



## Business survey June 2018

### Manufacturing industry, market services and construction

9 July 2018

- In June, industrial production rebounded sharply, in particular in the capital goods, automobile and metal sectors. Production remained strong in the agri-food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals sectors.

Deliveries followed the same trend. Staff levels inched up.

**Business leaders expect industrial activity to keep growing in July.**

- Service sector activity picked up significantly, especially in consulting, technical services, IT and temporary work. Transport and accommodation and food services gained ground. Only advertising remained stable.

Staff levels rose at a brisk pace.

**Business leaders expect service sector activity to grow substantially in July.**

- Construction sector activity grew up, both for structural and finishing works.

Order books remained at record highs. Staff levels were slightly down.

**Construction sector activity is expected to improve once again in July.**

The business sentiment indicator in manufacturing industry\* stood at 101 in June, after 100 in May.

The business sentiment indicator in services\* stood at 103 in June, after 102 in May.

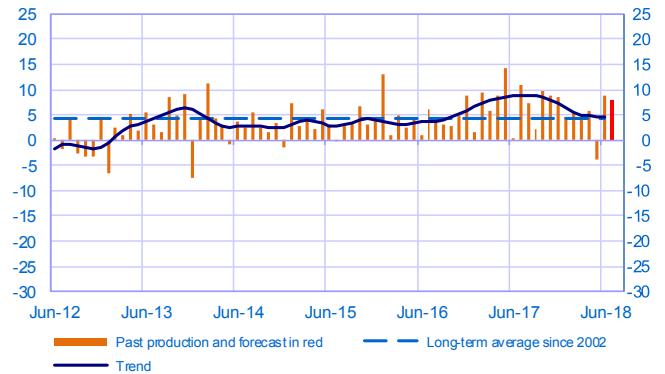
The business sentiment indicator in construction\* stood at 105 in June, like in May.

According to the monthly index of business activity (MIBA), **GDP is expected to increase by 0.3% in the second quarter of 2018** (third estimate, unchanged).

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

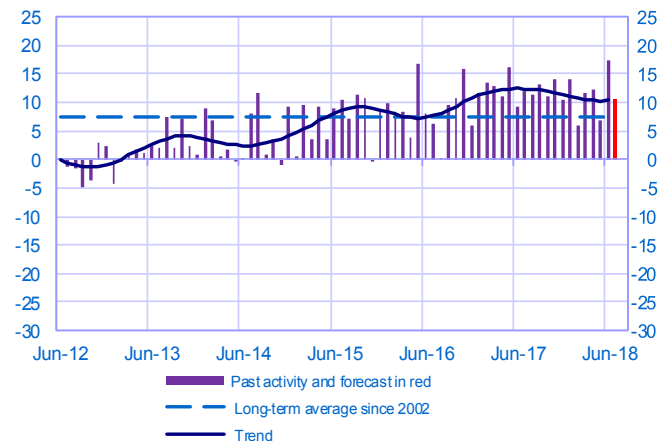
#### Opinion on the outlook for industrial production\*

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



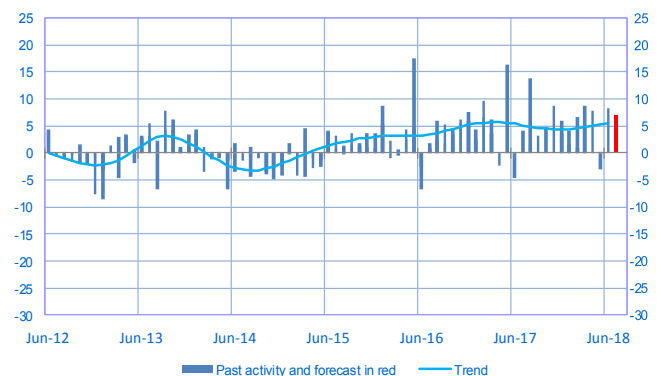
#### Opinion on the outlook for services activity\*

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#### Opinion on the outlook for construction activity\*

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

Period under review: June 2018

## Manufacturing industry

	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
<b>Change</b>												<b>Forecast</b>
Production	7	2	10	9	9	5	5	4	6	-4	9	8
Deliveries	8	6	11	9	10	6	6	4	4	-1	8	
Total orders	9	10	12	11	19	2	9	5	6	3	7	
Staff	2	5	4	5	3	4	4	3	3	0	2	
Final goods prices	2	3	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	3	3	
Commodity prices	4	6	7	6	6	6	6	5	4	6	7	
<b>Level</b>												
Order books	21	22	24	24	24	23	23	19	22	20	19	
Inventories of finished goods	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	3	2	2	
Capacity utilisation rate	80.8	80.2	80.6	80.8	81.5	80.5	80.5	80.4	80.4	79.1	80.1	
Cash positions	14	13	13	13	13	13	12	11	12	11	10	

## Services

	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18
<b>Change</b>												<b>Forecast</b>
Activity	11	13	11	14	11	14	6	12	12	7	17	10
Aggregate demand	15	13	11	14	12	15	9	13	14	9	16	
Prices	-1	0	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	
Staff	6	8	9	9	8	9	7	8	9	7	10	
<b>Level</b>												
Cash positions	19	18	18	19	22	18	17	16	17	17	17	

## Construction

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<b>Change</b>												<b>Forecast</b>
Activity	14	3	5	9	4	1	1	5	8	-3	8	7
Estimates prices	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Staff	2	4	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	
<b>Level</b>												
Order books	22	22	22	25	24	21	24	23	24	25	24	

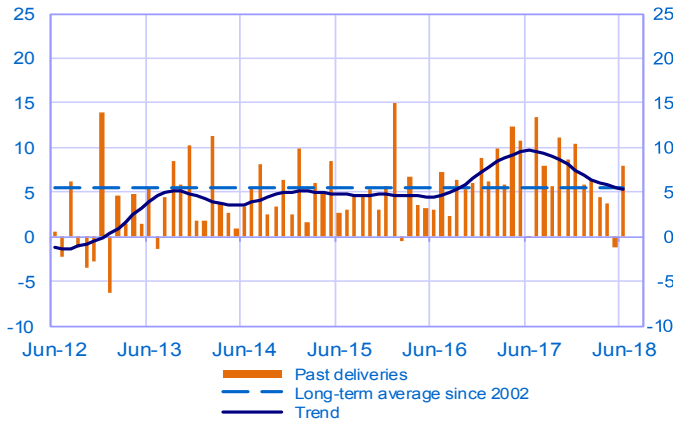
### Notes:

- A positive (negative) balance of opinions corresponds to a rise (fall) in the evolution of activity.
- The last point corresponds to the business leaders' forecasts of future activity.
- 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

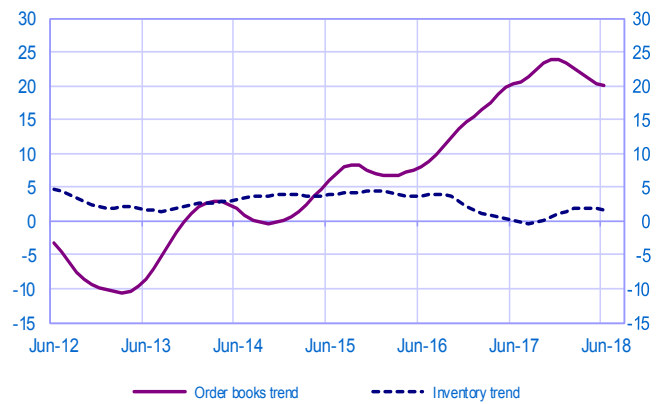
### Changes in deliveries

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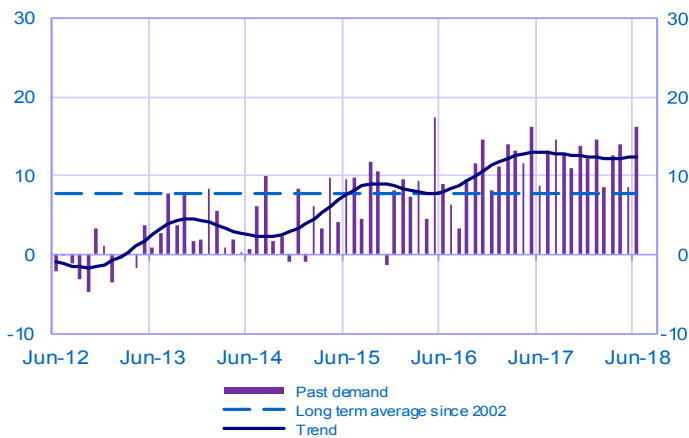
### Inventories and order book level

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### Changes in demand

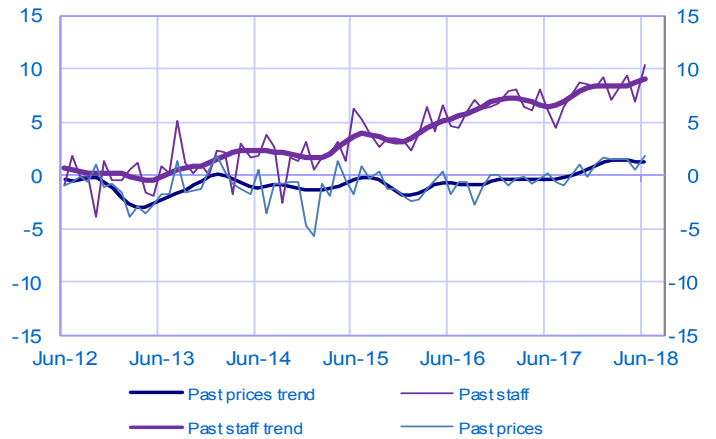
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## Services

### Changes in prices and staff

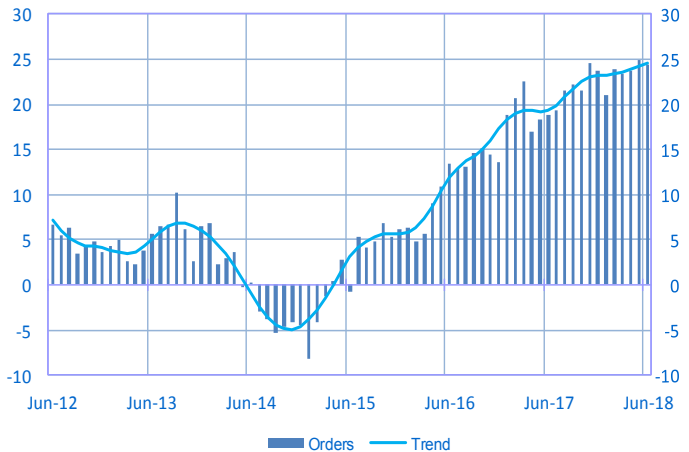
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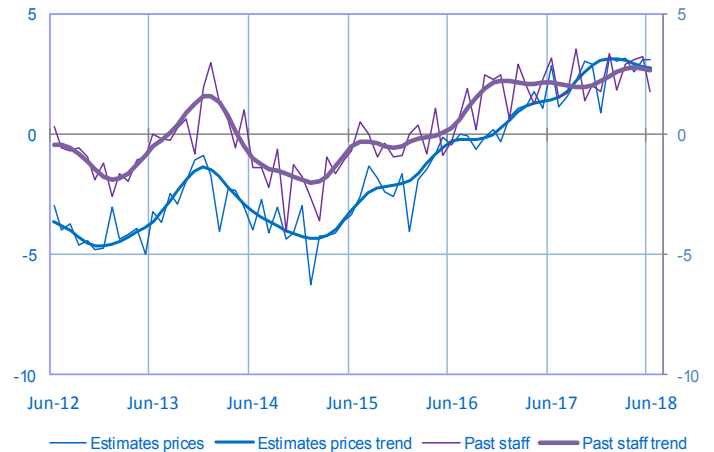
### Order book level

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### Changes in estimates prices and staff

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