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Harmonised Labour Cost Index (HLCI). Base 2008
Fourth quarter of 2011. *Provisional data*

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National index

Total and by activity section

	General index		Index seasonally adjusted and adjusted for calendar effects	
	Index ²	Rate ¹	Index ²	Rate ¹
TOTAL	113.4	2.2	108.8	2.8
B. Extractive industries	128.0	-1.6	116.8	-6.2
C. Manufacturing industry	115.9	2.3	109.1	2.2
D. Supply of electrical energy, gas, steam and air conditioning	108.8	3.5	109.4	3.4
E. Water supply, waste management and decontamination activities	113.4	1.1	107.1	1.3
F. Construction	120.9	4.3	112.1	4.3
G. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	118.1	4.5	113.8	5.2
H. Transport and storage	109.6	1.4	106.3	1.5
I. Accommodation	117.6	4.6	109.7	4.7
J. Information and communications	109.1	0.0	105.8	0.1
K. Financial and insurance activities	109.6	1.7	111.3	3.0
L. Real estate activities	118.3	4.0	111.7	4.1
M. Professional, scientific and technical activities	112.4	1.9	107.9	1.8
N. Administrative and support service activities	109.4	2.1	105.5	2.3
O. Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	112.4	0.4	102.6	0.8
P. Education	102.4	1.1	103.1	1.0
Q. Health activities and social services	108.7	1.3	103.5	1.6
R. Arts, recreation and entertainment activities	110.6	3.0	105.8	4.3
S. Other services	116.0	2.7	111.7	2.7

¹ Same quarter from the previous year

² Base year 2008

On the other hand, the provisional data for the Harmonised Labour Cost Index corresponding to the third quarter of 2011 was reviewed, with the final index standing at 111.4 in terms of gross data. Adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, the growth rate decreased one tenth, standing at 3.2%.

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

