

# Euler Hermes Country Ratings



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## ➔ The Country Grade is a long-term (structural) indicator.

It refers to the purely structural measure of the economic and political risk of transfer and of convertibility.

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| <b>AA</b> Very low external transfer & convertibility risk and very strong business environment          | <b>A</b> Low external transfer & convertibility risk and strong business environment                |
| <b>BB</b> Moderate external transfer & convertibility risk and sound, above average business environment | <b>B</b> Significant external transfer & convertibility risk and below average business environment |
| <b>C</b> High external transfer risk & convertibility risk and well below average business environment   | <b>D</b> Very high external transfer risk & convertibility risk and weak business environment       |

## ➔ Financial Flow Indicator (FFI) and Cyclical Risk Indicator are short-term (cyclical) indicators.

FFI is an indicator of a country's vulnerability to exogenous shock and of its capacity to resist or avoid systemic shock, in particular with regard to its sensitivity to capital flows. It has a 3-level scale of risks, by increased order of risk: low, medium and high (L,M and H).

CRI measures the risk of worsening payments in relation to macroeconomic developments, irrespective of structural transfer and convertibility risk. It has a 3-level scale of risks, by increased order of risk: low, medium and high (1,2 and 3).

- L1** Low vulnerability risk. Low cyclical risk
- L2** Low vulnerability risk. Acceptable cyclical risk, but some uncertainty
- M1** Significant vulnerability risk. Low cyclical risk
- M2** Significant vulnerability risk. Acceptable cyclical risk, but some uncertainty
- L3** Low vulnerability risk. But high cyclical risk
- H1** High vulnerability risk. Low cyclical risk
- M3** Significant vulnerability risk and high cyclical risk
- H2** High vulnerability risk. Acceptable cyclical risk, but high uncertainty
- H3** High vulnerability risk and high cyclical risk

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- Low Risk**
- Medium Risk**
- Sensitive Risk**
- High Risk**