

Domain: Short-term Surveys

TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD DECEMBER 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016

- **Stability of the activity in manufacturing and retail trade**
- **Decrease tendency of the activity and of the number of employees in construction**
- **Moderate decrease of prices in retail trade**

Trends in the economic activity

Evolutions	Manufacturing		Construction		Retail trade		Services	
	Nov. 2015 - Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016	Nov. 2015- Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016	Nov. 2015 - Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016	Nov. 2015- Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015 - Feb. 2016
Economic situation	→	→	↘	↘	→	→	↗	↗
Number of employees	→	→	↘	↘	↗	↗	→	→
Prices	→	→	→	→	→	↘	→	→

The balance indicator indicates the perception of companies' manager over the dynamics of a phenomenon, which should NOT be seen as the intensity of increase or decrease in the statistical indicator value.

Manufacturing

According to the business tendency survey of December 2015, the managers in manufacturing forecast a relative stability of the production volume (balance -5%) for the next three months. The most significant decreases in the production volume will be registered by the manufacturing of other non-metallic mineral products and by the manufacturing of basic metals (balances -34% and -33%, respectively).

For the prices of the industrial products a relative stability is forecast for the next three months (balance 0%).

Regarding the number of employees, a relative stability is forecast, the balance being -2% per total manufacturing.

Construction

According to December 2015 estimations, there will be a decrease in the production volume of the construction activity for the next three months (balance -38%) and in the stock of contracts and orders (balance -33%).

Managers forecast a decrease in the number of employees (balance -23%).

Regarding the prices of construction works a relative stability is forecast (balance -4%).

Retail trade

In the retail trade sector, managers estimate a relative stability in the economic activity (balance -1%) for the next three months.

Employers forecast for the next three months, a moderate increase in the number of employees (balance +7%). There will be a moderate decrease (balance -7%) of the volume of orders placed by the trade units to the suppliers of goods.

For the next period, the managers of trade companies estimate a moderate decrease of retail selling prices (balance -8%).

Services

According to December 2015 estimations, the demand of services (turnover) will have a moderate growth in the next three months (balance +6%).

In the services sector, a relative stability in the number of employees is forecast (balance 0%).

According to the managers' opinion, the selling or invoice prices of provisions will have a trend of relative stability (balance +2%).

Additional information:

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

The next press release on the trends of the economic activity will be issued on January 28, 2016.

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