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Construction Production Increased Year-on-Year

Construction – February 2019

In February 2019 the working days adjusted construction output increased by 5.8% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output fell by 0.5%, month-on-month. The planning and building control authorities granted by 10.0% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions declined by 3.0%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 1.8%, y-o-y; and the number of completed dwellings jumped up by 25.1%, y-o-y.

In February 2019, **construction output**1 decreased by 0.5%, month-on-month, in real terms. The construction output in February 2019 was by 5.8% higher, y-o-y. The production in building construction increased by 5.1% (contribution +4.3 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction grew by 9.6% (contribution +1.5 p.p.), y-o-y. The unadjusted construction output increased by 5.8%, y-o-y. February 2019 had the same number of working days as February 2018.

The **average registered number of employees**2 in construction in February 2019 grew by 1.3%, y-o-y. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 4.8%, y-o-y in February 2019.

In February 2019 the number of building permits granted increased by 10.0%, y-o-y. The planning and building control authorities granted 6 097 **building permits**. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 25.7 billion and fell by 3.0% compared to the same period of 2018.

The **number of dwellings started** in February 2019 declined by 1.8%, y-o-y, to attain 2 545 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 7.1% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings jumped up by 20.7%. The number of dwellings in non-residential premises declined.

The **number of completed dwellings** jumped up by 25.1%, y-o-y, in February 2019 and was 2 968 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses declined by 3.8%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings soared by 73.3%.

According to Eurostat the working days adjusted (WDA) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 0.7%, y-o-y, **in January 2019**. Buildings increased by 0.8% and civil engineering works grew by 0.3%. According to the preliminary schedule, Eurostat shall release the data for February 2019 on 16 April 2019.

*Notes:*

1 The year-on-year trend in construction production is published as a working days adjusted value, unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month and quarter-on-quarter indices are also seasonally adjusted. Increments of a growth or decline are also calculated on the basis of working days adjusted figures.

*2* *The indicator of registered number of employees does not include persons working under various contracts for work, working owners of enterprises and cooperating household members, who do not have contracts of employment. Data on the registered number of employees in construction also exclude agency workers, who have contracts of employment, yet within activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Construction production indices, construction permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)

Graph 1 Construction production indices (year-on-year indices for the month)

Graph 2 Construction production indices (base indices)

Graph 3 Construction production indices, international comparison