

Business survey June 2017

Manufacturing industry, market services and construction

10 July 2017



- **In June, industrial production rose only slightly**, after two particularly strong months. Activity grew in most sectors but was down in the automobile sector and in the plastic manufacturing.

Deliveries as well as new orders slowed a little.

According to business leaders, industrial production is expected to pick up more sharply in July.

- **Service sector activity remained dynamic.** Consulting and transportation were particularly positive.

Staff levels increased again.

Cash positions remain at comfortable levels.

Business leaders expect service sector activity to continue to expand at a similar pace in July.

- **Activity continued to rise in the construction sector,** both in structural and finishing works.

Staff levels were up.

According to business leaders, construction activity should increase again in July.

The business sentiment indicator in manufacturing industry* stood at 103 in June, after 104 in May.

The business sentiment indicator in services* stood at 100 in June, like in May.

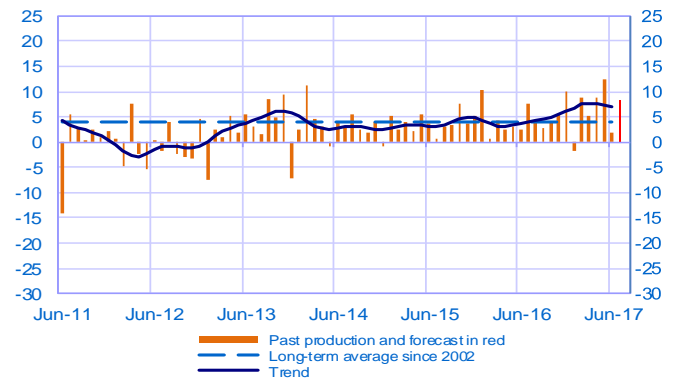
The business sentiment indicator in construction* stood at 103 in June, after 102 in May.

According to the monthly index of business activity (MIBA), **GDP is expected to increase by 0.5% in the second quarter of 2017** (third estimate, unchanged).

* Calculations are based on survey data, SA-WDA and smoothed over five months

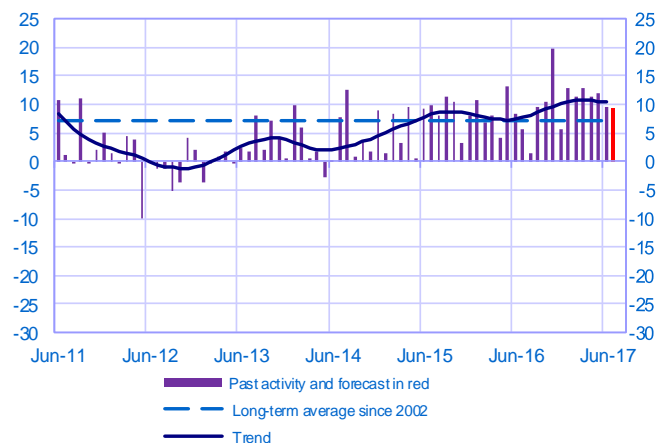
Opinion on the outlook for industrial production*

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



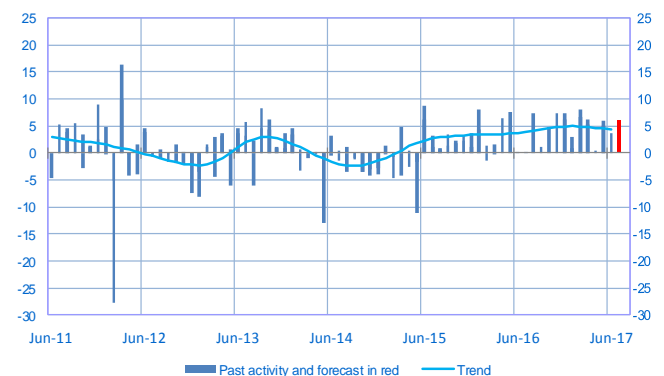
Opinion on the outlook for services activity*

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Opinion on the outlook for construction activity*

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* A positive (negative) balance of opinions corresponds to a rise (fall) in the evolution of activity

Manufacturing industry

	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Change												Forecast
Production	4	3	4	6	10	-2	9	5	9	13	2	8
Deliveries	2	5	7	6	10	5	10	5	11	9	2	
Total orders	7	7	6	10	9	9	11	7	12	9	6	
Staff	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	4	5	
Final goods prices	0	1	0	1	1	3	3	4	4	3	3	
Commodity prices	2	3	4	5	7	11	9	9	5	4	3	
Level												
Order books	9	12	12	16	16	16	16	18	17	20	20	
Inventories of finished goods	4	4	5	3	2	2	0	1	1	4	1	
Capacity utilisation rate	78.9	77.9	77.6	78.1	79.1	78.6	78.7	79.1	79.0	79.9	79.7	
Cash positions	12	16	14	14	12	14	14	15	13	15	15	

Services

	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Change												Forecast
Activity	1	10	11	20	6	13	11	13	11	12	10	9
Aggregate demand	6	9	11	21	7	12	12	13	12	10	9	
Prices	-1	-3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	
Staff	6	7	7	7	7	9	8	6	7	7	7	
Level												
Cash positions	9	14	15	16	14	12	16	15	15	16	17	

Construction

	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17
Change												Forecast
Activity	7	1	5	7	7	1	8	6	0	6	4	6
Estimates prices	-1	-1	0	0	-1	1	1	2	2	2	2	
Staff	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	3	
Level												
Order books	13	15	15	15	15	18	22	22	17	18	19	

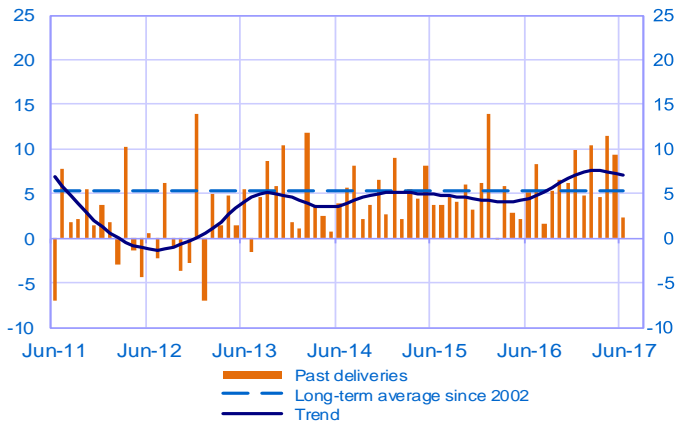
Notes:

- A positive (negative) balance of opinions corresponds to a rise (fall) in the evolution of activity.
- The last point corresponds to the business leaders' forecasts of future activity.
- The series are revised on a monthly basis. These revisions take into account additional gross data and the evolution of the seasonal and working-day adjustment depending on the latest available data. The business sentiment indicators of the previous months are revised accordingly.

Manufacturing industry

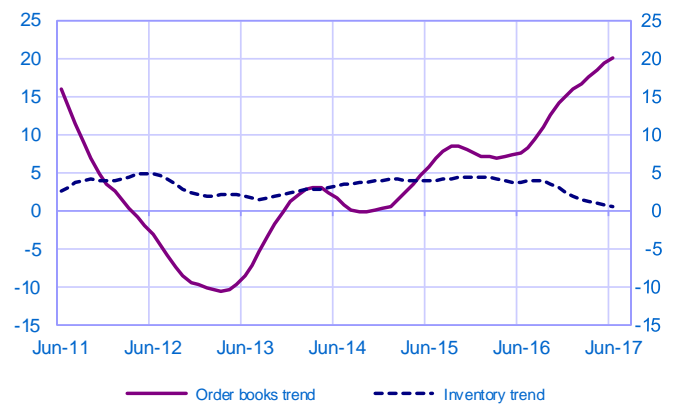
Changes in deliveries

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Inventories and order book level

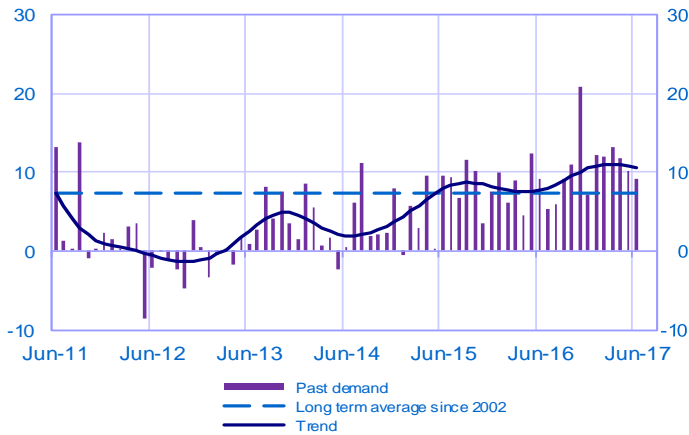
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Services

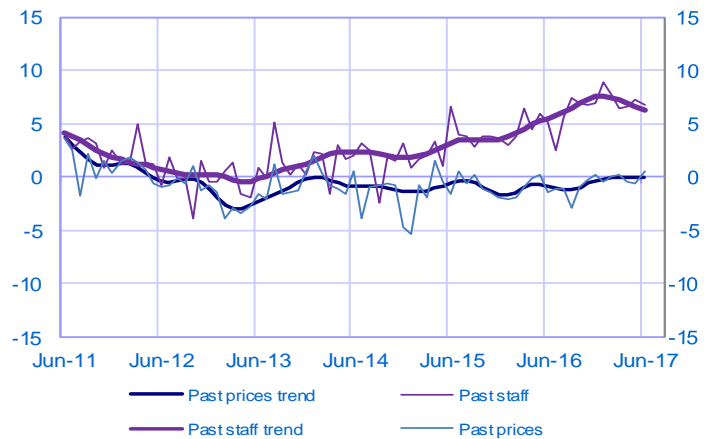
Changes in demand

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Changes in prices and staff

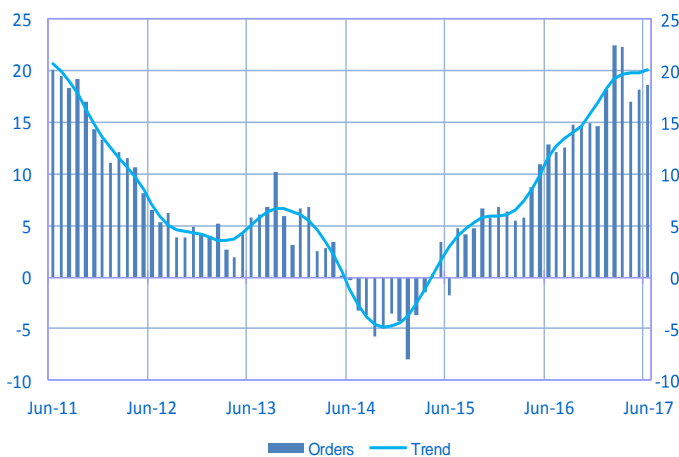
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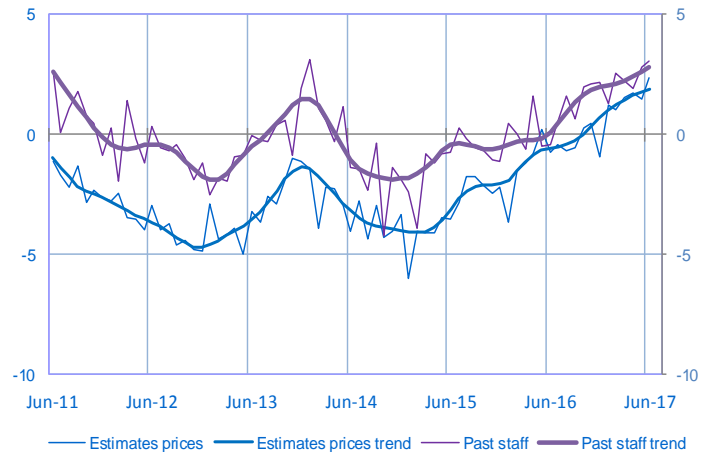
Order book level

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Changes in estimates prices and staff

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