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This News Release has been revised on 11 September 2018: the data for Malta are added in the text and in the graph on the second page. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Pre-announcement: improved timeliness of employment data**

As of 14 November 2018, Eurostat will start publishing a new flash estimate of employment in the euro area and EU28 around 45 days after the end of the reference quarter. The complete publication of European employment estimates including the Member States' data will be advanced from about 75 to 65 days after the end of the reference quarter.

## Second quarter of 2018 compared with the first quarter of 2018

# Employment up by 0.4% in both the euro area and the EU28

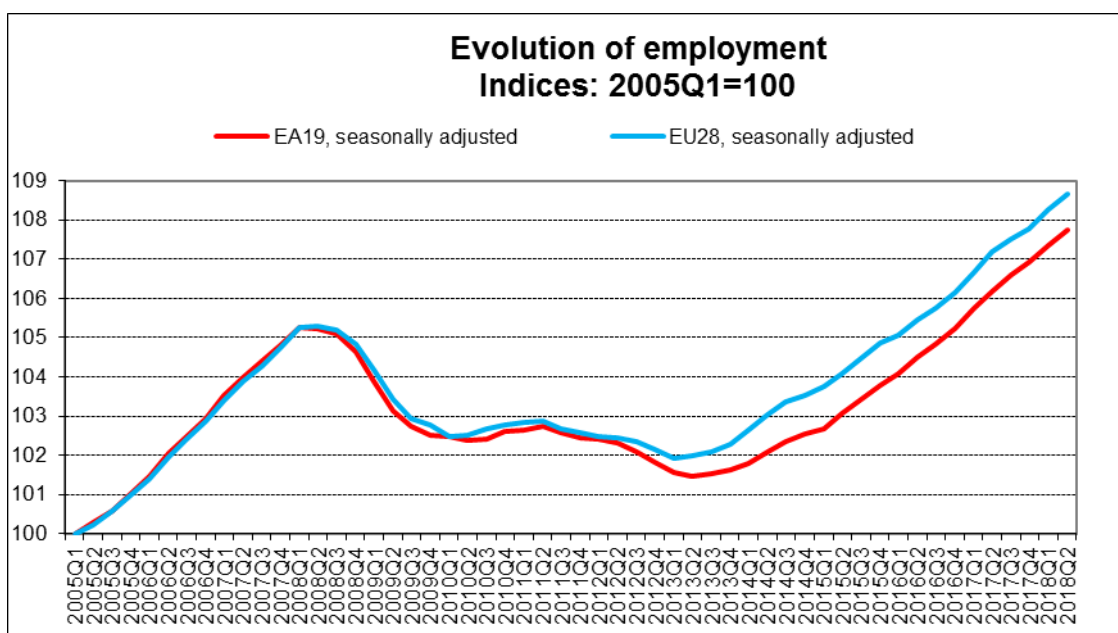
+1.5% and +1.4% respectively compared with the second quarter of 2017

The number of persons employed increased by 0.4% in both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28** in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the previous quarter, according to national accounts estimates published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the first quarter of 2018, employment increased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.5% in the **EU28**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.5% in the **euro area** and by 1.4% in the **EU28** in the second quarter of 2018 (after +1.5% in both areas in the first quarter of 2018).

Eurostat estimates that, in the second quarter of 2018, 238.9 million men and women were employed in the **EU28**, of which 158 million were in the **euro area**. These are the highest levels ever recorded in both areas. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

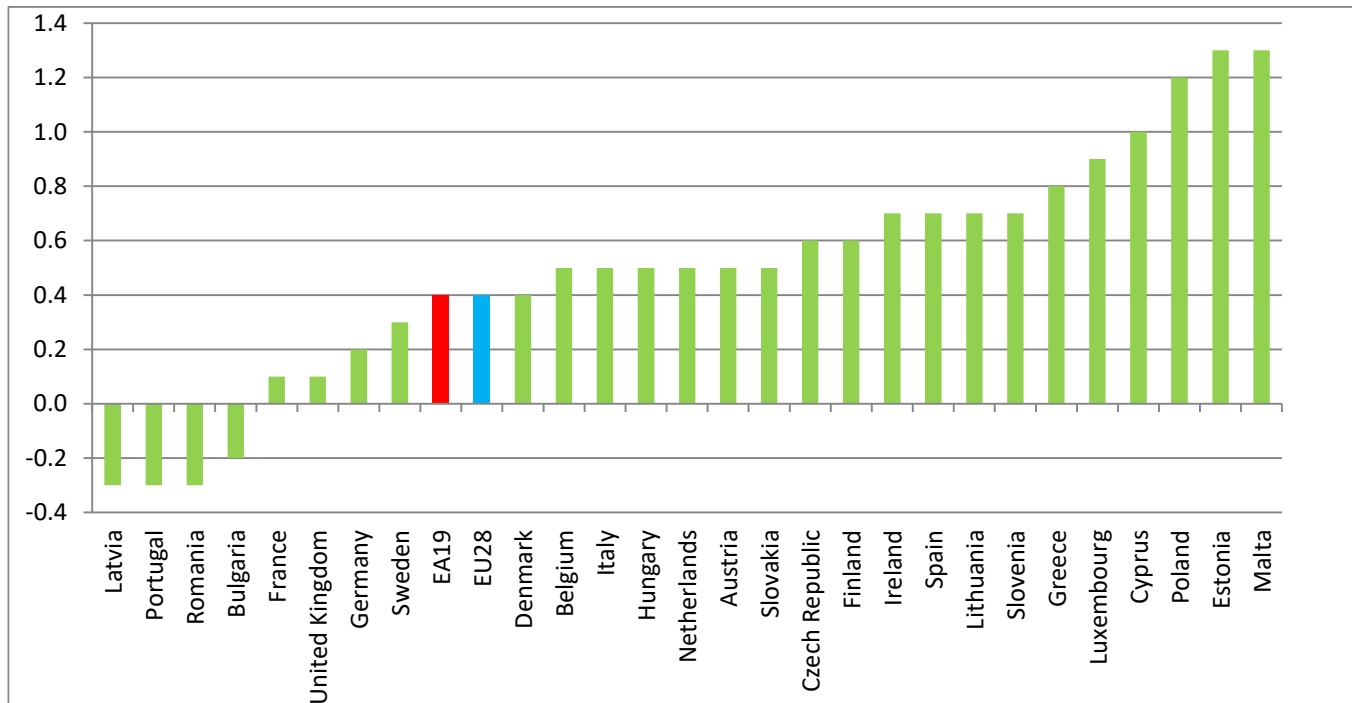
These data on employment provide a picture of labour input consistent with the output and income measure of national accounts.



## Employment growth in Member States

Among Member States for which data are available for the second quarter of 2018, **Estonia** and **Malta** (both +1.3%), **Poland** (+1.2%), **Cyprus** (+1.0%) and **Luxembourg** (+0.9%) recorded the highest increases compared with the previous quarter. A decrease was observed in **Latvia**, **Portugal**, **Romania** (all -0.3%) and **Bulgaria** (-0.2%).

**Member States' growth rates for employment in the second quarter of 2018**  
% change over the previous quarter, seasonally adjusted



Croatia: data not available for the second quarter of 2018.

### 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.

### Methods and definitions

**Employment** covers employees and self-employed working in resident production units (i.e. the domestic employment concept). Unless otherwise stated, all employment estimates in this release use *persons* as the measurement unit. ESA 2010 acknowledges other possible measures for employment: jobs and total hours worked.

As of 7 December 2018, the estimates of GDP and employment will be published together at about 45 and 65 days after the end of the reference quarter in a single news release. The merged news release will also include data on labour productivity.

### For more information

Eurostat [statistical working paper](#) on employment flash estimates

Employment in national accounts - [methodology](#)

Eurostat €-indicators [release calendar](#)

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## Employment growth rates\*

	Percentage change compared to the previous quarter				Percentage change compared to the same quarter of the previous year			
	2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>EA19</b>	0.4	0.3	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	1.7	1.6	1.5	<b>1.5</b>
<b>EU28</b>	0.3	0.2	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	1.5	1.5	<b>1.4</b>
Member States								
<b>Belgium</b>	0.3	0.2	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	1.3	1.2	1.3	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	1.0	0.4	0.0	<b>-0.2</b>	2.7	2.4	1.2	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	0.6	0.0	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	2.0	1.4	1.8	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	0.4	0.4	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	1.6	1.6	1.7	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Germany</b>	0.3	0.3	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	1.5	1.4	1.5	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	1.3	1.5	-1.4	<b>1.3</b>	2.6	5.7	0.9	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	0.8	1.2	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	2.5	3.5	3.2	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Greece</b>	0.3	-0.1	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	2.3	2.7	1.8	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Spain</b>	0.7	0.4	0.4	<b>0.7</b>	2.7	2.6	2.2	<b>2.2</b>
<b>France</b>	0.3	0.3	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.4	1.2	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	1.3	0.7	1.0	:	3.3	3.8	4.6	:
<b>Italy</b>	0.4	-0.3	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	1.4	0.8	0.4	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	1.6	1.0	0.7	<b>1.0</b>	4.5	4.4	4.3	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	0.5	0.9	0.9	<b>-0.3</b>	0.4	0.9	1.7	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	-0.5	0.2	0.0	<b>0.7</b>	-0.8	-0.5	0.1	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	0.7	1.1	1.0	<b>0.9</b>	3.3	3.6	3.7	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Hungary</b>	0.5	0.6	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	1.6	1.9	2.4	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Malta</b>	1.3	1.5	1.4	<b>1.3</b>	5.1	4.8	5.6	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	0.6	0.7	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	2.3	2.6	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Austria</b>	0.3	0.7	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	1.8	1.9	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Poland</b>	0.1	-0.5	0.1	<b>1.2</b>	1.4	0.5	0.4	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	0.6	0.7	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	3.0	3.2	3.2	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Romania</b>	-1.6	-0.4	0.7	<b>-0.3</b>	2.5	1.8	1.8	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	0.8	0.8	0.8	<b>0.7</b>	3.0	3.0	3.3	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	0.6	0.6	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	2.2	2.2	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Finland</b>	0.2	1.0	0.8	<b>0.6</b>	0.5	2.1	2.3	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	0.4	0.4	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	2.6	2.1	2.0	<b>1.7</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0.0	0.3	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.0	1.3	<b>1.0</b>
EFTA countries								
<b>Norway</b>	0.3	0.5	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.4	1.5	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	0.1	-0.1	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	0.6	0.9	<b>0.7</b>

: Data not available.

\* Percentage change in the number of persons employed in resident production units compared with the previous quarter based on seasonally adjusted data. Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year based on non-seasonally adjusted data. The source dataset can be found [here](#) (quarterly change), [here](#) (annual change) and [here](#) (levels).

## T1a TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-1 PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Total economy				Agriculture, forestry and fishing				Industry (mining, manufacturing, electricity, water and waste)				of which: Manufacturing				Construction				Trade, transport, accommodation and food service activities			
Section					A				B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I			
	2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EA19	0.4	0.3	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	-0.8	0.3	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.4	0.2	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.3	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	0.8	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	0.2	0.4	<b>0.3</b>
EU28	0.3	0.2	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	-1.2	-0.2	-0.2	<b>-1.2</b>	0.4	0.2	0.6	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	0.3	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.3	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.1	0.2	<b>0.4</b>

## T1b TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-1 PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Information and communication				Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Section	J				K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EA19	0.3	0.9	0.9	<b>0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.6	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.2	0.4	<b>0.8</b>	0.9	0.8	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	0.3	0.4	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	-0.6	0.2	<b>0.5</b>
EU28	0.0	0.5	1.3	<b>1.5</b>	-0.1	0.1	0.4	<b>1.4</b>	0.6	0.9	1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	0.7	0.7	0.6	<b>1.1</b>	0.2	0.4	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	-0.6	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>

## T2a TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-4 PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR – NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Total economy				Agriculture, forestry and fishing				Industry (mining, manufacturing, electricity, water and waste)				of which: Manufacturing				Construction				Trade, transport, accommodation and food service activities			
Section					A				B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I			
	2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EA19	1.7	1.6	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	-1.3	-1.1	-0.8	<b>-0.3</b>	1.4	1.4	1.5	<b>1.5</b>	1.4	1.4	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.7	2.7	2.1	<b>2.2</b>	1.9	1.5	1.5	<b>1.2</b>
EU28	1.6	1.5	1.5	<b>1.4</b>	0.2	-0.4	-1.7	<b>-2.8</b>	1.8	1.6	1.8	<b>1.2</b>	2.1	1.9	2.0	<b>1.2</b>	2.0	2.2	1.5	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	1.2	1.2	<b>1.3</b>

## T2b TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-4 PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR – NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Information and communication				Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Section	J				K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018		2017		2018	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EA19	2.9	3.1	2.6	<b>2.3</b>	-1.3	-1.6	-1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	1.3	1.4	1.8	<b>1.7</b>	3.1	3.5	3.2	<b>3.2</b>	1.3	1.3	1.2	<b>1.2</b>	2.2	1.2	0.4	<b>0.6</b>
EU28	3.1	2.7	2.7	<b>3.1</b>	-1.0	-0.7	-0.1	<b>1.8</b>	1.5	2.0	2.4	<b>2.5</b>	2.8	2.9	3.0	<b>3.1</b>	1.0	1.2	1.3	<b>1.2</b>	2.3	1.5	1.5	<b>1.0</b>