

First estimate for the first quarter of 2011

## Euro area and EU27 employment stable

+0.1% and +0.3% respectively compared with the first quarter of 2010

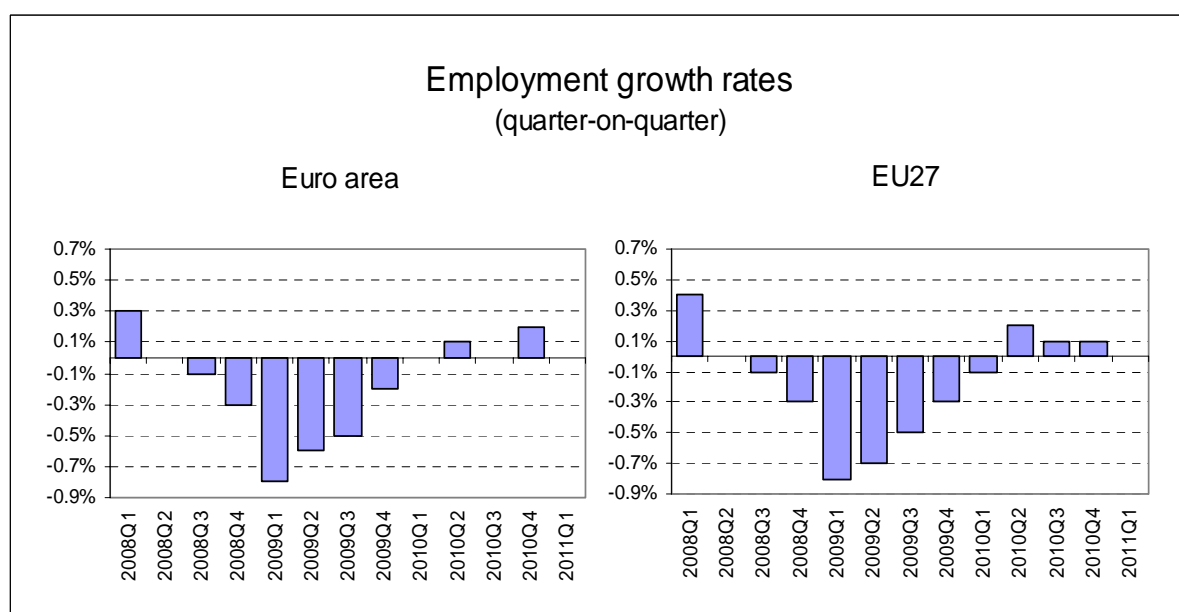
The number of persons employed in both the **euro area**<sup>1</sup> (EA17) and the **EU27**<sup>1</sup> was stable in the first quarter of 2011 compared with the previous quarter, according to national accounts estimates published by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In the fourth quarter of 2010, employment increased by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU27**. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

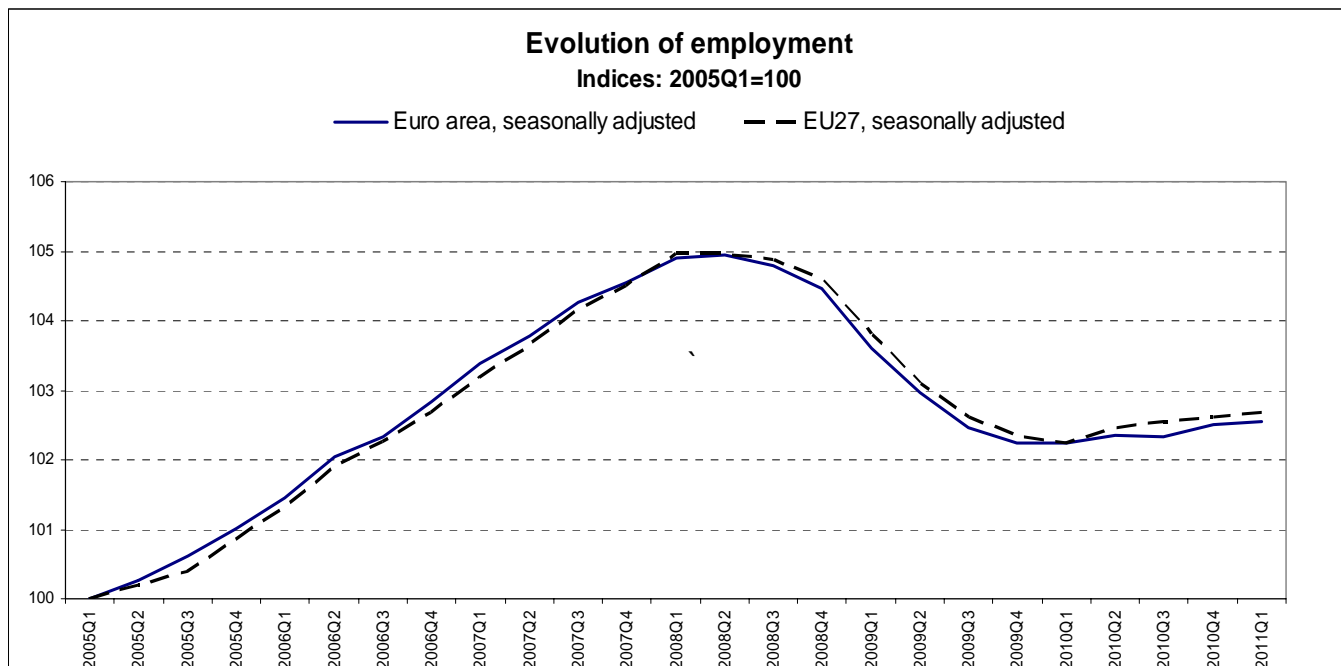
Employment in financial services & business activities increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.7% in the **EU27**. Manufacturing grew by 0.4% and 0.3% respectively. Trade, transport & communication services grew by 0.1% in the **euro area** and remained stable in the **EU27**. Other services (which mainly include public administration, health and education) fell by 0.1% in the **euro area** and remained stable in the **EU27**. Falls in employment were recorded in agriculture (-1.6% in the **euro area** and -0.2% in the **EU27**) and construction (-0.8% and -1.1% respectively).

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment grew by 0.1% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU27** in the first quarter of 2011.

Eurostat estimates that, in the first quarter of 2011, 222.9 million men and women were employed in the **EU27**, of which 146.5 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 first quarter 2011 employment growth presented in this release is based on Member States' data, as available, including confidential figures for Ireland. For this quarter it covers 96% of employment in the euro area and 91% 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:

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

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### Employment growth rates\*

	Percentage change compared with the previous quarter				Percentage change compared with the same quarter of the previous year			
	2010			2011	2010			2011
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>EA17</b>	0.1	0.0	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	<b>0.1</b>
<b>EU27</b>	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	<b>0.3</b>
Member States								
<b>Belgium</b>	0.5	0.3	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.5	1.1	1.2	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	-1.2	-0.9	-0.8	<b>-0.7</b>	-6.6	-5.2	-4.4	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	0.0	0.4	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.0	-0.1	0.1	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.4	-1.4	-0.5	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Germany</b>	0.4	0.3	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.5	0.8	1.1	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	0.2	0.5	2.3	<b>3.3</b>	-5.6	-4.1	0.6	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	-0.5	-1.1	-0.8	<b>c</b>	-4.1	-3.7	-3.4	<b>c</b>
<b>Greece</b>	-0.7p	-0.7p	-1.5p	<b>-2.2p</b>	-1.8p	-2.3p	-3.3p	<b>-5.0p</b>
<b>Spain</b>	0.0	-0.8	-0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-2.3	-1.7	-1.3	<b>-1.4</b>
<b>France</b>	0.2	0.2	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.5	0.7	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Italy</b>	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.2	-1.0	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	:	:	:	:	-0.5	0.8	1.1	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	1.0	1.5	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	-6.7	0.1	1.6	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	-0.1	0.5	0.7	<b>0.5</b>	-6.7	-5.1	-1.2	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	1.0	0.4	-0.1	:	1.7	2.0	2.0	:
<b>Hungary</b>	0.7	0.5	0.4	<b>-1.2</b>	-0.5	1.4	2.0	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Malta</b>	:	:	:	:	1.1	2.6	2.7	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	0.1	0.0	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.1	0.4	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Austria</b>	0.3	0.4	0.6	<b>0.4</b>	0.8	1.2	1.7	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Poland</b>	1.4	0.1	0.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.7	0.8	1.1	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.5	-1.2	-1.8	<b>-1.6</b>
<b>Romania</b>	:	:	:	:	-2.1	-2.0	-1.8	<b>-2.7</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	-0.3	-0.4	-0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.9	-1.3	-2.0	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	-0.2	0.6	0.3	<b>1.5</b>	-2.3	-0.7	0.5	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Finland</b>	0.4	0.2	0.0	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	0.5	0.8	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	:	:	:	:	0.8	1.8	2.4	<b>2.8</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	0.6	0.5	-0.2	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.0	0.7	<b>1.4</b>
EFTA countries								
<b>Norway</b>	0.2	0.2	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.4	0.1	0.4	<b>0.9</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.

## T1 - TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-1 - PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER – SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

% of total*	Total economy				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. Energy								Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Financial services and business activities				Other services							
	2010			2011	2010			2011	Total				of which; Manufacturing				2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011					
	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	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				
	100.0				5.4				16.3								15.2				7.0				25.3				15.9				30.1			
<b>EA17</b>	0.1	0.0	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.8	0.3	0.4	<b>-1.6</b>	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	<b>0.4</b>	-0.3	-1.0	-0.9	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	0.0	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	0.2	0.3	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	0.1	0.2	<b>-0.1</b>				
<b>EU27</b>	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	0.2	1.2	<b>-0.2</b>	0.1	-0.1	0.0	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.0	0.0	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	-0.7	-1.0	<b>-1.1</b>	0.2	0.1	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.5	0.1	0.3	<b>0.7</b>	0.1	0.3	0.1	<b>0.0</b>				

## T2 - TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

t/t-4 - PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE SAME QUARTER OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR – NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

% of total*	Total economy				Agriculture, hunting and fishing				Industry, incl. Energy								Construction				Trade, transport and communication services				Financial services and business activities				Other services							
	2010			2011	2010			2011	Total				of which; Manufacturing				2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011	2010		2011					
	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	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1				
	100.0				5.4				16.3								15.2				7.0				25.3				15.9				30.1			
<b>EA17</b>	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.3	-0.7	<b>-2.1</b>	-3.8	-2.3	-0.9	<b>0.1</b>	-4.1	-2.4	-1.0	<b>0.3</b>	-3.3	-2.9	-3.6	<b>-3.4</b>	-0.9	-0.6	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.6	1.7	<b>1.9</b>	1.0	1.0	0.9	<b>0.2</b>				
<b>EU27</b>	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-3.2	-2.1	-0.9	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.2	-2.1	-0.9	<b>0.5</b>	-3.4	-2.3	-1.1	<b>0.6</b>	-3.4	-2.2	-2.5	<b>-2.5</b>	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.0	1.5	1.8	<b>1.7</b>	1.1	1.2	1.0	<b>0.2</b>				

\* EU27 data for 2010