

First estimate for the third quarter of 2011

## Employment down by 0.1% in euro area and EU27 +0.2% and -0.1% respectively compared with the third quarter of 2010

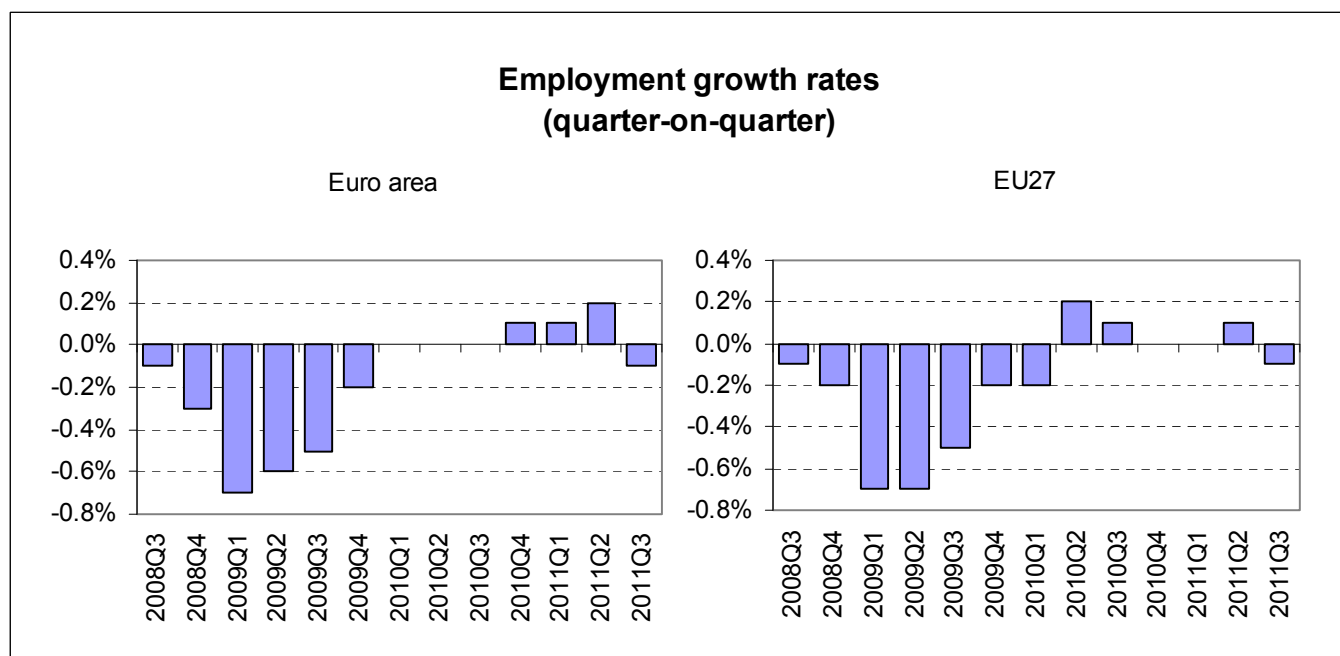
The number of persons employed in both the **euro area**<sup>1</sup> (EA17) and the **EU27**<sup>1</sup> decreased by 0.1% in the third quarter of 2011 compared with the previous quarter, according to national accounts estimates published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the second quarter of 2011, employment increased by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU27**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

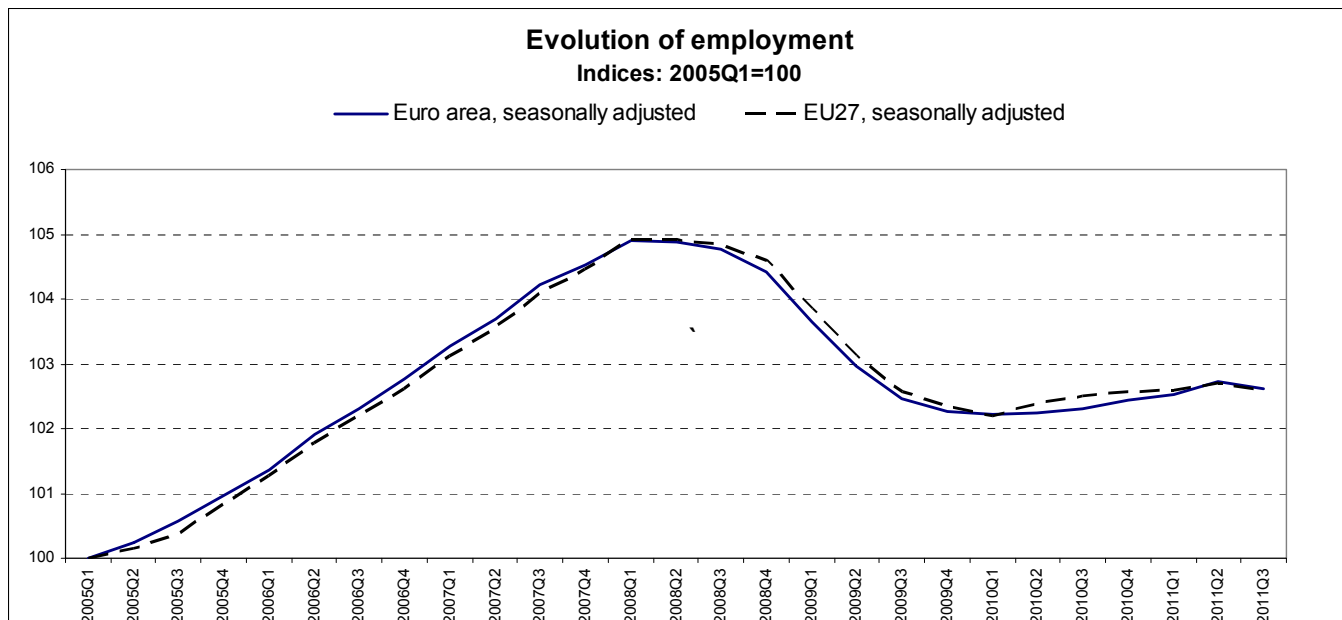
The largest falls in employment were recorded in real estate activities (-1.2% in the **euro area** and -0.8% in the **EU27**) and construction (-1.2% and -0.4% respectively), while the only rises were registered in administration and other public services (+0.1% in both zones) and industry (+0.1% in the **euro area** and 0.0% in the **EU27**).

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment grew by 0.2% in the **euro area**, but fell by 0.1% in the **EU27** in the third quarter of 2011.

Eurostat estimates that, in the third quarter of 2011, 222.9 million men and women were employed in the **EU27**, of which 146.9 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.





- 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, 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.

#### Methodological information:

Estimates of employment in the European quarterly national accounts are compiled in accordance with the European System of Accounts 1995 (ESA95). National accounts measure employment alongside other variables such as GDP, output, compensation of employees, etc. ESA95 (chapter 11) defines employment in line with International Labour Organisation criteria.

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.

The methodology used by Eurostat to estimate the European aggregates in this release is the same as for the European quarterly national accounts (for details see Eurostat press release 77/2006 of 14 June 2006, annex I). Estimates of employment in national accounts may differ from results of other statistics and surveys, in particular the labour force survey. For further details see press release 77/2006 of 14 June 2006, annex II. The estimate of third quarter 2011 employment growth presented in this release is based on Member States' data, as available. For this quarter it covers 83% of employment in the euro area and 89% in the EU27.

More data on European quarterly national accounts are available on Eurostat's website ("Data" / "Economy and finance" / "National Accounts"). Additional general information on European national accounts is also available in the metadata files linked to the tables.

#### Release policy:

Eurostat publishes a first quarterly estimate of employment in national accounts 75 days after the end of the reference period ('t+75 days'). A second estimate of employment after t+100 days is published in the Eurostat database, together with the third GDP estimate (scheduled for 11 January 2012).

Euro area and EU employment figures for earlier quarters are revised in both first and second employment estimates.

#### First release of NACE Rev.2 data for European aggregates

In this release Eurostat is publishing European aggregates using the NACE Rev.2 classification for the first time for employment. NACE is the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community. Classifications have to be revised from time to time due to technological developments and structural changes of the economy. More detailed information on NACE Rev.2, as well as a correspondence table between NACE Rev.2 and the former NACE Rev.1.1 can be found on the Eurostat website (see: [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/nace\\_rev2/introduction](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/nace_rev2/introduction)).

The Commission Regulation (EU) No 715/2010 of 10 August describes the consequences of the introduction of NACE Rev.2 for the national accounts, and more specifically for the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA95). More information about the introduction of NACE Rev.2 in national accounts can be found at:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/national\\_accounts/documents/NACE%20Rev2%20in%20NA%20for%20dedicated%20section.pdf](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/national_accounts/documents/NACE%20Rev2%20in%20NA%20for%20dedicated%20section.pdf)

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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			
	2010	2011			2010	2011		
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
<b>EA17</b>	0.1	0.1	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.3	0.5	<b>0.2</b>
<b>EU27</b>	0.0	0.0	0.1	<b>-0.1</b>	0.2	0.5	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>
Member States								
<b>Belgium</b>	0.5	0.4	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	1.6	1.6	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	-0.8	-0.7	-1.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-4.4	-3.5	-3.5	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	<b>0.4</b>	-0.7	0.3	0.1	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Germany</b>	0.3	0.4	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.0	1.4	1.3	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	2.6	3.1	1.0	<b>1.9</b>	0.7	6.5	7.7	<b>8.9</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	<b>c</b>	-3.5	-2.8	-2.0	<b>c</b>
<b>Greece**</b>	:	:	:	:	-2.9p	-4.7p	-6.1p	<b>-7.6p</b>
<b>Spain</b>	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.6	-1.1	-0.7	<b>-1.5</b>
<b>France</b>	0.2	0.2	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.7	0.8	0.9	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Italy</b>	0.5	0.0	0.3	:	0.3	0.3	0.5	:
<b>Cyprus</b>	:	:	:	:	1.2	0.3	0.8	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	0.7	1.0	1.0	<b>0.0</b>	1.6	3.1	3.6	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	1.2	1.3	1.5	<b>-1.8</b>	-1.2	0.9	4.3	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	0.6	0.8	0.9	:	2.4	2.6	3.0	:
<b>Hungary</b>	0.5	-0.9	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	2.1	0.3	0.1	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Malta</b>	0.1	0.6	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	2.0	2.4	1.9	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	0.1	0.0	0.1	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.2	0.4	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Austria</b>	0.5	0.3	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.6	1.5	1.5	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Poland</b>	0.1	0.1p	0.2p	<b>0.2p</b>	1.1	1.9p	1.0p	<b>0.4p</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	-0.5	0.0	0.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.8	-1.6	-0.8	<b>-0.8</b>
<b>Romania</b>	:	:	:	:	-1.8	-2.7	-3.2	<b>-4.6</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.3	-2.1	-1.8	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	0.5	0.8	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.4	2.3	2.3	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Finland</b>	-0.2	0.6	1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	0.5	1.3	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	0.6	0.8	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	2.4	2.8	2.3	<b>2.1</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	-0.2	0.4	0.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.7	1.4	0.8	<b>-0.4</b>
EFTA countries								
<b>Norway</b>	0.4	0.2	0.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.0	0.7	1.4	<b>1.9</b>

: Data not available

c: confidential

p: provisional data

\* 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.

\*\* More information can be found on the website of the Greek Statistical Office:  
[http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0704/PressReleases/A0704\\_SEL84\\_DT\\_QQ\\_02\\_2011\\_01\\_P\\_EN.pdf](http://www.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/BUCKET/A0704/PressReleases/A0704_SEL84_DT_QQ_02_2011_01_P_EN.pdf)

## 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				Information and communication			
Division	A								B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I				J			
	2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
EA17	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-1.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.8	-1.0	-0.2	-1.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.4
EU27	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-1.2	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.5	-0.4

NACE Rev 2	Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Division	K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
EA17	0.1	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.8	-0.2	-1.2	0.6	1.2	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
EU27	0.0	0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.9	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.2

## 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				Information and communication			
Division	A								B, C, D and E				C				F				G, H and I				J			
	2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
EA17	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	-0.8	-2.5	-1.8	-2.2	-1.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	-1.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	-3.5	-3.2	-2.9	-3.8	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.7	-0.5	0.4	1.4	1.0
EU27	0.2	0.5	0.4	-0.1	-2.1	-2.5	-2.8	-4.6	-1.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	-1.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	-2.0	-1.6	-2.1	-2.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.4	-0.3	1.5	2.5	0.6

NACE Rev 2	Financial and insurance activities				Real estate activities				Professional and support service activities				Administration and other public services				Arts, entertainment and other services			
Division	K				L				M and N				O, P and Q				R, S, T and U			
	2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011		2010		2011	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
EA17	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.6	1.6	1.9	0.1	3.0	3.8	3.6	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1
EU27	-0.5	1.6	-0.2	-0.8	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-1.3	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.4	0.9	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.7	0.1	-0.1	-1.3