

Domain: Short-term Surveys

## TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD JANUARY – MARCH 2022

- Relative stability of activity in manufacturing and services
- Relative stability in the number of employees in manufacturing and services
- Price growth in manufacturing, retail trade and services

### Trends in the economic activity

Trends	Manufacturing		Construction		Retail trade		Services	
	Dec. 2021– Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022 Mar. 2022	Dec. 2021– Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022– Mar. 2022	Dec. 2021– Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022– Mar. 2022	Dec. 2021– Feb. 2022	Jan. 2022– Mar. 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 January 2022, managers from the manufacturing industry forecast a relative stability of the production volume for the next three months (balance +1%). The highest growth will be registered for the manufacturing of coke and refined petroleum products (balance +62%).

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

For the prices of industrial products, a growth is forecasted for the next three months (balance +39%).

## Construction

According to January 2022 estimations, there will be a moderate decrease in the production volume of the construction activity for the next three months (balance -6%).

Managers forecast a moderate decrease in the number of employees (balance -7%).

As to the prices of construction works, a robust growth is forecasted (balance +49%).

## 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 moderate decrease (balance -7%).

Employers forecast a moderate growth in the number of employees for the next three months (balance +12%).

Managers of trade companies estimate a growth of the retail prices (balance +39%).

## Services

According to January 2022 estimations, the demand for services (turnover) will register a relative stability for the next three months (balance +2%).

For the services sector, a relative stability is also estimated in the number of employees (balance -2%).

According to the managers estimates, the selling or invoice prices of services will register growth (balance +23%).

### 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 - DGEFIN (Brussels).

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

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