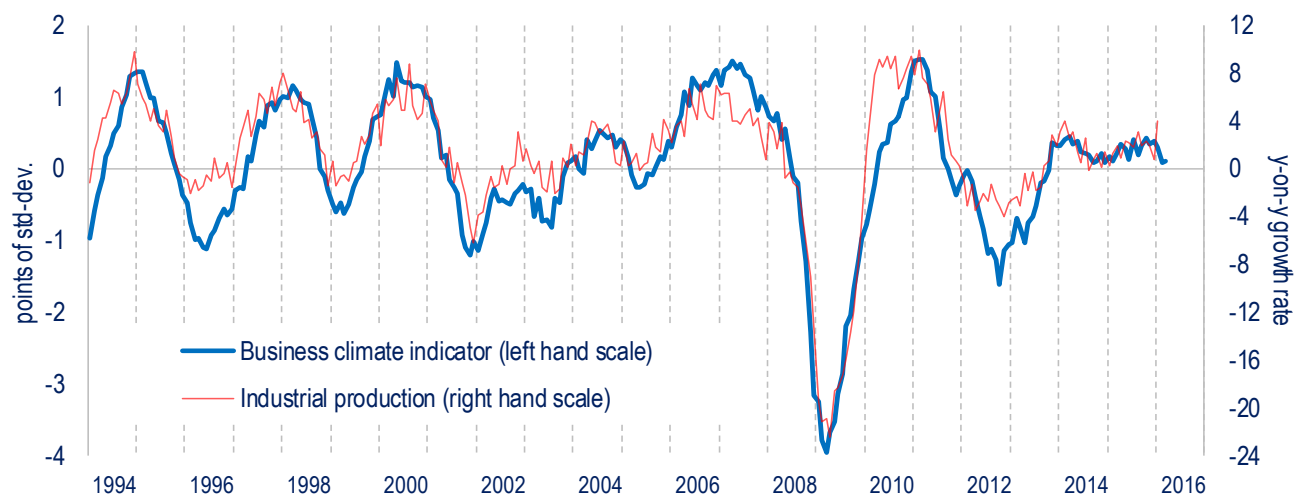




BUSINESS CLIMATE INDICATOR FOR THE EURO AREA



source: European Commission services

Business Climate Indicator largely stable in March

Note: All survey results reported in this press release were collected before the Brussels terror attacks of 22 March.

In March 2016, the Business Climate Indicator (BCI) for the euro area remained largely stable (+0.02 points to +0.11). While managers' appraisals of *past production* improved, the *stocks of finished products* and *export order books* were assessed more negatively. *Production expectations* and views on *total order books* remained virtually unchanged.

Information

The Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) of the European Commission publishes the Business Climate Indicator every month. Information on the computation of the BCI is available in the Methodological User Guide (http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/method_guides/index_en.htm)

The data of the surveys is processed by DG ECFIN's Unit Economic situation, forecasts, business and consumer surveys (A3), Sector Business and consumer surveys and short-term forecast.

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	Economic Sentiment Indicator 28 April 2016
	Business Climate Indicator for the euro area 28 April 2016

Business climate indicator, euro area

Jan-85	0.01	Jan-90	1.03	Jan-95	1.35	Jan-00	0.75	Jan-05	0.37	Jan-10	-0.77	Jan-15	0.17
Feb-85	-0.09	Feb-90	0.95	Feb-95	1.37	Feb-00	1.05	Feb-05	0.16	Feb-10	-0.55	Feb-15	0.10
Mar-85	-0.13	Mar-90	0.94	Mar-95	1.21	Mar-00	1.25	Mar-05	-0.07	Mar-10	-0.21	Mar-15	0.24
Apr-85	-0.19	Apr-90	0.83	Apr-95	0.99	Apr-00	1.01	Apr-05	-0.26	Apr-10	0.25	Apr-15	0.35
May-85	-0.08	May-90	0.82	May-95	0.99	May-00	1.50	May-05	-0.25	May-10	0.35	May-15	0.29
Jun-85	-0.16	Jun-90	0.57	Jun-95	0.68	Jun-00	1.24	Jun-05	-0.21	Jun-10	0.37	Jun-15	0.13
Jul-85	-0.05	Jul-90	0.70	Jul-95	0.64	Jul-00	1.22	Jul-05	-0.05	Jul-10	0.63	Jul-15	0.41
Aug-85	-0.10	Aug-90	0.63	Aug-95	0.50	Aug-00	1.21	Aug-05	-0.07	Aug-10	0.68	Aug-15	0.19
Sep-85	-0.13	Sep-90	0.46	Sep-95	0.22	Sep-00	1.15	Sep-05	0.03	Sep-10	0.75	Sep-15	0.33
Oct-85	0.01	Oct-90	0.37	Oct-95	0.07	Oct-00	1.17	Oct-05	0.17	Oct-10	0.97	Oct-15	0.44
Nov-85	-0.13	Nov-90	0.29	Nov-95	-0.14	Nov-00	1.15	Nov-05	0.14	Nov-10	1.00	Nov-15	0.36
Dec-85	-0.03	Dec-90	0.30	Dec-95	-0.37	Dec-00	1.02	Dec-05	0.38	Dec-10	1.37	Dec-15	0.40
Jan-86	-0.04	Jan-91	0.01	Jan-96	-0.46	Jan-01	0.97	Jan-06	0.32	Jan-11	1.51	Jan-16	0.30
Feb-86	-0.05	Feb-91	-0.45	Feb-96	-0.74	Feb-01	0.72	Feb-06	0.58	Feb-11	1.54	Feb-16	0.09
Mar-86	-0.12	Mar-91	-0.55	Mar-96	-0.99	Mar-01	0.55	Mar-06	0.76	Mar-11	1.52	Mar-16	0.11
Apr-86	0.07	Apr-91	-0.34	Apr-96	-0.95	Apr-01	0.16	Apr-06	1.08	Apr-11	1.38		
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Dec-86	-0.20	Dec-91	-0.87	Dec-96	-0.56	Dec-01	-1.01	Dec-06	1.39	Dec-11	-0.24		
Jan-87	-0.16	Jan-92	-0.84	Jan-97	-0.30	Jan-02	-1.14	Jan-07	1.18	Jan-12	-0.09		
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May-87	-0.03	May-92	-0.82	May-97	0.11	May-02	-0.27	May-07	1.41	May-12	-0.66		
Jun-87	-0.05	Jun-92	-0.82	Jun-97	0.47	Jun-02	-0.44	Jun-07	1.47	Jun-12	-0.84		
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