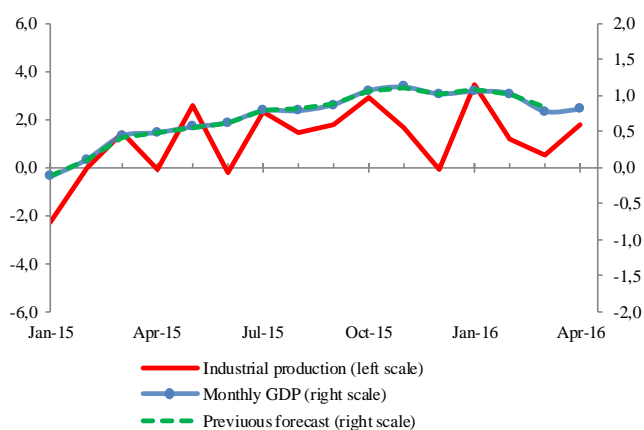


Data and comment

Monthly GDP: positive signs in April

Quarterly national accounts have confirmed the preliminary estimate on GDP growth in 1Q16 (0.3% q/q). Households consumptions have continued to growth at the same rate of the previous quarter. Gross fixed investments in machinery and equipment have returned to growth. Imports and exports have almost offset the increase in 4T15. The net foreign demand has curbed 0,2pp to growth while domestic demand excluding inventories has provided a positive contribute to 0,2pp. In April, industrial production posted a rise of 0.5% m/m, slightly above the expectations. Favorable signals come from the paper and paperboard production and traffic of trucks. The new estimate of GDP foresees an increase of monthly GDP by 0.09% m/m in April and the annual growth rate at 0.8% y/y.

GDP and Industrial Production
(year-on-year percentage growth)



(*) Monthly GDP is an average of results obtained from different models as documented in Frale, C., and Monteforte, L., "FaMIDAS: A mixed frequency factor model with MIDAS structure", MEF and Department of the Treasury Working Paper Series n. 3/2010.

Monthly GDP (month-on-month percentage growth)			
	Industrial production (ISTAT)	Monthly GDP (monthly estimate)	Monthly GDP (revised estimate)
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Aug-14	0.6	0.03	0.03
Sep-14	-0.4	-0.07	-0.07
Oct-14	-0.4	-0.09	-0.09
Nov-14	0.8	0.04	0.05
Dec-14	1.2	0.10	0.09
Jan-15	-1.7	0.12	0.12
Feb-15	1.4	0.17	0.15
Mar-15	0.7	0.19	0.22
Apr-15	-0.7	0.07	0.06
May-15	0.9	0.05	0.05
Jun-15	-1.0	0.08	0.07
Jul-15	1.1	0.12	0.11
Aug-15	-0.3	0.03	0.03
Sep-15	-0.1	0.00	0.01
Oct-15	0.7	0.08	0.10
Nov-15	-0.4	0.09	0.09
Dec-15	-0.5	0.02	0.00
Jan-16	1.7	0.18	0.15
Feb-16	-0.7	0.11	0.12
Mar-16	0.0	0.01	-0.03
Apr-16	0.5	-	0.09