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Business survey at the beginning of September 2026 — **15 September 2026**

Industry, market services and construction — **Data collected from 27 August 2026 to 3 September 2026**

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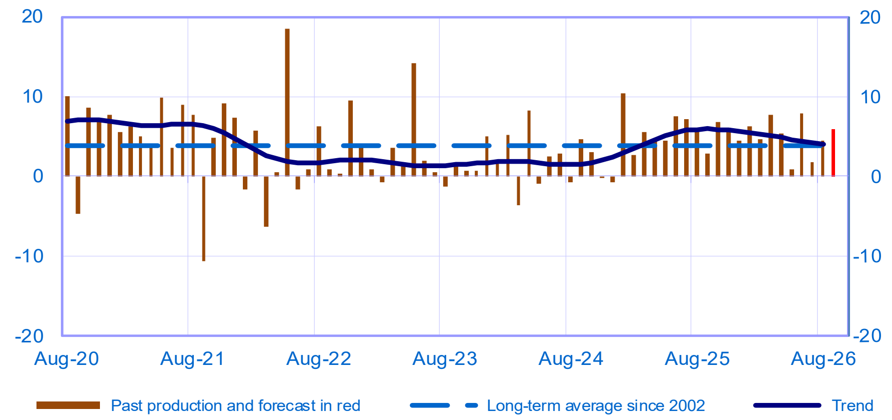
Period under review: August 2026

Industry

Opinion on the outlook for industrial production*

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



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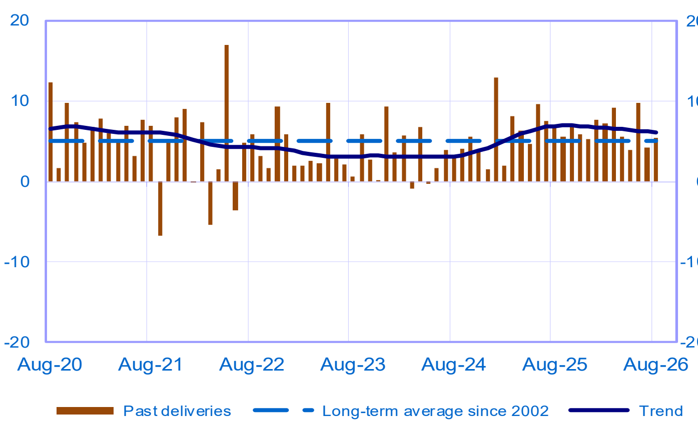
	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26
Change												**Forecast**
Production	7	6	4	6	5	8	5	1	8	2	**5**	**6**
Deliveries	7	6	5	8	7	9	6	4	10	4	**5**	
Total orders	7	8	6	8	5	11	7	6	10	7	**7**	
Staff	-1	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	**2**	
Final goods prices	1	1	1	4	2	5	9	9	7	6	**6**	
Commodity prices	1	2	2	3	4	18	28	23	10	9	**11**	
Level												
Order books	-7	-8	-6	-6	-5	-1	-3	-3	-2	-1	**1**	
Inventories of finished goods	7	7	6	7	7	6	6	7	5	5	**5**	
Capacity utilisation rate	76.3	76.5	76.4	76.6	76.5	76.8	76.8	76.7	76.6	76.6	**76.4**	
Cash positions	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	-2	0	0	0	0	**-1**	

Changes in deliveries

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



Inventories and order book level

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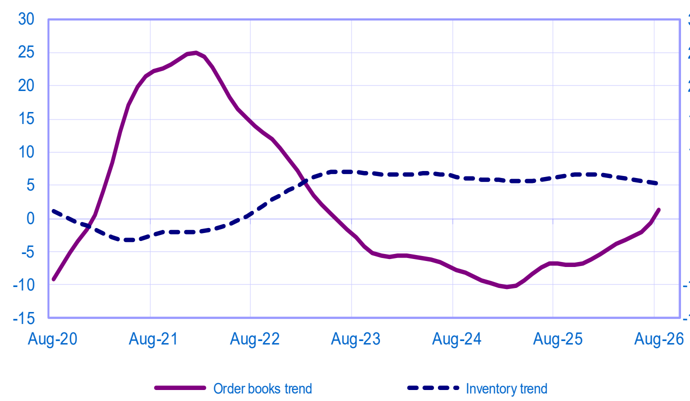

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Industry: sectoral level information

Period under review: August 2026

Manufacture of food products and beverages
(15% of value added in manufacturing industry)

Changes in production

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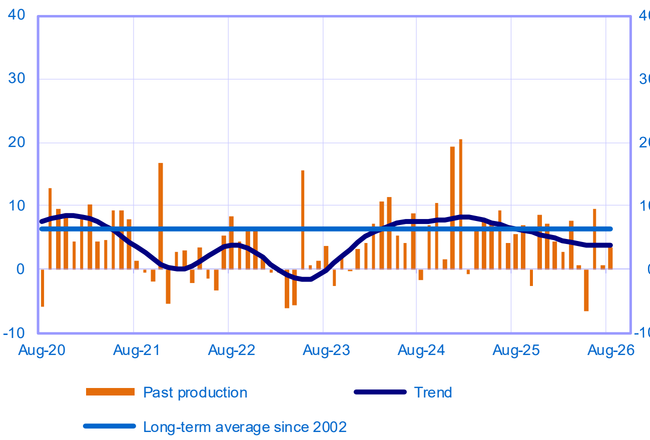

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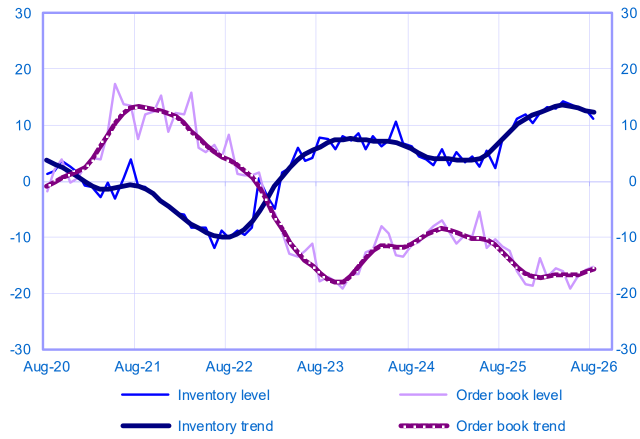


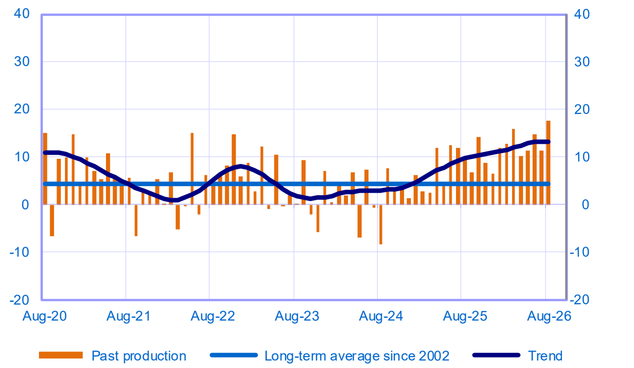
August	Production	Deliveries	Orders	Inventories	Order books	Capacity Utilisation Rate	Production forecasts
Manufacture of food products and beverages	3	6	6	11	-15	78	6

Electrical, electronic and computer equipment and other machinery
(17% of value added in manufacturing industry)

Total

Changes in production

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



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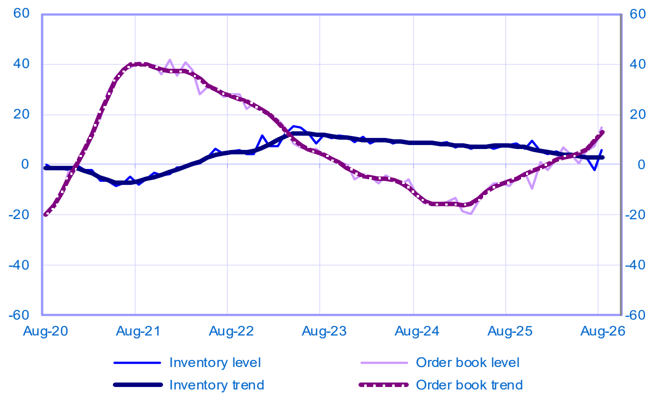

Computer, electronic and optical products (5% of value added)

Changes in production

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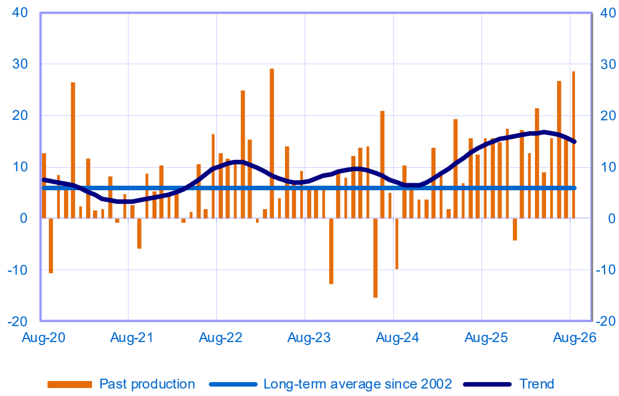

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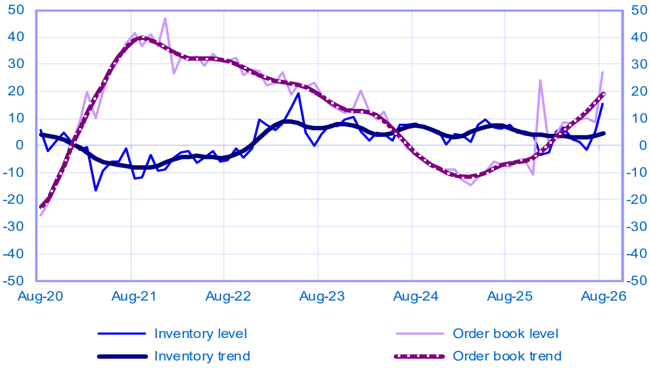

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Electrical equipment *(4% of value added)*

Changes in production

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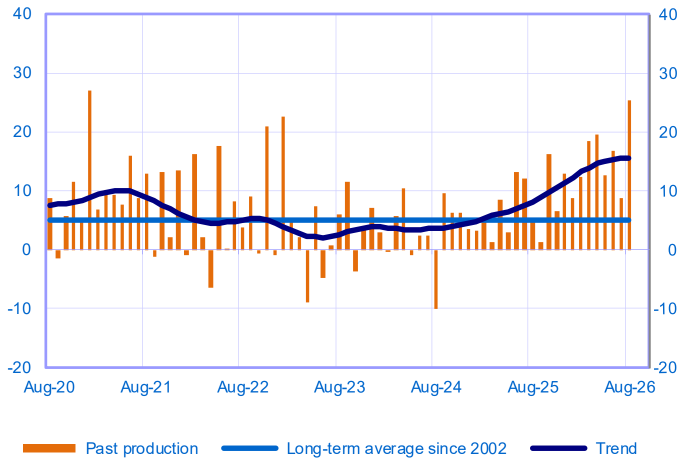

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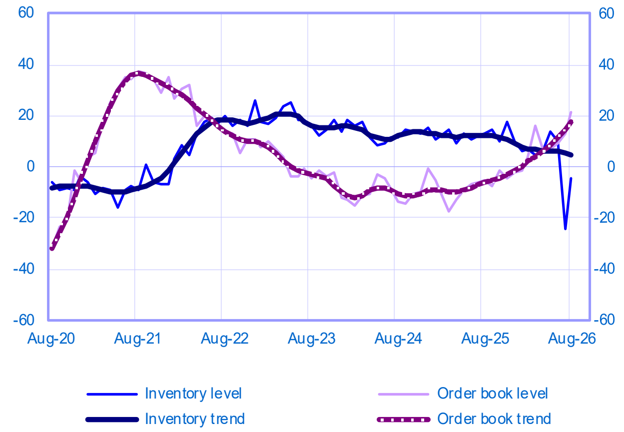

Machinery and equipment (8% of value added)

Changes in production

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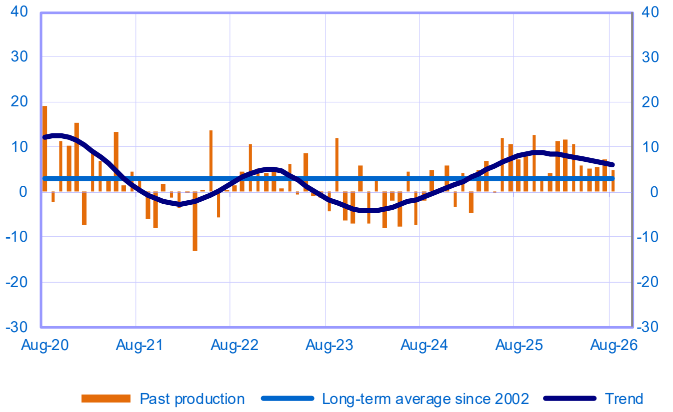

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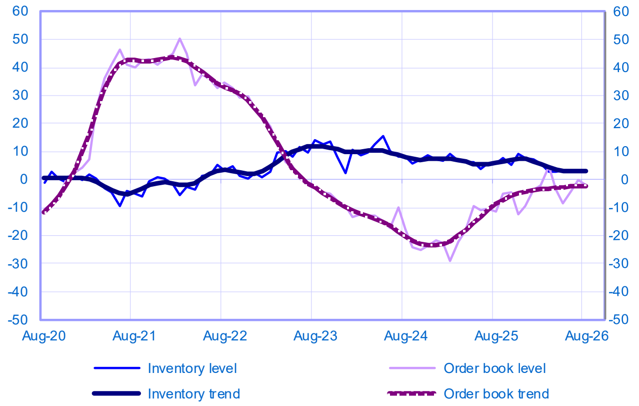

August	Production	Deliveries	Orders	Inventories	Order books	Capacity Utilisation Rate	Production forecasts
Electrical, electronic and computer equipment and other machinery	**17**	**11**	**18**	**6**	**15**	**81**	**3**
Computer, electronic and optical products	28	6	27	16	27	84	**4**
Electrical equipment	25	17	24	-5	21	85	**-2**
Machinery and equipment	5	13	5	3	-2	73	**5**

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Transport equipment

(14% of value added in manufacturing industry)

Total

Changes in production

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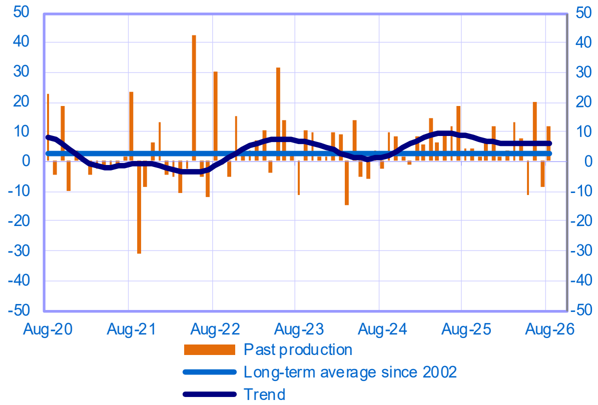

Inventories and order book level

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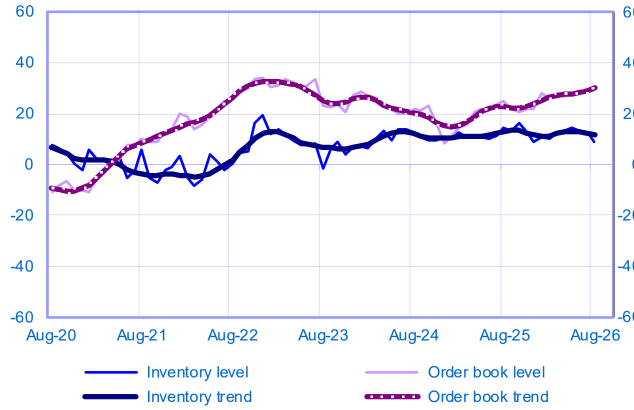

Automotive industry (7% of value added)

Changes in production

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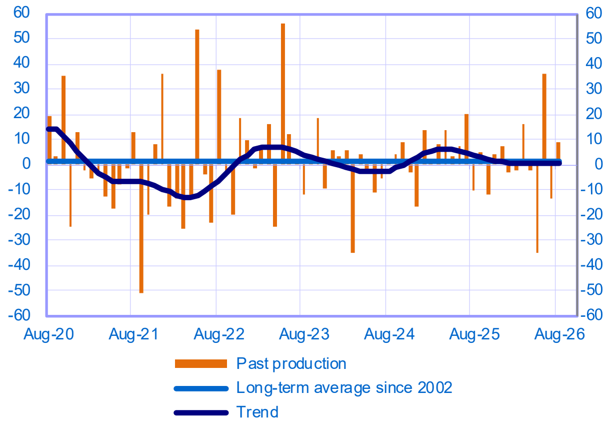

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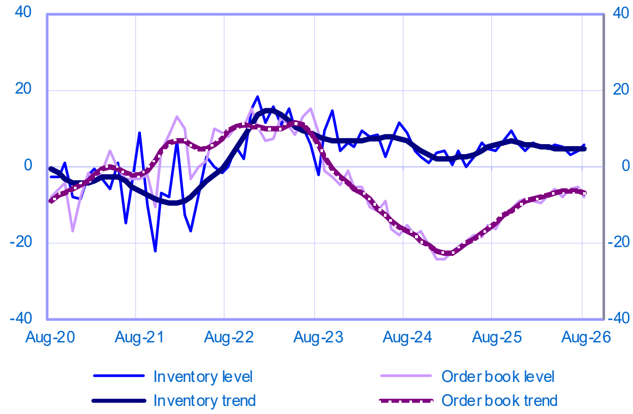

Other transport equipment (7% of value added)

Changes in production

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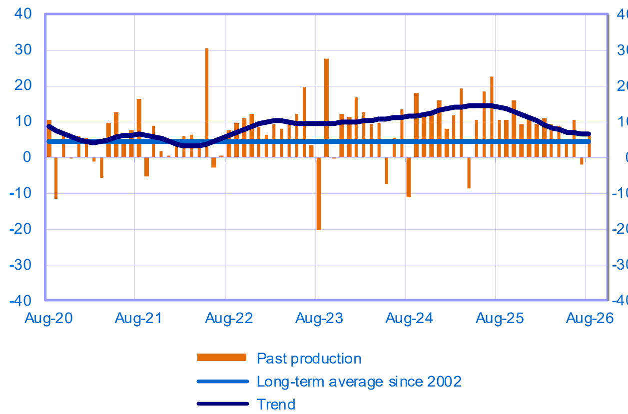

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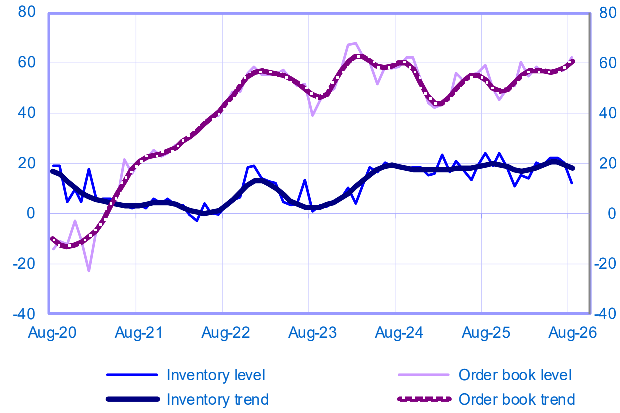

August	Production	Deliveries	Orders	Inventories	Order books	Capacity Utilisation Rate	Production forecasts
Transport equipment	**12**	**18**	**23**	**9**	**29**	**79**	**11**
Automotive industry	9	11	13	5	-8	75	**6**
Other transport equipment	6	28	25	12	62	78	**11**

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Other manufacturing

(54% of value added in manufacturing industry)

Total

Changes in production

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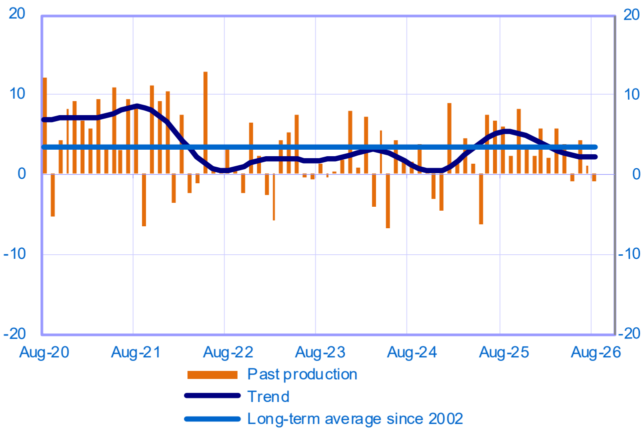

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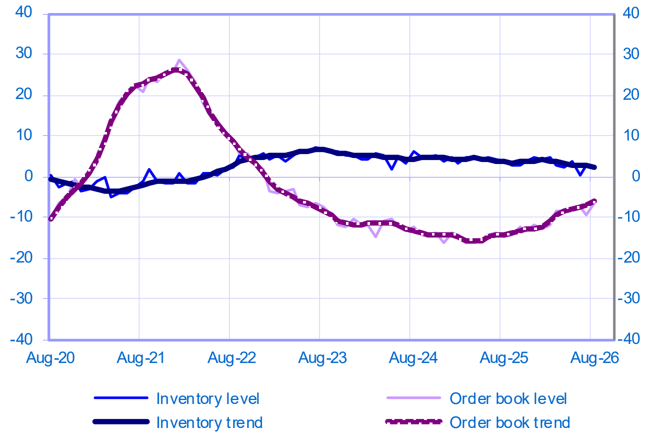

Textiles, wearing apparel, leather and related products *(3% of value added)*

Changes in production

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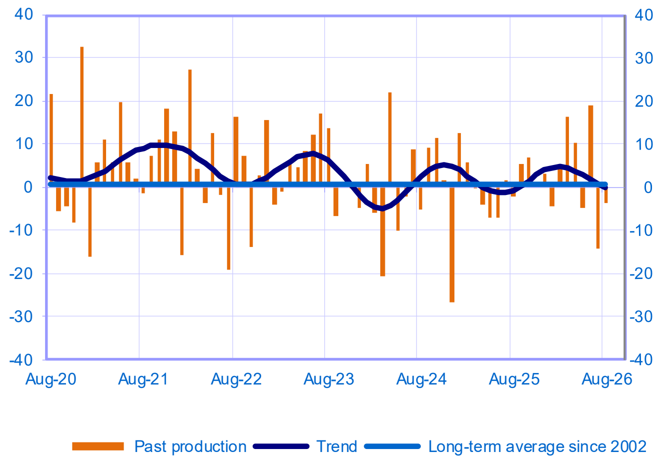

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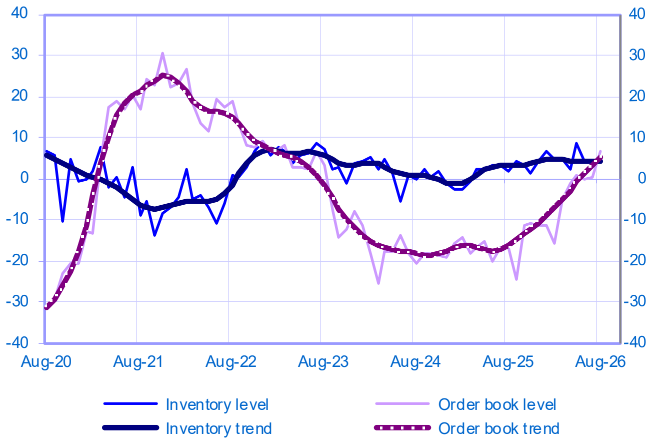

Wood, paper and printing *(6% of value added)*

Changes in production

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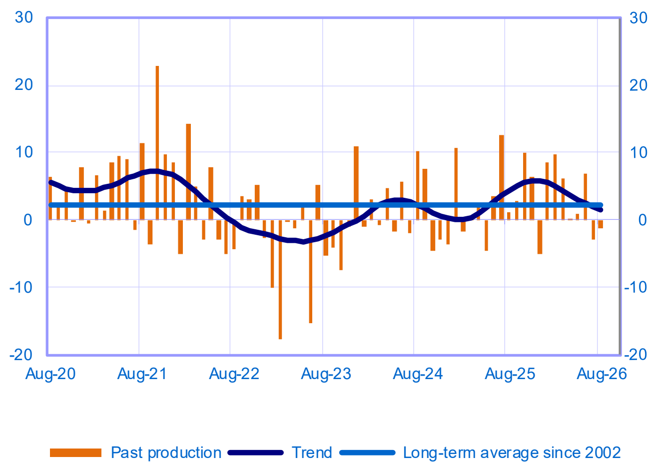

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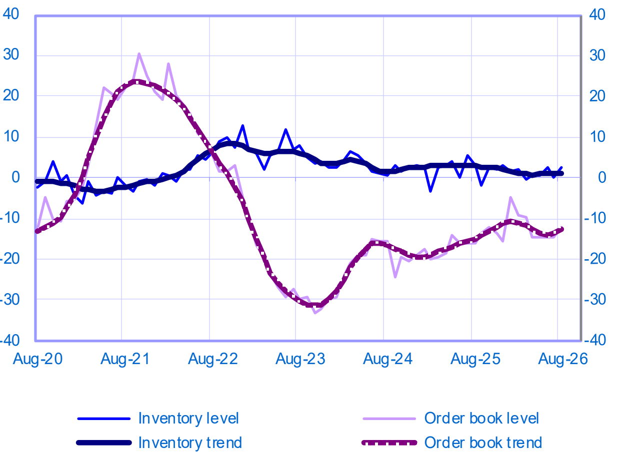

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Chemicals industry (8% *of value added)*

Changes in production

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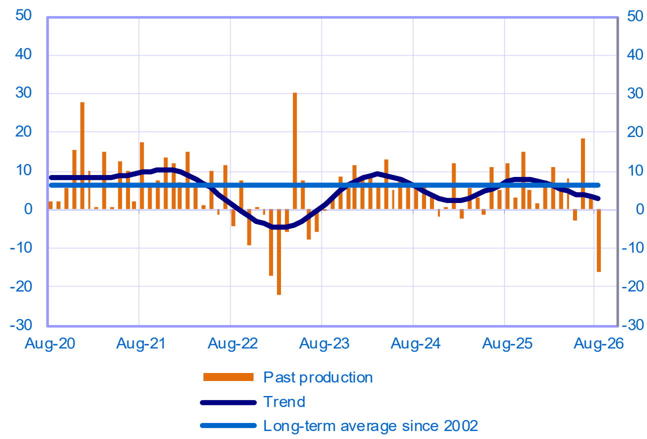

Inventories and order book level

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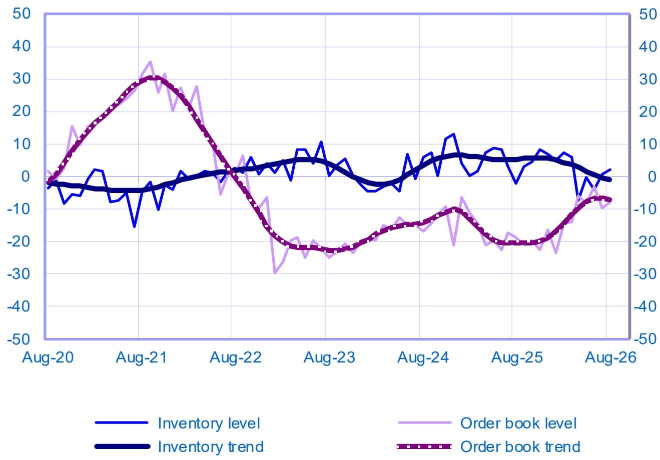

Pharmaceutical industry (5% *of value added)*

Changes in production

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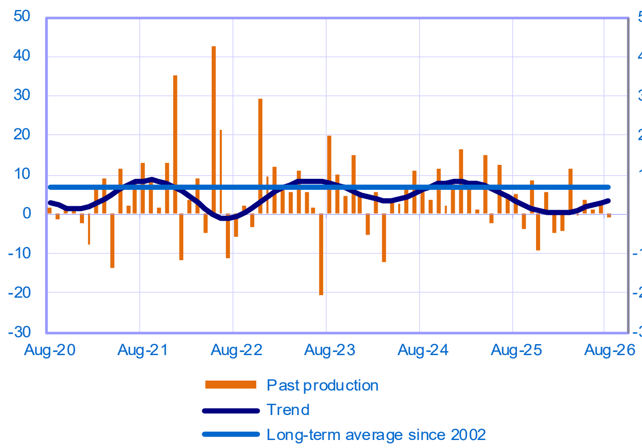

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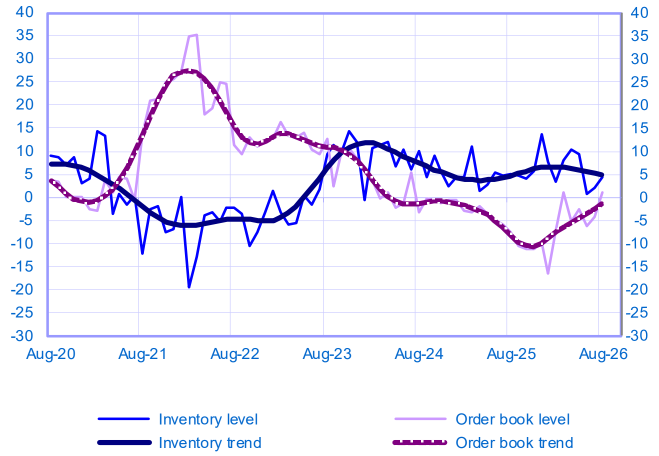

Rubber, plastic products and other non-metallic mineral products (10% *of value added)*

Changes in production

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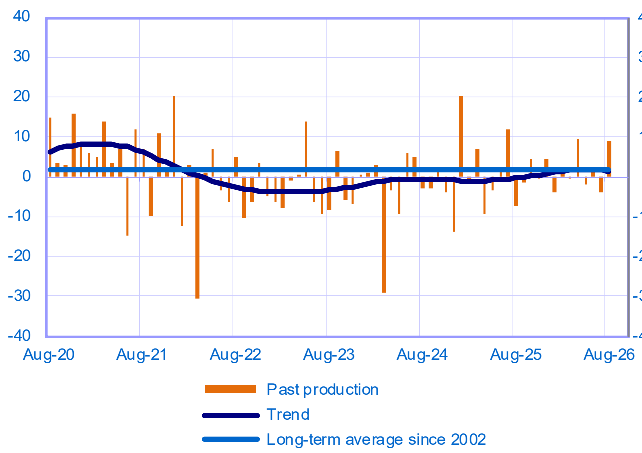

Inventories and order book level

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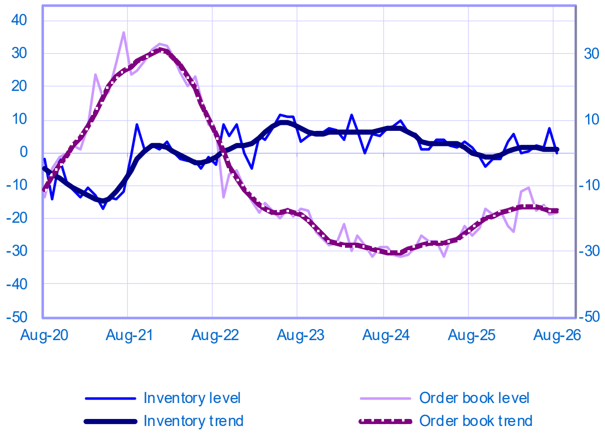

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Metal and metal products manufacturing *(12% of value added)*

Changes in production

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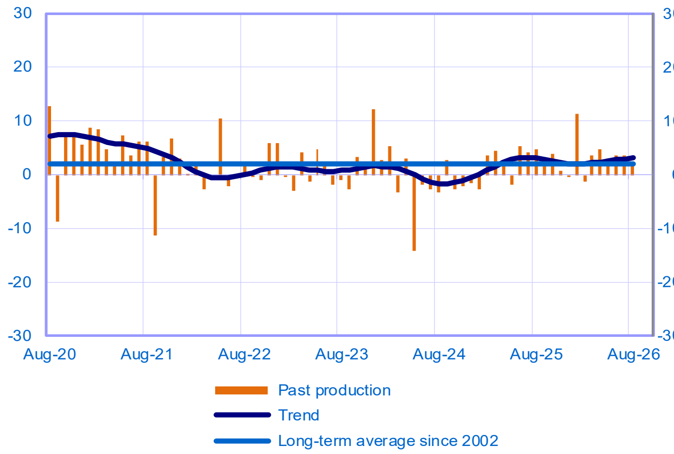

Inventories and order book level

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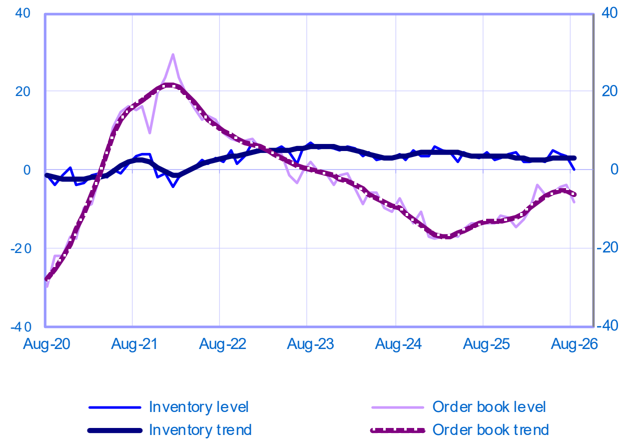

Other manufacturing industries *(10% of value added)*

(Including repair and installation of machinery)

Changes in production

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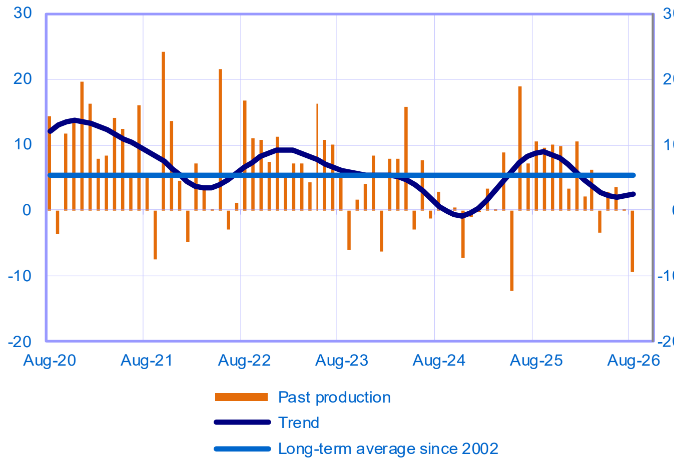

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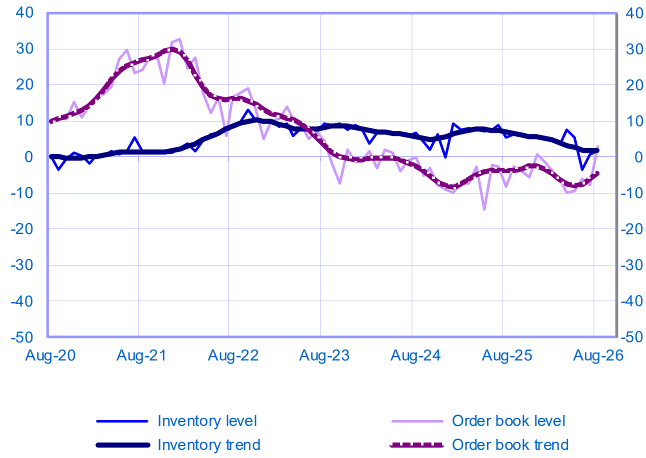

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Other manufacturing	**-1**	**0**	**-1**	**2**	**-6**	**74**	**5**
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather and related products	-4	-10	2	5	7	76	**10**
Wood paper and printing	-1	7	2	2	-12	72	**9**
Chemicals industry	-16	-11	4	2	-8	74	**6**
Pharmaceutical industry	-1	2	5	4	1	79	**7**
Rubber, plastic products and other non-metallic mineral products	9	4	-3	0	-18	70	**1**
Metal and metal products manufacturing	2	1	2	0	-8	72	**1**
Other manufacturing industries *(including repair and installation of machinery)*	-9	-9	-11	2	3	78	**11**

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Market Services

Opinion on the outlook for services activity*

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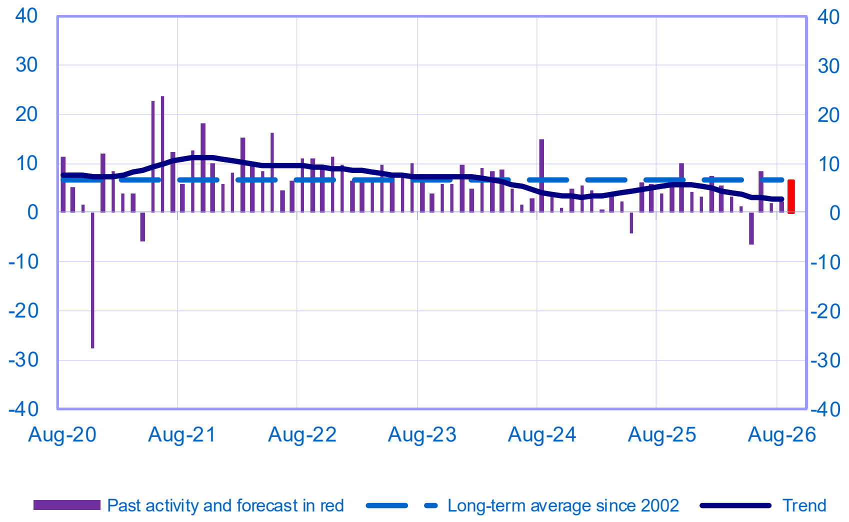

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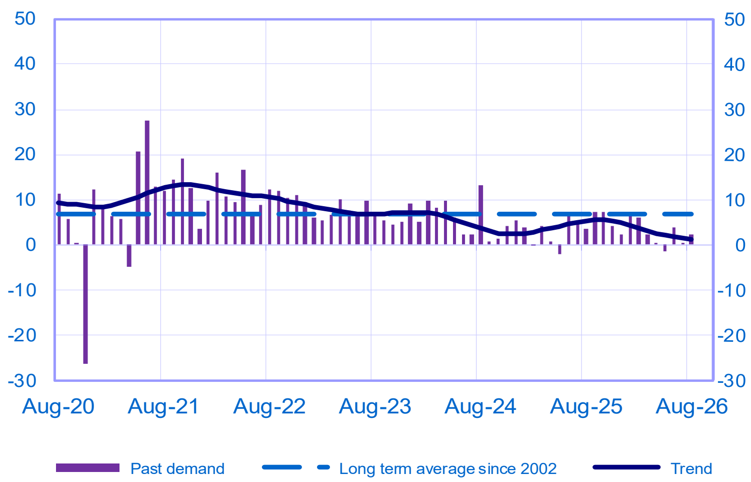
Change												**Forecast**
Activity	10	4	3	7	5	3	1	-6	8	2	**2**	**6**
Aggregate demand	7	4	2	7	6	2	0	-2	4	0	**2**	
Prices	2	3	1	2	2	3	6	3	3	3	**3**	
Staff	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	-1	2	0	**1**	
Level												
Cash positions	1	1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	**-1**	

Changes in demand

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



Changes in prices and staff

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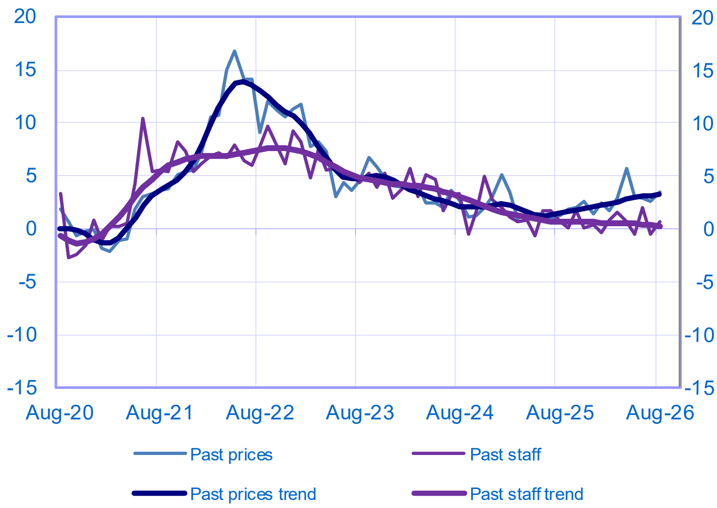

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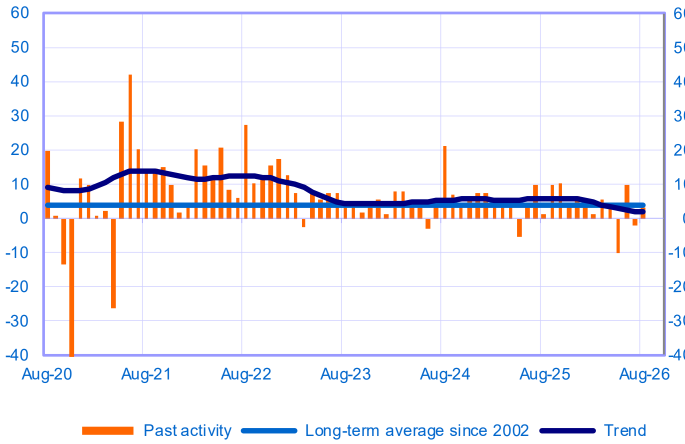
Market services: sectoral level information Period under review: August 2026

Transport, automotive repair, accommodation and food services (23% of value added in market services)

Total

Changes in activity

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



Changes in staff and prices

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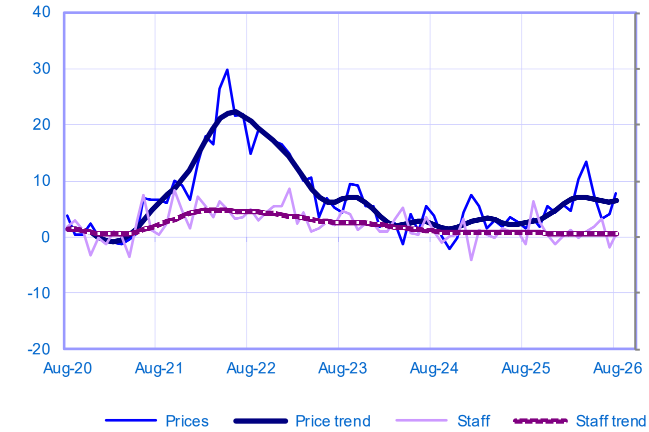

Accommodation and food services (13% of value added)

Changes in activity

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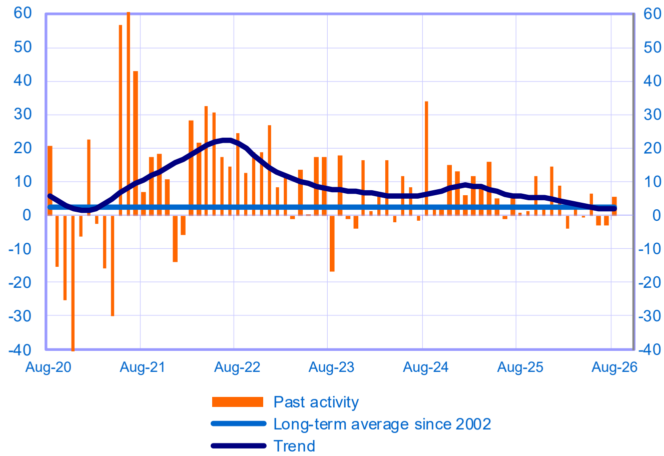

Changes in staff and prices

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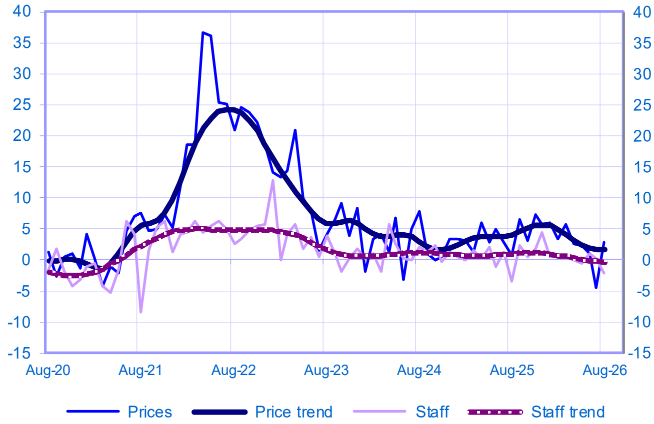

Transportation and storage *(7% of value added)*

Changes in activity

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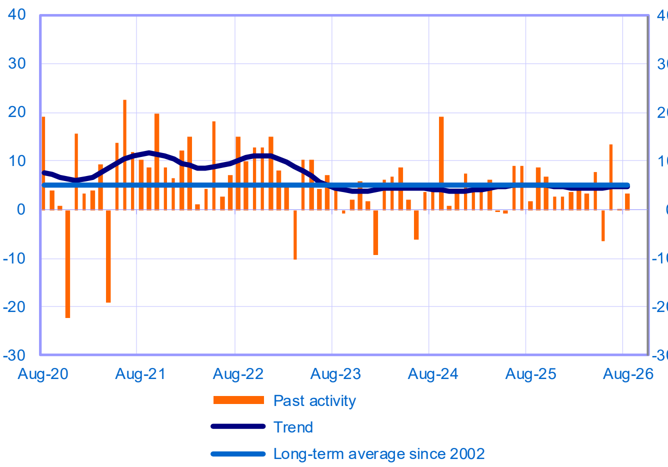

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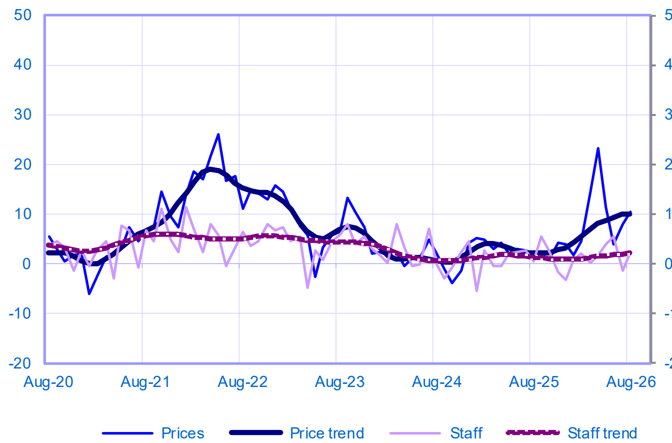

Automotive repair *(3% of value added)*

Changes in activity

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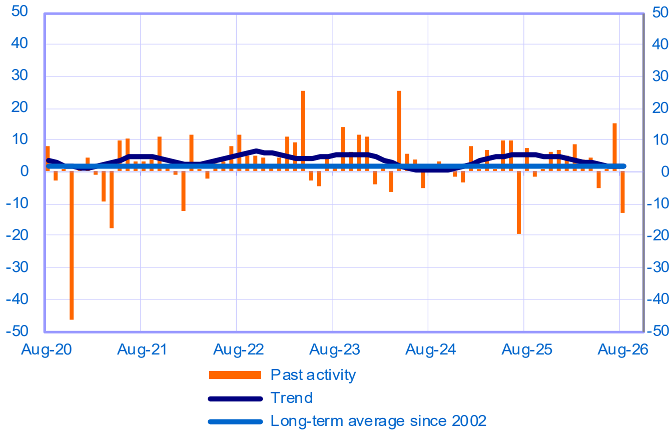

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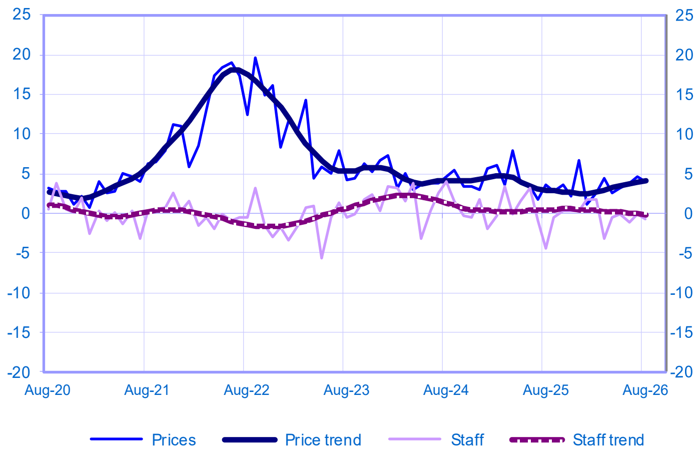

August	Activity	Activity trend	Demand	Prices	Staff	Cash positions	Activity forecasts
Transport, automotive repair, accommodation and food services	**3**	**2**	**3**	**8**	**0**	**-1**	**4**
Accommodation and food services activities	5	2	6	3	-2	-11	5
Transportation and storage	3	5	3	10	2	3	4
Automotive repair	-13	2	-10	4	-1	-3	7

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Professional, scientific and technical activities and administrative services (52% of value added in market services)

Total

Changes in activity

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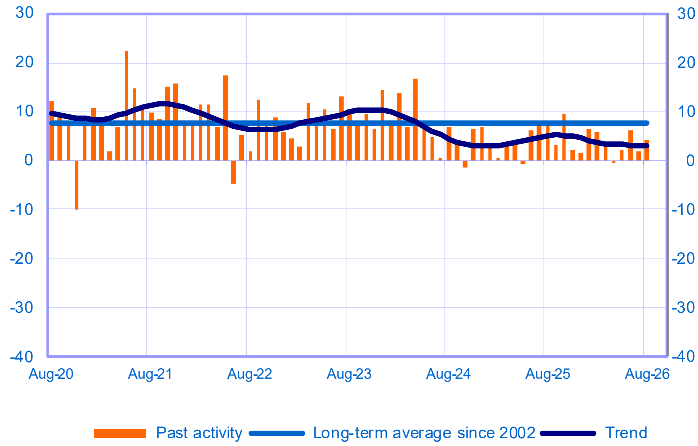

Changes in staff and prices

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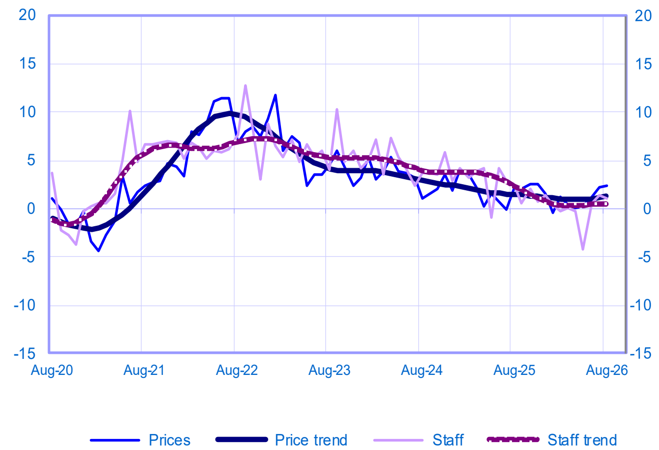
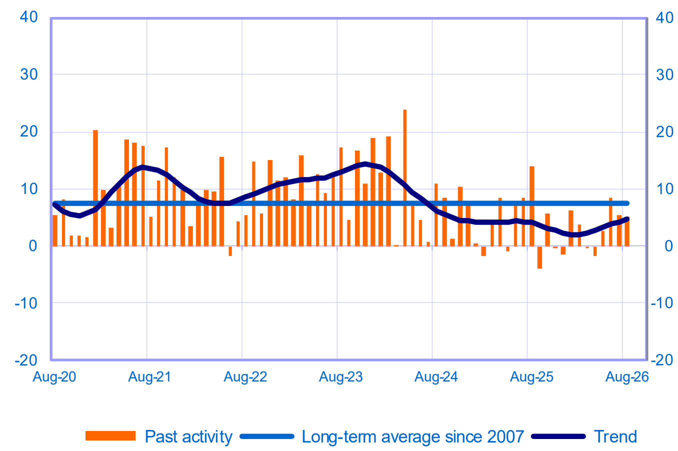


Management consultancy and legal and accounting activities (21% of value added)

Changes in activity

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



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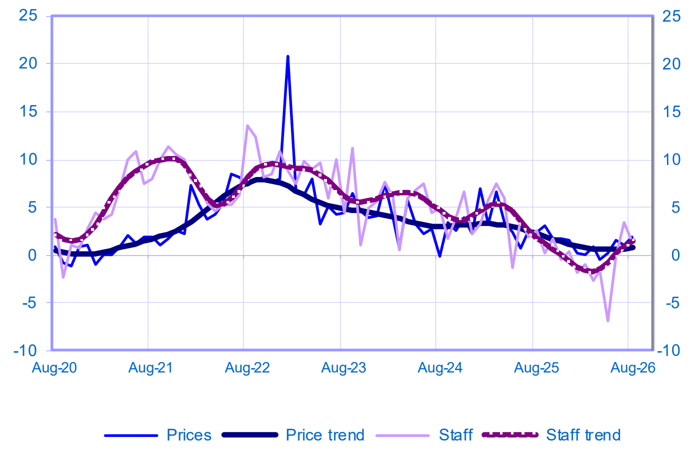

Architecture, engineering, technical testing and analysis activities (9% of value added)

Changes in activity

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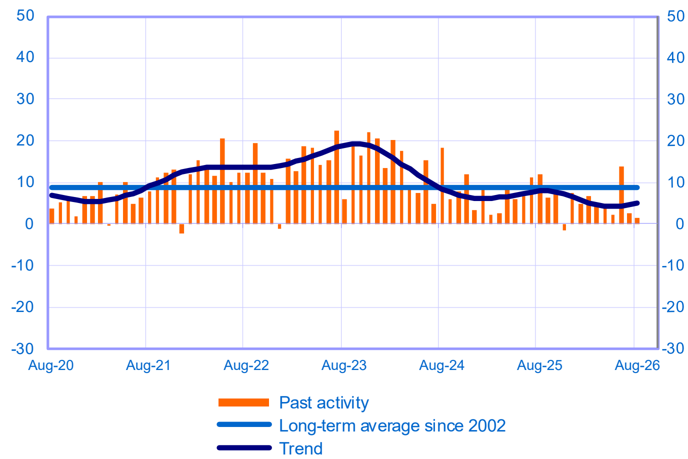

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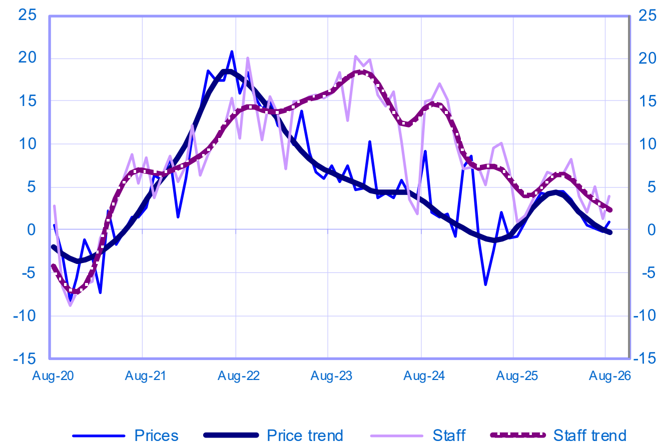

Advertising and market research (3% of value added)

Changes in activity

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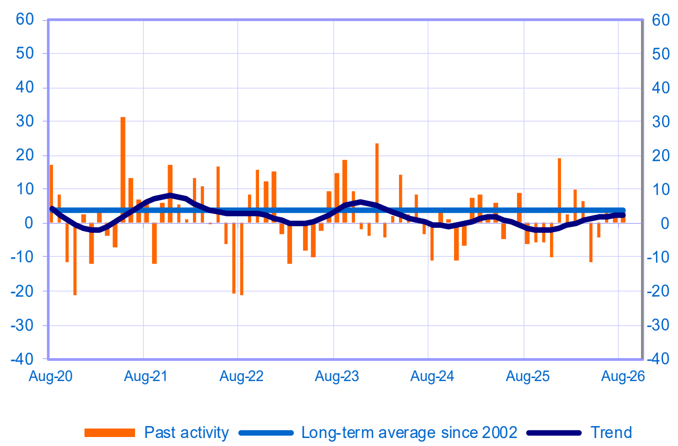

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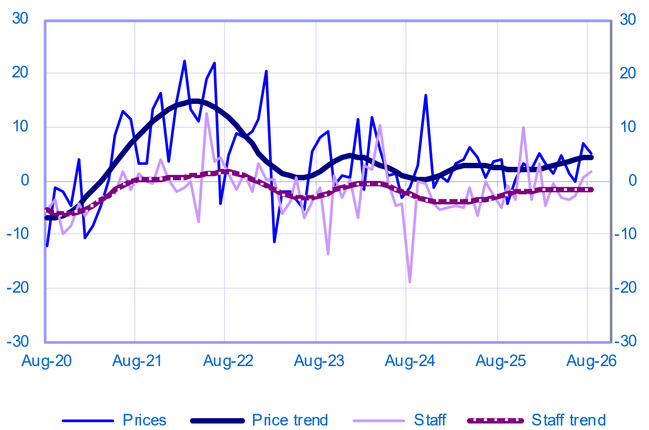

Administrative and support service activities (19% of value added)

Changes in activity

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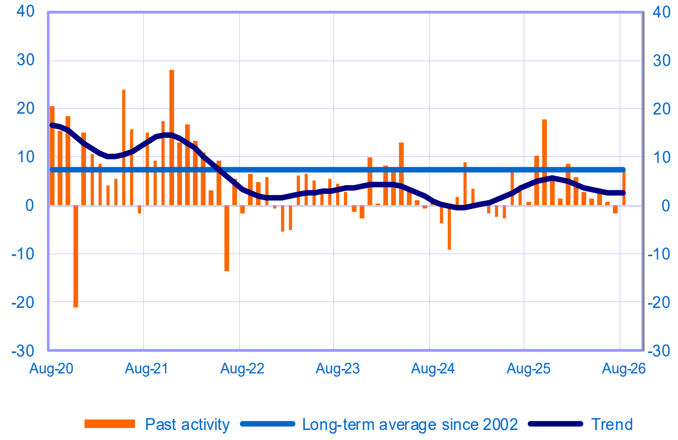

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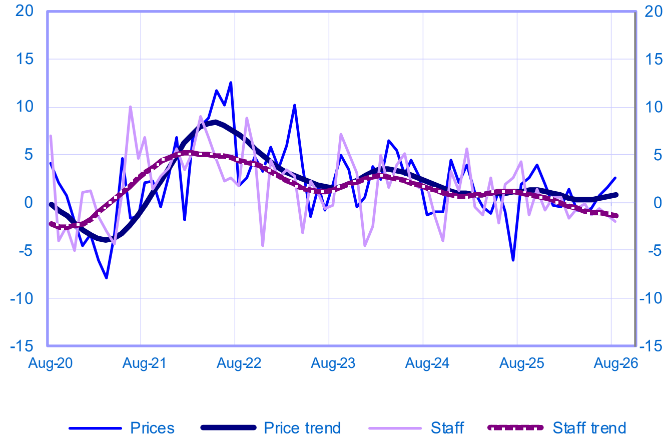

O/W temporary employment agency activities (11% of value added)

Changes in activity

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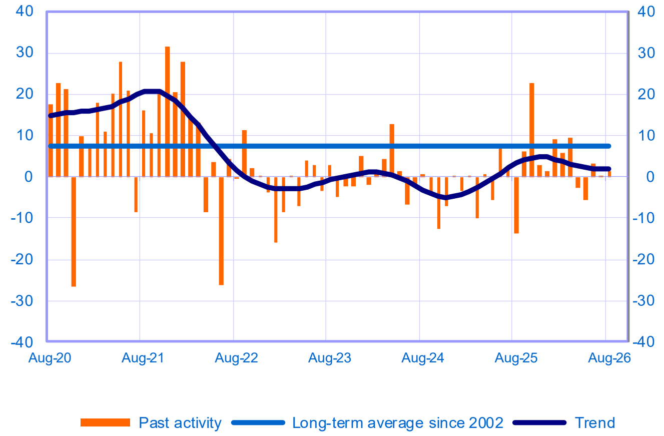

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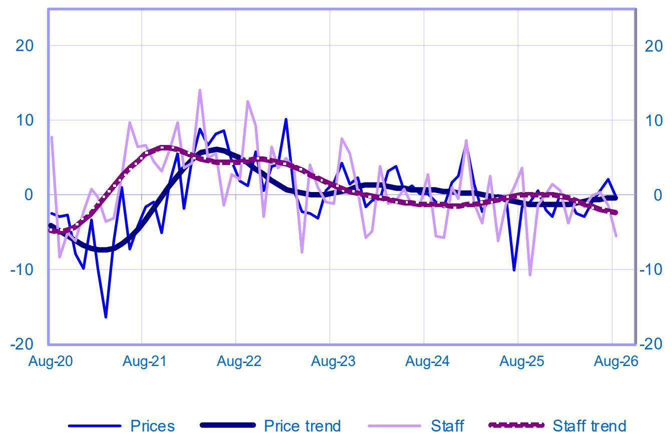

August	Activity	Activity trend	Demand	Prices	Staff	Cash positions	Activity forecasts
Professional scientific and technical activities and administrative services	**4**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**-3**	**9**
Management consultancy and legal and accounting activities	5	5	5	2	1	-3	6
Architecture, engineering and technical testing	1	5	3	1	4	-3	7
Advertising and market research	4	2	5	5	2	-2	1
Administrative and support service activities	7	3	8	3	-2	-3	15
O/W temporary employment agency activities	2	2	6	0	-6	-2	19

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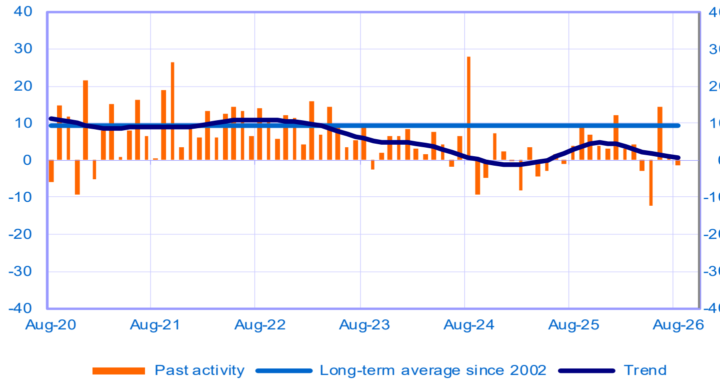
Period under review: August 2026

Information and communication (19% of value added in market services)

Total

Changes in activity

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



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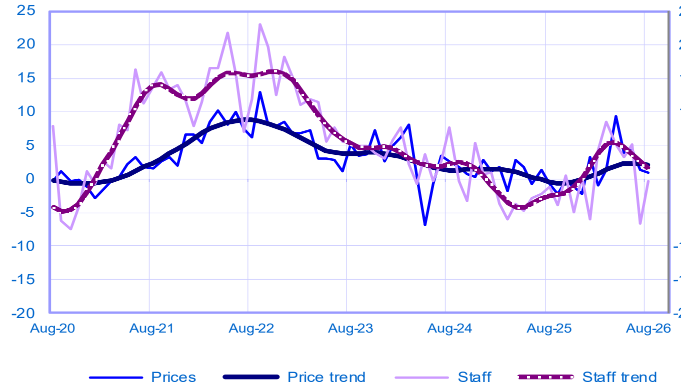

Publishing (4% of value added)

Changes in activity

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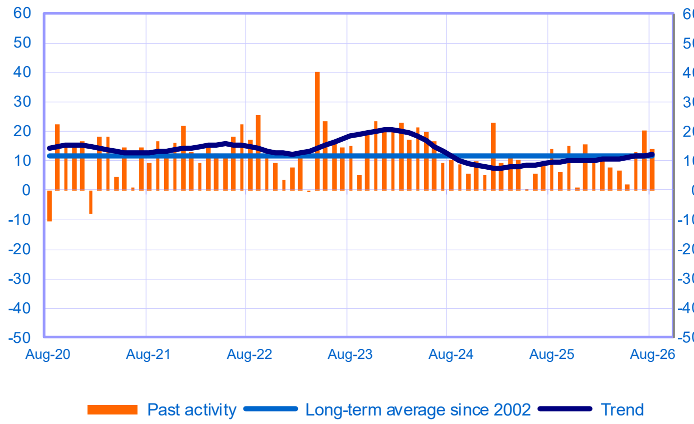

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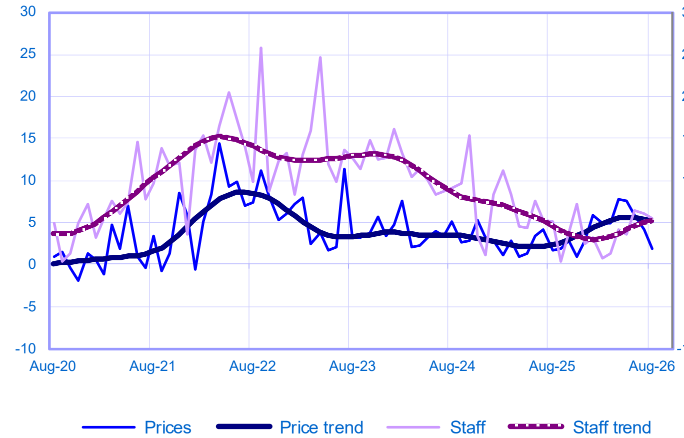

Computer and information services (15% of value added)

Changes in activity

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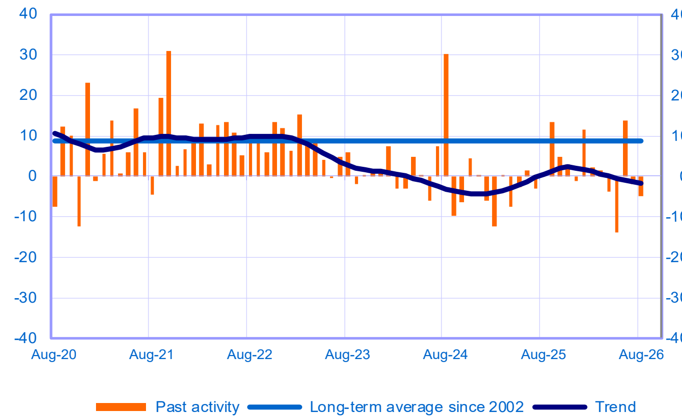

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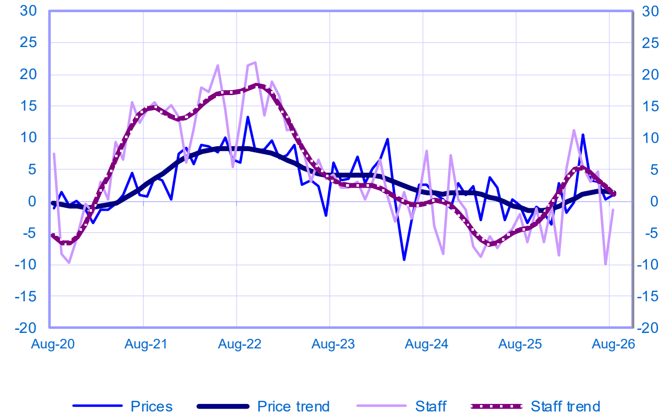

August	Activity	Activity trend	Demand	Prices	Staff	Cash positions	Activity forecasts
Information and communication	**-1**	**1**	**-1**	**1**	**0**	**3**	7
Publishing	14	12	12	2	5	14	12
Computer and information services	-5	-2	-5	1	-1	2	7

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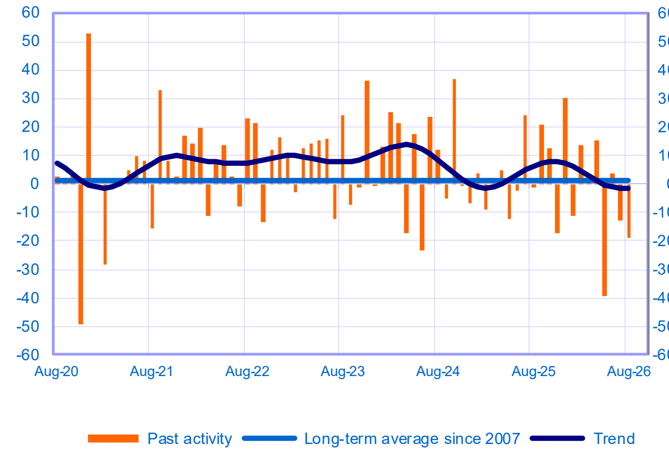
Recreation activities, personal services and activities of households as employers (6% of value added in market services)

Total

Changes in activity

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



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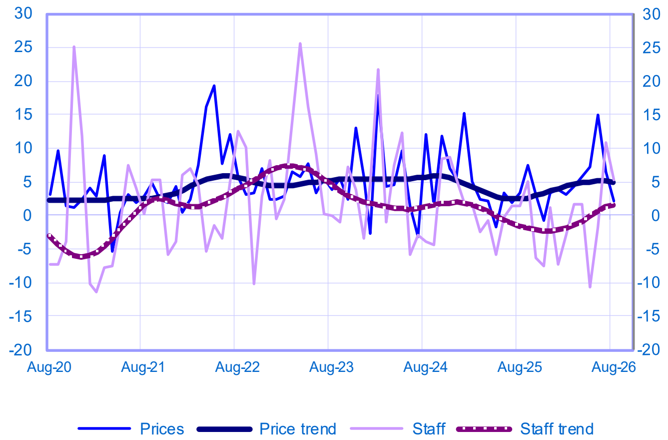

August	Activity	Activity trend	Demand	Prices	Staff	Cash positions	Activity forecasts
Recreation activities, personal services and activities of households as employers	-19	-2	-8	2	5	-4	1

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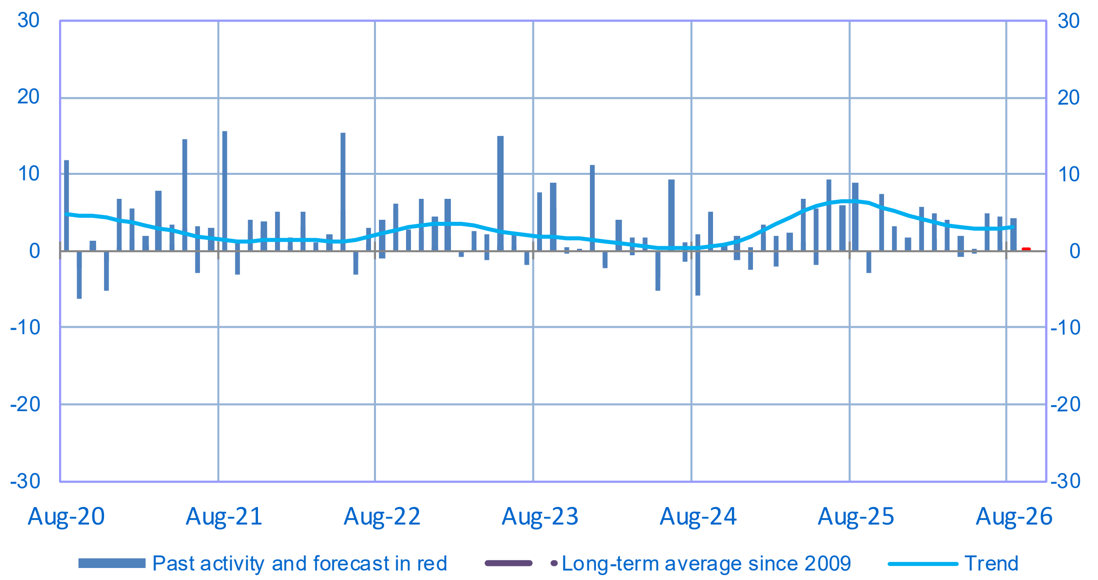
Construction

Opinion on the outlook for construction activity*

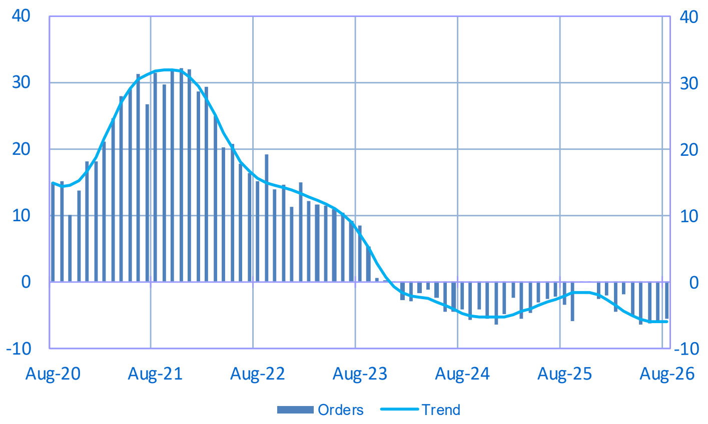
Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26
Change												**Forecast**
Activity	7	3	2	6	5	4	2	0	5	4	**4**	**0**
Estimates prices	-1	-1	-1	1	1	3	10	7	7	4	**2**	
Staff	1	0	-1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	**0**	
Level												
Order books	0	0	-3	-2	-5	-2	-5	-6	-6	-6	**-6**	

Order book level

Balance of opinions, SA-WDA



Changes in estimates prices and staff

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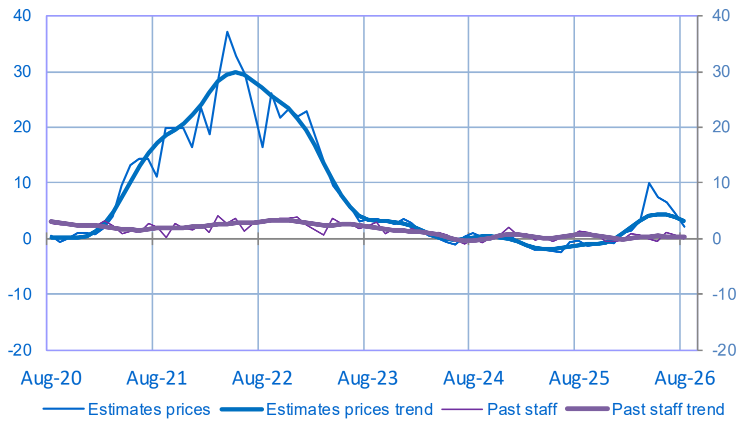

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Construction: sectoral level information

Period under review: August 2026

Construction of buildings (29% of value added of the covered sector)	Specialised construction activities (71% of value added of the covered sector)

Changes in activity

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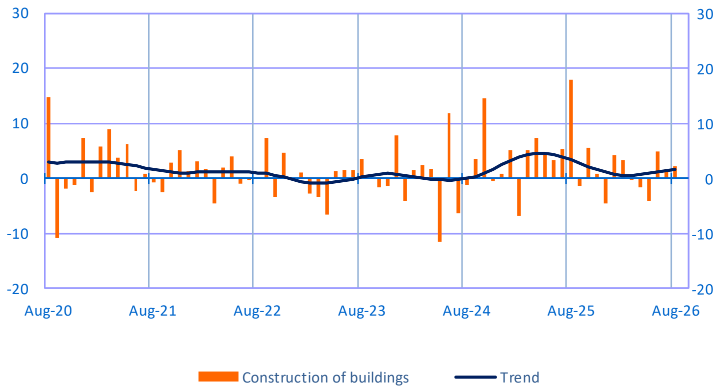

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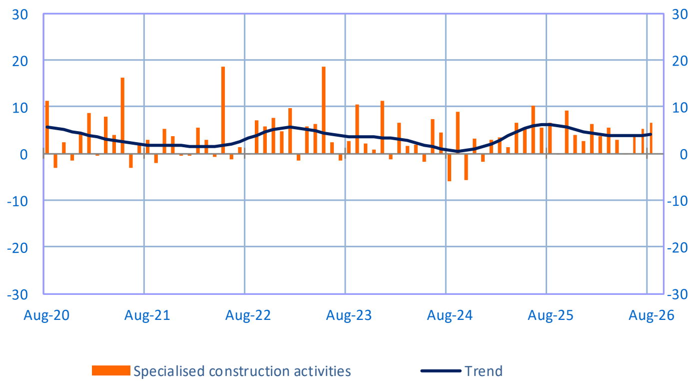

August	Activity	Order Books	Prices	Staff	Activity forecasts
Construction of residential and non-residential buildings	2	-13	3	-2	-1
Specialised construction activities	7	-3	2	1	-1

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- The last point corresponds to the business leaders' opinions of short-term production or activity forecasts.
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