

Business survey July 2019

8 August 2019

Manufacturing industry, market services and construction

According to the monthly index of business activity (MIBA), GDP is expected to increase by 0.3% in the third quarter of 2019 (first estimate).

In the **manufacturing industry**, the business sentiment indicator* stood at 95 in July, like in June.

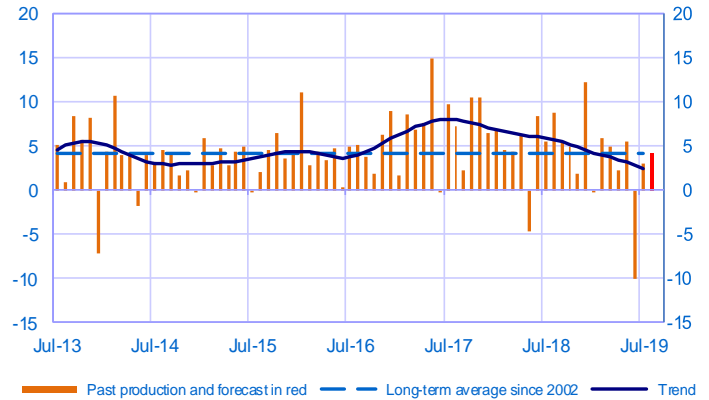
- Industrial production rose moderately in July. The electronic equipment sector fared well while the automobile sector continued to trend downward.

Staff levels were stable.

Business leaders expect industrial sector activity to continue to grow at the same pace in August.

Opinion on the outlook for industrial production**

Balance of opinions SA-WDA



In **services**, the business sentiment indicator* stood at 100 in July, like in June.

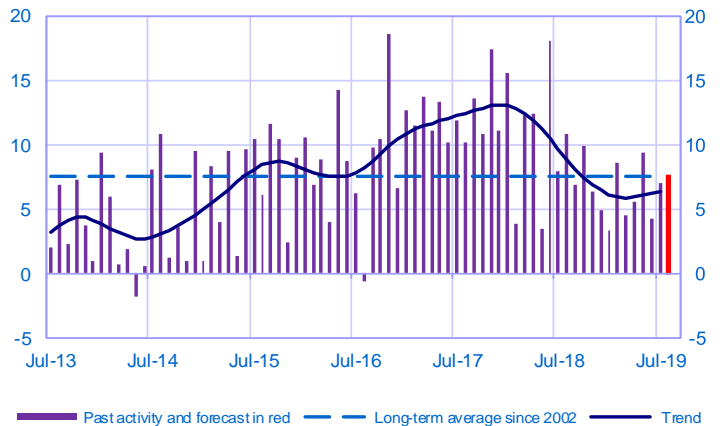
- Service sector activity picked up slightly in July. While activity was dynamic in the legal and accounting and technical services sectors, the IT service sector stalled.

Staff levels remained robust.

Business leaders expect service sector activity to continue to grow at the same pace in August.

Opinion on the outlook for services activity**

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In **construction**, the business sentiment indicator* stood at 104 in July, like in June.

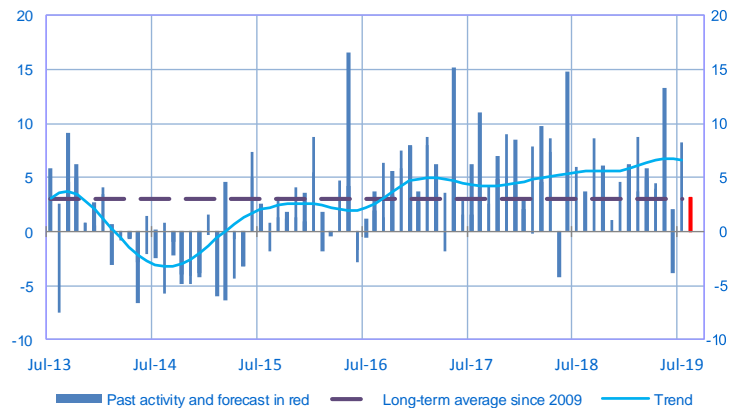
- Construction sector activity bounced back in July, both in structural and finishing works.

Order books continued to expand and the prices of quotes rose.

Business leaders expect construction sector growth to return towards its long-term average in August.

Opinion on the outlook for construction activity**

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* Calculations are based on survey data, SA-WDA and smoothed over five months

** A positive (negative) balance of opinions corresponds to a rise (fall) in the evolution of activity

Period under review: July 2019

Manufacturing industry

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
Change												Forecast
Production	5	5	2	12	0	6	5	2	5	-10	3	4
Deliveries	7	4	3	11	2	8	5	4	5	-7	0	
Total orders	12	6	4	7	4	6	4	4	5	0	2	
Staff	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	-1	0	
Final goods prices	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	
Commodity prices	6	6	5	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	
Level												
Order books	19	19	15	17	17	16	12	14	14	12	10	
Inventories of finished goods	1	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	5	
Capacity utilisation rate	79.9	80.0	79.6	79.6	79.4	79.7	79.6	79.6	79.9	78.9	79.2	
Cash positions	11	12	11	9	9	10	10	9	10	10	12	

Services

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
Change												Forecast
Activity	7	10	6	5	3	9	5	6	9	4	7	8
Aggregate demand	10	10	5	7	3	9	5	6	9	5	8	
Prices	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	1	
Staff	7	7	7	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	
Level												
Cash positions	19	19	13	19	17	18	16	17	17	16	18	

Construction

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
Change												Forecast
Activity	9	6	1	5	6	9	6	4	13	-4	8	3
Estimates prices	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	
Staff	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	
Level												
Order books	26	25	24	24	26	26	27	26	26	26	28	

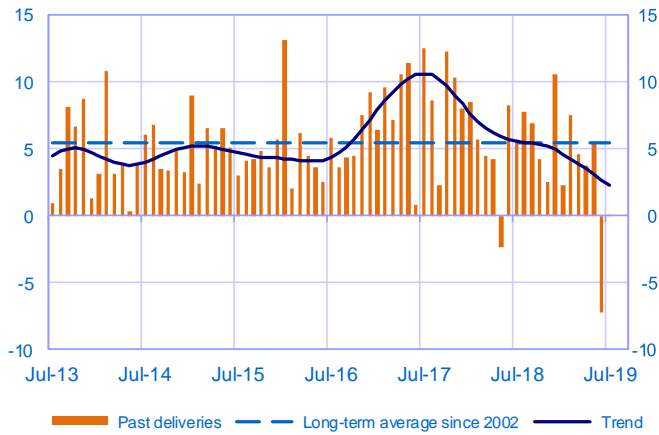
Notes :

- A positive (negative) balance of opinions corresponds to a rise (fall) in the corresponding variable.
- The last point corresponds to the business leaders' opinions of short-term production or activity forecasts.
- The series are revised on a monthly basis. These revisions take into account additional gross data and the evolution of the seasonal and working-day adjustment depending on the latest available data. The business sentiment indicators of the previous months are revised accordingly.

Manufacturing industry

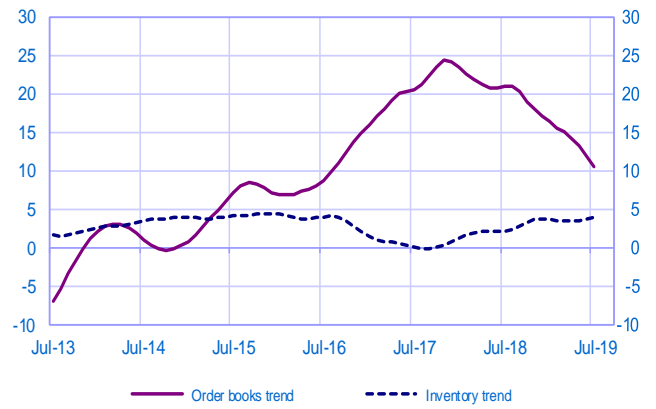
Changes in deliveries

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Inventories and order book level

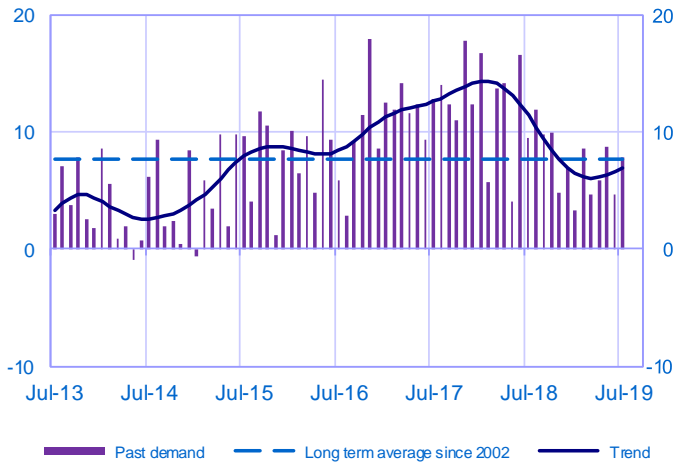
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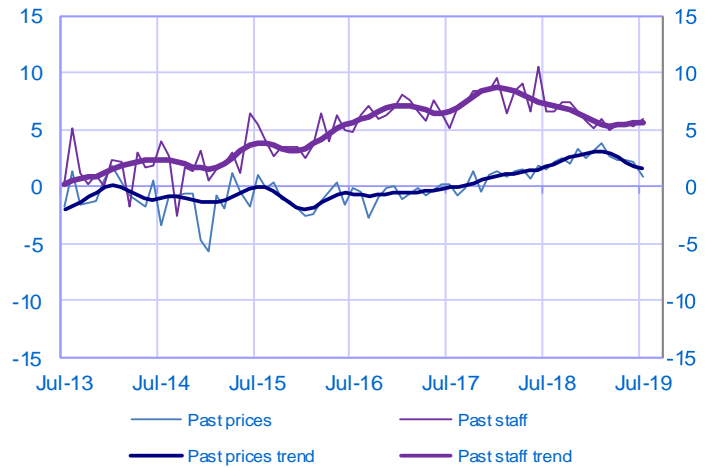
Changes in demand

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Changes in prices and staff

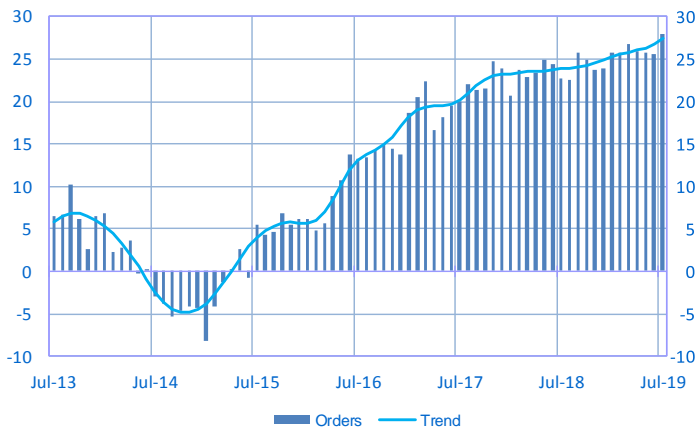
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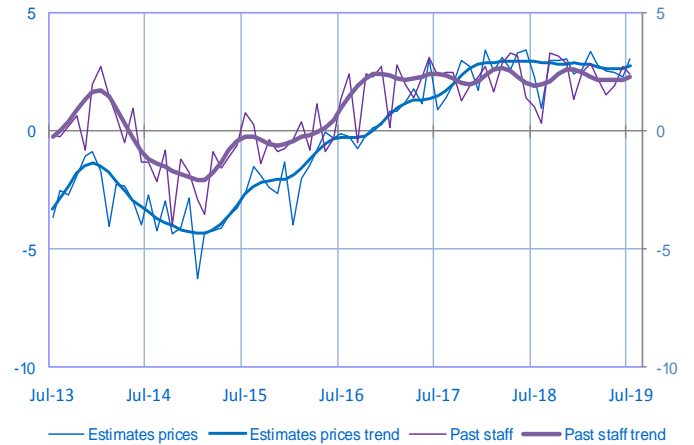
Order book level

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Changes in estimates prices and staff

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