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Labour Cost Index

3rdquarter 2008

LABOUR COST INDEX ROSE BY 5.4 % COMPARED TO THE THIRD QUARTER 2007

In the 3rdquarter of 2008 the Labour Cost Index (LCI), excluding public administration and working day adjusted, rose by 5.4%, compared to the same period of the previous year (up from the 3.6% registered in the 3rdquarter of 2007).

The Labour Cost Index (LCI), excluding public administration and working day adjusted, reached 147.8 in the 3rdquarter of 2008, corresponding to an increase of 5.4% compared to the 3rdquarter of 2007, up from 3.6% in the same quarter of the previous year.

The rise of the LCI is due to an increase of average labour costs (+4%) and a decrease in hours actually worked (-1.5%).

1. ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

In the 3rd quarter of 2008, the hourly labour costs grew in the majority of the economic activities. The highest increases were registered in "financial intermediation" (+16.3%), "transport, storage and communication" (+9.3%), "others activities" (+8.4%), "wholesale and retail trade" (+7.7%) and "electricity, gas and water supply" (+7.6%) which rates of change were largest than the LCI (+5.4%).

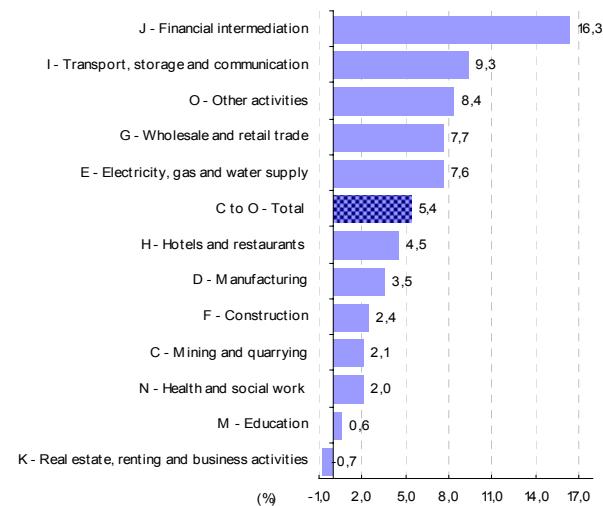
Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, the smallest increases were observed in "hotels and restaurants" (+4.5%), "manufacturing" (+3.5%), "construction" (+2.4%), "mining and quarrying" (+2.1%), "health and social works" (+2.0%) and "education" (+0.6%).

A negative variation was registered in "real estate, renting and business activities" (-0.7%).

The rate of change in "financial intermediation", "transport, storage and communication", "others activities", "wholesale and retail trade" and "electricity, gas and water supply" and "hotels and restaurants" resulted from the combined effect of a year-on-year increase in the average labour costs and a year-on-year decrease in hours actually worked, which led to an increase in the hourly labour costs.

Chart 1 – LCI by economic activity (Nace Rev .1.1) in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted,
% change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)



Related to the "financial intermediation", the increase of average labour costs can be explained by a rise in labour costs in the 3rd quarter due particularly to the costs related to bonuses in insuring activity.

Table 1 – Quarterly average labour cost and hours actually worked, by worker, and LCI by economic activity (Nace Rev.1.1) in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)

Economic activity (Nace Rev.1.1)	Average labour cost by worker	Hours actually worked by worker	Labour Cost Index (LCI)
	% change compared with same quarter of the previous year		
Total (C-O)	4,0	-1,5	5,4
C - Mining and quarrying	5,3	3,2	2,1
D - Manufacturing	3,6	0,2	3,5
E - Electricity, gas and water supply	2,7	-4,5	7,6
F - Construction	3,6	1,2	2,4
G - Wholesale and retail trade	3,5	-3,9	7,7
H - Hotels and restaurants	2,9	-1,5	4,5
I - Transport, storage and communication	1,7	-7,3	9,3
J - Financial intermediation	11,1	-4,9	16,3
K - Real estate, renting and business activities	3,9	4,6	-0,7
M - Education	3,6	2,9	0,6
N - Health and social work	3,7	1,6	2,0
O - Others activities	3,5	-4,6	8,4

The growth in the hourly labour costs (LCI) in "manufacturing", "construction", "health and social works", "mining and quarrying" and "education" was due to a year-on-year rise in average labour costs higher than a year-on-year rise in hours actually worked.

In "real estate, renting and business activities", the decrease in hourly labour costs was the result of a year-on-year increase in hours actually worked higher than the year-on-year rise in average labour costs.

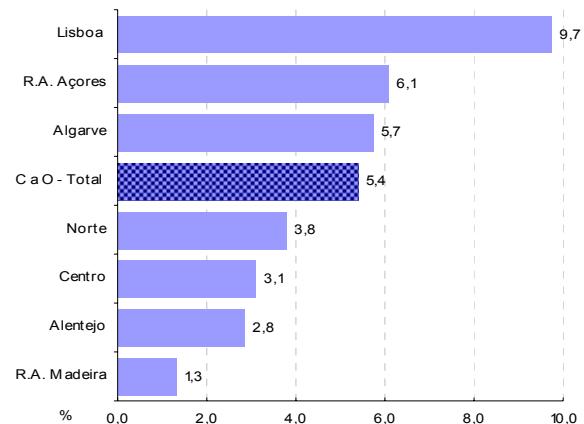
2. REGIONS NUTS II

Comparing with the same quarter of the previous year, the increase of the hourly labour costs was higher than the LCI variation (+5.4%) in Lisboa (+9.7%), Açores (+6.1%) and Algarve (+5.7%).

Norte (+3.8%), Centro (+3.1%), Alentejo (+2.8%) and Madeira (+1.3%) recorded smallest increases.

Chart 2 – LCI by regions NUTSII in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)



The rise in the hourly labour costs in Lisboa, Açores, Algarve and Norte was explained by the combined effect of a year-on-year growth in average labour costs and a year-on-year decrease on hours actually worked.

Table 2 - Quarterly average labour cost and hours actually worked, by worker, and LCI by regions NUTS II in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)

NUTS II (2002)	Average labour cost by worker	Hours actually worked by worker	Labour Cost Index (LCI)
	% change compared with same quarter of the previous year		
Total (C-O)	4,0	-1,5	5,4
Norte	3,5	-0,3	3,8
Centro	3,7	0,6	3,1
Lisboa	3,6	-5,9	9,7
Alentejo	3,0	0,2	2,8
Algarve	1,9	-3,6	5,7
R.A. Açores	5,1	-1,2	6,1
R.A. Madeira	3,3	2,3	1,3

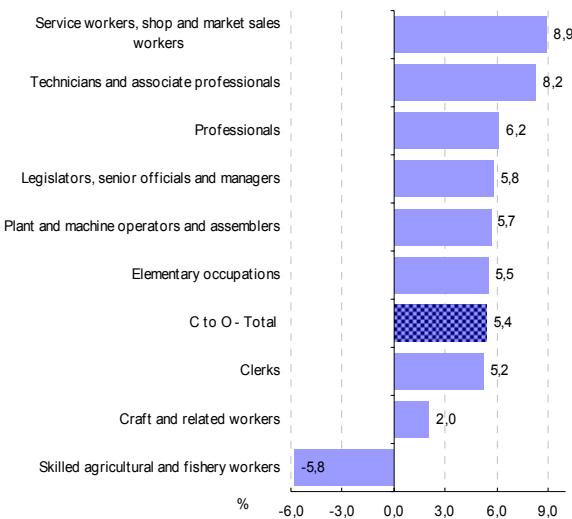
In Centro, Alentejo and Madeira, a year-on-year increase on average labour costs higher than a year-on-year rise in hours actually worked lead to an increase of the hourly labour costs.

3. OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

Compared to the same period of the previous year, among the occupational groups where the hourly labour costs rose, the largest increases were in "service workers, shop and market sales workers" (+8.9%), "technicians and associate professionals" (+8.2%), "professionals" (+6.2%), "legislators, senior officials and managers" (+5.8%), "plant and machine operators and assemblers" (+5.7%) and "elementary occupations" (+5.5%), which rates of change were highest than the LCI (+5.4%).

Chart 3 – LCI by occupational groups in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)



Increases were smallest to the ones of the LCI (+5.4%) in "clerks" (+5.2%) and "craft and related workers" (+2.0%).

Negative variation was recorded in "skilled agricultural and fishery workers" (-5.8%).

The rate of change for the occupational groups "service workers, shop and market sales workers", "technicians and associate professionals", "professionals", "plant and machine operators and assemblers", "elementary occupations" and "clerks" was due to the combined effect of a year-on-year increase in average labour costs and a year-on-year decrease in hours actually worked.

The growth of hourly labour costs in "legislators, senior officials and managers" and "craft and related workers" was explained by a rise in average labour costs higher than the increase in hours actually worked.

Table 3 – Quarterly average labour cost and hours actually worked, by worker, and LCI by occupational groups in 3rdQ 2008

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year)

Occupational groups (ISCO88)	Average labour cost by worker	Hours actually worked by worker	Labour Cost Index (LCI)
	% change compared with same quarter of the previous year		
Total (C-O)	4,0	-1,5	5,4
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,3	0,8	5,8
Professionals	4,0	-1,9	6,2
Technicians and associate professionals	4,9	-3,1	8,2
Clerks	3,9	-1,4	5,2
Service workers, shop and market sales workers	4,6	-4,0	8,9
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	4,3	10,3	-5,8
Craft and related workers	3,2	1,3	2,0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	0,5	-5,0	5,7
Elementary occupations	3,7	-1,5	5,5

Inversely, in "skilled agricultural and fishery workers", a year-on-year increase in hours actually worked higher than a year-on-year growth in average labour costs led to a decrease in hourly labour costs.

4. INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

Chart 4 presents the year-on-year changes in the hourly labour costs, incurred by employers as a result of engaging the labour work force, relating to the last quarter available (2nd quarter of 2008^(a)) for activities as a whole (C to K) published by Eurostat under the title "LCI – Labour Cost Index", on 15th September 2008.

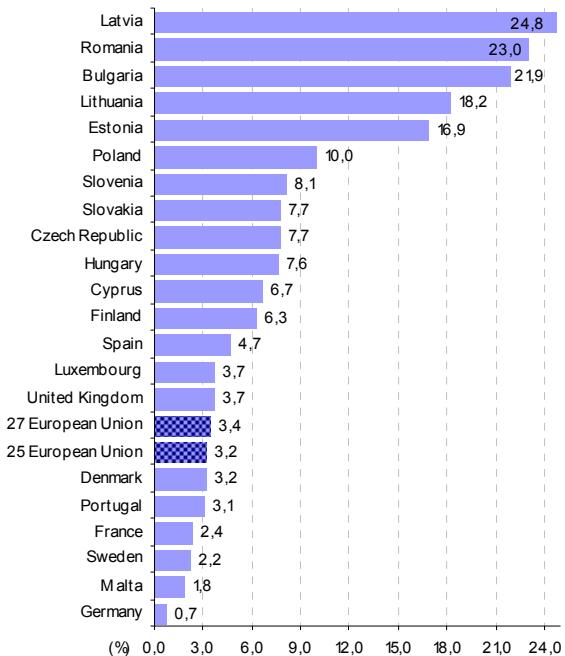
In the 2nd quarter of 2008, labour costs published by Eurostat for the EU27 grew by 3.4% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. In Portugal, hourly labour costs rose by 3.1%.

Latvia (+24.8%), Romania (+23.0%), Bulgaria (+21.9%), Lithuania (+18.2%) and Estonia (+16.9%) presented the largest increases in the hourly labour costs that largely exceeded the year-on-year developments in the EU27 (+3.4%).

Increases were smallest to the ones of the EU27 (+3.4%) in France (+2.4%), Sweden (+2.2%), Malta (+1.8 %) and Germany (+0.7%).

**Chart 4 – LCI (C-K)
in European Union (27)
in the 2ndQ 2008**

(excluding public administration and working day adjusted, % change
compared to the same quarter of the previous year)



(a) Provisional data for Portugal



Table 4: Labour Cost Index (LCI) by economic activity, regions NUTS II and occupational groups (working day adjusted)

	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2004	2005 Q1	2005 Q2	2005 Q3	2005 Q4	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4	2006	2007 Q1	2007 Q2	2007 Q3	2007 Q4	2007	2008 Q1	2008 Q2	2008 Q3	
By economic activities (Nace Rev.1.1)																								
Labour Cost Index (C-O)(excluding public administration)	101,0	105,0	132,8	132,0	117,7	103,0	107,8	136,4	132,7	120,0	106,8	108,9	135,4	136,7	122,0	110,4	112,7	140,3	143,6	126,7	114,3	116,1	147,8	
Labour Cost Index (C_K)	101,1	105,0	132,3	132,0	117,6	103,2	107,8	136,1	132,7	119,9	107,1	108,7	135,0	136,9	121,9	110,8	112,8	139,8	143,6	126,7	114,5	116,2	147,5	
C- Mining and quarrying	101,7	104,0	134,9	131,7	118,1	105,1	104,2	129,9	137,8	119,3	105,1	106,6	132,6	135,2	119,9	112,1	118,0	138,1	153,5	130,4	115,4	116,1	140,9	
D- Manufacturing	97,1	101,5	137,1	131,1	117,2	97,3	106,9	141,9	142,4	120,1	103,1	105,3	140,4	134,4	128,0	103,6	109,3	145,3	143,5	125,4	106,9	110,1	150,4	
E- Electricity, gas and water supply	102,3	131,3	125,4	133,8	123,2	111,1	142,1	132,2	138,0	130,8	112,7	144,3	125,0	150,8	132,1	115,4	144,2	131,6	142,4	133,4	103,7	148,0	141,6	
F- Construction	104,1	106,6	132,0	135,8	119,6	100,8	105,0	130,5	133,9	117,5	102,9	110,8	136,2	139,3	123,3	109,5	112,9	144,2	149,4	129,0	113,1	117,4	147,7	
G- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods	99,7	105,5	124,8	128,1	114,5	102,5	105,6	135,3	133,0	119,1	108,6	109,3	134,8	135,7	121,1	112,3	113,5	138,1	143,1	127,1	116,9	119,0	149,4	
H- Hotels and restaurants	102,3	108,4	140,3	140,9	123,0	111,8	110,0	143,5	143,3	127,1	113,6	113,9	146,8	145,6	130,0	121,1	118,3	152,7	155,6	136,9	121,2	119,2	159,6	
I- Transport, storage and communication	99,4	104,3	138,6	126,2	117,1	99,3	105,7	138,2	128,0	117,8	101,4	106,5	131,9	130,2	117,5	102,6	108,8	132,0	131,7	118,8	105,2	111,8	144,3	
J- Financial intermediation	121,8	105,1	116,4	132,5	119,0	126,2	111,5	118,1	121,1	120,9	128,5	122,8	119,2	142,6	125,8	130,0	117,0	115,2	140,3	127,9	145,4	125,9	134,0	
K- Real estate, renting and business activities	98,3	107,0	137,6	133,9	119,2	105,9	109,2	134,2	128,0	119,3	104,7	105,5	128,2	140,8	119,8	109,7	114,3	144,3	147,6	129,0	117,8	117,1	143,3	
M- Education	89,1	97,3	161,8	124,3	118,1	90,3	95,6	157,9	124,6	117,1	92,0	108,0	165,6	123,6	121,1	93,3	102,7	169,2	134,4	124,9	103,3	104,6	170,3	
N- Health and social work	97,6	111,2	144,5	137,1	122,6	97,4	112,9	140,9	135,1	121,6	100,1	115,5	142,5	140,2	124,6	104,9	117,5	146,5	151,4	130,1	109,2	121,2	149,5	
O- Other community, social and personal service activities	107,6	110,2	134,8	136,4	122,3	105,6	110,8	135,5	136,7	122,2	106,2	115,7	136,6	133,7	121,1	107,2	112,9	139,4	144,7	126,1	114,0	118,1	151,1	
By region (Cto Q excluding public administration)																								
101- Norte	101,2	104,7	137,5	133,8	119,3	105,7	106,7	141,9	133,4	121,9	107,7	108,1	141,1	139,2	124,0	113,4	113,4	147,2	148,6	130,7	117,9	116,6	152,8	
106- Centro	103,5	110,4	131,3	132,8	119,1	101,1	106,4	137,6	137,3	120,6	106,6	110,6	139,8	137,0	125,5	108,4	114,8	143,7	144,1	127,8	112,8	117,6	148,2	
107- Lisboa	102,5	106,7	133,5	132,2	118,7	106,2	120,5	145,0	134,7	126,6	110,7	115,3	128,2	134,4	122,1	111,5	113,5	137,9	142,6	126,4	114,3	116,8	151,4	
108- Alentejo	99,7	102,3	123,8	127,7	113,4	98,2	105,4	123,7	132,1	119,4	105,3	112,2	129,4	139,9	121,7	104,4	111,0	129,5	144,9	122,4	106,3	110,3	133,2	
109- Algarve	102,9	110,0	124,8	137,9	118,9	103,9	110,1	127,4	138,5	120,0	106,9	113,2	129,5	139,2	122,2	108,4	112,9	130,5	145,4	124,3	108,5	113,7	138,0	
201- Região Autónoma dos Açores	98,6	102,0	125,0	130,8	114,1	98,6	104,4	133,3	137,0	118,3	108,0	115,7	135,7	135,6	128,8	106,9	112,1	136,6	144,2	124,9	109,7	115,1	144,9	
301- Região Autónoma da Madeira	105,2	108,0	131,3	136,3	120,2	105,5	106,4	130,3	137,5	119,9	108,3	112,2	130,9	139,9	122,8	111,2	118,4	143,4	153,9	131,7	122,0	114,9	145,3	
By occupational groups (ISCO88) (Cto Q excluding public administration)																								
1- Legislators, senior officials and managers	106,0	99,3	129,6	124,5	114,8	110,0	98,3	151,0	143,8	125,8	121,2	108,2	132,6	135,1	129,0	115,8	105,3	136,7	133,4	122,8	120,3	117,3	144,6	
2- Professionals	108,4	109,5	135,4	132,9	120,3	105,7	106,3	136,3	130,9	119,8	107,1	109,5	139,5	136,4	128,1	105,4	111,7	143,6	140,7	125,4	108,7	118,3	152,5	
3- Technicians and associate professionals	102,9	106,3	132,6	133,0	118,7	104,2	110,2	138,2	135,7	122,1	108,0	111,3	134,1	135,8	122,3	114,1	116,1	137,1	144,0	127,8	116,5	117,5	148,4	
4- Clerks	101,7	107,1	134,3	133,7	119,2	103,4	108,6	139,3	143,9	121,6	107,4	113,9	139,1	140,2	125,1	111,6	116,3	144,2	148,4	130,1	115,1	119,6	151,7	
5- Service workers, shop and market sales workers	98,1	112,5	136,6	132,3	119,9	105,6	113,0	135,4	125,8	120,0	108,4	112,2	136,0	134,6	121,9	109,0	116,2	136,7	153,9	129,0	112,8	120,0	148,8	
6- Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	95,7	94,0	114,1	119,2	106,0	94,6	98,5	117,6	122,7	108,3	97,6	104,3	118,7	123,5	111,0	96,7	100,6	155,5	155,4	127,0	100,3	106,0	146,4	
7- Craft and related workers	95,4	106,2	134,1	131,6	117,1	101,5	108,3	135,1	131,0	119,0	102,7	108,7	139,8	136,6	121,9	107,0	114,1	146,0	145,9	128,2	107,6	114,7	149,0	
8- Plant and machine operators and assemblers	101,9	108,5	129,5	130,8	116,4	98,8	115,5	134,2	134,9	120,8	106,5	108,3	136,2	144,5	128,9	109,2	113,1	143,0	144,9	127,5	111,8	115,8	151,2	
9- Elementary occupations	103,8	105,7	131,8	136,1	118,6	97,7	108,5	134,1	135,1	118,9	103,4	108,4	133,5	138,3	120,9	104,9	110,0	138,0	142,5	123,8	109,2	117,6	145,6	

Table 5: Labour Cost Index - % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year by economic activity, region NUTS II and occupational groups (working day adjusted)

	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2005 Q1	2005 Q2	2005 Q3	2005 Q4	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4	2006	2007 Q1	2007 Q2	2007 Q3	2007 Q4	2007	2008 Q1	2008 Q2	2008 Q3		
By economic activities (Nace Rev.1.1)																								
Labour Cost Index (C-O)(excluding public administration)	2,7	4,5	4,0	2,4	3,4	1,9	2,6	2,7	0,5	1,9	3,7	1,0	-0,7	3,0	1,7	3,4	3,5	3,6	5,0	3,9	3,5	3,0	5,4	
Labour Cost Index (C_K)	2,6	4,5	4,0	2,4	3,3	2,0	2,7	2,9	0,6	2,0	3,8	0,9	-0,8	3,1	1,7	3,5	3,7	3,6	4,9	4,0	3,3	3,0	5,5	
C- Mining and quarrying	3,0	4,9	-0,1	-21	1,0	3,4	0,1	-3,7	4,7	1,0	-0,1	2,3	2,1	-1,9	0,5	6,7	10,6	41	13,5	88	3,0	-1,6	2,1	
D- Manufacturing	2,2	3,4	0,8	2,8	2,2	0,2	5,3	3,5	0,8	2,4	6,0	-1,5	-1,0	0,2	0,6	0,4	3,5	3,5	6,8	3,8	3,2	1,0	3,5	
E- Electricity, gas and water supply	7,5	1,1	9,3	67	5,9	8,6	8,2	5,4	5,2	3,2	6,2	1,5	-5,5	9,3	1,8	2,4	-0,1	5,3	-5,6	0,2	-5,9	2,7	7,6	
F- Construction	2,6	6,9	5,1	2,4	4,2	-3,2	-1,5	-1,1	-1,4	-1,7	2,1	5,5	4,4	4,0	4,0	6,4	1,9	5,9	7,2	5,5	3,3	4,0	2,4	
G- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods	1,3	5,3	1,7	0,5	2,1	2,9	0,1	8,4	3,8	4,0	6,0	3,4	-0,3	2,0	2,5	4,2	3,9	2,9	5,5	4,1	3,3	4,8	7,7	



Table 6: Labour Cost Index (LCI) by economic activity, regions NUTS II and occupational groups (not seasonal adjusted)

	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2004	2005 Q1	2005 Q2	2005 Q3	2005 Q4	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4	2006	2007 Q1	2007 Q2	2007 Q3	2007 Q4	2007	2008 Q1	2008 Q2	2008 Q3	
By economic activities (Nace Rev.1.1)																								
Labour Cost Index (C-O)(excluding public administration)	102,6	101,7	126,8	127,8	115,2	106,3	107,8	134,3	130,6	119,7	106,8	108,9	135,4	136,7	122,0	112,2	114,6	140,3	136,7	125,9	118,0	118,1	145,6	
Labour Cost Index (C K)	102,7	101,6	126,2	127,7	115,1	106,5	107,8	134,0	130,5	119,7	107,1	108,7	135,0	136,9	121,9	112,5	114,7	139,8	136,7	125,9	118,2	118,1	145,2	
C - Mining and quarrying	108,3	107,7	130,8	127,4	115,6	108,5	104,2	127,9	135,6	119,0	105,1	106,6	132,6	135,2	119,9	113,8	119,9	138,1	146,2	129,5	119,1	118,0	138,7	
D - Manufacturing	98,6	98,3	132,9	128,8	114,7	104,5	105,9	139,7	132,0	119,7	108,1	105,3	104,4	134,4	120,8	105,8	117,3	146,6	131,6	135,7	132,8	112,2	148,1	
E - Electricity, gas and water supply	104,0	127,1	121,6	129,4	120,5	114,7	142,1	130,2	135,8	130,7	112,7	144,3	125,0	150,8	133,2	117,3	146,6	131,6	135,7	127,2	112,2	150,5	139,4	
F - Construction	105,8	103,2	126,0	131,4	117,1	104,0	105,0	128,5	131,7	117,3	102,9	110,8	136,2	139,3	122,3	111,2	114,8	144,2	142,3	128,1	116,7	119,4	145,4	
G - Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and	101,2	102,2	121,0	124,0	112,1	105,8	105,6	133,2	130,8	118,9	108,6	109,3	148,8	135,7	122,1	115,0	115,4	138,8	136,3	126,4	120,7	121,0	147,1	
H - Hotels and restaurants	108,9	104,9	136,1	136,3	120,3	115,4	110,0	141,3	140,9	126,9	113,6	114,9	146,8	130,0	123,0	120,3	120,3	152,7	148,2	136,1	125,1	121,2	157,1	
I - Transport, storage and communication	101,0	101,0	134,4	122,1	114,6	102,5	105,7	136,1	125,9	117,5	101,4	106,5	131,9	130,2	117,5	104,2	110,6	132,0	125,5	118,1	108,6	113,6	142,1	
J - Financial intermediation	123,7	101,8	112,9	128,2	116,6	130,2	111,5	116,2	126,0	121,0	128,5	112,8	119,2	142,6	125,8	141,2	118,9	115,2	133,6	127,2	150,1	128,0	132,0	
K - Real estate, renting and business activities	99,9	103,6	134,3	129,6	116,6	103,9	102,2	132,1	125,9	119,1	104,7	105,5	128,2	140,8	119,8	111,6	116,2	144,3	140,6	128,1	121,6	119,1	141,1	
M - Education	90,6	94,2	155,9	120,3	115,5	98,3	95,6	155,4	122,5	116,7	92,0	103,0	165,6	123,6	121,1	94,7	104,4	169,2	128,0	124,1	105,6	106,3	167,7	
N - Health and social work	99,1	107,7	140,1	132,7	119,9	100,5	112,9	138,8	132,9	121,3	100,1	115,5	142,5	140,2	124,6	106,6	119,4	146,5	144,2	129,2	112,7	123,2	147,2	
O - Other community, social and personal service activities	109,3	105,7	130,7	132,0	119,7	109,0	110,8	133,4	134,5	121,9	106,2	115,7	136,6	133,7	123,1	108,9	114,8	139,4	137,8	125,2	117,7	120,1	148,8	
By region (C to Q excluding public administration)																								
101 - Norte	102,8	101,4	138,4	129,5	116,8	109,1	106,7	139,7	131,2	121,7	107,7	108,1	141,1	139,2	124,0	115,2	115,3	147,2	141,5	129,8	121,7	118,6	150,5	
106 - Centro	105,0	111,0	130,3	129,6	119,2	105,2	114,8	136,8	136,3	123,3	107,5	114,4	141,0	138,2	125,3	111,0	117,7	145,0	138,4	128,0	117,4	120,5	147,2	
107 - Lisboa	104,2	103,3	129,5	127,9	116,2	109,7	120,5	142,8	132,5	126,4	110,7	110,5	132,8	134,4	122,1	113,3	115,4	137,9	135,8	125,6	118,0	118,7	149,0	
108 - Alentejo	101,3	99,0	120,1	123,6	111,0	101,4	105,4	121,8	129,9	114,6	105,3	112,2	129,4	139,9	121,7	106,0	112,8	129,5	138,0	121,6	110,7	112,2	131,1	
109 - Algarve	104,6	105,5	121,1	133,5	116,4	107,3	110,1	150,4	136,2	119,7	106,9	113,2	129,5	139,2	122,2	110,1	114,7	130,5	138,4	123,4	112,0	115,6	135,8	
201 - Região Autónoma dos Açores	100,2	98,8	121,2	126,5	111,7	101,8	104,4	131,2	134,7	118,0	108,0	115,7	135,7	136,5	123,8	108,6	114,0	136,6	137,3	124,1	113,2	117,0	142,7	
301 - Região Autónoma da Madeira	106,9	104,5	127,3	131,9	117,6	108,9	106,4	128,3	135,2	119,7	108,3	112,2	130,9	139,9	122,8	120,4	143,4	146,6	130,8	126,0	116,8	143,0		
By occupational groups (ISCO 88) (C to Q excluding public administration)																								
1 - Legislators, senior officials and managers	107,7	96,1	126,1	120,5	112,6	113,6	98,3	148,7	141,5	125,5	121,2	108,2	132,6	135,1	123,0	117,6	107,0	136,7	127,1	122,1	124,2	119,3	142,4	
2 - Professionals	105,1	106,0	131,3	128,6	117,8	109,1	106,3	134,2	128,8	119,6	107,1	109,5	139,5	136,4	123,1	107,1	113,6	143,6	124,6	112,2	120,2	150,1		
3 - Technicians and associate professionals	104,5	102,9	128,6	128,7	116,2	107,6	110,2	136,1	133,5	121,8	108,0	111,3	141,1	135,8	122,3	115,9	118,1	137,1	127,1	120,3	119,4	146,1		
4 - Clerks	108,4	103,7	130,2	129,4	116,7	107,1	108,6	137,1	132,7	121,3	107,4	113,9	139,1	140,2	125,1	113,4	118,3	144,2	141,3	129,3	116,5	149,4		
5 - Service workers, shop and market sales workers	99,7	100,0	132,5	128,0	117,3	109,0	113,0	133,4	128,3	119,8	104,8	112,2	136,0	134,6	121,6	110,8	118,2	136,7	146,6	128,1	116,5	125,1	146,5	
6 - Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	98,2	91,0	110,7	115,3	103,8	97,6	98,5	115,8	120,6	108,1	97,6	104,3	118,7	123,5	111,0	98,2	102,2	155,5	148,0	126,0	103,6	107,8	144,1	
7 - Craft and related workers	97,9	102,9	130,1	127,4	114,6	104,7	103,3	133,0	128,8	118,7	102,7	108,7	139,8	136,6	121,9	108,7	116,0	146,0	139,0	127,4	111,0	116,6	146,7	
8 - Plant and machine operators and assemblers	103,5	103,3	126,6	116,0	102,0	115,5	132,1	132,7	127,1	120,6	106,5	108,3	136,2	144,5	123,9	110,9	115,0	143,0	138,0	126,7	115,4	117,7	148,8	
9 - Elementary occupations	102,4	102,4	127,8	131,7	116,1	100,9	108,5	132,1	129,1	118,6	108,4	113,5	138,3	120,9	106,6	111,8	138,0	135,7	123,0	112,7	119,5	143,3		

Table 7: Labour Cost Index - % change compared to the same quarter of the previous year by economic activity, region NUTS II and occupational groups (not seasonal adjusted)

	2004 Q1	2004 Q2	2004 Q3	2004 Q4	2004	2005 Q1	2005 Q2	2005 Q3	2005 Q4	2005	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Q3	2006 Q4	2006	2007 Q1	2007 Q2	2007 Q3	2007 Q4	2007	2008 Q1	2008 Q2	2008 Q3	
By economic activities (Nace Rev.1.1)																								
Labour Cost Index (C-O)(excluding public administration)	1,1	-2,2	2,5	4,1	1,5	3,6	5,9	4,3	2,2	3,9	0,5	1,0	0,9	4,7	1,9	5,0	5,3	3,6	0,0	3,3	5,1	3,0	3,8	
Labour Cost Index (C K)	0,9	-2,2	2,4	4,1	1,5	3,7	6,0	4,5	2,2	4,0	0,5	0,9	0,7	4,9	1,9	5,1	5,5	3,6	-0,1	3,3	5,0	3,0	3,8	
C - Mining and quarrying	1,4	-1,8	-1,6	-0,5	-0,7	5,1	3,4	-2,2	6,4	3,0	-3,2	2,3	3,6	-0,3	-0,7	8,4	12,5	4,1	8,1	8,0	4,7	-1,6	0,5	
D - Manufacturing	0,6	-3,2	-0,7	4,5	0,4	1,8	8,8	5,1	2,4	4,4	2,7	-1,5	0,5	1,9	0,9	2,0	5,3	3,5	1,7	3,1	4,9	1,0	1,9	
E - Electricity, gas and water supply	5,8	-5,3	7,6	8,4	3,7	10,3	11,7	7,1	4,9	8,4	-1,7	1,6	-4,0	11,1	2,0	4,1	1,6	5,3	-10,1	-0,3	4,3	2,6	5,9	
F - Construction	1,0	0,1	3,5	4,1	2,3	-1,6	1,7	0,4	0,3	2,1	-1,1	5,5	6,0	5,7	4,3	8,1	3,6	5,9	2,1	4,8	5,0	4,0	0,8	
G - Wholesale and																								



TECHNICAL NOTE

The series based on the year 2000 was developed in compliance with EU statistical requirements, pursuant to Regulation No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. For reasons related to the implementation of a different methodology, this new series is not comparable with the previous one (1995 series).

Published/released series are adjusted series (for working day) (WDA, Working Day Adjusted), as released by Eurostat, and unadjusted series (NSA, Not Seasonal Adjusted), by economic activity, by NUTS II region and by occupational group (International Standard Classification of Occupations 1994). Both series (WDA and NSA) are not seasonally adjusted.

NUTS II regions are based on the new region nomenclature (NUTS 2002).

The LCI is an indicator that measures the development of the average labour cost per worked hour (hourly labour costs). The changes in the employment, hours actually worked and prices levels affect the indices obtained during the observed periods.

Formula for the calculation of the LCI

$$LCI_{tj}(k) = \frac{\sum_{i=C}^O w_i^{tj} h_i^{tk}}{\sum_{i=C}^O w_i^{tk} h_i^{tk}}$$

$LCI_{tj}(k)$ = Labour Cost Index, quarter t , year j (related to the base period quarter t , year k)

$i = \{C, O\}$ = Sector of economic activity

tj = quarter t of year j under observation

tk = quarter t of year k , base period (2000)

w_i^{tj} = Labour cost of employees by hour worked in sector i in quarter t in year j

h_i^{tk} = Hours actually worked in sector i in quarter t in year k

$w_i^{tj} * h_i^{tk}$ = Total labour cost in sector i in quarter t in year j ; the hours were evaluated in quarter t in year k

$w_i^{tk} * h_i^{tk}$ = Total labour cost in sector i in quarter t in year k (base)

The actual labour cost adopts the perspective of the employer, corresponding to the total cost incurred by the employer and including the following items:

- ✓ Basic wage and salaries
- ✓ Regular bonuses and allowances (paid in each pay period)
- ✓ Irregular bonuses and allowances (not paid in each pay period)
- ✓ Overtime payment
- ✓ Payments and benefits in kind
- ✓ Payment for hours not worked
- ✓ Employer's social contributions
- ✓ Collectively agreed, contractual and voluntary social security contributions
- ✓ Other (including payments to employees leaving the enterprise)

* Excluding the following activities: "Public administration and defence services, compulsory social security services" (L); and the public part of the following activities: "Education" (M) and "Human health and social work services" (N).

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