

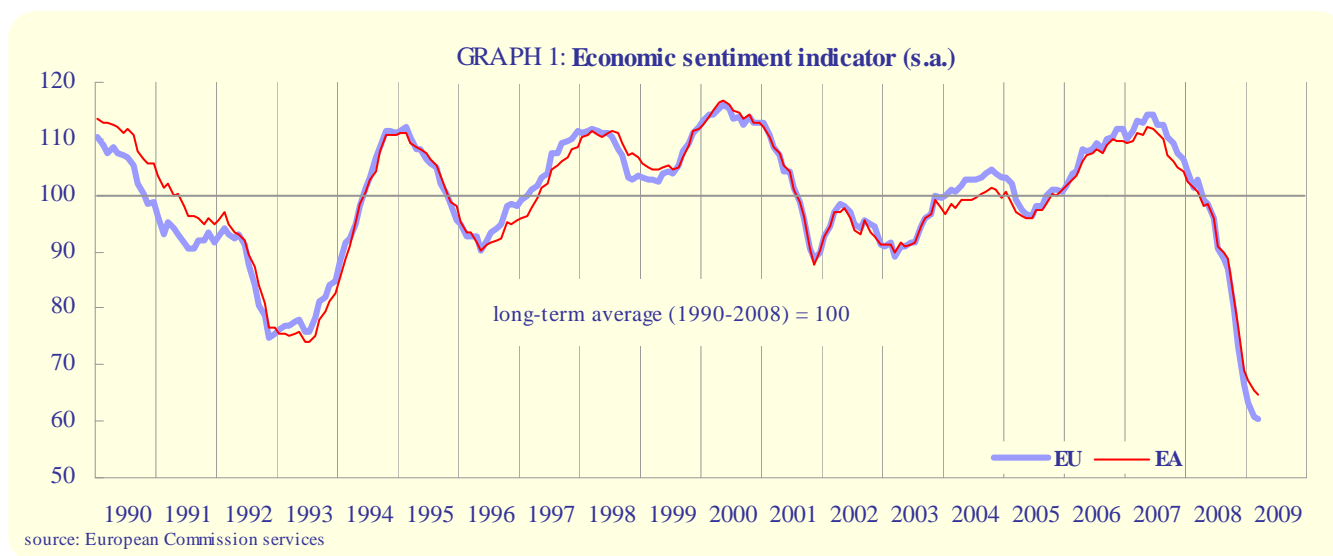


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Economic sentiment continues to drop in March in both regions, but at a slower pace

In March, the *Economic Sentiment Indicator* (ESI) for the EU and the euro area declined again, but more slowly than in the first two months of the year amid signs of stabilisation in some sectors. It fell by 0.6 points in the EU, and by 0.7 points in the euro area, to 60.3 and 64.6 respectively. The indicators for both regions now stand at their lowest levels since the current series was launched in January 1985.

The fall in the ESI is attributed to the deteriorating sentiment in the *industry* and *services* sectors, which fell by the same amount (-2 points) in both regions. In the other sectors, a mixed picture is emerging. *Consumer* sentiment stabilised in the EU, but fell by 1 point in the euro area. *Retail trade* increased by 2 points in the EU and by 1 point in the euro area, reinforcing the rebound which started in February. *Construction* in both regions stabilised at the levels seen in February.

Among the largest Member States, *Italy* witnessed the most significant decline in sentiment (-4.5 points), while the fall has been more marginal in *France* and *Poland* (-1.0), *Germany* (-0.8) and the *UK* (-0.4). Economic sentiment recovered slightly in the *Netherlands* (1.3) and in *Spain* (0.8).

The *financial services* confidence indicator – not included in the ESI – improved by 1 point in the EU but deteriorated by 4 points in the euro area, reversing the previous month's gain. Compared to February, managers' expectation of demand for their services worsened in both areas – significantly in the euro area, but to a much lesser extent in the EU.

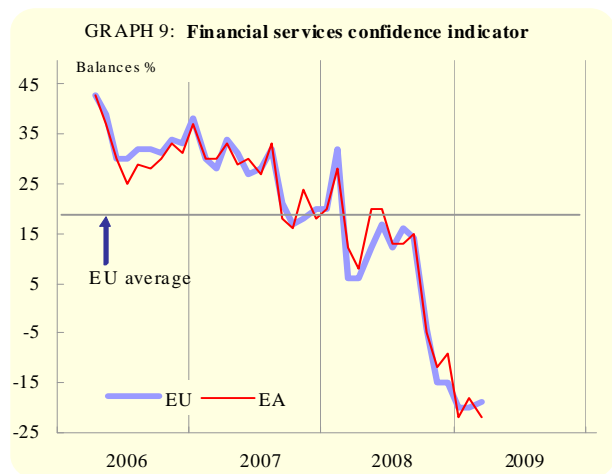
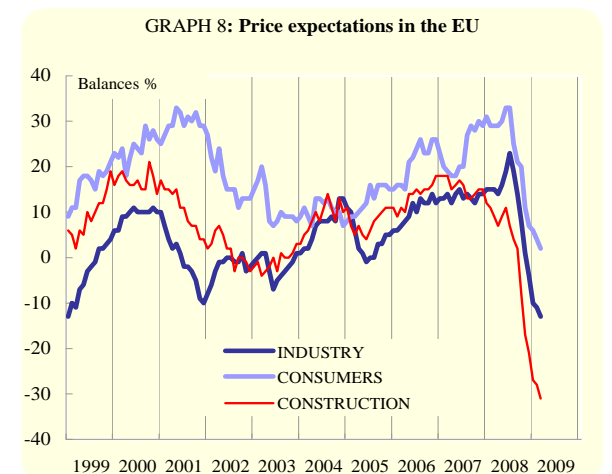
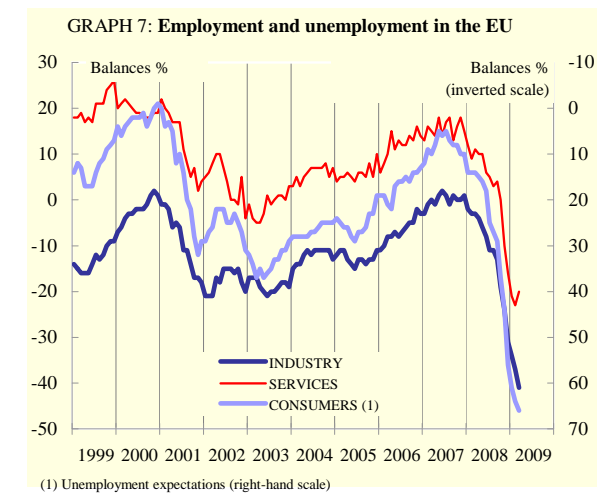
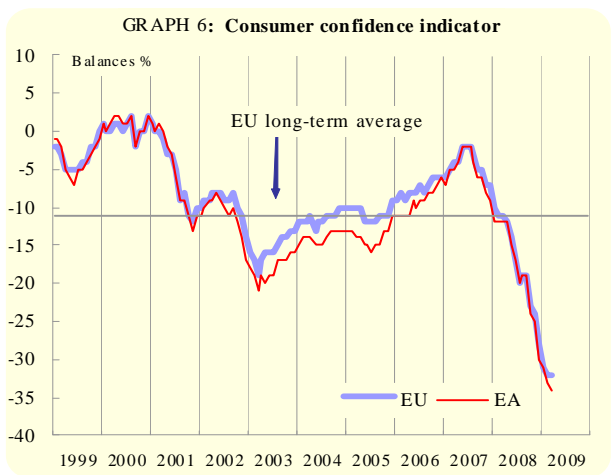
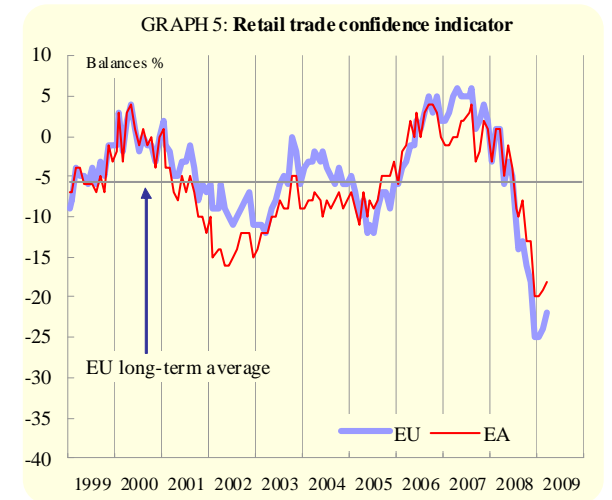
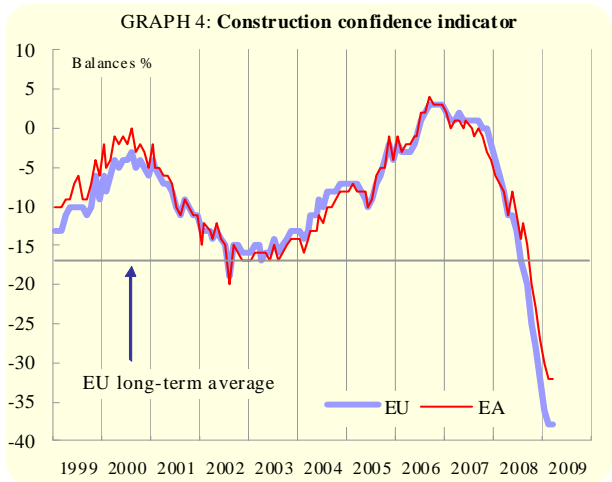
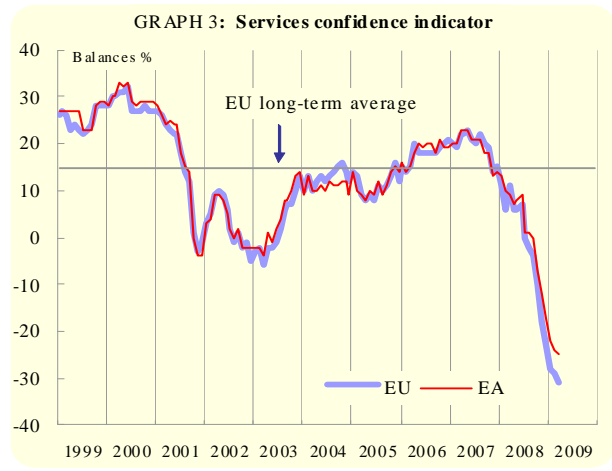
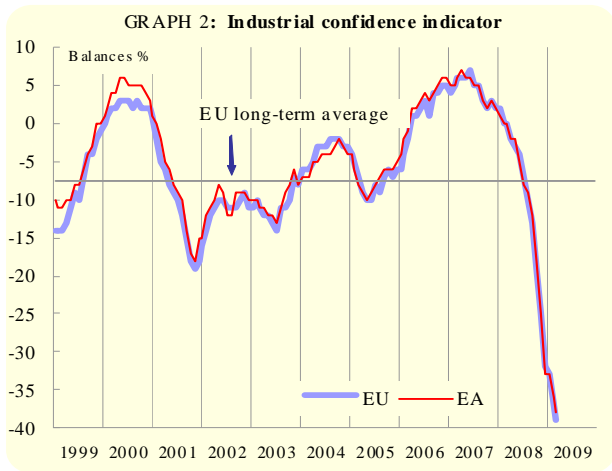


TABLE 2b (continued): Quarterly survey of manufacturing industry

(Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.)

Estimated number of months' production assured by orders on hand in manufacturing industry (s.a.)

(Question 10)

	Since 01/1990				2007			2008				2009	
	Min.		Ave.	Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value								
EU	2.7	III-93	3.3	4.3	III-08	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.5
EA	2.6	III-96	3.1	3.6	III-07	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.0
BE	2.8	III-03	3.3	4.2	III-90	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.3
BG	1.4	IV-99	3.8	8.0	II-03	4.9	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.1
CZ	6.3	I-09	11.6	22.5	II-01	9.9	8.7	9.3	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.4	6.3
DK	1.4	III-00	1.9	3.2	III-08	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.0	3.2
DE	2.4	IV-93	2.8	3.3	III-90	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.4
EE	3.4	I-09	5.1	7.2	II-02	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4
IE	1.6	IV-93	2.6	3.7	II-06	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.6	3.1	:	:	:
EL	4.2	IV-05	5.5	6.6	III-90	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.6
ES	1.5	II-93	2.8	4.5	IV-06	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.5
FR	2.5	III-97	3.3	4.4	I-02	3.6	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.2
IT	2.1	III-96	3.6	4.7	II-90	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.0
CY	2.4	IV-08	3.8	4.8	II-05	3.6	4.0	3.1	4.0	4.0	2.7	2.4	3.2
LV	3.0	II-03	3.6	4.6	IV-05	3.7	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.1
LT	2.1	III-01	3.0	3.6	III-06	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.6
LU	1.9	IV-93	2.9	4.4	IV-07	4.0	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	3.1
HU	2.9	III-02	4.4	6.4	III-08	4.9	4.4	5.5	4.5	5.0	6.4	5.1	5.2
MT	2.8	II-04	4.1	6.1	II-06	4.1	4.0	4.8	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.6	4.7
NL	2.1	I-95	2.7	3.4	III-08	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.1
AT	2.9	I-01	3.9	5.9	IV-01	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.2
PL	5.3	I-01	6.9	8.6	I-08	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.9	6.2
PT	2.7	III-03	4.0	6.5	IV-07	5.1	6.2	6.5	5.9	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.5
RO	1.4	IV-01	6.6	8.6	I-07	8.4	8.1	8.1	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5	6.4
SI	2.8	IV-98	4.4	5.1	III-07	4.9	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	3.8
SK	4.8	I-09	6.8	9.5	I-01	6.3	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	4.8
FI	1.9	I-09	3.3	4.8	III-07	3.5	4.8	3.2	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	1.9
SE	1.8	IV-96	4.2	16.4	IV-07	12.7	14.7	16.4	13.5	15.9	15.7	13.4	11.8
UK	2.4	I-95	3.2	4.2	I-08	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.9	4.1	3.3	2.7

New orders in manufacturing industry (s.a.)^(b)

(Question 11)

	Since 01/1990				2007			2008				2009	
	Min.		Ave.	Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value								
EU	-42	I-09	1	21	IV-94	17	11	8	6	1	-7	-22	-42
EA	-41	I-09	2	19	II-06	17	12	6	4	-1	-8	-22	-41
BE	-27	I-09	-4	20	IV-97	10	8	0	1	-13	-8	-14	-27
BG	-14	I-09	6	21	II-07	21	15	8	16	14	8	0	-14
CZ	-52	I-09	14	40	IV-06	33	34	21	22	24	5	-22	-52
DK	-53	I-09	7	37	III-94	32	8	9	-5	-13	-14	-28	-53
DE	-44	I-09	1	26	II-06	19	10	0	-1	-8	-10	-28	-44
EE	-43	I-09	15	44	I-07	35	22	1	9	-5	-15	-27	-43
IE	-18	IV-01	2	28	III-95	-5	3	-4	-5	-10	:	:	:
EL	-5	II-03	11	23	IV-97	17	8	6	16	12	7	-2	-1
ES	-21	IV-08	5	14	I-04	8	8	7	8	-2	-8	-21	-20
FR	-45	III-93	1	32	II-00	17	21	18	13	15	-6	-19	-44
IT	-51	I-09	3	28	IV-94	17	8	7	6	-4	-12	-20	-51
CY	-43	II-03	-11	26	III-08	-12	-6	-6	-2	4	26	20	-5
LV	-55	I-09	10	22	IV-03	17	9	0	-5	-18	-23	-31	-55
LT	-51	I-09	7	27	III-06	17	11	1	-1	-21	-13	-23	-51
LU	-66	I-09	-7	32	I-00	15	11	13	-9	-6	-4	-41	-66
HU	-54	I-09	-2	23	III-00	10	6	-9	-4	-2	-7	-18	-54
MT	-28	I-09	11	43	III-07	17	43	17	30	23	-19	-12	-28
NL	-26	I-09	7	19	IV-99	12	9	4	3	-2	5	-15	-26
AT	-34	I-09	5	30	III-06	28	20	11	5	8	0	-12	-34
PL	-27	I-09	0	25	II-07	25	18	20	16	10	1	-9	-27
PT	-54	I-09	-8	23	IV-94	4	-4	-4	-15	1	-25	-41	-54
RO	-12	I-09	9	23	III-03	12	7	4	4	7	4	2	-12
SI	-50	I-09	11	34	III-06	34	28	17	15	13	2	-18	-50
SK	-23	I-09	31	53	IV-07	46	50	53	40	31	38	5	-23
FI	-56	I-09	9	49	I-00	26	16	8	3	7	-5	-29	-56
SE	-55	I-09	5	48	II-00	17	0	10	-6	2	-15	-29	-55
UK	-46	II-91	-5	29	I-95	11	8	15	9	3	-2	-24	-42

TABLE 2b (continued): Quarterly survey of manufacturing industry

(Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.)

Export volume expectations in manufacturing industry (s.a.)^(b)
 (Question 12)

	Since 01/1990				2007			2008				2009		
	Min.		Ave.		Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Date								
EU	-28	I-09	7	21	I-95	16	15	11	11	10	4	-13	-28	
EA	-29	I-09	8	20	I-95	15	16	13	14	10	5	-12	-29	
BE	-26	I-96	-1	35	IV-97	10	2	-4	9	2	0	-24	-10	
BG	-1	I-09	22	41	III-95	22	19	24	23	19	16	18	-1	
CZ	-42	I-09	28	54	IV-97	29	34	27	21	15	14	-11	-42	
DK	-21	I-09	10	24	I-98	13	6	3	5	3	-5	-10	-21	
DE	-29	I-09	7	21	I-07	19	19	14	15	14	10	-9	-29	
EE	-28	I-09	18	38	III-00	21	20	15	13	12	7	-4	-28	
IE	-33	IV-01	5	48	II-04	9	8	32	7	2	:	:	:	
EL	-9	I-09	23	41	IV-97	29	24	19	17	25	21	12	-9	
ES	-14	I-09	4	16	IV-06	9	9	6	10	-3	-6	-12	-14	
FR	-48	I-09	5	29	I-95	9	15	10	15	13	4	-26	-48	
IT	-25	I-09	13	27	IV-94	16	16	14	13	6	8	-6	-25	
CY	-21	I-09	20	50	I-08	40	26	10	50	30	-3	9	-21	
LV	-19	I-09	14	24	IV-00	12	14	13	9	5	5	-5	-19	
LT	-25	I-09	12	36	III-97	18	8	11	21	3	6	-16	-25	
LU	-72	I-09	-6	42	II-00	16	-1	-4	5	-2	-11	-41	-72	
HU	-37	I-09	11	32	IV-00	17	26	11	14	11	10	-11	-37	
MT	-22	I-09	14	38	I-08	-6	28	23	38	31	-16	-8	-22	
NL	-21	I-09	8	22	III-00	12	13	12	13	8	7	-3	-21	
AT	-23	I-09	7	15	IV-03	14	15	13	11	9	3	-11	-23	
PL	-14	I-09	16	25	III-04	23	23	24	20	18	13	4	-14	
PT	-48	I-09	6	30	IV-94	7	14	7	9	12	0	-15	-48	
RO	-8	I-09	17	35	III-96	7	8	8	5	4	6	5	-8	
SI	-32	I-09	25	41	I-07	39	39	32	38	38	25	-1	-32	
SK	-26	I-09	33	75	I-96	29	9	50	23	5	27	-10	-26	
FI	-32	I-09	18	53	III-05	40	21	16	35	17	3	-28	-32	
SE	-21	IV-08	18	49	I-04	18	2	1	-18	28	4	-21	-4	
UK	-34	IV-01	2	30	III-95	15	14	2	-2	7	-1	-16	-32	

(a) Answers to the questions whether, taking into account the level of order-books or production, capacity is more than sufficient (+), sufficient (=) or less than sufficient (-). Thus, negative balances (capacity less than sufficient) indicate high levels of capacity utilisation, whereas positive balances (capacity more than sufficient) are associated with low levels of capacity utilisation.

(b) Balances: i.e., differences between the percentages of respondents giving positive and negative replies.

TABLE 2c: **Capacity utilisation by industrial branch** ^(a) (s. a.)

Degree of capacity utilisation in %

(Question 13)

		Since 01/1990						2007			2008				2009
		Min.		Ave.		Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
		Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Date								
CONSUMER GOODS	EU	76.6	I-09	80.4	86.1	II-90	81.2	80.5	80.5	80.3	80.3	79.4	78.2	76.6	
	EA	76.4	I-09	80.2	85.8	II-90	80.7	80.0	80.0	80.2	79.9	78.8	78.6	76.4	
INVESTMENT GOODS	EU	75.8	IV-93	83.7	88.6	I-08	87.9	87.5	87.9	88.6	88.1	87.5	84.7	75.9	
	EA	75.7	III-93	84.2	88.8	I-08	88.3	88.3	88.4	88.8	88.2	87.7	85.2	76.3	
INTERMEDIATE GOODS	EU	72.7	I-09	82.0	86.1	I-90	84.3	83.9	83.1	82.7	83.0	82.0	80.4	72.7	
	EA	72.7	I-09	82.1	86.5	I-90	84.6	84.0	83.1	82.8	82.9	81.9	80.5	72.7	
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	EU	75.9	I-09	79.4	83.5	II-91	79.3	78.2	78.9	78.9	77.9	77.2	76.0	75.9	
	EA	76.4	I-09	79.0	83.2	II-91	78.1	77.8	78.6	78.2	78.0	77.4	76.5	76.4	
TEXTILES	EU	69.3	I-09	79.0	84.5	I-90	78.5	78.6	77.2	77.0	76.4	74.8	74.4	69.3	
	EA	69.0	I-09	78.8	84.8	I-90	78.3	77.8	76.7	76.3	75.3	73.7	74.4	69.0	
WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	EU	70.6	I-09	81.1	85.7	I-07	84.4	84.7	83.5	81.1	80.7	78.3	77.2	70.6	
	EA	71.9	I-09	81.0	86.1	I-07	84.4	84.4	82.9	80.4	81.0	78.1	78.4	71.9	
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	EU	77.2	III-03	81.3	85.8	III-90	82.4	81.6	82.5	81.9	80.9	81.1	79.0	77.6	
	EA	76.6	I-03	81.5	86.2	III-90	82.6	81.8	81.8	81.9	81.1	79.4	80.0	77.1	
NON-METALLIC	EU	72.1	I-09	80.8	85.9	I-07	84.9	84.1	82.6	82.1	82.2	80.0	77.7	72.1	
MINERAL PRODUCTS	EA	73.3	I-09	81.0	85.5	I-07	84.8	83.8	82.1	81.3	81.4	79.9	77.0	73.3	
BASIC METALS	EU	71.2	I-09	84.5	90.4	IV-97	86.4	87.2	85.6	85.2	86.3	86.5	85.7	71.2	
	EA	71.9	I-09	85.2	90.6	IV-97	87.9	88.3	86.4	86.1	87.0	86.8	85.6	71.9	
METAL PRODUCTS	EU	73.0	I-09	80.1	85.7	I-90	83.9	82.6	82.4	82.3	82.5	81.4	79.9	73.0	
	EA	72.4	I-09	79.7	85.5	I-90	83.5	82.4	82.0	81.8	82.1	81.0	79.8	72.4	
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	EU	76.1	IV-93	83.2	89.0	II-90	88.1	87.4	87.5	87.3	86.4	86.3	84.4	77.3	
	EA	75.5	IV-93	83.7	89.4	II-90	88.9	88.2	88.2	87.8	87.2	87.1	85.1	77.6	
MEDICAL AND OPTICAL	EU	79.3	I-93	84.0	88.1	I-01	85.8	86.5	85.9	86.7	86.9	86.4	85.4	82.8	
INSTRUMENTS	EA	79.0	II-93	84.5	89.3	I-01	87.0	88.3	87.1	87.8	87.0	86.9	85.9	82.3	
MOTOR VEH., TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS	EU	66.7	I-09	86.2	91.8	I-08	88.5	89.2	90.1	91.8	90.5	88.6	81.7	66.7	
	EA	68.7	I-09	87.2	92.3	I-01	88.9	89.6	90.5	92.0	90.7	88.9	84.4	68.7	

(a) Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.

TABLE 2d: **Export volume expectations by industrial branch** ^(a) (s. a.)

Balances: i.e., differences between the percentages of respondents giving positive and negative replies

(Question 12)

		Since 01/1990						2007			2008				2009
		Min.		Ave.		Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
		Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Date								
CONSUMER GOODS	EU	-14	I-09	8	17	I-07	16	15	13	12	9	7	-1	-14	
	EA	-14	I-09	9	20	II-06	18	16	14	16	10	10	0	-14	
INVESTMENT GOODS	EU	-40	I-09	7	23	IV-94	20	20	17	15	15	7	-19	-40	
	EA	-41	I-09	8	23	IV-04	18	19	19	19	14	8	-18	-41	
INTERMEDIATE GOODS	EU	-31	I-09	6	26	IV-94	11	12	8	10	10	2	-14	-31	
	EA	-28	I-09	6	25	IV-94	12	12	8	9	7	2	-14	-28	
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	EU	-2	I-02	9	19	III-94	16	15	17	7	6	11	5	1	
	EA	-5	I-09	9	19	I-95	12	16	16	12	11	11	5	-5	
TEXTILES	EU	-31	I-09	3	18	III-94	10	15	3	4	7	-4	-16	-31	
	EA	-32	I-09	4	20	II-00	10	17	1	5	6	-5	-20	-32	
WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	EU	-32	I-09	5	19	II-94	6	7	0	2	-1	-7	-13	-32	
	EA	-26	I-09	4	18	III-06	11	11	0	8	3	-9	-13	-26	
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	EU	-14	I-09	1	16	I-95	10	0	11	10	-1	-5	-11	-14	
	EA	-17	I-09	3	19	I-91	4	2	4	10	-1	-5	-3	-17	
NON-METALLIC	EU	-19	I-09	5	26	I-07	14	26	7	3	7	-1	-13	-19	
MINERAL PRODUCTS	EA	-18	I-09	5	28	I-07	15	25	6	0	2	-1	-15	-18	
BASIC METALS	EU	-44	I-09	3	26	III-94	10	8	1	9	7	4	-21	-44	
	EA	-41	I-09	2	26	IV-94	8	2	-3	3	5	3	-16	-41	
METAL PRODUCTS	EU	-36	I-09	4	19	I-95	12	13	8	11	10	2	-16	-36	
	EA	-34	I-09	5	18	I-95	15	14	9	15	11	7	-12	-34	
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	EU	-35	I-09	7	27	IV-94	21	21	17	19	13	9	-13	-35	
	EA	-37	I-09	8	27	IV-94	22	21	20	21	11	8	-11	-37	
MEDICAL AND OPTICAL	EU	-23	I-09	13	32	I-07	30	30	26	28	15	19	1	-23	
INSTRUMENTS	EA	-21	I-09	12	33	I-08	30	28	22	33	8	16	2	-21	
MOTOR VEH., TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS	EU	-59	I-09	6	28	II-98	9	17	23	14	13	-1	-45	-59	
	EA	-58	I-09	7	35	II-98	10	18	21	21	15	4	-40	-58	

(a) Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.

TABLE 4b: Quarterly survey of consumers

(Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.)

Intention to buy a car within the next 12 months (s.a.)^(a)
 (Question 13)

	Since 01/1990					2007			2008			2009	
	Min.		Ave.	Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date		Value	Date								
EU	-75	IV-08	-59	-47	II-99	-70	-69	-70	-72	-73	-74	-75	-74
EA	-78	IV-08	-61	-49	I-00	-74	-74	-74	-77	-76	-78	-78	-78
BE	-85	I-09	-61	-45	II-95	-79	-76	-79	-81	-83	-83	-85	-85
BG	-93	I-02	-84	-72	III-08	-78	-78	-78	-77	-75	-72	-77	-76
CZ	-80	II-05	-72	-65	I-09	-65	-73	-70	-68	-67	-70	-69	-65
DK	-79	I-90	-65	-43	I-97	-69	-66	-69	-68	-68	-65	-72	-69
DE	-78	IV-08	-48	-28	II-90	-73	-72	-74	-75	-76	-76	-78	-77
EE	-86	IV-04	-71	-53	II-03	-66	-74	-74	-77	-76	-77	-78	-81
IE	-72	I-08	-41	-21	IV-99	-69	-58	-61	-72	-69	:	:	:
EL	-88	III-93	-66	-38	II-00	-66	-68	-59	-73	-67	-68	-79	-78
ES	-84	III-08	-70	-25	III-99	-77	-79	-78	-82	-79	-84	-84	-81
FR	-83	II-97	-77	-70	II-90	-73	-72	-73	-76	-74	-80	-76	-78
IT	-87	III-08	-66	-47	II-90	-87	-86	-84	-86	-87	-87	-85	-85
CY	-74	I-09	-54	-45	I-04	-51	-49	-48	-50	-51	-64	-67	-74
LV	-84	I-00	-65	-11	I-02	-52	-52	-40	-55	-55	-51	-59	-66
LT	-85	I-09	-74	-65	III-01	-73	-73	-72	-75	-77	-77	-77	-85
LU	-77	IV-05	-55	-24	III-02	-61	-61	-63	-64	-67	-63	-72	-66
HU	-89	I-09	-75	-33	I-00	-85	-84	-85	-85	-87	-82	-89	-89
MT	-89	II-05	-85	-75	I-03	-88	-87	-84	-84	-84	-84	-82	-79
NL	-59	IV-05	-46	-37	IV-99	-51	-51	-48	-51	-48	-53	-54	-55
AT	-69	IV-08	-55	-40	III-00	-63	-62	-66	-67	-66	-65	-69	-65
PL	-77	III-03	-73	-65	IV-08	-67	-70	-72	-68	-67	-70	-65	-68
PT	-95	III-07	-71	-56	III-98	-91	-95	-91	-92	-94	-92	-94	-94
RO	-82	IV-03	-72	-61	IV-08	-64	-67	-61	-68	-66	-61	-61	-65
SI	-77	I-04	-59	-44	I-01	-74	-68	-72	-69	-73	-71	-68	-76
SK	-85	II-04	-79	-74	IV-07	-78	-75	-74	-75	-77	-78	-75	-79
FI	-66	IV-08	-49	-31	IV-02	-59	-61	-62	-58	-56	-62	-66	-65
SE	-65	I-09	-43	-27	I-00	-50	-53	-54	-52	-54	-59	-59	-65
UK	-71	III-93	-52	-34	II-99	-59	-55	-59	-58	-65	-65	-67	-69

Intention to purchase or build a home within the next 12 months (s.a.)^(a)
 (Question 14)

	Since 01/1990					2007			2008				
	Min.		Ave.	Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date		Value	Date								
EU	-89	II-08	-83	-78	III-90	-86	-86	-87	-87	-89	-89	-88	-88
EA	-91	I-09	-84	-80	III-90	-88	-89	-89	-89	-91	-91	-90	-91
BE	-93	IV-03	-81	-67	II-95	-90	-90	-91	-91	-90	-91	-91	-91
BG	-96	I-02	-92	-87	III-08	-91	-90	-90	-90	-89	-87	-90	-91
CZ	-92	I-05	-87	-83	III-08	-86	-86	-85	-87	-85	-83	-85	-88
DK	-86	III-03	-77	-62	II-02	-81	-79	-81	-76	-82	-82	-83	-82
DE	-94	II-08	-85	-78	IV-99	-90	-93	-93	-92	-94	-94	-93	-94
EE	-90	I-05	-51	11	IV-99	-83	-84	-81	-87	-84	-86	-88	-88
IE	-89	I-08	-80	-71	II-06	-88	-87	-83	-89	-89	:	:	:
EL	-92	I-95	-82	-68	I-03	-76	-80	-81	-82	-82	-77	-88	-87
ES	-91	III-08	-81	-71	III-99	-85	-85	-87	-88	-87	-91	-89	-89
FR	-90	II-92	-86	-81	II-04	-86	-83	-83	-84	-87	-88	-86	-89
IT	-97	IV-07	-87	-79	IV-90	-95	-95	-97	-96	-97	-95	-96	-95
CY	-81	III-08	-73	-65	I-04	-71	-71	-73	-76	-78	-81	-76	-81
LV	-95	I-03	-82	-15	I-02	-74	-77	-78	-79	-81	-78	-81	-87
LT	-94	I-09	-89	-82	I-03	-87	-86	-88	-88	-91	-93	-92	-94
LU	-83	IV-08	-76	-64	IV-02	-81	-83	-74	-82	-81	-78	-83	-78
HU	-92	I-09	-81	-39	I-00	-87	-88	-89	-90	-89	-86	-91	-92
MT	-95	III-08	-91	-85	II-03	-92	-92	-91	-95	-92	-95	-93	-94
NL	-84	IV-03	-77	-68	III-99	-79	-79	-77	-81	-78	-82	-81	-84
AT	-91	III-03	-84	-65	III-01	-86	-87	-84	-89	-90	-88	-90	-88
PL	-89	II-03	-86	-82	I-08	-86	-87	-86	-82	-83	-86	-83	-83
PT	-96	I-09	-80	-70	II-90	-93	-94	-92	-93	-94	-96	-96	-96
RO	-87	IV-03	-81	-74	IV-08	-76	-76	-76	-80	-78	-80	-74	-81
SI	-91	I-09	-79	-71	IV-96	-81	-80	-82	-85	-82	-85	-87	-91
SK	-90	IV-03	-86	-82	II-00	-84	-85	-84	-85	-86	-85	-83	-87
FI	-87	IV-08	-82	-76	III-02	-83	-83	-82	-85	-86	-86	-87	-85
SE	-79	II-08	-72	-61	IV-02	-73	-72	-72	-72	-79	-76	-75	-77
UK	-88	I-09	-77	-66	I-90	-81	-80	-84	-81	-88	-86	-84	-88

TABLE 4b (continued): Quarterly survey of consumers

(Data collected in January, April, July and October each year.)

Intention to carry out home improvements over the next 12 months (s.a.)^(a)

(Question 15)

	Since 01/1990				2007			2008				2009	
	Min.		Ave.	Max.		II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value								
EU	-67	IV-96	-60	-53	III-07	-55	-53	-55	-58	-58	-59	-61	-60
EA	-68	III-93	-63	-57	III-00	-60	-59	-61	-63	-63	-63	-65	-64
BE	-65	III-97	-52	-32	III-01	-47	-45	-50	-49	-52	-52	-55	-48
BG	-86	I-02	-71	-56	III-08	-60	-62	-62	-62	-58	-56	-63	-62
CZ	-51	III-01	-32	-18	I-07	-27	-26	-24	-30	-19	-28	-18	-21
DK	-87	I-90	-65	-26	I-00	-55	-56	-58	-57	-57	-64	-68	-69
DE	-60	III-93	-53	-46	I-90	-48	-47	-49	-53	-52	-50	-55	-54
EE	-68	IV-92	-41	-12	II-06	-27	-27	-22	-37	-36	-40	-44	-47
IE	-81	II-90	-67	-50	I-06	-70	-68	-68	-66	-62	:	:	:
EL	-84	II-06	-70	-44	IV-95	-66	-69	-64	-74	-68	-67	-72	-68
ES	-85	III-08	-74	-61	IV-90	-79	-78	-81	-84	-83	-85	-84	-85
FR	-79	IV-95	-69	-52	III-07	-55	-52	-54	-60	-58	-63	-60	-61
IT	-88	IV-06	-72	-59	III-98	-87	-86	-88	-84	-88	-83	-84	-80
CY	-73	III-06	-61	-46	III-01	-57	-55	-55	-57	-66	-63	-64	-56
LV	-77	IV-95	-51	-10	I-02	-24	-27	-18	-29	-25	-23	-36	-40
LT	-71	I-09	-59	-52	I-07	-53	-53	-53	-55	-57	-62	-60	-71
LU	-45	I-03	-33	-22	II-04	-38	-29	-25	-32	-33	-38	-37	-36
HU	-84	I-09	-61	-23	III-00	-71	-74	-76	-77	-80	-77	-80	-84
MT	-71	III-06	-65	-57	I-07	-60	-62	-59	-57	-59	-59	-58	-64
NL	-59	II-96	-48	-35	IV-00	-44	-43	-41	-45	-49	-45	-45	-50
AT	-50	III-02	-36	-21	II-06	-25	-23	-27	-29	-33	-32	-34	-34
PL	-48	III-03	-38	-30	II-04	-34	-38	-42	-33	-40	-47	-40	-39
PT	-89	I-09	-68	-52	I-98	-82	-86	-81	-85	-86	-87	-89	-89
RO	-58	IV-03	-47	-40	I-07	-40	-44	-42	-44	-42	-44	-42	-45
SI	-53	II-08	-31	-16	III-07	-36	-16	-35	-49	-53	-49	-42	-47
SK	-63	III-04	-54	-46	III-07	-51	-46	-47	-47	-47	-48	-48	-57
FI	-72	III-98	-61	-45	II-08	-51	-49	-53	-50	-45	-47	-52	-54
SE	-47	II-96	-28	-16	II-08	-20	-19	-18	-19	-16	-19	-26	-22
UK	-74	III-96	-53	-35	I-04	-46	-39	-44	-48	-50	-50	-56	-58

(a) Balances: i.e., differences between the percentages of respondents giving positive and negative replies.

TABLE 7: Monthly survey of financial services sector ^{(a) (b)}

		Since 04/2006						2008						2009					
		Min.		Ave.		Max.		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Date												
FINANCIAL SERVICES	EU	-20	01-09	19	43	04-06	6	12	17	12	16	14	-4	-15	-15	-20	-20	-19	
CONFIDENCE INDICATOR	EA	-22	01-09	19	43	04-06	8	20	20	13	13	15	-5	-12	-9	-22	-18	-22	
ASSESSMENT OF BUSINESS SITUATION	EU	-32	02-09	15	39	04-06	-2	3	18	9	8	8	-13	-18	-19	-25	-32	-30	
OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS ^(c)	EA	-30	03-09	15	40	04-06	0	10	21	14	7	9	-14	-13	-13	-25	-27	-30	
EVOLUTION OF DEMAND	EU	-25	03-09	18	42	04-06	1	5	13	15	19	11	1	-13	-14	-16	-25	-25	
OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS ^(c)	EA	-25	03-09	17	40	04-06	3	16	17	15	11	10	-1	-5	-10	-20	-25	-25	
EVOLUTION OF DEMAND EXPECTED	EU	-18	01-09	24	50	04-06	18	27	21	10	20	23	0	-14	-12	-18	-3	-4	
OVER THE NEXT 3 MONTHS ^(c)	EA	-20	01-09	24	48	04-06	22	35	23	10	21	27	0	-17	-4	-20	-1	-10	
EVOLUTION OF EMPLOYMENT	EU	-11	02-09	12	23	01-07	9	6	17	9	17	20	6	-5	-1	-4	-11	-5	
OVER THE PAST 3 MONTHS	EA	-11	02-09	14	26	09-08	8	16	16	7	23	26	11	-1	-2	-4	-11	-7	
EVOLUTION OF EMPLOYMENT	EU	-12	01-09	14	30	04-06	14	13	19	12	9	6	-1	-1	-6	-12	-6	-7	
EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT 3 MONTHS	EA	-12	01-09	14	30	04-06	14	16	20	15	12	4	1	-2	0	-12	-1	-8	

(a) The confidence indicator is the arithmetic average of the balances (%) for the questions on business situation and past and expected evolution of demand.

(b) Data are not seasonally adjusted.

(c) Component of the confidence indicator.