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Construction Production Fell Year-on-Year

Construction – January 2016

In January 2016 the construction output decreased by 10.4% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The planning and building control authorities granted by 1.0% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 45.5%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings jumped up by 35.9%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings grew by 11.8%, y-o-y.

In January 2016 the **construction output** decreased by 10.4%, y-o-y, in real terms. The working day adjusted construction output in January 2016 was by 7.9% lower, y-o-y. January 2016 was by one working day shorter compared to January 2015. The seasonally adjusted construction output in January 2016 was by 0.9% higher, month-on-month (m-o-m). The production in building construction dropped by 13.1% (contribution
-10.5 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction grew by 0.8% (contribution +0.1 p.p.), y-o-y.

The **average registered number of employees\***), in construction enterprises with 50+ employees fell by 2.2%, y-o-y, in January 2016. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 5.8%, compared year-on-year, and reached CZK 29 832.

In January 2016 the **number of building permits granted** increased by 1.0%, y-o-y; the planning and building control authorities granted 5 325 building permits. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 18.9 billion and soared by 45.5% compared to the same period of 2015.

The **number of dwellings started** in January 2016 jumped up by 35.9%, y-o-y, and attained 1 881 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses grew by 5.7% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings soared by 89.9%.

The **number of completed dwellings** increased by 11.8%, y-o-y, in January 2016 and was 2 242 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses grew by 8.7%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings declined by 9.4%.

According to Eurostat the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 1.4%, y-o-y, **in December 2015**. Buildings increased by 1.2% and civil engineering works grew by 2.8%. According to the preliminary schedule Eurostat shall release the data for January 2016 on 17 March 2016 (at 11:00 a.m.).

*Notes:*

\*) *The registered number of employees indicator 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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Annex:

Table 1 Construction production index, construction permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)