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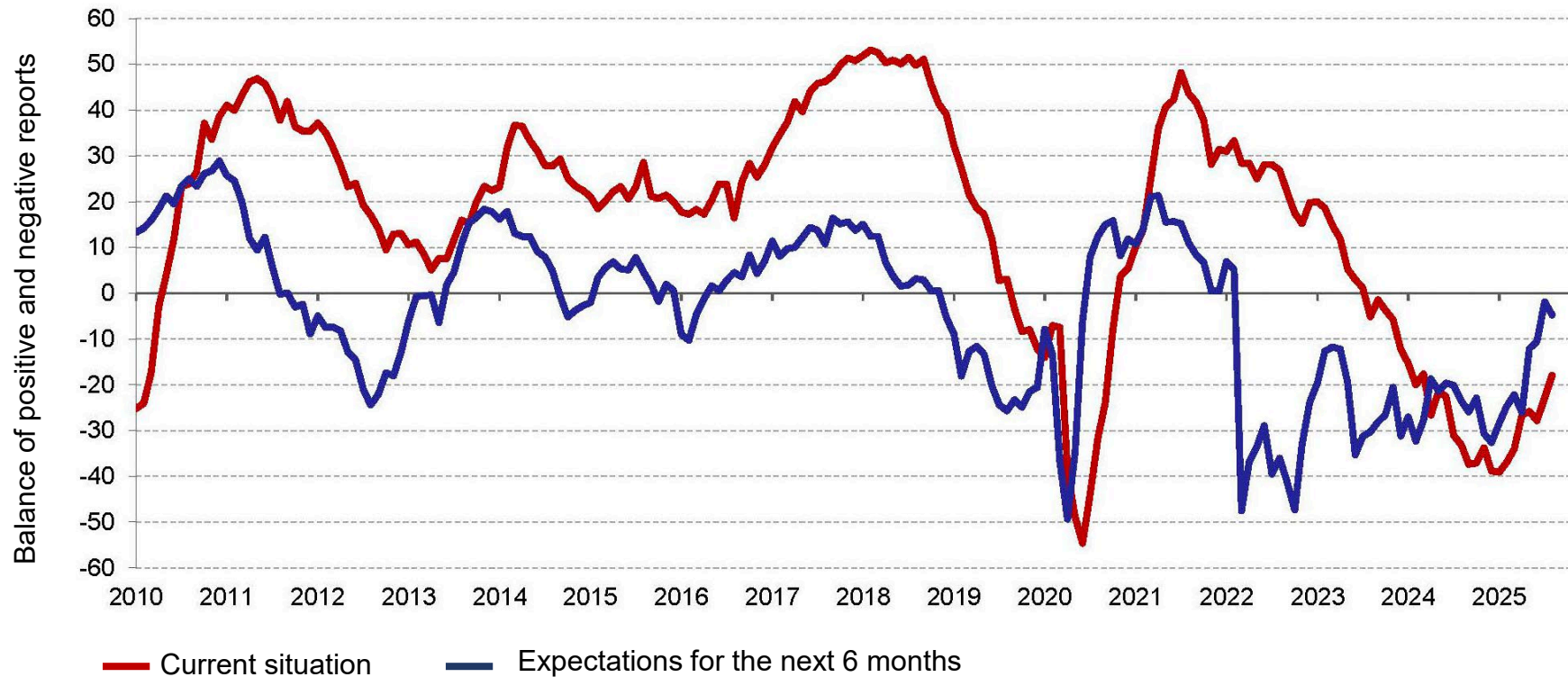
Country Report September 2026

Name: Industrieverband Blechumformung e. V.

Country: Germany

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Economic Situation



**Business Climate
Supplier Industry –
August 2026**
(ArgeZ –
Arbeitsgemeinschaft
Zulieferindustrie/
Working group supplier
industry)

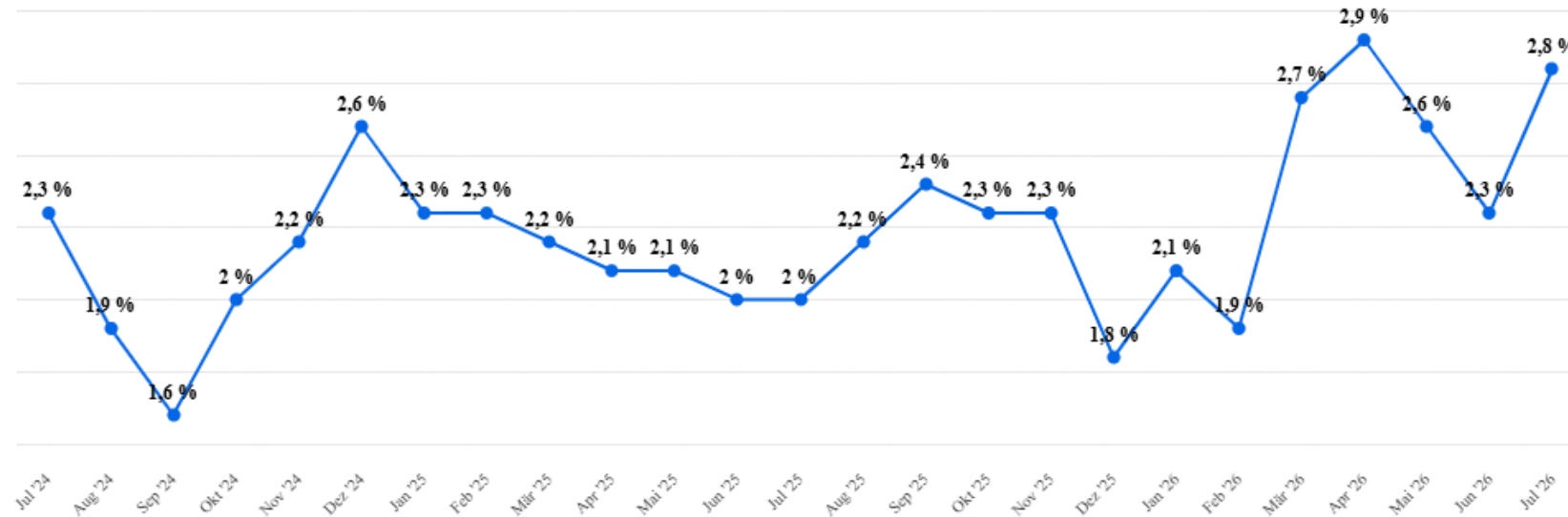
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Inflation

Inflation rate in
Germany July 2024 –
July 2026

(Increase of consumer
price index compared to
previous month)

Source: Statista 2026



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GDP

Economic development

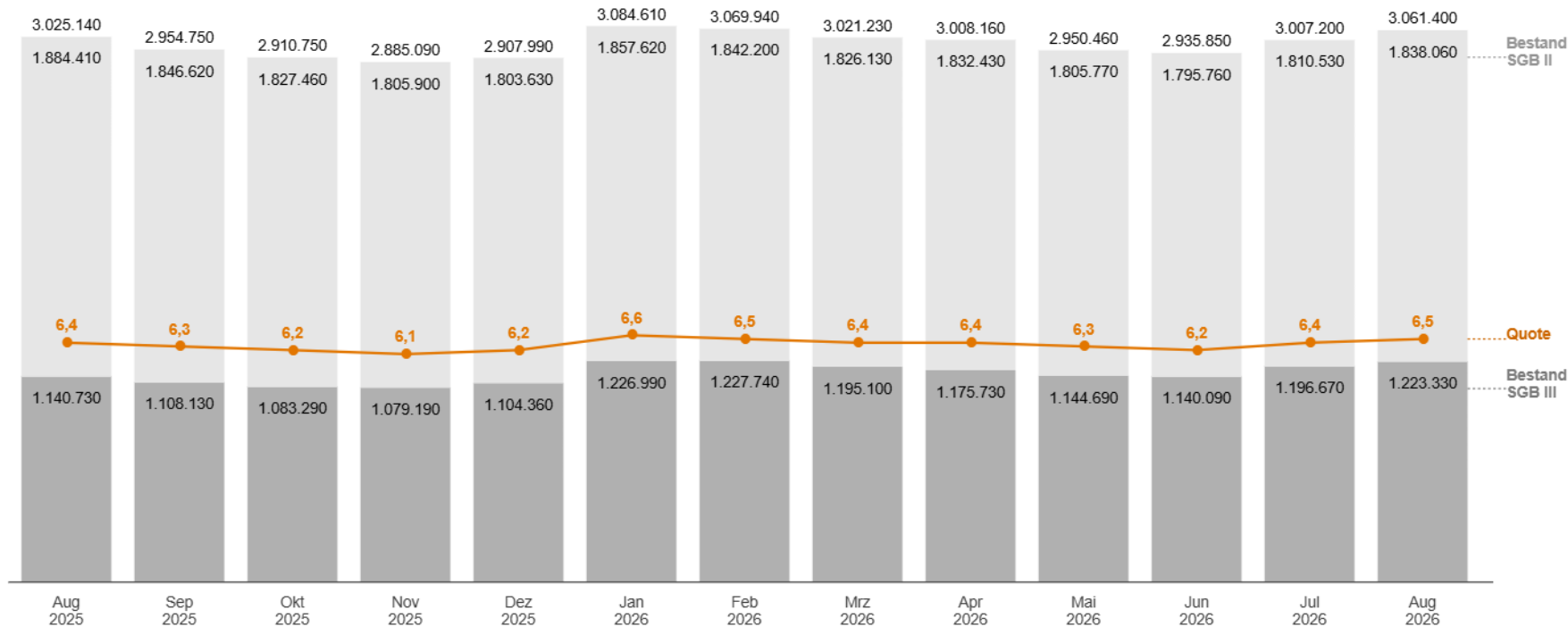
(GDP price-adjusted, change compared to
previous year/previous quarter in %)

Source: Statistisches Bundesamt 2026

2024				2025				2026	
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
-0,7	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,3	0,5	0,8	1,0

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Development of unemployment rate

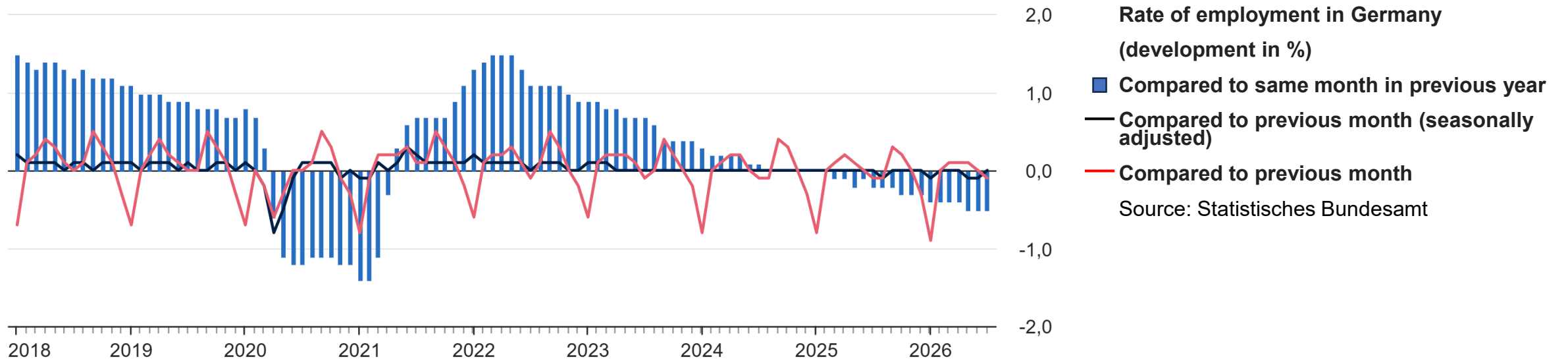


**Number of people
unemployed and rate of
unemployment in Germany**

Source: Bundesagentur für Arbeit

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Development of employment rate



Tariffs



- The EU commission has published an Implementing Regulation to regulate proof of country of „Melt and Pour“ for imported raw material
- New Steel Measures are in place as of 01st of July 2026 replacing previous safeguards:
 - Setting import contingents for raw material into the EU for each Non-EU country
 - Increased import tariffs for raw material when contingents have been exceeded

CBAM

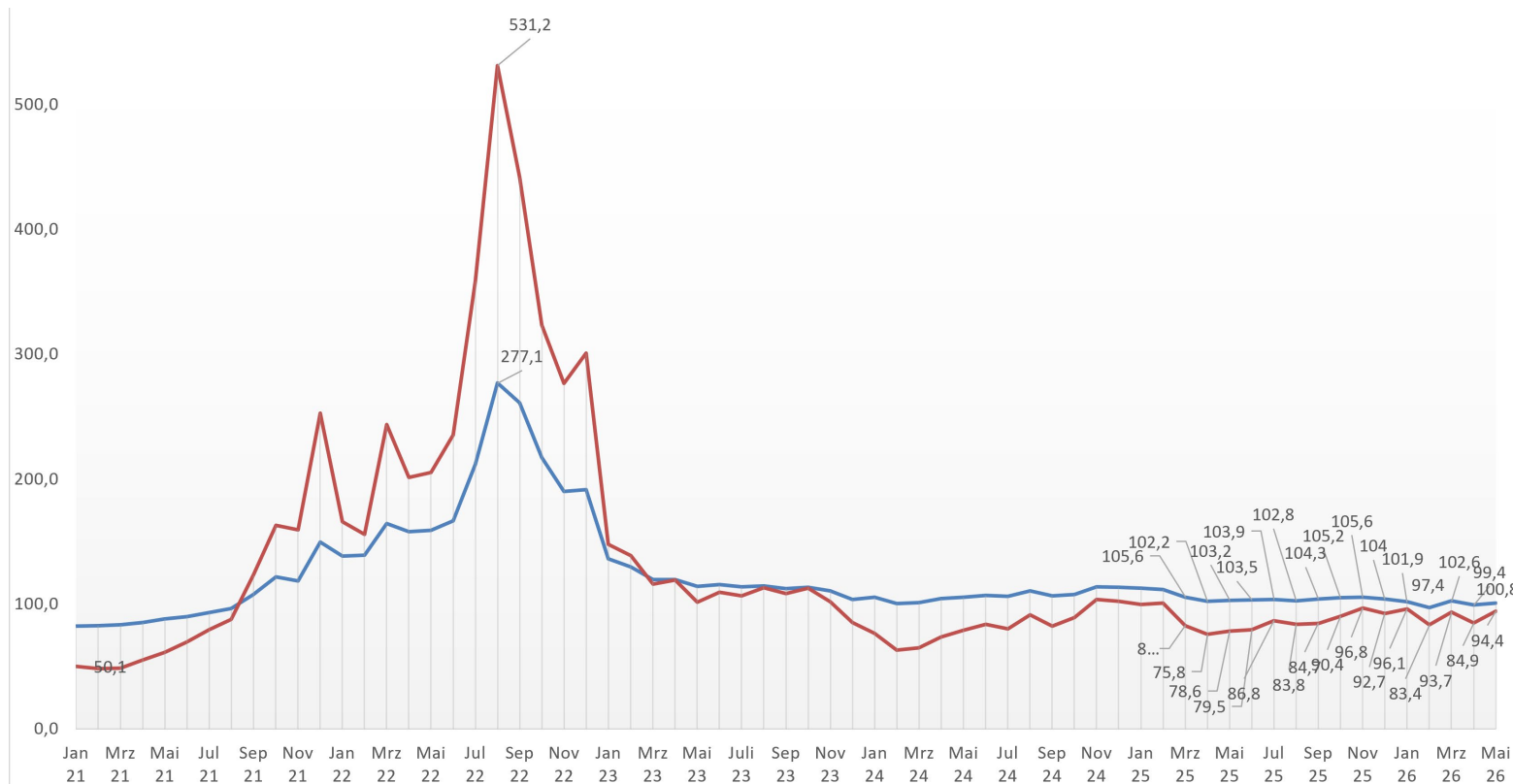


- CN codes starting with 7326 are already included
- Sister association IMU with Euroforge is actively pursuing work towards EU commission to include further downstream product in scope – some product groups also include IBU member products
- EU commission has published a series of guidance documents e.g. including information about CBAM calculation
- New enquiries from IBU-members with specific questions how to handle CBAM-issues and how to calculate additional expected costs

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Electricity

Prices for electricity
Indices for energy prices

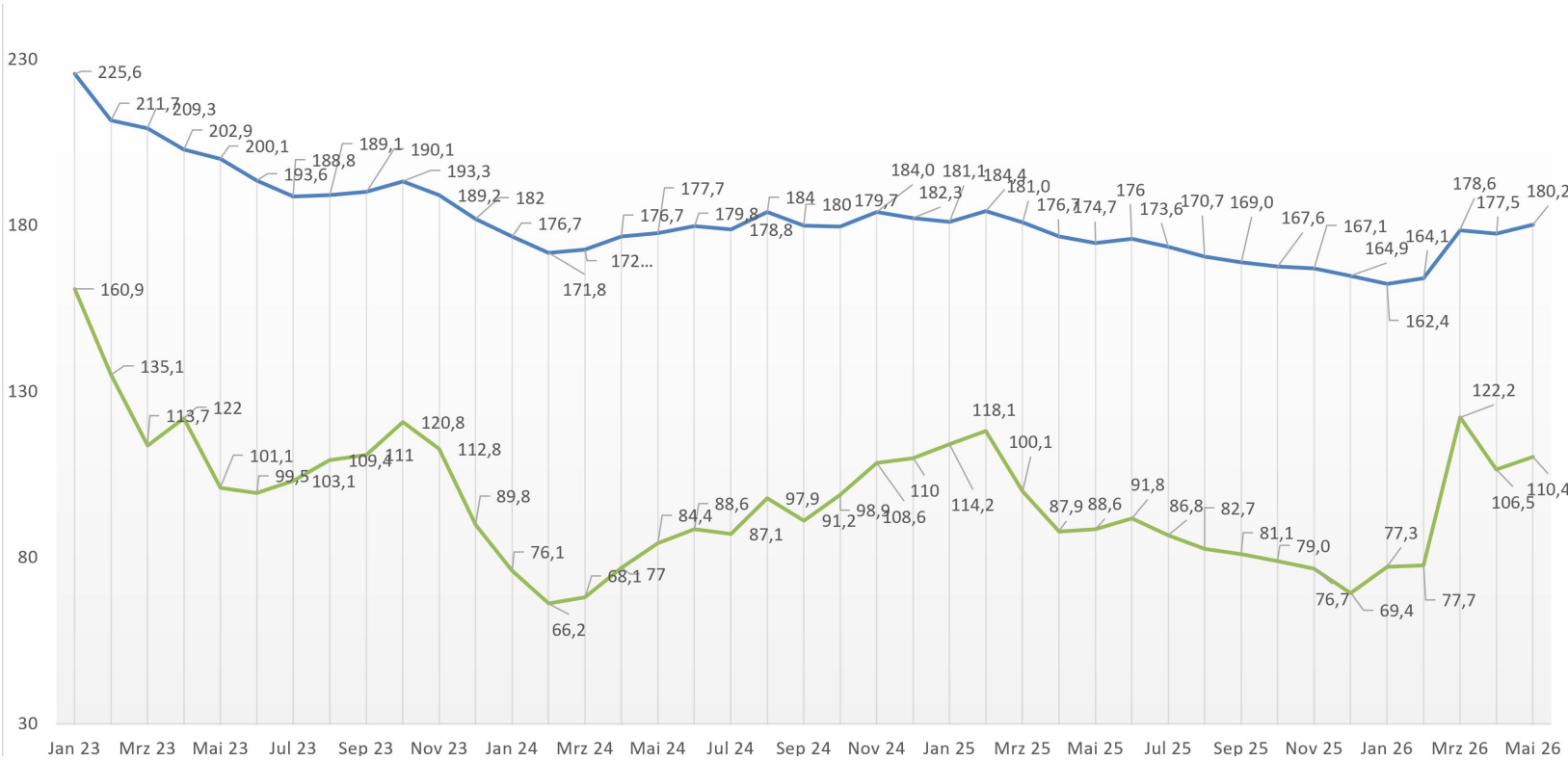


In red: Energy Exchange prices
In blue: Prices for delivery to
special contract customers in
the high-voltage sector

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Gas

Prices for natural gas
Indices for energy prices

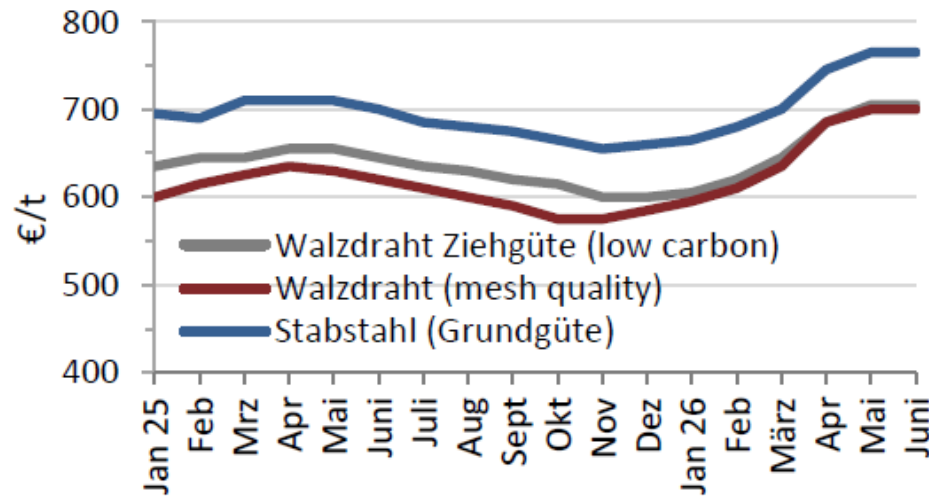


In green: Energy
Exchange prices
In blue: Prices paid by
industry, annual usage
11630MWh

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Steel

Spot market prices for long products

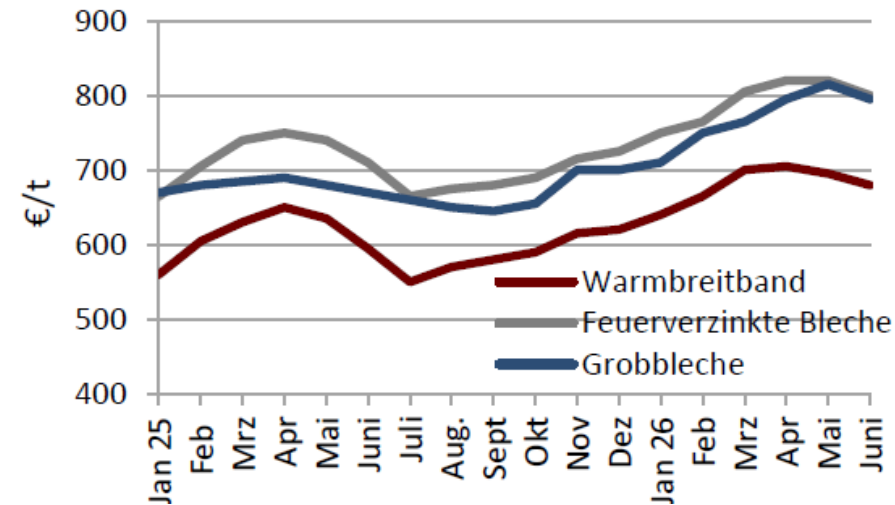


Transactional prices (inkl. average additions for typical measurements and basic grades) on the German market.

Source: StahlmarktConsult Stahlpreis-Trend

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Spot market prices for flat products



Prices for basic grades on the German market

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Supply Chain/ Other policy measures



- **Iran conflict:**
Increased prices for mineral oil leading to among others increased prices e.g. for lubricating oils
- **PPWR (Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation):**
New EU regulations including implementation in Germany are in place – definition of roles within regulations open to interpretation – IBU and umbrella association WSM offer consultation and sample texts to reply to clients
- **Electricity Price Relief / Industrial Electricity Rates:**
Sectors eligible for aid subject to certain conditions e.g. having their headquarters and point of delivery in Germany and belonging to specific economic sectors

Further topics/activities



- **Press activities** to introduce new chairman and stress awareness for current situation of sheet metal forming
- **Trade show IZB in Wolfsburg - October 2026:**
Stand organized by IBU and other sister associations with 18 companies exhibiting together
- **Additional seminars and exchange opportunities** for members **for sales and acquisition of new customers/new markets**

AI

- IBU continues to organise **seminars** for member from starters to advanced users
- **Lectures and speeches in working groups** from universities and companies showing possible use cases as well as best practice examples within e.g. management, sales, production, quality management
- **Contact with universities as well as start-ups** regarding AI solutions that could be interesting for members e.g. one member has established a start-up offering an innovative solution for traceability and digital twins
- IBU is in progress of offering **additional possibilities for members to exchange views** about AI usage in companies e.g. with best practice examples
- IBU wants to **further support members with AI implementation and management** – what is currently holding companies back from using AI?

Catena-X



- European initiative that promotes **sovereign and independent digitalization** through a collaborative, open, and secure data ecosystem for the automotive industry
- It enables **standardized and interoperable data exchange** across the entire value chain
- **Key use cases** include traceability, quality management, product carbon footprint, and circular economy, helping to increase transparency, efficiency, sustainability, and resilience through secure, certified data sharing
- **Initiators and partners** e.g. BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Bosch, BASF und SAP
- **IBU member experience:**
 - Customer requirements regarding Catena-X cannot be avoided
 - Connection to Catena-X can be very time- and money-consuming
 - Cost are to be paid by supplier/IBU member
- **Position of IBU:** Catena-X can be a suitable tool if additional communication platforms and enquiries/questionnaires by clients will be eliminated in return