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Evolution of main short term economic indicators in June 2007 and during 1.I - 30.VI. 2007

I. Synthesis of evolution of main economic indicators in June 2007 and during 1.I - 30.VI. 2007

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	June 2007 as against:		
	May 2007	June 2006	1.I-30.VI.2007 as against 1.I-30.VI.2006
Industrial production – total (unadjusted series)	97,3	104,6	106,1
- of which:			
Mining and quarrying	102,3	106,2	100,4
Manufacturing	96,4	104,1	107,3
Electric and thermal energy, gas and water	103,8	110,8	97,7
Labour productivity in industry	97,8	108,7	110,8
Turnover - industry – total	99,8	107,8	114,8
Construction works (unadjusted series)	119,2	128,7	131,4
Turnover – retail ¹⁾ (unadjusted series)	100,0	116,0	109,6
Turnover – trade with motor vehicles ²⁾ (unadjusted series)	84,6	114,7	143,2
Turnover – market services rendered to the population (unadjusted series)	128,0	97,3	100,4

In June 2007, as against the previous month, most of short term economic indicators registered decreases in comparison with the same month of the previous year, except turnover from market services rendered to the population, main short term economic indicators registered significant growths; as a result of this evolution, in the first semester of 2007, all the indicators registered important growths as against the same period of 2006.

II. Sectorial evolutions

Industrial production registered in June 2007 as compared to the previous month a decrease per total by 2.7%, due to the decrease of manufacturing production by 3.6%. Mining

¹⁾ Except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles.

²⁾ Comprises: retail and wholesale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail of fuel for motor vehicles..

and quarrying and electric and thermal energy, gas and water registered growths by 2.3%, respectively 3.8%.

Manufacturing registered decreases in most of the branches, the highest ones being for publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media (-19.4%), furniture and other industrial activities n.e.c. (-17.6%), metallic construction and metal products (-13.7%), wood and wood products processing (-13.2%), chemical substances and products (-12.9%), metallurgy (-11.0%), radio, TV and communication equipment (-10.8%), pulp, paper and paper products (-10.4%) and machinery and equipment (-9.4%).

Concerning the evolution by large industrial groups, the production decrease per total was mainly determined by lower production with 13.8% in durable goods industry and 5.7% in intermediate goods industry.

In June 2007, industrial production was higher than in June 2006 by 4.6%, leading to a growth rate of industrial production of 6.1% in the first semester of 2007 as against the same semester of 2006.

During 1.I-30.VI.2007, **main resources of primary energy** amounted to 20.1 million tons equivalent petrol, decreasing by 5.3% as against 1.I-30.VI.2006 period, as a result of production decrease by 3.2% and of import by 8.3%. **Production of electric energy** amounted to 30058.6 million kWh during 1.I-30.VI.2007, decreasing by 4.2% as against the same period of 2006. **Final consumption of electric energy** was by 1.6% higher than in the same period of 2006 and public lighting increased by 5.8% and population consumption by 4.8%.

In June 2007, **construction works** registered a growth by 28.7% as against June 2006. During 1.I-30.VI.2007, value of construction works increased by 31.4%, as compared to the same period of 2006, a higher production rate than general average being registered, by construction type, for nonresidential buildings (135.4%) and residential ones (133.4%) and by structure elements for maintenance and current repair works (131.8%) and capital repair works (131.6%).

In June 2007, as compared to June 2006, **turnover of enterprises having retail as main activity** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was higher by 16.0% (+24.2% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +8.3% for nonfood goods).

During 1.I-30.VI.2007, turnover volume was by 9.6%, over the level of 1.I-30.VI.2006 period, because of the increase in nonfood goods' sales by 10.2% and food sales by 9.0%.

In comparison with June 2006, turnover in June 2007 of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail, of motor vehicles and motorcycles, including their maintenance and repair, as well as retail of fuel for motor vehicles** increased by 14.7% mainly due to the increases for retail of fuel for motor vehicles (+50.3%).

Turnover volume in this activity increased by 43.2% during 1.I-30.VI.2007 as against the same period of 2006 (+34.7% for trade with motor vehicles and +62.5% for retail of fuel).

In June 2007, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 2.7% lower than in June 2006. In comparison with the same period of 2006, during 1.I-30.VI.2007 turnover volume increased by 0.4%. Higher increases were registered for the activities: hotels and restaurants (+29.1%) and laundry, cleaning and dyeing textiles and fur (+21.6 %).

III. Evolution of some social indicators in June 2007

	M.U.	Achieved	June 2007 in % as against:	
			May 2007	June 2006
Number of employees in economy ^{*)} (at end of month)	thou pers.	4742,8	100,2	102,8
Number of registered unemployed (at end of month)	thou pers.	354,7	95,9	76,1
Gross nominal average earning	lei	1377	101,2	123,8
Net nominal average earning	lei	1023	101,1	122,5
Consumer price index	%		100,1	103,8

**) in enterprises with 4 employees and over.*

In June 2007, **number of employees** was by 9 thou persons higher than in May 2007 and **gross nominal average earning** was 1377 lei, increasing by 1.2% as against the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of June 2007 was 354.7 thou persons. In comparison with June 2006, number of registered unemployed was lower by 111.2 thou persons. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 43.1 %.

In June 2007, **registered unemployment rate** was 4.0% in relation to total civil active population, decreasing as against June 2006 (5.2%). Female unemployment rate was by 0.6 percentage points lower than male unemployment rate (3.7% as against 4.3%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Mehedinți (8.6%), Vaslui (6.4%), Teleorman (6.3%). The lowest unemployment rates were noticed in the counties: Timiș (1.5%), Ilfov (1.8 %), Bihor (2.1%), Constanța (2.2%), as well as Bucharest Municipality (2.2 %).

Real earning index for June 2007, calculated as ratio between net nominal average earning index and consumer price index was 101.0% as against the previous month, 118.0% as compared to the same month of 2006 and 106.8% in comparison with October 1990.

The next press release will be issued on Friday, September 7, 2007.