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#### Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI). Base 2008 Third quarter of 2010. Provisional data

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### **National index**

Total and by activity section

|   | General index      |                   | Index seasonally adjusted and adjusted for calendar effects |                   |
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|   | Index <sup>2</sup> | Rate <sup>1</sup> | Index <sup>2</sup>  | Rate <sup>1</sup> |
| TOTAL   | 106.6              | -2.0              | 105.1   | -0.6              |
| B. Extractive industries  | 116.0              | 5.0               | 109.4   | 5.5               |
| C. Manufacturing industry   | 111.3              | -1.2              | 106.1   | -0.1              |
| D. Supply of electrical energy, gas, steam and air conditioning               | 101.3              | -5.6              | 104.7   | -4.2              |
| E. Water supply, waste management and decontamination activities              | 103.9              | 0.5               | 104.3   | 2.0               |
| F. Construction   | 105.1              | -1.9              | 103.8   | -1.0              |
| G. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles       | 106.5              | -4.4              | 107.4   | -1.5              |
| H. Transport and storage  | 104.4              | -1.1              | 103.9   | -0.2              |
| I. Accommodation  | 102.5              | 1.9               | 103.7   | 2.4               |
| J. Information and communications   | 109.7              | -1.9              | 103.5   | -0.9              |
| K. Financial and insurance activities   | 107.5              | 1.7               | 107.0   | 2.7               |
| L. Real estate activities   | 106.3              | 8.5               | 105.5   | 9.3               |
| M. Professional, scientific and technical activities                          | 112.5              | -0.9              | 106.3   | -0.2              |
| N. Administrative and support service activities                              | 103.4              | -0.5              | 101.8   | 0.4               |
| O. Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security <sup>3</sup> | 99.6               | -1.8              | 102.3   | -0.6              |
| P. Education  | 118.0              | -10.1             | 105.3   | -8.4              |
| Q. Health activities and social services                                      | 106.4              | -2.8              | 103.8   | -1.1              |
| R. Arts, recreation and entertainment activities                              | 100.0              | 0.0               | 102.1   | -0.3              |
| S. Other services   | 109.9              | 0.7               | 105.3   | 1.3               |

1 Same quarter, previous year

2 Base year 2008





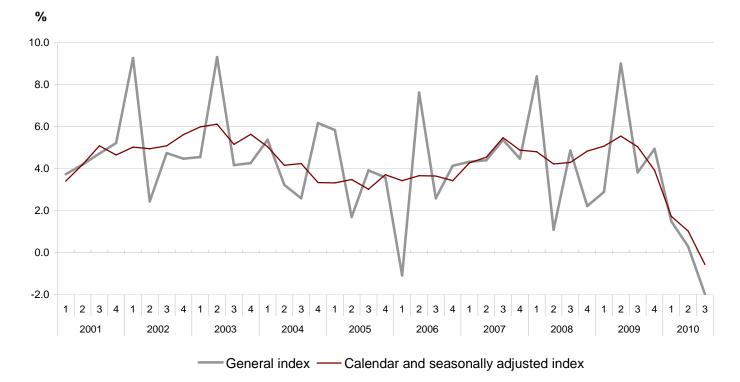
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On the other hand, the provisional data for the Harmonised Labour Cost Index corresponding to the second quarter of 2010 was reviewed, with the final index standing at 104.8 in terms of gross data. Adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, the growth rate stood at 1.0%.

The data from the Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI) is sent each quarter to the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) for its subsequent publication by this body, thus complying with the statistical requirement established in the action plan of the European Monetary Union.

### **Annual variations**

General index, calendar and seasonally adjusted index



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