

Domain: Short-term Surveys

TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD FEBRUARY – APRIL 2022

- Moderate growth of activity in manufacturing and construction
- Relative stability in the number of employees in manufacturing, construction and services
- Robust price growth in manufacturing, construction and retail trade

Trends in the economic activity

Trends	Manufacturing		Construction		Retail trade		Services	
	Jan.-Mar. 2022	Feb.-Apr. 2022	Jan.-Mar. 2022	Feb.-Apr. 2022	Jan.-Mar. 2022	Feb.-Apr. 2022	Jan.-Mar. 2022	Feb.-Apr. 2022
Economic activity	→	↗	↘	↗	↘	↘	→	→
Number of employees	→	→	↘	→	↗	↗	→	→
Prices	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗

The balance indicates the perception of the companies' managers concerning the dynamics of a phenomenon, which should NOT be seen as the intensity of increase or decrease of any statistical indicator value that is produced by the NIS.

The balance is calculated as a difference between the percentage of respondents who chose the positive alternative of the phenomenon and the percentage of those who indicated the negative alternative.

Manufacturing

According to the business tendency survey of February 2022, managers from the manufacturing industry forecast a moderate growth of the production volume for the next three months (balance +9%). The highest growths will be registered for the manufacturing of coke and refined petroleum products and for the manufacturing of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (balances +34%).

Regarding the number of employees, a relative stability is estimated, the balance being +4% per total manufacturing.

For the prices of industrial products, a robust growth is forecasted for the next three months (balance +42%).

Construction

According to February 2022 estimations, there will be a moderate increase in the production volume of the construction activity for the next three months (balance +12%).

Managers forecast a relative stability in the number of employees (balance 0%).

As to the prices of construction works, a robust growth is forecasted (balance +52%).

Retail trade

In the retail trade sector, managers estimate a moderate decrease trend in the economic activity for the next three months (balance -12%). The volume of orders placed by the trade units to the suppliers of goods will register a relative stability (balance 0%).

Employers forecast a moderate growth in the number of employees for the next three months (balance +11%).

Managers of trade companies estimate a robust growth of the retail prices (balance +43%).

Services

According to February 2022 estimations, the demand for services (turnover) will register a relative stability for the next three months (balance +5%). A relative stability is also estimated for the number of employees (balance +2%).

According to the managers estimates, the selling or invoice prices of services will grow (balance +30%).

Additional information:

For the correct interpretation of results, kindly see the [Methodological Note attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

The business tendency surveys are carried out in co-financing, with the contribution of the European Commission - DGECFIN (Brussels).

The next press release on the trends of the economic activity will be issued on March 28, 2022.

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