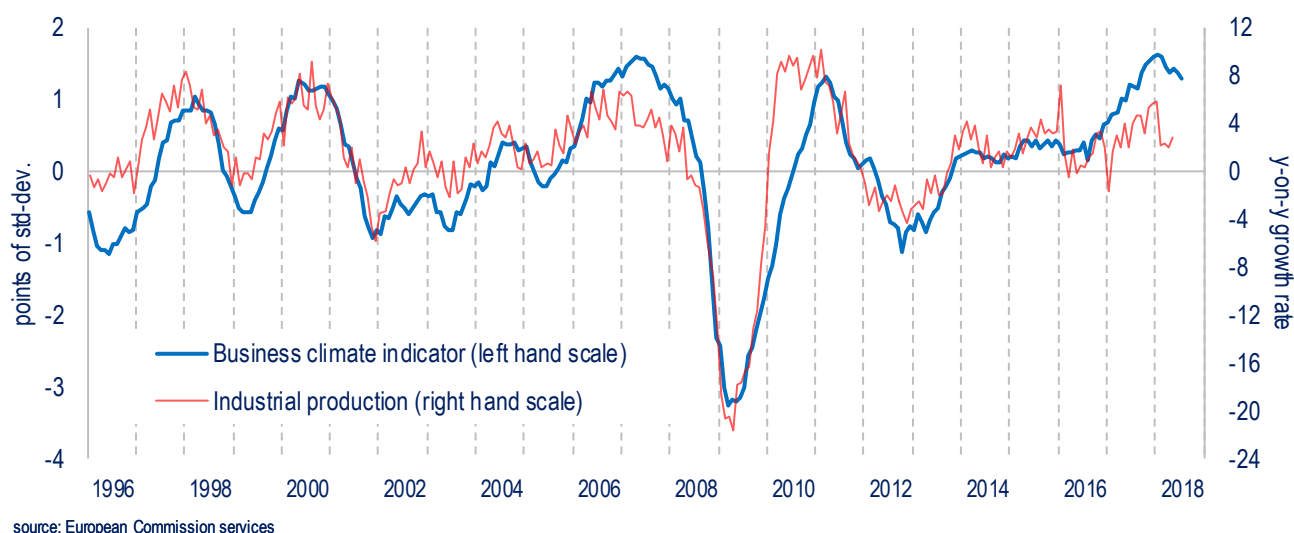




BUSINESS CLIMATE INDICATOR FOR THE EURO AREA



Business Climate Indicator decreases in July

In July, the Business Climate Indicator (BCI) for the euro area decreased (by -0.09 points to $+1.29$). Managers' appraisals of their *overall* and *export order books* worsened markedly, as well as their *production expectations*, while their views on the *stocks of finished products* edged down. By contrast, managers' assessments of *past production* improved.

Information

The Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) of the European Commission publishes the Business Climate Indicator every month. Information on the computation of the BCI is available in the Methodological User Guide (http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/db_indicators/surveys/method_guides/index_en.htm)

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Business climate indicator, euro area

Jan-85	-0.09	Jan-90	1.05	Jan-95	0.93	Jan-00	0.58	Jan-05	0.34	Jan-10	-1.49	Jan-15	0.20
Feb-85	-0.18	Feb-90	1.01	Feb-95	1.04	Feb-00	0.84	Feb-05	0.13	Feb-10	-1.31	Feb-15	0.18
Mar-85	-0.38	Mar-90	0.97	Mar-95	0.92	Mar-00	1.04	Mar-05	-0.01	Mar-10	-1.02	Mar-15	0.35
Apr-85	-0.29	Apr-90	0.93	Apr-95	0.84	Apr-00	1.00	Apr-05	-0.16	Apr-10	-0.60	Apr-15	0.44
May-85	-0.12	May-90	0.87	May-95	0.81	May-00	1.26	May-05	-0.20	May-10	-0.39	May-15	0.43
Jun-85	-0.09	Jun-90	0.74	Jun-95	0.59	Jun-00	1.21	Jun-05	-0.22	Jun-10	-0.23	Jun-15	0.35
Jul-85	-0.03	Jul-90	0.71	Jul-95	0.48	Jul-00	1.12	Jul-05	-0.09	Jul-10	0.05	Jul-15	0.44
Aug-85	0.02	Aug-90	0.66	Aug-95	0.33	Aug-00	1.14	Aug-05	-0.04	Aug-10	0.23	Aug-15	0.33
Sep-85	0.00	Sep-90	0.51	Sep-95	0.11	Sep-00	1.16	Sep-05	0.05	Sep-10	0.32	Sep-15	0.36
Oct-85	0.08	Oct-90	0.43	Oct-95	-0.05	Oct-00	1.17	Oct-05	0.15	Oct-10	0.53	Oct-15	0.44
Nov-85	-0.06	Nov-90	0.27	Nov-95	-0.21	Nov-00	1.18	Nov-05	0.13	Nov-10	0.65	Nov-15	0.36
Dec-85	-0.04	Dec-90	0.11	Dec-95	-0.40	Dec-00	1.07	Dec-05	0.31	Dec-10	0.95	Dec-15	0.44
Jan-86	-0.23	Jan-91	-0.35	Jan-96	-0.57	Jan-01	0.98	Jan-06	0.36	Jan-11	1.17	Jan-16	0.37
Feb-86	-0.25	Feb-91	-0.59	Feb-96	-0.82	Feb-01	0.87	Feb-06	0.53	Feb-11	1.25	Feb-16	0.23
Mar-86	-0.30	Mar-91	-0.82	Mar-96	-1.03	Mar-01	0.64	Mar-06	0.73	Mar-11	1.31	Mar-16	0.26
Apr-86	-0.28	Apr-91	-0.77	Apr-96	-1.09	Apr-01	0.37	Apr-06	1.02	Apr-11	1.25	Apr-16	0.26
May-86	-0.23	May-91	-0.87	May-96	-1.09	May-01	0.35	May-06	0.95	May-11	1.03	May-16	0.30
Jun-86	-0.19	Jun-91	-0.92	Jun-96	-1.15	Jun-01	0.12	Jun-06	1.24	Jun-11	0.98	Jun-16	0.30
Jul-86	-0.20	Jul-91	-0.97	Jul-96	-1.02	Jul-01	-0.10	Jul-06	1.23	Jul-11	0.70	Jul-16	0.40
Aug-86	-0.18	Aug-91	-0.96	Aug-96	-1.02	Aug-01	-0.23	Aug-06	1.18	Aug-11	0.40	Aug-16	0.16
Sep-86	-0.21	Sep-91	-1.06	Sep-96	-0.90	Sep-01	-0.63	Sep-06	1.27	Sep-11	0.24	Sep-16	0.42
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Nov-86	-0.36	Nov-91	-1.09	Nov-96	-0.84	Nov-01	-0.93	Nov-06	1.34	Nov-11	0.05	Nov-16	0.46
Dec-86	-0.24	Dec-91	-1.17	Dec-96	-0.81	Dec-01	-0.82	Dec-06	1.44	Dec-11	0.09	Dec-16	0.65
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Mar-87	-0.46	Mar-92	-1.02	Mar-97	-0.45	Mar-02	-0.64	Mar-07	1.55	Mar-12	0.05	Mar-17	0.82
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Jun-87	-0.24	Jun-92	-1.23	Jun-97	0.17	Jun-02	-0.47	Jun-07	1.58	Jun-12	-0.45	Jun-17	1.21
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Mar-88	0.40	Mar-93	-2.29	Mar-98	1.03	Mar-03	-0.57	Mar-08	1.00	Mar-13	-0.71	Mar-18	1.46
Apr-88	0.45	Apr-93	-2.41	Apr-98	0.93	Apr-03	-0.57	Apr-08	0.70	Apr-13	-0.86	Apr-18	1.38
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Jun-88	0.75	Jun-93	-2.46	Jun-98	0.86	Jun-03	-0.81	Jun-08	0.45	Jun-13	-0.58	Jun-18	1.38
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Aug-89	1.22	Aug-94	0.04	Aug-99	-0.16	Aug-04	0.38	Aug-09	-2.58	Aug-14	0.19		
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