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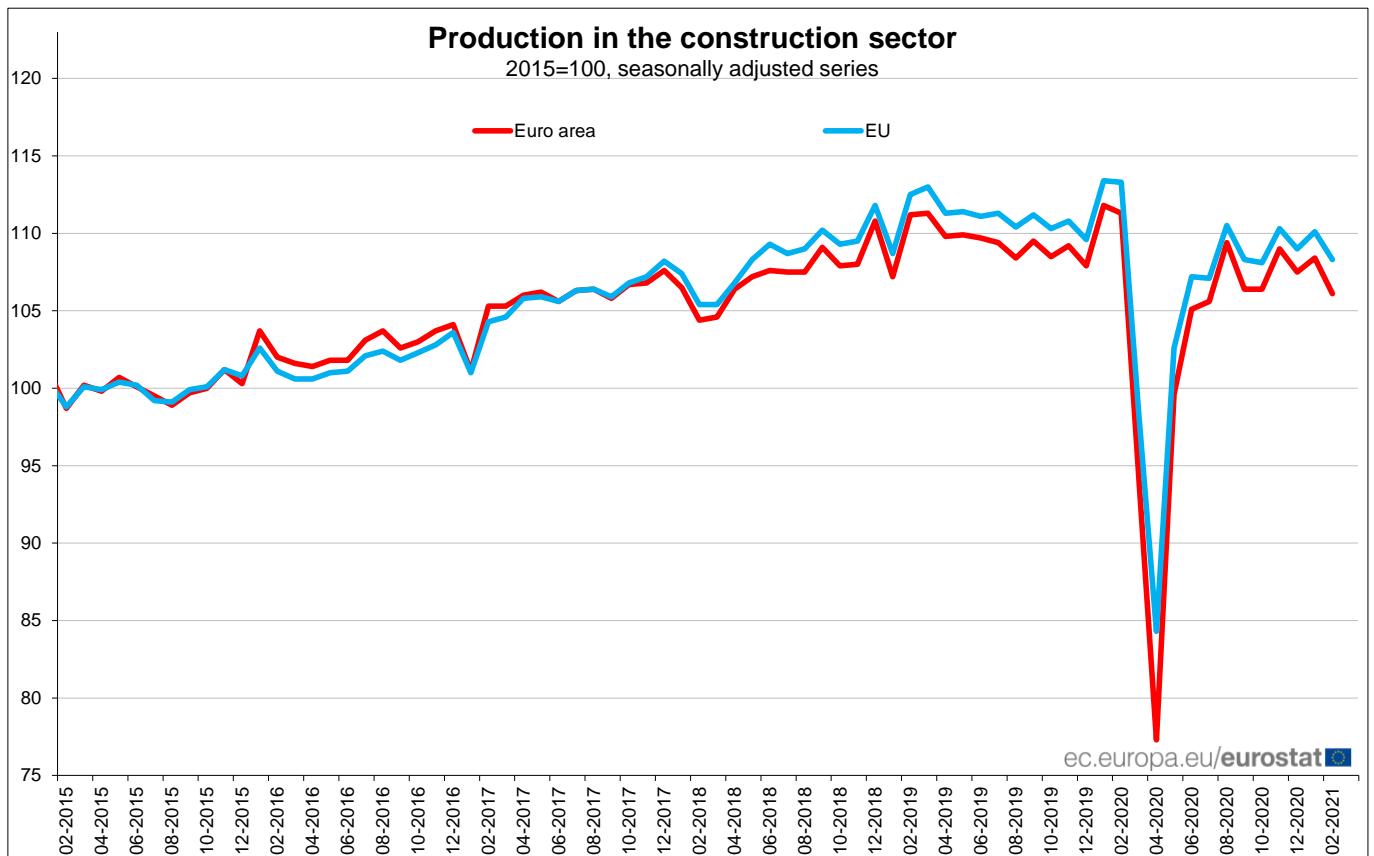
February 2021 compared with January 2021

Production in construction down by 2.1% in euro area and by 1.6% in EU

Down by 5.8% and 5.4% compared with February 2020

In February 2021 compared with January 2021, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector decreased by 2.1% in the **euro area** and by 1.6% in the **EU**, according to first estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January 2021, production in construction increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU**.

In February 2021 compared with February 2020, production in construction decreased by 5.8% in the **euro area** and by 5.4% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by construction sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2021, compared with January 2021, civil engineering decreased by 3.4% and building construction by 1.9%.

In the **EU**, civil engineering decreased by 3.2% and building construction by 1.3%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in production in construction were recorded in **Hungary** (-11.7%), **Poland** (-6.9%), **France** and **Slovakia** (both -6.0%). Increases were observed in **Sweden** (+9.2%), **Austria** (+8.8%), **Romania** (+2.3%) and **Bulgaria** (+0.2%).

Annual comparison by construction sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2021, compared with February 2020, civil engineering decreased by 10.4% and building construction by 4.8%.

In the **EU** civil engineering decreased by 9.8% and building construction by 4.1%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in production in construction were observed in **Slovakia** (-24.4%), **Poland** (-18.1%) and **Spain** (-17.1%). Increases were recorded in **Sweden** (+5.8%), **Austria** (+3.6%) and **Romania** (+1.6%).

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** (EU27) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden.

Estonia, Greece, Croatia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg and Malta are not required to supply monthly data within 1 month and 15 days after the end of the reference month under Regulation (EU) 2019/2152. Ireland has applied for a derogation to remain with quarterly frequency and Denmark to have a longer deadline until the end of 2023.

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 [33/2021](#) of 17 March 2021. The monthly percentage change for January 2021 remained stable at +0.8% in the euro area and was revised from +0.9% to +1.0% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from -1.9% to -2.6% in the euro area and from -1.8% to -2.3% in the EU.

For more information

Eurostat [database section](#) on short-term business statistics

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on the production in construction index

The [weights of the Member States](#) in the EU and euro area aggregates

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