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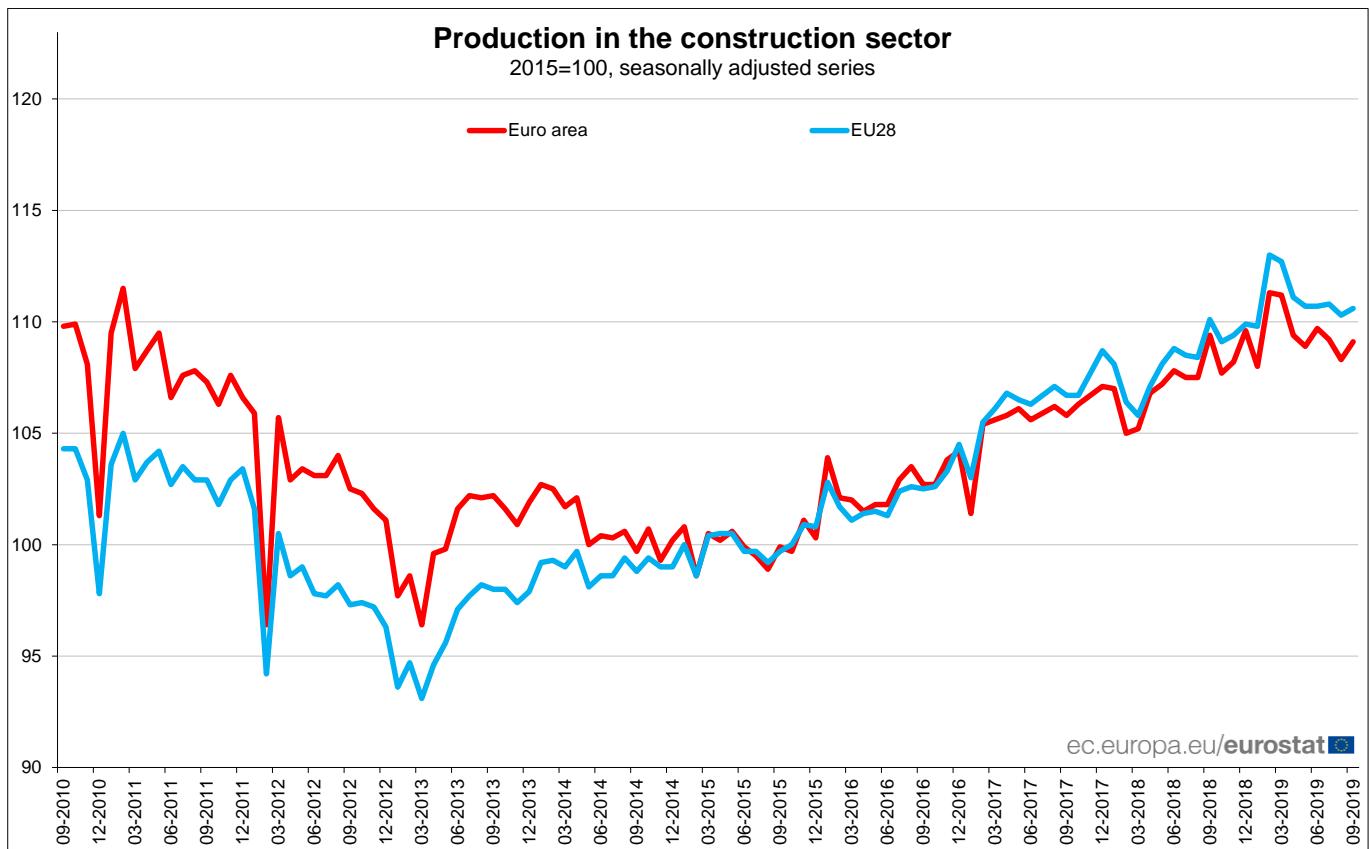
September 2019 compared with August 2019

Production in construction up by 0.7% in euro area

Up by 0.3% in EU28

In September 2019 compared with August 2019, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector increased by 0.7% in the **euro area (EA19)** and by 0.3% in the **EU28**, according to first estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In August 2019, production in construction decreased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.5% in the **EU28**.

In September 2019 compared with September 2018, production in construction decreased by 0.7% in the **euro area** and increased by 0.3% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by construction sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in September 2019, compared with August 2019, civil engineering increased by 1.2% and building construction by 0.6%.

In the **EU28**, civil engineering increased by 1.8% while building construction fell by 0.1%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in production in construction were recorded in **Slovakia** (+6.3%), **Hungary** (+5.2%) and **France** (+1.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **Sweden** (-4.9%), **Romania** (-3.4%) and **Spain** (-2.4%).

Annual comparison by construction sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in September 2019, compared with September 2018, building construction fell by 1.0%, while civil engineering increased by 1.1%.

In the **EU28**, civil engineering rose by 2.4%, while building construction remained unchanged.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in production in construction were observed in **Romania** (+28.9%), **Hungary** (+17.8%) and **Bulgaria** (+6.9%). The largest decreases were recorded in **Spain** (-10.0%), **Slovenia** (-8.1%) and **France** (-2.6%).

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** (EU28) 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, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Estonia, Ireland, Greece, 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 159/2019 of 17 October 2019. The monthly percentage change for August 2019 was revised from -0.5% to -0.8% in the euro area and from -0.2% to -0.5% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +1.2% to +0.8% in the euro area and from +1.9% to +1.4% in the EU28.

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
(See file EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015)

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Production in construction

% change compared with the previous quarter / previous month*

	Q4-18	Q1-19	Q2-19	Q3-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19
EA19										
Total construction	0.4	1.6	-0.6	-0.3	-1.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.7
Building	0.5	1.4	-0.7	-0.6	-1.5	-0.4	0.6	-0.5	-0.9	0.6
Civil engineering	-0.2	2.3	0.0	-0.2	-2.5	-0.8	0.9	-0.5	-0.5	1.2
EU28										
Total construction	0.5	2.2	-0.8	-0.3	-1.4	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.3
Building	0.5	2.0	-0.9	-0.4	-1.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.1
Civil engineering	0.5	2.9	-0.4	-0.2	-2.3	-0.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	1.8

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Total construction	Q4-18	Q1-19	Q2-19	Q3-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19
EA19	0.4	1.6	-0.6	-0.3	-1.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.7
EU28	0.5	2.2	-0.8	-0.3	-1.4	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.3
Belgium	0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	1.8	-1.4	0.0	1.3	-1.5	0.2
Bulgaria	1.7	3.1	-1.6	2.4	-1.1	-1.0	0.2	2.1	0.2	1.2
Czechia	-2.0	3.5	-0.6	-0.2	-1.0	-1.5	0.3	1.4	-2.8	1.8
Denmark	0.4	3.2	-3.0	:	-9.5	5.3	-3.6	1.9	1.6	:
Germany	0.3	2.4	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	-2.4	1.4	0.0	-1.1	1.8
Estonia**	-0.3	-0.6	0.4	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland**	1.1	1.9	2.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece**	1.1	-6.8	3.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	1.5	-2.2	0.7	-1.3	1.6	-0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.8	-2.4
France	-0.8	1.9	-1.3	-1.8	-4.9	2.0	1.0	-2.8	-1.4	1.9
Croatia	-0.4	9.5	-4.4	:	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1	2.0	-1.0	:
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus**	-0.1	3.8	4.5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia**	7.5	1.1	-1.6	-0.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
Lithuania**	-2.1	14.0	-2.4	-0.8	:	:	:	:	:	:
Luxembourg	1.9	-0.1	-1.7	:	-0.9	-4.6	6.1	-2.4	2.6	:
Hungary	5.2	11.4	-3.7	5.9	-4.1	-0.4	1.1	10.4	-9.3	5.2
Malta**	4.4	9.8	7.4	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	1.5	2.0	-0.5	1.4	-1.7	1.3	-0.8	1.1	0.0	1.0
Austria	1.8	0.5	1.3	:	1.2	-1.5	2.2	0.9	-2.1	:
Poland	1.2	5.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4	-3.0	-0.2	-0.3	2.0	0.3
Portugal	-0.5	2.8	-0.3	0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.9	1.1	-1.9
Romania	1.1	18.3	15.1	-1.3	16.0	-6.8	-3.4	3.8	1.4	-3.4
Slovenia	0.9	6.0	-5.5	-6.4	-5.0	3.9	-7.0	-0.1	-3.8	-0.7
Slovakia	-0.1	-4.3	-0.8	0.8	-1.8	1.0	-1.1	-2.0	1.8	6.3
Finland	1.9	-1.2	-0.3	-0.7	0.9	-2.3	-0.5	0.5	0.2	-0.6
Sweden	3.6	5.9	-1.9	-4.3	-0.5	-2.7	-2.0	-1.2	1.2	-4.9
United Kingdom	0.2	1.6	-1.2	0.5	-0.7	0.1	-1.1	1.3	0.2	-0.3
Norway	0.8	0.0	1.9	0.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	-1.2	0.6	0.2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

* 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*

	Q4-18	Q1-19	Q2-19	Q3-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19
EA19										
Total construction	1.9	4.7	2.2	0.9	2.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.8	-0.7
Building	1.0	4.1	1.9	0.7	2.5	1.6	1.3	1.7	0.7	-1.0
Civil engineering	3.9	8.6	3.4	1.6	3.6	1.9	2.5	0.7	1.7	1.1
EU28										
Total construction	2.0	5.0	2.5	1.6	3.9	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.4	0.3
Building	0.8	4.4	2.2	1.3	3.5	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.2	0.0
Civil engineering	5.3	9.4	4.4	2.5	5.8	3.8	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.4

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EA19	1.9	4.7	2.2	0.9	2.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.8	-0.7
EU28	2.0	5.0	2.5	1.6	3.9	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.4	0.3
Belgium	1.5	0.1	2.5	-0.5	10.9	-1.6	-0.9	3.4	-1.6	-1.8
Bulgaria	0.9	5.8	3.4	4.8	5.5	2.8	1.6	4.4	3.0	6.9
Czechia	4.4	2.4	4.0	0.4	8.0	2.1	2.6	3.6	-2.3	0.2
Denmark	2.3	6.4	0.9	:	-0.6	6.4	-3.0	2.0	4.1	:
Germany	-0.3	6.2	2.0	1.8	5.0	-1.0	2.0	2.3	1.8	1.2
Estonia**	9.7	2.0	3.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Ireland**	12.5	10.6	11.0	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece**	0.9	-18.4	-5.8	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	4.2	-4.1	1.0	-1.7	2.2	-0.1	0.9	3.8	2.3	-10.0
France	-0.5	4.6	1.4	-2.1	-2.0	4.4	2.0	-0.9	-2.9	-2.6
Croatia	5.2	13.7	6.4	:	8.5	5.8	4.7	6.8	3.4	:
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus**	15.2	13.5	16.6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia**	21.4	7.4	0.9	5.8	:	:	:	:	:	:
Lithuania**	6.0	18.6	8.9	5.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
Luxembourg	3.6	2.2	-0.8	:	2.0	-6.3	1.6	2.4	3.0	:
Hungary	21.7	47.9	27.1	19.1	39.8	27.0	19.1	33.3	8.5	17.8
Malta**	14.1	16.4	21.7	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	6.9	10.1	2.3	4.1	1.6	4.9	0.3	3.9	3.5	4.5
Austria	6.3	9.5	5.4	:	8.9	2.5	5.1	5.0	3.5	:
Poland	16.0	10.9	8.1	4.8	14.9	7.1	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.2
Portugal	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.6	3.8	3.1	2.5	3.4	3.0	1.6
Romania	-4.7	12.1	30.3	34.8	46.8	25.9	22.1	39.0	37.3	28.9
Slovenia	14.9	23.1	8.5	-5.5	9.7	11.2	5.1	-0.3	-7.8	-8.1
Slovakia	8.4	-0.9	-0.7	-4.1	-3.5	3.7	-1.9	-7.8	-6.7	1.8
Finland	6.1	2.5	0.6	-0.9	8.1	-1.0	-3.3	-0.4	-1.2	-1.2
Sweden	-2.1	8.0	5.9	2.7	10.4	4.9	2.6	2.4	7.4	-0.8
United Kingdom	0.8	4.0	1.1	1.4	3.3	1.6	-1.5	2.6	0.3	1.4
Norway	3.6	2.7	4.6	3.7	:	:	:	:	:	:
Switzerland	-2.7	0.5	-2.2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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