

Developments for services during the third quarter of 2003

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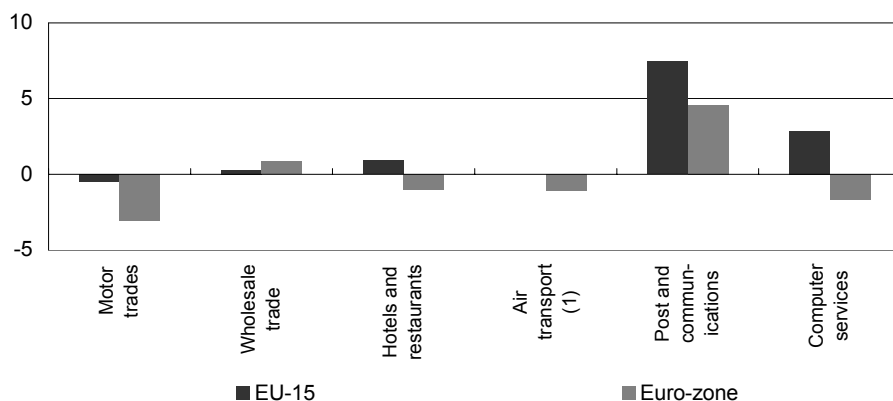
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Services in the EU

In the second quarter of 2003, when compared to the same quarter of the year before, the post and communications sector registered the highest growth rates for turnover in both the EU (7.6 %) and the euro-zone (4.6 %). With the exception of the EU figure for computer services (+3.0 %), the remaining NACE Divisions reported changes in turnover within the range of +/-1 %. Turnover growth was higher in the EU than it was in the euro-zone during the second quarter of 2003 in each NACE Division, except for wholesale trade.

In terms of employment change, 6 out of the 10 NACE Divisions that make-up the services sector reported changes within the range of +/-0.8 % in the EU, when comparing employment levels between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003. In contrast, the water transport, post and communications activities and computer services sub-sectors registered reductions in employment of between -1.0 % and -2.9 %. The hotels and restaurant sector, however, recorded 1.7 % growth in the EU.



(1) EU-15, not available.

Figure 1: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q2/03), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%)

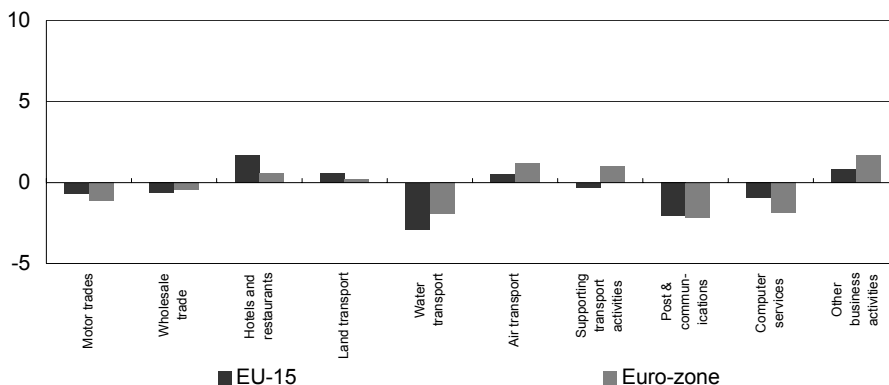


Figure 2: Employment, latest growth rates (Q2/03), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%)

Data extracted: 09.12.2003



Motor trades

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.8	4.2	2.9	4.1	-0.5	:
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.5	-3.1	:
BE	19.6	-14.0	1.2	-3.9	-7.3	9.0	26.8	10.0	2.0	1.0	-22.8	-2.3
DK	6.7	0.9	-2.8	-2.6	-3.7	0.6	11.7	14.6	6.5	1.3	-9.4	-7.9
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.7	3.0	-0.2	1.4	0.2	1.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	9.1	6.4	:
FR	0.1	-3.3	2.1	-3.8	1.1	0.0	2.7	0.6	1.0	-1.5	-3.3	-0.8
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	2.3	1.9	1.1	3.7	1.2	:	11.6	11.5	6.5	8.7	9.0	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-2.2	2.8	1.7	2.1	-1.3	1.6	-4.6	-0.4	1.7	3.5	5.4	3.8
PT	2.4	-10.5	-5.3	-0.1	-3.6	2.8	-5.4	-19.9	-20.6	-13.6	-19.2	-6.8
FI	4.6	1.3	2.1	3.8	6.1	:	13.7	11.8	8.8	13.2	12.4	:
SE	3.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	:	:	1.3	3.8	6.3	11.1	5.8	6.5
UK	2.4	3.1	1.0	1.5	-0.2	:	9.0	8.8	6.3	9.5	6.8	:

EU-15, euro-zone, DE, ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential; LU: excluding Groups 50.2 and 50.5.

Table 1: Turnover, growth rates (%)

In the third quarter of 2003, the 7 Member States for which data are available for motor trades showed no clear pattern as regards the development of turnover, on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before. Sweden (6.5 %) and Austria (3.8 %) registered the highest increases in turnover. In contrast, Denmark (-7.9 %) and Portugal (-6.8 %) registered rapidly declining turnover in the third quarter of 2003.

The growth of turnover in the motor trades sector in Sweden was reflected in the latest figures for employment, as the number of persons employed rose by 9.2 % compared to a year before. There was also a large gain in employment in Finland (5.7 %) - the fifth consecutive quarter that employment growth was registered in this country.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	:	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.7	:
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-0.2	-1.1	:
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-1.0	1.1	1.0	-0.7	2.7	:	0.0	-0.7	4.8	0.3	4.3	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	-2.7	-2.8	-2.6	0.2	-0.9	-1.4
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.1	1.6	:
FR	0.1	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	2.1	1.9	1.4	0.3	0.3	-0.9
IE	-0.5	4.5	-6.7	2.0	-1.9	:	-8.9	-4.3	-4.3	-1.1	-2.5	:
IT	2.2	-1.0	-2.5	:	:	:	-1.9	-3.2	-3.5	:	:	:
LU	1.6	1.0	1.5	0.1	0.2	:	7.2	6.6	6.9	4.1	2.8	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.2	1.1	0.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
PT	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.9	-0.5	-1.5	-1.2	-1.0	-0.7	-1.6	-2.0
FI	-5.5	7.3	-0.7	1.2	1.2	3.6	-4.4	4.2	1.6	5.1	5.7	5.7
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.2	-1.8	0.3	0.3	6.9	9.2
UK	-0.1	1.4	0.0	-0.2	:	:	2.8	3.7	3.6	1.1	0.6	:

Euro-zone, DE, ES, SE: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; NL: confidential.

Table 2: Employment, growth rates (%)

Wholesale trade

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	0.9	0.2	0.8	1.3	-1.8	:	-1.0	0.7	2.3	3.1	0.3	:
Euro-zone	0.4	-0.3	0.7	2.0	-1.0	1.0	-1.7	0.0	1.5	2.2	0.8	2.5
BE	6.5	2.8	0.1	1.4	0.8	3.8	9.8	14.7	13.6	10.9	5.3	7.0
DK	5.6	-2.0	-2.6	4.1	-4.4	2.5	2.0	2.5	0.2	4.9	-5.2	-0.7
DE	-0.8	0.0	0.3	1.4	-1.2	0.1	-5.5	-3.0	-0.8	1.5	0.5	0.6
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.8	4.3	:
FR	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	1.1	-1.5	-0.4	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.5	-1.1	-1.4
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.0	:	-0.4	1.1	2.8	2.5	1.4	:
LU	0.4	1.1	4.8	2.9	0.6	:	-2.9	-2.3	5.2	9.4	9.5	:
NL	-0.2	0.1	0.3	:	:	:	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3	:	:	:
AT	0.7	1.0	-2.0	6.2	-2.1	-1.1	0.8	4.3	3.0	4.8	2.9	1.0
PT	-1.8	-1.5	-1.1	-1.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-3.2	-8.5	-4.4	-1.3
FI	1.5	-0.5	1.3	1.1	-0.4	:	1.5	0.0	2.7	4.4	0.8	:
SE	1.1	-0.4	0.4	2.2	:	:	1.9	-0.3	0.7	4.8	:	:
UK	2.2	1.9	1.0	0.8	-5.5	:	0.4	3.4	6.2	6.1	-2.0	:

ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential.

Table 3: Turnover, growth rates (%)

Euro-zone turnover in the wholesale trade sub-sector increased by 1.0 % in the third quarter of 2003, when compared to the previous quarter, balancing out the loss of -1.0 % in the second quarter of 2003. A similar evolution was recorded in Denmark and Germany, as growth in the third quarter followed falls from the second quarter. France, Austria and Portugal all reported a decline in turnover in the wholesale trade sector in the third quarter of 2003 (again compared to the quarter before).

After two consecutive quarter-on-quarter reductions, employment in the wholesale trade sector in the euro-zone increased by 0.5 % in the third quarter of 2003. Germany, Austria and Portugal recorded downturns in their respective number of persons employed between the second and third quarters of 2003, while France (0.3 %), Italy (1.6 %) and Finland (4.4 %) saw their employment in the wholesale trade sector increase.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	-0.6	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	:	-2.1	-2.6	-1.1	-1.0	-0.6	:
Euro-zone	-0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-2.1	-2.6	-1.0	-0.6	-0.5	0.5
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-0.7	1.6	1.2	-2.0	3.7	:	1.3	-0.1	5.2	0.4	4.7	:
DE	-0.6	-1.3	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	-3.0	-3.8	-3.6	-3.3	-3.2	-2.1
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.2	1.6	:
FR	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8
IE	-2.3	1.6	-0.4	-6.2	-1.9	:	-2.2	3.8	0.2	-7.3	-6.9	:
IT	-1.4	0.5	0.1	1.8	-0.1	1.6	-5.7	-5.0	-2.5	1.0	2.3	3.4
LU	1.2	0.3	-0.8	0.3	0.2	:	2.5	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.1	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-1.3	-1.1	-1.2	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-4.5	-4.1	-3.8
PT	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	1.9	0.4	-0.6	-2.1	-3.2	-4.1
FI	-0.4	-0.8	4.3	1.1	-2.6	4.4	-4.4	6.8	5.4	4.2	1.9	7.3
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	-3.5	-5.3	-3.5	-2.8	-1.5	-2.0
UK	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-2.1	:	:	-2.7	-3.0	-2.2	-2.9	-2.2	:

ES, SE: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; NL: confidential.

Table 4: Employment, growth rates (%)

Hotels and restaurants

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	-0.3	1.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.9	:	1.0	3.3	0.3	0.1	0.9	:
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.4	-1.0	:
BE	1.0	0.0	0.7	1.3	2.6	0.9	4.4	5.8	5.8	3.3	4.6	5.6
DK	-1.1	0.2	-1.9	0.9	0.2	-1.8	2.2	2.6	-3.1	-1.9	-0.3	-2.6
DE	-2.3	-1.7	-2.5	-1.2	0.2	-0.6	-3.2	-4.3	-8.1	-8.0	-5.1	-3.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.4	3.8	:
FR	-0.8	1.6	-0.8	-0.5	-0.9	0.1	2.1	2.7	2.0	-0.3	-0.6	-2.2
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	-0.9	0.5	-0.1	-6.0	-0.7	:	2.2	4.3	1.6	-6.7	-6.3	:
NL	0.2	-0.3	-1.4	:	:	:	4.4	3.6	-1.6	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	-2.5	-0.4	-2.7	0.7	1.9	-1.0	-1.7	-1.9	-8.1	-5.1	-0.6	-1.0
FI	-1.4	0.3	0.5	0.9	-0.7	:	1.1	1.3	1.4	-0.1	0.9	:
SE	1.7	-0.6	-1.9	-1.6	:	:	3.2	2.9	-3.1	2.7	0.1	1.3
UK	0.7	1.4	2.3	-0.5	2.2	:	2.6	5.1	7.0	3.4	5.0	:

Euro-zone, ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential.

Table 5: Turnover, growth rates (%)

Turnover in the EU's hotels and restaurants sector showed growth of 0.9 % both between the first and second quarters of 2003 and between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003; there was a 1.0 % contraction in turnover in the euro-zone when comparing the second quarters of 2002 and 2003. Fresher data for the third quarter of 2003 was available for a limited set of countries, with just 2 of 6 Member States for which data are available reporting an improvement in their levels of turnover between the third quarters of 2002 and 2003; Belgium (5.6 %) and Sweden (1.3 %).

Employment fell by 1.2 % in the euro-zone in the third quarter of 2003, when compared to the same quarter of 2002. There was a significant reduction in the number of persons employed in Finland (-12.0 %), while Germany (-2.4 %) and Portugal (-1.4 %) also recorded decreases.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU-15	0.5	1.5	-0.8	0.9	0.6	:	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.4	1.7	:
Euro-zone	0.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	3.2	3.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	-1.2
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-0.9	0.9	2.0	-1.8	2.8	:	1.7	0.2	4.7	0.3	4.3	:
DE	-1.1	-1.6	-1.4	-1.1	0.0	0.0	-2.0	-3.5	-4.8	-5.2	-4.0	-2.4
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.3	1.9	:
FR	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.7	1.9	2.5
IE	-3.6	11.3	-3.6	-1.7	4.4	:	-0.1	0.2	3.0	1.7	10.1	:
IT	1.3	0.9	1.0	-0.1	1.6	1.1	11.2	9.3	6.9	3.2	3.5	3.7
LU	-0.6	0.4	3.2	0.1	-0.1	:	5.6	4.9	6.7	3.2	3.7	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.6	1.0	1.1	:	:	:	1.9	1.7	3.0	:	:	:
PT	0.7	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	-1.1	-0.6	1.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.3	-1.5	-1.4
FI	-0.1	2.1	-8.3	4.0	-4.7	-3.1	5.2	1.8	-6.0	-2.8	-7.3	-12.0
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
UK	3.2	3.7	-1.1	-0.6	:	:	2.1	5.7	5.0	5.2	4.7	:

ES, SE: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; NL: confidential.

Table 6: Employment, growth rates (%)

Transport services

	Division 60						Division 61						Division 62						Division 63								
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03			
EU	:	:	:	:	:	:	EU	-6.3	-5.6	-5.7	:	:	:	EU	:	:	:	:	:	:	EU	:	:	:	1.8	:	:
EZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	EZ	-0.8	-1.8	0.1	:	:	:	EZ	-4.6	2.7	12.7	3.3	-1.1	:	EZ	:	:	:	:	:	:
BE	-1.0	2.1	0.8	-1.6	27.8	5.1	BE	-19.1	-17.1	-29.8	8.9	9.3	19.6	BE	-43.7	-35.9	15.8	13.3	18.4	13.3	BE	-8.1	5.0	4.5	12.6	9.3	7.0
DK	4.2	2.9	-0.5	-2.6	-5.5	-2.1	DK	-16.3	-13.2	-13.1	-7.5	-8.3	-1.8	DK	-18.1	-35.0	-40.2	-17.8	0.7	-8.2	DK	2.5	5.7	12.1	7.7	-0.3	-1.6
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	3.8	4.5	:	ES	:	:	:	-8.3	1.7	:	ES	:	:	:	-2.6	-1.5	:	ES	:	:	:	3.5	3.6	:
FR	2.7	-0.8	0.8	4.0	-0.3	-2.5	FR	2.1	2.7	7.5	4.0	1.4	11.1	FR	5.1	3.9	6.3	-3.6	-0.9	5.9	FR	2.5	4.4	6.4	3.5	0.4	0.1
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	IT	0.0	-2.9	-2.1	-1.7	-7.2	:	IT	-14.9	-11.5	11.8	2.1	-1.7	:	IT	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	3.0	-0.8	-2.5	:	:	:	NL	2.3	-2.4	5.9	:	:	:	NL	5.1	18.6	27.4	:	:	:	NL	4.3	5.6	11.7	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	-2.1	2.3	-1.0	9.9	9.9	9.2	PT	-18.1	-24.3	-23.3	7.7	-0.4	11.6	PT	-5.0	9.5	2.7	-1.0	7.2	-7.2	PT	5.4	7.3	-3.6	-6.5	-10.9	-15.3
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	-4.0	0.7	0.5	6.7	13.7	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	3.7	4.9	5.9	4.3	0.6	:
SE	6.6	2.1	-3.0	4.4	:	:	SE	-0.7	-5.4	-13.4	-6.2	:	:	SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	SE	2.2	-0.2	3.3	1.4	:	:
UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	-2.3	-1.7	1.9	-3.1	-3.7	:

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; IE: confidential; FI: confidential for Divisions 60 and 62; SE: confidential for Division 62.

Table 7: Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

	Division 60						Division 61						Division 62						Division 63								
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03			
EU	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.6	:	EU	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-2.2	-3.2	:	EU	-3.4	-2.1	-4.3	-0.8	0.5	:	EU	-2.1	-2.1	-1.4	0.1	-0.3	:
EZ	:	:	:	0.5	0.2	:	EZ	:	:	:	-0.7	-1.9	:	EZ	:	:	:	0.8	1.2	:	EZ	:	:	:	0.6	1.0	:
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-4.2	-4.1	3.0	3.4	2.7	:	DK	-7.3	-6.1	3.7	4.3	3.4	:	DK	-2.7	-3.7	3.4	4.0	3.1	:	DK	-2.0	-3.4	3.4	3.4	2.6	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	1.8	2.4	:	ES	:	:	:	3.1	3.6	:	ES	:	:	:	1.3	3.7	:	ES	:	:	:	2.7	4.1	:
FR	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.2	FR	2.9	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.7	0.7	FR	0.7	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.1	0.7	FR	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.0	0.6
IE	8.0	6.1	5.7	4.9	1.0	:	IE	21.2	-16.5	-6.5	-3.6	-11.8	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	-3.1	-3.0	-2.1	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	IT	0.2	-2.2	1.2	-4.4	-5.1	-5.8	IT	-8.3	-8.8	-7.0	-2.5	0.7	-1.9	IT	-6.6	-6.7	-4.7	-2.4	-1.5	-1.2
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.5	0.2	-1.0	:	:	:	AT	-1.1	10.1	12.4	:	:	:	AT	-6.3	-6.7	-5.8	:	:	:	AT	-0.7	-0.6	2.1	:	:	:
PT	-1.4	-0.3	-2.4	-2.9	-1.0	-2.3	PT	2.3	-1.0	2.1	0.7	0.9	4.4	PT	-2.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	-2.6	PT	-5.5	-4.9	-8.7	-7.6	-3.4	-4.1
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	-6.3	-6.7	-5.7	-8.5	-1.9	-4.2	SE	-37.9	-20.9	4.2	9.6	9.9	13.8	SE	53.8	3.2	5.1	12.0	4.0	7.4	SE	-10.6	-2.6	3.2	10.0	10.0	13.5
UK	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.7	1.8	:	UK	-1.7	-4.8	-8.2	-10.2	-11.0	:	UK	-5.3	-4.1	-11.9	-4.6	-1.2	:	UK	-2.8	-3.8	-2.7	-1.4	-3.7	:

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; NL: confidential.

Table 8: Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

Communications, computer and business services

	Division 64							Division 72							Division 74					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03		Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03		Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU	-2.1	4.9	8.1	7.2	7.6	:	EU	0.9	-2.5	-3.3	0.0	3.0	:	EU	:	:	:	5.3	2.8	:
EZ	-4.3	4.4	7.7	4.2	4.6	:	EZ	1.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	-1.7	:	EZ	:	:	:	:	:	:
BE	-3.9	5.7	42.6	12.0	7.9	6.4	BE	-2.2	-4.2	-5.2	-3.3	-6.5	-10.9	BE	10.1	6.2	2.9	5.2	15.4	21.0
DK	4.3	-0.3	13.1	-2.8	:	:	DK	-2.7	-5.7	-0.2	-4.3	-4.8	-1.2	DK	7.7	2.8	4.2	0.1	-5.8	0.9
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	4.0	6.7	:	ES	:	:	:	7.0	0.1	:	ES	:	:	:	12.5	5.7	:
FR	-11.9	-4.1	-2.7	2.2	5.2	-5.2	FR	4.4	2.0	-4.8	-2.5	-3.9	-4.1	FR	3.1	3.1	1.2	2.8	-0.2	-1.9
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	9.4	7.7	3.0	4.4	2.2	:	IT	-2.9	2.3	7.3	-2.0	1.8	:	IT	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	6.2	11.2	7.9	:	:	:	NL	-3.0	-1.3	-5.6	-1.2	-2.0	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	10.7	15.2	20.2	0.5	4.1	6.7	PT	-6.4	-12.9	-25.9	-1.6	8.0	46.1	PT	:	:	:	:	:	:
FI	10.7	10.1	9.4	0.3	2.3	:	FI	2.0	3.6	1.9	3.9	3.5	:	FI	5.8	3.7	2.7	2.7	-1.7	:
SE	-3.8	-4.3	-7.5	42.3	37.8	-0.5	SE	5.9	3.3	-1.3	10.2	:	:	SE	6.5	2.4	-1.1	-1.5	:	:
UK	0.8	8.0	11.1	9.8	10.4	:	UK	0.4	-5.9	-7.4	0.2	9.3	:	UK	-0.7	-1.5	1.6	7.4	3.0	:

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; IE: confidential; PT: confidential for Division 74.

Table 9: Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

	Division 64							Division 72							Division 74					
	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03		Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03		Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03
EU	-2.3	-2.3	-2.8	-2.1	-2.1	:	EU	0.9	-0.8	-2.3	-1.3	-1.0	:	EU	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	:
EZ	:	:	:	-2.1	-2.1	:	EZ	2.4	0.2	-1.8	-1.9	-1.9	:	EZ	:	:	:	1.7	1.7	:
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-4.3	-4.4	3.4	3.9	3.1	:	DK	-1.5	0.5	-3.6	1.3	-6.9	:	DK	-1.0	0.6	-3.5	1.5	-6.5	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	-1.6	-1.4	:	ES	:	:	:	-5.0	-2.8	:	ES	:	:	:	2.9	2.7	:
FR	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-1.5	FR	0.7	-2.3	-4.6	-3.3	-1.9	-1.7	FR	1.1	0.8	2.2	0.8	0.4	1.2
IE	-0.3	1.7	-1.1	-4.3	-3.1	:	IE	15.4	4.1	-8.1	-6.1	-12.0	:	IE	3.7	-1.3	-4.3	0.2	-1.7	:
IT	-5.0	-4.0	-4.6	-3.0	-2.5	-2.4	IT	2.6	2.8	1.4	2.2	0.8	0.5	IT	7.1	2.5	1.9	2.8	4.8	4.0
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-4.1	-6.6	-7.7	:	:	:	AT	2.3	1.8	2.0	:	:	:	AT	5.0	6.0	6.6	:	:	:
PT	0.5	-3.1	-4.8	-2.1	-7.2	-7.2	PT	-4.6	-10.0	-12.2	-9.4	-7.8	-4.0	PT	:	:	:	:	:	:
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	18.2	5.8	10.2	6.2	-2.4	-12.5	FI	2.5	1.7	1.0	7.6	2.9	4.6
SE	18.3	8.7	7.3	8.8	-3.6	-4.7	SE	-1.5	-10.9	-7.9	-5.6	-4.7	-3.9	SE	4.5	-6.6	-2.7	-3.7	-5.2	-4.2
UK	-2.6	-2.5	-4.0	-2.5	-2.4	:	UK	-1.1	-2.2	-2.8	-0.6	1.0	:	UK	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-1.3	-0.6	:

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; NL: confidential.

Table 10: Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

While every Member State for which data are available reported turnover grew in the post and communications (Division 64) sub-sector between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003, the figures for the third quarter of 2003 did not follow the same pattern. Indeed, the negative rates of change for turnover in France and Sweden in the third quarter of 2003 were reinforced when considering the evolution of employment in this sub-sector, as all four countries for which data are available reported a decline in their respective number of persons employed, with losses ranging from 1.5 % in France to 7.2 % in Portugal.

While employment fell in the EU and the euro-zone in the second quarter of 2003 for the post and communications and the computer services (Division 72) sub-sectors, there was growth among business services (Division 74). This trend was continued in three of the four countries for which data are available in the third quarter of 2003, France (1.2 %), Italy (4.0 %) and Finland (4.6 %).

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

	NACE Rev. 1	Description
Motor trades	50	Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail sale of automotive fuel
Wholesale trade	51	Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
Hotels and restaurants	55	Hotels and restaurants
Land transport	60	Land transport; transport via pipelines
Water transport	61	Water transport
Air transport	62	Air transport
Auxiliary transport activities	63	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies
Post and communications	64	Post and telecommunications
Computer services	72	Computer and related activities
Other business activities	74	Other business activities

Table 11: Definition of NACE Rev. 1 coverage used in this publication

The legal basis for short-term business statistics is the Council Regulation for short-term statistics 1165/98 from 19 May 1998¹, which is currently being implemented.

TURNOVER

The objective of the turnover index is to show the evolution of the market for goods and services. Turnover comprises the totals invoiced by the observation unit during the reference period. This corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties. It includes all duties and taxes on the goods or services invoiced by the unit with the exception of the VAT invoiced by the unit vis-à-vis its customer and other similar deductible taxes directly linked to turnover.

EMPLOYMENT

The index shows the evolution of the number of persons employed. The index is defined as the total number of persons who work in the observation unit (including working proprietors or partners and unpaid family workers), as well as persons who work outside the unit, but who belong to it and are paid by it (e.g. sales representatives and

delivery personnel). Part-time workers are included as well. Excluded is manpower supplied to the unit by other enterprises. Member States can use the number of employees as an approximation of the number of persons employed.

METHODS

Member States are required to transmit gross data to Eurostat and are encouraged to also send seasonally adjusted and trend data. Eurostat calculates the adjustment only if nationally adjusted data are not available. The reference period is the calendar quarter. Aggregate data should be transmitted to Eurostat no later than three months after the end of the reference period.

Eurostat aggregates gross data from the Member States in order to compile the euro-zone and EU series. These are then seasonally adjusted using TRAMO/SEATS. Missing components for these aggregates are estimated using an ARIMA method. Growth rates for the euro-zone are shown with the euro-zone treated as a single entity. As such, growth rates before the first quarter of 2001 compare on the basis of eleven countries, whilst growth rates from the first quarter of 2001 onwards compare on the basis of twelve countries.

The weights used for aggregations are based on information from the Structural Business Statistics database or on information coming directly from the Member States. Weights and the base year are revised every five years. The current base year is 2000.

DISSEMINATION

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

: not available.
EU EU-15
EZ Euro-zone

¹ Official Journal No L 162 of 5 June 1998. Also available via the "Business Methods" web-site: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/dsis/bmethods/home>. The deadline for the full implementation of the Regulation regarding the indices was mid-2003.

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