

# Developments for turnover and employment indices for services

*during the third quarter of 2004*

## Statistics in focus

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Gross turnover for the EU-25 rose by 8.3 % compared with the previous year for supporting transport activities (Division 63), which was the highest rate within the services sector among the NACE Divisions for which data are available. Sales in the EU-25 grew by between 4.0 % and 6.0 % for land transport (Division 60), computer services (Division 72), motor trades (Division 50), wholesale trade (Division 51) and water transport (Division 61).

The number of persons employed fluctuated considerably between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004 among the different sectors that make-up the EU-25's services' economy. The most rapid employment growth was recorded for other business activities (Division 74), where the gross index of employment rose by 3.3 %. The only other activities to report growth of more than 1 % were hotels and restaurants (1.5 %) and supporting transport activities (Division 63, 1.2 %).

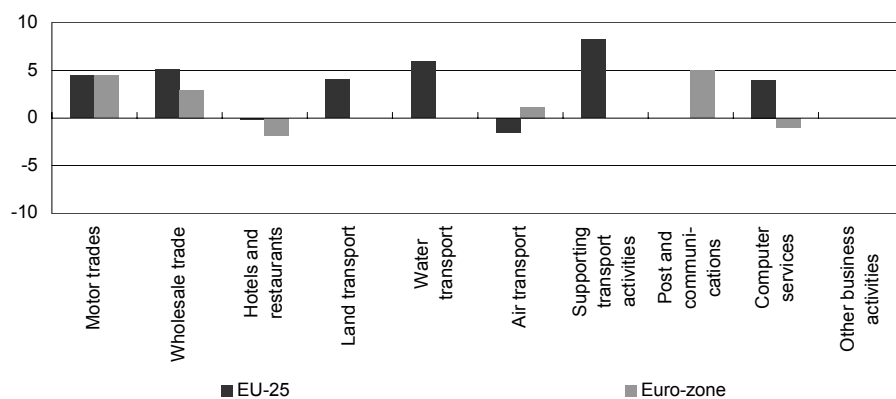


Figure 1: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1); source: Eurostat STS

(1) EU-25, not available for post and communications and other business activities; euro-zone, not available for land transport, water transport, supporting transport activities and other business activities.

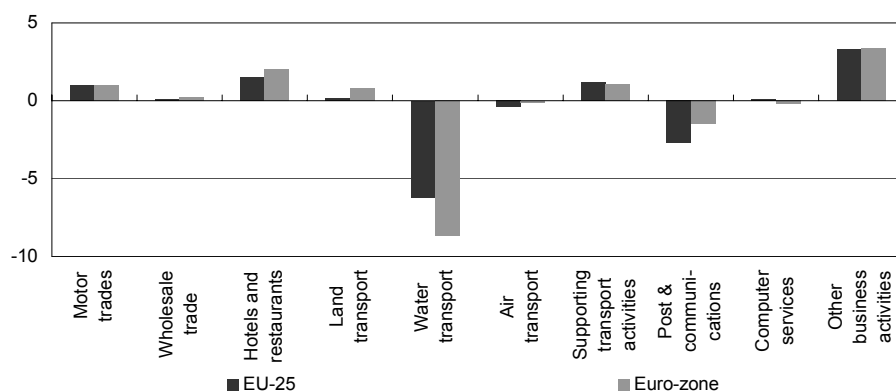


Figure 2: Employment, latest growth rates (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%); source: Eurostat STS



## Motor trades

Turnover in the EU-25's motor trades' sector rose by 4.4 % between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004, which was the same rate of growth as that recorded in the euro-zone. Turnover in this sector grew rapidly in a number of the new Member States and candidate countries between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004, with growth of more than 20 % in Cyprus, Latvia, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania. Spain was the only euro-zone Member State to report that turnover rose by more than 10 % over the period considered, while Germany and Finland were the only countries to report falling sales.

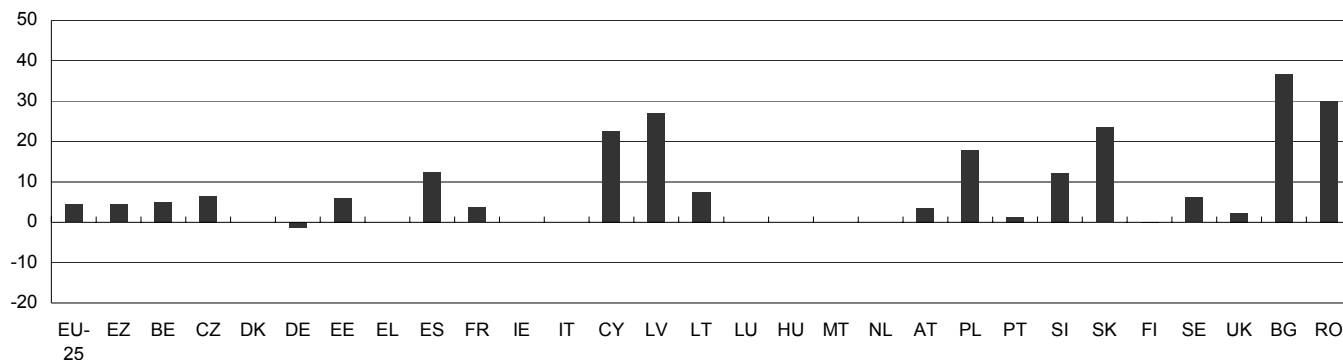


Figure 3: Turnover for motor trades (NACE Division 50), latest growth rate (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1); source: Eurostat STS

(1) Belgium, Q1-2004; Denmark, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta and the Netherlands, not available; Ireland and Hungary, confidential.

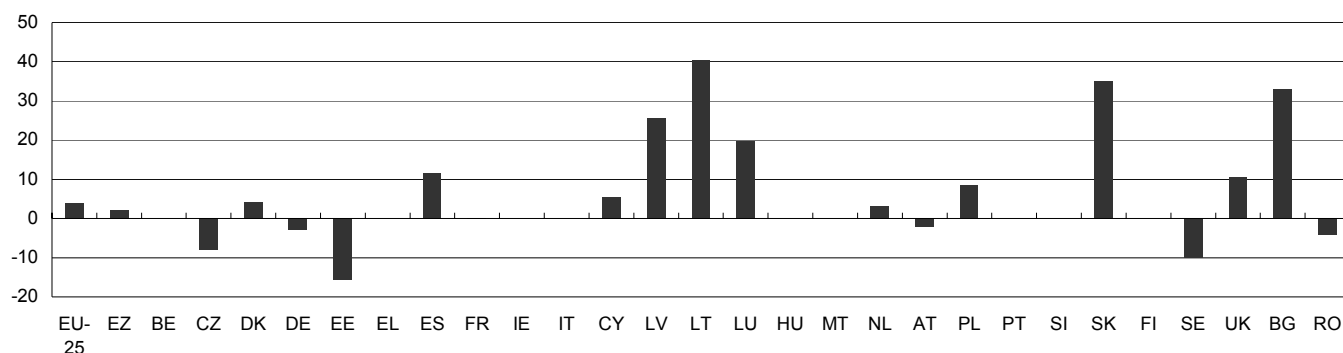


Figure 4: Turnover for maintenance and repair of motor vehicles (NACE Group 50.2), latest growth rate (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1); source: Eurostat STS

(1) Luxembourg, Q2-2004; Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Malta, Slovenia and Finland, not available; Italy and Portugal, confidential.

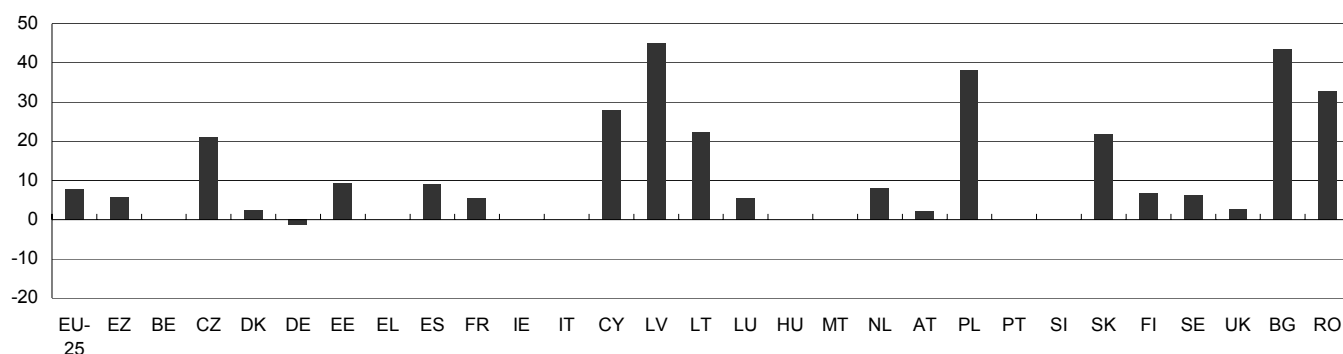


Figure 5: Turnover for retail sale of automotive fuel (NACE Group 50.5), latest growth rate (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1); source: Eurostat STS

(1) Luxembourg, Q2-2004; euro-zone, Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Malta and Slovenia, not available; Italy and Portugal, confidential.

## Motor trades (continued)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.5	-0.8	2.3	1.1	4.1	4.5	4.6	2.9	4.4
Euro-zone	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3.1	1.4	2.6	3.5	0.0	4.4
BE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CZ	-0.9	3.8	0.8	-2.7	5.1	6.0	7.9	17.0	5.8	0.4	8.9	6.5
DK	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DE	0.6	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.8	0.3	-0.6	-1.4	-1.3
EE	-4.2	2.9	3.2	0.9	2.4	-2.8	-3.2	-1.5	-2.4	1.7	14.3	6.0
EL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ES	.	.	.	.	.	.	6.2	8.7	8.7	13.6	12.4	12.4
FR	-0.5	1.3	0.0	1.2	0.1	1.1	-3.5	0.5	0.6	3.5	4.4	3.6
IE	-3.8	4.8	-1.4	c	c	.	-17.5	-14.6	-0.5	c	c	.
IT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CY	-0.1	2.1	2.2	6.8	10.3	1.9	-4.5	-4.5	-4.5	11.4	22.9	22.6
LV	1.3	5.0	2.7	8.9	6.4	7.4	9.7	15.0	9.5	20.1	24.7	27.0
LT	5.2	4.3	4.1	-5.4	7.7	1.5	15.3	22.3	25.6	8.5	10.1	7.5
LU (1)	1.5	1.7	3.9	-5.1	9.3	.	11.6	14.6	15.3	3.3	8.6	.
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
AT	-2.1	1.6	2.0	-4.9	6.0	-0.5	5.4	3.8	5.3	-1.6	5.4	3.5
PL	2.0	3.8	15.2	3.6	0.8	-2.2	13.8	11.5	23.4	26.3	24.9	17.8
PT	7.1	-2.6	9.1	-8.3	9.9	-7.9	-14.1	-2.3	5.4	4.4	7.1	1.3
SI	2.2	1.7	3.7	3.8	2.0	2.0	16.5	10.4	10.8	12.5	12.3	12.2
SK	-5.0	3.5	10.3	4.4	2.4	4.2	-0.2	0.6	13.6	13.7	22.1	23.4
FI	8.0	5.5	-0.8	2.5	0.2	-2.3	12.3	17.2	16.3	17.9	7.6	-0.3
SE	-1.0	0.7	2.8	0.0	1.4	-0.8	5.8	6.5	2.5	1.9	7.2	6.2
UK	1.3	2.6	-1.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	7.0	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.4	2.3
BG	-6.0	2.4	6.9	3.2	11.9	10.5	0.2	1.8	1.6	6.1	26.5	36.7
RO	8.5	3.5	6.1	6.7	6.2	6.3	42.9	32.8	29.9	27.6	24.0	30.1

Table 1: Turnover for motor trades (NACE Division 50), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

(1) NACE Groups 50.1, 50.3 and 50.4 only.

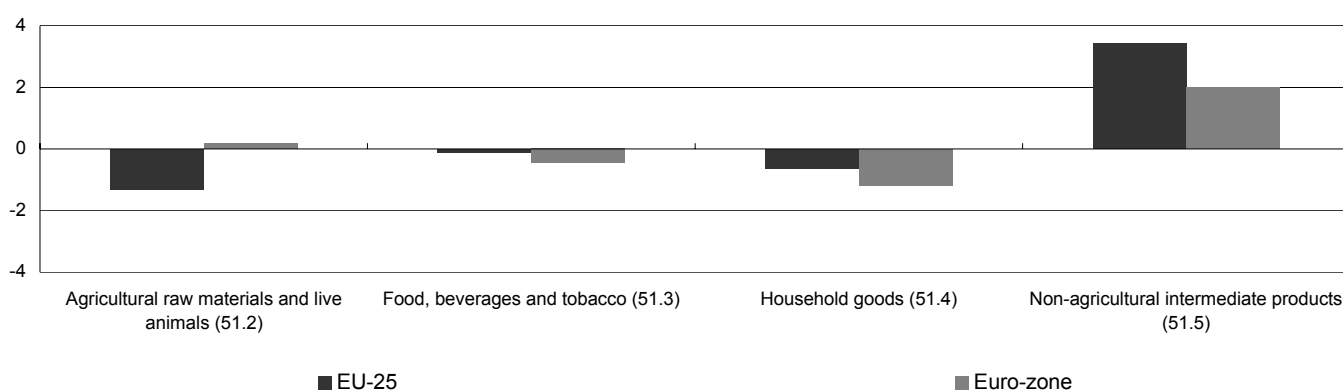
	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.8	1.0
Euro-zone	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0
BE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	2.5	-0.9	-2.0	.	.	.	4.3	2.8	-1.5	.	.	.
DE	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-1.3	-1.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7
EE	4.3	1.0	2.0	-3.1	-2.4	2.5	-0.5	-1.5	-1.7	3.9	-2.8	-1.1
EL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ES	.	.	.	.	.	.	1.6	2.4	2.9	3.2	2.9	2.2
FR	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.9
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	1.0	0.1	0.3	1.2	-1.1	.	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	.
LV	1.1	3.5	2.7	4.4	1.9	-2.5	3.0	3.4	3.6	12.3	13.0	6.4
LT	3.6	3.4	2.2	1.1	2.0	1.3	16.5	18.4	15.5	8.5	8.6	6.9
LU	0.4	1.2	3.1	0.3	1.6	1.5	2.8	3.1	4.9	5.1	6.4	6.7
HU	2.9	1.8	1.6	2.0	-0.1	1.6	4.7	6.5	5.5	13.8	5.0	3.1
MT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NL	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	-0.5	c	0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	c
AT	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.8	0.7
PL	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.8	-1.3	-1.8	-1.2	-1.0	1.8	2.5	0.4
PT	-0.8	-1.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.9	0.2	-2.6	-3.6	-4.3	-3.7	-3.9	-1.9
SI	-0.1	-0.8	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.4	-0.3	-2.0	-0.2	0.0	0.9	2.1
SK	-2.1	-0.6	0.9	2.8	1.3	2.5	-8.7	-8.0	-4.4	1.9	4.4	8.0
FI	-0.9	4.6	-0.8	-3.9	4.9	-1.0	5.7	5.7	5.4	-1.4	4.7	-0.9
SE	5.6	1.4	0.7	0.2	-5.8	-3.2	6.9	9.2	9.7	8.1	-3.7	-8.1
UK	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.7	-1.5	-1.8	-1.4	-1.3	-0.7	0.2
BG	2.7	2.0	4.1	6.0	3.6	4.4	13.8	10.0	11.5	17.4	17.0	19.3
RO	-1.0	1.8	-0.3	7.5	4.4	0.8	16.8	21.0	16.6	8.0	14.0	12.9

Table 2: Employment for motor trades (NACE Division 50), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

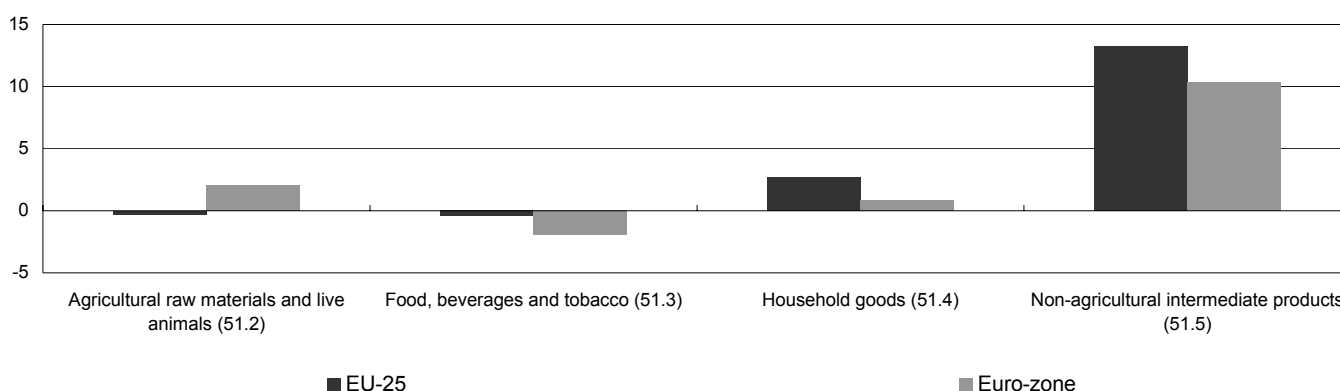
## Wholesale trade

The latest quarter on quarter rates of change (for the third quarter of 2004) show that EU-25 turnover growth for the wholesale trade sector was at its highest level (2.2 %) since the first quarter of 2002. As a result of this quickening pace to sales growth, turnover in the EU-25's wholesale trade sector grew by 5.1 % between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004 (while in the euro-zone the corresponding rate was 2.9 %).

There was a wide disparity in turnover growth within the wholesale trade sector between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004. Indeed, the vast majority of the growth for the wholesale trade sector could be attributed to the performance of non-agricultural intermediate products, which stood out with sales rising by 13.2 % in the EU-25. In contrast, the next highest growth rate was for household goods, where sales rose by 2.7 %, while turnover fell slightly in the two remaining wholesale trade sub-sectors that are presented in Figure 7. EU-25 sales of agricultural raw materials and live animals declined by 0.3 %, and sales of food, beverages and tobacco were reduced by 0.4 %.



*Figure 6: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q3/2004), compared to the previous quarter, seasonally adjusted data (%); source: Eurostat STS*



*Figure 7: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q3/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%); source: Eurostat STS*

## Wholesale trade (continued)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	-0.6	0.1	1.3	1.3	0.4	2.2	0.6	1.2	1.0	2.6	2.6	5.1
Euro-zone	0.6	-0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.6	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.2	2.1	0.1	2.9
BE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DE	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.9	2.1	2.5	2.7	3.6
EE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.9	3.7	5.2	5.1	8.4	6.9
FR	-0.1	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.8	0.3	-1.6	-0.6	0.4	2.5	5.0	3.3
IE	-1.8	-3.1	5.3	c	c	:	-5.2	-15.2	-11.0	c	c	:
IT	-0.1	0.5	1.4	-0.1	-1.0	-2.6	1.3	0.8	-0.9	1.6	4.0	1.9
CY	1.4	1.3	2.4	1.9	1.0	0.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	8.5	6.6	9.5
LV	-1.4	2.7	5.2	3.2	6.9	5.2	14.6	13.5	12.0	17.8	19.4	22.4
LT	1.7	4.8	7.1	1.2	6.3	3.3	12.6	13.7	19.8	15.3	20.7	18.9
LU	0.3	2.0	3.9	0.0	1.6	:	10.5	12.3	11.7	6.7	7.7	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-2.4	-1.1	-0.9	2.1	4.7	3.7	2.9	1.0	1.3	-0.9	5.9	11.0
PL	4.4	3.9	1.6	11.8	4.9	1.1	3.0	4.7	4.4	23.0	23.8	20.4
PT	5.3	6.4	6.0	-9.6	5.9	0.9	-1.1	5.2	5.1	7.4	8.0	2.5
SI	2.1	3.8	0.7	3.2	9.5	8.5	11.9	13.4	7.7	10.2	11.0	7.9
SK	-2.1	-2.0	5.4	3.4	3.2	2.3	-7.4	-10.8	-6.9	4.5	11.0	16.1
FI	-1.3	1.2	1.4	0.6	3.2	0.4	0.7	2.7	2.9	3.3	7.2	6.1
SE	-3.9	0.1	1.9	-1.6	2.6	0.3	-1.7	1.2	0.6	-4.2	4.6	4.7
UK	-4.6	1.0	1.7	3.1	1.9	2.8	-2.4	-2.3	-1.6	1.3	7.9	10.0
BG	-0.5	3.0	1.7	3.4	3.8	6.1	1.8	1.3	-1.7	7.5	12.3	15.7
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 3: Turnover for wholesale trade (NACE Division 51), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	0.1	0.0
Euro-zone	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	2.9	-1.0	-2.6	:	:	:	4.7	3.0	-1.6	:	:	:
DE	-0.8	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-3.7	-2.7	-2.8	-2.1	-2.0	-2.4
EE	4.2	-0.3	-1.4	-0.7	1.2	1.8	5.9	4.6	5.3	1.7	-1.3	0.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.7	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	3.4
FR	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	0.7	-1.3	0.5	-1.5	-0.9	:	1.6	-0.6	0.0	-1.7	-3.2	:
LV	0.6	-0.2	1.6	4.2	2.3	4.2	6.1	4.5	4.3	6.5	7.9	13.0
LT	-0.9	2.2	1.7	6.5	0.1	4.4	7.9	9.8	8.9	9.8	10.8	13.2
LU	0.0	0.7	-0.4	0.4	2.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	3.6	3.0
HU	0.7	1.0	0.8	2.0	1.2	0.3	0.9	1.8	0.9	4.2	5.1	3.8
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	c	-1.8	-2.1	-1.9	-2.0	-2.1	c
AT	0.1	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	-0.7	-0.3	-4.1	-3.8	-4.6	-2.1	-2.9	-2.6
PL	-0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	-2.3	-3.5	-3.5	-3.8	-0.1	0.7	-1.8
PT	-0.9	-1.4	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	-2.2	-3.4	-3.0	-2.2	-1.4	0.1
SI	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.9	1.5	0.7	-1.5	-1.8	-1.5
SK	-2.3	-1.3	-0.6	1.3	0.0	0.1	-24.3	-22.6	-19.7	-3.0	-0.7	0.8
FI	-2.7	4.9	-1.2	1.0	0.4	-3.9	1.9	7.3	1.7	2.2	5.2	-3.7
SE	-0.5	-0.1	0.8	0.3	1.3	1.0	-1.5	-2.0	1.1	-1.2	3.1	3.7
UK	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.9	-1.1	-1.9	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1
BG	2.3	2.2	-2.4	3.0	0.8	1.1	16.6	16.8	3.9	5.6	3.7	2.4
RO	1.7	0.5	0.5	3.4	1.5	-1.2	4.0	1.7	1.0	6.3	6.0	4.2

Table 4: Employment for wholesale trade (NACE Division 51), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

## Hotels and restaurants

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	1.0	1.0	-0.5	1.3	-0.6	-0.1	1.0	1.4	1.4	3.1	1.2	-0.2
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.8	-0.8	-0.2	1.1	-1.0	-1.9
BE	4.9	1.4	-5.2	-0.4	-9.9	-6.1	4.6	5.6	-0.8	2.8	-14.5	-21.1
CZ	1.6	2.6	2.5	3.4	-0.1	-1.2	-0.7	9.3	8.5	11.9	9.9	2.9
DK	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.1	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.4	3.4
DE	-0.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	-5.3	-4.0	-1.9	-1.2	-0.6	-1.4
EE	2.1	8.0	-1.1	5.6	4.9	5.2	4.3	11.7	8.2	14.2	16.4	14.0
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.5	-1.1	1.0
FR	-0.4	1.0	-0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	-0.5	-1.4	1.2	1.1	-1.3
IE	5.0	-0.9	0.4	c	c	:	8.5	6.8	4.4	c	c	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	0.5	0.1	1.3	1.0	-0.9	-1.2	-4.0	-3.1	-4.3	6.7	2.8	1.6
LV	14.5	-7.2	-0.3	8.9	12.5	6.6	22.8	22.4	23.9	15.5	16.8	:
LT	5.0	6.6	4.6	2.0	3.8	:	11.4	20.6	24.4	17.6	16.2	:
LU	0.7	0.5	2.5	-2.4	-2.3	:	-4.9	-5.2	-0.8	2.0	-1.8	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.1	-1.8	-0.5
PL	2.8	1.3	1.2	-0.3	0.6	0.3	5.8	6.8	11.5	1.3	2.9	1.2
PT	21.4	11.3	-16.4	-10.4	24.2	7.1	-1.5	-1.7	-2.6	1.2	3.5	-0.4
SI	3.0	2.1	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.8	12.3	12.7	9.4	8.4	3.7	2.8
SK	0.7	1.8	-8.4	4.4	-3.0	12.8	0.3	8.9	-5.2	-1.8	-5.6	4.5
FI	-0.3	0.4	1.2	1.0	-2.1	1.7	0.9	1.2	1.8	3.4	0.3	1.7
SE	0.0	0.4	1.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.4	0.1	1.3	-0.3	2.7	3.4	1.7
UK	2.7	1.6	0.7	1.8	0.6	0.1	6.8	5.3	3.9	7.1	4.8	3.0
BG	3.4	2.9	4.3	2.7	5.7	7.9	6.7	10.0	26.9	10.5	10.8	20.5
RO	4.9	6.8	10.7	18.4	6.3	1.2	18.8	12.8	22.6	58.8	40.3	36.2

Table 5: Turnover for hotels and restaurants (NACE Division 55), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5
Euro-zone	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.3	1.5	2.0
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	2.9	-0.4	-1.6	:	:	:	4.3	2.8	-1.5	:	:	:
DE	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.2	-4.2	-2.6	-0.7	1.0	0.8	0.9
EE	1.1	4.4	0.4	4.2	1.0	1.3	3.8	5.1	3.6	10.6	10.3	7.0
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	2.0	0.9	2.6	0.5	0.0	-0.3
FR	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8	3.0	1.8	1.0	1.4	2.2	2.9
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.8	10.7	9.1	8.8	5.7	5.9	5.2
CY	-0.9	1.7	-0.8	2.8	-1.2	:	-2.6	-0.3	-1.0	2.7	2.4	:
LV	-0.3	1.2	3.6	3.5	5.1	4.3	16.7	16.2	18.9	8.3	14.2	17.6
LT	0.8	10.0	1.1	-2.1	2.4	:	5.8	17.9	16.0	9.7	11.4	:
LU	0.4	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.8	0.8	3.7	4.2	3.4	4.7	5.6	5.8
HU	1.0	1.5	0.9	1.6	-0.3	0.6	3.4	4.7	4.4	5.4	4.0	3.1
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-0.9	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	c	-2.2	-3.0	-3.3	-2.5	-1.7	c
AT	0.8	-8.2	8.5	1.2	-0.7	4.0	0.2	-10.8	0.3	0.0	0.2	13.5
PL	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.6	1.5	-4.1	-3.3	-3.1	-1.0	0.2	1.5
PT	-1.7	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	-3.6	-2.8	-2.6	-2.7	-1.2	-0.6
SI	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.3
SK	-5.2	-3.0	-3.0	0.6	-2.0	-1.1	-12.5	-10.2	-10.4	-10.1	-7.1	-5.2
FI	-4.5	-3.5	-2.6	1.5	-2.1	4.2	-7.3	-12.0	-6.8	-9.3	-6.6	1.0
SE	-3.2	-2.6	4.3	-2.1	3.5	-0.6	-4.4	-7.4	-3.7	-3.8	2.9	5.1
UK	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.2	-0.1	2.9	2.0	2.5	2.9	1.6	0.7
BG	0.4	-5.2	7.9	5.8	0.5	0.1	25.7	14.8	14.0	8.7	8.8	14.9
RO	-2.0	-3.4	5.4	5.9	5.1	11.7	5.1	0.8	11.4	5.6	13.4	31.0

Table 6: Employment for hotels and restaurants (NACE Division 55), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

## Transport services

Turnover in the EU-25's transport services' sector generally grew fairly rapidly between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004. The one exception to this trend was the air transport sector, where EU-25 sales fell by 1.5 %, while euro-zone sales rose by 1.2 %.

Sales growth of 4.0 % was registered for land transport in the EU-25, while growth rates were even higher for water transport (6.0 %) and for supporting transport activities (8.3 %) - all on the basis of a comparison of gross indices of turnover between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004.

A pattern of seven consecutive, positive, quarter on quarter employment growth rates in the land transport sector was halted in the third quarter of 2004. This sequence came to an end, as the number of persons employed in the EU-25 fell by just 0.1 % when compared with the previous quarter. On the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before, the number of persons employed in the EU-25's land transport sector rose by 0.4 % in the third quarter of 2004. There were also employment gains in supporting transport activities, with 1.2 % more persons employed in the EU-25 in the third quarter of 2004 than there had been a year before.

Within the air transport sector the most recent 12-month period for which data are available was characterised by a fluctuating evolution in the labour market, as quarter on quarter rates of change in the number of persons employed in the EU-25 alternated between negative and positive. The overall result was that 0.4 % fewer persons were employed in the third quarter of 2004 than a year before.

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	3.5	4.6	4.9	7.1	4.0	4.0	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.4
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.9	:
BE	27.8	5.1	4.2	12.2	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	10.2	14.3	13.1	-48.9	12.1	4.0	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-5.5	-0.1	-2.1	8.4	5.9	0.9	2.7	8.0	-2.2	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	15.2	21.4	28.8	7.9	13.0	8.6	4.5	4.9	4.7	-2.6	-2.7	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.2	5.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.4
FR	-2.4	-0.9	2.8	4.4	5.0	5.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
IE	0.8	14.5	12.7	c	c	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	7.7	7.4	18.4	9.6	7.6	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	:
LV	28.2	39.1	37.8	23.2	17.0	18.0	6.9	7.6	7.8	1.3	2.9	2.8
LT	12.3	21.4	15.1	24.2	25.0	19.7	3.7	5.2	3.0	7.2	6.0	6.3
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.6	c
AT	:	:	:	2.4	0.3	-0.7	2.9	4.7	2.9	0.4	-0.4	-1.5
PL	6.2	-0.1	1.4	21.0	20.9	20.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.5	-2.0
PT	4.2	2.4	2.8	5.7	7.4	0.0	-0.5	-2.0	-1.0	-0.8	-1.7	-1.3
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.3	-0.1	0.1	1.1	1.5	1.8
SK	-10.9	-2.7	-3.7	4.5	5.9	-3.9	-7.8	-8.2	-9.2	-5.9	-3.8	-4.4
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	5.4	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.4	5.0	-1.9	-4.2	-3.1	-3.2	3.6	-0.2
UK	2.8	9.2	8.4	10.6	5.2	1.2	-0.4	1.0	3.0	1.8	0.3	-0.5
BG	-18.3	-6.9	-16.9	-2.0	-6.4	3.8	-9.7	-1.0	-1.5	4.1	6.1	3.7
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.0	-0.4	-5.8	-4.9	-6.6	-6.1

Table 7: Turnover and employment for land transport (NACE Division 60), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

## Transport services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.3	5.5	9.6	8.5	7.6	6.0	1.8	3.4	0.3	-1.6	-5.0	-6.2
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.8	5.0	1.5	-0.9	-7.2	-8.7
BE	9.3	19.6	41.5	34.7	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	3.7	-24.4	-24.6	31.3	-17.7	32.9	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-8.3	-0.5	16.6	15.2	15.2	13.7	3.1	9.2	-2.5	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	-4.6	-13.1	-6.0	20.3	16.8	25.6	-6.8	-7.7	-8.0	-2.4	3.7	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	1.7	3.2	4.7	8.5	6.4	16.4	5.2	1.9	-0.4	-5.2	-6.3	-5.2
FR	1.8	9.9	9.4	16.3	12.4	7.7	2.6	2.5	1.9	1.3	0.6	0.0
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	-7.2	2.3	2.9	6.3	9.0	-0.3	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	16.2	24.5	23.9	99.5	83.7	:	-2.9	-2.5	-3.1	-3.8	8.8	:
LV	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
LT	-12.6	13.3	2.6	7.8	20.7	21.4	-3.5	1.8	0.5	-3.5	-5.9	-5.6
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	-3.5	-5.5	-3.7	-4.3	-6.2	c
AT	:	:	:	23.4	1.2	10.0	-4.1	-31.0	-8.9	-9.9	8.0	45.0
PL	5.0	-13.7	22.6	6.3	-9.8	-7.1	-1.2	0.5	0.0	-5.7	-8.2	-18.5
PT	-0.2	11.6	25.0	12.9	7.5	16.0	0.2	4.0	1.0	-3.5	-10.7	-15.6
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.6	2.3	6.6	7.6	9.2	9.6
SK	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FI	13.5	2.6	2.3	4.1	-4.4	0.7	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	9.2	6.1	7.8	10.8	0.7	7.9	9.0	12.6	11.3	2.6	3.8	10.8
UK	6.9	15.1	8.8	-2.3	2.2	0.1	-6.3	-5.9	-8.0	-5.8	-3.3	-2.1
BG	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	22.4	24.2	29.2	-15.0	-11.9	-15.9

Table 8: Turnover and employment for water transport (NACE Division 61), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	-4.3	-5.6	6.0	3.3	1.1	-1.5	0.9	-0.8	-1.2	0.0	-3.0	-0.4
Euro-zone	-5.1	-4.6	2.0	0.3	-0.5	1.2	-0.5	-1.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
BE	18.4	13.3	13.5	1.6	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	-4.8	15.8	19.6	76.3	31.7	6.0	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	0.7	-8.0	24.3	-3.0	13.2	16.7	3.1	9.3	-2.6	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	3.7	2.7	-0.9	16.9	10.2	30.3	-12.5	11.8	11.1	6.1	9.9	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	-1.5	1.9	4.7	7.8	7.3	7.8	3.9	5.2	6.5	5.4	6.1	4.4
FR	-11.0	-7.0	-7.8	1.5	-0.9	2.4	-0.8	-2.0	-3.0	-2.5	-1.5	-0.8
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	-1.7	-1.5	2.0	-6.7	-3.3	-2.0	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-14.0	-5.7	1.2	6.0	10.4	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	-4.0	:
LV	c	c	c	c	c	c	11.8	7.4	6.1	13.8	18.2	29.6
LT	-5.6	8.0	15.5	3.8	6.1	22.1	-5.4	-1.3	-2.3	-5.0	-7.1	-4.0
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.5	-1.0	-2.8	-4.4	-5.1	c
AT	:	:	:	12.9	15.7	4.7	0.0	-2.0	-0.2	1.1	:	:
PL	c	c	c	c	c	c	-2.1	-2.6	-1.7	0.6	-0.5	-1.7
PT	9.1	-1.4	11.0	2.2	2.0	-0.5	-0.4	-1.2	1.1	-0.9	-0.1	1.4
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	-2.1	-1.3	-2.1	-2.2	-0.5	1.4
SK	:	:	:	:	:	:	13.3	2.4	10.7	35.3	71.9	60.3
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	c	c	c	c	c	c	4.0	7.4	-5.0	-12.5	-20.2	-14.8
UK	-2.7	-8.1	13.0	8.8	1.2	-9.4	3.2	-2.9	-1.5	2.1	-5.7	2.6
BG	-46.1	68.2	-37.7	23.9	26.7	-6.2	-31.5	-18.5	-11.5	-13.4	14.2	1.2
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	2.4	-4.5	-6.9	-12.6	-12.5	-10.0

Table 9: Turnover and employment for air transport (NACE Division 62), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS



## Transport services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	0.3	1.1	3.9	6.8	10.0	8.3	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.3	1.1
BE	9.3	7.0	4.0	6.9	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	4.8	11.6	12.5	13.4	19.7	12.2	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	1.0	-0.7	-0.4	3.8	13.8	11.6	2.6	8.6	-3.0	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	-1.2	28.9	32.4	-4.0	-0.9	5.1	3.4	2.6	2.2	3.5	1.4	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	5.2	7.3	8.1	5.7	6.9	7.9	4.3	3.2	2.5	1.8	1.5	1.5
FR	-0.9	-0.3	4.8	4.4	4.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	2.5	6.5	6.2	7.4	20.3	:	-2.7	-2.5	-2.7	-4.4	0.0	:
LV	11.6	16.3	9.4	17.8	12.8	27.2	7.3	7.2	7.9	-0.7	0.0	-2.9
LT	5.9	12.4	-3.6	14.8	-0.2	3.8	2.7	3.5	3.2	9.9	7.6	6.9
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	-1.5	-1.5	c
AT	:	:	:	10.1	7.0	8.7	0.6	-1.1	0.8	2.3	4.7	8.3
PL	11.7	8.9	16.1	29.5	24.1	20.0	-2.4	-2.6	-2.8	-2.0	-3.4	-3.4
PT	-5.4	-9.6	-7.4	6.8	7.1	3.3	-3.4	-4.5	-2.3	-3.1	-3.6	-3.5
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.6	-3.0	-3.9	-5.6	-9.0	-9.4
SK	-7.5	-7.7	19.1	14.2	25.5	16.3	-16.2	-19.4	-14.8	4.5	7.8	3.7
FI	0.5	3.9	5.3	7.0	4.7	4.2	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	-0.9	0.9	2.8	5.9	8.1	7.3	10.0	13.5	10.8	2.1	-6.9	-0.7
UK	-4.5	-0.8	1.6	9.7	15.6	13.0	2.3	0.9	1.2	1.7	3.4	3.4
BG	-17.6	-24.0	-18.7	0.9	3.0	22.3	26.8	4.3	2.2	-4.0	-4.2	-2.3
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	-5.0	-0.8	-6.6	3.6	-0.3	-6.9

Table 10: Turnover and employment for supporting transport activities (NACE Division 63), growth rates (%);  
source: Eurostat STS

## Communications, computer and business services

Turnover data for these activities is sparse for European geographical aggregates in the third quarter of 2004. However, when compared with the same quarter of a year before, sales of computer services rose by 4.0 % within the EU-25. In contrast, the corresponding growth rate for the euro-zone saw turnover fall by 1.0 %. Sales within the post and telecommunications sector rose by 5.0 % in the euro-zone.

The EU-25's post and telecommunications sector suffered a large reduction in its number of persons employed, as each quarter on quarter rate of change during the last nine quarterly periods was within the range of -0.5 % to -1.0 %. These figures fed through into the annual change in employment levels, as the EU-25's post and communications' workforce was reduced by 2.7 % between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004.

The labour market for computer services reported some signs of a recovery in the EU-25. While six out of the eight quarter on quarter rates to the first quarter of 2004 were negative, the situation subsequently improved, as the number of persons employed in the EU-25 rose by 0.2 % in both the second and third quarters of 2004. As such, by the third quarter of 2004 there were 0.1 % more persons employed in the EU-25 than there had been a year before.

There were 11 consecutive, positive quarter on quarter growth rates recorded for the index of employment for other business services in the EU-25 through to the third quarter of 2004. The latest quarter on quarter growth rate for the number of persons employed (0.8 %) was near the upper end of the range of growth rates during this period (0.1 % to 1.1 %), and followed on from growth of 1.1 % during the second quarter of 2004. As a result, EU-25 employment within the other business services sector rose by 3.3 % between the third quarters of 2003 and 2004.

## Communications, computer and business services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	6.2	3.9	0.0	:	:	:	-2.5	-2.5	-3.4	-3.0	-3.4	-2.7
Euro-zone	4.3	3.6	-1.5	6.9	5.8	5.0	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.4	-1.5
BE	7.9	6.4	-32.4	5.1	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	7.8	5.7	3.8	6.4	4.4	2.1	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.1	9.2	-2.5	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	6.9	11.1	11.2	10.9	11.9	10.5	-2.8	-1.9	-0.7	-2.2	-2.5	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	7.1	7.8	9.1	10.4	9.6	8.9	-1.3	1.0	-2.5	-3.3	-3.6	-2.7
FR	4.3	1.3	-2.6	6.8	4.8	6.7	-1.3	-1.7	-1.7	-1.5	-1.1	-0.6
IE	0.2	-10.5	-2.6	c	c	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	2.2	3.6	3.1	8.1	6.3	3.2	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-5.4	-4.5	12.6	10.3	3.0	:	2.6	5.1	2.6	13.9	7.7	:
LV	3.9	7.8	7.3	10.0	12.2	10.9	-6.9	-7.4	-6.7	-2.7	0.5	5.3
LT	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.6	-1.1	-1.9	-11.2	-4.7	-1.8
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	c	c	:	:	:	:	-6.5	-5.0	-4.1	-3.0	-1.9	c
AT	:	:	:	4.8	3.9	2.2	-5.7	-9.7	-6.1	-5.7	-4.3	0.2
PL	10.6	6.5	4.2	13.0	6.3	13.7	-8.2	-7.7	-5.5	-3.7	-3.0	-1.8
PT	2.7	6.4	7.3	4.6	6.2	2.5	-7.6	-8.0	-7.0	-10.9	-7.6	-5.8
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.5	3.3	7.8	1.4	1.3	2.7
SK	8.3	8.0	8.5	10.7	11.5	10.1	-3.0	-3.6	-3.6	-2.8	-3.4	-4.7
FI	2.0	9.2	7.9	16.4	8.2	8.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	c	c	c	c	c	c	-3.6	-4.7	-5.6	1.2	-5.2	0.0
UK	10.1	4.1	2.7	:	:	:	-0.7	-0.9	-4.7	-4.8	-6.4	-6.5
BG	-20.8	-17.0	-22.3	17.6	9.6	6.7	0.9	1.6	0.9	-0.8	-1.1	-3.9
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	-7.0	-7.4	-6.9	-10.6	-13.0	-13.1

Table 11: Turnover and employment for post and telecommunications (NACE Division 64), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	3.5	4.5	7.7	3.6	1.9	4.0	-1.2	-1.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.6	0.1
Euro-zone	-1.2	-2.7	-0.8	-0.9	-2.3	-1.0	-3.5	-3.5	-1.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.2
BE	-6.5	-10.9	-14.3	-16.1	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	0.6	4.5	15.7	5.7	16.2	3.5	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-4.8	-0.4	-0.9	11.9	1.5	3.0	-6.9	-3.5	-2.2	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	8.5	9.8	12.2	22.7	30.1	21.4	18.2	19.3	20.5	21.8	17.5	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	1.7	5.1	1.4	-2.0	-2.1	1.0	-3.3	-1.9	0.9	2.1	0.5	-0.3
FR	-3.4	-4.8	0.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	-4.4	-3.6	-3.0	-1.6	-0.3	-0.4
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	1.8	-0.3	-0.8	-0.6	3.9	0.7	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	11.0	11.0	11.0	13.4	-4.9	-1.4	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	7.7	:
LV	-10.6	-5.7	20.1	-30.8	11.6	2.5	11.0	11.6	12.6	3.0	0.3	1.6
LT	1.7	4.9	15.7	35.2	-0.6	13.3	4.6	6.4	10.4	-5.8	5.0	2.4
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	14.9	15.3	15.3	-4.0	2.2	4.6
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-3.5	-7.1	0.5	-0.7	1.1	5.5	-6.2	-5.7	-4.9	-5.5	-5.5	c
AT	:	:	:	4.2	-0.9	-2.9	1.4	-1.2	0.8	0.0	0.8	6.0
PL	2.1	1.0	6.4	21.6	15.7	:	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.2
PT	13.6	43.9	48.2	-9.5	-7.4	1.5	-8.1	-5.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.6	3.7
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	10.1	9.0	8.5	5.2	5.7	6.5
SK	1.8	1.4	4.7	13.5	11.3	12.8	12.8	2.4	2.4	8.1	4.9	13.6
FI	3.3	0.9	3.3	4.5	6.1	5.3	-2.4	-12.5	-7.1	-5.5	-6.6	2.3
SE	8.8	14.7	9.3	0.7	4.1	11.8	-4.7	-3.9	-1.0	-1.1	0.9	4.4
UK	10.1	14.8	23.0	9.5	6.4	8.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	-1.8	-2.2	-1.1
BG	3.4	0.8	14.9	10.9	13.1	9.0	3.4	6.3	1.1	11.8	20.4	18.8
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	7.6	12.7	11.9	31.3	42.5	54.2

Table 12: Turnover and employment for computer services (NACE Division 72), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

## Communications, computer and business services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q3-04
EU-25	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.3
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.4	3.0	3.4
BE	15.4	21.0	17.0	21.0	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	4.8	5.6	8.2	10.5	9.1	6.1	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	-6.5	-3.1	-1.9	:	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.3	-4.0	-2.0	8.1	8.2	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	5.2	5.3	6.0	4.6	2.4	4.7	2.8	2.7	3.6	2.4	2.3	2.6
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.6	-0.4	0.6	1.1	2.0	2.3
IE	-6.7	-9.4	-7.8	c	c	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	6.1	5.8	6.0	14.3	17.7	7.9	2.6	6.1	5.2	5.2	3.4	:
LV	10.2	3.8	8.7	31.7	30.7	45.8	14.0	17.4	20.2	18.9	17.1	17.6
LT	16.3	15.0	6.7	18.4	18.0	17.4	13.1	15.1	19.3	9.5	13.1	12.0
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	6.6	8.6	9.6	9.7	18.2	18.1
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.8	-1.9	-2.9	-3.1	-2.5	c
AT	:	:	:	1.8	-0.6	-0.1	3.7	3.0	4.1	4.6	6.7	7.7
PL	-7.4	-16.6	-10.1	-4.7	4.9	:	3.1	2.8	2.0	0.6	1.0	0.4
PT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.9	5.4
SK	10.3	6.8	0.6	6.4	6.0	-1.3	-0.9	-2.4	-2.8	0.9	4.2	6.9
FI	-1.5	0.9	3.7	3.1	4.6	5.6	2.9	4.6	0.8	-2.0	-0.5	1.3
SE	6.0	9.3	6.1	-3.3	-6.4	-9.1	-5.2	-4.2	-7.8	-6.2	0.1	0.7
UK	3.3	5.7	9.7	5.6	7.2	5.1	1.3	1.8	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.5
BG	4.0	3.0	36.2	12.9	16.1	7.9	18.5	20.9	15.6	10.9	12.4	7.5
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	7.4	9.6	10.2	5.4	2.7	0.8

Table 13: Turnover and employment for other business activities (NACE Division 74), growth rates (%); source: Eurostat STS

### ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The legal basis for short-term business statistics is the Council Regulation for short-term statistics 1165/98 from 19 May 1998<sup>1</sup>.

#### 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-25 series. These are then seasonally adjusted using TRAMO/SEATS. Missing components for these aggregates are estimated using an ARIMA method.

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.  
c confidential  
EZ Euro-zone

<sup>1</sup> 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>.

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