



Task force on capacity utilisation

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1. First phase: Roger Knudsen (NIER)

- The current situation reflects full utilisation of the firm's resources..... [yes or no]
- In January 2009, only 13 firms out of 1661 did not reply

2. Second phase: Katarzyna Walkowska (CSO)

- Relevant questions to be asked
- Inclusion or not of a definition
 - Identify relevant "factors of production"



3. Third phase: Aggelos Tsakanikas (IOBE) + Dorothee Ast (INSEE)

- At what capacity is your company currently operating (as a percentage of full capacity)?

The company is currently operating at ...% of full capacity

- Taking into consideration your factors of production (staff, space, equipment, means of transport, etc.), at what capacity is your company currently operating (as a percentage of full capacity)?

The company is currently operating at ...% of full capacity



- DG ECFIN intends to add a new question in the services sector, in the quarterly questionnaire
- For the moment, the best formulation is the following one: “If the demand addressed to your firm expanded, could you increase your volume of activity with your present resources? Yes – No
If so, by how much? ...%”
- this formulation needs some further testing at a country level