

Business survey November 2016

Manufacturing industry, market services and construction

8 December 2016

- **Industrial production increased again in November**, with nearly all sectors reporting higher output.

Deliveries continued to increase.

Order books improved, buoyed by rises in both domestic and foreign orders. Inventories were down slightly.

Business leaders expect more marked growth in industrial production in December.

- **Service sector activity increased sharply.** The IT, temporary work, consulting and transport sectors all saw an acceleration in activity, while hotel and catering reported a rebound.

Staff levels continued to rise.

Prices stopped declining.

Business leaders expect activity to rise again in December, albeit at a more modest pace.

- **Construction sector activity increased**, driven in particular by a recovery in structural works.

Staff levels edged up slightly.

Business leaders expect activity to continue rising in December.

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The business sentiment indicator in services* stood at 100 in November, after 98 in October.

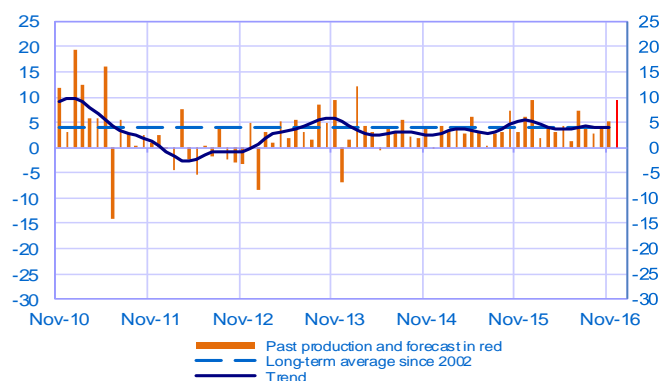
The business sentiment indicator in construction* stood at 100 in November, after 99 in October.

According to the monthly index of business activity (MIBA), **GDP is expected to increase by 0.4% in the fourth quarter of 2016** (second estimate, unchanged).

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

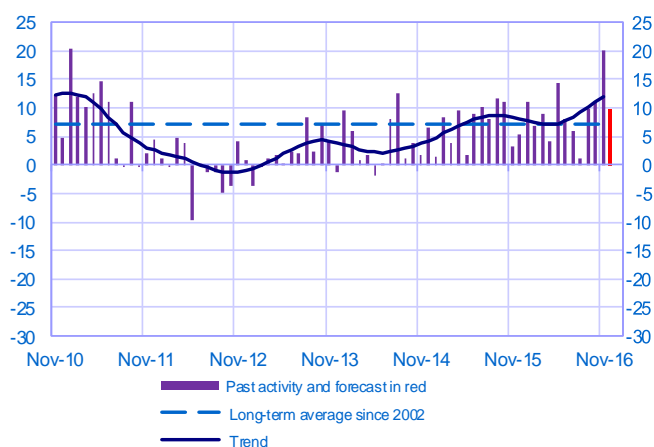
Opinion on the outlook for industrial production*

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



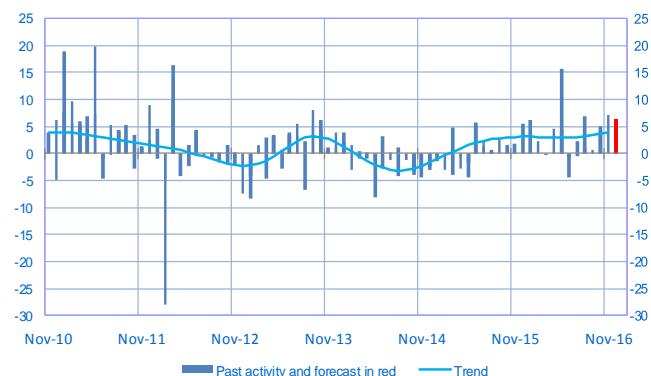
Opinion on the outlook for services activity*

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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

Manufacturing industry

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Change												Forecast
Production	9	2	4	3	4	1	7	4	3	4	5	9
Deliveries	13	1	5	4	3	3	8	1	5	6	6	
Total orders	12	2	7	3	4	6	8	6	7	6	10	
Staff	2	0	1	0	1	0	-1	1	3	1	2	
Final goods prices	-3	-3	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	0	1	
Commodity prices	-4	-4	-3	-1	0	1	0	1	3	4	4	
Level												
Order books	7	6	7	7	7	9	8	9	12	13	16	
Inventories of finished goods	4	4	5	4	3	2	4	4	4	5	3	
Capacity utilisation rate	78.1	78.1	78.1	77.9	78.3	77.8	77.7	78.9	77.8	77.6	78.0	
Cash positions	11	10	10	9	10	13	10	11	16	14	14	

Services

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Change												Forecast
Activity	11	7	9	4	15	8	6	1	10	11	20	10
Aggregate demand	10	6	10	4	14	9	5	6	10	12	21	
Prices	-2	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-3	-1	0	
Staff	4	4	6	4	7	5	2	5	7	7	7	
Level												
Cash positions	12	11	17	12	13	15	15	9	14	16	17	

Construction

	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16
Change												Forecast
Activity	6	2	0	4	16	-4	-1	7	1	4	7	6
Estimates prices	-2	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	
Staff	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	
Level												
Order books	8	6	6	8	10	14	12	12	15	14	15	

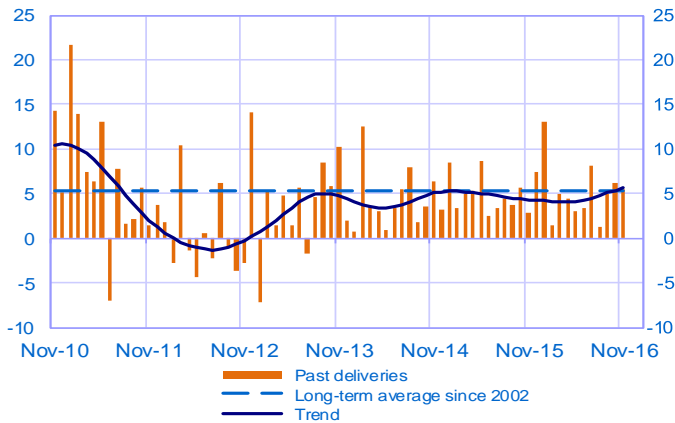
Notes:

- 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

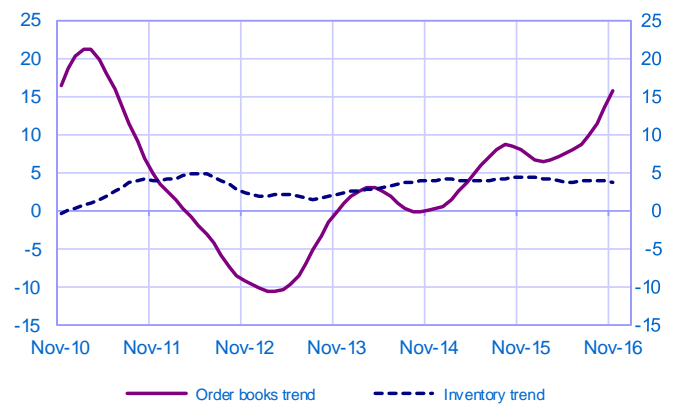
Changes in deliveries

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Inventories and order book level

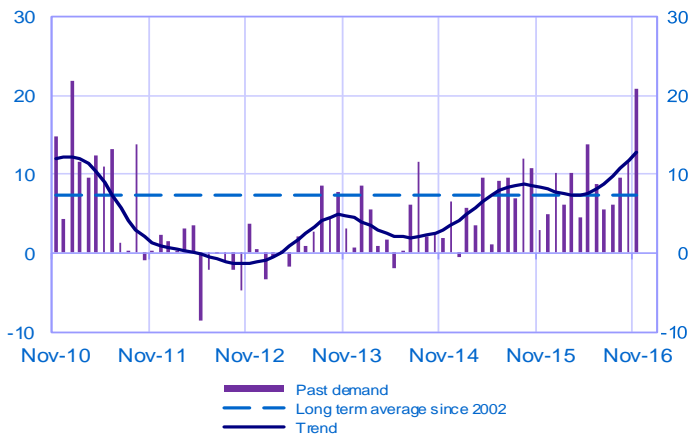
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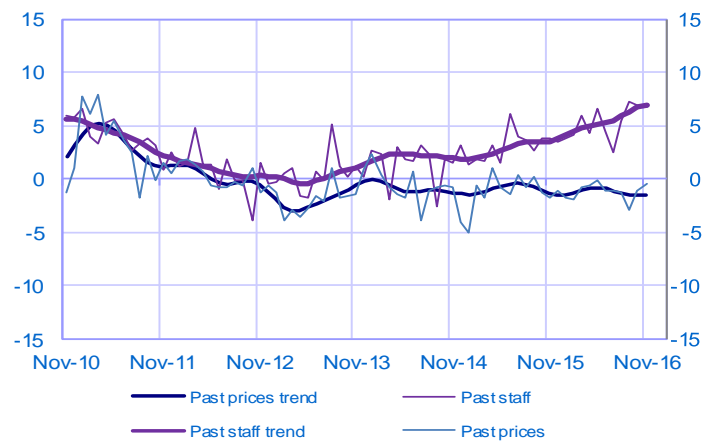
Changes in demand

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Changes in prices and staff

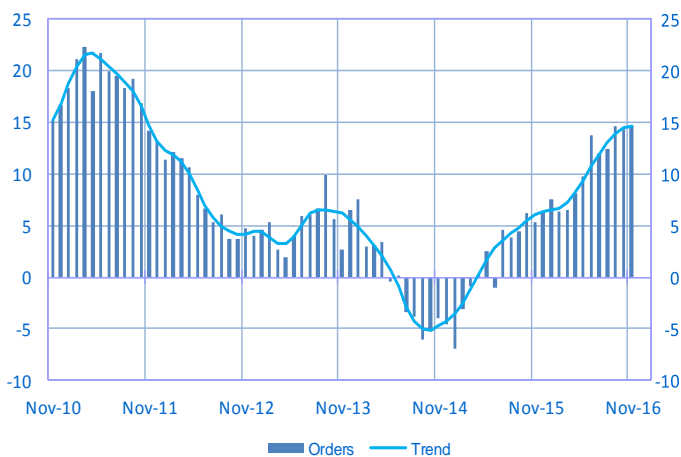
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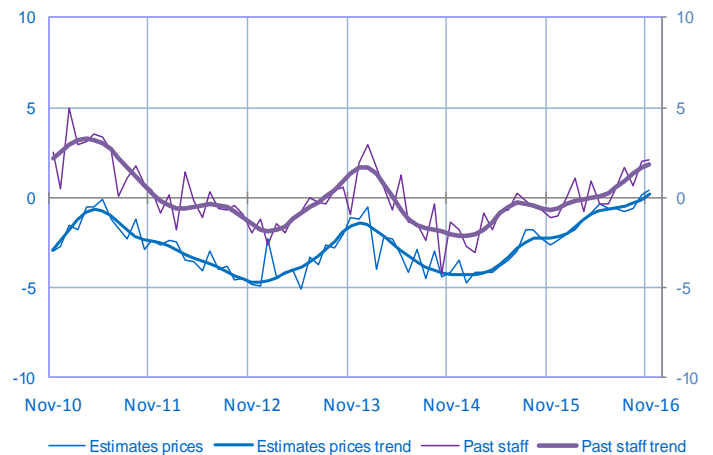
Order book level

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Changes in estimates prices and staff

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