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Second quarter of 2013 compared with first quarter 2013

Employment down by 0.1% in euro area, stable in EU27

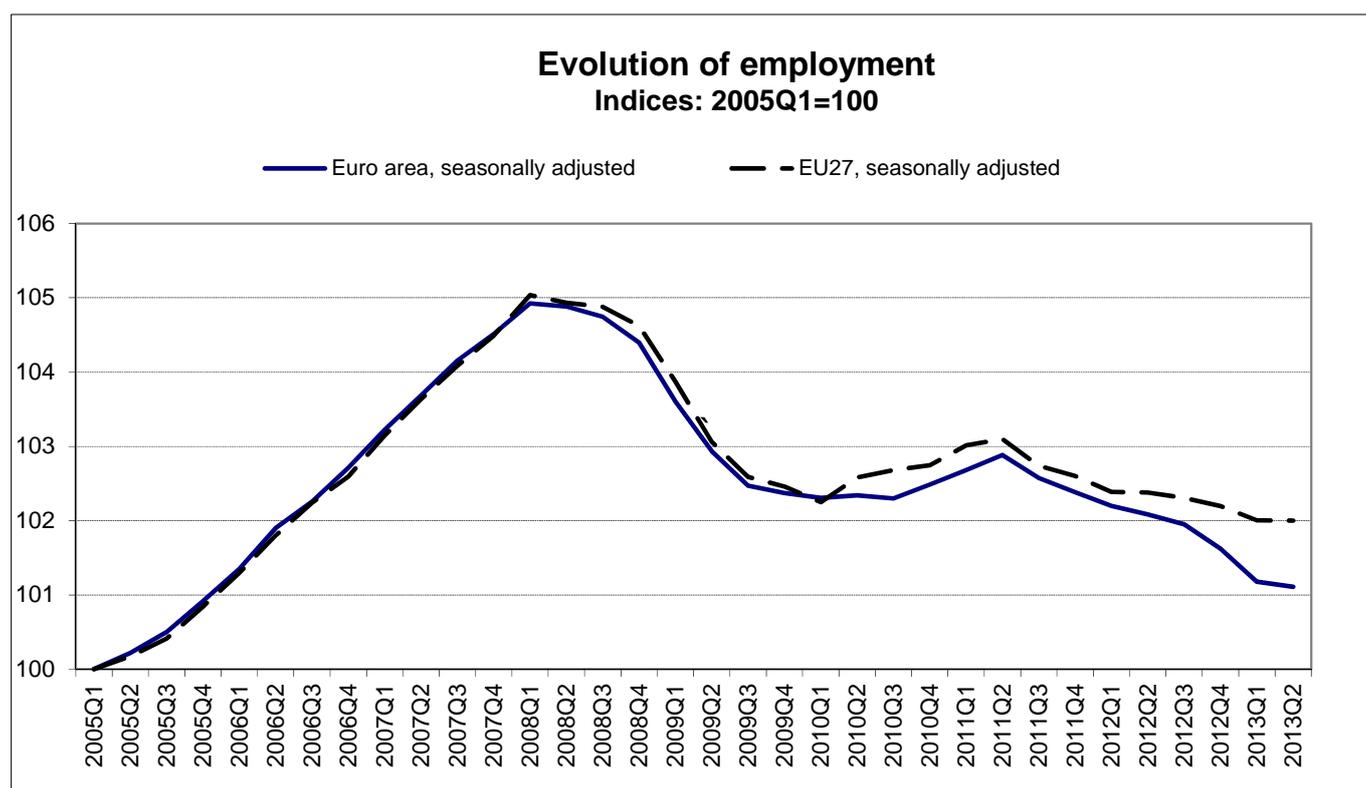
-1.0% and -0.4% respectively compared with the second quarter of 2012

The number of persons employed¹ decreased by 0.1% in the **euro area**² (EA17) and remained stable in the **EU27**² in the second quarter of 2013 compared with the previous quarter, according to national accounts estimates published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the first quarter of 2013, employment decreased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU27**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment fell by 1.0% in the **euro area** and by 0.4% in the **EU27** in the second quarter of 2013 (after -1.0% and -0.5% respectively in the first quarter of 2013).

Eurostat estimates that, in the second quarter of 2013, 221.8 million men and women were employed in the **EU27**, of which 145.0 million were in the **euro area**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

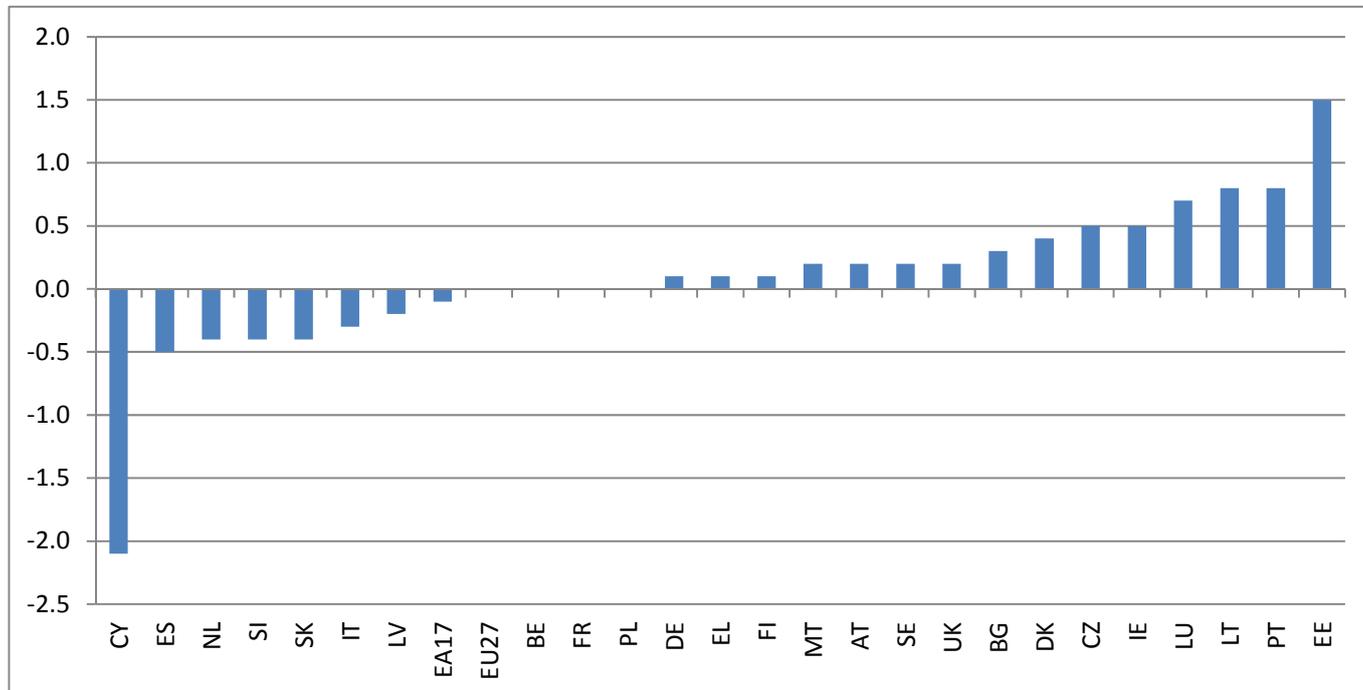
These quarterly data on employment provide a picture of labour input consistent with the output and income measure of national accounts.



Employment growth by Member States

Among those Member States for which data are available, **Estonia** (+1.5%), **Lithuania** and **Portugal** (both +0.8%), **Luxembourg** (+0.7%), the **Czech Republic** and **Ireland** (both +0.5%) recorded the highest growth rates compared with the previous quarter, while **Cyprus** (-2.1%), **Spain** (-0.5%), the **Netherlands**, **Slovenia** and **Slovakia** (all -0.4%) registered the largest decreases.

Member States' employment growth rates in the second quarter of 2013 % 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.
Up to 30 June 2013, the European Union (EU27) included Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom. From 1 July 2013 the European Union (EU28) also includes Croatia.
As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the EU is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition of the EU in the most recent quarter for which data is available. **Thus News Releases with data for quarters up to the second quarter of 2013 comment on EU27 series, while Releases with data for the third quarter of 2013 onwards will comment on EU28 series.**
Eurostat's guidelines can be found on the Eurostat website:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007/EN/GUIDE_ENLARG_2007-EN.PDF
3. The Polish statistical office has revised the 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 are not published.

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Employment growth rates*

	Percentage change compared to the previous quarter				Percentage change compared to the same quarter of the previous year			
	2012		2013		2012		2013	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EA17	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0
EU27	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4
EU28	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4
Member States								
Belgium	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Bulgaria	0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.3	-1.9	-2.3	-1.7	0.7
Czech Republic	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.3
Denmark	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.2
Germany	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.6
Estonia	0.1	-0.9	2.3	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.3	3.0
Ireland	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.1	1.1	1.9
Greece	-2.2	0.0	-2.3	0.1	-8.9	-6.5	-6.5	-4.3
Spain	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0	-0.5	-4.2	-4.4	-4.2	-3.7
France	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Croatia**	:	:	:	:	-3.6	-5.4	-1.1	-1.6
Italy	0.3	-0.6	-1.2	-0.3	0.5	-0.1	-1.3	-2.2
Cyprus	-1.3	-1.5	-1.1	-2.1	-4.2	-4.8	-4.9	-6.1
Latvia	1.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	3.5	2.8	2.9	1.5
Lithuania	0.1	-0.8	1.7	0.8	3.0	0.8	1.2	1.0
Luxembourg	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.7	2.2	2.3	1.6	1.7
Hungary	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	:	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	:
Malta	1.7	0.6	1.0	0.2	2.1	2.5	2.4	3.6
Netherlands	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9
Austria	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.6
Poland³	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	0.0	:	:	-0.6	-0.5
Portugal	-0.6	-2.1	-2.2	0.8	-4.1	-4.3	-5.2	-4.0
Romania	:	:	:	:	2.7	2.1	0.9	0.2
Slovenia	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	-0.4	-0.9	-1.6	-2.7	-2.5
Slovakia	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	-1.0	-1.3
Finland	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.1	-0.7
Sweden	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.8
United Kingdom	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.0
EFTA countries								
Norway	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.9	1.3	1.2

: 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.

** Employment data based on national employment concept

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							
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EU27	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-1.5	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3																

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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																			
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EU27	2.6	3.0	1.7	2.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-1.0	-0.8	1.8	-0.6	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.5	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7																								