

Developments for turnover and employment indices for services

during the first quarter of 2005

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Turnover of the EU-25's services grew for all activities shown in figure 1 between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005. The fastest rhythm of growth was for the supporting transport activities (8.2 %) and land transport (6.1 %). Wholesale trade, other business activities, water transport, and post and telecommunications all registered annual increases by 4.0 % and more. Air transport, computer services and hotels and restaurants showed more modest growth. Based on the information available for the euro-zone, turnover for post and telecommunications rose by 5.8 %, which was the fastest development. In contrast, turnover in the hotels and restaurants sector in the euro-zone contracted slightly.

For employment the developments between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005 were somewhat different. Indeed, the EU-25's employment index rose in half of the services activities covered, the other half showing net job losses. Other business activities recorded the fastest expansion in both the EU-25 (3.5 %) and the euro-zone (3.3 %) while the highest decreases were for water transport (-3.5 % in the EU-25 and -10.4 % in the euro-zone).

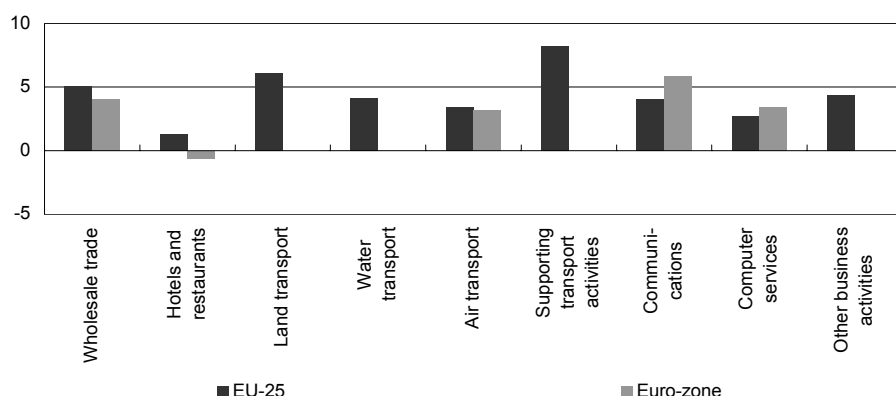


Figure 1: *TURNOVER, LATEST GROWTH RATES (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%) (1); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS*

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

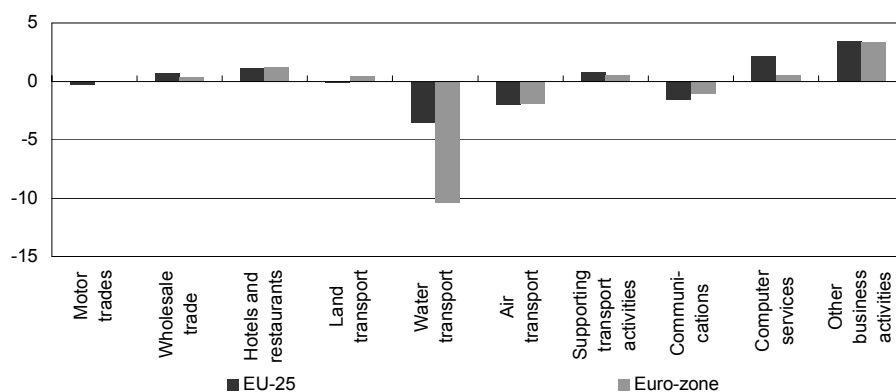
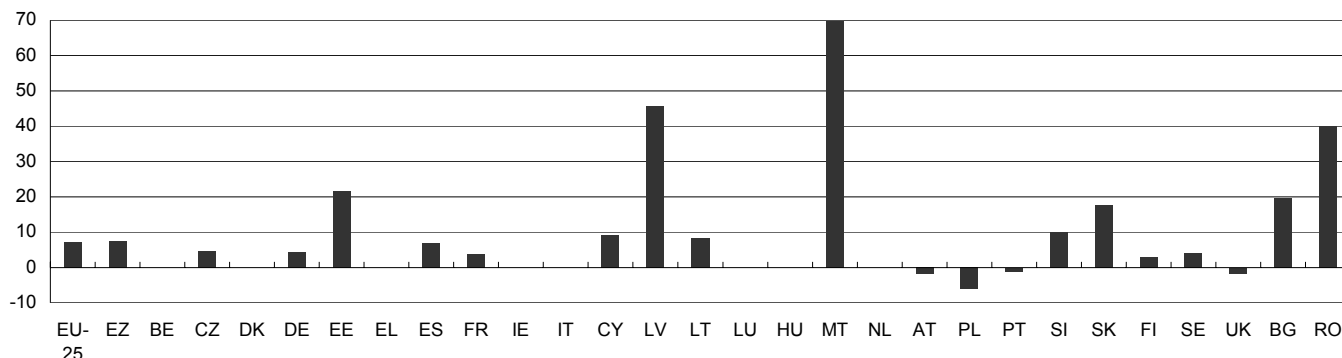


Figure 2: *EMPLOYMENT, LATEST GROWTH RATES (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS*

Motor trades

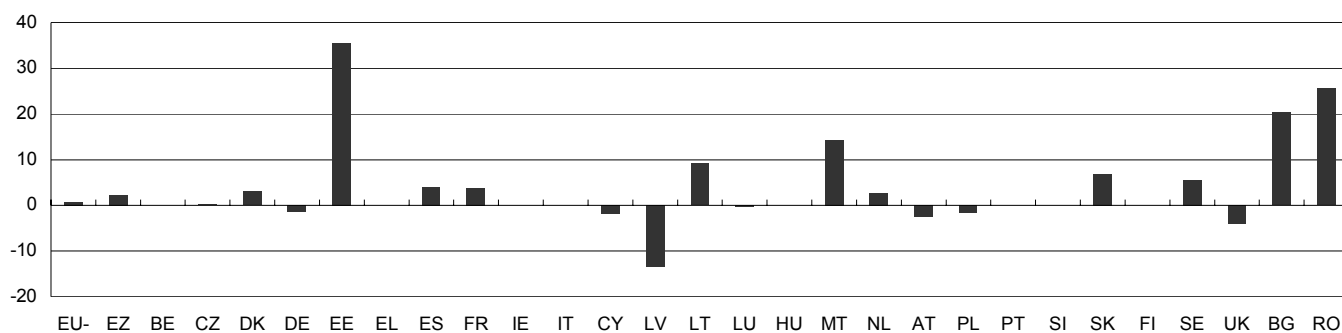
Seasonally adjusted turnover for the EU-25's motor trades' sector is available until the last quarter of 2004, when it rose by 2.0 % compared to the previous quarter (2.3 % for the euro-zone). Employment data are available for the first quarter of 2005 and showed that the number of persons employed contracted by 0.5 % in the EU-25 (by 1.0 % in the euro-zone). At a national

level, between the last quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, a small majority of the Member States with data available recorded decreases in sales, contrasting with strong growth in Latvia (12.6 %). Employment remained unchanged or grew within a majority of Member States.



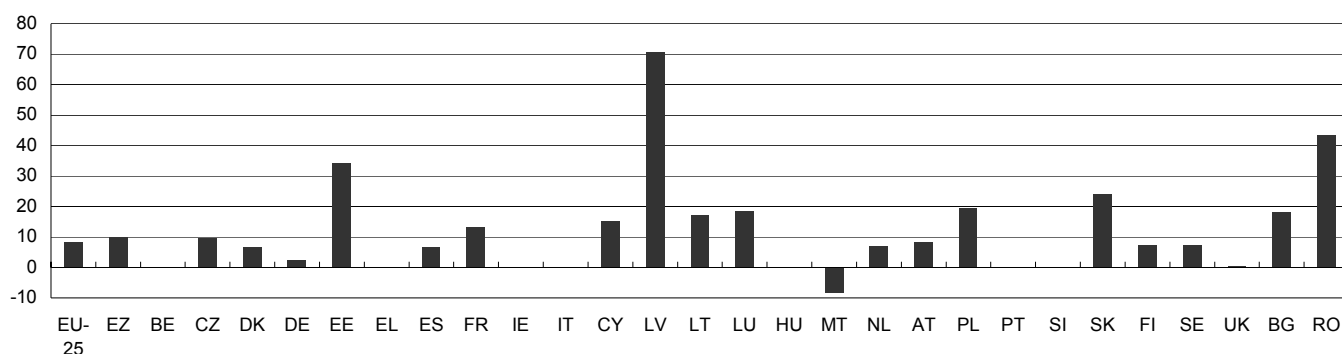
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Figure 3: *TURNOVER FOR MOTOR TRADES (NACE DIVISION 50), LATEST GROWTH RATE (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%) (1); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS*
 (1) EU-25, euro-zone, Germany, Slovakia and Romania, Q4-2004; Denmark, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, not available; Belgium, Ireland and Hungary, confidential.



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Figure 4: *TURNOVER FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES (NACE GROUP 50.2), LATEST GROWTH RATE (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%) (1); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS*
 (1) Germany, Malta, Slovakia and Romania, Q4-2004; Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Hungary, Slovenia and Finland, not available; Italy and Portugal, confidential.



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Figure 5: *TURNOVER FOR RETAIL SALE OF AUTOMOTIVE FUEL (NACE GROUP 50.5), LATEST GROWTH RATE (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%) (1); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS*
 (1) Slovakia and Romania, Q4-2004; Malta, Q3-2004; Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Hungary 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 | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | -0.1 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | : | 2.4 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 7.1 | : |
| Euro-zone | -0.4 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 2.3 | : | -0.8 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 7.6 | : |
| BE | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CZ | 0.8 | -2.7 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 1.1 | -4.5 | 5.8 | 0.4 | 8.9 | 7.0 | 10.9 | 4.8 |
| DK (1) | 2.9 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 13.6 | 18.0 | 12.8 | 17.4 | 8.6 |
| DE | -4.1 | 2.3 | 1.2 | -0.4 | 1.7 | : | -8.4 | -1.0 | 0.8 | -1.7 | 4.2 | : |
| EE | -1.1 | 0.7 | 10.3 | -0.6 | 4.5 | 1.8 | -2.4 | 1.7 | 14.3 | 6.0 | 17.1 | 21.7 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 8.7 | 13.6 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 9.0 | 6.7 |
| FR | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 3.8 |
| IE | -1.4 | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| CY | 2.6 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 2.1 | 5.8 | -7.8 | -2.7 | 11.0 | 22.2 | 25.0 | 31.6 | 9.3 |
| LV | 3.2 | 10.0 | 5.8 | 7.9 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 9.5 | 20.8 | 25.5 | 27.2 | 43.7 | 45.5 |
| LT | 3.8 | -0.9 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 7.8 | -4.1 | 25.6 | 8.5 | 10.1 | 7.5 | 11.8 | 8.3 |
| LU (1) | 2.7 | -1.4 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 0.3 | -1.0 | 15.3 | 2.2 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 4.4 |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| MT | 4.7 | -4.8 | 11.7 | 17.4 | 6.6 | : | 8.4 | 0.9 | 15.5 | 31.6 | 28.4 | 69.8 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| AT | 1.0 | -2.8 | 4.3 | -0.1 | 5.3 | -9.4 | 5.3 | -1.6 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 6.9 | -2.0 |
| PL | 13.1 | 5.7 | 2.4 | -3.5 | -0.6 | -6.1 | 23.5 | 26.2 | 24.9 | 17.8 | 3.8 | -6.0 |
| PT | 9.1 | 1.0 | 11.1 | -3.6 | 15.0 | -20.3 | 5.4 | 14.9 | 19.3 | 18.0 | 24.2 | -1.2 |
| SI | 4.1 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 10.8 | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 11.4 | 10.0 |
| SK | 9.2 | 2.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.8 | : | 13.6 | 13.7 | 22.1 | 23.4 | 17.5 | : |
| FI | -2.1 | 4.4 | -0.7 | -1.3 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 16.3 | 17.9 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 6.3 | 2.9 |
| SE | -0.5 | 1.1 | 5.9 | -0.2 | 0.4 | -1.5 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 7.2 | 6.2 | 10.9 | 4.0 |
| UK | 0.4 | 3.3 | -1.1 | -0.2 | 2.3 | -1.5 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 4.8 | -1.7 |
| BG | 5.9 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 8.7 | 4.5 | -5.4 | 14.9 | 5.1 | 20.8 | 28.9 | 27.2 | 19.5 |
| RO | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.3 | : | : | 30.0 | 27.0 | 22.9 | 26.6 | 39.9 | : |

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 | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 0.2 | 1.6 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | -0.3 |
| Euro-zone | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | -1.0 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| BE | 0.0 | 0.0 | : | : | : | : | 0.3 | 0.3 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -2.0 | : | : | : | : | : | -1.5 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | : | -1.4 | -0.6 | -0.9 | -0.6 | -0.1 | : |
| EE | 2.3 | -3.4 | -2.5 | 2.1 | -1.2 | 2.9 | -1.7 | 4.0 | -2.7 | -1.5 | -4.9 | 1.3 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| FR | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.8 | -0.9 | -0.5 | -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 | -0.3 | 1.1 | -0.8 | -0.2 | 0.8 | : | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | -1.2 | 1.2 | : |
| LV | 2.5 | 9.7 | 3.4 | -3.7 | 1.5 | -3.2 | 3.6 | 18.2 | 20.9 | 11.9 | 10.8 | -2.2 |
| LT | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 15.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 5.1 |
| LU | 3.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| HU | 1.8 | 4.5 | -2.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 | -0.9 | 5.5 | 13.8 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 2.2 | -5.4 |
| MT | 0.9 | -2.7 | 13.5 | -7.7 | -0.3 | 6.2 | -0.3 | -2.4 | 21.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 11.6 |
| NL | -0.3 | 0.6 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.6 | c | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 | c |
| AT | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| PL | 0.5 | 3.9 | 0.9 | -1.3 | -0.4 | 0.4 | -4.5 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 3.1 | -0.3 |
| PT | -1.5 | 20.3 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | -20.1 | -4.3 | 15.8 | 19.7 | 22.9 | 26.6 | -15.9 |
| SI | 0.9 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| SK | -0.3 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -0.1 | -4.4 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 8.0 | 11.5 | 5.8 |
| FI | -1.0 | -3.8 | 5.0 | -0.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 5.4 | -1.4 | 4.7 | -0.9 | 1.4 | 2.5 |
| SE | -0.2 | 0.1 | -5.3 | -2.7 | 1.8 | -0.7 | 9.7 | 8.1 | -3.7 | -8.1 | -6.0 | -6.7 |
| UK | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | -0.4 | -1.1 | -1.4 | -1.3 | -0.7 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.9 |
| BG | 1.8 | 2.1 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 0.8 | 4.5 | 11.9 | 14.9 | 16.8 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 4.8 |
| RO | -0.4 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 16.6 | 8.0 | 14.0 | 12.9 | 17.0 | 8.9 |

Table 2: EMPLOYMENT FOR MOTOR TRADES (NACE DIVISION 50), GROWTH RATES (%); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

Wholesale trade

An increase of 1.6 % during the first quarter of 2005 in the seasonally adjusted turnover index for the EU-25's wholesale trade sector was the seventh consecutive quarter on previous quarter increase. A similar pattern was registered for the euro-zone, with sales expanding by 0.9 %. In Figure 6 more detailed levels of activity are shown for wholesale trade, with the fastest development in the EU-25 registered for non-agricultural intermediate products (2.6 %, the sixth consecutive quarter on quarter growth). This contrasted with more modest rates of change or decreases in the other activities shown. Among the Member States for which data are available, wholesale trade turnover generally expanded at a modest rhythm, an exception being Latvia (10.7 %). For the countries that recorded decreases, they reached –

3.9 % in Poland and –2.7 % in Italy and Austria (see Table 3).

The employment index in wholesale trade grew faster within the EU-25 (0.4 %) than the euro-zone (0.1 %) between the final quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005. Nevertheless, the employment index in the euro-zone's wholesale trade sector has not fallen during the last six quarters – see Table 4. Among the Member States for which data are available, the employment index generally showed growth, with Slovakia (15.2 %) and Estonia (9.4 %) standing out from the rest of the countries.

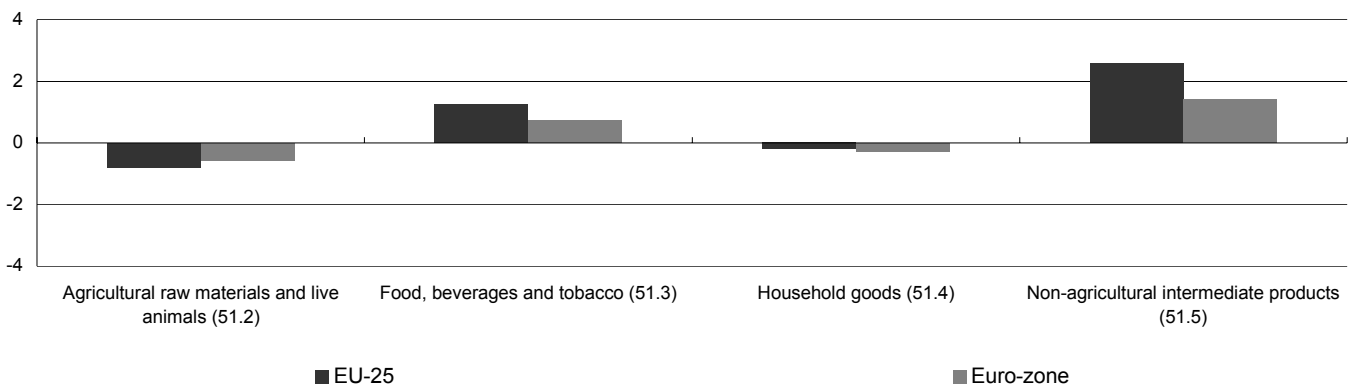


Figure 6: TURNOVER, LATEST GROWTH RATES (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA (%); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

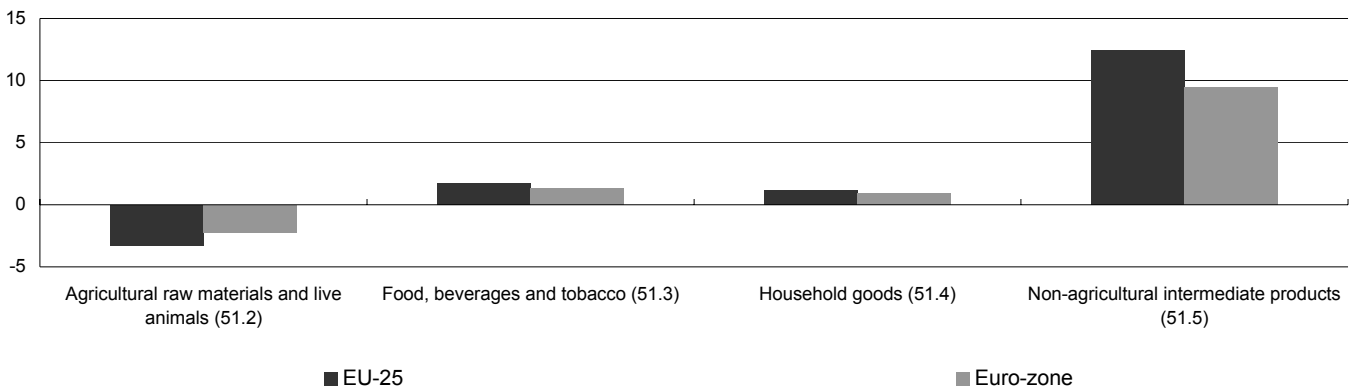


Figure 7: TURNOVER, LATEST GROWTH RATES (Q1/2005), COMPARED TO THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, GROSS DATA (%); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

Wholesale trade (continued)

| | Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series | | | | | | Year on year growth rates, gross series | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Euro-zone | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| BE | c | c | c | c | c | c | 3.7 | 7.4 | c | c | c | c |
| CZ | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| DK | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 3.6 |
| EE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 5.1 |
| FR | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 1.9 |
| IE | 1.3 | c | c | c | c | c | -11.0 | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | -0.4 | 1.0 | 3.3 | -1.2 | -1.4 | -2.7 | -0.9 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| CY | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | -1.1 | 5.1 | 9.0 | 6.7 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 5.2 |
| LV | 4.4 | 1.8 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 6.7 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 16.7 | 18.0 | 19.8 | 23.6 | 26.8 |
| LT | 7.2 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 19.8 | 15.3 | 20.7 | 18.9 | 13.7 | 13.1 |
| LU | 3.6 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.2 | -1.5 | 11.0 | 11.7 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 11.2 | 3.0 |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| MT | 5.7 | -5.5 | 3.1 | 0.1 | -4.4 | -8.6 | 9.1 | -3.4 | 0.6 | 1.4 | -8.2 | -7.2 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| AT | -0.3 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 0.7 | -2.7 | 1.3 | -0.9 | 5.9 | 11.0 | 10.3 | 4.4 |
| PL | 1.3 | 10.1 | 7.7 | 0.9 | -0.2 | -3.9 | 4.4 | 23.1 | 23.8 | 20.4 | 18.5 | 4.4 |
| PT | 6.0 | -17.6 | 9.7 | -7.5 | 5.1 | -0.9 | 5.1 | -2.0 | 1.9 | -11.4 | -12.2 | 5.7 |
| SI | 2.5 | -0.3 | 3.0 | 1.4 | -0.2 | 1.3 | 7.7 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| SK | 5.6 | 1.1 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 1.5 | : | -6.9 | 4.5 | 11.0 | 16.1 | 10.2 | : |
| FI | 0.8 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 5.0 |
| SE | 0.4 | -2.0 | 4.7 | 1.1 | -0.7 | 1.8 | 0.6 | -4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.5 |
| UK | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 2.0 | -1.6 | 1.6 | 8.3 | 10.4 | 8.1 | 7.5 |
| BG | 0.1 | -0.6 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | -7.2 | 8.3 | 2.6 | 8.1 | 11.2 | 16.9 | 8.9 |
| 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 | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -1.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Euro-zone | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -1.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| BE | -2.6 | 6.0 | : | : | : | : | -26.7 | -0.9 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -2.6 | : | : | : | : | : | -1.6 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | -0.4 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.5 | -2.7 | -1.8 | -2.2 | -2.6 | -2.4 | -1.1 |
| EE | -1.0 | -1.3 | 1.4 | 3.0 | -1.1 | 9.4 | 5.3 | 1.7 | -1.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 12.9 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| FR | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| 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 | -0.8 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 1.0 | : | 0.0 | -1.7 | -3.2 | -2.2 | 1.1 | : |
| LV | 1.2 | 8.4 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.4 | -3.0 | 4.3 | 11.8 | 14.5 | 16.2 | 18.6 | 6.2 |
| LT | 2.1 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 13.2 | 10.9 | 9.2 |
| LU | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 3.0 | -1.1 | -2.6 |
| HU | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 6.2 |
| MT | 0.6 | 6.6 | -1.5 | -0.4 | -4.0 | -13.9 | 4.7 | 12.1 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 0.5 | -19.0 |
| NL | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | c | -1.9 | -2.0 | -2.1 | -2.0 | -1.7 | c |
| AT | -1.2 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -4.6 | -2.1 | -2.9 | -2.6 | -1.1 | -0.8 |
| PL | 0.1 | 4.3 | 0.1 | -2.3 | -1.1 | -0.1 | -7.4 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 0.8 | -3.5 |
| PT | -0.1 | -1.4 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 3.0 | -3.0 | -3.4 | -3.1 | -2.6 | -2.7 | 1.7 |
| SI | -0.2 | -1.0 | -0.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -0.7 | 0.7 | -1.5 | -1.8 | -1.5 | -1.6 | -1.3 |
| SK | 0.4 | -1.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 15.2 | -19.7 | -3.0 | -0.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 18.4 |
| FI | -1.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 | -3.8 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 5.2 | -3.7 | 2.9 | 4.0 |
| SE | 2.5 | -1.3 | 3.4 | -0.8 | -2.0 | -0.4 | 1.1 | -1.2 | 3.1 | 3.7 | -0.8 | 0.1 |
| UK | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | -1.9 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 2.1 |
| BG | 3.5 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 13.4 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 12.7 |
| RO | 0.7 | 3.0 | 1.5 | -1.1 | -0.5 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 4.4 |

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 | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | -0.4 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Euro-zone | -0.6 | 0.8 | -2.1 | 0.0 | 1.6 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 1.4 | -1.5 | -2.0 | 0.3 | -0.6 |
| BE | -5.2 | -0.4 | -9.9 | -6.1 | : | : | -0.8 | 2.8 | -14.5 | -21.1 | : | : |
| CZ | 2.5 | 3.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 8.5 | 11.9 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 2.2 |
| DK | -0.5 | 1.1 | -0.3 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 |
| DE | 0.4 | -1.3 | -0.5 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -2.1 | -1.9 | -2.1 | -1.7 | -1.0 |
| EE | 2.6 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 2.0 | 1.1 | -0.6 | 8.2 | 14.2 | 16.4 | 13.6 | 16.1 | 21.0 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 0.5 | 0.2 | -1.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 3.5 | -1.1 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| FR | -0.5 | 0.5 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 1.5 | -0.2 | -1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | -1.3 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| IE | 0.6 | c | c | c | c | c | 4.4 | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| CY | 0.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.7 | 0.7 | -4.3 | 6.7 | 2.8 | 1.6 | -4.5 | 1.2 |
| LV | 0.6 | 6.7 | 15.4 | 2.6 | -6.9 | 14.0 | 23.9 | 20.3 | 23.1 | 36.8 | 30.1 | 19.9 |
| LT | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 24.3 | 17.6 | 16.2 | 19.5 | 22.7 | 23.2 |
| LU | 0.6 | -0.8 | -1.1 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 2.3 | -2.0 | 2.0 | -1.5 | -2.4 | -1.3 | 3.3 |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| MT | -7.1 | -2.8 | 11.4 | -5.4 | -0.9 | -13.1 | 6.3 | -2.1 | -3.8 | -5.7 | 10.2 | 5.4 |
| NL | -0.4 | -1.3 | 2.6 | -0.9 | -1.4 | -2.7 | 0.9 | -0.9 | -1.8 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| AT (1) | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | 0.1 | -1.8 | -0.5 | 1.5 | 5.2 |
| PL | 2.0 | -7.3 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 12.6 |
| PT | -16.4 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 8.4 | -23.4 | -2.6 | 19.7 | 2.4 | -7.7 | 19.7 | -14.4 |
| SI | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 9.0 |
| SK | -8.6 | 4.3 | -2.2 | 12.2 | -1.1 | 1.8 | -5.2 | -1.8 | -5.6 | 4.5 | 13.1 | 10.5 |
| FI | 0.1 | 1.2 | -0.9 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 3.6 | 2.1 |
| SE | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.8 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 3.3 |
| UK | 0.6 | 1.1 | 2.6 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| BG | 16.8 | -10.0 | 2.9 | 7.8 | -12.6 | 12.7 | 27.3 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 18.1 | -15.2 | 11.9 |
| RO | 10.7 | 18.4 | 6.3 | 1.2 | : | : | 20.3 | 51.8 | 43.0 | 45.5 | 45.9 | : |

Table 5: TURNOVER FOR HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (NACE DIVISION 55), GROWTH RATES (%);
SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

(1) The time-series is too short to allow seasonal adjustment.

| | Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series | | | | | | Year on year growth rates, gross series | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Euro-zone | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| BE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -1.6 | : | : | : | : | : | -1.5 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | 1.8 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| EE | 0.2 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 6.8 | 9.4 | 5.6 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 0.7 | -0.8 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.4 |
| FR | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| 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 | 1.9 | -1.1 | 1.3 | 0.2 | : | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.2 | : |
| LV | 4.6 | 8.4 | 3.9 | 3.4 | -0.5 | -5.6 | 18.9 | 13.5 | 19.5 | 23.2 | 16.8 | -0.6 |
| LT | 1.6 | -1.8 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 16.0 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 16.6 |
| LU | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 0.9 | -0.6 |
| HU | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| MT | -2.2 | 2.7 | -2.9 | 2.9 | -7.1 | 12.1 | 2.5 | 10.9 | -4.0 | 0.4 | -4.7 | 3.9 |
| NL | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | c | -3.3 | -2.5 | -1.7 | -2.0 | -2.2 | c |
| AT | 9.1 | 0.6 | -0.6 | 4.0 | -1.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 13.5 | 2.2 | 3.6 |
| PL | -0.5 | -1.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | -0.7 | -3.4 | -2.2 | -0.9 | 0.6 | 5.8 |
| PT | -0.6 | 5.4 | -3.5 | 0.2 | 1.2 | -6.0 | -2.6 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 3.2 | -8.0 |
| SI | 0.0 | -0.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 2.8 |
| SK | -1.4 | -4.1 | -0.1 | 0.2 | -1.5 | 5.0 | -10.4 | -10.1 | -7.1 | -5.2 | -7.0 | 4.5 |
| FI | -3.1 | 2.0 | -2.0 | 4.2 | 5.4 | -5.1 | -6.8 | -9.3 | -6.6 | 1.0 | 9.8 | 2.6 |
| SE | 2.5 | -0.2 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.7 | -2.9 | -3.7 | -3.8 | 2.9 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 0.2 |
| UK | 0.7 | 0.6 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| BG | 7.0 | -6.0 | -1.1 | -1.2 | 4.5 | 15.2 | 23.4 | 7.7 | -1.7 | -1.8 | -4.1 | 17.6 |
| RO | 5.6 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 11.5 | 0.7 | -0.5 | 11.4 | 5.6 | 13.4 | 31.0 | 25.1 | 17.2 |

Table 6: EMPLOYMENT FOR HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (NACE DIVISION 55), GROWTH RATES (%);
SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

Transport services

Gross indices of turnover rose between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005 at a rapid pace for all of the EU-25's transport services (see Tables 7 to 10). The supporting transport activities were the most dynamic, with the turnover index for the EU-25 growing by 8.2 %, while growth between 3.4 % and 6.1 % was recorded in each of the three remaining activities.

Positive developments in the EU-25's turnover for transport services contrasted with the evolution of employment. Indeed, for the number of persons employed index fell between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005 in all of the transport services except for the supporting transport activities. In the euro-zone, growth

was registered for land transport and for supporting transport activities.

When looking at net job losses within the transport services, they were registered at their faster pace in water transport, both for the EU-25 and the euro-zone (respectively -3.5 % and -10.4 %). This marked the fourth consecutive quarter of year on year decreases for both European aggregates within this sector, with consistently faster reductions in the euro-zone than in the EU-25. Indeed, there were at least 2.9 percentage points difference between the rates of change for the two aggregates in water transport over the four quarters of losses (from the second quarter of 2004 to the first quarter of 2005).

| | Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%) | | | | | | Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | -0.1 |
| Euro-zone | : | : | : | : | : | : | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.4 |
| BE | 4.2 | 12.2 | c | c | c | c | 1.2 | -0.7 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 13.1 | -48.9 | 12.1 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 114.4 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | 4.2 | -0.9 | -0.1 | -0.5 | 5.1 | 8.9 | -2.2 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | 28.8 | 7.9 | 12.9 | 8.5 | 5.7 | 13.1 | 4.7 | -3.0 | -2.4 | -0.8 | -0.9 | 0.5 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 5.1 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| FR | 2.8 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 3.6 | -0.2 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| IE | 12.7 | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | : | : | : | : | : | : | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 18.4 | 9.6 | 7.6 | -1.0 | -4.3 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | : |
| LV | 37.8 | 18.7 | 14.7 | 14.2 | 15.6 | 21.1 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 0.8 |
| LT | 15.1 | 24.2 | 25.0 | 19.7 | 16.7 | 25.1 | 3.0 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 0.9 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| MT | -6.6 | 2.4 | -8.9 | 17.4 | 24.9 | 17.3 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 8.6 | 9.8 | -10.4 | -8.3 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -0.6 | -1.0 | -1.6 | -1.8 | -1.7 | c |
| AT | : | 2.4 | 0.3 | -0.7 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -1.5 | -1.4 | -0.9 |
| PL | 1.4 | 21.0 | 20.9 | 20.6 | 12.9 | 4.5 | -2.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 0.4 | -0.6 | -2.4 |
| PT | 2.8 | -14.4 | 2.9 | 11.7 | -7.5 | 27.5 | -1.0 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 3.8 | -6.9 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| SK | -3.7 | 4.5 | 5.9 | -3.9 | 1.0 | 6.9 | -9.2 | -5.9 | -3.8 | -4.4 | -4.2 | -4.0 |
| FI | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 4.3 | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| SE | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 1.7 | -3.1 | -3.2 | 3.6 | -0.2 | -3.8 | -4.8 |
| UK | 8.3 | 11.9 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 12.5 | 9.7 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| BG | -16.9 | -2.0 | -6.4 | 3.8 | 53.4 | : | 0.3 | -1.2 | 3.9 | -1.3 | -5.7 | -1.4 |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | -5.8 | -4.9 | -6.6 | -6.1 | -0.7 | -3.7 |

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 (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 7.8 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 1.2 | -4.2 | -4.1 | -5.0 | -3.5 |
| Euro-zone | : | : | : | : | : | : | 5.2 | 3.3 | -7.1 | -8.0 | -8.6 | -10.4 |
| BE | 41.5 | 34.7 | c | c | c | c | 2.1 | -3.6 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | -24.6 | 31.3 | -17.7 | 30.7 | 27.3 | -1.8 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | 18.2 | 21.9 | 13.7 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 0.9 | -2.5 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | -6.0 | 20.3 | 16.8 | 25.6 | 29.9 | 24.5 | -8.0 | -2.3 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 3.6 | -1.4 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 4.7 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 16.4 | 1.8 | 6.7 | -0.4 | -5.2 | -6.3 | -5.2 | -4.0 | -1.4 |
| FR | 9.4 | 16.3 | 12.4 | 7.7 | 11.9 | 20.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| IE | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | 2.9 | 6.3 | 9.0 | -0.4 | 3.9 | 0.3 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 23.9 | 99.5 | 83.7 | 42.9 | 42.7 | 46.1 | -3.1 | -3.8 | 8.8 | 23.1 | -3.2 | : |
| LV | c | c | c | c | c | c | 106.4 | 65.3 | 98.4 | 99.4 | 93.5 | 41.6 |
| LT | 2.6 | 7.8 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 26.1 | 33.9 | 0.5 | -3.5 | -5.9 | -5.6 | -2.4 | -0.7 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| MT | 9.5 | -23.2 | 43.0 | 44.8 | 69.5 | 87.9 | -1.6 | -12.3 | -3.3 | -1.4 | -1.3 | -4.8 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -3.7 | -4.3 | -6.2 | -7.7 | -9.3 | c |
| AT | : | 23.4 | 1.2 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 1.4 | -8.9 | -9.9 | 8.0 | 45.0 | 3.5 | 2.7 |
| PL | 22.6 | 6.3 | -9.8 | -7.1 | -36.9 | -39.8 | -13.9 | 8.6 | 5.7 | -6.2 | -11.3 | -28.8 |
| PT | 25.0 | 25.8 | 24.8 | 18.6 | 3.0 | -11.6 | 1.0 | -2.1 | -5.8 | -8.3 | -5.6 | -9.7 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | 6.6 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 11.4 |
| SK | c | 5.3 | c | c | c | -10.1 | c | -19.3 | c | c | c | -6.8 |
| FI | 2.3 | 4.1 | -4.4 | 0.6 | 5.1 | -0.3 | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| SE | 7.8 | 10.8 | 0.7 | 7.9 | 14.9 | 5.0 | 11.3 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 10.8 | 12.2 | 19.1 |
| UK | 9.5 | 0.3 | 3.9 | -1.7 | 3.4 | -1.8 | -8.0 | -5.8 | -3.3 | -2.1 | -2.1 | 10.6 |
| BG | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | 29.2 | -15.0 | -11.9 | -15.9 | -16.9 | 9.3 |

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 (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 1.2 | -0.9 | -1.3 | 3.4 | -1.1 | -0.2 | -3.2 | -1.0 | -0.7 | -2.0 |
| Euro-zone | 2.2 | 0.4 | -1.0 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 3.2 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.8 | -1.3 | -1.3 | -2.0 |
| BE | 13.5 | 1.6 | c | c | c | c | 7.8 | -8.6 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 19.6 | 76.3 | 31.7 | 7.9 | 10.5 | -18.5 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | 26.5 | -2.8 | 14.3 | 18.6 | -22.5 | 7.2 | -2.6 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | -0.9 | 16.9 | 10.2 | 30.3 | 50.1 | 54.6 | 11.1 | 6.1 | 9.9 | 19.5 | 19.2 | 24.2 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 4.7 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| FR | -7.8 | 1.5 | -0.9 | 2.2 | 5.6 | -1.2 | -3.1 | -2.3 | -1.3 | -0.7 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| IE | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | 2.0 | -6.7 | -3.3 | -1.9 | 0.0 | 7.2 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 1.2 | 6.0 | 10.4 | 3.9 | -9.2 | -5.6 | 0.0 | 4.5 | -4.0 | -7.7 | -4.2 | : |
| LV | c | c | c | c | c | c | 6.1 | 14.9 | 19.0 | 29.6 | 32.7 | 23.1 |
| LT | 15.5 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 22.1 | 21.1 | 35.6 | -2.3 | -5.0 | -7.1 | -4.0 | -4.2 | 2.6 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| MT | -3.5 | 8.7 | -16.6 | 38.8 | 69.4 | 17.6 | -6.7 | -0.6 | 6.3 | -7.2 | -15.2 | -4.1 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -2.8 | -4.4 | -5.1 | -4.6 | -3.5 | c |
| AT | : | 12.9 | 15.7 | 4.7 | 9.7 | 5.2 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 10.6 |
| PL | c | c | c | c | c | : | -3.2 | 2.1 | 1.0 | -0.2 | -1.8 | -9.8 |
| PT | 11.0 | 6.4 | -9.0 | -21.7 | -3.8 | 14.2 | 1.1 | -1.8 | -7.1 | -10.5 | -11.7 | 3.1 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | -2.1 | -2.2 | -0.5 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| SK | 126.1 | 333.0 | 167.2 | 94.1 | 96.2 | 6.4 | 10.7 | 35.3 | 71.9 | 60.3 | 94.0 | 84.9 |
| FI | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| SE | c | c | c | c | c | c | -5.0 | -12.5 | -20.2 | -14.8 | -1.1 | 5.1 |
| UK | 13.9 | 10.3 | 2.4 | -7.4 | -5.8 | 1.5 | -1.5 | 2.1 | -5.7 | 2.6 | -1.0 | -4.8 |
| BG | -37.7 | 23.9 | 26.7 | -6.2 | 27.9 | : | -0.5 | -6.9 | 2.2 | 5.4 | -3.6 | 18.0 |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | -6.9 | -12.6 | -12.5 | -10.0 | -4.7 | -5.8 |

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 (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 9.5 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 8.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| Euro-zone | : | : | : | : | : | : | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.5 |
| BE | 4.0 | 6.9 | c | c | c | c | 1.1 | 3.3 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 12.5 | 13.4 | 19.7 | 12.8 | 5.6 | -0.1 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -1.3 | 4.0 | 13.9 | 11.7 | 12.6 | 9.7 | -3.0 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | 32.4 | -4.1 | -0.9 | 5.0 | -1.1 | -5.6 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | -0.5 | -3.4 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 8.1 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 3.6 |
| FR | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| IE | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | : | : | : | : | : | : | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 6.2 | 7.4 | 20.3 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 11.9 | -2.7 | -4.4 | 0.0 | -5.1 | -2.8 | : |
| LV | 9.4 | 14.7 | 11.7 | 19.0 | 16.4 | 20.2 | 7.9 | 0.7 | 2.0 | -1.1 | -3.6 | -1.4 |
| LT | -3.6 | 14.8 | -0.2 | 3.8 | 18.1 | 51.5 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 4.6 | -2.1 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| MT | 6.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | -27.8 | 25.5 | 0.7 | 19.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 | -17.1 | -16.2 | -0.8 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -1.2 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.0 | c |
| AT | : | 10.1 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 10.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 8.3 | 5.4 | 3.8 |
| PL | 16.1 | 29.5 | 24.1 | 20.0 | 18.2 | 0.3 | -2.7 | -2.1 | -3.5 | -3.5 | -2.2 | -3.1 |
| PT | -7.4 | 17.2 | 19.4 | 23.4 | 18.2 | -18.9 | -2.3 | 5.9 | 10.5 | 14.1 | 10.2 | -17.5 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | -3.9 | -5.6 | -9.0 | -9.4 | -8.7 | -6.0 |
| SK | 19.1 | 14.2 | 25.5 | 16.3 | -2.3 | -0.6 | -14.8 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 3.7 | -0.1 | -5.6 |
| FI | 5.3 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 2.3 | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| SE | 2.8 | 5.9 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 3.7 | 1.8 | 10.8 | 2.1 | -6.9 | -0.7 | 6.0 | 12.6 |
| UK | 3.0 | 7.8 | 14.2 | 13.0 | 20.3 | 17.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| BG | -18.7 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 22.3 | 38.4 | : | 0.6 | -2.6 | -0.6 | 1.4 | -1.5 | 4.4 |
| RO | 19.3 | 77.8 | 28.1 | 69.2 | 63.9 | : | -6.6 | 3.6 | -0.3 | -6.9 | -5.5 | -5.0 |

Table 10: TURNOVER AND EMPLOYMENT FOR SUPPORTING TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES (NACE DIVISION 63), GROWTH RATES (%); SOURCE: EUROSTAT STS

Communications, computer and business services

Developments for the EU-25's turnover indices for post and telecommunications, computer services, and business services showed that sales rose for all three of these activities between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005. This was also true for the euro-zone for post and telecommunications, and for computer services, while data for other business services were not available.

The EU-25's sales growth was recorded at the fastest rhythm for the other business services, rising by 4.3 % between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005, following a 3.5 % annual increase for the previous quarter. In the euro-zone, growth for turnover in post and telecommunications and in computer services was recorded at a faster pace than in the EU-25, which had not been the case between the last quarters of 2003 and 2004.

Looking at the post and telecommunications sector, in both the EU-25 and the euro-zone the index of the number of persons employed continued to record

reductions (by 1.6 % in the EU-25 and by 1.8 % in the euro-zone), although the rhythm of decreases was less marked for both these aggregates during the first quarter of 2005 than the previous quarter; as such this continued a trend of slowing reductions in the index. This clear downward trend in the index of the number of persons employed in the post and telecommunications sector started during the last quarter of 2001 in the EU-25 and during the first quarter of 2002 in the euro-zone.

The index of the number of persons employed recorded an expansion between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005 in the computer and business services, both in the EU-25 and the euro-zone. For business services, this latest development continued the upward path that has been evident during recent years. Between the first quarters of 2004 and 2005 the employment index for computer services recorded its third consecutive quarter of year on year growth rates, contrasting with several quarters of decreases prior to this run.

Communications, computer and business services (continued)

| | Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%) | | | | | | Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | -0.1 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | -3.4 | -3.1 | -3.6 | -3.1 | -2.2 | -1.6 |
| Euro-zone | -1.5 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 5.8 | -2.6 | -2.7 | -2.6 | -2.0 | -1.5 | -1.0 |
| BE | -32.4 | 5.1 | c | c | c | c | -0.6 | -0.3 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 3.8 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 1.1 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | : | : | : | : | : | : | -2.5 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | 11.2 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 6.8 | 11.0 | -0.7 | -2.3 | -2.5 | -3.2 | -3.2 | 1.0 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 9.1 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 9.0 | -2.5 | -3.3 | -3.6 | -2.7 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| FR | -2.6 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 6.3 | -2.0 | -1.8 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| IE | -2.6 | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | 3.1 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 4.0 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 12.6 | 10.3 | 3.0 | 13.3 | 9.7 | -0.6 | 2.6 | 13.9 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 2.6 | : |
| LV | 7.3 | 10.0 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 12.7 | -6.7 | -1.9 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 6.6 |
| LT | 3.9 | 3.3 | -0.5 | -1.7 | -0.2 | 6.6 | -1.9 | -11.2 | -4.7 | -1.8 | -0.2 | 12.7 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| MT | -1.2 | 16.2 | -1.9 | -64.8 | -0.5 | -18.5 | -11.9 | 33.7 | -7.4 | -29.2 | -4.2 | -28.1 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -4.1 | -3.0 | -1.9 | -1.4 | -2.0 | c |
| AT | : | 4.8 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 0.5 | -6.1 | -5.7 | -4.3 | 0.2 | -4.0 | -4.9 |
| PL | 4.2 | 13.0 | 6.3 | 13.7 | 14.4 | 2.9 | -4.7 | -4.5 | -3.8 | -2.6 | -1.7 | 0.2 |
| PT | 7.3 | -34.7 | -28.2 | -26.7 | -43.5 | 63.4 | -7.0 | -11.9 | -9.8 | -8.9 | -7.0 | -3.0 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | 7.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.7 | -1.6 | 4.1 |
| SK | 8.5 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 13.9 | 6.0 | -3.6 | -2.8 | -3.4 | -4.7 | -4.6 | -6.4 |
| FI | 7.9 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 1.0 | 2.4 | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| SE | c | c | c | c | c | c | -5.6 | 1.2 | -5.2 | 0.0 | -4.8 | -10.0 |
| UK | 2.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 1.8 | -4.7 | -4.8 | -6.4 | -6.5 | -3.6 | -2.1 |
| BG | -22.3 | 17.6 | 9.6 | 6.7 | 23.0 | : | 1.7 | -2.4 | -2.4 | -5.0 | -9.0 | -9.7 |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | -6.9 | -10.6 | -13.0 | -13.1 | -12.6 | -4.3 |

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 (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 7.8 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 2.7 | -1.8 | -0.9 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Euro-zone | -0.8 | -1.3 | -3.0 | -0.9 | -0.1 | 3.4 | -4.3 | -0.7 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| BE | -14.3 | -16.1 | c | c | c | c | -50.6 | -3.9 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 15.7 | 5.7 | 16.2 | 3.5 | -4.1 | 18.2 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -1.7 | 12.5 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 11.4 | 2.8 | -2.2 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | 12.2 | 22.7 | 30.1 | 21.1 | 24.7 | 7.1 | 20.5 | 21.0 | 22.4 | 20.3 | 21.3 | 13.3 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 1.4 | -2.0 | -2.1 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| FR | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | -2.9 | -1.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| IE | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | -0.8 | -0.6 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | -0.4 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 11.0 | 1.6 | -4.9 | -1.4 | 13.7 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.7 | : |
| LV | 20.1 | -29.6 | 14.3 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 19.3 | 12.6 | 7.6 | 6.3 | 7.7 | -1.0 | -2.3 |
| LT | 17.8 | 35.2 | -0.6 | 13.3 | 7.5 | 39.0 | 10.4 | -5.8 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 5.4 | 44.4 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | 15.3 | -4.0 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 14.0 |
| MT | -15.0 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 5.7 | -16.1 | -29.4 | 0.6 | -5.8 | -12.2 | -2.9 | -2.5 | -10.4 |
| NL | 0.5 | -0.7 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 7.5 | 5.8 | -4.9 | -5.5 | -5.5 | -3.7 | -2.3 | c |
| AT | : | 4.2 | -0.9 | -2.9 | -0.5 | -0.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.4 |
| PL | 6.4 | 21.6 | 15.7 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 5.5 |
| PT | 48.2 | -45.3 | -54.6 | -51.1 | -64.1 | 73.5 | -1.7 | 9.2 | 12.4 | 9.7 | 7.3 | -3.0 |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | 8.5 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 7.7 | 10.9 |
| SK | 4.7 | 13.5 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 8.9 | 2.4 | 8.1 | 4.9 | 13.6 | 14.0 | 14.9 |
| FI | 3.3 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 5.3 | : | : | -7.1 | -5.5 | -6.6 | 2.3 | -9.7 | -3.5 |
| SE | 13.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 8.6 | 18.4 | -1.2 | -1.0 | -1.1 | 0.9 | 4.4 | -1.8 | 2.5 |
| UK | 22.2 | 9.5 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 0.3 | -1.8 | -2.2 | -1.1 | 0.6 | 2.9 |
| BG | 18.7 | 11.1 | 13.3 | 9.1 | 38.4 | 10.4 | 20.3 | 17.9 | 24.5 | 29.0 | 21.1 | -4.0 |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | 11.9 | 31.3 | 42.5 | 54.2 | 48.5 | 36.6 |

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 (%) | | | | | |
|-----------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 | Q4-03 | Q1-04 | Q2-04 | Q3-04 | Q4-04 | Q1-05 |
| EU-25 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| Euro-zone | : | : | : | : | : | : | 1.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| BE | 17.0 | 21.0 | c | c | c | c | -6.1 | 2.9 | : | : | : | : |
| CZ | 8.2 | 10.5 | 9.1 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 2.4 | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| DK | -0.7 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 11.3 | 2.4 | -1.9 | : | : | : | : | : |
| DE | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| EE | 14.3 | 8.5 | 1.0 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 23.2 | -2.0 | 10.1 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 8.7 | 2.6 |
| EL | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| ES | 6.0 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| FR | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| IE | -7.8 | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| IT | : | : | : | : | : | : | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| CY | 6.0 | 14.3 | 17.7 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | : |
| LV | 8.7 | 24.8 | 12.3 | 18.9 | 20.8 | 14.2 | 20.2 | 25.9 | 24.9 | 24.6 | 23.2 | 3.9 |
| LT | 13.8 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 15.9 | 8.6 | 20.1 | 19.3 | 9.5 | 13.1 | 12.0 | 10.2 | 41.8 |
| LU | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| HU | c | c | c | c | c | c | 9.6 | 9.7 | 18.2 | 18.1 | 17.2 | 12.4 |
| MT | 13.8 | 9.9 | 13.8 | -14.1 | 3.9 | 46.8 | 9.8 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 18.1 | 33.4 | 8.9 |
| NL | : | : | : | : | : | : | -2.9 | -3.1 | -2.5 | -1.0 | 1.1 | c |
| AT | : | 1.8 | -0.6 | -0.1 | -0.7 | 1.6 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| PL | -10.1 | -4.7 | 4.8 | 8.5 | 10.1 | 21.5 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.4 |
| PT | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c | c |
| SI | : | : | : | : | : | : | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 7.8 |
| SK | 0.6 | 6.4 | 6.0 | -1.3 | 6.0 | 12.9 | -2.8 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 7.8 |
| FI | 3.7 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 5.6 | : | : | 0.8 | -2.0 | -0.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 2.6 |
| SE | 6.1 | -3.3 | -6.4 | -9.1 | -1.4 | -2.5 | -7.8 | -6.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 6.7 | 5.2 |
| UK | 9.8 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 9.0 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| BG | 25.0 | 2.5 | 12.5 | 4.2 | 10.1 | 21.3 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 16.9 | 8.5 | 8.1 | -2.6 |
| RO | : | : | : | : | : | : | 10.2 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 4.9 |

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 1998¹.

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

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>.

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