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Caros Associados,

Vimos por este meio enviar a *Newsletter* de Julho-Agosto de 2013 da BIBM - European Federation for Precast Concrete, entidade da qual a ANIPB é associada.

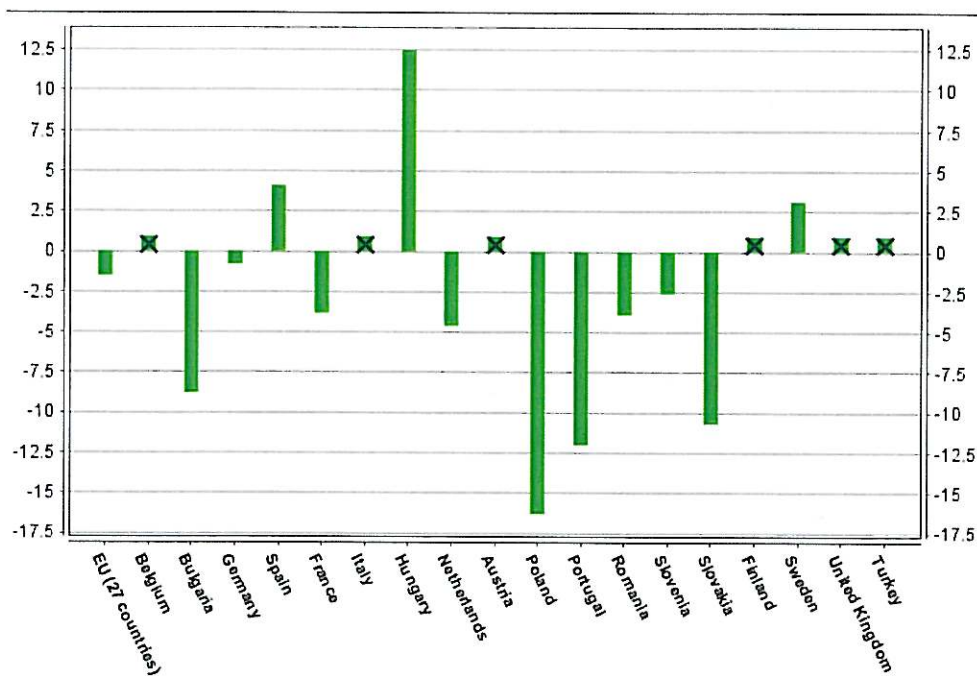
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(Iris Vilela)

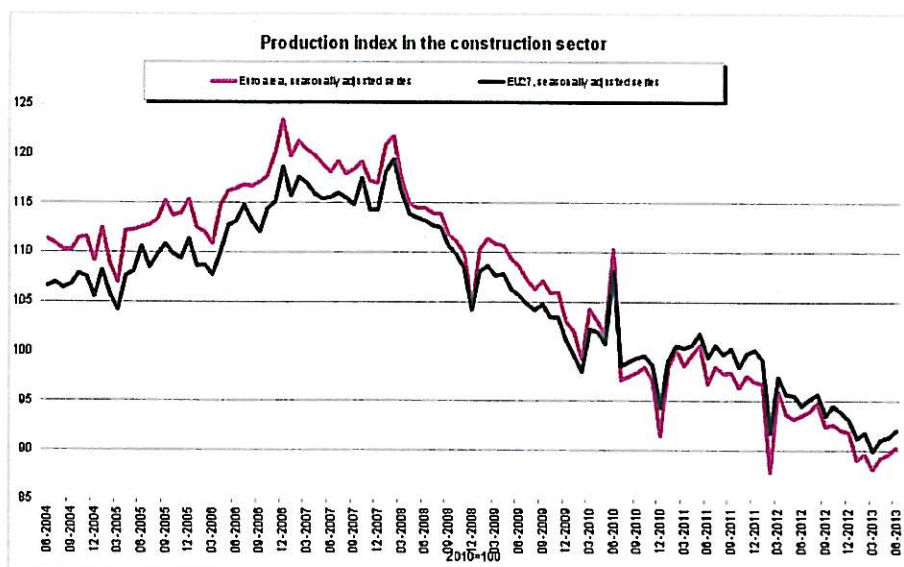
Lisboa, 19 de setembro de 2013

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CONSTRUCTION SECTOR



Graph 1.a Short term - Construction production - June 2013 Percentage change respect to the same month of the previous year (June 2012)
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Graph 1.b Long term -seasonally adjusted construction production in the previous 10 years

BIBM position on Market Surveillance and Product Safety

The European Commission previously proposed a new package of legislative and non-legislative measures to improve consumer product safety and to strengthen market surveillance of products in the EU.

These legislative propositions are now (August) under first reading of the European Parliament's Internal Market Committee.

The package includes:

[Communication from the Commission on more product safety and better market surveillance in the Single Market for products](#)

[Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer product safety and repealing Council Directive 87/357/EEC and Directive 2001/95/EC](#)

[Proposal for a Regulation on market surveillance of products](#)

BIBM believes that the Construction Products Regulation perfectly covers the market surveillance and product safety of construction products, therefore no additional burden should be created with doubled regulations.

Please follow [this link](#) to read BIBM position paper on Market Surveillance Package and Product Safety.

Public Consultation on Sustainable Buildings

The European Commission opened a [Public Consultation on Sustainable Buildings](#) with aim to gather views and additional information on the main environmental issues for the buildings sector, availability of data, systems to assess and communicate environmental performance of buildings, how to stimulate demand, and how construction materials could be used more efficiently.

The environmental impacts of buildings go beyond energy consumption for heating, cooling and lighting. In the EU, buildings account for:

- 42 % of final energy consumption (during their use phase)
- 35 % of greenhouse gas emissions (during use phase)
- 50 % of all extracted materials are used in building (construction and use)
- 30 % of water consumption (during construction and use)

- 30 % of total generated waste (during construction, demolition and renovation).

The Consultation runs until 1 October 2013. BIBM is currently working on its position and will submit the answer to the consultation in due course.

Lithuania takes over the presidency of the Council of the European Union

On 1 July 2013, Lithuania took over the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU. The “motto” of the presidency is “*For a Credible, Growing and Open Europe*”. As for the first aspect of the programme, the presidency aims to strengthen financial stability in order to restore Europe’s credibility. Implementing economic governance and deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union are key tasks in this context.

Regarding the second aspect of the programme, Lithuania plans to further strengthen the Single Market in order to ensure economic growth and better employment opportunities. Furthermore, it supports the realisation of Single Market Act I and advancing the new initiatives under Single Market Act 2.

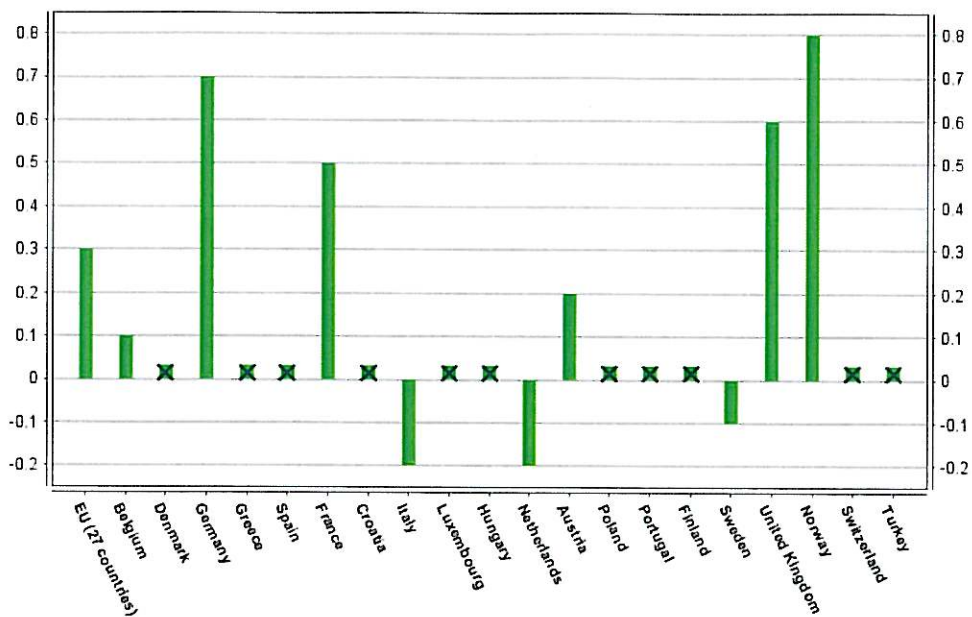
Last but not least, the presidency will focus on developing a closer partnership with the Eastern partners. Therefore it will host the Eastern Partnership Summit in November 2013. Promotion of free trade with strategic partners such as the USA, Japan and Canada are also among the listed priorities for an Open Europe.

For further information please visit:

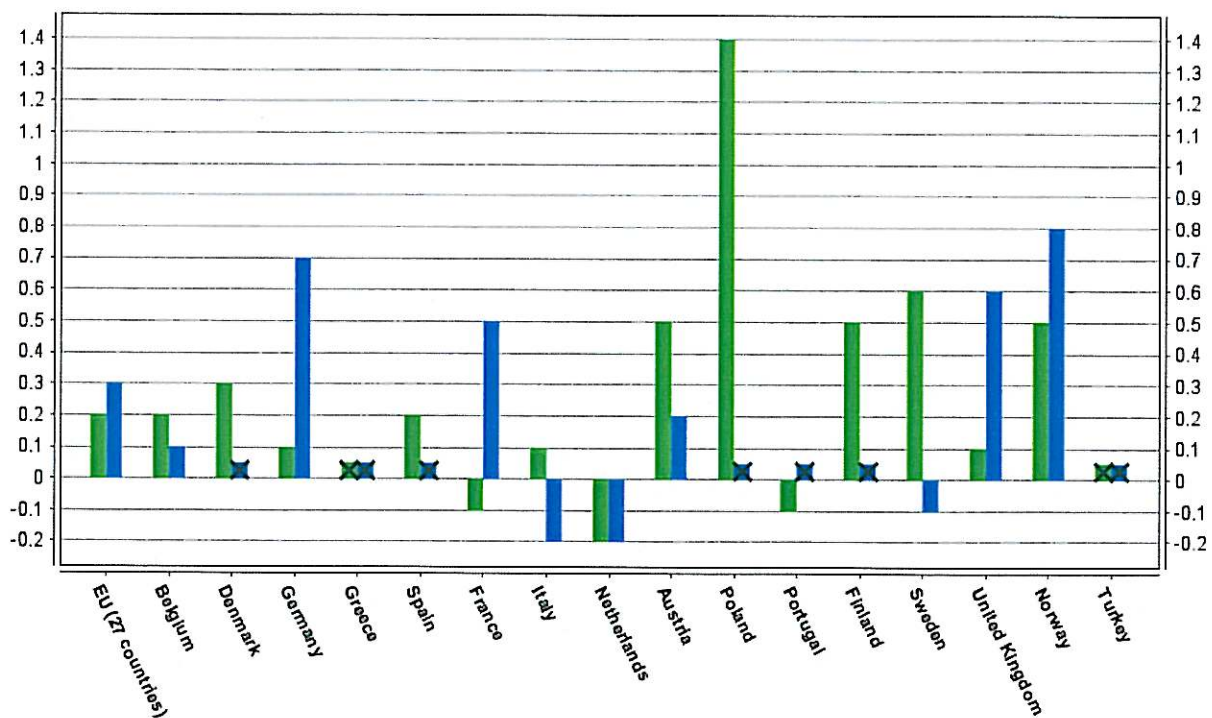
[Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the EU](#)

[European Parliament -Priorities of the Lithuanian Presidency](#)

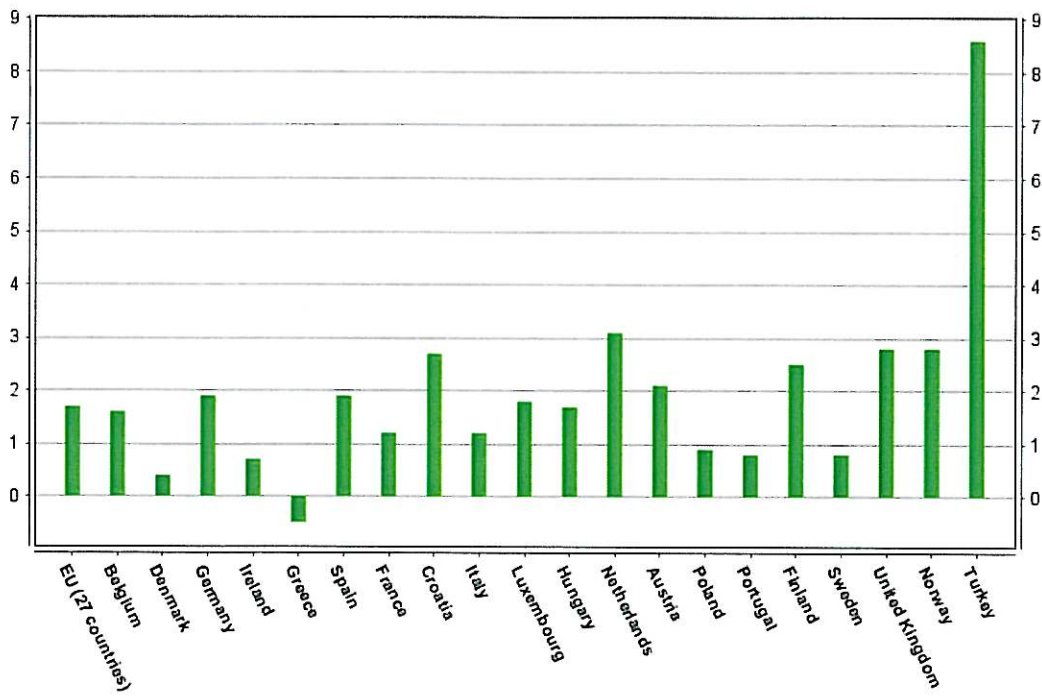
NEWS IN BRIEF - Principal European Economic Indicators



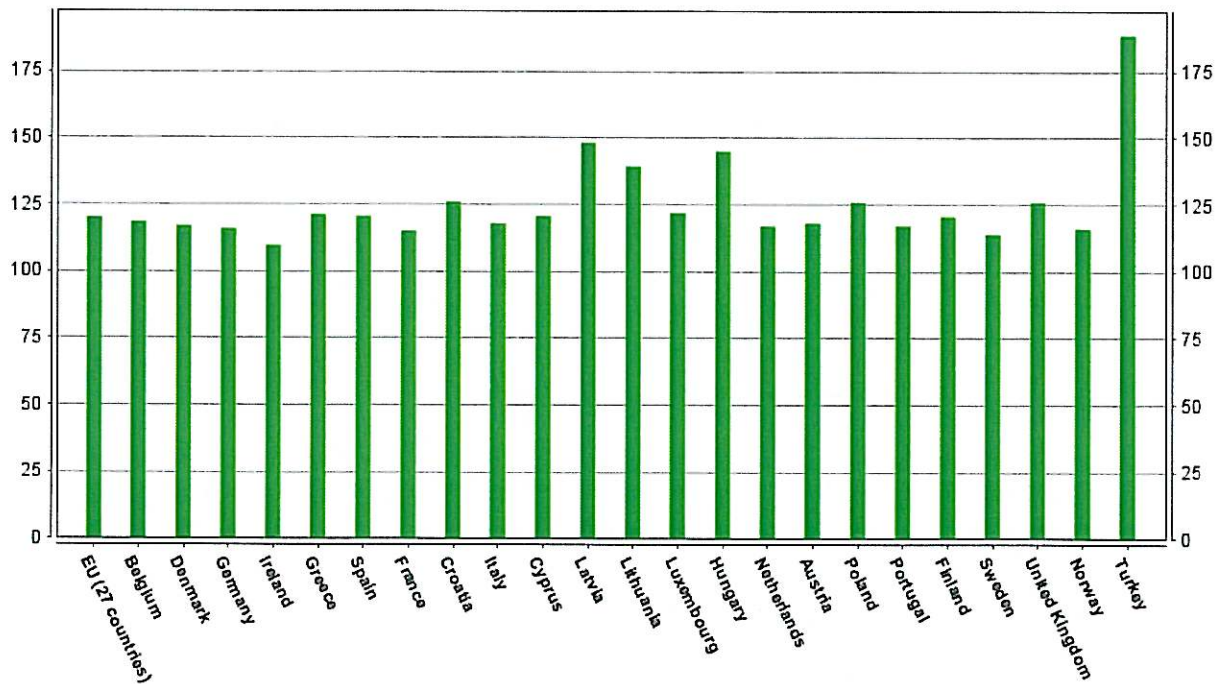
Graph 2a: Short term- GDP in volume - August 2013 Growth rates with respect to the previous quarter (Q/Q-1)
 X- no data available



Graph 2.b Long term- GDP in volume - Comparison 2013Q2 (blue)-2011Q2 (green)



Graph 3.a: Short term- Inflation in EU m/-m12 - July 2013 (blue) Percentage change compared to August 2012 (green); X- no data available



Graph 3.b Long term- Inflation in EU July 2013 - Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices with respect to a common index reference period (Index 2005=100)

OUTSTANDING PROJECTS

Artstone Garden Sculpture

Christine Baxter is the artist of the Artstone Garden Sculpture, which is a UK based company. She is specialised in figurative garden sculpture with a personal and authentic touch. She uses *Ciment Fondu* and uses acid stains on some surfaces, usually used for insitu decorative paving. Her sculptures are on permanent display to the public at Wyndcliffe Court Gardens, near Chepstow until 29 September 2013.

For further pictures please contact the secretariat or visit the following website:
www.artstonesculpture.com



AGENDA

SEPTEMBER

3-4 September 2013

Communication Commission & Directors meeting
Brussels, Belgium

9-10 September 2013

SAFECLADDING coordination meeting
Ljubiana, Slovenia

19 September 2013

CEN/TC 229/WG 4 on Product Category Rules
Brussels, Belgium

25-28 September 2013

Sustainable Building Conference 2013
Graz, Austria
<http://www.sb13.org/index.php/en/>

27 September 2013

Silica Task Force
Brussels, Belgium

OCTOBER

8 October 2013

CEN/TC 104/TG 20
Paris, France

9 October 2013

CEN/TC 104/TG 20/Editorial panel
Paris, France

15 October 2013

ECP Task Force on Fire Safety
Brussels, Belgium

16 October 2013

Environmental Commission
Brussels, Belgium

22 October 2013

BIBM Board meeting
Salzburg, Austria

23 October 2013

CEN/TC 229/WG 4 and WG 1
Brussels, Belgium

24 October 2013

Technical Commission
Brussels, Belgium

30-31 October 2013

Joint IPHA - BIBM Holcofire seminar
CERIB (Epernon), France

DECEMBER

17 December

BIBM General Assembly
Brussels, Belgium

