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Fourth quarter of 2012 compared with third quarter of 2012

Employment down by 0.3% in euro area and by 0.2% in EU27

-0.8% and -0.4% respectively compared with the fourth quarter of 2011

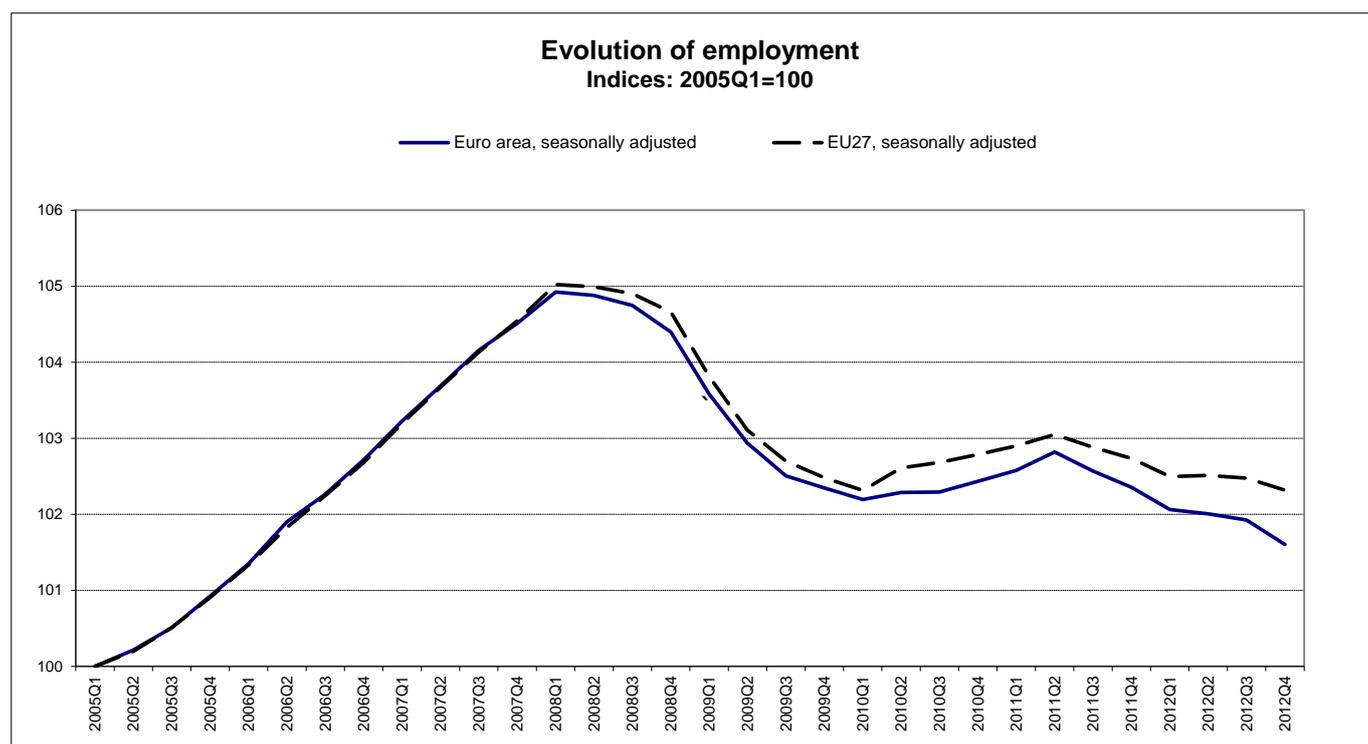
The number of persons employed¹ decreased by 0.3% in the **euro area**² (EA17) and by 0.2% in the **EU27**² in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared with the previous quarter, according to national accounts estimates published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the third quarter of 2012, employment decreased by 0.1% in the **euro area** and remained stable in the **EU27**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment fell by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.4% in the **EU27** in the fourth quarter of 2012 (after -0.6% and -0.4% respectively in the third quarter of 2012).

Over the whole year 2012, employment decreased by 0.7% in the **euro area** and by 0.4% in the **EU27**, compared with +0.3% in both zones in 2011.

Eurostat estimates that, in the fourth quarter of 2012, 222.6 million men and women were employed in the **EU27**, of which 145.7 million were in the **euro area**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

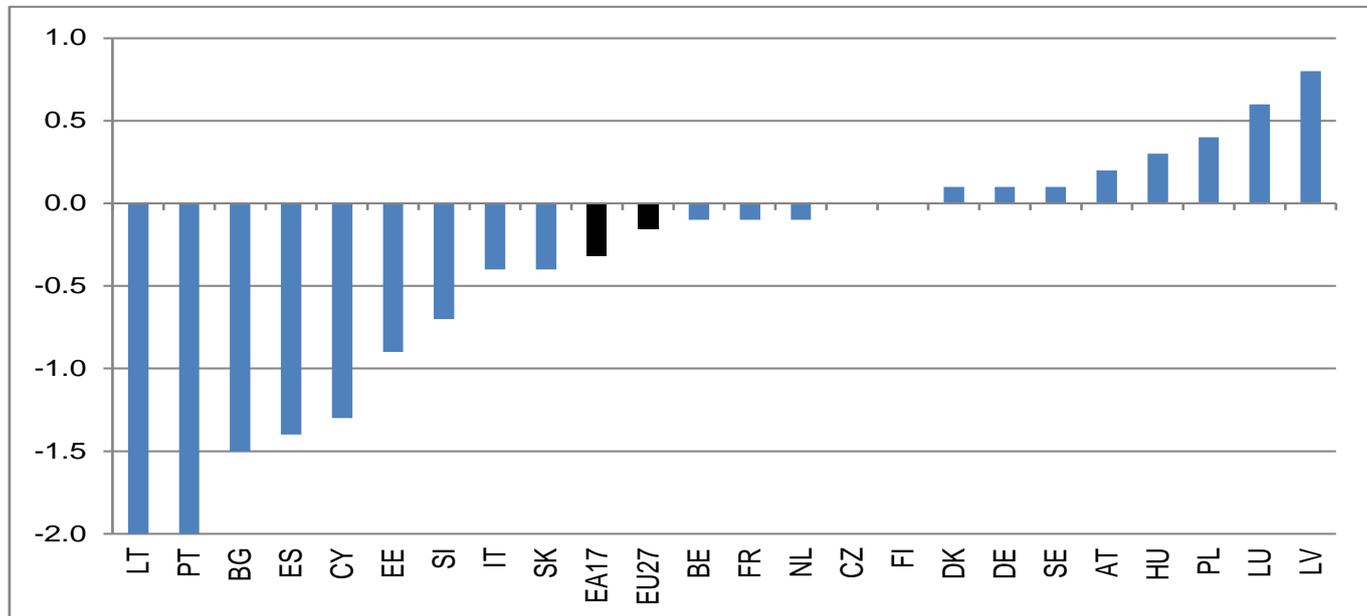
These quarterly data on employment provide a picture of labour input consistent with the output and income measure of national accounts.



Employment growth in Member States

Among Member States for which data are available, **Latvia** (+0.8%), **Luxembourg** (+0.6%), **Poland** (+0.4%), **Hungary** (+0.3%) and **Austria** (+0.2%) recorded the highest increases in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared with the previous quarter, and **Lithuania** and **Portugal** (both -2.0%), **Bulgaria** (-1.5%), **Spain** (-1.4%) and **Cyprus** (-1.3%) the highest decreases.

Member States' growth rates for employment in the fourth quarter of 2012
% change over the previous quarter, seasonally adjusted



1. Employment covers employees and self-employed working in resident production units (i.e. the domestic employment concept). Unless otherwise stated, all employment estimates in this release use *persons* as the measurement unit. ESA95 acknowledges other possible measures for employment: jobs, full-time equivalents and total hours worked. More information on employment in national accounts is available on Eurostat's website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/national_accounts/methodology/employment.
2. The euro area (EA17) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. The EU27 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).
3. The Lithuanian statistical office has revised employment data from the first quarter of 2012, based on the results of the latest census. For this reason 2012 data are currently not comparable with data of earlier years, and therefore annual growth rates for 2012, as well as the quarterly growth rate for the first quarter of 2012, are not published. The Polish statistical office has revised employment data from the third quarter of 2012, based on the results of the latest census. For this reason data for the two latest quarters are currently not comparable with data of earlier years, and therefore annual growth rates for these quarters, as well as the quarterly growth rate for the third quarter of 2012, are not published.

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Employment growth rates*

	Percentage change compared with the previous quarter				Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
	2012				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA17	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8
EU27	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4
Belgium	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.7	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Bulgaria	-1.4	-1.5	-0.8	-1.5	-3.8	-4.8	-3.9	-4.9
Czech Republic	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8
Denmark	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.2
Germany	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.8
Estonia	1.3	0.9	0.0	-0.9	3.2	3.1	1.2	1.2
Ireland	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	c	-0.9	-1.4	-0.2	c
Greece	:	:	:	:	-8.8	-9.1	-8.9	-6.5
Spain	-1.8	-0.6	-0.7	-1.4	-3.8	-4.5	-4.3	-4.5
France	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Italy	-0.4	0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.9	-0.8	0.5	-0.1
Cyprus	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.3	-3.3	-4.1	-4.2	-4.8
Latvia	-0.6	1.0	1.6	0.8	1.9	2.0	3.5	2.8
Lithuania³	:	-1.3	-1.0	-2.0	:	:	:	:
Luxembourg	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.2
Hungary	-0.5	0.5	-0.4	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.5	0.0
Malta	1.3	-0.7	0.5	:	2.3	2.1	1.1	:
Netherlands	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.5	-0.5
Austria	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.8
Poland³	-0.6	-0.3	:	0.4	0.5	0.1	:	:
Portugal	-1.2	-0.4	-0.7	-2.0	-4.3	-4.2	-4.1	-4.3
Romania	:	:	:	:	-0.5	1.8	2.7	3.5
Slovenia	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	-1.4	-2.0
Slovakia	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.6
Finland	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.3	-0.4
Sweden	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5
United Kingdom	0.5	0.8	0.1	:	0.1	0.9	1.8	:
Norway	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.0

: Data not available

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* Percentage change in the number of persons employed in resident production units compared with the previous quarter based on seasonally adjusted data. Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year based on non-seasonally adjusted data.

T1 - TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-1 - PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Total economy				Agriculture, forestry and fishing				Industry (mining, manufacturing, electricity, water and waste)				of which: Manufacturing				Construction				Trade, transport, accommodation and food service activities			
Section					A				B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I			
	2012				2012				2012				2012				2012				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA17	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-1.4	-0.6	-1.6	-1.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4
EU27	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.9	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.4	-0.8	-1.2	-1.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2

NACE Rev 2	Information and communication				Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Section	J				K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2012				2012				2012				2012				2012				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA17	0.5	0.5	-0.3	1.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.8	0.3	-1.2	0.7	-1.4	1.3	-0.3	0.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.3
EU27	0.9	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	0.5	-1.1	-0.2	-0.4	1.7	-0.5	0.9	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.5

T2 - TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-4 - PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR – NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

NACE Rev 2	Total economy				Agriculture, forestry and fishing				Industry (mining, manufacturing, electricity, water and waste)				of which: Manufacturing				Construction				Trade, transport, accommodation and food service activities			
Section					A				B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I			
	2012				2012				2012				2012				2012				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA17	-0.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8	-2.0	-1.1	-1.4	-1.9	-0.7	-1.3	-1.2	-1.4	-0.8	-1.3	-1.2	-1.4	-4.7	-4.6	-5.0	-4.9	-0.4	-0.8	-0.9	-1.2
EU27	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-1.3	-0.6	-1.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.9	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-1.1	-0.7	-1.1	-3.6	-4.0	-4.4	-3.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7

NACE Rev 2	Information and communication				Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Section	J				K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2012				2012				2012				2012				2012				2012			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA17	1.3	0.9	1.4	2.0	-0.3	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	0.8	1.3	1.2	-1.0	0.8	0.3	1.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	1.5	1.8
EU27	1.4	1.5	2.8	2.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.5	1.4