

Domain: Short-term Surveys

TRENDS IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PERIOD MARCH – MAY 2015

- Robust growth trend of retail activity
- Upward trend in the number of employees in retail trade
- Stability in prices in industry, construction and services

Trends in economic activity

Evolutions	Manufacturing		Construction		Retail trade		Services	
	Feb.-Apr. 2015	Mar.-Apr. 2015	Feb.-Apr. 2015	Mar.-Apr. 2015	Feb.-Apr. 2015	Mar.-Apr. 2015	Feb.-Apr. 2015	Mar.-Apr. 2015
Economic situation	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔
Number of employees	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔
Prices	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔

The balance indicator indicates the perception of respondents over the dynamics of a phenomenon, but should NOT be interpreted with the intensity of increase or decrease in the statistical indicator value.

Manufacturing

Within the March 2015 business tendency survey, managers from manufacturing forecast growth of the production volume (balance +20%) for the next three months.

As to the production estimation, for some of the activities an upward trend is forecast as follows: manufacture of chemical substances and products (balance +48%) and manufacture of beverages (balance +46%).

Industrial products prices will register relative stability in the next three months (balance +4%).

Regarding the number of employees, moderate growth is forecast, the balance being +7% per total manufacturing.

Construction

According to March 2015 estimations, there will be an increase in the production volume of the construction activity (balance +25%) and in the stock of contracts and orders (balance +19%) for the next three months. Managers estimate moderate increase in the number of employees (balance +13%).

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

Retail trade

In the retail trade sector, managers estimated robust increase of the economic activity for the next three months (balance +43%).

For the next three months, employers forecast an increase in the number of employees (balance +27%) and in the volume of orders placed by the trade units to the suppliers of goods (balance +16%).

For the next period, the managers of trade companies estimate moderate increase of retail selling prices (balance +10%).

Services

According to March 2015 estimations, the demand of services (turnover) will have moderate growth in the next three months (balance +11%).

In the services sector, a relative stability in the number of employees is forecast (balance -1%).

According to the managers' opinion, the selling or invoice prices of provisions will have a trend of relative stability (balance +1%).

Additional information:

For the correct interpretation of results, kindly see the [Methodological Note](#).

The next press release on the trends of the economic activity will be issued on April 28, 2015.

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