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Fourth quarter of 2014 compared with third quarter of 2014

Employment up by 0.1% in euro area and by 0.2% in EU28

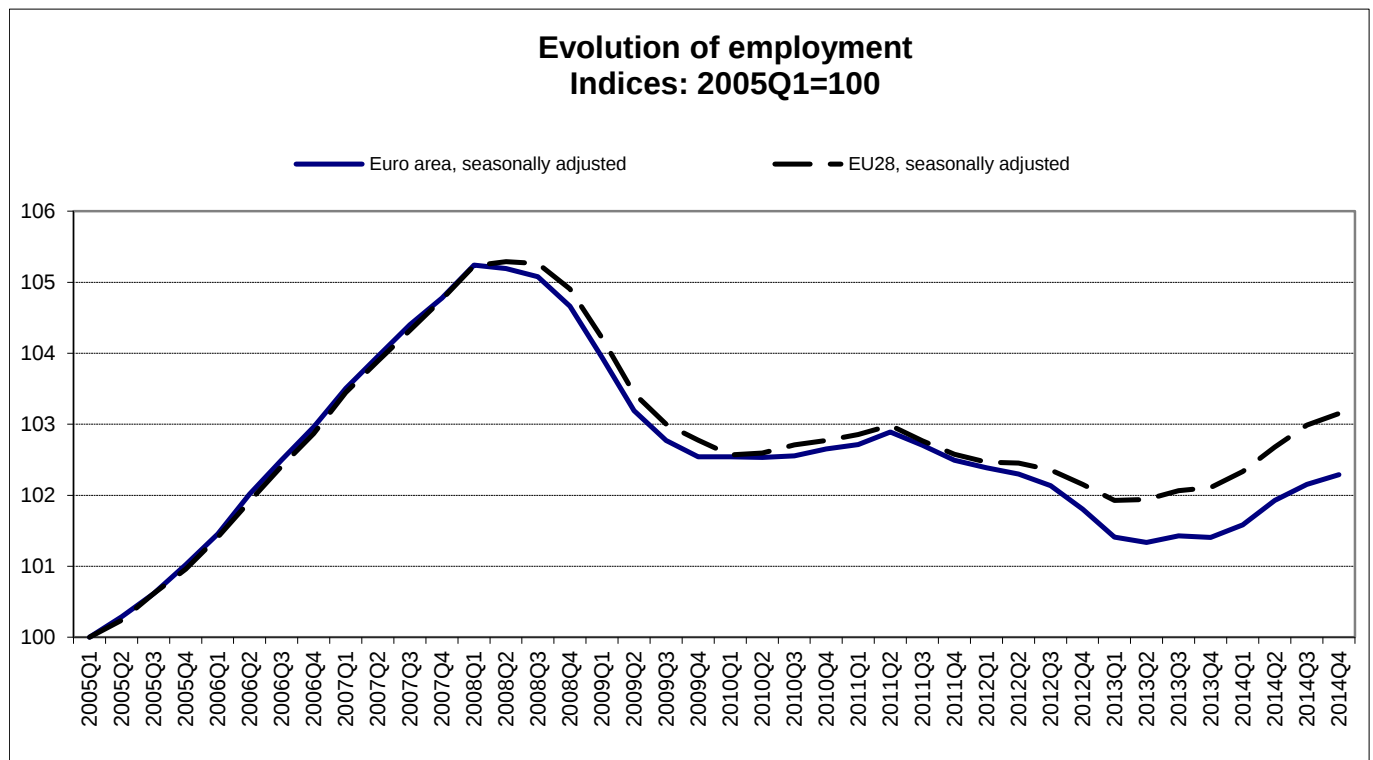
+0.9% and +1.0% respectively compared with the fourth quarter of 2013

The number of persons employed¹ increased by 0.1% in the **euro area**² (EA18) and by 0.2% in the **EU28**² in the fourth quarter of 2014 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 2014, employment increased by 0.2% in the euro area and 0.3% in the EU28. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 0.9% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU28** in the fourth quarter of 2014 (after +0.7% and +0.9% respectively in the third quarter of 2014).

Eurostat estimates that, in the fourth quarter of 2014, 226.7 million men and women were employed in the **EU28**, of which 148.6 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.

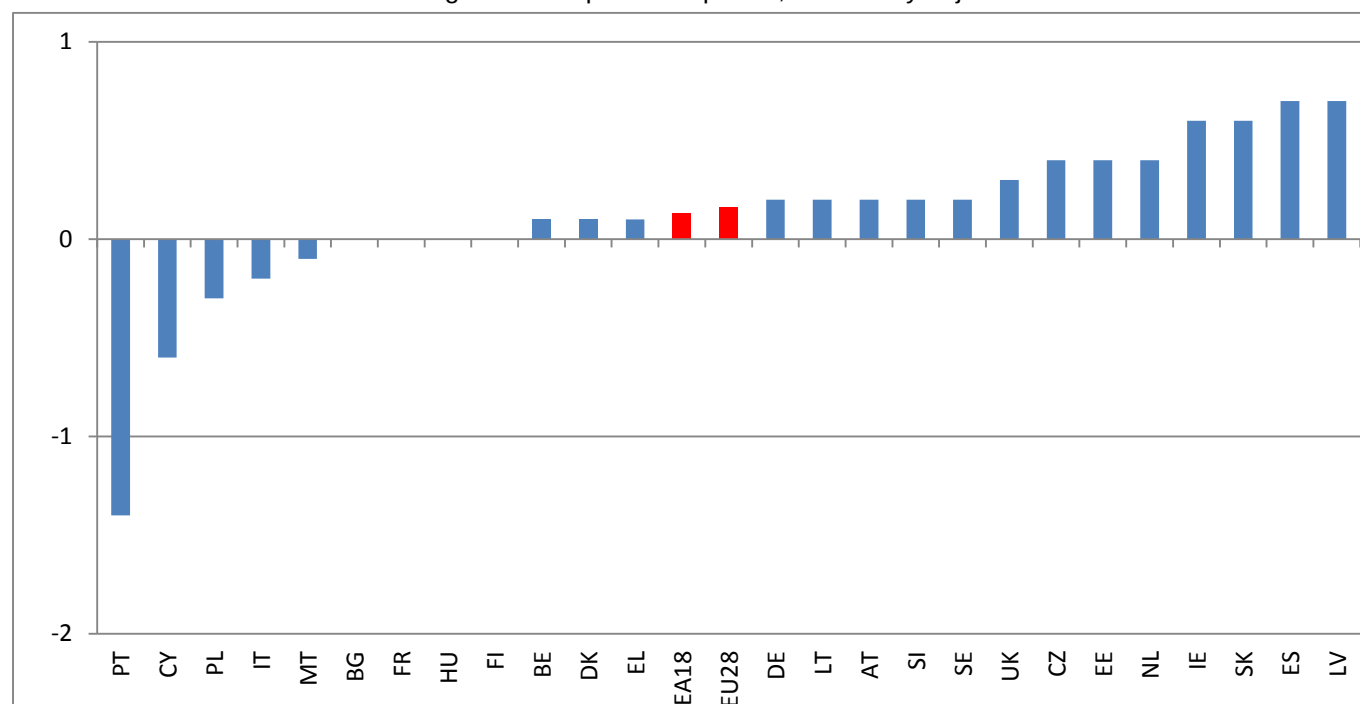


Employment growth in Member States

Among Member States for which data are available, **Spain** and **Latvia** (both +0.7%), **Ireland** and **Slovakia** (both +0.6%) recorded the highest increases in the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with the previous quarter. **Portugal** (-1.4%), **Cyprus** (-0.6%), **Poland** (-0.3%), **Italy** (-0.2%) and **Malta** (-0.1%) recorded decreases.

Member States' growth rates for employment in the fourth quarter of 2014

% 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. ESA2010 acknowledges other possible measures for employment: jobs and total hours worked. More information on employment in national accounts is available on Eurostat's website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/national-accounts/methodology/employment>

2. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area (EA18) included Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. From 1 January 2015 the euro area (EA19) also includes Lithuania.

The European Union (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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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			
	2014				2014			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA18	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.9
EA19	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.9
EU28	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0
Member States								
Belgium	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4
Bulgaria	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.1
Czech Republic	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.8
Denmark	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Germany	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0
Estonia	0.4	2.5	-0.2	0.4	-1.1	-0.2	1.3	3.1
Ireland	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	2.3	1.7	1.4	1.6
Greece	0.6	0.0	1.7	0.1	-0.5	-0.5	1.5	2.4
Spain	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.7	-0.2	1.2	1.7	2.4
France	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2
Croatia	1.2	1.1	2.1	:	2.6	1.6	4.9	1.6
Italy	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4
Cyprus	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	-3.7	-1.4	-0.8	-1.5
Latvia	0.3	-0.5	-1.7	0.7	0.1	-1.3	-3.0	-1.2
Lithuania	1.0	-0.6	1.5	0.2	2.3	0.9	3.0	1.9
Luxembourg	0.4	1.1	0.1	:	2.3	2.3	2.4	:
Hungary	1.3	0.6	0.8	0.0	3.2	3.2	3.7	2.6
Malta	0.1	2.5	1.5	-0.1	3.2	4.8	4.8	3.9
Netherlands	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-0.2	0.6
Austria	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.6
Poland	0.6	0.6	0.4	-0.3	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.6
Portugal	-0.3	0.9	1.4	-1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	0.7
Romania**	:	:	:	:	0.6	0.4	1.5	1.6
Slovenia	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.8
Slovakia	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.4	1.4	2.1
Finland	0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Sweden	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.9	1.3	1.9	1.5
United Kingdom	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.0
EFTA countries								
Norway	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0

: Data not available

* 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.

** The Romanian statistical office has revised the employment data from the first quarter of 2012, based on the results of the latest census.

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			
	2014				2014				2014				2014				2014				2014			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA18	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0
EU28	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.8	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.0

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			
	2014				2014				2014				2014				2014				2014			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA18	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.1
EU28	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.2	1.7	-0.8	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4

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			
	2014				2014				2014				2014				2014				2014			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA18	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	-0.7	0.1	0.2	0.5	-2.4	-1.9	-1.3	-1.4	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.1
EU28	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0	-0.9	-1.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.1

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Section	J				K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2014				2014				2014				2014				2014				2014			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EA18	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.4	-0.8	-1.2	-1.1	-1.1	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.3	2.1	2.0	2.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	-0.2	0.3	0.6	1.7
EU28	0.7	1.0	1.7	1.8	-1.5	-1.4	-0.7	-0.7	2.6	2.3	1.5	1.2	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.3	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.8