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The debate about a rate cut remains

- Most members of the Board recognize that the **recent decline in inflation could be unsustainable, given its non-core nature**
- As in the March minute, the **debate about the convenience of a rate cut remains**. The relative loss of competitiveness and the risks in terms of credibility of not meeting the 3% target were cited among the members against the rate cut
- On the contrary, the supporters of the rate cut continued arguing about the efficiency of monetary policy and stressed that, once again, the volatility of financial markets made them defer the decision
- Domestic activity keeps its resilience, although some indicators signal a slight moderation
- Taking into account the current minute, **we maintain our perspective of a monetary pause until summer of 2013**. However, we underline a rate cut bias in case of a deterioration of economic activity

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