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Investment Survey

April 2010

Upward revision of the perspectives of business investment in 2010. Downward revision of the investment for 2009.

According to the firms' opinions expressed on the April 2010 Investment Survey (occurred between the 1st April and 30th June 2010), the entrepreneurial investment might increase 5.6% in 2010 in nominal terms. The same survey points to a nominal change rate of investment of -18.5% in 2009. These results represent an upward revision of 4.2 percentage points (p.p.) for 2010 and a downward revision of -1.4 p.p. for 2009, relatively to the perspectives revealed in the previous survey.

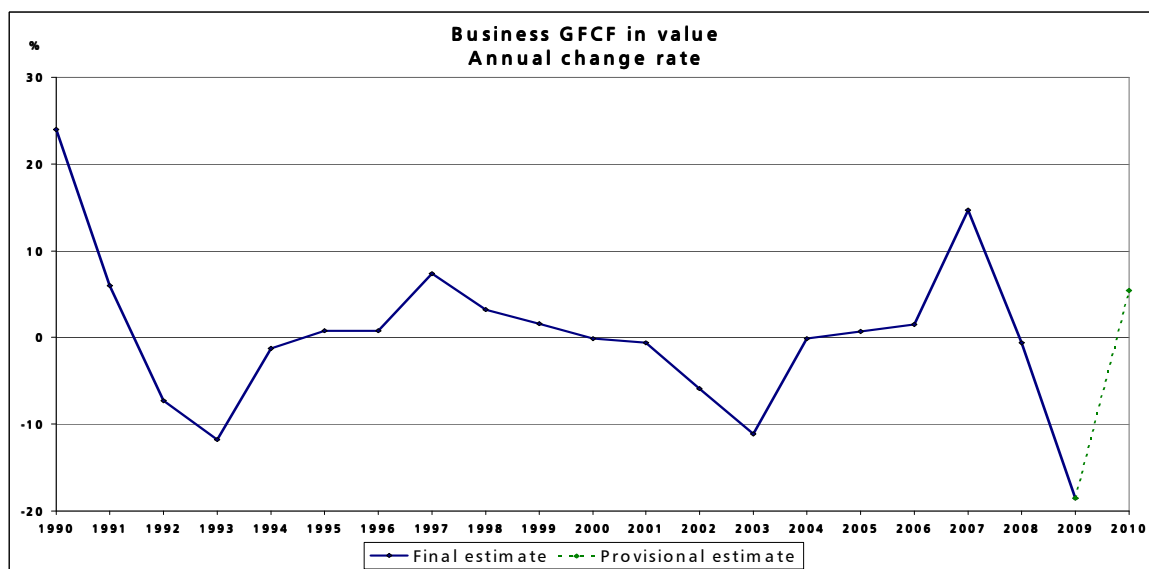
Among the investment objectives, from 2009 to 2010 the perspectives point to an increase of the relative weight of the investment in rationalization and restructuring and in extension of the production capacity and a decrease of the relative weight of the investment oriented to replacement and others.

As main limitative factor for business investment identified in the survey, the deterioration of the sales perspectives continues to be the factor mentioned by a larger number of firms, increasing its relative weight between 2009 and 2010, mainly compensated by the decrease of the percentage of firms that refer difficulties in obtaining bank credit and in self-funding capacity.

The results from the April 2010 Investment Survey (occurred between the 1st April and the 30th June 2010) revealed a downward revision of the entrepreneurial investment change rate for 2009, when compared with the investment expectations stated in the previous survey (occurred between the 1st October 2009 and the 19th January 2010). In fact, the values obtained in the present survey for 2009 point to a nominal change rate of the entrepreneurial Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) of -18.5%, 1.4 percentage points (p.p.) less than the result obtained in the October 2009 survey. This downward revision reflected the revaluation of the previously revealed investment expectations as an adjustment to the economic crisis observed during 2009. Notice that this change rate is the lowest of the series begun in 1990. For 2009, the investment reduction (-18.5%) was due to the behaviour of the firms of all dimensions, especially of the 5th and 2nd, with change rates of -35.7% and -27.4%, although the strongest negative contribution (-4.4 p.p.) was observed in the 6th dimension firms (with 500 or more workers).

For 2010, the present survey points to a nominal growth of the enterprises' investment of 5.6%. This value represents an upward revision of 4.2 p.p. when comparing with the first estimate for 2010 obtained in the previous survey.

From 2009 to 2010, according to the results of the present survey, the increase of the investment change rate (24.1 p.p.) reflects the evolution of the investment in all firms dimensions, except the 1st (firms with 20 or less workers). This increase was more significant in the 6th dimension (firms with 500 or more workers), which shift from a negative change rate in 2009 to an expressive growth in 2010 and records the strongest positive contribution.



STRUCTURE, CHANGE AND DIFFUSION OF INVESTMENT

NACE-Rev.1	STRUCTURE (a)			CHANGE (b)		DIFFUSION (c)		
	2008	2009	2010	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
MINING AND QUARRYING (10 to 14)	0,8	0,8	1,1	-14,2	42,9	99,2	74,4	61,3
MANUFACTURING (15 to 37)	22,9	21,3	20,1	-24,4	-0,3	85,3	73,9	70,8
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY (40+41)	11,3	14,8	13,9	6,8	-0,6	98,7	96,9	91,0
CONSTRUCTION (45)	7,1	6,3	5,6	-26,8	-7,2	77,1	68,2	57,8
TRADE (50 to 52)	14,9	13,5	10,4	-26,1	-19,3	80,9	69,9	54,1
SALE OF VEHICLES AND FUEL (50)	9,9	5,9	6,5	-55,8	-10,7	80,9	74,5	49,5
WHOLESALE TRADE (51)	47,6	53,9	53,6	-16,4	-19,7	84,3	67,9	57,0
RETAIL TRADE (52)	42,5	40,2	39,9	-30,1	-19,9	76,0	70,4	52,3
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (55)	1,4	1,3	0,9	-26,0	-23,9	95,0	88,1	66,9
TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION (60 to 64)	18,4	22,5	27,4	-0,2	28,5	81,6	67,2	62,5
TRANSPORT AND STORAGE (60 to 63)	52,4	44,4	54,6	-15,6	58,2	81,0	66,1	61,3
COMMUNICATION (64)	47,6	55,6	45,4	16,8	4,8	100,0	100,0	100,0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (65 to 67)	4,5	4,2	5,0	-23,8	26,3	88,7	89,1	86,7
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION (65)	90,0	87,5	88,4	-26,0	27,7	90,6	90,6	90,6
INSURANCE (66)	9,6	12,0	11,2	-4,4	17,5	81,7	81,7	79,5
ACTIVITIES AUXILIARY TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION (67)	0,4	0,5	0,4	-14,4	4,8	90,1	91,4	83,3
REAL ESTATE, RENTING AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES (70 to 74)	18,7	15,2	15,6	-33,5	8,4	86,9	72,9	74,7
TOTAL	100,0	100,0	100,0	-18,5	5,6	83,1	72,2	62,3

(a) Weight of the activities, on percentage

(b) Year-on-year rates of change

(c) Percentage of enterprises with investments on the period

Next report will be released on January, 2011.

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Technical note:

The Investment Survey was based on a sample of 4099 firms with more than 4 workers, that belong to the activities of NACE 13 to 74 and that have a yearly turnover of, at least, €125000. The firms of the referred activities with more than 199 workers were exhaustively surveyed.

The survey occurred between the 1st April 2010 and the 30th of June 2010 and the global response rate was 63.7%.

These firms represent 81.6% of the sample, considering the stratification/extrapolation variable (number of workers).