

Domain: Short-term Surveys

## TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD FEBRUARY - APRIL 2018

- Moderate growth of activity in all economic domains
- Stability in the number of employees in industry, constructions and retail trade
- Price growth in industry, constructions and retail trade

### Trends in the economic activity

Evolutions	Manufacturing		Constructions		Retail trade		Services	
	Jan.-Mar. 2018	Feb.-Apr. 2018						
Economic situation	→	↗	↘	↗	↘	↗	→	↗
Number of employees	→	→	↘	→	→	→	↗	↗
Prices	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗	↗

*The balance indicates the perception of the companies' managers over 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 INS.*

*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 2018, managers from the manufacturing industry forecast a moderate growth of the production volume (balance +9%) for the next three months. The highest balance is estimated for the manufacturing of tobacco products, respectively +36%.

For the prices of the industrial products, a growth is forecasted for the next three months (balance +16%). Regarding the number of employees, a relative stability is estimated, the balance being -1% per total manufacturing.

## Constructions

According to February 2018 estimations, there will be a moderate growth in the production volume of the construction activity for the next three months (balance +8%). Managers also forecast a stability in the number of employees (balance -5%).

As to the prices of construction works, a growth is forecasted (balance +21%).

## Retail trade

In the retail trade sector, managers estimate a moderate growing tendency in the economic activity for the next three months (balance +13%). The volume of orders placed by the trade units to the suppliers of goods will register a moderate growth (balance +9%).

Employers forecast a relative stability in the number of employees (balance +4%) for the next three months.

For the next period, managers of trade companies estimate a growth of the retail prices (balance +27%).

## Services

According to February 2018 estimations, the demand for services (turnover) will register a moderate growth for the next three months (balance +6%).

For the services sector it is forecasted a moderate growth in the number of employees (balance +9%).

According to the managers, the selling or invoice prices of provisions will register a trend of moderate growth (balance +10%).

### 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 March 28, 2018.

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