

Investment Survey

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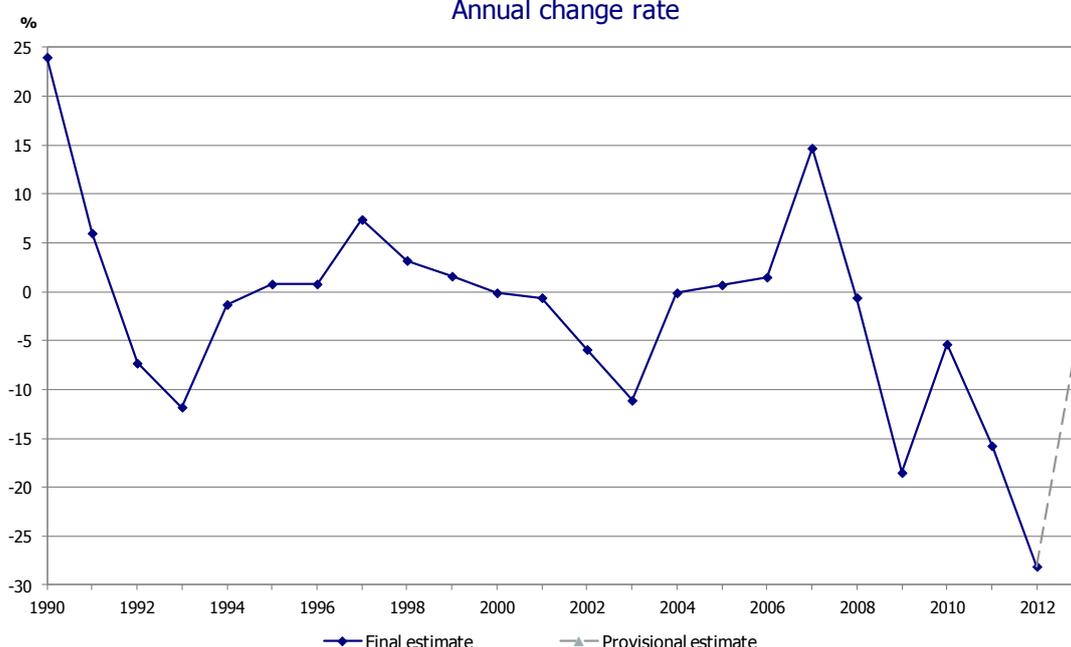
Perspectives of a less intense reduction of business investment in 2013

Accordingly with the opinions expressed in the April 2013 Investment Survey (with an inquiring period between the 1st April and the 28nd June 2013), the entrepreneurial investment is expected to decrease 2.1% in 2013 in nominal terms. The same survey points also to a change rate of -28.1% in 2012, which represents a downward revision comparing with the perspectives revealed in the previous survey (change rate of -26.4%).

Among the investment objectives, from 2012 to 2013, the results point to an increase in the relative weight of the replacement and the rationalization and restructuration investments. The share of the investments on the extension of the production capacity and on other objectives decreased between the two years.

Regarding the main limitative factor for business investment identified in the survey, the deterioration of the sales perspectives followed by the uncertainty about the investment profitability continued to be the most mentioned in both years, although decreasing between 2012 and 2013, while the percentage of firms that refer the interest rate level, insufficient use of the production capacity and other factors as the main limitative factors increased.

Evolution of business GFCF in value
Annual change rate



The percentage corresponds to the last available estimate for each year. For 2012 and 2013, the change rate corresponds to the entrepreneurial perspectives.



The results from the April 2013 Investment Survey point to a 28.1% decrease of the entrepreneurial Gross Fixed Capital Formation in nominal terms in 2012. Comparing with the investment expectations obtained in the previous survey (occurred between the 1st October 2012 and the 22th January 2013), there was a downward revision of the entrepreneurial investment change rate for 2012 (-1.7 p.p.), which reflected some postponement or cancellation of investments. Considering the firms size by number of workers, all the groups contributed negatively to the reduction of the investment in 2012, especially the 4th group (employing 500 or more workers), which presented a contribution of -9.5 p.p.. It should also be mentioned the 3rd group (employing 250 to 499 workers), which registered the most intense decrease (-31.6%).

For 2013, the survey points to a nominal decrease of the enterprises' investment of 2.1%, which compares with the change rate of -4.2% obtained in the previous survey. The negative change rate for 2013 reflects the evolution of the investment of the 1st and 2nd groups (employing less than 250 workers), with change rates of -22.5% and -2.4% (contributions of -5.0 p.p. and -0.7 p.p.), respectively.

Accordingly with the results of the present survey, the less negative change rate of the investment in 2013, compared with the rate observed in the previous year (difference of 26.0 p.p.), reflects the evolution of the investment in all groups, especially the increase of the investment in firms of the 4th group, which is expected to shift from a change rate of -25.7% in 2012 to 8.3% in 2013 (contribution of 12.7 p.p.).

STRUCTURE, CHANGE AND DIFFUSION OF INVESTMENT

| NACE-Rev.2 | STRUCTURE (a) | | | CHANGE (b) | | DIFFUSION (c) | | |
|--|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Mining and quarrying (Section B) | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | -15.1 | 23.0 | 90.9 | 86.4 | 59.1 |
| Manufacturing (Section C) | 26.6 | 24.7 | 23.2 | -33.2 | -8.2 | 90.7 | 82.6 | 77.4 |
| <i>Of which: exporting firms</i> | - | - | - | -33.3 | -5.4 | 97.2 | 91.7 | 89.2 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply (Section D) | 10.2 | 12.7 | 14.6 | -10.6 | 12.2 | 91.7 | 87.5 | 87.5 |
| Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities (Section E) | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.1 | -25.1 | 9.3 | 92.3 | 88.5 | 88.5 |
| Construction (Section F) | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.1 | -32.8 | -37.9 | 81.6 | 66.5 | 60.1 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (Section G) | 10.5 | 9.8 | 9.6 | -32.7 | -4.6 | 87.8 | 77.5 | 69.1 |
| Transportation and storage (Section H) | 10.7 | 8.7 | 9.2 | -41.5 | 4.0 | 91.0 | 83.2 | 76.1 |
| Accommodation and food service activities (Section I) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | -33.1 | -19.7 | 95.3 | 87.1 | 80.0 |
| Information and communication (Section J) | 10.3 | 12.2 | 12.4 | -15.1 | -0.5 | 88.9 | 79.2 | 74.3 |
| Financial and insurance activities (Section K) | 3.5 | 4.3 | 4.1 | -11.9 | -5.5 | 82.3 | 74.0 | 72.9 |
| Real estate activities (Section L) | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.4 | -21.4 | -17.6 | 70.4 | 55.6 | 51.9 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities (Section M) | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 | -3.4 | -0.2 | 89.3 | 79.4 | 74.8 |
| Administrative and support service activities (Section N) | 12.9 | 11.6 | 11.9 | -35.1 | 0.0 | 85.7 | 70.2 | 65.1 |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 | 100 | -28.1 | -2.1 | 89.1 | 79.8 | 74.3 |

(a) Percentual investment distribution by NACE sections

(b) Year-on-year change rate, nominal (%)

(c) Percentage of firms with investments or expecting to invest

Technical note:

The Investment Survey was based on a sample of 3653 firms with more than 4 workers, that belong to the activities of NACE revision 2 (divisions 05 to 82) and that have a yearly turnover of, at least, €125.000. The firms with 200 or more workers were exhaustively surveyed.

The survey was conducted between the 1st April and the 28nd June 2013 and the global response rate was 83.2%.

Considering the number of workers as the stratification/extrapolation variable. these firms represent 92.4% of the sample.

Next report will be released on January 2014.

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