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Sales in information and communication increased the most

Services – the first quarter of 2018

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In the Q1 2018, **seasonally adjusted sales in services1)** increased **at constant prices by 2.2%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q growth was recorded by all sections except for real estate activities.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 3.4%. The most marked increase was in the section of information and communication followed by the section of transportation and storage.

**Non-adjusted** sales increased by 2.3%, **year-on-year**. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 3.6%. The highest sales growth was in warehousing and support activities for transportation (+6.8%). The following also recorded increases of sales: water transport (+3.2%), postal and courier activities (+2.9%), and land transport and transport via pipelines (+2.0%), which is the most important as for the volume of sales. On the contrary, sales dropped in air transport (-7.1%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 1.7%. In the accommodation the sales increase was by 2.6% and in the food and beverage service activities by 1.4%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 4.9%. Most of all, sales increased in information service activities (+7.1%), telecommunications (+5.5%), and computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+5.0%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities. Sales increased also in publishing activities (+4.4%) and programming and broadcasting activities (+3.2%). A decrease in sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (-1.7%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** decreased by 1.5%, y-o-y. The decrease was caused mainly by a drop of sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (-2.1%), which are important in terms of their volume. On the contrary, in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis sales increased by 0.9%;
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**increased by 0.8%. In this section, sales increased especially in other professional, scientific and technical activities (+5.4%), which include, for example, translation services and photographic services, but also business brokerage activities or activities of quantity surveyors. Increases in sales were recorded also by architectural and engineering activities (+1.9%), which are important in terms of volume as well as legal and accounting activities (+1.5%). On the contrary, sales decreased, y-o-y, in advertising and market research (-4.6%) as well as in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-0.8%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**increased by 0.7%. The sales increase was the most marked in travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (+6.1%), which again started to grow, y-o-y, after having decreased in the previous quarter. Higher sales were reached also in rental and leasing activities (+3.6) and in office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+1.8%). In other economic activities of this section sales were already decreasing, y-o-y; the deepest drop was in employment activities (-4.2%), which thus continued in the decrease from the Q4 2017. Lower sales were recorded also by services to buildings and landscape activities (-2.4%) and by security and investigation activities (-1.3%).

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**Starting from the News Release with results for the Q1 2018, a rebasing was made in short-term statistics. Besides the change of the base period at fixed-base indices (that are newly compared to the average of the year 2015 instead of the average of 2010), also the weighting scheme of the year 2015 was used.**

**In relation to the transition to the new base period, also a revision of the year 2017 has been made.**

Notes:

1) For the purpose of the News Release, services include the following CZ-NACE sections: Transportation and storage (H), Accommodation and food service activities (I), Information and communication (J), Real estate activities (L), Professional, scientific and technical activities – excluding Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M excluding 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities (N).

2) For the purpose of the News Release, section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.

All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.

Data for the Q1 2018 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2018 will be available in June 2019.

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#### *End of data processing: 2 May 2018*

*Related outputs: Base indices since 2000 and y-o-y indices since 2001 are available in time series (excluding section J, which is available since 2005 or rather 2006).*

 *(*[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu_ts)*)*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Sales in services (year-on-year indices)

Table 2 Sales in services (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase - year-on-year)

Table 3 Sales in services (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart Sales in services – base indices, constant prices

Chart Sales in services – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, current prices