

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector

February 2011

The seasonally adjusted confidence indicator increased to 99.6 in February (from 98.5 in January). The improvement in confidence was due to more favourable expectations on the economic situation.

The index by sector worsened in Transportation and storage (to 108), in Tourism services (to 101.4) and Information and communication (to 94.8); the indicator improved instead in Business services and other services (to 96).

On a regional basis, confidence improved in the North East (to 100.3), in the Centre (to 105.2) and in the South (to 103.8) but declined in the North West (to 93.2).

Confidence Climate and its component series (index 2005=100 and balances, seasonally adjusted data)

	2010			2011	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	100.6	99.6	95.7	98.5	99.6
Assessments on demand	-5	-1	-8	-4	-5
Expectations of demand	4	3	1	6	3
Expectations on economic situation	-10	-15	-17	-18	-10

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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