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High Growth Recorded in Production of Civil Engineering Works

Construction – April 2019

In April 2019 the working days adjusted construction output increased by 8.9% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output fell by 0.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 5.5% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions grew by 18.6%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings jumped up by 34.2%, y-o-y; and the number of completed dwellings increased by 26.5%, y-o-y.

In April 2019 the **construction output**1 decreased by 0.4%, m-o-m, in real terms. From annual point of view, it grew by 8.9%, y-o-y. The production in building construction increased by 6.5% (contribution +4.9 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction jumped up by 16.8% (contribution +4.0 p.p.), y-o-y. The working days unadjusted construction output increased by 8.9%, y-o-y. April 2019 had the same number of working days as April 2018.

The **average registered number of employees**2, in construction in April 2019 grew by 0.3%, y-o-y. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.3%, y-o-y, in April 2019.

In April 2019 the number of building permits granted increased by 5.5%, y-o-y. The planning and building control authorities granted 7 398 **building permits**. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 34.8 billion and grew by 18.6% compared to the same period of 2018.

The **number of dwellings started** in April 2019 soared by 34.2%, y-o-y, and attained 3 341 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 3.9% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings shoot up by more than four times, which was in part caused by a low comparison base of 2018.

The **number of completed dwellings** jumped up by 26.5%, y-o-y, in April 2019 and was 2 736 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses fell by 4.6%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by more than three times. The increase was in part caused by a low comparison base of 2018.

According to Eurostat the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 5.8%, y-o-y, **in March 2019**. Buildings increased by 4.5% and civil engineering works grew by 12.4%. According to the preliminary schedule Eurostat shall release the data for April 2019 on 19 June 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 Indicators on employment in construction are for the whole population of enterprises having construction as a dominant activity. 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 (seasonally unadjusted, 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