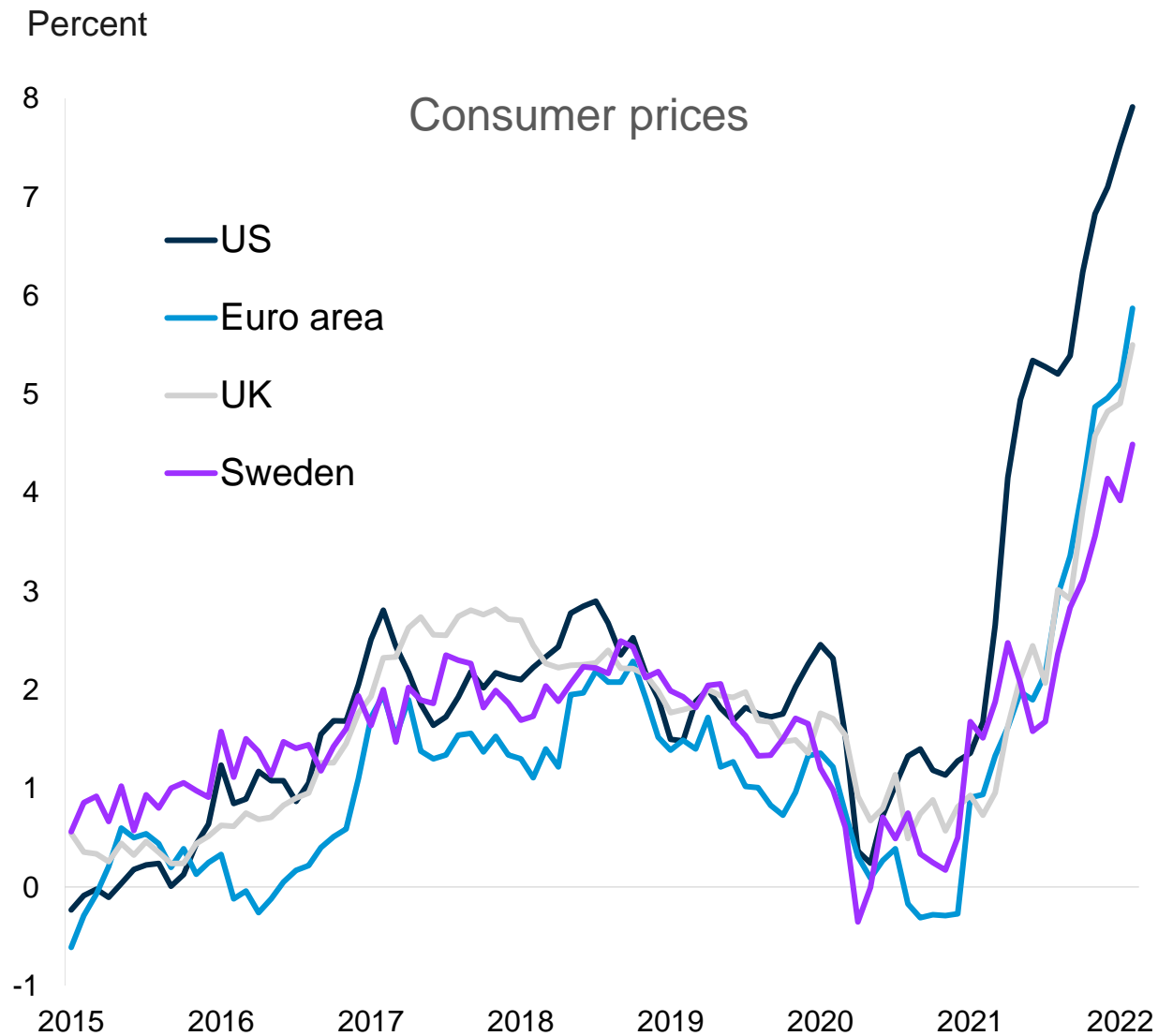
Higher interest rates

Source: Norges Bank



High inflation in many countries and higher commodity prices

Sources: Refinitiv Datastream and Norges Bank

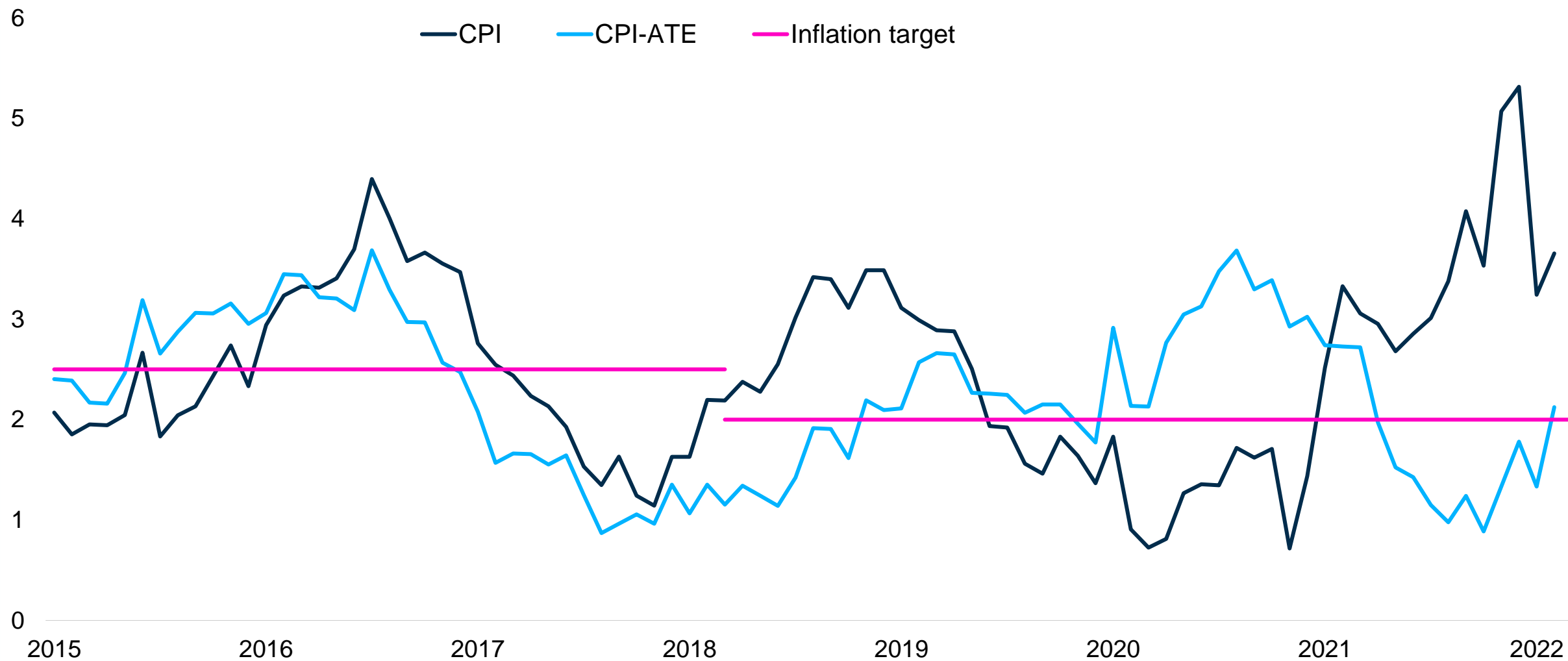


Norway: Rise in inflation

Source: Statistics Norway

Consumer prices. Twelve-month change

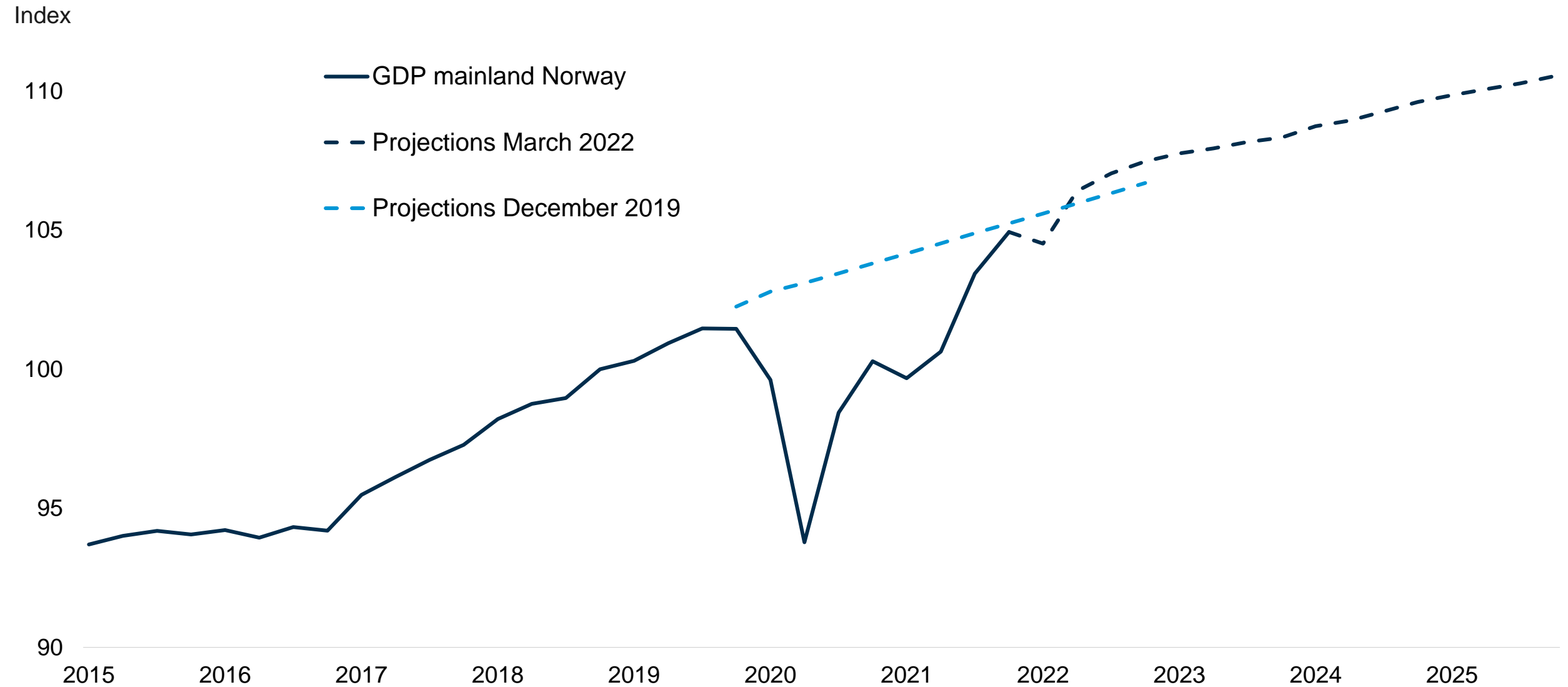
Percent



Economic activity expected to rise

GDP for mainland Norway

Sources: Statistics Norway
and Norges Bank



Low unemployment

Registered unemployment as a share of the labour force

Sources: Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV) and Norges Bank

Percent

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

0

2005

2007

2009

2011

2013

2015

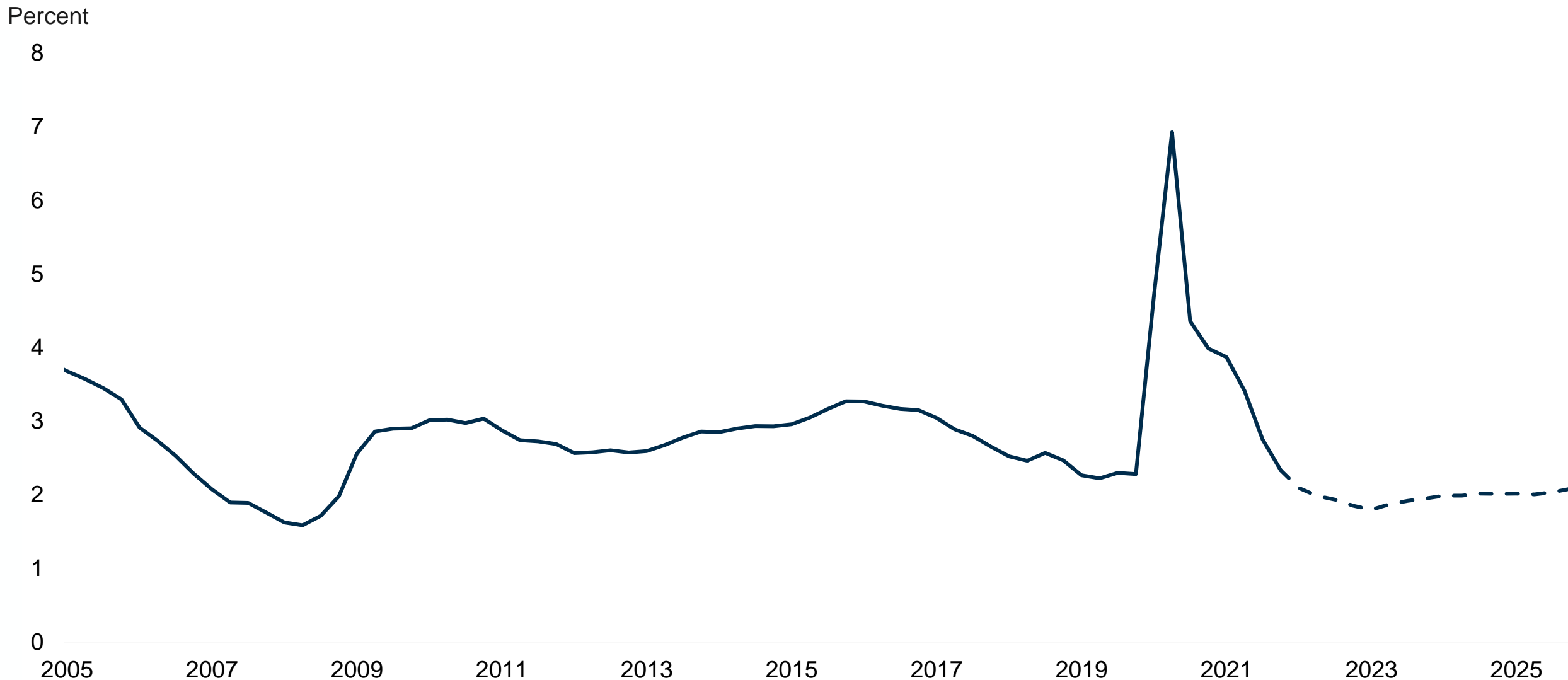
2017

2019

2021

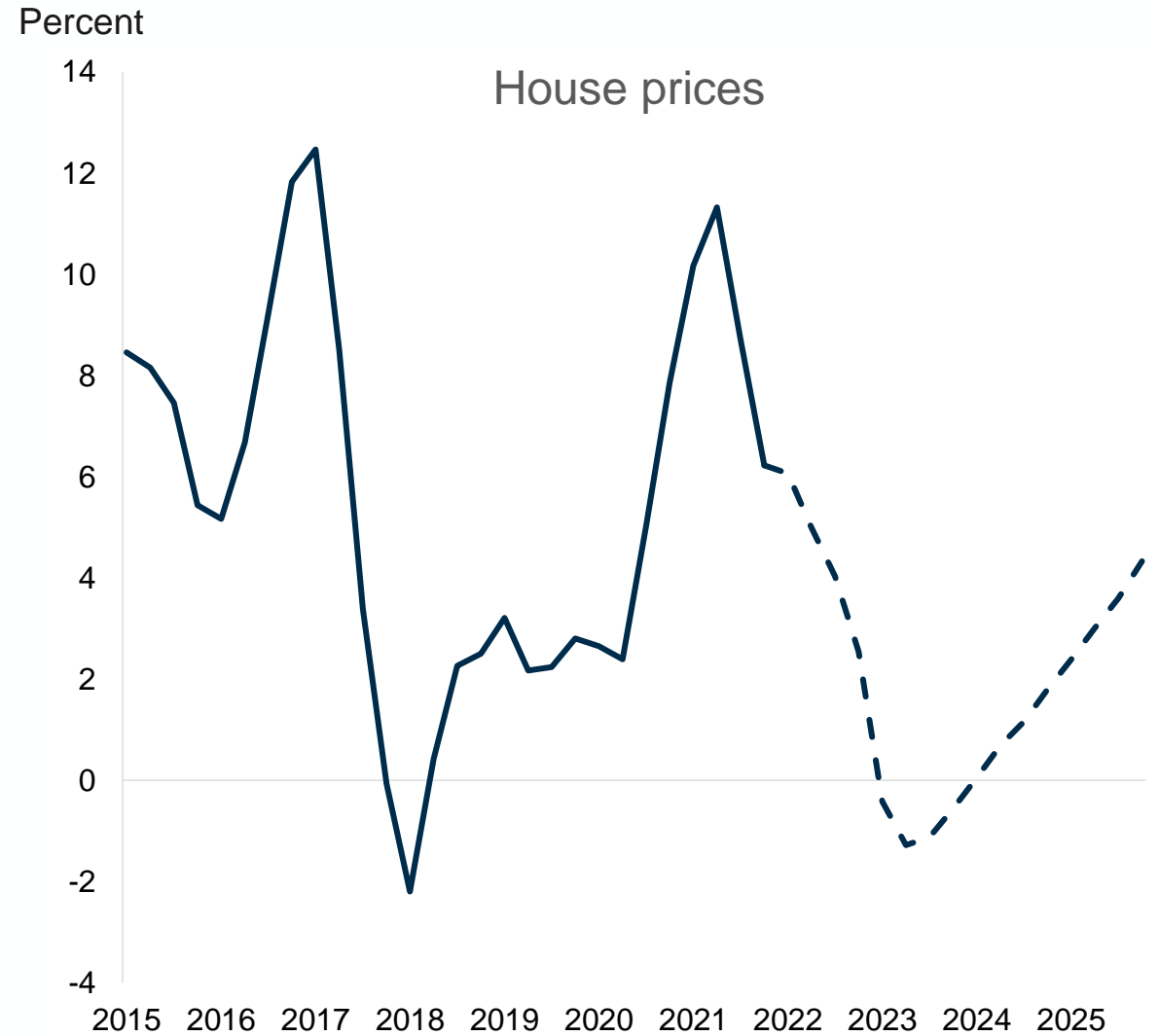
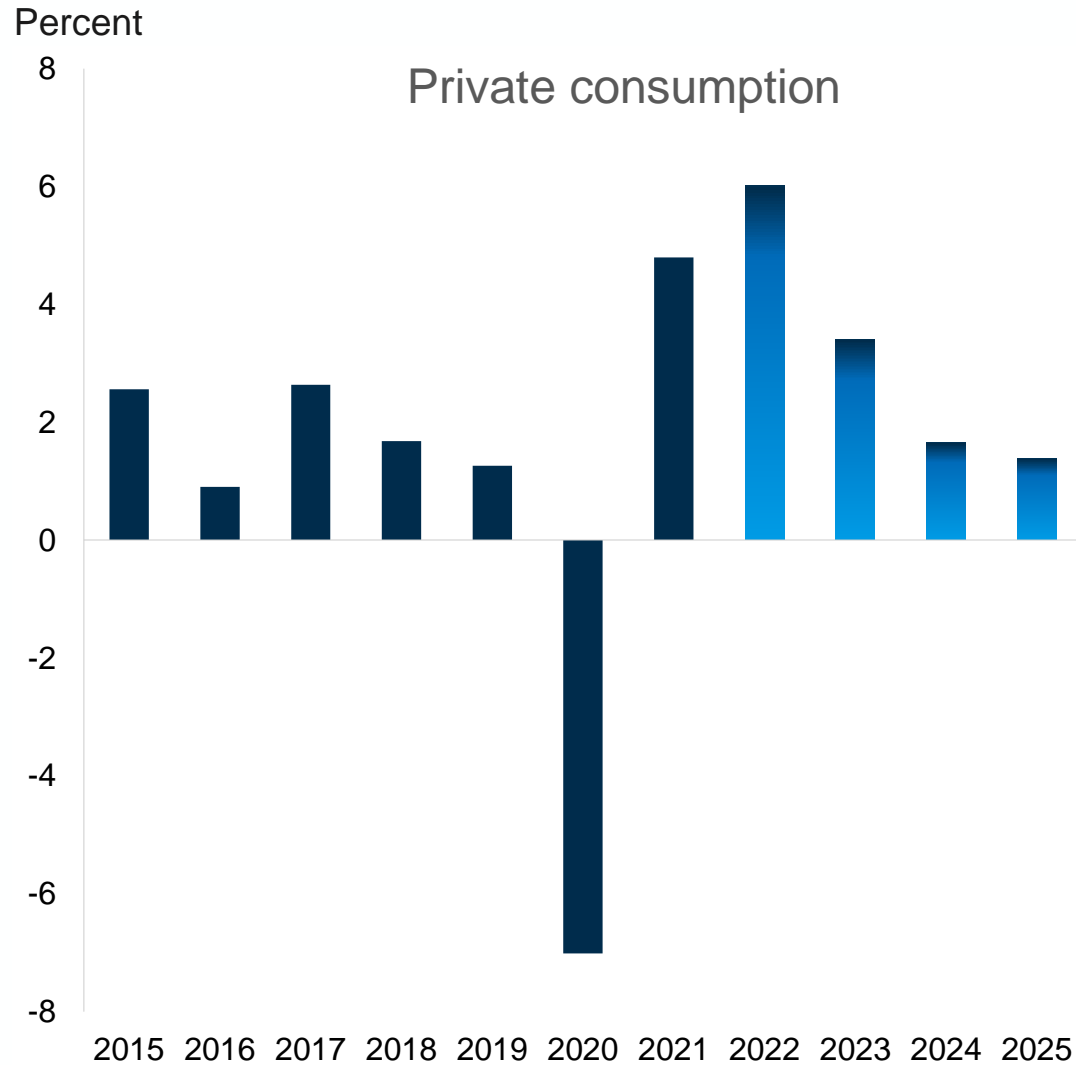
2023

2025



Strong consumption growth, but moderate house price inflation

Sources: Eiendomsverdi,
Finn.no, Real Estate Norway,
Statistics Norway and
Norges Bank



Business investment expected to grow

Sources: Statistics Norway
and Norges Bank

Percent

14

12

10

8

6

4

2

0

-2

-4

-6

Other sectors

Manufacturing

Business investment in mainland Norway

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

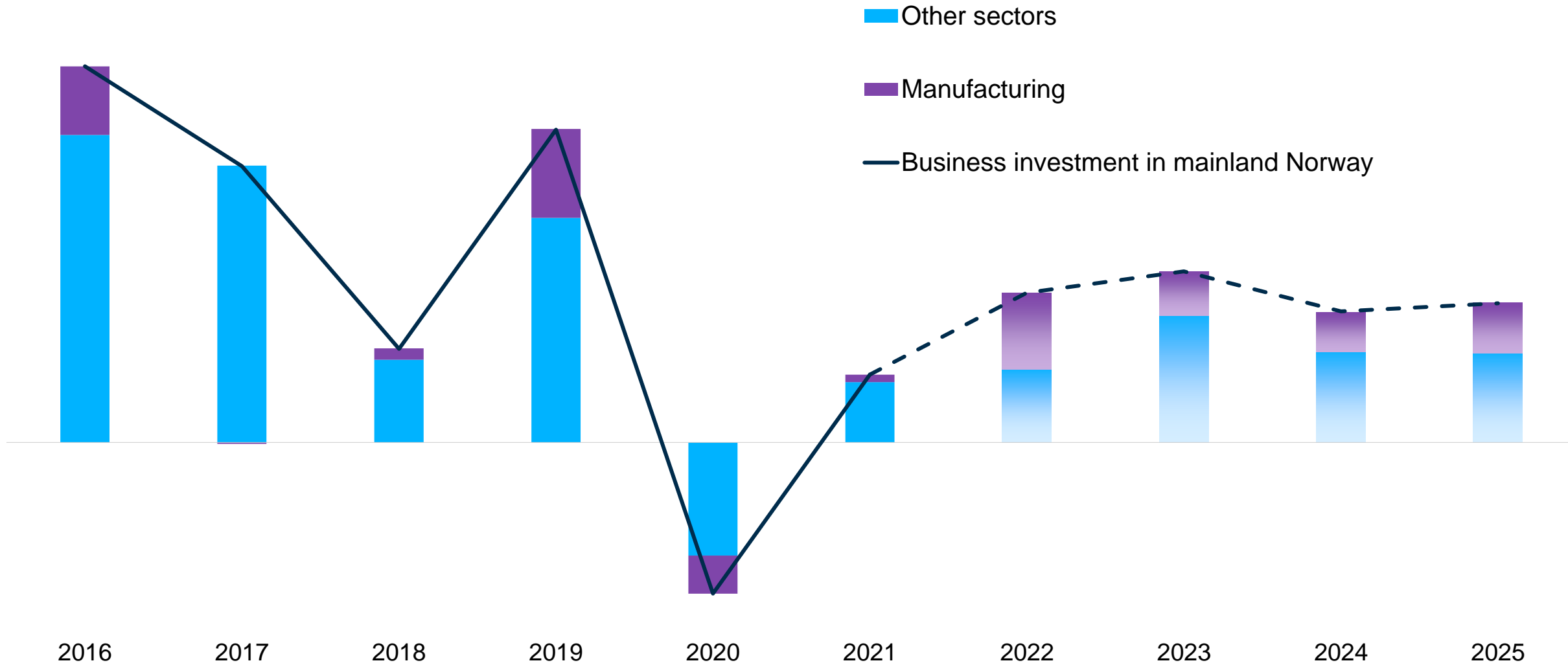
2021

2022

2023

2024

2025



Climate change and central banks

- Climate change is affecting the structure of the economy and macroeconomic developments
- Central banks have intensified their efforts to understand these effects
- We will incorporate the knowledge gained into our monetary policy and financial stability analysis



Structural changes in the payment system

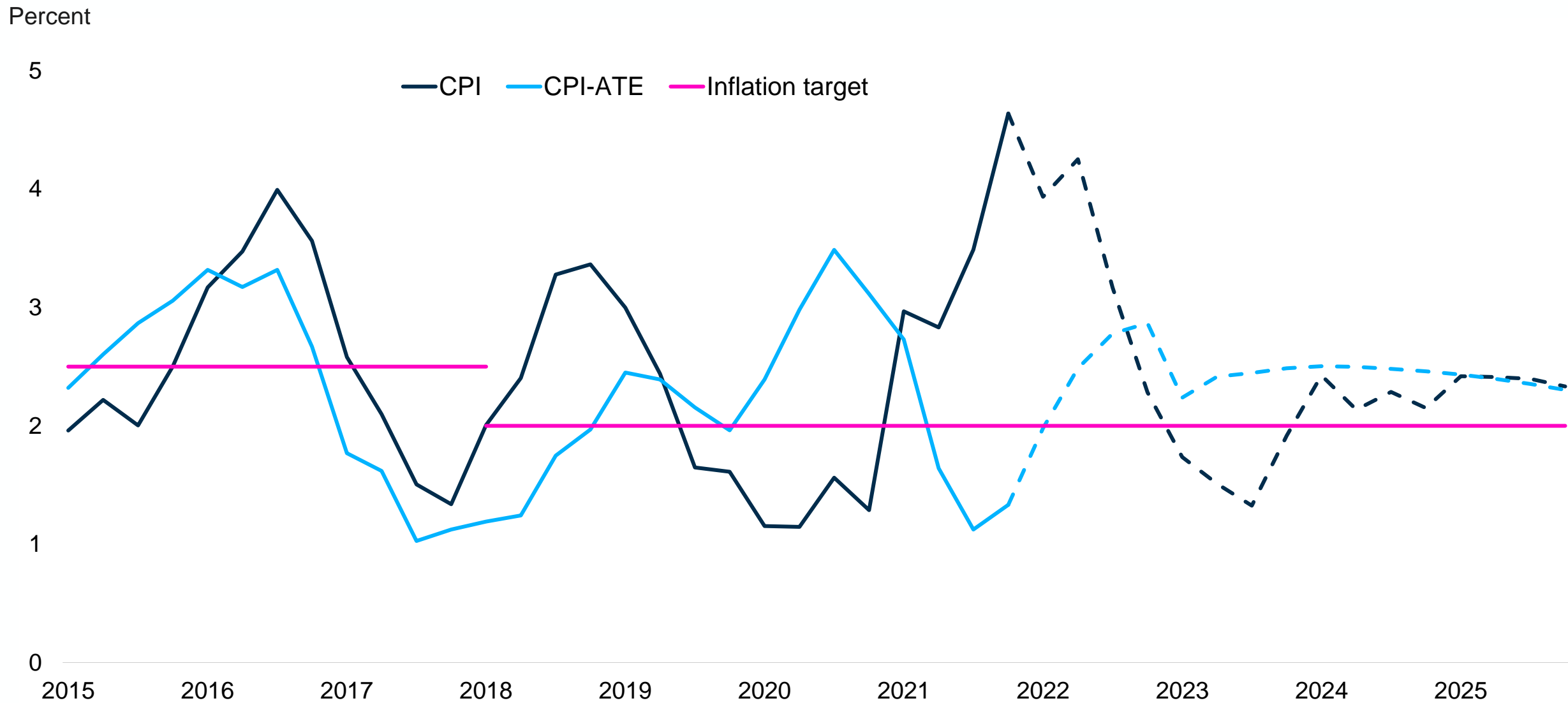
- Increased competition from new means of payments and new providers of financial services
- Norges Bank wants to be a driving force for change that enhances the efficiency and safety of the payment system
- Central bank digital currencies?



Inflation to move close to target

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