

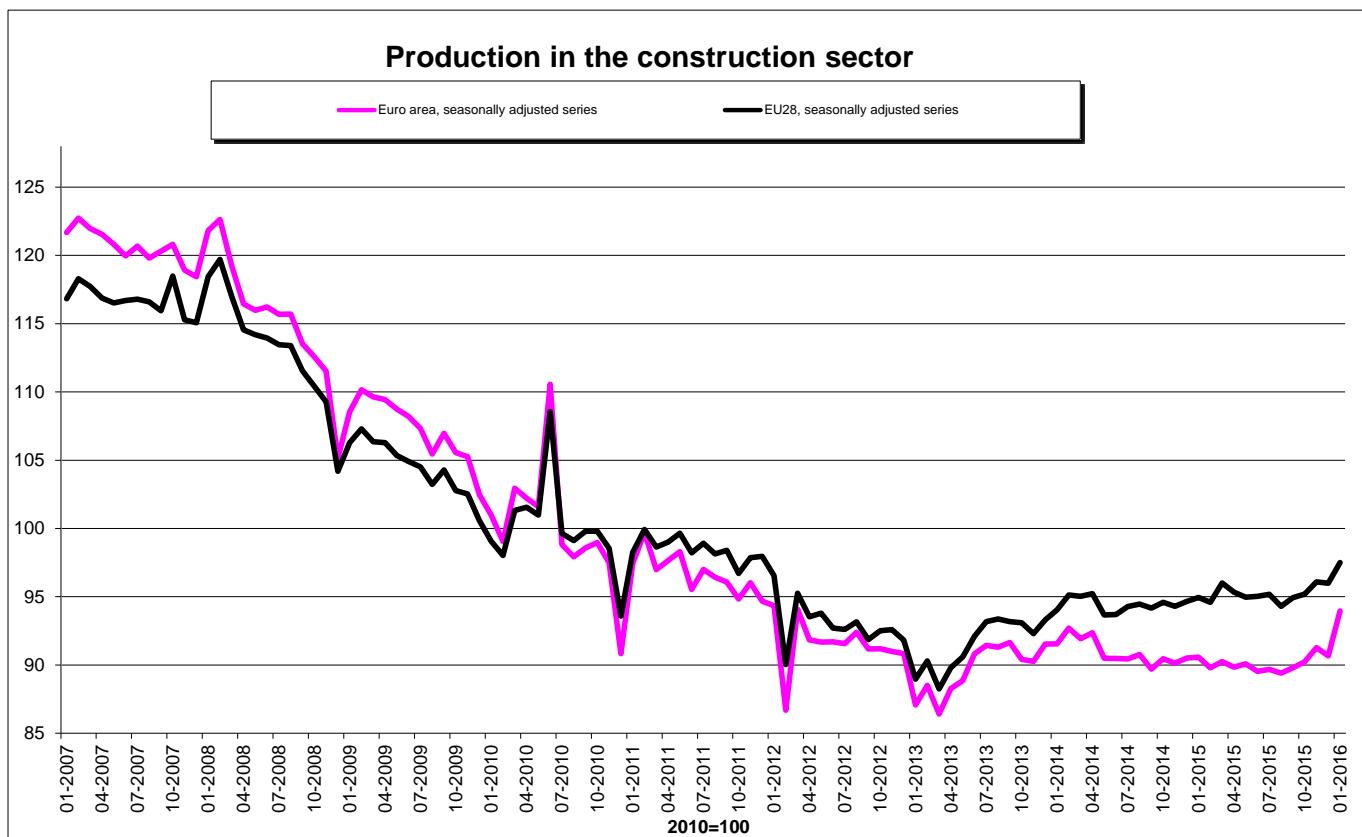
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January 2016 compared with December 2015

Production in construction up by 3.6% in euro area Up by 1.6% in EU28

In January 2016 compared with December 2015, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector increased by 3.6% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 1.6% in the **EU28**, according to first estimates from **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union. In December 2015, production in construction fell by 0.7% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU28**.

In January 2016 compared with January 2015, production in construction grew by 6.0% in the **euro area** and by 4.4% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by construction sector and by Member State

The increase of 3.6% in production in construction in the **euro area** in January 2016, compared with December 2015, is due to building construction rising by 4.1% and civil engineering by 1.7%.

In the **EU28**, the increase of 1.6% is due to building construction rising by 2.7%, while civil engineering fell by 2.5%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in production in construction were recorded in **France** (+7.3%), **Germany** (+7.0%) and **Spain** (+2.6%), and the largest decreases in **Hungary** (-13.0%), **Romania** (-6.4%) and **Slovakia** (-6.2%).

Annual comparison by construction sector and by Member State

The increase of 6.0% in production in construction in the **euro area** in January 2016, compared with January 2015, is due to building construction rising by 7.1% and civil engineering by 1.4%.

In the **EU28**, the increase of 4.4% is due to building construction rising by 5.3%, while civil engineering fell by 0.8%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in production in construction were recorded in **Spain** (+20.3%), **Sweden** (+18.0%) and **Slovakia** (+16.4%), and the largest decreases in **Slovenia** (-23.4%), **Hungary** (-20.2%) and **Bulgaria** (-10.7%).

Geographical information

The **euro area** (EA19) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The **European Union** (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania and Malta are not required to supply monthly data under Council Regulation 1165/98.

Methods and definitions

The **index of production in construction** approximates the evolution of the volume of production within the sector, broken down into building construction and civil engineering.

Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects.

The monthly index as presented in this News Release is calculated only on the basis of the data of those countries reporting monthly data. Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU aggregates.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared with those issued in News Release 34/2016 of 17 February 2016. The monthly percentage change for December 2015 has been revised from -0.6% to -0.7% for the euro area and remains unchanged at -0.1% for the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from -0.4% to +0.4% for the euro area and from +1.4% to +1.7% for the EU28.

For more information

Eurostat's database section on short-term business statistics

Eurostat's Statistics Explained article on the production in construction index

The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates
(See file EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010)

Eurostat's €-indicators release calendar

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Production in construction

% change compared with the previous quarter / previous month*

	Q1-15	Q2-15	Q3-15	Q4-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16
EA19										
Total construction	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	1.3	-0.3	0.4	0.5	1.2	-0.7	3.6
Building	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	1.5	-0.2	0.5	0.5	1.5	-0.7	4.1
Civil engineering	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	0.7	0.2	-0.8	1.3	-0.6	-0.2	1.7
EU28										
Total construction	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	1.0	-0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.1	1.6
Building	0.3	0.0	-0.3	1.0	-1.0	0.9	0.2	1.0	-0.6	2.7
Civil engineering	3.6	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.8	-1.0	0.2	-0.5	2.5	-2.5

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Total construction	Q1-15	Q2-15	Q3-15	Q4-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16
EA19	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	1.3	-0.3	0.4	0.5	1.2	-0.7	3.6
EU28	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	1.0	-0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.1	1.6
Belgium	0.2	-1.5	-0.4	-1.5	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	-2.1	-0.1	:
Bulgaria	2.2	-0.8	-1.0	-1.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.8	-1.6	-0.7	-3.4
Czech Republic	6.3	1.1	-1.9	-3.9	-2.9	0.3	-2.8	0.1	-1.2	0.8
Denmark	2.5	-0.5	0.6	2.2	3.1	0.8	0.7	0.3	-0.9	:
Germany	0.3	-2.3	-0.9	1.2	1.2	-1.6	1.2	1.8	-1.3	7.0
Estonia**	-9.0	-2.0	1.9	2.4	:	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland**	0.6	6.1	1.2	1.3	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece**	8.3	-13.1	-18.3	16.8	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	-1.7	1.5	1.8	2.7	0.6	1.5	1.1	-0.4	2.2	2.6
France	-1.1	-0.8	-1.2	1.1	-2.5	2.3	0.6	1.4	-3.1	7.3
Croatia**	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	0.0	-0.8	-0.3	c	0.0	-0.9	0.0	3.0	c	c
Cyprus**	1.9	2.8	3.6	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia**	2.7	-3.7	1.4	-5.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
Lithuania**	-2.5	-1.6	-4.1	-3.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
Luxembourg	1.0	-3.6	1.6	1.5	-7.5	3.7	0.2	3.2	-1.9	:
Hungary	8.2	-2.0	-5.2	-1.4	-2.9	6.9	-7.7	4.0	2.0	-13.0
Malta**	8.9	0.1	0.3	0.1	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	0.8	3.1	0.6	1.3	-0.3	1.9	-0.8	0.2	2.6	-0.2
Austria	1.9	-3.2	-0.9	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	-2.2	4.6	-2.6	:
Poland	3.3	-2.6	-2.6	-0.7	0.5	-1.3	-1.6	2.8	-0.7	-3.0
Portugal	0.1	-1.5	-0.5	-2.4	1.1	-2.2	-0.9	0.0	-1.1	0.9
Romania	3.6	-1.7	1.8	6.4	-0.5	0.0	2.2	3.3	5.8	-6.4
Slovenia	7.0	-3.2	-8.2	-4.6	-3.5	-1.7	-3.0	13.7	-22.4	1.1
Slovakia	10.3	6.8	3.7	4.0	-5.9	9.3	2.4	-6.0	5.5	-6.2
Finland	2.4	3.3	-0.5	0.4	1.3	-1.4	1.0	0.8	-1.8	c
Sweden	3.4	5.1	4.2	5.3	-1.2	1.6	2.9	1.4	2.3	-1.9
United Kingdom	2.0	0.7	-1.3	-0.6	-3.7	1.6	-0.6	-0.4	1.3	-3.3
Norway	-0.2	0.7	1.0	0.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	-0.7	-1.7	-1.0	-0.4	:	:	:	:	:	:

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

** These Member States are not required to supply monthly data under Council Regulation 1165/98

: Data not available

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Production in construction

% change compared with the same quarter / the same month of the previous year*

	Q1-15	Q2-15	Q3-15	Q4-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16
EA19										
Total construction	-1.9	-0.9	-1.1	0.2	-2.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	6.0
Building	-2.4	-0.9	-1.2	0.8	-2.4	-0.2	0.0	0.8	1.6	7.1
Civil engineering	0.3	-1.0	-0.6	-1.6	0.1	-0.2	0.7	-0.8	-4.2	1.4
EU28										
Total construction	0.7	1.3	0.3	1.2	-0.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.7	4.4
Building	-0.2	0.8	-0.5	0.8	-1.7	0.0	0.4	0.9	1.3	5.3
Civil engineering	6.0	5.0	4.6	2.1	6.2	3.7	3.1	2.0	2.4	-0.8

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Total construction	Q1-15	Q2-15	Q3-15	Q4-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16
EA19	-1.9	-0.9	-1.1	0.2	-2.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	6.0
EU28	0.7	1.3	0.3	1.2	-0.4	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.7	4.4
Belgium	-2.4	-1.4	-1.5	-4.1	1.1	-3.6	0.5	-7.3	-6.8	:
Bulgaria	2.9	3.8	1.7	0.2	2.9	0.3	2.7	-0.5	-2.1	-10.7
Czech Republic	9.4	12.3	8.3	1.1	6.5	4.7	0.4	1.1	1.8	-7.9
Denmark	4.5	6.2	3.8	4.7	4.3	3.8	4.1	3.3	7.7	:
Germany	-3.8	-2.1	-2.3	-1.5	-1.3	-2.6	-1.3	-0.5	-2.8	5.3
Estonia**	-3.2	-6.0	-4.6	-6.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland**	9.4	10.2	5.6	8.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece**	46.0	5.3	-27.2	-10.1	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	1.6	-0.5	0.4	4.0	-2.6	3.3	8.2	-1.2	5.3	20.3
France	-5.9	-4.8	-4.2	-1.9	-6.6	-2.7	-2.5	0.8	-4.4	4.8
Croatia**	-1.1	-0.1	0.3	-1.3	:	:	:	:	:	:
Italy	-3.1	-2.7	-1.5	c	-4.0	-1.0	-3.9	4.0	c	c
Cyprus**	-16.8	-4.2	6.8	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia**	-0.1	-3.4	4.9	-6.2	:	:	:	:	:	:
Lithuania**	10.1	7.0	-6.4	-15.2	:	:	:	:	:	:
Luxembourg	-3.2	-1.0	-0.8	0.4	-14.7	-1.4	-0.8	2.6	-0.7	:
Hungary	9.6	6.4	-0.3	-0.3	-7.0	7.2	-9.1	-0.2	8.0	-20.2
Malta**	11.2	10.7	10.5	9.5	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	6.6	12.8	8.8	4.8	6.3	8.7	2.5	1.2	15.0	7.0
Austria	-3.3	-3.3	-2.3	-2.5	-1.3	-2.9	-5.9	0.9	-2.6	:
Poland	1.0	1.8	-0.2	-2.5	2.1	-1.9	-3.4	-1.9	-2.4	-6.2
Portugal	-0.7	-2.5	-2.4	-4.3	-1.4	-3.4	-3.8	-4.2	-5.0	-3.3
Romania	13.0	9.2	8.6	12.1	10.2	3.0	12.0	9.8	13.9	8.2
Slovenia	0.3	-8.9	-12.5	-8.3	-13.8	-10.7	-11.6	7.0	-22.2	-23.4
Slovakia	4.8	18.3	19.9	23.3	10.1	25.3	28.9	15.6	25.7	16.4
Finland	3.9	7.0	6.0	5.4	7.1	5.0	6.0	6.3	4.0	c
Sweden	12.2	15.1	15.7	19.0	14.2	16.0	18.3	17.9	21.2	18.0
United Kingdom	6.7	5.7	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.5	-2.6
Norway	2.0	0.7	1.0	2.2	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	-2.7	-2.8	-6.1	-5.0	:	:	:	:	:	:

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